

# Temple Emanu-El

## Shabbat Ha'azinu

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October 4, 2025 / 12 Tishrei 5786

**Bar Mitzvah:** Aiden Zaliha

Annual & Triennial Torah Reading:	Deuteronomy	32:1-52	page 1185
Haftarah Reading:	II Samuel	22:1-51	page 1197

### Weekly Torah Reading – Ha'azinu

#### Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. As we approach the end of the annual Torah reading cycle, Moses sings an elaborate song with a distinct and immediately recognizable layout in the Torah of two columns. Some themes that make up this song include:
  - a. God's endless kindnesses to Israel.
  - b. Israel's prosperity that led them to betray God.
  - c. Israel will suffer for their infidelity, but will eventually return to God.
2. At the end of the parsha, God commands Moses to climb Mount Nebo, where he will die overlooking the Promised Land that the rest of the Israelites will soon enter.

#### Drash – A Closer Look at this Week's Parsha

**"For [the Torah] is not an empty thing for you, for it is your life"** (Deuteronomy 32:47).

A midrashic interpretation of this verse explains it to mean that the Torah is not empty, and if you find it to be lacking, the failure comes from you, and not from the text.

Sometimes we read things we don't understand and dismiss it as being esoteric or confusing. Knowing that each word in the Torah is important, this reading explains that it is not the Torah that is empty, but the readers. When one does not understand Torah, one cannot blame the Torah for being empty, but should redouble his or her own effort to understand it.

## Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

This week's service times:

**Friday Evening 6:15pm, Shabbat Morning 9am**

**Sunday Morning 9am,**

**Monday Evening Erev Sukkot 6:15pm**

**Tuesday & Wednesday Morning 9am**

**Thursday Evening 7pm**

Yasher Koach to Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg and Cantor Israel Singer for leading services. To Aiden Zaliha and Adi Rabinowitz for reading Torah and to Aiden for chanting the Haftarah.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz and Steve Leeman for serving as our Gabbaim. Thank you to Steve Feinmark and Allison Egert for serving as our Parnas and Glen Graye and Jeff Graubard for serving as our Shabbat Greeters.

### **Mazal Tov**

Mazal Tov to the Zaliha family on Aiden becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### **Sponsors**

Thank you to the Zaliha family for co-sponsoring the Kiddush and sponsoring the bima food baskets with their donation to the Closter Food Pantry.

Thank you to Erika & David Horowitz for co-sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Erika's father, Nate Borodinsky z"l.

Thank you to Seth Buchwald for co-sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Seth's dear wife, Joyce Buchwald z"l and Seth's father, Marshall Buchwald z"l.

Thank you to Sherman Fromme and Diana Rosner for co-sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Sherman's wife and Diana's Mother, Berta Fromme z"l.

Thank you to Rabbi David-Seth & Dori Kirshner and family for sponsoring Kiddush in memory of their mother, Barbara Kirshner z'l.

### **Announcements:**

**TE Teens Homecoming Hangout Sunday, October 5th at 11:30 AM.** Join us for an awesome start to the year! Come hang out with other teens, hear about exciting opportunities to volunteer, learn and connect throughout the year, enjoy a great lunch, play games, take part in fun activities and help us build and decorate the sukkah. Don't miss it - it's the perfect way to kick off the year together! Please [RSVP HERE!](#)

**Schechter Sukkot Celebration at TE Wednesday, October 8th at 9:00 AM.** TE invites Schechter Bergen\* families to join us for services at 9:00 AM, followed by a Festive Dairy Kiddush at 11:00 AM in our Sukkah. Featuring an ice cream truck for all in attendance! Kids of all ages welcome! To help us plan, please [RSVP HERE!](#) \*Kiddush is co-sponsored by Schechter Bergen in celebration and appreciation of the strong connection between our shared communities.

**Hazak Sukkot Celebration Thursday, October 9th at 11:30 AM.** Hazak Members: Join us for a special luncheon in the Sukkah! This gathering kicks off our Hazak series; a collection of engaging programs designed just for seniors, typically held Tuesdays at 11:30 AM. *Please note: this is the only session taking place on a Thursday.* To RSVP, please call the Temple office at 201-750-9997.

**Steak n' Scotch in the Sukkah Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM.** TE Men's Club: Join us at 7:00 PM for Minyan, followed by Men's Club 12th Annual Steak n' Scotch in the Sukkah! Thursday Night Football game (Giants vs. The Eagles) to be shown. Adults: \$54 per person with advance registration. Registration after 10/5 or at the door is \$72. Must be 21+ to attend. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

**Kids Kiddush in the Sukkah Saturday, October 11th at 10:15 AM.** TE Families: Celebrate Sukkot with us at a special Kids Kiddush in the Sukkah! We'll enjoy a short Shabbat program, storytime, and kid friendly treats, plus the chance to celebrate together in the sukkah! [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

**Sisterhood Sushi in the Sukkah Sunday, October 12th at 6:00 PM.** Sisterhood Members: Join us for a can't miss "Girls Night Out". COMPLIMENTARY FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS (Non-Member: \$36 per person). [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP! Sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El.

**Deal Me In: A Sisterhood Game Series Thursday, October 23rd at 7:15 PM.** Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the table, this monthly Sisterhood gathering is your chance to connect, unwind, and enjoy a morning (or evening!) of games and good company. Choose your game: Mah Jongg or Canasta and join fellow women from our community for light snacks, laughter, and low-pressure fun. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

**Wild Animal Shabbat Friday, October 24th at 4:30 PM.** TE Families: Join us for a special Wild Animal Shabbat geared towards kids ages 2-7, however kids of all ages are welcome to come. It's sure to be a wildly good time! Please [RSVP HERE](#) to join us!

**Texas Hold'Em Thursday, November 6th at 7:30 PM.** Fundraiser to benefit Israel & Magen David Adom - Israel's national EMS organization. \$6500 PRIZE POOL (based on 100 players). [RSVP HERE](#) by November 3rd and get 10% extra chips!

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