

## Shabbat Update December 11, 2021

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Dear BCC Membership,

Hanukkah is in the past, and now our temple is “rededicated” and open. The Annual Congregational Meeting (this year on Sunday, December 12) is at the temple or on Zoom; however, if you want a deli sandwich, at the temple is the better option. Today is the final day to place an order with Doug. Be sure to email him before it’s too late (doug@dougschwab.net).

It may not be too early to think about programming for next year. Tu Bishvat begins Sunday, the 16th. Seder? This year, it was streamed from my office. Perhaps this coming year, we can have a hybrid service. It could be good preparation for April’s Passover seder.

Adult Education has taken Bernice Friedland’s advice and explored course materials published by Chai Mitzvah (chaimitzvah.org) — specifically, ["Aseret: The Big Ten"](#) This program consists of eleven self-contained units based on the Ten Commandments (Aseret Hadibrot). I think it is a wonderful introduction/exploration in Jewish thought and text, appropriate for adults of all backgrounds. You can find an example lesson on their website. Please take a look if you have an opportunity: [Aseret example lesson](#). Let me know if you have any questions. It will be an

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### December Calendar of Events

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

*Same safeguards  
will be in place.*

*ZOOM services  
continue*

**Thursday  
December 9  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
In Person &  
ZOOM**

**Friday  
December 10  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In Person &  
ZOOM**

excellent way to begin 2022.

One problem with planning for the future is that one can shortchange the present. Right now, things are going very well for the Jews. In fact, they are experiencing one of their better parashas. In Vayigash: Judah proves himself honorable; Joseph shows his humanity and humility; and Pharaoh's wise trust in Joseph enables the Children of Israel and the Egyptians to survive—if not flourish. Moses will soon deliver from Egypt, but Joseph delivers from certain death. Neither takes credit, leaving that to God where it belongs.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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### Vayigash

#### And [Judah] Approached [Joseph]

#### Genesis 44:18–47:27

#### Summary

- Judah pleads with Joseph to free Benjamin and offers himself as a replacement. (44:18-34)
- Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and forgives them for selling him into slavery. (45:1-15)
- Although the famine still rages, Pharaoh invites Joseph's family to "live off the fat of the land." (45:16-24)
- Jacob learns that Joseph is still alive and, with God's blessing, goes to Egypt.

December 12  
11:00 am  
ANNUAL  
CONGREGATION  
MEETING  
Katz's Deli  
Lunch  
In Person &  
ZOOM

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#### Yahrzeits for week ending

December 11,  
2021  
8 Tevet 5782

Ida Greenbaum

Adelaide Morton

David Sigel

Nosen David  
Waingold

Mollie Lipsch

Abe Feigus

Bertram Friedland

Moses Lippel

Hilda Margolis

Ida Gottlieb

Jacob Dantzic

Joseph Klawan

Margaret B.  
Markley

(45:25-46:33)

- Pharaoh permits Joseph's family to settle in Goshen. Pharaoh then meets with Jacob. (47:1-12)
- With the famine increasing, Joseph designs a plan for the Egyptians to trade their livestock and land for food. The Israelites thrive in Egypt. (47:13-27)

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**KATZ'S DELI SANDWICH LUNCH  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

As in the past, we are planning to order deli sandwiches from Katz' s Deli in New York City for anyone who would like to stay for lunch after the Congregational Annual meeting. We had a good response in the past and it was a nice social follow-up to our annual meeting.

Lunch sales are open to anyone, friends and Temple Family. The cost for lunch is \$17 which includes a full sandwich with ¼ pound of either corned beef or pastrami; a whole deli pickle and a Dr. Brown's cream or cherry soda.

Contact me (Doug) no later than 12/07/2021 with your order. Doug: 240-580-0403 or [doug@dougschwab.net](mailto:doug@dougschwab.net) .

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**Happy Birthday**

**December 13**  
Nicole Manto

**December 29**  
Steven Shapiro  
Howard Hansell

**December 30**  
Gayle Griffith

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**December 23**  
Marilyn & Larry  
Brock

[share your birthday  
and anniversaries  
dates with our friends  
and families...contact  
\[info@berchayim.org\]\(mailto:info@berchayim.org\)](#)

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**"Virtual"  
instructions -**

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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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are found on our website  
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to Mishkah T'Filah for  
Shabbat Services.*

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