

Shabbat Update March 13, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Last week's Saturday morning service was somewhat sparsely attended. I think people are feeling spring is close at hand. Of course, we all know this—if for no other reason—because Passover is less than three weeks away. There is much to do. We have several volunteers collecting Passover supplies for those who may appreciate the help. If we can help you prepare for Passover in any way, please let us know.

Debbie Lang (our Ritual Chair) and I are planning the congregational seder that will be



February Calendar of Events

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

**Thursday
March 11
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM**

on Zoom at 6:30 pm on Sunday, March 28. For this year's Haggadah, we are using "A Passover Haggadah", the CCAR publication edited by Herbert Bronstein. The temple has several copies. Anyone who needs a copy is welcome to pick one up at the temple (please call ahead to let us know that you are coming), or we can arrange to get one to you. There will be many opportunities for everyone to participate. Please let us know if you would like a reading or two ***this week*** (note the bold and the italics). Debbie does not like doing anything at the last minute.

This week's Torah reading is a double portion: *Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei*. It outlines the requirements for building the Mishkan (the portable tabernacle housing the Ten Commandments which was also G-d's earthly "dwelling place.") The detail given for its building is remarkable, and I will chant a portion of the description on Friday night. My d'var will center on more of what is not spelled out for us in the Torah than what is. I hope it will be instructive.

Tomorrow we return to Adult Hebrew. Part II of our Hebrew through prayer series is in! As the weeks go by, we are finding that the Hebrew found in the Siddur seems less foreign.

Unfortunately, Sunday we all lose an hour. Spring is here.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This week's Erev Shabbat service will be broadcast on ZOOM at 7:30 pm, March 12, 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.

Friday
March 12
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
ZOOM

Monday
March 15
7:00 pm
Board Meeting
ZOOM

Thursday
March 18
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM

Friday
March 19
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
ZOOM

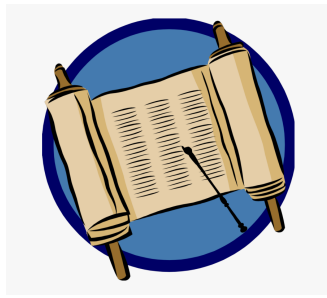
Saturday
March 20
10:00 am
Torah Study
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

**March 13, 2021
29 Adar 5781**

Maurice Friedland



This Week's Torah Portion

Vayak'heil - P'kudei

[Moses] Assembled / [The] Records [of the
Tabernacle] Exodus 35:1–40:38

Summary

- Moses teaches the rules of Shabbat. (35:1-3)
 - Moses asks the Israelites for a donation of gifts and those who are skilled help build the Mishkan [Tabernacle] under the direction of Bezalel and Oholiab. (35:4-38:20)
 - A statistical summary of the materials used for the Tabernacle and an account of producing the priestly vestments are recorded. Moses blesses the Israelites for the work they did. (38:21-39:42)
 - Upon God's instruction, Moses sets up the Mishkan and the priests are anointed and consecrated. (40:1-33)
 - A description is given of a cloud that covers the Mishkan by day and a fire that burns by night, indicating God's Presence therein. (40:33-38)
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Marvin J. Kaplon
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Regina Schindler
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Elkano Mayer
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Jean Mazzucca
Beatrice Weiss
Nathan H. Brodell
Oscar Irvin
Herman Joseph
Miller
Norton Naviasky
Reva Zelda
Rubinovitz



Happy Birthday

March 2
Bobbi Dubins

March 3
Amy Owens

March 4
Emmanuel Clark

March 6
Eddie Dezen

HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover is right around the corner...
First night is Saturday, March 27th and the
Community Seder will be held on Sunday
evening, March 28th. Lots more details to
come.....



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

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

share your birthday
and anniversaries
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**"Virtual"
instructions -**

*To watch on **Zoom** -
send an email to
admin@berchayim.org
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.*

*Following along in
prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:
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Those links will take you
to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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