

# Shabbat Update May 29, 2021

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### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCT Membership,

The headline for this week is that our very own Rabbi Mark Perman announced his engagement to Elizabeth Tuesday. It's great to have such good news to report to the community. We wish them the best of luck as they suffer together through the terrific restaurants and Pacific ocean air of Southern California.

On Sunday, we had our introduction to Morocco with Moshe Gold. I use the word "introduction" because there is much to learn and see. Moshe did an excellent job of placing



### May Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services will continue*

Morocco in a historical context for Jews and anyone interested in the Middle East. I also appreciated the few moments he spent speaking about the current situation in Israel. Of course, we are all relieved that the ceasefire is holding.

Now, we look forward to Parashat Beha'alotecha. At last (some people might say), we have really left Leviticus. The narration continues with fewer laws and much more action. We return to the grumbling of the masses, subsequent angry fire, and annihilation from God, more grumbling—all of which we have seen before. Jews are all too often portrayed as spoiled and ungrateful children with the collective memory of a worm (I'm not quoting Rashi here). It's a wonder that God puts up with us at all. It's a wonder that we do not repress or deny this history. There must be reasons.

Tomorrow, we have Adult Hebrew at 7:30 pm. Friday, we have Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm. Explorations into Pirkei Avot continue, now into the third chapter. Coincidentally, verses 3:18 and 3:21 may offer insights into the "wonders" referenced above.

The next Shabbat Update will include my column for the June Bulletin. It comes out next week. In addition, we are planning on having a few events this summer. More to come.

Shabbat shalom. Hope to see you at Temple or on Zoom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



Thursday  
May 27  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
ZOOM

Friday  
May 28  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
in person &  
ZOOM

Thursday  
June 3  
7:30 pm  
Adult Education  
ZOOM

Friday  
June 4  
NO  
Erev  
Shabbat Service

Saturday  
June 5  
10:00 am  
Shabbat Service  
In person &  
Zoom



**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**May 29, 2021  
18 Sivan 5781**

# This Week's Torah Portion

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## B'haalot'cha

בְּהַאֲלוֹתְךָ When You Raise [the Lamps]

Numbers 8:1–12:16

### Summary

- God speaks to Moses, describing the menorah for the Tent of Meeting. The Levites are appointed to serve as assistants under Aaron and his sons. (8:1-26)
  - Those who are unable to celebrate Passover during Nisan are given a time in the month of Sivan to observe a "second Passover." (9:1-14)
  - A cloud by day and fire by night show God's Presence over the Tabernacle. When the cloud lifts from the Tabernacle, the people leave Sinai, setting out on their journey, tribe by tribe. (9:15-10:36)
  - The Israelites complain about the lack of meat, and Moses becomes frustrated. God tells him to appoint a council of elders. God provides the people with meat and then strikes them with a very severe plague. (11:1-34)
  - Miriam and Aaron talk about the "Cushite woman" whom Moses has married. In addition, they complain that God speaks not only through Moses but also through them. Miriam is struck with leprosy, and Moses begs God to heal her. After her recovery, the people resume their journey. (12:1-16)
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#### May 3

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#### May 7

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**May 15**  
Beshie Mandell

**May 24**  
Tamar Clarke

**May 27**  
Francine  
Reynolds

**May 29**  
Sylvan Feldstein

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**May 21**  
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