

Shabbat Update February 19, 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

Ki Tisa begins with the conclusion of two parashiot's worth of instructions on building and accessorizing the Tabernacle. The pace then quickens: forty days pass, faith is lost, a new god is made and destroyed, as in the first set of tablets alongside thousands of souls, Moses ascends again, descends again—and we have yet to reach the third (of seven) Aliyah!

We read one of the most-frequently heard lines of the High Holy Day season in the fifth Aliyah, known as the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy: The Lord, the Lord, G-d, Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to anger, and Abundant in Kindness and Truth, Preserver of kindness for thousands of generations, Forgiver of iniquity, willful sin, and error, and Who cleanses. This is G-d's declaration to Moses, after bitter words and destruction on everyone's part. In this parashah, we see how Moses plays a singular



February 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*

role in making G-d a better god ("Never arose in Israel like Moses, a prophet able to see His likeness").

Somehow the High Holy Days never seem so distant, in Torah or liturgy. They are too far away to worry about, but preparation can begin. B'er Chayim is looking for members who wish to learn how to chant from the Torah for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (and Shabbat); I am always happy to share the bimah with others. One more class during these cold winter days sounds most welcoming. Please contact me for more information.

Adult Hebrew continues at 7:00 pm tomorrow, followed by Adult Education at 7:45 pm. Only on Zoom. Still? I met with other area ministers yesterday, and the talk was 100% COVID-related. We noted that numbers are high in Allegany County, and reaffirmed our support for vaccinations and masking.

Friday, Shabbat Evening Services at 7:30 pm. In-person services are limited to vaccinated members and their extended families, though all are invited to join online.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

Ki Tisa

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When You Take a Census

Exodus 30:11–34:35

Thursday
February 17
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The
Big Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
February 18
7:30 pm
EREV
SHABBAT
In person &
ZOOM

Saturday
February 19
10:00 am
Torah Study
ZOOM

Monday
February 21
7:00 pm
Board Meeting

Thursday
February 24
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The
Big Ten"
ZOOM only

**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

Summary

- Moses takes a census of the Israelites and collects a half-shekel from each person (30:11-16)
- God tells Moses to construct a water basin and to prepare anointing oil and incense for the ordination of the priests. Bezalel and Oholiab, skilled artisans, are assigned to make objects for the priests and the Tabernacle. (30:17-31:11)
- The Israelites are instructed to keep Shabbat as a sign of their covenant with God. God gives Moses the two tablets of the Pact. (31:12-18)
- The Israelites ask Aaron to build them a Golden Calf. Moses implores God not to destroy the people and then breaks the two tablets of the Pact on which the Ten Commandments are written when he sees the idol. God punishes the Israelites by means of a plague. (32:1-35)
- Moses goes up the mountain with a blank set of tablets for another 40 days so that God will again inscribe the Ten Commandments. Other laws, including the edict to observe the Pilgrimage Festivals, are also revealed. (34:1-28)
- Moses comes down from the mountain with a radiant face. (34:29-35)

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Lewis Rosenbaum

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Happy Birthday

February 8
Marilyn Brock

February 13
Valeria Arch

February 20
Dottie Hohing

February 23
Brian Lang
Ben Goldstein

**Happy
Anniversary
&**

**Happy
Valentines
Day**

February 14
Debra & Gregg
Schaaf

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and anniversaries
dates with our friends
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**"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:*

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