
Corrected Shabbat Update for May 27, 2023

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Shabbat Update

May 27, 2023

Congratulations to our 2023 congregational high school graduates - From Mountain Ridge HS, Leah Boggs and Allison Levitt, and from Allegany HS, Audrey and Eli Litman.

We are so very proud of each of you!!

and



Dear BCC Members,

The counting of the omer will soon be behind us (at least until next year). Tomorrow night, the second pilgrimage holiday of the year begins—Shavuot. It is the holiday known as Hag Hakatzir—the much anticipated time for reaping. Fortunately, it is a two-day holiday; we will celebrate it together on Friday night.

This holiday is a time of cheesecake and confirmation and all-night Torah study. Reasons for the first and third are somewhat ambiguous. Authorities seem to agree that the second (confirmation) is a recent addition to Diaspora traditions. Thank you should be directed to Martin Luther and the Protestant church, as they paved the way for this novel custom.

June is fast approaching. On Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 am, BCC's Book Club will meet for a discussion of David L. Bernstein's "Woke Antisemitism." This is a book that proves how "important" is often not fun—more knowledge is better than less.

Six days later, "Keeping Up with the Steins" may be the next selection in BCC's film series, scheduled for Saturday, June 10. Check your email for an Evite invitation for more information.

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew continues with Jewish folktales and Ruth, grammar, and camaraderie. We have been enjoying excerpts from the Book of Ruth for a while



May Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim
Temple is open
for
in-person
services.*

*ZOOM and
in-person
services
continue*

**Wednesday
May 24
7:00 pm
Mahj Jong
everyone
welcome**

**Thursday
May 25
7:00 pm
Adult Hebrew**

**Friday
May 26
10:00 am
Erev Shabbat
Service
Shavuot**

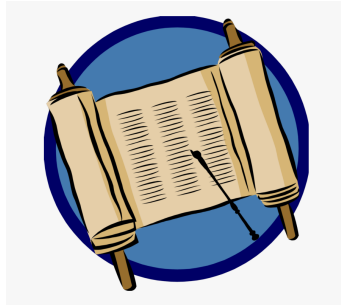
now. For this week, it happens to be a most timely read.

Shavuot and Shabbat services this Friday evening begin at 7:30 pm.

Hope to see you there.

Hag Sameach and Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

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Take a Census

Numbers 4:21-5:31

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



**Yahrzeit*s for
week ending
May 27**

Bess K. Lazarus

Jacob Goodman

Harold Marx

Lillian Dantzie
Twig

David L.
Abramson

Rose Eskin

Jacob Feldman

Rae Hirsch

R. Larry Bauer

Myer Cohen

Stanley Morton
Miller

Frank H. Kaplon

Hirsh Tzvi
Schmier

Morton Peskin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

what to do with ritually unclean people,
repentant individuals, and those who
are suspected of adultery. (5:1-31)

May 3
Elena Manasse
Audrey Litman
Eli Litman

May 4
Katy Pallik

May 5
Karina Yelin
Steve Wollett

May 7
Lisa Peskin
Alex DeShong
Sydnee DeShong

May 15
Beshie Mandell

May 19
Tamar Clarke

May 27
Francine
Reynolds

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

May 21
Debbie and
Chuck Lang



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Password will be the
same each Friday
evening.*

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