

# Shabbat Update December 18, 2021

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Dear BCT Membership,

A new era has begun here at B'er Chayim. We have a new president with a new board.

I look forward to working with both. Please feel free to reach out to Gregg (the new president), board members (the website will soon be updated to reflect changes), or me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you wish to share.

The other major news is that now both Adult



### December Calendar of Events

*B'er Chayim  
Temple is open for  
in-person  
services.  
Same safeguards  
will be in place.*

*ZOOM services  
continue*

Education and Adult Hebrew will take place on Thursdays. The group decided to divide our time into two periods. The first will focus on Hebrew (40-45 minutes), after which we will spend the remainder of the time (again 40-45 minutes) on "[Aseret: The Big Ten](#)". This program consists of eleven self-contained units based on the Ten Commandments (Aseret Hadibrot). I mentioned before that together they comprise a wonderful introduction/exploration in Jewish thought and text, appropriate for adults of all backgrounds. We can find out on Thursday if enough people are interested in purchasing the printed materials, thereby saving money on shipping. Last week, I bought the digital version (at a very attractive price of only \$18). Use this link for the [digital/printed materials](#).

\*Tomorrow: Adult Hebrew at 7:00 pm. Please note the different start times. Adult Education begins at 7:45 pm. We can discuss the optimal time for future classes. Don't be shy. Attend even if you haven't been a regular.

Friday, December 17, 7:30 pm: Shabbat evening service. This week's parashah is Vayechi—which means that we are already about to say goodbye to Bereshit (Genesis). Time marches on.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



**This Week's Torah Portion**

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**Thursday  
December 16  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
In Person &  
ZOOM**

**Friday  
December 17  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In Person &  
ZOOM**

**Saturday  
December 18  
10:00 am  
Torah Study  
In Person &  
ZOOM**



**Yahrzeits for  
week ending**

**December 18,  
2021  
15 Tevet 5782**

Leo Brumberg

Bernard Grolman

Gustav Sauer

Lillian Weinstein

Bernard Friedland

## Vayechi

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[Jacob] Lived

Genesis 47:28–50:26

### Summary

- Jacob blesses his grandchildren Ephraim and Manasseh. (48:1-20)
- Jacob's twelve sons gather around his deathbed, and each receives an evaluation and a prediction of his future. (49:1-33)
- Joseph mourns his father's death and has Jacob embalmed. Jacob is buried in Hebron in the cave of the field of the Machpelah in the land of Canaan. (50:1-14)
- Joseph assures his concerned brothers that he has forgiven them and promises to care for them and their families. (50:15-21)
- Just before he dies, Joseph tells his brothers that God will return them to the Land that God promised to the patriarchs. The Children of Israel promise Joseph that they will take his bones with them when they leave Egypt. (50:22-26)

Betty Waingold

Simon  
Rosenbaum

Edith Becker

Susan Conway  
Keating

Lester Millenson



### 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  
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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  
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Those links will take you  
to Mishkah T'Filah for  
Shabbat Services.*

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