

# Shabbat Update April 3, 2021

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### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCT Members,

Happy Passover, Chag Sameach, Chag Pesach Sameach, Gut Yontif (they all work).

The bulletin for April 2021 has just been published. For this Shabbat Update, I will quote much of it, as much of this week's news is also this month's news.

Let's start with the most important item:



### April Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim  
Temple opens for  
in-person  
services on  
Saturday, April 3.  
Same safeguards  
will be in place.  
ZOOM services will  
continue*

It's been a year since the dreaded lockdowns and closings that began in earnest last March. Few knew the devastation this virus would cause or how long it would last. In fact, it is still with us and will be for years to come (the bad news). However, at long last, we are going to open the temple to in-house services once again (the good news). The Board and I believe that we can do this safely. Many of us are vaccinated, but we should all continue to practice safe distancing and mask-wearing. Saturday, April 3rd is the day. 10:00 am is the time. We will continue with Zoom, meaning you have two options on how to attend. Also, the same safeguards are going to be used that were in place last year to ensure the safety of those who choose to come in person.

Good news indeed. Virtual programming is not leaving us yet, which brings me to the next news item:

Please attend the second in our series of virtual tours on Sunday, April 18th at 2:00 pm. This month we visit the areas of Masada and the Dead Sea with Moshe Gold (followmoses.com), our tour guide from February. It will be hard to top the "Jerusalem's Old City" tour he led, but I think he just might. Fez, Morocco and Warsaw, Poland are future stops on our trip. There is much to see (and buy—I'm thinking a fez would make a perfect souvenir).

A fez would be nice, but maybe not so much in Cumberland. I'll think about it.

Last week, some of us heard the nicely-programmed choral concert of Jewish composers courtesy of the Frostburg State University's Chamber Singers, University Chorale and Troubadours Tenor/Bass Choir. And, many enjoyed our congregational second-night seder on Sunday night. I especially liked the end when we heard: Next year in Jerusalem; Next year in the Temple. Now that is something to look forward to.

Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 pm: Adult Education.

Thursday  
April 1  
7:30 pm  
Adult Education  
ZOOM

Friday  
April 2  
No Erev Shabbat  
Service

Saturday  
April 3  
10:00 am  
Morning Shabbat  
Service  
in Temple and  
ZOOM

Thursday  
April 8  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew

Friday  
April 9  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In Temple and  
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**April 3, 2021  
21 Nissan 5781**

Samuel Dantzie  
Sol Glicksman

Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 am: Shabbat services at B'er Chayim Temple or on Zoom. Either way is good.

Chag Pesach Sameach and Shabbat Shalom,  
Cantor Richard Bessman



## This Week's Torah Portion

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### Yom Sh'vi-i shel Pesach

יום שְׁבִיעִי שֶׁל פֶּסַח

7th Day of Passover

Exodus 14:30–15:21

#### Summary

As the observance of Passover draws to an end, the Torah portion includes the dramatic recounting of the splitting of the sea in this poem known as “The Song at the Sea.” Written with great emotion, this poem attempts to convey the power of “God’s might hand.” So powerful is the imagery that verses of this poem have become part of the Jewish liturgy. The poem comes to a climatic finish with Miriam, the prophetess, picking up her timbrel and leading the women in dance.

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### Happy Birthday

**April 12**

Alan Clark

**April 14**

Jill Klein

**April 22**

Mark DeShong

**April 29**

Alan Arnson

### Happy Anniversary

**April 10**

Beth & Ben  
Goldstein

**April 26**

Judi & Harry Haag

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us for another exhilarating  
ZOOM Tour of Israel  
Sunday, April 18th 2:00 pm



## Masada and the Dead Sea

Learn about one of history's greatest rebellions, visit the Dead Sea, a natural wonder, and take a virtual trip to Kumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered

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and the ID and  
Password will be  
emailed back to you.  
The ZOOM Id and  
Password will be the  
same each Friday  
evening. Please  
remember that Rebecca  
is part time, leave  
yourself enough time.*

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