

Shabbat Update May 7, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

May arrived on schedule this year, though May's bulletin may be a bit late. I'm sure it will be in the printer's hands by tomorrow. With this in mind, here is an advance copy of my column:

"First, let's recap the last month of April. I recently re-realized that many are not able to read the Shabbat Updates. Thankfully, the building is now open and masks are optional. We hope everyone will be comfortable returning to the Temple.

"That certainly seemed to happen at our Passover seder. It was a great success. Over forty people attended, taking part in the traditional prayers, eating delicious food, and we were all glad to be back. Thanks to all who made the evening the success that it was, most notably Gayle Griffith and Debbie Lang. The Board's matching fund drive for the World Union for Progressive Judaism's (WUPJ) Ukraine Emergency Support Program has ended. Thank you to all of those who were able to donate. Unfortunately, the emergency continues.

"Now that Passover and the seders are behind us, we can focus on upcoming plans for congregational get-togethers. Ken Levitt, the Second Vice-President, heads the Temple Activities department. Last year, we had some

May 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*

**Thursday
May 5
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The Big
Ten"
ZOOM only**

**Friday
May 6
NO Erev**

fine plans that went unrealized. This year should be different; COVID is no longer the pandemic it was—at least in this country. Here's hoping it stays that way! Many people are making up for lost travel, so we will try to schedule events when everyone is in town. What and when?

“We're thinking of something for everyone: cultural, culinary, social, and some much-needed fun for our community. The weekly Shabbat Update (emailed Wednesday mornings) and the Home page of the temple website (www.berchayim.org) are always good places for finding current temple-related information.

“I heard that several people are interested in visiting Israel. I have several 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. Please share with me your thoughts while itineraries are flexible.”

Jews the world over commemorate today as Yom HaZikaron for its fallen soldiers. Yom HaAztmaut (Israel's 4th of July) begins this evening. Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew at 7:00 pm precedes Adult Education beginning at 7:45 pm. Friday, Shalom Aleichem is at home—it is the first Shabbat of the week. Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat Service

Saturday
May 7
10:00 am
Morning
Shabbat
Service
In-Person &
ZOOM

Thursday
May 12
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The Big
Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
May 13
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In-Person &
ZOOM

Yahrzeits for week ending May 7

Howard Feldstein

June Minkelgreen

Milton Beneman

Gary Kaplon

Goldie Klawan

K'doshim

קְדוּשִׁים

[You Shall Be] Holy

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Summary:

- God issues a variety of commandments, instructing the Israelites on how to be a holy people. (19:1-37)
- Various sex offenses are discussed and punishments for them are presented. (20:1-27)

Allan T Hirsh, Sr

Dani Levi

George R.
Beneman

Abraham
Rothstein

Hattie Brock

Seymour
Sallerson

**Happy
Birthday**

5/3

Elena Manasse
Audrey Litman
Eli Litman

5/4

Katy Pallik

5/5

Karina Yelin
Steve Wollett

5/7

Lisa Peskin
Alex DeShong
Sydnee DeShong

5/15

Beshie Mandell

5/18

Lyn Schwab

5/24
Tamar Clarke

5/27
Francine
Reynolds

5/29
Sylvan Feldstein

**Happy
Anniversary**

May 27
Debbie & Chuck
Lang

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 are found on our website (www.berchayim.org). Those links will take you to Mishkah T'Filah for Shabbat Services.

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