

Shabbat Update May 15, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCT Membership,

After surviving Leviticus, we have made it to the desert (B'midbar). This means that Shavuot is just around the corner. We are well prepared for this most important—if not somewhat underappreciated—Jewish holiday, as it has been mentioned a few times from the bimah: a special thank you to Rachelle Valladerez for last week's service-leading and d'var; and she mentioned both Shavuot and the tractate of the Mishnah associated with the holiday—Pirkei Avot.



May Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services
will continue*

Thursday

The timing of her remarks was serendipitous. In our last Adult Hebrew class, we reviewed the great significance Shavuot is given in the Bible. We learned how the seven weeks between the Great Exodus from Egypt (Passover) and the Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai to Moses (Shavuot) are noted in the daily service (Counting of the Omer). These are considered days of semi-mourning (ask Rachelle) with a brief respite happening on Lag B'Omer (ask any class member). In class, we also discovered that Pirkei Avot is the book to study during these weeks. Why? I'm not sure, but I hope to find a reason or two for Friday night services.

Tomorrow, we have Adult Hebrew at 7:30 pm. Friday, we have Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm. Saturday, we have Torah Study at 10:00 am. Then, skip a week, and on the following Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00 am, we have the long-awaited tour of Fez, Morocco.

Shabbat shalom and Kol tuv,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

B'midbar

בְּמִדְבָּר

In the Wilderness

May 13
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM

Friday
May 14
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
in person &
ZOOM

Saturday
May 15
10:00 am
Torah Study

Thursday
May 20
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM

Friday
May 21
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
in person &
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

May 15, 2021
4 Sivan 5781

Rabbi Morris Baron

Numbers 1:1–4:20

Summary

- God commands Moses to take a census of all the Israelite males over the age of twenty. (1:1-46)
- The duties of the Levites, who are not included in the census, are detailed. (1:47-51)
- Each tribe is assigned specific places in the camp around the Tabernacle. (1:52-2:34)
- The sons of Levi are counted and their responsibilities are set forth. (3:1-3:39)
- A census of the firstborn males is taken and a special redemption tax is levied on them. (3:40-51)
- God instructs Moses and Aaron regarding the responsibilities of Aaron and his sons, and the duties assigned to the Kohathites. (4:1-20)

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Sunday, May 23rd

11:00 am

ZOOM Tour

Fez, Morocco

Solomon T.
Abramson
Bertha Esther Miller
Paul Beerman
Yakov Kauffman
Ida Margolis
Rose Rothstein
Sue Kamens Thal
Jacob Goodman
Sumner Hirsch
Harold Marx
Henry Sauer
Sara R. Beneman
Leonard Parness
Leonard Schwab



Happy Birthday

May 3

Elena Manasse
Audrey Litman
Eli Litman

May 4

Katy Pallik

May 5

Karina Yelin
Steve Wollett

May 7

Lisa Peskin
Alex DeShong
Sydney DeShong

May 15

Beshie Mandell



May 24
Tamar Clarke

May 27
Francine
Reynolds

May 29
Sylvan Feldstein

**Happy
Anniversary**

May 27
Debbie & Chuck
Lang

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and anniversaries
dates with our friends
and families...contact
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instructions -**

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send an email to
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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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services:*

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