

Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Pekudei

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March 16, 2024 / 6 Adar II, 5784

Bat Mitzvah: Charlotte Besnoy

Baby Naming: Penelope Jakalow

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Weekly Torah Reading – Parashat Pekudei

Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. Often paired with last week's parsha, Vayakhel, this week's parsha continues to deal with the details of the construction of the Tabernacle.
2. The clothing of the priestly class is described, including the breastplate, with each of the 12 colorful stones corresponding to the tribes of Israel.
3. The instruction is for the Tabernacle to be set up on the first day of the first month.
4. The book of Exodus closes with God's presence filling the Mishkan in the form of a cloud, and Moses is unable to enter while the cloud filled the space.

Drash – A Closer Look at this Week's Parsha

Then they brought the Tabernacle to Moses, with the Tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its plants, its bars, its posts and its sockets (Ex. 39:33).

The Tabernacle had to be brought to Moses because he was the only one among the people who could raise it. But according to a midrash cited by Rashi, even Moses had doubts about his abilities with regards to this task. In the midrash, Moses asks God how any one person could have the strength to lift the gigantic Mishkan on his own. And God responds to Moses telling him that he should keep doing what he was doing, but that it was in fact God's divine strength that caused the Tabernacle to rise. God and Moses work together here, and this midrash is a beautiful reminder of the Tabernacle being a meeting place between God and the people of Israel.

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Weekly Service Times:

Friday Eve 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. Jake Becker, Cantor Israel Singer, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, and Charlotte Besnoy for reading Torah and to Charlotte for chanting the Haftorah.

Baruch Haba to our Scholar in Residence Lt. Colonel Jonathan Conricus.

Thank You

Thank you, Annette Stern, for serving as our Parnas, Dr. Rica Rabinowitz, and Steve Leeman for serving as our Gabbaim and Neil Chalfin and Neil Epstein for serving as our Shabbat Greeters.

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to the Besnoy family on Charlotte becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Mazal Tov to the Jakalow and Landers families on the baby naming of their daughter and granddaughter Penelope Jakalow.

Sponsors

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

Thank you to the Jakalow family for co-sponsoring the kiddish in honor of Penelope Jakalow baby naming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Megillah Study Session Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 PM. Join Rabbi Cohen for a Megillah Study Session – An Adult discussion of The Book of Esther! Light bites & cocktails included. Sponsored by Our Sisterhood & Men's Club. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Curb Your Judaism Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 PM. In celebration of the final season of Curb Your Enthusiasm, join Rabbi Cohen as we revisit and discuss some of the Jewish highlights and themes of the show's 12 seasons. Open to all, whether you have seen every episode or simply can't stand Larry David. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Purim Basket Packing Thursday, March 21st at 9:30 AM. Purim is fast approaching, and we need your help with packing Mishloach Manot! Come join in the communal spirit of Sisterhood at this joyous time. For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Ruth Pomerantz at, vraimom@aol.com.

Saturday Night Purim Live Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM. Join us for an Adult Purim Evening! Trivia Night, with prizes. We will start the night with Megillah Reading at 7:30 PM (Kids & Adults Welcomed – Free) followed by Schmoozing, Cocktails, & Trivia (Open Bar 21+ | Adults only - \$36 per person). [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Purim Matinee Sunday, March 24th at 9:00 AM. Join us for an exciting Purim celebration at Temple Emanu-El (180 Piermont Road, Closter, NJ)! It's going to be a blast with music, dancing, and lots of fun. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Whether you're young or young at heart, this event is perfect for everyone. Come and be part of the Purim spirit – it's going to be a morning to remember! [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Purim Mishloach Manot Sunday, March 24th at 9:00 AM. The Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El is offering Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets) to congregants for drive-by pick-up. Happy Purim from the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El!

Teen Hamantaschen Baking Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 PM. TE Teens: Please join us to bake hamantaschen! Dinner will be provided. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Passover Seder Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate this Passover with your family and our family! Our communal Seder will include a 4-course gourmet meal by Northern Valley Affairs and services will be led by our clergy. All ages are welcome! \$118 per adult | \$36 per child. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

To register for upcoming events please visit the Temple website at <https://templeemanu-el.com>.