

## Shabbat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim

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February 14, 2026 /27 Shevat 5786

**Bat Mitzvah:** Olive Sabari

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### Weekly Torah Reading – Parashat Mishpatim

#### Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. Immediately following the Ten Commandments, this Parsha outlines many civil and religious laws that were also dictated at Sinai.
2. Topics for civil laws include owning slaves, manslaughter, property damage, self-defense and helping the stranger.
3. Topics for religious laws include Shabbat, the Sabbatical year, the three Pilgrimage festivals and taking possession of Israel.
4. The Israelites, upon hearing the Revelation, famously agreed to the terms of the covenant with the words, “We will do and obey!”
5. The Parsha concludes with the aftermath of Revelation on Mount Sinai as Moses ascends the mountain and stays there 40 days and nights.

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

**Moses went and repeated to the people all the commands of God and all the rules; and all the people answered with one voice, saying “All the things that God commanded, we will do!” (Exodus 24:3)**

This is an important scene in the Torah in which the people of Israel announce that they will do whatever is commanded of them. In an act of unwavering faith in God, they say that first they will act, and only then they will listen. The 12<sup>th</sup> century Torah commentator, Avraham ben Meir Ibn Ezra explains that all the people answering at once was as if they were one person. During a time in the wilderness in which the Israelites complained bitterly about the conditions they were thrust into and the food they longed for, this is a moment of unity in which they all spoke in one voice in devotion to God.

**Shabbat Shalom**    שבת שלום

#### **SERVICE TIMES:**

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

**Sunday** 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 Dr. Rica Rabinowitz and Olive Sabari for reading Torah and to Olive for chanting the Haftarah.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Steve Leeman and Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for serving as our Gabbaim. Thank you to Steve Feinmark for serving as our Parnas and Michael Wanderman and Annette Stern for serving as our Shabbat Greeters. Thank you and Yasher Koach to Michael Brenner for leading us in P'sukei D'Zimra.

### **Mazal Tov**

Mazal Tov to the Sabari family on Olive becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### **Sponsors**

Thank you to the Sabari family for sponsoring the Kiddush and the bima food baskets with their donation to the Closter Food Pantry in honor of Olive's Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to Roni and Pam Dersovitz for co-sponsoring the Kiddush in memory of Roni's mother, Serena Dersovitz z"l.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Hazak at TE: A Virtual Tour of Israel Tuesday, February 17<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.

**TE Teen Hamantaschen Baking Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** TE Teens: Please join us to bake hamantaschen! Dinner will be provided. \*Must RSVP to attend. [RSVP HERE](#), we look forward to seeing you there!

**Purim Study Session Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** Join Rabbi Cohen for a Pre-Purim Study Session\* – Can we laugh at Hitler? Light bites and cocktails included. \*Sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club. [RSVP HERE](#).

**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!](#)

**Pickleball Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.** Join our TE Sisterhood and Men's Club for a fun morning of Pickleball! This is an adult coed event. All levels welcome. We will meet at Bergen County Pickleball Club (101 N. Summit Street, Tenafly, NJ). \$54 per member | Brunch included Please complete the registration [HERE](#) on or before Monday, March 16th.

**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.

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