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Shabbat Update for December 31 , 2022

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Dear BCC Membership,

The bad news is not really news anymore: winter interfered with the sixth night of the Hanukkah candle lighting/Shabbat services/potluck dinner and party. We wisely decided to postpone the party part. However, candle lighting and Shabbat services took place thanks to the magic of Zoom and B'er Chayim South's strong cellular connection.

The good news is that latkes and festivities are scheduled for next Saturday's morning services:



December Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM services
continue*

**Thursday
December 29**

Saturday, January 7, 2023 (we'll need to start getting used to the "3"). Services begin at 10:00 am and will conclude by 11:30 am. Thanks go to the Religious Committee for their flexibility in handling this last-minute change.

Joseph continues to save the Children of Israel from certain peril in Parashat Vayigash. More than that, they begin to prosper—all with Pharaoh's blessing! The moral of the story: enjoy life while you can for, as some know well, times may change.

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew continues at 7:00 pm. Remember that it's not too late to join in the fun. There is a bit of a learning curve, and we have passed several hurdles over the past few months. We are discovering how our terrific attitude and camaraderie make for easier learning.

Friday Shabbat Evening Services return to 7:30 pm with oneg following. The weather promises to be kinder this week. Hope to see you at the temple or on Zoom,

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor Richard Bessman



This Week's Torah Portion

Vayigash

ויגַשׁ

7:00 pm
Adult Hebrew

Friday
December 30
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service

Thursday
January 5
7:00 pm
Adult Hebrew
ZOOM

Friday
January 6
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE

Saturday
January 7
10:00 am
Morning Shabbat
Services

followed by
our
rescheduled
Hanukkah Potluck
(hopefully
complete with
Latkes!)

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. (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)



Yahrzeits for week ending

December 24

Lester Millenson

Carrie Peskin

Rabbi William
Rosenau

Herman White

Rose Greenberg

Gertrude Mandell

Annette Brock

Sally Helen Kalet

Sigmund Tanzer

Beatrice Castelle
Hirsch

Samuel Hirsch

Florence Judith
Lange

Betty Price

Gustav Steinberger

December 31

Max Feinstein

Freida D. Togut

Nosen David
Waingold

Mollie Lipsch

Catherine Elizabeth
Shofer

Joseph White

Ruth Baron

Simon Kline

Richard Elias
Schindler

Bertram Friedland

David S. Hurwitz

Gertrude Schmitt

Jeanne D. Newman

Richard Schwab

Paul Steinberger



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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Password will be
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Password will be the
same each Friday
evening. Please
remember that Rebecca
is part time, and leave*



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