

# Shabbat Update March 6, 2021

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### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Many people joined us from near and far for our Purim celebration last week. Thank you to everyone who participated. I was especially pleased with the improvised groggers that many of you used to drown out whatever-his-name-was.

This month starts out a bit slow, but things get quite busy by the end. We have services, classes, a concert, and a seder to look forward to. See the March bulletin for more information.



### February Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim  
Temple is closed  
until we may safely  
reopen*

**Thursday  
March 4  
7:30 pm  
Adult Education  
ZOOM**

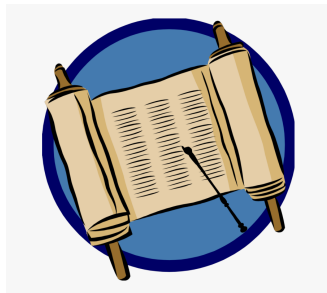
Saturday morning services take place this week. Ki Tisa is the parashah. In it are several well-known Biblical events, though it starts out a bit slow. G-d instructs that a census be made and monies collected (the slow part). Then things really get going — think Ten Commandments, golden calf, 40-days' labor lost, retribution delivered, new tablets made, a radiant descent by Moses. I can only imagine what Hollywood could do with such material.

Tomorrow we continue studying Talmud in Adult Education. Let me know if you would like to join us.

Until tomorrow evening or Saturday morning,  
Shabbat shalom

Cantor Richard Bessman

*This week's Erev Shabbat service will be broadcast on ZOOM at 10:00 am, March 6, 2021. Reminder, if you would like to add a name to the Yahrzeit or Misheberach portion of Shabbat services, please call Temple before services or send the name via chat function during ZOOM.*



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## This Week's Torah Portion

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### Ki Tisa

When You Take a Census

Exodus 30:11–34:35

Friday  
March 5  
Friday  
NO Erev  
Shabbat  
Service

Saturday  
March 6  
10:00 am  
Shabbat  
Morning  
Service  
ZOOM

Thursday  
March 11  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
ZOOM

Friday  
March 12  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
ZOOM



Yahrzeits for  
week ending

March 6, 2021  
22 Adar 5781

Dina Abrams  
Dorothy Feldstein  
Rebecca Kaplon  
William E.

## Summary

- Moses takes a census of the Israelites and collects a half-shekel from each person (30:11-16)
- God tells Moses to construct a water basin and to prepare anointing oil and incense for the ordination of the priests. Bezalel and Oholiab, skilled artisans, are assigned to make objects for the priests and the Tabernacle. (30:17-31:11)
- The Israelites are instructed to keep Shabbat as a sign of their covenant with God. God gives Moses the two tablets of the Pact. (31:12-18)
- The Israelites ask Aaron to build them a Golden Calf. Moses implores God not to destroy the people and then breaks the two tablets of the Pact on which the Ten Commandments are written when he sees the idol. God punishes the Israelites by means of a plague. (32:1-35)
- Moses goes up the mountain with a blank set of tablets for another 40 days so that God will again inscribe the Ten Commandments. Other laws, including the edict to observe the Pilgrimage Festivals, are also revealed. (34:1-28)
- Moses comes down from the mountain with a radiant face. (34:29-35)



Passover is right around the corner...  
First night is Saturday, March 27th and the

Lehman  
Dorothy B.  
Hurwitz  
Albert Moses  
Lichtenstein  
Harry E.  
Mendelsohn  
Samuel  
Hamburger  
Warren Everard  
McConnell  
Frumma Duk  
Ida Friedland  
George Silverman  
Joseph H. Gerson  
Minnie Hohouser  
Elias Klawan  
Nettie  
Mendelsohn  
Catherine Parness  
Max Gottlieb  
Martin Rothstein  
William Miller  
Dorothy Edna Olin



## Happy Birthday

**March 2**  
Bobbi Dubins

**March 3**  
Amy Owens

**March 4**  
Emmanuel Clark

Community Seder will be held on Sunday evening, March 28th. Lots more details to come.....

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## *L'Chaim! A Jewish Composers Showcase*

March 26th at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Live-streamed from Frostburg State University using the link below.

FSU Department of Music Spring Choral Concert's presentation with B'er Chayim's own Cantor Richard Bessman as cantorial soloist. Please join us in watching this performance. Erev Shabbat Services will not be held.

Concert available by visiting Frostburg State University Department of Music website. Watch this space for additional login information.

**March 6**  
Eddie Dezen  
Leah Boggs

**March 11**  
Lee Goldman

**March 14**  
Gail Mandell

**March 18**  
Curtis Friedenber  
Alexandra  
Andrews

**March 24**  
Paul Snow

**March 26**  
Gabriel Goldstein

**March 28**  
David Shapiro  
Raphael Goldstein

**March 30**  
Barney Leibowitz

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**March 10**  
Francine &  
Howard Reynolds

**March 28**  
Barb & Russ  
Corwell

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and families...contact  
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instructions -**

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

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