

# Shabbat Update January 29, 2022

To rbessman@berchayim.org



## Shabbat Update January 29, 2022



Dear BCT Membership,

Tomorrow is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day set by the United Nations to remember and honor those killed by Nazi Germany. Many books have been written about this painful time, and many more are sure to come. Our congregant, David Shapiro, reviewed "Six Million Paper Clips: The Making of a Children's Holocaust Memorial," by Peter W. Schroeder and Dagmar Schroeder-Hildebrand. You can find it in the January 13, 2022 edition of The Cumberland-Times News under the title "Paper clips to remember lives lost during



### January Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim  
Temple is open for  
in-person  
services.  
Safeguards will be  
in place -mask  
wearing &  
observing  
safe distances*

*ZOOM services  
continue*

Holocaust" or [here](#). Thank you, David.

I recently heard that local blood supplies are very low. If you are able, please donate. It's a great way to support our friends and family in the Cumberland area. [This link](#) will direct you to area locations.

Two tablets have now been given to the Children of Israel, and the Torah loses no time dispensing rules and laws. Mishpatim means laws or judgments—and there are many. As we witness life in the desert burdened by myriad rules and ordinances, it's not too difficult to imagine some may wish to return to the less complicated life of slavery. Freedom has its own challenges, and now with the Torah in hand, ignorance is no longer a defense. Accountability for one's actions and responsibility to the community begin.

As you know, at this time, only members and their extended families should attend in-person services. Of course, everyone is welcome to join online. If you have any questions, please reach out to a board member or me. Classes remain Zoom-only. Tomorrow, Hebrew begins at 7:00 pm and is followed by "Aseret Hadibrot" at 7:45 pm. If you would like to join, you still can. The Temple now has an extra set of materials that you may borrow or preview. (We are only on our second Commandment, so not too much to catch up on.)

Hope to see many of you tomorrow, and Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



Thursday  
January 27  
International  
Holocaust  
Remembrance  
Day

Thursday  
January 27  
7:00 - 7:45 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
7:45 - 8:30 pm  
Adult Education  
"Aseret - The  
Big Ten"  
ZOOM only

Friday  
January 28  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In person &  
ZOOM

Thursday  
February 3  
7:00 - 7:45 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
7:45 - 8:30 pm  
Adult Education  
"Aseret - The  
Big Ten"  
ZOOM only

Friday  
February 4  
NO EREV  
SHABBAT  
SERVICE

Saturday  
February 5  
10:00 am  
Morning  
Shabbat  
Service  
In person &  
ZOOM

# This Week's Torah Portion

---

---

## *Mishpatim*

### *[These Are the] Rules*

#### *Exodus 21:1–24:18*

#### Summary

- Interpersonal laws ranging from the treatment of slaves to the exhibition of kindness to strangers are listed. (21:1-23:9)
- Cultic laws follow, including the commandment to observe the Sabbatical Year, a repetition of the Sabbath injunction, the first mention of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals, rules of sacrificial offerings, and the prohibition against boiling a kid in its mother's milk. (23:10-19)
- The people assent to the covenant. Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel ascend the mountain and see God. Moses goes on alone and spends forty days on the mountain. (24:1-18)



---

---

---

---

#### **Yahrzeits for week ending**

**January 29, 2022  
23 Sh'vat 5782**

Dr. Harry Kalet

Anna Lipson

Emma Feldstein

Rebecca Gerson

Maury Feinstein

Phyllis Sarubin

Daphne Castelle

Julie Ann Miller

Maggie Stone

Meyer Olin

Maurice H.  
Schreiber

Jean Schwartz

---



## Happy Birthday

**January 13**  
Gregg Schaaf  
Robin Reddng

**January 24**  
Deb Litman

**January 26**  
Carol Granet

## Happy Anniversary

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



B'er Chayim  
Contact  
Information:

Temple phone:  
301-722-5688

Cantor Bessman  
email:  
rbessman@  
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, and 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

---

