

Shabbat Update June 4, 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

For those who are up-to-date with their email inboxes (that would not be me), you might have already read June's Bulletin. Of special interest is an event next Shabbat and basic information about the hoped-for 2023 Israel trip:

"The Temple's first-ever post-Shabbat-service buffet get-together with Cantor Bessman is taking place on Friday, June 10, at 5:30 pm. Erev Shabbat Services are from 5:30-6:20 (I'll have a watch in hand), followed by a leisurely, unhurried dinner with our temple family. I can



June 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*

almost hear someone's suggestion that we begin later, or have dinner first then service. Well, unlike the Torah, times and sequences are not set in stone. And, don't worry about what to bring—we'll figure out something easy and not too burdensome. It shouldn't be about great cuisine anyway, just great community. Service attendance not required to attend meal, though it is Shabbat so Friday business attire will be appreciated—but (again) not required.

“During the last few weeks, I have contacted several Israel tour operators. Tours can be tailored to our requirements and interests. Travel is picking up everywhere (revenge travel, they call it). The first weeks of March 2023 is a good time. We might even be able to be there for Purim if we plan it right and soon. Ask Tal. There's no better place to be for that holiday. Key numbers: 15 participants is the minimum. Sky's the limit for maximum, but fewer people mean a smaller bus and greater intimacy. Generally, itineraries do not include air travel as airlines no longer offer group discounts for these kinds of personalized excursions. Travel through March is less expensive and not as congested. Land package prices hover around \$4,000-\$4,500 depending upon choices of hotels and excursions. I asked for mid-high quality hotels. Not five stars, but four-plus. Breakfasts are always included, as well as a Shabbat meal. Everything is adjustable, as it is a private tour. Please contact me for more information. If we want to do it by March, we will want to lock in dates as availability is sure to decrease over time. Revenge travel is spreading.”

A friend recommended Gate1 Travel (gate1travel.com) which is significantly less expensive, but I have not been able to reach them. I will keep you posted. The most promising agency I spoke with is Baltimore-based and came highly recommended by the Federation.

Saturday night is Shavuot. Saturday morning, we start the day with Shabbat morning services at 10:00 am. Thursday's Adult

Thursday
June 2
7:00 - 7:45 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

Friday
June 10
5:30 pm-6:20 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service

6:30 pm
Community
Dinner
Vestry



**Yahrzeits for
week ending
June 4**

Bertha Esther
Miller

Hebrew is officially on summer recess. However, Adult Education continues until we complete our Project Aseret curriculum. The class chose to complete the series as we are midway through the Second Commandment. Apparently, no one wanted to wait until the fall to find out the conclusion which, because I looked ahead (spoiler alert), is the First Commandment. Adult Education will meet at 7:00 pm.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

B'midbar

In the Wilderness

Numbers 1:1–4:20

Summary:

- God commands Moses to take a census of all the Israelite males over the age of twenty. (1:1-46)
- The duties of the Levites, who are not included in the census, are detailed. (1:47-51)
- Each tribe is assigned specific

Gustav Eisenberg

Matilde
Steinberger

Lois Lazarus
Schwab

Rose Rothstein

Solomon T.
Abramson

Yakov Kauffman

Milton Lavine

Patty Hightower

Harold Marx

Jacob Goodman

Anne Pariser

Louis Margolis

Fred Brooks

Jeanne Gerson

Myer Cohen

And the recent
passing
of
Lee Schwartz



Happy

places in the camp around the Tabernacle. (1:52-2:34)

- The sons of Levi are counted and their responsibilities are set forth. (3:1-3:39)
- A census of the firstborn males is taken and a special redemption tax is levied on them. (3:40-51)
- God instructs Moses and Aaron regarding the responsibilities of Aaron and his sons, and the duties assigned to the Kohathites. (4:1-20)

Birthday

June 7

Elizabeth
Weisman

Shana Andrews

June 9

Larry Brock

June 19

Jake Litman

6/22

Debbie Lang

6/25

Rick Dezen

6/27

Adam Lazarus

Happy Anniversary

June 8

Bruce and Bobbi
Dubins

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.*

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