

# Shabbat Update July 17, 2021

To rbessman@berchayim.org



## Shabbat Update

July 17, 2021

### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update



Dear BCT Membership,

This week we begin the final book of the Five Books of Moses—Devarim (aka Deuteronomy). In Hebrew, the title means “words;” in Greek, the title means “repetition.” Moses recounts much of the journeys throughout four decades of desert-wandering. The Bible is nothing if not a bit repetitive.

Moses knew that his people possessed somewhat short memories. Reminders are good. Easily-accessed histories and planning guides were not quite available yet. Even with the many tools that we have today—in this



### July Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services  
will continue*

incredible era of information (overload?)—reminders are good. It was probably easier when you had only one Moses to listen to for historical perspective, upcoming events, and guidance in all matters. Now many of us use Google and/or Alexa and/or Siri, and/or ink and paper; however, there's always the tried and true Shabbat Update, Bulletin, and BCC website for these post-Moses times.

On Friday, July 16, registration closes for the summer series I've mentioned in previous issues. The lectures are easily accessible with a good internet connection from July 19-22, 2021. This year's topic is Jews and Politics: America, Israel, Europe. For more information and registration, visit <https://cjs.wisc.edu/greenfield/>.

Before then, Friday night, we have services at 7:30 pm. Speaking of Friday nights, last Friday, Debbie Lang and Gayle Griffith lead a most excellent service, which included a surprise d'var given by Francine Reynolds. Thank you to our talented members. Torah study on Saturday is at the regularly scheduled 10:00 am.

Though July may not be half over, please remember that we have a few congregational get-togethers planned for the near future:

- Friday, August 20: **Shabbat Under the Stars** Bel Air Pavilion with BYOD (bring your own dinner) before the 7:30 pm service and oneg following;
- Sunday, August 22: **Congregational picnic** Location and particulars are being finalized. 4:30 pm; and
- Saturday, September 25: **Havdalah** Lakewood Community Pavilion.

I hope that these events can be found in one of your calendars. I also hope to see you this Friday or at one of the lectures next week.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

Thursday  
July 15  
Summer Break  
from  
Adult Hebrew &  
Adult Education

Friday  
July 16  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
ZOOM &  
In-Person

July 17  
10:00 am  
Torah Study



**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**July 17, 2021  
8 Av 5781**

Edward  
Gottesman  
Matilda Pallik  
Fannie Wilner  
Ben Lyons  
Jack B. Becker  
Selma Friedman  
Brian Held  
Tim Alvarado  
Helen Schreiber  
Rachel Waingold  
Harold Yankelevitz

---



## This Week's Torah Portion

---

---

---

### *D'varim*

דְּבָרִים

The Words

Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22

#### Summary

- Moses begins his final words of instruction to the Children of Israel, focusing first on recounting their physical journey. (1:1–21)
  - Moses reviews the people's reactions to the negative reports of the spies and the appointment of Joshua to succeed him. (1:22–45)
  - Moses recounts that all of the Israelite warriors who left Egypt died, as God had intended, and the people continued their wanderings and defeated their enemies. (2:14–3:11)
  - Moses reiterates that the Land of Israel was allocated to the Israelite tribes. (3:12–22)
- 



### Happy Birthday

**July 5**

Beth DeShong  
Harry Haag

**July 14**

Russ Corwell

**July 18**

Faye Snow

**July 27**

George Beneman

**July 30**

Larry Hohing

### Happy Anniversary

**July 8**

Leslie & Barney  
Leibowitz

**July 23**

Lynne & Howard  
Hansell

[share your birthday  
and anniversaries  
dates with our friends  
and families...contact  
info@berchayim.org](#)

---



B'er Chayim  
Contact  
Information:

Temple phone:  
301-722-5688

Cantor Bessman  
email:  
rbessman@  
berchayim.org

Rebecca Galliher  
email:  
admin@  
berchayim.org

---

**"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.*

**Manage Your Subscription**

This message was sent to [rbessman@berchayim.org](mailto:rbessman@berchayim.org) from [info@berchayim.org](mailto:info@berchayim.org)

B'er Chayim Congregation  
The Book Center  
107 Union Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502

