



# Temple Emanu-El

## Shabbat Beshalach Shabbat Shirah

פֶּרַשַׁת בְּשַׁלַּח

January 27, 2024 / 17 Sh'vat 5784

**Bat Mitzvah: Dorothy Brie**

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### Weekly Torah Reading – Parashat Beshalach

#### Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. The Israelites prepare to finally leave Egypt. The Torah makes special mention of Moses taking the bones of Joseph to bury in Canaan, in accordance with Joseph's dying request at the end of Genesis.
2. After letting them go, Pharaoh has a change of heart and sends his army after the Israelites, which causes them to panic and ask Moses why they left in the first place.
3. The splitting of the Red Sea allows the Israelites to march through unscathed, while the raging waters drown the Egyptians. When the Israelites reach the other side safely, they sing the Song of the Sea as an acknowledgment of God's protective might.
4. Without any water to drink, the Israelites begin complaining. God subsequently provides Manna to eat and water to drink, which only temporarily halts their incessant complaints.
5. Israel is attacked by, and fights back against Amalek. The Israelites were famously successful in their battle whenever Moses had his hands raised, with Joshua leading their defeat against their enemy.

#### Of Note in this week's service

This week's Shabbat is Commonly referred to as *Shabbat Shirah* (Shabbat of Song) because we read the Song of the Sea (*Shirat HaYam*) from the Torah, which was jubilantly sung by the Israelites following their successful departure from Egypt. This song encompasses much of Exodus chapter 15, and you can see that the Humash mimics the special line spacing that appears in the actual Torah for this section. In the first line of The Song of the Sea, Exodus 15:1, we read: "Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord". As a way of symbolically reenacting the experience of joining in communal song, many have a custom of standing for this reading, and we will repeat select lines after the Torah reader.

## Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

#### SERVICE TIMES:

Friday Evening 6:15pm, Shabbat Morning 9am

Sunday morning 9am, Monday-Thursday evenings 7pm,

Wednesday morning 7:30am

Yasher Koach to Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Cantor Israel Singer and Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg for leading services and to Dorothy Brie, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Gabriel Freedman-Naditch, David Spiegel and Rochelle Berman for reading Torah and to Dorothy for chanting the Haftarah.

Bruchim Habaim to Pizmon.

### **Thank You**

Thank you, Louann Reed, for serving as our Parnas, Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for serving as our Gabbai and Criag Besnoy for serving as our Shabbat Greeter.

### **Mazal Tov**

Mazal Tov to the Brie family on Dorothy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### **Sponsors**

Thank you to the Brie family for co-sponsoring the kiddish and sponsoring the bima food baskets with a donation to the Closter Food Pantry.

Thank you to the Family of Ruth z"l and Bernie z"l Weinflash for sponsoring Pizmon this Shabbat.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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 the supermarket. *Drop-off location: Temple Office.*

#### **January Item: Oatmeal**

**Bagels and a Schmear Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.** Every Sunday minyan when Religious School is in session. Come for morning minyan at 9:00 AM after drop off and then stay a bit after, beginning around 9:30 AM for a tasty breakfast bite and great company. Meet and socialize with other parents from the Religious School and members of the congregation. No RSVP required. \*Sponsored by Our Men's Club

**We Talk Hebrew! With Cantor Singer Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM.** Join us as we learn modern conversational Hebrew with Cantor Singer. All levels welcomed | No experience necessary. Sign-up [HERE](#)!

**TE Gardening Club Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM.** Join us on Wednesdays alongside Religious School for a blooming new adventure in our vibrant community garden! Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or just getting started, our multi-generational (Ages 16+) gardening club is the perfect place to nurture your love for plants and connect with fellow members. Led by our Executive Director, Becky Skoff. [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

**Torah Institute with Rabbi Kirshner Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM.** You need not have any background for these classes. Just bring a curiosity and an appetite to explore more about our past, present and future. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

**Sisterhood Study Group Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Join Rabbi Kirshner on select Friday mornings for a women's study group. Click below to RSVP or contact Donna Weintraub at, donnaw64@gmail.com for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

**Kids Club Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 AM.** Join us Saturday morning in the Chapel for a Kids Program! The program will be geared towards younger kids (Pre-K to 2nd Grade) but all welcome. We will have a small Shabbat program, storytime, and some kid friendly treats. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

**Save the Date: Annual Celebration Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Save the Date for Temple Emanu-El's 96th Annual Celebration honoring Audrey & Andrew Kent, Debra & Seth Finkel and Amelia Gold & Brian Benson.

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