



SIMCHAT TORAH YELADIM



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Simchat Torah is a joyous holiday celebrating the completion – and restart – of the annual Torah-reading cycle. On Simchat Torah, we read the last Torah portion in Deuteronomy and then proceed immediately to the first chapter of Genesis.

The highlight of Simchat Torah is when the Torahs are taken from the Ark and carried through the sanctuary in joyful processions called *hakafot*. It is traditional to make seven circuits around the sanctuary or bimah with singing and dancing.

Excerpted from www.uscj.org:
There are several reasons Jews rejoice with the Torah. First, we are reminded that God did not send us out into the world without a road map, but rather provided us with a detailed and comprehensive guide to living a productive and praiseworthy life. When we physically embrace the Torah, we acknowledge its importance in our lives and symbolically accept the obligation to live in accordance with its dictates. We do not struggle under its weight, but rather dance to show that – far from being a burden upon us – the Torah presents a source of joy and enrichment.

♪Hey Say Hi by Peter and Ellen Allard

Chorus:

*Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey say hi!
 Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey say hi!*

*When I greet my friends and neighbors, people that I love to see,
 When I greet my friends and neighbors,
 I smile at them, they smile at me. I say... (chorus)*

*When I say Shalom Aleichem at my home or at my shul,
 When I say Shalom Aleichem, 'Yoffie Toffie,' very cool!
 I say... (chorus)*

♪On Simchat Torah by Sarah Dekelbaum

*On Simchat Torah I'll be so proud to
 March in the synagogue / Wave my flag / Dance with the Torah
 and sing out loud: Simchat Torah, Simchat Torah,
 Chag Sameach to everyone! (repeat)*

♪Round and Round on Simchat Torah by the Allards

*Round and round and round on Simchat Torah! (freeze!)
 We go round and round and round and round
 and round, with the Torah we go round. (repeat)*

*We celebrate our love for Torah, (abbb!)
 We sing and dance and make a joyful noise. (lalala!)
 We march around for seven hakafot (get ready!)
 All the grownups, all the girls and boys. (woo!) (chorus)*

♪Hakafa by Peter and Ellen Allard

*Ha-ka-fa, we go around and around and around and around and
 Ha-ka-fa, we go around and around and around. (repeat)*

*We're marching with the Torah we love, love, love, love, love!
 We're marching with the Torah given by God above,
 Yes, God is up and down and in and out and all around...*

♪Roll It Back by Marc Rossio

*Roll it back, roll it back, roll the Torah back,
 We made it to the end.
 Roll it back, roll it back, roll the Torah back,
 Let's start it all again. (repeat)*

*This holiday's Simchat Torah for our most important scroll
 So grab the Torah by the handles as we start to roll, roll, roll...*

♪Do You Know What's in the Torah? by Lisa Baydush

*Do you know what's in the Torah? Do you know what it has to say?
Do you know what's in the Torah? Let's start learning (clap!) today!*

*Well, there's **Hebrew** in the Torah, that's the language that we speak
when we say our prayers and read a part of Torah every week. (chorus)*



♪ABC/Alef Bet Song Medley (Alef Bet Song by Debbie Friedman)



*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ and Z
Now we've sung our ABC's, it's time to sing them Hebraically!*

Chorus:

*Alef bet vet (echo) gimel dalet hei (echo) vav za-yin chet tet (echo) yud kaf chaf (echo)
Lamed mem nun (echo) samech ayin pei fei (echo) tza-di kaf reish (echo) shin sin tav (echo)*

*Do you know what's in the Torah? Do you know what it has to say?
Do you know what's in the Torah? Let's start learning (clap!) today!*

*There are **stories** in the Torah about our history,
Stories of our ancestors and how we came to be. (chorus)*

♪Six Days to Make the World by Lisa Baydush



Chorus:

1-2-3, 4-5-6, it took six days to make the world (repeat)

*In the beginning, light and dark, **light and dark,**
In the beginning, day and night, **day and night, oh...***

*Then came the land, the sky and sea, **land, sky and sea,**
Then came the flowers and the trees, **flowers and trees, oh...***

*Next came the sun, the moon and stars, **sun, moon and stars,**
Next came the animals, birds and fish, **animals, birds and fish, oh...***

*Last came the people, Adam and Eve, Adam and Eve,
Last came the people, you and me, **you and me, oh...***

*On the seventh day, God took a rest, God took a rest,
That's why Shabbat is our day of rest, **Shabbat is our day of rest, oh...***

♪Noah Built the Ark by Peter and Ellen Allard

Chorus:

Rat-a-tat tat Noah built the ark, oh (3x), and he built it just like that!

Noah used a hammer, hammer, hammer, Noah used a hammer to build the ark! (repeat, chorus)

Noah told the animals, animals, animals, Noah told the animals to come onto the ark!

♪ Rise and Shine

*It rained and poured for forty daysies daysies (2x)
Drove the animals nearly crazy-crazy, children of the Lord. (chorus)*

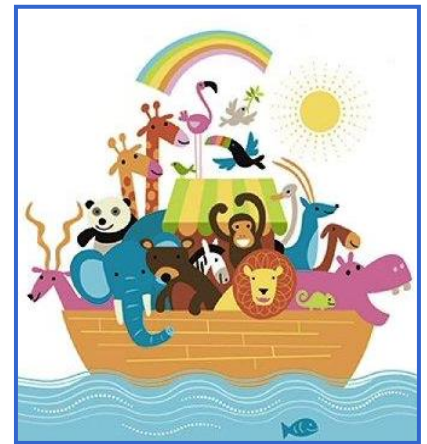
Chorus:

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory (3x), children of the Lord.

*The sun came out and dried up the landy landy (2x)
Everything was fine and dandy-dandy, children of the Lord. (chorus)*

*Do you know what's in the Torah? Do you know what it has to say?
Do you know what's in the Torah? Let's start learning (clap!) today!*

*There are **mitzvot** in the Torah – 613!
Rules about how we should live that guide us ethically. (chorus)*



♪ God Gave Us the Ten Commandments to the tune of Going to the Zoo by Tom Paxton



Chorus:

*God gave us the Ten Commandments, the Ten Commandments, the Ten Commandments;
God gave us the Ten Commandments, and this is what they say...*

*Adonai is our one and only God; be a good friend to everyone;
Try not to hurt anyone; it's all in the Ten Commandments! (chorus)*

*Listen to what your mommy and daddy say; take a good rest on the Sabbath day;
Don't take anybody's toys away; it's all in the Ten Commandments! (chorus)*

*Now you've learned a little Torah; Good for you, you're on your way!
Hebrew, stories and commandments – Look what you learned (clap!) today!*

♪ Torah Torah

*To-rah (6x) To-rah tzi-va la-nu Mo-she (repeat)
To-rah (4x) To-rah tzi-va la-nu Mo-she (repeat)
To-rah tzi-va la-nu Mo-she (4x)*

♪ Chag Sameach

*Chag sameach, chag sameach,
Lai— lai lai lai— lai lai lai—! (repeat)
Shiru shiru shiru shiru chag sameach,
Lai— lai lai lai— lai lai lai—! (repeat)*



♪ We March with the Torah

by Bernard Walters

*We march with the Torah on Simchat Torah! (2x)
It shows that we know that wherever we go it's important to study the Torah! (repeat)*