

Shabbat Update June 11, 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

The Temple's first-ever post-Shabbat-service potluck (incorrectly referred to as "buffet" in last week's Shabbat Update) with Cantor Bessman is in two days, Friday, June 10. Erev Shabbat Services are from 5:30-6:20 pm (I'll have a watch in hand), followed by a leisurely, unhurried dinner with our temple family. I can 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—any dairy main dish or salad is fine. We have plenty of bread and desserts. It shouldn't be about great cuisine anyway, just great community. Please note: We will also be Zooming the service.

Summer break is here! Adult Hebrew and Adult Education continue in the fall. I am happy to report that we completed the Project Aseret curriculum Thursday, and will be ready to tackle new topics when we reconvene.

Research continues into different travel options relating to our hoped-for Israel tour. We might even be able to be there for Purim if we plan it right and soon. Key number: 15 participants is the minimum for a small-group experience. Sky's the limit for maximum, but fewer people mean a smaller bus and greater intimacy. Generally, itineraries do not include

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*

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

**6:30 pm
Community
Dinner
Vestry**

air travel as airlines no longer offer group discounts for these kinds of personalized excursions. The most promising agency I spoke with is Baltimore-based and came highly recommended by the Federation. 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.

I should hear from Gate1 Travel (gate1travel.com) this week. Actually, they phoned Monday night at 6:56 pm which resulted in a very truncated conversation (I had a meeting set for 7:00 pm). They are a large company and have less expensive packages that include airfare.

Hope to see you Friday at services starting 5:30 pm and/or the dairy potluck dinner afterward. I should be able to let you know then what Gate1 Travel had to say.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion



Naso

נָסוּ

Take a Census

Numbers 4:21–7:89

Yahrzeits for week ending June 11

Hirsh Tzvi
Schmier

Sophie Rosenau

David Sumner
Mayo

Rachael
Silverman

Charlotte Shapiro
Arzt

Arnie Sack

Lawrence Peskin

Maurice Wesoky

Greta Granet

Morris Dantzig

Jacob Hersch

And the recent
passing
of
Lee Schwartz



**Happy
Birthday**

June 7
Elizabeth
Weisman

Summary

- A census of the Gershonites, Merarites, and Koathites between the ages of thirty and fifty is conducted and their duties in the Tabernacle are detailed. (4:21-49)
- God speaks to Moses concerning what to do with ritually unclean people, repentant individuals, and those who are suspected of adultery. (5:1-31)
- The obligations of a nazirite vow are explained. They include abstaining from alcohol and not cutting one's hair. (6:1-21)
- God tells Moses how to teach Aaron and his sons the Priestly Blessing. (6:22-27)
- Moses consecrates the Sanctuary, and the tribal chieftains bring offerings. Moses then speaks with God inside the Tent of Meeting. (7:1-89)

NOTE: Sometimes Parashat Naso is separated into Naso I and Naso II as follows:

Naso I (Numbers 4:21-5:31)

Naso II (Numbers 6:1-7:89)

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

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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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services:

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