# THE TORAH PROJECT – OPENING CEREMONIES A Weekend of Celebration

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, February 3 @ 7:30pm

Sofer Neil Yerman will be our guest speaker at services on Friday night as we celebrate Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song. The Song of the Sea is an iconic piece of Torah which includes the splitting of the Red Sea and the words of the Mi Chamocha. This will be the first part of our scroll to be written. Those attending in-person will enjoy a Visual T'filah experience. Though Visual T'filah is not conducive to the livestream environment, those participating from home will enjoy services in the usual format.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, February 4 @ 10am

#### **Torah and Kabbalah**

Explore some of the mystical elements revealed in the Torah through scribal customs and the use of gematria – Jewish numerology. *Geared towards adults and teens.* 

#### SATURDAY EVENING, February 4 @ 7pm

#### Alef Bet: Torah Concealed, Torah Revealed

Explore the origins of the Alef Bet from early pictographs to the mystical underpinnings of Jewish scribal arts, including the crowns placed on certain letters. The evening will include an opportunity to practice your hand at the beautiful calligraphy used in the creation of Torah scrolls. *Geared towards adults and teens.* 

## SUNDAY MORNING JEWISH LEARNING LAB, February 5 @ 9am

Our students will have the opportunity to meet with Neil and learn how a Torah is written and how to listen to the letters of Torah. Parents are welcome to join us!

## SUNDAY MORNING, February 5 @ 11am

# Special Ceremony (including writing the first letters) and Celebratory Luncheon followed by more opportunities to write a letter in our new scroll.

We hope our entire community will gather to mark this moment in time with a special ceremony that will include members of our community writing the first letters of our new scroll. More writing opportunities will be available, by appointment only, following lunch. Those who have made dedications will be contacted regarding their appointment time. Writing opportunities will also be available on Sunday, November 5, 2022 and Sunday, May 5, 2023.