

Shabbat Update July 16, 2022

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## Shabbat Update

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Dear BCT Membership,

As many know, Irma Dezen recently passed away. A private funeral was held Monday. Irma was a well-known and much-loved teacher, business owner, Beth Jacob and B'er Chayim member, and much more. She will be missed. Her obituary can be found [here](#).

I spoke with Gate1 Travel yesterday. Their prices are approximately \$3,500 per person, double occupancy, with a convenient departure from Washington Dulles. February 1, 4, 11, 18, and March 18, 2023 are available. March 18 would be a few hundred dollars higher. A \$200 deposit is required with full payment 60 days before departure. I have information about travel insurance, or you may visit their website. Included are nine nights of First Class accommodations, four nights in Jerusalem, one night at the Dead Sea, two nights in the Galilee, two nights in Tel Aviv, hotel portorage, transfers, and 16 meals (nine breakfasts and seven dinners). This is the Classic Tour as described in this [link](#).

There are no perfect tours of Israel at this price and for this limited time period; however, the tour seems very reasonable. Please let me know which dates are preferable. If we would like to travel together (with or without

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### July 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  
July 15  
7: 30 pm  
EREV  
SHABBAT  
SERVICE  
In person &  
ZOOM**

**Saturday  
July 16  
10:00 am**

fifteen in our group), I will need to let them know soon.

This week's parashah is Balak, where we discover that your donkey might know more than you know and might not be so dumb. Maybe we'll learn more about that this weekend.

Hope to see you Friday. The service begins at 7:30 pm in the Temple or on Zoom.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Hazzan Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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### *Balak*

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*Balak*

*Numbers 22:2–25:9*

Summary:

- Balak, the king of Moab, persuades the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so that he can defeat them and drive them out of the region. However, Balaam blesses the Children of Israel instead and prophesies that Israel's enemies will be defeated. (22:2-24:25)
- God punishes the Israelites with a plague for consorting with the Moabite women and their god. The plague is stayed after Pinchas kills an Israelite man and his Midianite woman. (25:1-9)

## Torah Study

Friday  
July 22  
7:30 pm  
EREV  
SHABBAT  
SERVICE  
In person &  
ZOOM

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## Yahrzeits for week ending July 16

Brian Held

Robert Shapiro

Jack B. Becker

Robert Friedland

Ben Lyons

Edward  
Gottesman

James Bessman

Clarence Lippel

Julie Frey

Max Silverman

and the recent  
passing of

Irma Dezen

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## **Happy Birthday**

**July 5**

Beth DeShong  
Harry Haag

**July 14**

Russ Corwell

**July 18**

Faye Snow

**July 30**

Larry Hohing

## **Happy Anniversary**

**July 8**

Leslie & Barney  
Leibowitz

**July 23**

Lynne & Howard  
Hansell

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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