

## Shabbat Update July 24, 2021

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### Cantor Bessman's Shabbat Update

Dear BCC Membership,

In Va'etchanan, this week's parashah, Moses continues his desert-journey recap of the several decades past. Of course, God's gift of Torah takes center stage. Knowing how fragile memory can be, Moses warns his people to "watch yourself very well, lest you forget the things that your eyes saw, and lest these things depart from your heart, all the days of your life, and you shall make them known to your children and to your children's children." No small order. I am happy to report that much can be found in this parashah that is

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### July Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services  
will continue*

**Thursday  
July 22  
Summer Break**

said in our canon of prayers—a victory for God and for Moses. Before this Friday’s Torah reading, I will highlight a few.

However, this Friday will not be all repetition. I plan to share with you a little of what I have learned from the Mosse/Weinstein series of lectures taking place this week. Though gaining a thorough or even comfortable understanding of Jews and Politics: America, Israel, Europe is probably impossible after only four lectures, it has been a very informative few days.

Monday night, we had our monthly board meeting. High Holy Day services and congregational get-togethers figured prominently. Expect to find more information, including dates and times, in the August bulletin.

If you would like to participate in this year’s High Holy Day services—or any other, for that matter—please contact Debbie Lang or me. A few congregants have connected with us already. There are enough prayers and readings for everyone who would like to participate to be able to participate.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

## This Week's Torah Portion

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*Va-et'chanan*

וַאֲתַחֲנֵן

[Moses] Pleaded with the Eternal

from  
Adult Hebrew &  
Adult Education

Friday  
July 23  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
ZOOM &  
In-Person

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

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## Yahrzeits for week ending

July 24, 2021  
15 Av 5781

Leah Seiff Bauer  
Sidney G. Holstein  
Alice Sack  
Samuel Boorda  
Benjamin Levin  
Robin Jean  
Schlosburg  
Lena Gula Shear



## Deuteronomy 3:23–7:11

### Summary:

- Moses pleads with God to let him enter the Land of Israel with the people, but God once more refuses his request. (3:23–28)
  - Moses orders the Children of Israel to pay attention and follow the laws given by God in order to be worthy of the land they are about to receive. (4:1–40)
  - Specific areas of the land are set aside to serve as cities of refuge. (4:41–43)
  - The covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments are recalled. Once again, the people are exhorted to heed God's commandments. (5:1–30)
  - Moses speaks the words of the Sh'ma, the credo of Judaism, and commands Israel to show their love for Adonai and keep God's laws and ordinances. (6:1–25)
  - Moses warns the people not to commit idolatry by worshiping the gods of the nations they will conquer in Israel. (7:1–11)
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### 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

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instructions -**

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Password will be  
emailed back to you.  
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Password will be the  
same each Friday  
evening. Please  
remember that Rebecca  
is part time, leave  
yourself enough time.*

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