

Shabbat Update March 12, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

We begin a new Book of Moses this week. This book and first parashah share the name Vayikra (“and He called”). G-d calls upon Moses to speak to the children of Israel regarding the sacrificial rites within the Tabernacle’s courtyard. These sacrifices are referred to as korbanot, the way one would draw near to G-d. Hebrew words relating to this connection and closeness derive from the same root as "sacrifice." Upon the Temples’ destruction, prayer became the way forward—pleasing God and animal alike.



March 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*

The month of Adar is in full swing, and Purim begins next Wednesday eve. Enjoy a glass of wine or five to celebrate Esther and Mordecai's victory. Times for celebration are limited of late so take advantage. As noted previously, Adar and joy do not always align; and the crisis in Ukraine is the most recent example. As Jews, we know well the experience of discrimination, if not extermination. For those able to offer financial support, please click [here](#) to visit the website for the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Closer to home and for happier reasons, please click [here](#) to learn how you (or your friends and family) can own a piece of Cumberland history while helping BCT. You will see beautiful pictures of several cornices from the B&O Railroad Queen City Station and a link to the auction's eBay page. Bidding ends on March 16.

Saturday, March 19, 7:00 pm is the long-awaited BCC Film Night, starring an American pickle. That's all I know (the title is: An American Pickle). Come at 6:30 pm for Havdalah or come soon before the beginning of the film. It's also a perfect time to share any Hamantaschen leftovers from your Purim festivities.

Adult Hebrew continues at 7:00 pm tomorrow. We are nearing completion of the "Hineni: Hebrew Through Prayer" series, soon to be graduating to "The First Hebrew Primer, Third Edition, The Adult Beginners Path to Biblical Hebrew." Enrollment is now open. Adult Education follows at 7:45 pm.

Friday night, Erev Shabbat Services returns at 7:30 pm.

Shabbat shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

Thursday
March 10
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The
Big Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
March 11
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In person &
ZOOM

SAVE THE DATE

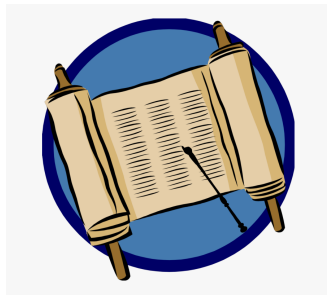
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Saturday
March 19
7:00 pm
Movie Night
"An American
Pickle"



**Yahrzeits for
week ending
March 12
Adar II 5782**

William Miller



This Week's Torah Portion

Vayikra

ויקרא

[God] Called Out

Leviticus 1:1–5:26

Summary:

- God instructs Moses on the five different kinds of sacrifices that were to be offered in the sanctuary:
- The olah or "burnt offering" was a voluntary sacrifice that had a high degree of sanctity and was regarded as the "standard" offering. The entire animal, except for its hide, was burned on the altar. (1:1-17)
- The minchah or "meal offering" was a sacrifice made of flour, oil, salt, and frankincense that was partly burned on the altar and partly given to the priests to eat. (2:1-16)
- The zevach sh'lamim or "sacrifice of well-being" was a voluntary animal offering from one's herd, sometimes brought to fulfill a vow. (3:1-17)
- The chatat or "sin offering" was an obligatory sacrifice that was offered to expiate unintentional sins. This offering differs from the others in the special treatment of the blood of the animal. (4:1-5:13)
- The asham or "penalty offering" was an

Marvin J. Kaplon

Regina Schindler

Sol Abramson

Hattie Lippel

Nachum Spear

Moshe Hirsh
Weedman

Lena Kauffman

Jean Mazzucca



Happy Birthday

March 2

Bobbi Dubins

March 3

Amy Owens

March 4

Emmanuel Clark

March 6

Eddie Dezen

Leah Boggs

March 11

Lee Goldman

March 14

Gail Mandell

March 18

Curtis Friedenber

Alexandra

Andrews

March 24

Paul Snow

March 26

Gabriel Goldstein

obligatory sacrifice of a ram that was required chiefly of one who had misappropriated property. (5:1-26)

March 28
David Shapiro
Raphael Goldstein
March 30
Barney Leibowitz

**Happy
Anniversary**

March 10
Francine &
Howard
Reynolds

March 28
Barb & Russ
Corwell

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

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send an email to
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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.

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services:

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