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## Shabbat Update for February 4, 2023

To rbessman@berchayim.org

# Shabbat Update February 4, 2023

Dear BCC Members,

We have a few notable events taking place at the temple this month.

Sunday's Tu B'shvat seder at 5:00 pm is now only five days away. I hope everyone received an Evite email. The short seder takes place before a catered dinner which is sure to be delicious. Please respond by tomorrow (Thursday) to help us ensure that enough food is ordered.

February 2023 marks the beginning of a change in service schedule: Saturday morning services are now on the first and third Shabbats of the month. We understand that many enjoy spending Friday night at home and Saturday morning at the temple.

On Sunday, February 19, BCC's book club meets to discuss Dan Ephron's book at 10:30 am. "Killing a King, the Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel" may help to clarify some of the political and social pressures we see in Israel. It is dense, but important reading. The time to begin reading is now.

Enjoy Friday night at home and hope to see you

## February Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM and  
in-person services  
continue*

**Thursday  
February 2  
7:00 pm  
Adult Education**

**Friday  
February 3  
NO Erev  
Shabbat Service**

**Saturday  
February 4**

Saturday at 10:00 am, Sunday at 5:00 pm!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Richard Bessman

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## This Week's Torah Portion

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*B'shalach*

בְּשַׁלַּח

***Now When [Pharaoh] Let [the People]  
Go***

***Exodus 13:17–17:16***

Summary:

- The Children of Israel escape across the Sea of Reeds from Pharaoh and his army, who drown when God drives back the sea. (13:17-14:31)
- Moses and the Israelites sing a song praising Adonai. (15:1-21)
- In the wilderness, God provides the grumbling Israelites with quails and manna. God instructs the Israelites to gather and prepare on the sixth day food needed for Shabbat. (15:22-16:36)
- The people complain about the lack of water. Moses hits a rock with his rod and brings forth water. (17:1-7)
- Israel defeats Amalek, Israel's eternal enemy. God vows to blot out the memory of Amalek from the world. (17:8-16)

10:00 am  
Morning Shabbat  
Service

Sunday  
February 5  
Tu B'Shevat  
Seder  
&  
Dinner

Details in  
Rabbi  
Bessman's  
Column

Sunday  
February 19  
10:30 am  
Book Group  
place TBA

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### Yahrzeits for week ending

Fannie B. Margolis

Meyer Olin

Jean Schwartz

Bessie Beerman

Madeline  
Guggenheimer

Jay Brieloff

Eugenia Sack



Charles Schwab

Basya  
Serebryanaya

Irving Goldstein

Lillian Landauer

Lillian Tanzer  
Lindauer

Anita Bauer

Yakov Gordon

Jane Schwab

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**February 8**  
Marilyn Brock

**February 13**  
Valeria Arch

**February 20**  
Dottie Hohing

**February 22**  
Ben Goldstein

**February 23**  
Brian Lang

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**February 14**  
Debra & Gregg  
Schaaf





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**"Virtual" 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 website (www.berchayim.org). Those links will take you to Mishkah T'Filah for Shabbat Services.*

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