

Simchat Torah 5779

Musicians: Tal, Terry, John

1) **Ma'ariv Service** (7:05-7:40) (including "Torah Quiz"!)

2) **Hakkafot** (7:45-8:10):

End of Amidah, after *Shalom Rav*, ark is opened and Sifrei Torah removed (p. 657).
Leaders called up for each Hakkafah.

INTRO: The honor (and pleasure) of holding a Torah scroll, especially if you've never done it. **Make a circle, Torah holders in the lead.** Torah scrolls can be handed off, carefully!

1st hakafah: Chant – Aneinu (in C)

Lo Yisa Goy el Goy Cherev - Yismechu Hashamayim (Cm)

2nd hakafah: Chant – Aneinu (in C)

Israeli dance: *U'shavtem Mayim* + [Hinei Mah Tov \(dance version\)](#) (Am)

3rd hakafah: Chant – Aneinu (in C)

Hava Nagila (Dm) – Scottish tunes

4th hakafah: Chant – Aneinu (in C)

Klezmer dance tunes (instrumental)

3) Torah Unrolling & Reading (8:15-8:40)

- Unroll Torah scroll – **Instrumental tune (Ben's?)**
- Do a "virtual tour," stopping at highlights (BM kids/Rabbi Shahar)
 - Devarim 34:5-12 - **Read English**
 - **Aliyah 1: Devarim 34:9-12** **READER: Sue Lanser**
ALIYAH: Kids!

RE-ROLL THE SCROLL - "[It is a Tree of Life](#)" (kids up to play) – Am-C-D-E

THE BEGINNING:

➤ **Bereshit 1:1-8 – Read English**

➤ **Aliyah 2: Bereshit 1:1-5 READER: Dianne**

➤ **ALIYAH – Our leaders! Board, off-board chairs**

➤ **Aliyah 3: Bereshit 1:6-8 READER: Elaine**

ALIYAH: Anyone who has chanted Torah this past year, here or elsewhere, or would like to learn to leyn in the coming year.

4) Put Sifrei Torah away, as we sing “Etz Chayim Hee”

TORAH TOUR

Bereshit:

1) In the beginning – the Creation of the world! God takes 7 days to create the world and everything on, in, and around the earth.

2) The flood – God creates a huge flood because there is a lot of evil in the world (RAIN SOUND EFFECTS).

Noah builds an ark and brings animals onto it 2 by 2 (MAKE ANIMAL NOISES!). At the end of the flood, Noah sends out the dove, and it comes back with an olive branch – Noah knows the flood is over.

3) Abraham leaves home – and heads for Canaan! There, he has two sons – Ishmael and then Isaac. Abraham kicks Ishmael out, and tries to sacrifice Isaac, but luckily an angel stops him.

4) Jacob tricks Esau out of his birthright.

5) Joseph and his brothers – Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers, but everything ends up okay – he becomes the most powerful man in Egypt, and then brings all of his family down to join him.

END OF THE BOOK OF BERESHIT

Shemot:

1) Pharaoh enslaves the Israelites (Come on, seriously!?) (MAKE HARD WORKING SLAVE SOUND EFFECTS)

2) Moses is born, and grows up, and runs away – and meets Adonai at the burning bush!

3) Moses goes back to free the Israelites – says to Pharaoh (EVERYONE): “Let My People Go!” Then God and Moses bring 10 plagues on the Egyptians

4) At the sea – Moses and Miriam lead the Israelites through the Reed Sea, which splits! (KIDS MAKE THE SEA AND SPLIT)

5) At Mount Sinai – Moses goes up to get the 10 commandments (CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN!). While he’s up there, the Israelites have a big party with the golden calf below. (PARTY SOUND EFFECTS) Moses and God are not amused.

6) Building the Mishkan – All of the Israelites build a holy, move-able sanctuary – lots of details in the Torah!!

END OF THE BOOK OF SHEMOT

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Vayikra:

- 1) The Israelites learn what to do in the Mishkan – lots of animal sacrifices!
- 2) **In chapter 19 – they learn how to be holy.** This part of the Torah is all about different laws.
- 3) **The most important law:** “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and “Love the stranger as yourself.”

END OF THE BOOK OF VAYIKRA

Bamidbar – “In the Wilderness”:

- 1) **The Israelites complain – no water! No food! No meat or watermelons!** (SOUND EFFECTS: Complaining!). God sends the manna, so the Israelites will have something to eat, and stop complaining.
- 2) **The spies** – Moses sends 12 spies in to scout out the promised land. They come back and say there are giants in the land, and the Israelites refuse to go in. So they get to wander for 40 years in the desert. (MORE COMPLAINING....)
- 3) **The Israelites complain they’re thirsty – Moses hits a rock to get water** – water comes out, but he wasn’t supposed to hit it. God tells Moses he is not going to go into the promised land.
- 4) **Miriam says not so nice things about her brother, Moses, and gets weird spots on her skin.** She apologizes and gets healed; the people continue to travel....

END OF THE BOOK OF BAMIDBAR

Devarim:

- 1) **The Israelites finally arrive at the border of the promised land!** Moses begs with God to let him in [SOUND EFFECTS – PLEEEEEZE!!] But it doesn’t do any good.
- 2) **Moses tells the people “Listen!” – the Shema** (CHANT TOGETHER)
- 3) **Moses warns the people what will happen if they don’t follow the Torah** – lots of curses, nasty things. [What are all the worst things we can imagine happening???
- 4) **The very end** – God takes Moses up a mountain, looking over the promised land, and there Moses dies, at the age of 120. The people cried for Moses for 30 days [CRYING]