



SHABBAT SHIRAH FAQ



We will celebrate Shabbat Shirah Saturday morning,
January 19, 2019.

Shabbat Shirah Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is Shabbat Shirah?

Shabbat Shirah, literally the Shabbat of Song, coincides with the Torah reading of Parashat B'shallach in which we chant Moses' Song at the Sea as well as Miriam's song, in celebration of crossing the Sea of Reeds after leaving Egypt. The Haftarah, the selection from Prophets that morning, is Devorah's Song. Hence the name, Shabbat of Song.

2. Is B'nai Amoona the only synagogue that celebrates Shabbat Shirah?

Synagogues all over the world celebrate Shabbat Shirah with some kind of special musical experience.

3. What does our congregation do to celebrate Shabbat Shirah?

Just as the celebration of crossing the Sea of Reeds was a communal celebration, we celebrate Shabbat Shirah by emphasizing communal singing during the Shabbat morning service, beginning with everyone singing together right at 9:00 am. Being surrounded by a sea of voices is a powerful, uplifting, experience.

4. Can I participate even if I'm not much of a singer?

Yes! Your voice is important! This is not about performing. This is about the members of our congregation being fully engaged in prayer. Please learn the melodies and sing.

5. How do I learn the melodies?

Everyone is invited to learning sessions with me to become familiar with the melodies. You may know some already and some may be brand new to you. The learning sessions are fun and aesthetically beautiful experiences. If you cannot make the learning sessions, let me know you are still interested in getting to know the melodies. I can help get you started.

6. What if my Hebrew reading is not very good?

Perfectly okay! I create easy to use transliterated pages so that everyone has access.

7. Can I come to Shul that morning if I haven't learned the music?

Of course! It is a great morning even if you haven't learned the music. Please come to Shul!

8. People really get to Shul before 9:00 am for Shabbat Shirah?

Absolutely! We gather in the lobby at 8:30 am for coffee, a light breakfast, and schmoozing. It's a pre-Shul party! I hope to see you there!

Musically,
Cantor Sharon



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Shelo Yigamer L'olam
Hachol V'hayam
Rishrush Shel Hamayim
B'rak Hashamayim
Tefilat Ha'adam

Oh God, My God
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The rush of the waters
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