



Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Re'eh

פרשת ראה

August 8, 2026 / 25 Av 5786

Annual Torah Reading:	Deuteronomy	11:26 – 16:17	page 1061
Triennial Torah Reading:	Deuteronomy	11:26—12:28	page 1061
Haftarah Reading:	Isaiah	54:11-55:5	page 1085

Weekly Torah Reading – Re'eh

Pshat – The narrative at a glance

1. God offers the Israelites a choice of blessings or curses dependent on their obedience to the commandments.
2. Because the Land of Israel is sacred, it must not be tarnished by imitating the practices of idolaters.
3. The Israelites, at their best, are to be a treasured people and must accordingly hold themselves to higher ritual and ethical standards.
4. Part of that higher standard involves not eating certain foods by themselves (prohibited animals) or certain permitted foods together (milk and meat).
5. The Torah commands people to be generous toward each other, which includes forgiving personal loans to the needy in the Sabbatical Year (every 7 years).
6. This week's Torah reading ends with descriptions of the three pilgrimage holidays: Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Drash – A Closer Look at this Week's Parsha

“See, this day I set before you a blessing and a curse” (Deuteronomy 11:26)

According to the 12th century commentator, Ibn Ezra, “see” is written in the singular even though the people of Israel are seemingly being addressed as a whole. From this we learn that Moses spoke to each and every individual. Based on this grammatical oddity, we see the important role every single individual person has to play. The Torah is teaching us that improving a society makes every person accountable. No person matters more than any other, and it is incumbent upon us all to behave in a just way if we want to see the world change.

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 David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, and Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg for leading services. Yasher Koach to Michael Goodman, Jake Becker and Sammie Brenner for reading Torah and to Michael Brenner 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 Asher 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 Ronnie & Michael Brenner for Sponsoring Kiddush in honor of Asher Brenner delivering the Dv'ar Torah.

Thank you to Gloria & Wilson Aboudi for Co-Sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Wilson's parents, Rosa Aboudi & David Aboudi and Gloria's parents, Rahma Shamash & George Shamash.

Thank you to Marla & Robert Isackson for Co-Sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Robert's father, Charles N. Isackson z'l.

Thank you to Seth & Debra Finkel for Co-Sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Seth's mother, Estelle Finkel z"l.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

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Welcome Back BBQ Friday, August 28th at 5:00 PM. Please join us for our Welcome Back BBQ! Tickets Include: Food & Fun for the whole family, interactions with clergy, and activities for all ages! Don't miss the opportunity to connect with new members of the congregation and to re-connect with old friends! \$36 per adult (ages 11 and up); \$18 per child (ages 10 and under) [RSVP HERE](#)

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