

8th-12th Shabbat Family Readings

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Mackenzie Ball & Family: **Thank** you Dear **God** for helping us enter this **holy prayer** space. **Adonai, thank** you for being so **compassionate** and **patient** with us.

Tal Belkind & Family: **Thank** you Dear **God** for helping us join **together** as a **community**.

Landon Drapatsky & Family: **Thank** you, Dear **God** for **comforting** those who suffer **physically, emotionally** and/or **spiritually**.

Josh Maer & Family:

Loving life
And its mysterious source
With all our heart
And all our spirit,
All our senses and strength,
We take upon ourselves
These promises:
To care for the earth
And those who live upon it,
To pursue justice and peace,

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Jayden & Ethan Fogel & Family:

To love kindness and compassion,
We will teach this to our children
Throughout the passage of the day —
As we dwell in our homes
And as we go on our
Journeys,
From the time we rise
Until we fall asleep.

Micah Friedman & Family:

And may our actions
Be faithful to our words
That our children's children
May live to know:
Truth and kindness
Have embraced,
Peace and justice have kissed
And are one.

Esther Loewenthal & Family: Mi Chamocha is part of a **poem** in the **Torah**. It is a part of the **song** that the **Israelite people sang** when we **crossed** the Sea of **Reeds**. We are **reminded** that **God** has **helped** us and God **will help** us.

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Gillian Tam & Family: Do not read *sha'vaht* as a verb, but as the subject: the day of Shabbat. And do not construe the verb *vayinafash* as “rested,” but rather as “refreshing souls.”

Sarah Mae Levy & Family: Our tradition speaks of a very interesting phenomenon concerning Shabbat. During the week everyone has a *n'shamah*, a soul. But on Shabbat we receive a *n'shamah y'teirah*, an “additional soul.”

Rachel Kreiner & Family: This suggests that there is some kind of undeveloped facet of personality, a spiritual dimension, of which we remain unaware in the normal course of events. On Shabbat we are given the time to enrich ourselves by developing or creating this extra spiritual dimension.

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Ben Goldfeder and Family: “Who is **like** You, **Adonai**, among the **mighty**? Who is **like** You, dressed in **holiness, cherished** in praise, working **miracles**! The children of Israel respond “**This is my God! Adonai will reign forever and ever.**”

Helen & Toby Lerner and Family:

May no physical ailment or spiritual despair cause me to forget the blessings You have granted me in life. May Your love and Your compassion ever be before me.

Etai Weisberg and Family:

I lift my cup to celebrate my love for you, and say: *shalom* to you, and say: *shalom* to you, *shalom*, seventh day.

Adam Rosenthal and Family:

How pleasing to me this moment of twilight, ushering in Shabbat, the world’s new face, beginning tonight. Come, enter this orchard, eat of its fruit, for this is my companion, my friend, my quietude.