

# Shabbat Update January 8, 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

Yes, the wise man said that COVID is [still] in the driver's seat. If Tu B'Shevat were next month, a hybrid seder might have worked; however, Sunday, January 16, is now too soon. Although no longer at the temple, the seder will happen: same time (6:30 pm), same Zoom station (i.e., same meeting number and password used for Shabbat).

Last year, I found a copyright-free Haggadah which seemed to be well-received. Let's try



### January 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*

using it once more. You can find it on the Aish.com website. Compiled by Yitzhak Buxbaum, it is titled [Kabbalistic Tu B'shvat Seder](#). At this link it is possible to print out the seder for your use. This seder is not rule-oriented like a Passover seder, as it is a creation of the 16th-century Kabbalists. (The Passover seder is mandated by Torah and Talmud, and has definite requirements.) Therefore, please don't worry if you cannot or would rather not get every food item on the "list," as appreciation and enjoyment are more important than worrying about what you might not have.

The list: figs, dates, pomegranates, olives, grapes (or raisins), wheat (bread, cake, cereal), barley (cereal, beer!), nuts with shells (pistachios are easiest shelling-wise), fruits with peels (oranges, pomegranates, avocado), fruit with edible seeds (blueberries, strawberries), fruit with inedible pits (peach, plums), red wine or grape juice, white wine or grape juice, a fragrant fruit. You may use a seder plate, tablecloth, special dishes, basically anything you choose to enhance the experience.

Speaking of seders, this week's Parashat Bo includes the well-known line read at the Passover seder: "And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'Because of this, the Lord did for me when I went out of Egypt.'" The previous verses (Exodus 13:6-7) include the command to eat matzot for seven days — turning our attention to this springtime festival in the middle of winter. I will be reading these verses from the Torah on Friday.

Before Friday is Thursday's debut of Adult Education's "Aseret: The Big Ten." Materials are in and distributed, but it's not too late to get a set of your own, in digital or print form. Just visit [this link](#). I'm sure the editors of the Shabbat Update will include insights gleaned from the class in future editions.

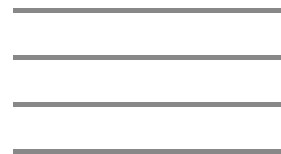
Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman

*continue*

Thursday  
January 6  
7:00 - 7:45 pm  
Adult Hebrew  
7:45 - 8:30 pm  
Adult Education  
"Aseret - The  
Big Ten"  
ZOOM only

Friday  
January 7  
7:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat  
Service  
In person &  
ZOOM



## **Yahrzeits for week ending**

**January 8, 2022  
2 Sh'vat 5782**

Marian Lippel Willis

Nina Lichtenstein

John Ridgeway

Beatrice Yankelevitz

Rudolph H.  
Mendelsohn



## This Week's Torah Portion

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**Bo**

**בּוֹ**

**Go [to Pharaoh]**

**Exodus 10:1–13:16**

### Summary

- God sends the plagues of locusts and darkness upon Egypt and forewarns Moses about the final plague, the death of every Egyptian firstborn. Pharaoh still does not let the Israelites leave Egypt. (10:1-11:10)
- God commands Moses and Aaron regarding the Passover festival. (12:1-27)
- God enacts the final plague, striking down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt except those of the House of Israel. Pharaoh now allows the Israelites to leave. (12:29-42)
- Speaking to Moses and Aaron, God repeats the commandments about Passover. (12:43-13:16)

Pauline Bamberger

Ira Rosenbaum

Sidney Craig  
Goodman

Morton Wm Peskin

Esther Eisenberg

Rose Price  
Rosenbaum

Ethel Schindler

and the recent  
passing of  
Steven Leibowitz



### **Happy Birthday**

**January 13**

Gregg Schaaf  
Robin Reddng

**January 24**

Deb Litman

**January 26**

Carol Granet

**Happy  
Anniversary**

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