



Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Vayakel /Pekudei

שבת וַיִּקְהַל-פְּקוּדֵי

Shabbat HaChodesh

Bat Mitzvah: Lauren Levinson

Baby Naming: Danica Lee Kurtzer

March 18, 2023 / 25 Adar, 5783

Annual Torah Reading:	Exodus	35:1 – 40:38	page 552
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Haftarah Reading:	Ezekiel	45:16-46:18	page 1290

Weekly Torah Reading – Pekudei

Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. The commandment to keep Shabbat is repeated; one may not kindle fire on Shabbat.
2. The Torah recaps the construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and Priestly garments.
3. The people bring more than is necessary for completing the Mishkan, and Moses instructs them to stop.
4. While Betzalel and Oholiav fashion the Mishkan, Moses inaugurates it.
5. The book of Exodus closes with God's presence filling the Mishkan in the form of a cloud, and Moses unable to enter while the cloud filled the space.

Drash – A Closer Look at the Parsha

“And everyone who excelled in ability and everyone whose spirit was moved came, bringing to God an offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its services and for the sacral vestments” (Ex. 35:21).

We often think of the Israelites as one big group of people and lose sight of their individual abilities. Here, we see the artisans spotlighted as the ones who are going to build and decorate the Tabernacle. Rabbi Yaakov ben Asher, the 13th century German/Spanish commentator, explains that each person utilized their strengths working together. Those who had no training were able to perform tasks they had never considered themselves capable of performing. Artisans who were skilled in performing tasks but had never trained others to do so now became skilled at teaching their art, and men or women who had never displayed skill with their hands were suddenly inspired to do so. They came to Moses' volunteering to perform the tasks that were required.

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Weekly Service Times:

Friday Eve 6:15pm, Shabbat Morning 9am

Sunday Morning 9am, Monday—Thursday Evenings 7pm,

Wednesday Morning 7:30am

Yasher Koach Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg and Cantor Israel Singer for leading services. Rick Gold, Lauren Levinson, Michael Goodman and Cantor Israel Singer for reading Torah and Lauren Levinson for chanting the Haftorah.

Bruchim Habaim to Rabbi Hirshel Jafee and thank you for delivering this week's sermon.

Thank you to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz and Steve Leeman for serving as our Gabbaim.

Thank you to Louann Reed for serving as our Parnas.

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to the Levinson family on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lauren Levinson.

Mazal Tov to the Kurtzer family on the baby naming of their daughter Danica Lee Kurtzer.

Sponsors

Thank you to the Levinson family for co-sponsoring the Kiddush and bima flowers in honor of Lauren's Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to Kurtzer family for co-sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Danica Lee's baby naming.

Announcements

We Talk Hebrew! With Cantor Singer Tuesday, March 21st at 7:15 PM. Join us on Tuesday evenings, as we learn modern conversational Hebrew with Cantor Singer!

Z'havah Yoga Class Sunday, March 19th at 9:15 AM. Class will be taught by local yoga instructor, Jenny Mirmelstein. Fruit and pastries to follow after class. \$18 per adult (Please bring a mat*). Please complete the registration on or before Wednesday, March 15th.

Temple Emanu-El's 95th Annual Celebration Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM. Join us as we honor Judi & Arnie Herrmann, Heather & Jeff Pavell and, Jillian & Daniel Herz. [Please submit your journal ad and purchase your tickets by March 20th!](#)

Sisterhood Study Group with Rabbi Kirshner Friday, March 24th at 10:30 AM.

Hazak Israeli Culinary Arts* Tuesday, March 28th at 11:00 AM. Join us as we explore Israeli Cuisine alongside our culinary expert, and 2 Plate Solution Founder, Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner. *Hazak at TE: A Jewish Community of Seniors Dedicated to Lifelong Education & Enrichment.

From the Borscht Belt to Broadway Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30 PM. Join us for a night full of comedy, cheese and wine with special guest, Alan Zweibel, original Saturday Night Live writer, 5-time Emmy award winner and noted author.

The Abraham Accords: An Insiders Perspective Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 AM. Please join us as we welcome, Scholar in Residence, Kirsten Fontenrose, President of Red Six International for a shabbat morning service Q&A.**Followed by dessert reception [Click Here to Sign Up.](#)

TE Passover Seder Thursday, April 6th - Short Seder at 5:30 PM. Traditional Seder at 6:30 PM. Join us as we bring back a Temple Emanu-El tradition, celebrate this Passover with your family and our family.

Temple Emanu-El is launching a new Social Action Program: Just One More Thing. JOMT is designed to address and combat food insufficiency right here in our community. We will be partnering with the Closter Food Pantry, targeting items month by month that are most in need. We are asking our congregation to purchase "just one more thing" when shopping at supermarket. This month we are collecting Boxed Milk. Drop-off location: Temple Office. Any questions, please contact Wendy Weiss at wendyweiss15@gmail.com.