

Shabbat Update May 28, 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

At long last, the second pilgrimage festival is soon to arrive. This holiday has been mentioned a few times recently in the Torah. Two weeks ago, we heard: “And from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering—the day after the sabbath—you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete. You must count until the day after the seventh week—fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to G-d.” (Leviticus 23:15-16)

Hag HaShavuot (aka The Festival/Feast of



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*

Weeks) is also known more simply as Shavuot (aka Shavuot). $7 \times 7 = 49$. At 49 days after the Passover seder, the first fruits of the year's wheat harvest are almost ready for the Temple offering. As noted above, Shavuot is 50 days from the seder, $49 + 1 = 50$ (aka Pentecost). Math becomes somewhat confusing in the Torah and Talmud. We should be grateful that calculus was not part of the Written or Oral Law.

Shavuot begins not this weekend but arrives next Saturday night. I hope this gives everyone enough time to prepare for the traditional night's worth of Torah study. Memorial Day is Monday. It's not a Hag.

Adult Hebrew meets at 7:00 pm tomorrow followed by Adult Education at 7:45 pm. Friday, Shabbat Evening Services begin at the regular 7:30 pm time. Hope to see you at the Temple or on Zoom.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

To: Members of the B'er Chayim
Community and Friends

We wish to thank each of you for your kind and generous support, as well as your time and energy this past week.

So many of you contributed and assisted us, making the Griffith Schwartz Shiva a step forward in the healing process.

We truly appreciate your warmth and caring. Tzedaka, Mitzvah, Community: in memory of a true mensch, Lee Schwartz.

Todah Rabah

B'shalom,

Francine Schreiber Reynolds

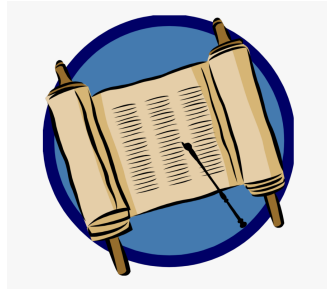
Thursday
May 26
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The Big
Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
May 27
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
In-Person &
ZOOM

Thursday
June 2
7:00 - 7:45 pm
Adult Hebrew
7:45 - 8:30 pm
Adult Education
"Aseret - The Big
Ten"
ZOOM only

Friday
June 3
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE

Saturday
June 4
10:00 am
Shabbat Service
In-Person &
ZOOM



This Week's Torah Portion

B'chukotai

My Laws

Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Summary:

- God promises blessings to the Children of Israel if they follow the law and warns about the curses that will befall the people if they do not observe God's commandments. (26:1-46)
- Gifts made to the Sanctuary whether by conditional vows or by unconditional acts of pious gratitude are discussed. (27:1-34)



Yahrzeits for week ending May 28

Gertrude G.
Kochman

Minnie B.
Brumberg

Sylvia R. Schwab

Louis Schoffmann

Morton Peskin

Frank H. Kaplon

Ira Dubins

Eileen Moret-
Fliegelman

Joseph Feldstein

R. Larry Bauer

And the recent
passing
of
Lee Schwartz



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 21

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:*

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

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