

# Shabbat Update December 25, 2021

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Dear BCC Membership,

Adult Education met and decided that Thursday, January 6, 2022, will be the official start day for explorations in "[Aseret: The Big Ten](#)". An excellent way to start the year. As you know, the program consists of eleven self-contained units based on the Ten Commandments ( Aseret Hadibrot). They comprise an introduction/exploration in Jewish thought and text appropriate for adults of all backgrounds. Some participants worry that they may not be able to attend every 7:45-8:30 pm Thursday class. Fear not. Everyone will have a complete set outlining what is to be studied, and the class will consist of review and discussion; therefore, a missed class should not be a problem. Please consider participating.

[This link](#) is for the digital/printed materials. The digital version is \$18. Unfortunately, it cannot be printed. However, many students are buying the printed version for \$36 (plus shipping). Shipping should be no more than a couple of dollars more per unit with bulk shipping. Please let me know by tomorrow if you would like me to order a set for you.

\*Tomorrow: Adult Hebrew begins at 7:00 pm (note the new time). We have graduated to Book Three of The New Hebrew Through



### 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 23  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
In Person &  
ZOOM**

**Friday  
December 24  
7:30 pm**

Prayer series! An exciting end to the year, for sure.

Friday, December 24, 7:30 pm: Shabbat evening services. A major Christian holiday coincides with a major Jewish Holiday. It happens every so often. Next year, the Passover seder takes place on Good Friday (as it should be).

This week's parashah is Shemot. Shemot is the first parashah of the eponymous second Book of Moses. (That is how the system works.) Shemot—better known to us as Exodus—actually begins with a list of names (shem=name; shemot=names). These are the names of Jacob's sons who were welcomed into the land of Egypt, however short-lived that welcome was. Moses is born, survives infancy against all odds, thrives, kills, escapes, marries, returns with a mission. An eventful week for sure.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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### *Sh'mot*

שְׁמוֹת

Names Exodus 1:1–6:1

Summary:

- The new king of Egypt makes slaves of the Hebrews and orders their male children to be drowned in the Nile River. (1:1-22)
- A Levite woman places her son, Moses, in a basket on the Nile, where he is

Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In Person &  
ZOOM

Thursday  
December 30  
7:00 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
ZOOM only

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### Yahrzeits for week ending

December 25,  
2021  
22 Tevet 5782

Carrie Peskin

Herman White

Annette Brock

Beatrice Castelle  
Hirsch

Samuel Hirsch

Oscar Feldstein

Betty Price

Gustav  
Steinberger

Anna Waingold

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- found by the daughter of Pharaoh and raised in Pharaoh's house. (2:1-10)
- Moses flees to Midian after killing an Egyptian. (2:11-15)
  - Moses marries Zipporah, the daughter of Midian's priest. They have a son named Gershom. (2:16-22)
  - God calls Moses from a burning bush and commissions him to free the Israelites from Egypt. (3:1-4:17)
  - Moses and Aaron request permission from Pharaoh for the Israelites to celebrate a festival in the wilderness. Pharaoh refuses and makes life even harder for the Israelites. (5:1-23)



## 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  
(www.berchayim.org).  
Those links will take you  
to Mishkah T'Filah for  
Shabbat Services.*

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