



Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Eikev

פַּרְשַׁת עֵקֶב

August 1, 2026 / 18 Av 5786

Torah Reading:	Deuteronomy	7:12 – 11:25	page 1037
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Haftarah Reading:	Isaiah	49:14 -51:3	page 1056

Weekly Torah Reading – Eikev

Pshat – The Story at a glance

1. If the Israelites keep the commandments, then God will reward, bless, and multiply the people.
2. The Israelites are expected to thank God for their food. The *Birkat HaMazon*, which we recite after meals daily to express our gratitude to God for food and sustenance includes this instruction from Deuteronomy 8:10.
3. The Torah goes into great depth recalling Israel's sins in the desert in the hopes they do not repeat them once they reach the Holy Land.
4. We are told that God loves the vulnerable and powerless as much as those who have greater fortune.
5. Deuteronomy 11:13-21 is the section that would later become the second paragraph of the Shema. These verses speak of reward and punishment for keeping or ignoring the commandments.

Drash – A Closer Look At This Week's Parsha

If, then, you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you *this day*, loving your God and serving [God] with all your heart and soul... (Deuteronomy 11:13).

Among Rashi's questions on this verse is why the words "*this day*" are included. Rashi explains that this inclusion suggests that they should ever be to you as new commandments, as though you had heard them for the first time on that day.

A common question in Judaism is how we can make something feel fresh if we have been hearing it over and over again for our entire lifetimes (and for thousands of years as a collective people). Rashi's interpretation of "*this day*" encourages us as modern readers to approach this text with a fresh set of eyes each and every time we see it. We can make familiar material feel new again if we think of every day as a new opportunity to engage with these commandments.

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Weekly Service Times:

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

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

Wednesday Morning 7:30am

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg, and Cantor Israel Singer for leading services. Yasher Koach to Cantor Israel Singer and Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg for reading Torah and to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for chanting the Haftarah.

Thank You

Thank you to Steve Leeman and Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for serving as our Gabbaim. Thank you and Yasher Koach to Michael Brenner for leading us in P'sukei D'Zimra.

Thank you to Dr. Logan Brenner for delivering this week's Dvar Torah.

Sponsors

Thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring the bima food baskets and their donation to the Closter Food Panty.

Thank you to Robert & Susan Heidenberg for sponsoring the kiddush in memory of Susan's father Martin Ungerleider z"l and Robert's mother Sylvia Heidenberg z"l and grandmother Leah Gordon z"l.

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ANNOUCEMENTS:

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