

Shabbat Update April 16, 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

Passover is the not-really-new news this week, and this major Jewish holiday is now two days away. Matzah is still available at your neighborhood Martins.

Contributions continue to be collected for the World Union for Progressive Judaism's (WUPJ) Ukraine Emergency Support Program. Through April, the Board is matching donations—an easy way to double your money. To read a brief description of the fund [click here](#). Please send a check payable to B'er Chayim Temple with a note explaining



April 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*

that it is for the WUPJ Ukraine Emergency Support Program.

Once Passover is behind us, research and plans for the congregational trip to Israel will begin in earnest. I have heard from several people that they are very interested in going. I have ideas about places to visit, but I would like to hear from everyone. Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Masada (and the Dead Sea), Safed are must-sees. The Negev and Eilat are also possibilities. Ten or eleven days seems to be a reasonable time. We are aiming for Spring 2023.

Adult Hebrew at 7:00 pm tomorrow, with Adult Education following at 7:45 pm. Friday night there are no services at the Temple so that all may enjoy an unhurried at-home seder. Torah study is available Saturday at 10:00 am Saturday for those who wish to attend— Subject: Passover. This should prepare us for the community seder which begins at 6:00 pm at the Temple. I happy to report that there is a good number of people attending. If you missed the deadline, the event also will be on Zoom.

Chag Sameach and Shabbat Shalom!

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

Thursday
April 14
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The
Big Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
April 15
First Night of
Passover
NO Erev
Shabbat
Service

Saturday
April 16
10:00 am
Torah Study
ZOOM

Saturday
April 16
6:00 pm
Community
Seder
Reservations
Required

Monday
April 18
7:00 pm
Board Meeting
ZOOM

Thursday
April 21
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The
Big Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday

Yom Rishon shel Pesach

***1st Day of Passover
Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10***

SUMMARY

We read that a “mixed multitude” of people fled Egypt with the Israelites. With no time to wait, they took the cakes from their oven before they had time to rise. By God’s mighty hand, our ancestors fled the house of bondage and were brought to “a land flowing with milk and honey.” As a reminder of God’s redemption, we are instructed to eat only unleavened bread during Passover.

Furthermore, the text tells us to explain to our children, “It is because of what God did for me when I went free from Egypt.” The Hebrew word for explain, v’higgadta, has the same root as Haggadah, the book from which we read on Passover. In doing so, each year we fulfill the sacred obligation to tell this story to our children. It is this story, more than any other that is central to Judaism. God redeemed us from slavery and we therefore know the heart of the stranger.

April 22
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
ZOOM &
In-Person



**Yahrzeits for
week ending
April 16**

Elizabeth
Weisman

Samuel Dantzic

Isaac H.
Rosenberg

Sol Glicksman

Ben F. Rubel

Susan C. Hurwitz

Barney Mandell

Aryeh Leib
Bernstein

Stuart Schreiber

Alberta Friedland
Mosler

Louis Bernstein



Happy Birthday

April 12
Alan Clark

April 14
Jill Klein

April 22
Leslie Leibowitz

April 29
Alan Arnson

Happy Anniversary

April 10
Beth & Ben
Goldstein

April 26
Judi & Harry Haag

share your birthday
and anniversaries
dates with our
friends and
families...contact
info@berchayim.org



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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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to Mishkah T'Filah for
Shabbat Services.*

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