

January 26, 2018/10th Sh'vat, 5778

Dear chevreh,

An important reminder: services will begin at 8:00 pm this evening as many of us will be enjoying Shabbat dinner at congregants' residences for the Shabbat at Home program. Following services, we will be having a special dessert Oneg which everybody is invited to (we will have made *motzie* and *kiddush* at the homes.)

This Shabbat is called *Shabbat Shira* because we read the Song of the Sea, where Moses and the Israelites cross the Sea of Reeds and then sing to God about their miraculous journey and the downfall of the Egyptian pursuers. In this Torah portion, *Beshalach*, we also read about the prophetess Miriam singing and dancing with the women.

May we all have a joyous, exultant Shabbat, where we remember the miraculous taste of freedom our ancestors experienced after coming out of Egypt. May that communal memory inspire us to seek freedom for all so that all may joyously taste freedom and celebrate.

Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Diana