

# Shabbat Update May 8, 2021

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### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCT Membership,

This week's Shabbat Update is mercifully shorter than the last. But, as you know, I wanted to make sure that you were up-to-date with all the May news, and by now, everyone should have received the May Bulletin either through email or USPS.

This week we are reading from *Parashat Behar-Bechukotai*, the last two sections from the Book of Leviticus. It being Leviticus, there are more laws, more prohibitions, more



### April Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services  
will continue*

rebukes. Did I mention more sacrificial rites? How do I start making sense of so much “esoterica” in today’s world?

At last, a question I don’t need to answer—at least not for now. This Friday, our congregant-extraordinaire Rachelle Valladerez will be leading Friday night services. I have no doubt she will have much to say. Unfortunately, my schedule prohibits me from making it to Temple, but I plan on attending via Zoom. Services will be in good hands, and I much appreciate her help. (I also think I should be taking notes for next year when these very same readings will reoccur.)

Tomorrow we have Adult Education at 7:30 pm. We will discuss the upcoming holiday of Shavuot. We just passed the midway point between Passover and Shavuot last week, known as Lag B’Omer. Unfortunately, this year the happy celebration was marred by some very poor crowd control in Israel. I’m sure we will discuss this and more tomorrow.

Friday at 7:30 pm is the evening service with Torah reading in the temple and/or on Zoom, as mentioned above. We will be playing violin, and an oneg will follow.

Still a couple of weeks off is the Sunday, May 23rd, 11:00 am tour of Morocco. So please make sure it’s on your calendar.

People are out and about. Remember to remain vigilant with your good mask hygiene and careful driving. I am noticing how things are returning to “normal.” The pace of life is quickening.

Shabbat shalom and *Kol tuv*,

Cantor Richard Bessman

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Thursday  
May 6  
7:30 pm  
Adult Education  
ZOOM

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

Thursday  
May 13  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
ZOOM

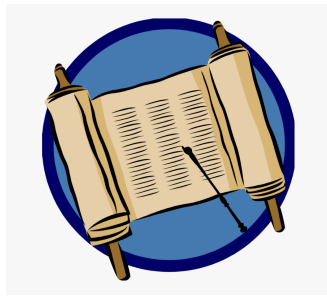
Friday  
May 14  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
in person &  
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**May 8, 2021  
26 Iyar 5781**

Hattie Brock  
Tzipe Feldstein  
Joseph  
Rosenberg  
Nochum Hillel



## This Week's Torah Portion

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### B'har - B'chukotai

בְּהָר - בְּחֻקֹּתַי

On Mount [Sinai] / My Laws

Leviticus 25:1-27:

- SummaGod instructs Moses to tell the Israelites that in every seventh year, the land shall observe a Sabbath of complete rest: Fields should not be sown and vines should not be pruned. (25:1-7)
- After forty-nine years, a jubilee year is to be celebrated when all the land that had been sold during that time should be returned to its original owners and slaves are to be freed. (25:8-55)
- God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites not to make idols, to keep the sabbath, and to venerate the sanctuary of the Eternal. (26:1-2)
- God promises blessings to the Children of Israel if they follow the law and warns about the curses that will befall the people if they do not observe God's commandments. (26:1-46)
- Gifts made to the Sanctuary whether by conditional vows or by unconditional acts of pious gratitude are discussed. (27:1-34)

Shear  
Eliyahu Stein  
Benjamin Marx  
George R.  
Beneman  
Allan T. Hirsh, Sr/  
Dani Levi  
Joseph Feldstein  
Gary Kaplon  
Goldie Klawan  
June Minkelgreen  
Milton Beneman  
Ira Dubins  
Sandra Learish  
Louis Schoffman

and the recent  
passing of  
Sue Peskin

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### 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

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

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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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