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Shabbat Update for January 7, 2023

To rbessman@berchayim.org

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Dear BCT Membership,

Everyone should have received this month's bulletin via email yesterday, if not via regular mail shortly. The highlights not to be missed:

- Welcome to 2023! Hope everyone has been diligent in making their resolutions. To paraphrase a wise friend: Resolutions are to be kept, not broken. I'm interested in hearing what you have added to your Jewish life this year.
- David Shapiro reminded me that the Ukraine situation has become worse with winter along with the impact of continued aggression. There are many charities worthy of your donation. His suggestion: the UNICEF Emergency Fund for the children of Ukraine. UNICEF has been helping more than 500,000 children in the region. More information can be found at www.unicefusa.org.
- Closer to home, 2022 did not go out with a whimper. 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

January Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM and
in-person services
continue*

**Thursday
January 5
7:00 pm
Adult Education**

**Friday
January 6
NO EREV
SHABBAT
SERVICE**

Saturday

and Shabbat services took place thanks to the magic of Zoom and B'er Chayim South's strong cellular connection—sadly, without the requisite latkes. Fear not, latkes and festivities are scheduled for this Saturday after morning services. Services begin at 10:00 am and will conclude by 11:30 am. Thanks go to the Religious Committee for their flexibility in handling the last-minute change. Come enjoy and share your (Jewish) new year's resolutions.”

So, please remember to come this Saturday expecting a quick 90-minute service followed by excellent latkes. Also, don't miss out on tomorrow's adult education class.

It looks like the new year is off to a great start. Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

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)

**January 7
10:00 am
Morning Shabbat
Services**

**followed by
our
rescheduled
Hanukkah Potluck
featuring
hot, fresh
LATKES!!**

Yahrzeits for week ending

January 7

Gustav Sauer

Marion Lippel Willis

Bernard Friedland

Nina Lichtenstein

John Ridgeway

Rudolph H.
Mendelsohn

Pauline Bamberger

Ira Rosenbaum

Sidney Craig
Goodman

Morton Wm Peskin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 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)

**Potluck Brunch featuring
fresh/hot Latkes**

Saturday

January 7, 2023

11:30 am

**Following Saturday Morning
Service**

(starts at 10:00 am)

**Bring a dish to share, dessert
and beverages provided**

**January 13
Gregg Schaaf**

**January 13
Robin Redding**

**January 24
Deb Litman**

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Password will be
emailed back to you.
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Password will be the
same each Friday
evening. Please
remember that Rebecca
is part time, and leave
yourself enough time.*

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prayerbooks for ZOOM
services:
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