

Shabbat Update April 24, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCC Membership,

Monday, we had our monthly board meeting. Onegs are not yet returning; however, we will begin enjoying a quick Kiddish and Motzi in the vestry after services for those who are comfortable staying—socially distanced, of course. We are moving forward, but slowly and carefully. No one should feel left out as Zoom continues. Special thanks go to Brian Lang for making sure that the technology works well.

Did you enjoy the Dead Sea/Masada tour last Sunday? I must admit I was sorry that we



April Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services
will continue*

Thursday

didn't spend any time in the Dead Sea. Experiencing these waters is one of my favorite things to do in Israel, but time was limited. The 2:00 pm hour might have discouraged some from attending, and Sunday afternoon was gorgeous here in Cumberland. The next trip is set for May 23, 2021, at 11:00 am (with Moshe Gold). This seems to be the preferred time. After a quick trip to Fez, Morocco, there should still be time to enjoy Sunday afternoon.

- Tomorrow night, Adult Hebrew at 7:30 pm (on Zoom).
- Friday night, Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm (in the sanctuary or on Zoom).

Last week, we had a double Torah reading. This week, we also have a double Torah reading. Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim continues with the theme of holiness (no surprise in that - we are still in Leviticus). In fact, Kedoshim begins with God instructing Moses to declare (as God's messenger) to the congregation of Israel: "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Many rules follow, some we keep today, some — not so much. On Friday, I will read from Acharei Mot, specifically verses pertaining to Yom Kippur. Why hear about Yom Kippur, with its associated laws, before summer has even started? You are invited to come Friday to find out.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

**April 22
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM**

**Friday
April 23
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In Temple
& ZOOM**

**Thursday
April 29
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM**

**Friday
April 30
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE**

**Saturday
May 1
10:00 am
Shabbat
Morning
Service**



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

**April 24, 2021
12 Iyar 5781**

Howard Feldstein
Susan C. Hurwitz

Acharei Mot - K'doshim

אַחֲרֵי מוֹת - קְדוּשִׁי

**After the Death [of the Two Sons of Aaron]
/ [You Shall Be] Holy**

Leviticus 16:1-20:2

SUMMARY:

- The duties that the head kohein must perform on Yom Kippur are delineated, and the ceremony of the scapegoat is outlined. (16:1-28)
- Moses instructs Aaron about the Yom Kippur laws for fasting and atonement. (16:29-34)
- Warnings are issued against the offering of sacrifices outside the Sanctuary and the consumption of blood. (17:1-16)
- Moses condemns the sexual practices of some neighboring peoples. Certain forms of sexual relations are prohibited. (18:1-30)
- God issues a variety of commandments, instructing the Israelites on how to be a holy people. (19:1-37)
- Various sex offenses are discussed and punishments for them are presented. (20:1-27)

Ben F. Ruel
Elke Klein
Bob Manasse
Israel Sack
Louis Bernstein
Henry Manasse
Harry I. Margolis
Alberta Friedland
Mosler
Louis Londe
Jack Minkelgreen
Louise Sommer
Betty White
Aaron Benjamin
Friedland
Nathaniel Isaacs
Cora Shapiro

and the recent
passing of
Sue Peskin



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

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and anniversaries
dates with our friends
and families...contact
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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:

Links for prayerbooks are found on our website (www.berchayim.org). Those links will take you to Mishkah T'Filah for Shabbat Services.

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