

Shabbat Update June 5, 2021

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Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCC Membership,

Tomorrow, we have Adult Education at 7:30 pm. Please feel free to join us. Topic: Pirkei Avot. This Mishnah is a perfect distillation of Jewish literature and theology. Saturday, Shabbat morning services begin at 10:00 am —at the Temple and on Zoom.

For those who did not see the June Bulletin, my article follows (with some added bolding):

When I came to Cumberland in November, the air was chilly; the temple was closed—life was on hold. However, summer has definitely



June Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services
will continue*

Thursday

arrived (the heat and allergens in the air are unmistakable). Things are opening up as more people are vaccinated, and the daily impacts from COVID-19 have begun to recede.

We must still be careful, benefit from other countries that believed the worst was over. Vigilance is important. That said, the temple is open. We follow CDC guidelines, and the temple board continuously evaluates what is reasonable for us to do as a community.

Outdoor gatherings seem safe. I heard that last year, in 2020 BV (before vaccines), the temple hosted a well-attended outdoor Havdalah service in addition to an enjoyable outdoor Shabbat morning service. This year, we are hoping to repeat such successes. This year we should also be able to hold indoor events as summer heats up. The Board, Bruce Dubins, and I have been discussing possibilities. It may be a good time to begin seeing your temple friends in person, outside a small rectangular box. Please let us know what you might like to do.

June is rather slow in the Jewish-holiday department, rather nice after a brisk spring. For some, preparations for the High Holy Days are close at hand (yes, I know June has only just begun). I will be thinking this month in earnest about these fall holidays. If you have favorite tunes or prayers, please get in touch with me. It is not too early: Slichot—the time for many that heralds the start of the High Holy Day season—falls on August 28, 2021, somewhat early this year. On a personal note, I will soon begin writing sermons. I learned relatively late in life that getting things done early is much better than getting them done on time.

But let's not let the High Holy Day preparations interfere too much with summer enjoyment. We will have congregational activities noted above. In July, there is the George L. Mosse/Lawrence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies' Twenty-First Annual Greenfield Summer Institute lecture series. Last month's bulletin mentioned this

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

Thursday
June 10
7:30 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM

Friday
June 11
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Services
In person &
ZOOM



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

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Lois Lazarus
Schwab

series. This year the title is Jews and Politics: America, Israel, Europe. Lectures take place from July 19-22, 2021, hosted (on Zoom) by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. More information and registration can be found on their website (jewishstudies.wisc.edu), or feel free to contact me.

And, don't forget that spring cleaning at the Temple is well underway. We still have Jewish texts that you may want to add to your library.

Hope to see everyone at least once before summer's end.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

Sh'lach L'cha

שְׁלַח-לְךָ

Send [Notables to Scout the Land]

Numbers 13:1–15:41

Summary

- Moses sends twelve spies to the Land of Israel to report on the inhabitants and the country. Despite the positive report

Patty Hightower
Milton Lavine
Louis P. Lutz
Myer Sigel
Hillel Bauer
Louis Margolis
Anne Pariser
Fred Brooks
Jeanne Gerson
Sophie Rosenau



Happy Birthday

June 7

Elizabeth A.
Weisman
Shana Andrews

June 9

Larry Brock

June 19

Jake Litman

June 22

Debbie Lang

June 25

Rick Dezen

June 27

Adam Lazarus

Happy Anniversary

June 8

Bobbi & Bruce
Dubins

of Joshua and Caleb, the people are frightened. (13:1–14:10)

- God threatens to wipe out the Children of Israel but relents when Moses intercedes on their behalf. To punish the people, God announces that all those who left Egypt would not enter the Land of Israel except for Joshua and Caleb. (14:11–45)
- Moses instructs the Israelites regarding setting aside challah, the observance of the Sabbath, how to treat strangers, and the laws of tzitzit. (15:1–41)

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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.*

Following along in

*prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:*

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