

## Shabbat Bo

## פָּרָשָׁת בֹּא

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**Bar Mitzvah:** Brian Gutmann

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### Weekly Torah Reading – Parashat Bo

#### Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. The 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> plagues – locusts, darkness and slaying of the firstborn – strike Pharaoh and Egypt.
2. Before they leave Egypt, the Israelites are given the commandment of following a separate Jewish calendar.
3. The Israelites are told to celebrate the Passover holiday in the future.
4. Eating a Paschal lamb and abstaining from leavened food are the key rituals to mark the Exodus' anniversary.
5. The Israelites prepare for their imminent departure from servitude in Egypt.

#### Drash – A Closer Look at the parsha

**The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the Land of Egypt; “This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you.” (Exodus 12:1-2).**

Why is the fact that this conversation was taking place in the land of Egypt specified here? According to Nachmanides (13<sup>th</sup> century Spain/Israel), the Torah makes specific mention of the location here because this is the first law that the Israelites would be receiving as a people on the verge of freedom—but that is not the only difference with this commandment. The majority of the laws they receive will be given at Sinai, but this first one is given in Egypt as they prepare to make their exodus and become a nation.

## Shabbat Shalom      שַׁבָּת שָׁלוֹם

#### **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, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg and Cantor Israel Singer, for leading services. To Cantor Israel Singer, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Jake Pollack and Brian Gutmann for reading Torah and to Brian for chanting the Haftarah.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Steve Leeman and Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for serving as our Gabbaim. Thank you to Louann Reed for serving as our Parnas and Melissa Rosenberg and Glen Graye for serving as our Shabbat Greeters.

### **Mazal Tov**

Mazal Tov to the Gutmann family on Brian becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### **Sponsors**

Thank you to the Gutmann family for sponsoring the Kiddush and the bima flowers with a donation to the Closter Food Pantry.

Thank you to the Malman family, Jared, Becky, Peter and Brooke for co-sponsoring the Kiddush in memory of their cherished father and grandfather Larry Malman's z"l first yahrzeit.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Israel Family Trip – December 2026 Informational Session, Wednesday January 28th, at 7:15 PM.** Join one of TE's signature experiences, a trip that generations of members have enjoyed. We will be holding an informational in-person session to review dates, itinerary and costs and gather an active list of participants, including what we can expect. Please RSVP to ([kramer@tecloster.org](mailto:kramer@tecloster.org)).

**Torah Institute with Rabbi Cohen, Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** Join Rabbi Cohen on select Wednesday evenings to explore contemporary Jewish questions rooted in our Jewish tradition. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

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

**Community Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.** Enjoy a delicious Shabbat meal with entertainment for kids. Let's raise a glass to the joys of good company and the pleasures of fine dining. Dessert will follow the service. \$36 per adult (ages 11 and up), \$18 per child (ages 10 and under). Please complete the registration [HERE](#) on or before Friday, January 30th.

**Hazak at TE: A Virtual Tour of Israel Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.** Hazak\* Members, join us for a virtual tour of Israel, presented by Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner! Our fifth session in a series of engaging activities created just for seniors, happening exclusively on Tuesdays at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served. \**Hazak at TE: A Jewish Community of Seniors Dedicated to Lifelong Education & Enrichment.* To RSVP please call 201-750-9997

**Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM.** This will be a very special Shabbat service led entirely by the women of Temple Emanu-El. You are invited and encouraged to participate! For more information, please email us at [TESisterhoodShabbat@gmail.com](mailto:TESisterhoodShabbat@gmail.com) to sign up for a part in leading this service.

**Out of this World Purim Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM.** Blast off and hamantaschen—Purim is Out of This World! Join us for an exciting Purim celebration! Get ready for a cosmic good time with music, dancing, and lots of fun. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy the festive, intergalactic atmosphere. Whether you're young or young at heart, this event is perfect for everyone. Come celebrate the Purim spirit—it's sure to be stellar! [RSVP HERE](#).

**Temple Emanu-El's 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** Honoring Nancy & Josh Gillon, Alicia & Hal Messer, and Rachel & David Harris. It's going to be MADNESS! [To RSVP & Submit a Journal Ad Click Here!](#)

**Passover Seder Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Join us as we celebrate this Passover with your family and our family. This year's communal Seder promises to be an engaging and enjoyable evening for guests of all ages. Our communal Seder will include a 4-course gourmet meal by Northern Valley Affairs and services will be led by Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg, and Cantor Israel Singer. MEMBERS | Adults – \$136 per person, Child – \$36 per child (12 years old and under). NON-MEMBERS | Adults – \$154 per person, Child – \$54 per child (12 years old and under). Please RSVP [HERE](#) by Friday, March 20th.

Please visit the Temple Emanu-El website for more information: <https://tecloster.org>