

Celebrate Shabbat

JULY 17-18, 2026
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SHABBAT DEVARIM

“It has been told to you, what is good,
and what Adonai requires of you. Only to do justice,
to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8



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WELCOMING SHABBAT



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Our service is led by
Rabbi Joshua Beraha, Rabbi Healy Slakman,
and Rabbi Kelly Whitehead

Philip Mayer, Music Director

This is Why I Sing

Dan Nichols

For the scrape and the pull of the nail on the string
The wish for something better a heavy sigh brings
For a cracked wooden box roaring galaxies
And fingertip secrets calluses set free
For the call and response of the hope I hear
Thanks and the rust in a God I don't fear
For my relief in a Holy One of blessing
And my belief in a lifetime of wrestling

This is why I sing, this is why I sing,
All I have I bring, this is why I sing

For the flesh and the blood of a body built to feel
The daily desire to know something real
For the quiet of twilight, the raw winter air
The riot of thunder, your hand in my hair

This is Why I Sing

Dan Nichols

For whispers and screams and the joys of release
The days and the dreams in a home I know peace
For the love from someone who knows enough to leave
And the gift of a life that gives more than I need

This is why I sing, this is why I sing
All I have I bring, this is why I sing

For the sun and the moon and the shadow I cast
For all my tomorrows and yesterdays passed
For the rhythm of heartbeat that means I belong
The touch of a feather, the silence in song

This is why I sing, this is why I sing,
All I have I bring, this is why I sing
This is why I sing, this is why I sing
All I have I bring, this is why I sing





Fire on the Mountain

Asa

There is fire on the mountain
And nobody seems to be on the run
Oh, there is fire on the mountaintop
And no one is a-runnin'

I wake up in the mornin'
Tell you what I see on my TV screen
I see the blood of an innocent child
And everybody's watchin'

Now I'm looking out my window
And what do I see?
I see an army of a soldier man
Marching across the street, yeah

Hey, Mr. Soldier man
Tomorrow is the day you go to war
But you are fighting for another man's cause
And you don't even know him
Oooh!

What did he say to make you so blind
To your conscience and reason?
Could it be love for your country?
Or for the gun you use in killing?

Fire on the Mountain

Asa

So... there is fire on the mountain
And nobody seems to be on the run
Oh, there is fire on the mountaintop
And no one is a-runnin'

For there is fire on the mountain
And there is nobody seems to be on the run
Oh, there is fire on the mountaintop
And no one is a-runnin', oh yes

One day the river will overflow
And there'll be nowhere for us to go
And we will run, run
Wishing we had put out the fire, oh

For there is fire on the mountain, yeah, yeah
And there ain't nobody seems to be on the run
Nobody, nobody, oh!
Oh, there is fire on the mountaintop
And no one is a-runnin', so, yeah, yeah, yeah





Blowing in the Wind

Bob Dylan

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many years can a mountain exist
Before it's washed to the sea?
Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head
Pretending he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowin'
in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Rivers and Roads

The Head and the Heart

A year from now, we'll all be gone
All our friends will move away
And they're goin' to better places
But our friends will be gone away

Nothin' is as it has been
And I miss your face like hell
And I guess it's just as well
But I miss your face like hell

Been talkin' 'bout the way things change
And my family lives in a different state
If you don't know what to make of this
Then we will not relate
So if you don't know what to make of this
Then we will not relate

Rivers and roads
Rivers and roads
Rivers 'til I reach you

Who Knows Where the Time Goes?

Nina Simon

Across the evening sky, all the birds are leaving
How can we know when it's time to go?
Before the winter fire, I'll still be dreaming
I do not count the time
Who knows where the time goes?
Who knows where the time goes?
Sad, deserted shore, your fickle friends are leaving
Ah, but then you know when it's time for them to go
But I will still be here, I have no thought of leaving
I do not count the time
Who knows where the time goes?
Who knows where the time goes?
And I am not alone while my love is near me
I know it will be so, until it's time to go
Of the winter until the birds in spring again
I do not fear of time
Who knows how my love grows?
And who knows where the time goes?



SHABBAT MORNING



JULY 18, 2026

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Philip Mayer, Music Director



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Torah for Devarim: Deuteronomy 1: 1-6

Chanted by Rielle Miller Gabriel

אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֶבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן בְּמִדְבָּר
בְּעֶרְבָה מִזֶּה סוּף בֵּין-פָּאֶרָן וּבֵין-תֹּפֶל וְלָבָן וְחֶזֶרוֹת וְדִי-זָהָב:

(1) These are the words that Moses addressed to all Israel on the other side of the Jordan.—Through the wilderness, in the Arabah near Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab,

אֶחָד עָשָׂר יוֹם מִחֹרֵב דֶּרֶךְ הַר-שֵׁעִיר עַד קֹדֶשׁ בַּרְנֶע:

(2) it is eleven days from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea by the Mount Seir route.—

וַיְהִי בְּאַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בַּעֲשֻׁתֵי-עָשָׂר חֹדֶשׁ בְּאַחַד לַחֹדֶשׁ דִּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּכָל אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֹתוֹ אֲלֵהֶם:

(3) It was in the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses addressed the Israelites in accordance with the instructions that GOD had given him for them,

אַחֲרֵי הִכְתּוֹ אֶת סִיחֹן מֶלֶךְ הָאֱמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר יוֹשֵׁב בְּחֶשְׁבוֹן וְאֵת עוֹג מֶלֶךְ
הַבָּשָׁן אֲשֶׁר-יוֹשֵׁב בְּעֶשְׂתָּרֶת בְּאֶדְרֵעִי:

(4) after he had defeated Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and King Og of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth [and] Edrei.

בְּעֶבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן בְּאֶרֶץ מוֹאָב הוֹאִיל מֹשֶׁה בָּאֵר אֶת-הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת לֵאמֹר:

(5) On the other side of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this Teaching. He said:

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ דִּבֶּר אֵלֵינוּ בְּחֹרֵב לֵאמֹר רַב-לָכֶם שָׁבַת בְּהָר הַזֶּה:

(6) The ETERNAL our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying: You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-8; 24-27

Chanted by Josh Weiner

חֲזוֹן יִשְׁעִיהוּ בֶן-אֲמוֹץ אֲשֶׁר חָזָה עַל-יְהוּדָה וּירוּשָׁלַם בַּיָּמִי עֲזִיָּהוּ
יוֹתָם אָחֳזוּ יִחְזָקֶיהוּ מֶלֶכִי יְהוּדָה:

(1) The prophecies of Isaiah son of Amoz, who prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

שָׁמְעוּ שָׁמַיִם וְהָאֲרֶץ כִּי יְהוָה דִּבֶּר בָּנִים גְּדֹלָתִי וְרוֹמְמָתִי
וְהֵם פָּשְׁעוּ בִּי:

(2) Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth,
For GOD has spoken:
"I reared children and brought them up—
And they have rebelled against Me!

יָדַע שׁוֹר קִנְהוֹ וְחֲמוֹר אָבוֹס בְּעֲלֵיו יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא יָדַע עַמִּי לֹא
הִתְבּוֹנֵן:

(3) An ox knows its owner,
A donkey its master's crib:
Israel does not know,
My people takes no thought."

הוּא גֹי חַטָּא עִם כָּבֵד עוֹן זָרַע מְרָעִים בָּנִים מִשְׁחִיתִים עֲזָבוּ אֶת-
יְהוָה נֶאֱצָו אֶת-קִדּוּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל נָזְרוּ אַחֲזָרוּ:

(4) Ah, sinful nation!
People laden with iniquity!
Brood of evildoers!
Depraved children!
They have forsaken GOD,
Spurned the Holy One of Israel,
Turned their backs.

עַל מָה תָּבוּ עוֹד תּוֹסִיפוּ סָרָה כָּל-רֹאשׁ לַחֲלִי וְכָל-לֵבָב דָּוִי:

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-8; 24-27

Chanted by Josh Wiener

(5) Why do you seek further beatings,
That you continue to offend?
Every head is ailing,
And every heart is sick.

מִכָּף־רֶגֶל וְעַד־רֹאשׁ אֵין־בוֹ מָתָם פָּצַע וְחִבּוּרָהּ וּמָכָה טְרִיָּה לֹא־זָרוּ
וְלֹא חָבְשׁוּ וְלֹא רָכְבָּהּ בְּשֶׁמֶן:

(6) From head to foot
No spot is sound:
All bruises, and welts,
And festering sores—
Not pressed out, not bound up,
Not softened with oil.

אֶרְצְכֶם שְׁמָמָה עֲרִיכֶם שְׂרָפוֹת אֲשֶׁר אֲדַמְתֶּם לְנִגְדְּכֶם זָרִים אֹכְלִים
אֹתָהּ וּשְׁמָמָה כְּמַהֲפַכַת זָרִים:

(7) Your land is a waste,
Your cities burnt down;
Before your eyes, the yield of your soil
Is consumed by strangers—
A wasteland as overthrown by strangers!

וְנוֹתְרָה בַּת־צִיּוֹן כְּסֻכָּה בְּכָרֶם כְּמִלוּנָה בְּמִקְשָׁה כְּעִיר נִצּוּרָה:

(8) Fair Zion is left
Like a booth in a vineyard,
Like a hut in a cucumber field,
Like a city beleaguered.

לָכֵן נָאִם הָאֱדוֹן יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֲבִיר יִשְׂרָאֵל הוּא אֲנַחֶם מִצָּרֵי
וְאֲנַקְמָה מֵאוֹיְבָי:

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-8; 24-27

Chanted by Josh Wiener

(24) Assuredly, this is the declaration
Of the Sovereign, GOD of Hosts,
The Mighty One of Israel:
"Ah, I will get satisfaction from My foes;
I will wreak vengeance on My enemies!

וְאֶשְׁיבָה יָדִי עָלֶיךָ וְאֶצְרֶךָ בְּבֶר סִיגֶיךָ וְאֶסִּירָה כָּל-בְּדִילֶיךָ:

(25) I will turn My hand against you,
And smelt out your dross as with lye,
And remove all your slag:

וְאֶשְׁיבָה שְׁפָטֶיךָ כְּבִרְאשָׁנָה וְיַעֲצִיךָ כְּבִתְחֻלָּה אֶחְרִי-כֵן יִקְרָא לָךְ
עִיר הַצֶּדֶק קִרְיָה נְאֻמָּנָה:

(26) I will restore your magistrates as of old,
And your counselors as of yore.
After that you shall be called
City of Righteousness, Faithful City."

צִיּוֹן בְּמִשְׁפָּט תִּפְדָּה וְשָׁבִיָּה בַצִּדְקָה:

(27) Zion shall be saved in the judgment;
Her repentant ones, in the retribution.



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