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Shabbat Update December 10 , 2022

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Dear BCT Membership,

BCC's Annual Meeting is four short days away. Everyone should have received notice either by mail or email. Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am is when you will hear reports from officers and committee



December Calendar of Events

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

chairs, as well as vote on proposed amendments to the constitution. You can be sure something delicious to eat will be provided.

Perhaps a bit more fun for all: BCC's 2022 Hanukkah Extravaganza on Friday, December 23 at 6:00 pm. We begin by lighting Hanukkah candle number six. As we did last year, there will be a short—but lively—Shabbat service in the vestry, ending with latkes, potluck, and party festivities. For this celebration, it's better to be at the temple than on Zoom. Such master latke-making cannot be fully appreciated virtually.

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew continues online at 7:00 am.

Shabbat evening services resume on Friday with the reading of "Vayishlach." Jacob fearfully anticipates his journey through Esau's land, dreading the inevitable encounter with his wronged brother. Some have faulted Jacob as the Bible's best-known usurper and trickster. Esau proves himself nothing but gracious after Jacob's encounter with a mysterious name-changing entity. Timid Yaakov (Jacob) becomes the victorious Yisrael (Israel). Soon thereafter, honor is maintained (as fates are sealed).

Hope to see you this Friday night and Sunday morning,

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Richard Bessman



services.

ZOOM services continue

**Thursday
December 8
7:00 pm
Adult Hebrew**

**Friday
December 9
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service
ZOOM &
In-person**

**Sunday
December 11
11:00 am
Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Election of
Officers
Light Lunch
to follow**



**Yahrzeits for
week ending**

December 10

Helene Manasse



This Week's Torah Portion

Vayishlach

[Jacob] Sent

Genesis 32:4–36:43

Summary:

- Jacob prepares to meet Esau. He wrestles with a "man," who changes Jacob's name to Israel. (32:4-33)
 - Jacob and Esau meet and part peacefully, each going his separate way. (33:1-17)
 - Dinah is raped by Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, who was chief of the country. Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi take revenge by murdering all the males of Shechem, and Jacob's other sons join them in plundering the city. (34:1-31)
 - Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin and is buried in Ephrah, which is present-day Bethlehem. (35:16-21)
 - Isaac dies and is buried in Hebron. Jacob's and Esau's progeny are listed. (35:22-36:43)
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Ruvim Valdman

Ida Greenbaum

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Klionsky**

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David Sigel

Fannie Wolf

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Abe Feigus

Moses Lippel

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David Shear

Ida Gottlieb



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

12/13

Nicole Manto

12/29

Steven Shapiro

12/29

Howard Hansell

12/30



Gayle Griffith

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

**December 23
Marilyn & Larry
Brock**



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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
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