

Shabbat Update February 26, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

For you loyal Shabbat Update followers, here is a preview from the upcoming March Bulletin:

During the last two years, we have seen that “Curb Your Enthusiasm” is much more than a TV show—it’s become a way of life. Now (again), things are looking up at B’er Chayim; COVID numbers are receding, and long-awaited congregational happenings look more likely to reach fruition. Best never to tempt fate, but plans need to be made and can be adjusted as required.

This year—with easily-accessible vaccines, masks, and “endemic” replacing “pandemic”—last year’s hopes might finally be realized. The long-awaited movie night at the temple is slated for Saturday night, March 19. Though the list of movies has been growing longer, Doug Schwab is ready to provide the best choice when we are ready. Let’s try for March



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*

19. Remember: the weekly Shabbat Update and the berchayim.org website is the place to stay current. [Personal aside: I recently discovered chaiflicks.org, a new Jewish/Israeli-oriented streaming service. Already, I have seen several good documentaries and Israeli productions. They have subtitles, as needed.]

Our well-received Hanukkah celebration in December and the projected infection trajectory portend a hybrid seder for the second night of Passover(!). We (the board and spiritual leader) very much want this to happen. Second Vice-President Ken Levitt is at the helm for this and other events. The second seder will be Saturday, April 16. It may seem far away, but we have all experienced how quickly time can speed up when you're not paying attention. For many, COVID has ironically made this worse: "I've been doing nothing, but life is going by so fast."

And this means that it is never too early to prepare for High Holy Days (fill in the year). I am always on the lookout for participants, but there have been few takers. Please let me know if you are interested in learning how to chant Torah/Haftarah or in learning other areas of the synagogue service. If there are several people, a class might be best. Individual instruction works too. I understand how intimidating service participation can be, but it gets less so with repetition. Now is the time ideal time to begin to prepare without the pressure.

The March Bulletin is sure to have other information, so don't miss it.

Adult Hebrew continues at 7:00 pm tomorrow, followed by Adult Education at 7:45 pm. Only on Zoom. 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

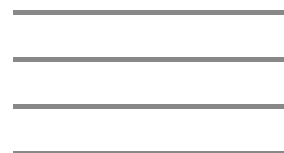
Thursday
February 24
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The
Big Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
February 25
7:30 pm
EREV
SHABBAT
In person &
ZOOM

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

Friday
March 4
NO
EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE

Saturday
March 5
10:00 am
SHABBAT
MORNING
SERVICE
In person &
ZOOM



This Week's Torah Portion

Vayak'heil

ויקהל

[Moses] Assembled

Exodus 35:1–38:20

Summary

Moses teaches the rules of Shabbat. (35:1-3)

Moses asks the Israelites for a donation of gifts and those who are skilled help build the Mishkan [Tabernacle] under the direction of Bezalel and Oholiab. (35:4-38:20)



Yahrzeits for week ending

**February 26,
2022
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Ida Friedland

Mary Londe

Minnie Hohouser

Bess Naviasky

Celia Abramson

Sylvia Gerson

Faye Klawan
Hersch

Maurice Friedland

Ivan Lichtenstein

Homer Lowenberg

Harry Alpert

Arthur Friedland

Marion Hartman

Helen Kaplan

Etta Klein

Daniel M. Lipson

Florence
Yankelevitz

Norman Kline

Abraham Miller

Joseph M. Miller



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

share your birthday
and anniversaries
dates with our friends
and families...contact
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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:*

*Links for prayerbooks
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Those links will take you
to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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