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Shabbat Update for January 14, 2023

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Dear BCC Membership,

2023 is definitely off to a great start at B'er Chayim. Though the Hanukkah celebration was delayed, it was by no means diminished. Last Saturday morning services included an expected Torah reading, D'var, Haftarah, a bit of song, and ruach—all accompanied by the pleasant scent of freshly-made latkes. Services ended at 11:30



January Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM and
in-person services*

am, as promised. After a quick kiddish, worshippers gathered for a truly festive and delicious oneg. Much planning and dedication by many contributed to this success. There were shoppers, master fryers, food preparers, setup crew, and cleanup crew. Thanks to Beth, Debbie, Doug, Francine, Gayle, Gregg, and Howard. Some did double and triple duty. As it was a potluck, we are also grateful to everyone who brought food to share. I doubt anyone left hungry.

Now that we have begun Shemot this week (the second book of Moses), we realize that 5783 is well underway. Jacob was most harsh with Levi last week (along with Simeon, of course), and we discover that—ironically—Moshe Rabeinu is set to bring much honor to that tribe. Shifra and Pu'ah teach us that not all Egyptians are bad, as women once again save the day; and, we cannot forget that Batyah's kindnesses argue for her place as the fifth matriarch of the Jewish people. I look forward to hearing about Michael's perspective on Parashat Shemot. Please come and support Michael as he leads the congregation in prayer this Friday.

The Midwinter Retreat in Palm Springs for Conservative cantors, Guild of Temple Musicians members, and Reform cantors is in full swing. Luckily for me, it coincides with the 76th Annual Convention of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis. I was treated to Shacharit (morning prayer) led by the 5th-year students from Hebrew Union College and the staff of the Central Conference of American Rabbis on Monday. It was a most musical service experience, filled with hand clapping, guitar, and novel melodies. Fortunately, Debbie Friedman's traditional Mi Shebeirach was included.

Biblical Hebrew continues tomorrow at 7:00 pm. Students are close to accepting the fact that past is perfect, though future may be less than. Margie is the current resident expert. I am sure that she would welcome any inquiry on the subject.

The new year is off to a hopeful start.

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Thursday
January 12
7:00 pm
Adult Education

Friday
January 13
7:30 pm
Erev Shabbat
Service



Yahrzeits for week ending

January 14

Esther Eisenberg

Harold Maxwell
Hersch

Bertram K.Lazarus

Oscar Feldstein

Esther Beerman

Anna Waingold

David I. Levi

David Levy

Shabbat Shalom,

Hazzan Richard Bessman

This Week's Torah Portion

Sh'mot

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 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 13
Gregg Schaaf

January 13
Robin Redding

January 24
Deb Litman



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and the ID and
Password will be

and makes life even harder for the Israelites. (5:1-23)

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

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