

# Shabbat Update April 10, 2021

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### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCC Members

I am happy to report that we had services last Saturday in our sanctuary. The building is open! At last, I was able to meet people I had only seen on monitors. Hearing a congregation pray together in person is very uplifting. Everyone socially distanced and wore masks. Of course, the Zoom option was and will continue to be available. Onegs are still on hold—maybe next month.

After Purim and Passover, the rest of April



### April Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim  
Temple is open for  
in-person  
services.  
Same safeguards  
will be in place.*

*ZOOM services  
will continue*

feels a bit relaxed, though there are three days of remembrance this month:

- Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) begins this evening. Friday night we shall offer special prayers in commemoration. Other events throughout the country can easily be found online. Close to home there are several. The Jewish Relations Community Council (JRCC) of Greater Washington has a great deal of programming that may be of interest; [Click here for JRCC](#)
- The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh has an 11:00 am virtual commemoration tomorrow, [click here for the commemoration](#);
- Next week, beginning on Tuesday night is Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day); and
- Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's day of independence (our July 4th), takes place on the following evening.

One more important date for your April 2021 calendar (I'm sure you all know):

Sunday, April 18. At 2:00 pm, we visit the areas of Masada and the Dead Sea with Moshe Gold. This will be the second in our series of virtual tours.

Before this of course is tomorrow's Adult Hebrew at 7:30 pm. We continue to meet offsite using ZOOM. Perhaps soon we shall meet together in person, but I think we will continue to provide this online option for a while.

Friday night Erev Shabbat service is at the regular 7:30 pm time, at the temple or wherever you may be with computer in hand.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

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Thursday  
April 8  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew

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

Thursday  
April 15  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
ZOOM

Friday  
April 16  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In Temple and  
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**April 10, 2021  
21 Nissan 5781**

Sara Goodman  
Morris Mandell  
Dewey Brumberg  
Anna Schoffman  
Walter Brock  
Eva S. Weisman



## This Week's Torah Portion

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Tazria - M'tzora

תַּזְרִיעַ - מְצֹרָע

Bearing Seed / A Leper

Leviticus 12:1-15:33

### SUMMARY

- God describes the rituals of purification for a woman after childbirth. (12:1-8)
  - God sets forth the methods for diagnosing and treating a variety of skin diseases, including tzara-at (a leprous affection), as well as those for purifying clothing. (13:1-59)
  - Priestly rituals to cure tzara-at when it afflicts humans are described. (14:1-32)
  - Rituals to rid dwelling places of tzara-at are presented. (14:33-57)
  - The parashah denotes male impurities resulting from a penile discharge or seminal emission. (15:1-18)
  - The parashah concludes with accounts of female impurities caused by a discharge of blood. (15:19-33)
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MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

Mollie Baron  
Helen M. Kaplon  
Gary Atkinson Snow  
Helen Wilner  
Nathan Friedland  
Hyman Katzer  
Louise Gershbach  
Martin  
Simon Rosenbaum  
Yosef Fivel Kaplon  
Rose L. Myers

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### Happy Birthday

**April 12**

Alan Clark

**April 14**

Jill Klein

**April 22**

Mark DeShong  
Leslie Leibowitz

**April 29**

Alan Arnson

### Happy Anniversary

**April 10**

Beth & Ben  
Goldstein

**April 26**

Judi & Harry Haag

[share your birthday  
and anniversaries](#)

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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

dates with our friends  
and families...contact  
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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.*

*Following along in  
prayerbooks for ZOOM  
services:*

*Links for prayerbooks  
are found on our website  
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