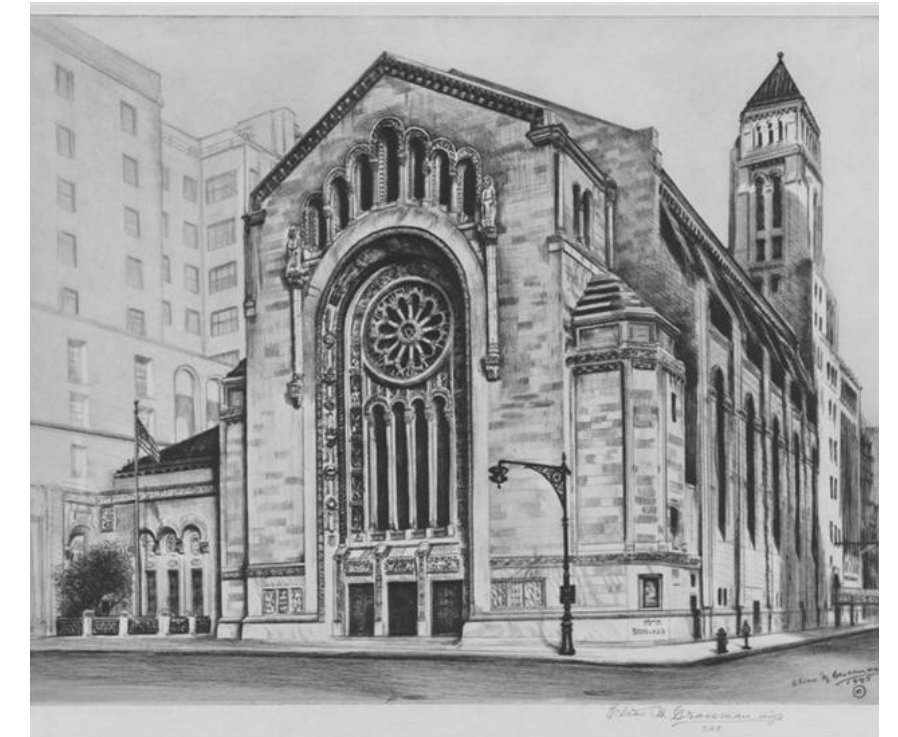


# Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York

Founded 1845



## A Word From Our Senior Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As *Pirkei Avot* teaches us, “The world stands on three things: *Torah, Avodah* and *G’milut Chasadim* [study, worship and deeds of lovingkindness].”

So, too, the synagogue. At Temple Emanu-El, we encourage our members, young and old, to gather in an atmosphere both warm and awe-inspiring, as we share our moments of joy as well as our times of sadness, immerse ourselves in the richness and beauty of our tradition, and act upon our tradition’s values in the world around us.

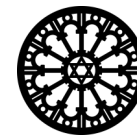
If you are considering membership, then know that we welcome all who wish to participate in Jewish life: singles, couples and families in all their forms; interfaith couples; individuals with disabilities; all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or financial means. I hope you choose to make Temple Emanu-El your spiritual home and family and that you will feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I very much would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you personally.

If you already are part of our community, then I would enjoy getting to know you better as well, to learn from you about the passions and commitments that inspire your involvement, and to gain an understanding of how Temple Emanu-El can further engage and stimulate those interests.

So, if you are in the neighborhood, please come and visit; our Sabbath services are open to all. And, if you are able to visit us only online, then enjoy our worship through our live-streaming feed. Either way, we embrace you as part of our Emanu-El family.

Warmly,

*Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson*



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We probably would all agree that it is not okay to commit the kind of wholesale murder invoked in Deuteronomy 7:16-18 against any group, whether they be practitioners of a specific religion, people from another country or people with red hair. We have seen where that road leads.

We are reasonable people. The thought of wiping out a whole group we don’t even know is, and should be, abhorrent to us. And this is the same Book – the Bible – that tells us, “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 22:21)

The Sages say of the Torah, “Turn it, and turn it again, for everything is in it.” We can read this two ways: Either every word of Torah is equally important, or if the words you are reading do not seem helpful in this time and place, then you are free to seek other words by which to live.

That latter interpretation shows the genius of the Torah. To the writers of the admonition to destroy all the inhabitants of the Promised Land, it was vital that the fledgling nation have a safe place to develop and practice their religion, free from outside influences. However, the method prescribed here was not only extreme; it was impossible to put into effect. The only times when Jews lived apart from the other inhabitants of the Land, it was the ruling class, not the Jews, who forced them into ghettos and oppressed them.

We do not have to look far to find comfort. In another part of *Parashat Eikev* (Deuteronomy 10:12), Moses tells the Children of Israel: “And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God demand of you? Only this: to revere the Lord your God, to walk only in His paths, to love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, keeping the Lord’s commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you today for your good.”

Thanks, Moses, that’s more like it. I know I don’t always keep all the Commandments as faithfully as I might, but I sure will try. Wholesale murder like that in Orlando is a sin against God as well as human beings, and the correct response, as we saw in the days following the massacre, is to show compassion for the individuals and the community left behind.



**August 11-12, 2017**  
**20 Av 5777**  
**Torah Portion: Eikev**  
**Worship Services**

**Sunday - Thursday**  
Daily Service-5:30pm  
Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell  
Community House  
One East 65th Street

**Friday Evening**  
Organ Prelude-5:45pm  
Service Begins-6pm  
Beth-El Chapel  
5th Avenue at 65th Street

**Saturday Morning**  
Organ Prelude-10:15am  
Service Begins-10:30am  
Beth-El Chapel  
5th Avenue at 65th Street

## Friday Evening Service

Service 2

Organist/Conductor: Dr. Andrew Henderson, Pianist: Jonathan Comisar

Violin: Jorge Avila, Cello: Jillian Blythe, Clarinet: Michael Winograd

Soloist: Heather Petrie

Hinei Mah Tov	Jonathan Comisar
Candle Blessing	A.W. Binder, arr. Charles Davidson
Bar'chu/Sh'ma	Max Helfman
Mi Chamocha	Hanna Tiferet
Ki Eshmeira Shabbat	Folk, arr. Jonathan Comisar
Adonai, S'fatai Tiftach	Traditional
Heal Us Now	Leon Sher
Yihiyu L'ratzon	Hollis Schachner, arr. Rachele Nelson

### Sermon in song

Chagall's Violinist	Jonathan Comisar
Shalom Rav	Jonathan Comisar

Dodi Li	Steven Sher
Adoration	William Sharlin
Oseh Shalom	Spanish Portuguese
Kiddush	Louis Lewandowski
L'cha Dodi	Traditional, arr. Jonathan Comisar



## Saturday Morning Service

Mah Tovu	Danny Maseng
Bar'chu/Sh'ma	Salomon Sulzer
Mi Chamocha	Meir Finklestein, arr. Stephen Glass
Adonai, S'fatai Tiftach	Craig Taubman
Kedushah	Bonia Shur
Modim	Jonathan Comisar
Yih'yu L'ratzon	Marshall Portnoy
S'u Sh'arim/Sh'ma/L'cha Adonoi	Lewandowski/Saminsky
Al Sh'losha D'varim	Chaim Tzur
Gad'lu/Hodo Al Eretz	Lewandowski/Saminsky
Etz Chayim	Traditional
Modim	Aminadav Aloni
Va'anachnu/On that Day	Michael Isaacson
Oseh Shalom	Ben Steinberg
Havah Nashira	Josh Nelson

## Music

### Hinei Ma Tov

Hineh ma tov uma na'im Shevet achim gam yachad.

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*How good and how pleasant it is that brothers dwell together. It is like fine oil on the head running down onto the beard, the beard of Aaron, that comes down over the collar of his robe; like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the mountains of Zion. There the Lord ordained blessing, everlasting life.*

### Ki Eshmeira Shabbat

Ki Eshmeira Shabbat, El yishmreini,

othi l'olmeiad beino uveini.

*Because I guard the Sabbath, God guards me.*

*It is a sign for eternity between Him and me.*

### Heal Us Now

*R'faeinu Adonai v'neirafei; Hoshieinu v'nivashei-ah El karov l'chol korav; Ach karov lireiav yisho.* We pray for healing of the body. We pray for healing of the soul. For strength of flesh and mind and spirit, we pray to once again be whole. *Eil na r'fana*, Oh please, heal us now. *R'fuat hanefesh, r'fuat haguf, r'fuah sh'leimah.* Heal us now, heal us now. Heal us now, heal us now. *Hoshia et amecha uwareich et nach'latcha Ur'eim v'nas'eim ad haolam. Mi shebeirach avoteynu, Mi shebeirach imoteynu Ana Adonai hoshiahna.* We pray for healing of our people. We pray for healing of the land. And peace for ev'ry race and nation, ev'ry child, ev'ry woman, ev'ry man. *Eil na r'fana* Oh please, heal us now, please heal us. *R'fuat hanefesh, r'fuat haguf, r'fuah sh'leimah. Eil na r'fana* Oh please, heal us now, please heal us. *R'fuat hanefesh, r'fuat haguf, r'fuah sh'leimah.* Heal us now, heal us now. Heal us now, *r'fana.* Heal us now.

### Dodi Li

Dodi li va'ani lo

Haro'eh bashoshanim

*My beloved is mine and I am his,*

*The shepherd [grazing his flock] among the lilies.*

### L'cha Dodi

L'cha dodi likrat kalah p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah.

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad,

Hishmi'anu el ha'meyuchad.

Adonai echad u'shmo echad;

L'shem ul'tiferet v'l'tehila. *Refrain*

Likrat Shabbat l'chu v'nelcha,

Ki hi m'kor ha'bracha.

Me'rosh mi'kedem n'sucha;

Sof ma'aseh b'mach'shava t'chila. *Refrain*

Hit'oreri, hit'oreri,

Ki va orech, kumi uri.

Uri, uri, shir daberi;

K'vod Adonai alai'yich nigla. *Refrain*

Bo'i v'shalom, ateret ba'ala,

Gam b'simcha uv' tzhala.

Toch emunei am segula;

Bo'i chala, bo'i chala. *Refrain*

### Modim

We acknowledge with thanks that You are Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors forever. You are the Rock of our lives, and the shield of our salvation in every generation.

### Hava Nashira

Hava nashira, shir' haleluia!

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Let us sing together, sing Halleluyah.



## Torah Commentary

*Eikev (August 12, 2017)*

By Bettijane Eisenpreis

### No Mercy

**Even in normal times, the above quotation from Deuteronomy would be cringe-inducing.**

There's no doubt about it: God tells the Israelites to destroy all the inhabitants of the Promised Land. Never mind that it didn't happen. Never mind that this probably was written when the reverse was taking place: The inhabitants of the countries where Jews lived were intent on destroying them. Still, the instructions are clear: The Israelites are to show no mercy to "the peoples that the Lord your God delivers unto you."

But I am not writing this in normal times. On June 12, in Orlando, Florida, in the worst case of gun violence by a single person in recent American history, a lone gunman killed 49 people and wounded scores more, all in "the name of God the merciful."

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