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# Shabbat Update for February 11, 2023

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Dear BCC Members,

Sunday's Tu B'shvat seder—no surprise here—was a rousing success thanks to members of the ritual committee, board members, and Aish.com. As expected, fruit was the first course followed by a delicious catered dinner.



### February Calendar of Events

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

*ZOOM and  
in-person services*

Now, we look forward to Dan Ephron's BCC's book club discussion of "Killing a King, the Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel" on February 19, at 10:30 am. The book provides critical information that helps to clarify some of the political and social pressures we see in Israel.

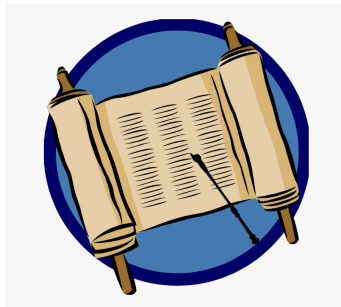
As you know, February 2023 marks the beginning of a change in service schedule: Saturday morning services are now on the first and third Shabbats of the month. We understand many enjoy spending Friday night at home and Saturday morning at the temple.

This week, we have Friday night services at the temple at 7:30 pm. If you missed the seder, you are in luck: there are some leftovers for the oneg.

Tomorrow, Adult Hebrew resumes at 7:00 pm. Adult Education ended its foray into common Jewish terms one hears around town. The next month or three will be devoted to the "Birkat Hamazon" (Grace after Meals). One would expect to say this prayer often, several times a day. Unfortunately, it is long; fortunately, it becomes like an old friend after the first 1,000 repetitions, or so.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Richard Bessman



## This Week's Torah Portion

*continue*

Thursday  
February 9  
7:00 pm  
Adult Education

Friday  
February 10  
7:30 pm  
Erev  
Shabbat Service

Thursday  
February 16  
7:30 pm  
Adult Hebrew

Friday  
February 17  
NO Erev  
Shabbat Service

Saturday  
February 18  
10:00 pm  
Morning Shabbat  
Service

Sunday  
February 19  
10:30 am  
Book Group  
place TBA

"Killing A  
King: The  
Assassination of  
Yitzhak Rabin  
and the  
Remaking of  
Israel"

## Yitro

יִתְרוֹ *Jethro*

**Exodus 18:1–20:23**

### Summary:

- Yitro brings his daughter Zipporah and her two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, to his son-in-law Moses. (18:1-12)
- Moses follows Yitro's advice and appoints judges to help him lead the people. (18:13-27)
- The Children of Israel camp in front of Mount Sinai. Upon hearing the covenant, the Israelites respond, "All that God has spoken we will do." (19:1-8)
- After three days of preparation, the Israelites encounter God at Mount Sinai. (19:9-25)
- God gives the Ten Commandments aloud directly to the people. (20:1-14)
- Frightened, the Children of Israel ask Moses to serve as an intermediary between God and them. Moses tells the people not to be afraid. (20:15-18)

And Another Torah Portion

(from [www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com))

### Parashat Yitro

Moses tells his father-in-law, Jethro, about the miracle of the exodus. Jethro proclaims that the Israelite God is greater than all other gods, and he makes a sacrifice. Jethro then advises Moses to delegate leadership roles in order not to tire himself out. The Israelites camp at the bottom of Mount Sinai. After three days, the mountain fills with smoke, and God delivers the Ten Commandments to His people.



### Yahrzeits for week ending

**February 11**

Miriam Schindler

Rose Spear

Harry Parish

Sara Sommer

Louis J. Cator

Maye F. Freedman

Johanna Rapp

Isaac Hirsch

Evelyn Kauffman

Roslyn Leonard

Harry Olin

Helena Sauer

Carol Jean Hersch

Barbara Heller

Dr. Irving  
Rosenbaum, Jr.



# Tu B'Shevat Seder

A wonderful time was enjoyed  
by all attendees



Did you know that blueberries  
have seeds?

Itty-btty ones (and quite a few too!

## 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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Password will be  
emailed back to you.  
The ZOOM Id and  
Password will be the  
same each Friday  
evening. Please  
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is part time, and leave  
yourself enough time.

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