



January 27, 2018

יא שבט תשע"ח

Shabbat Shirah

Parashat B'shalach בשלח - Exodus 13:17 – 17:16
Stone – p 366 Hertz – p 265 Etz Hayim – p 399

Haftarah – Judges 4:4-5:31 שופטים
Stone – p 1152 Hertz – p 281 Etz Hayim – p 424

A D'var Torah on Parashat Beshalach
will be presented by
Stanley Estrin

Kiddush is sponsored by Sisterhood

Minchah—4:45 PM
Seudah Sh'lishit
Shabbat Ends—5:58 PM

TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION

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DAILY SERVICE TIMES

Shabbat—9:00 AM & 4:45 PM

Sunday—8:30 AM

Monday -Thursday—7:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Friday—7:00 AM & 5:45 PM

Board of Directors:

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Traditional Congregation welcomes new members. If someone you know would like to receive membership information, please contact Membership VP Elaine Farkas at 954-558-1159.

D'var Torah from Rabbi Gordon in Efrat, Israel: Parshat B-Shalach

The centerpiece of Parshat B-shalach, “when he sent,” is the Israelite crossing of Yam Suf -- the Sea of Reeds (/ יָם סוּף *suf* means “reeds”). Earlier in the parshah the Israelites leave Egypt, only to be apparently limited by the water, and panic sets in. After the crossing, Moses leads the Israelites in praise of God with a song, the “Song at the Sea” which is part of the traditional liturgy every morning: we look back to the miraculous event and forward to future redemptions.

Some in panic, despair; some fret, others turn to God. But afterwards, the good that comes to them too often goes underappreciated. But the Israelite model is gratitude to God and praise of His power: / זֶה אֱלֹהֵי וְאֵינוּהוּ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתַי וְאֵינוּהוּ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתַי וְאֵינוּהוּ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתַי / “**zeh Eli v-anvei’hu, Elohain avi v-armom’menhu**” / “this is my God and I will glorify Him, the God of my ancestor and I will exalt Him.”

The religious person -- Jew or non-Jew -- lives with God. The good things that come to him/her are blessings and call for a response. The Israelites at the other side of the sea responded to national and personal deliverance with eloquent praise; its incorporation into our liturgy invites us to join them. Torah reminds us never to take things for granted.

In adding “the God of my ancestor,” that generation invoked the chain back to Abraham. We are reminded that while all those who bring God into their lives are part of the living spirit, as Jews, ours is more than an individual appreciation and response, but one connected generation after generation. The religious life of our ancestors is deeply part of our Jewish inheritance.

I have just returned from an evening commemorating two months since the passing of my landlord’s father. He was honored, and the family was comforted, by about two dozen people learning Torah in his name. The “God of my ancestor” lives in these religious/communal commemorations, for in addition to grieving the loss of a dear one, he and his family find transcendent meaning and comfort; instead of despair, they find appreciation for the blessing of his life in their family as modeled by our ancestors at the sea.

Shabbat Shalom u-m'vorach ! שבת שלום ומבורך !



A TASTE OF SOUP!

(Formerly Anna's Soup Kitchen)



Sunday, February 11, 2018

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Vegetarian Soups! Meat Soups! Bread for Dunking!



\$12 per person.

\$48 family maximum.

Children under age 5 FREE!

\$3 additional per carry-out container.



Reserve your spots now! Send in the form below and payment to:

**Traditional Congregation
12437 Ladue Road
St. Louis, MO 63141**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Number Attending: Over age 5 _____ Children Under 5 _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, February 2, 2018

**Please make checks payable to: Traditional Congregation Sisterhood
and note A Taste Of Soup in the memo.**



REDEDICATION SHABBAT

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

HONORING

STAN & ERIKA GREENBERG

FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE

TO OUR CONGREGATION



**SERVICES BEGIN AT 9:00 AM
AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A
KIDDUSH LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF
STAN & ERIKA**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 31 **Tu B'Shevat**

Wednesday, January 31 “Funny business! A Night of Comedy to fight Hunger” Laugh and raise money for the J's Meals on wheels program and the Garden of Eden Community garden that donates fresh veggies to the Harvey Kornblum food pantry. Helium Comedy Club (St. Louis Galleria), 8:00 PM, \$20. Tickets: Diane Maier 314-442-3190 or Brownpapertickets.com

Mon Feb 5—Wed Feb 7 **Office hours 9:15 AM-12:00 PM only**

Wednesday, February 7 **Deadline for ordering Mishloach Manot.** Thank you for doing a mitzvah and supporting our fundraiser!

Thursday, February 8 **General Board Meeting**, 7:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, February 11 **A Taste of Soup!** 5:30—7:00 PM. You know the deal—and it's a great one! Meat soups, veggie soups, bread for dunking and sweet treats. Just \$12/person, kids under 5 are free, \$48/family max. Paid RSVPs by February 2nd.

Sunday, February 18 & 25 **Mishloach Manot Assembly Days**, 10:00 AM. Volunteers needed to help assemble our Mishloach Manot gift baskets. Please contact Elaine Farkas 954-558-1159 or Nikki Goldstein 314-807-2055 if you're available to help.

Winter Outreach St Louis Jewish Community Drive for the Homeless: Frigid temperatures are brutal for the homeless and can be deadly. Items are needed for emergency shelters, and can be dropped off at area synagogues, including Traditional Congregation. Items may be dropped off in the donation bin near our administrative office. Especially needed are:

Socks, Boots (large, XL and XXL especially)

Underwear (large, XL and XXL especially)

Coats, Hats, Gloves (large, XL and XXL especially)

Blankets, Pillows, Towels, Washcloths

Food, Money, Bus Passes

Volunteers to pick up/deliver donations & work at the shelters

We're looking for...YOU—to sponsor a Kiddush! Call Marian, 314-576-5230 to reserve your date.



Visit our website www.traditional-congregation.org

PRAYER

It is good to thank You, O God
To sing praises to Your name,

*To proclaim Your love every morning,
And Your faithfulness every night.*

Your works, O God, bring me gladness;
Of Your deeds, I joyously sing.

*How great are Your deeds, O God;
How profound are Your designs.*

The superficial cannot comprehend,
The foolish cannot grasp this.

*Though the wicked may thrive like grass,
And doers of evil seem to flourish,*

Those who oppose You shall be destroyed;
Workers of evil are sure to be routed.

*I have seen the defeat of my foes,
I have heard the doom of my enemies.*

The just, however, grow strong like the palm tree,
They thrive like the cedar of Lebanon.

*Planted on the temple grounds,
They flourish in the courts of our God.*

They yield fruit even in old age,
They remain vital and vigorous.

*They proclaim "God is just;
My Fortress, having no faults."*

From Psalm 92

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Today's necessity was yesterday's luxury

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