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***Shabbat* Morning Service**

Introduction to the Saturday Morning Service



Often, at the Saturday morning service, we celebrate a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, a 13 year old's rite of passage into Judaism. "*Bar Mitzvah*" literally means "son of the commandment." "*Bar*" is "son" and "*Bat*" is "daughter." "*Mitzvah*" is "commandment" in Hebrew.

The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* ceremony formally marks the occasion when one has the right to take part in leading religious services and to perform *mitzvot*/commandments. It is an opportunity to welcome the man/woman into our congregation as an official member of the Jewish community.

In its earliest and most basic form, a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is the celebrant's first *Aliyah* (literally "going up"), the honor of saying the blessings before and after the reading of the *Torah* (the handwritten scroll of the 5 books of Moses). The *Torah* is the first part of the Hebrew Bible, also known as the *Tanakh*, which also includes the Prophets (e.g. Jeremiah, Isaiah) and the Writings (e.g. Psalms, Proverbs).

At Rodeph Shalom, a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* student learns and recites the weekly *Torah* portion and the *haftarah* portion (selection from the Prophets) in its traditional chant (*trope*). In our congregation, the celebrant also leads part of the service and gives a *D'var Torah* (literally a "word of *Torah*"), commonly referred to as the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* speech. This speech gives the students a chance to speak about lessons that can be learned from reading, and interpret the weekly *Torah* portion.

A *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is not the goal of a Jewish education, nor does it mark the end of a person's Jewish education. Rodeph Shalom encourages our teens to stay involved through high school, and offers further educational programs that culminate in a confirmation ceremony. It is customary to wish a hearty *Mazel Tov* (wish of congratulations) to the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* and their families. Congregation Rodeph Shalom wishes you a *Shabbat Shalom* – peaceful Sabbath.

Saturday, *Shabbat* Morning Service

March 13, 2021

Led by:

Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantor Rita Glassman

Bar Mitzvah:

Dylan Henry Howe,
son of Rachel Howe and Laurence Howe

Dylan Henry Howe, son of Rachel Howe and Laurence Howe, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, March 13. Dylan is an 8th grader at the Girard Academy Music Program. For his *mitzvah* project, Dylan volunteered at the Salzman House, an independent living facility for seniors, where Dylan's great-grandfather is a resident. Dylan and his family began visiting everyone, bringing baked goods, and learning about the residents.



Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Vayakhel-P'kudei: Exodus 35:30—36:6

30 And Moses said to the Israelites: See, The Eternal has singled out by name Bezalel, son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
31 He has endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft 32 and has inspired him to make designs for work in gold, silver, and copper, 33 to cut stones for setting and to carve wood—to work in every kind of designer's craft— 34 and to give directions. He and Oholiab son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan 35 have been endowed with the skill to do any work—of the carver, the designer, the embroiderer in blue, purple, crimson yarns, and in fine linen, and of the weaver—as workers in all crafts and as makers of designs.
1 Let, then, Bezalel and Oholiab and all the skilled persons whom The Eternal has endowed with skill and ability to perform expertly all the tasks connected with the service of the sanctuary carry out all that The Eternal has commanded. 2 Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every skilled person whom The Eternal had endowed with skill, everyone who excelled in ability, to undertake the task and carry it out. 3 They took over from Moses all the gifts that the Israelites had brought, to carry out the tasks connected with the service of the sanctuary. But when these continued to bring freewill offerings to him morning after morning, 4 all the artisans who were engaged in the tasks of the sanctuary came, each from the task upon which he was engaged, 5 and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than is needed for the tasks entailed in the work that The Eternal has commanded to be done." 6 Moses thereupon had this proclamation made throughout the camp: "Let no man or woman make further effort toward gifts for the sanctuary!" So the people stopped bringing:

30 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל רְאוּ קָרָא יְהוָה בְּשֵׁם בְּצַלְאֵל בֶּן-אוּרִי בֶן-חֹר לְמִטֵּה יְהוּדָה:
31 וַיִּמְלֵא אֹתוֹ רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בְּחָכְמָה בְּתְבוּנָה וּבְדַעַת וּבְכָל-מְלָאכָה: 32 וַיְחַזְּשֵׁב מִחֲשַׁבְתּוֹ לַעֲשׂוֹת בַּזָּהָב וּבַכֶּסֶף וּבַנְּחֹשֶׁת: 33 וּבַחֲרָשֶׁת אֲבָן לְמַלְאֵת וּבַחֲרָשֶׁת עֵץ לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּכָל-מְלָאכֶת מִחֲשַׁבְתּוֹ: 34 וַיְהוֹרֶת נָתַן בְּלִבּוֹ הוּא וְאַהֲלִיאֵב בֶּן-אֲחִיסַמָּךְ לְמִטֵּה-דָן: 35 מְלֵא אֹתָם חָכְמַת-לֵב לַעֲשׂוֹת כָּל-מְלָאכֶת חָרָשׁ וְחֹשֶׁב וְרָקִים בַּתְּכֵלֶת וּבְאַרְגָּמָן בְּתוֹלְעַת הַשָּׁנִי וּבִשְׂשׁוּ וְאַרְגָּ עֹשִׂי כָל-מְלָאכָה וְחֹשְׁבֵי מִחֲשַׁבְתּוֹ: 1 וְעֹשֵׂה בְצַלְאֵל וְאַהֲלִיאֵב וְכָל אִישׁ חָכַם-לֵב אֲשֶׁר נָתַן יְהוָה חָכְמָה וְתְבוּנָה בְּהִמָּה לַדַּעַת לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת-כָּל-מְלָאכֶת עֲבַדַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ לְכָל אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהוָה: 2 וַיִּקְרָא מֹשֶׁה אֶל-בְּצַלְאֵל וְאֶל-אַהֲלִיאֵב וְאֵל כָּל-אִישׁ חָכַם-לֵב אֲשֶׁר נָתַן יְהוָה חָכְמָה בְּלִבּוֹ פֶּלֶא אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁאָו לְבוֹ לְקַרְבָּה אֶל-הַמְּלָאכָה לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתָהּ: 3 וַיִּקְחוּ מִלִּפְנֵי מֹשֶׁה אֶת כָּל-הַתְּרוּמָה אֲשֶׁר הֵבִיאוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמְלָאכֶת עֲבַדַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתָהּ וְהֵם הֵבִיאוּ אֵלָיו עוֹד נְדָבָה בַּבֶּקֶר בַּבֶּקֶר: 4 וַיָּבֵאוּ כָּל-הַחֲכָמִים הָעֹשִׂים אֶת כָּל-מְלָאכֶת הַקֹּדֶשׁ אִישׁ-אִישׁ מִמְּלָאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר-הִמָּה עֹשִׂים: 5 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר מֵרַבִּים הָעָם לְהֵבִיא מְדֵי הָעֲבֹדָה לְמְלָאכָה אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתָהּ: 6 וַיִּצְוּ מֹשֶׁה וַיַּעֲבִירוּ קוֹל בְּמַחֲנֶה לֵאמֹר אִישׁ וְאִשָּׁה אֲלֵי-יַעֲשׂוּ-עוֹד מְלָאכָה לְתְרוּמַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ וַיִּכְלָא הָעָם מִהֵבִיא:

In Memoriam: March 7 to March 13, 2021

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Justin P. Allman
Rosalind Bass
Rebecca Ann Baum
Jennie Beck
Seymour Beere, Jr.
Clara Landman Berkowitz
Raymond Berman
Zelda Askans Berman
Marcia Berneman
Joseph Binenstock
Arthur L. Bloom
Lewis Bogdanoff
Myrna Brind
Abraham J. Brown
Marjorie Buerger
Blossom Buller
Debra Clark
Allen Cohen
Joel Cohen
Emil Cohn
Roy David
Betty Dumoff
Max Ehrenberg
Doris Elias
Ina Rose Feldman
Edith Cohen Fisher
Joe Fisher
Abraham L. Freedman
Samuel J. Garfield
Simon L. Garfinkel
Elinor Garson
Clara Cohen Glaubman
Aaron S. Goldberg
Harry N. Goldberg

George A. Gotto
Margaret Gerstley Gratz
Harry G. Greenberg
Herman Greenberg
Ruth Light Greene
William Grohs
Dora G. Gruenberg
Kirk Habby
David Eli Hahn
Max Heller
Benjamin Herrin
Wilma O. Hess
George I. Israel
Noyma Kavitsky Jaffe
Beatrice B. Kalcheim
Stella Hirsch Kann
Myron (Mike) Kaplan
David Kapustin
Sally Katz
Alfred Kershbaum
Shirley Klehr
Nathan Klein
Claire Weiner Kleinberg
Bessie S. Kohn
Melvin Robert Korn
Sarah Kricheff
Samuel Philips Lavine
Norman Dresden Leebron
Abe Levitt
Larry Levy
Frances Lewis
Jeremy J. Lifsey
Walter F. Lyons
Ronnie Moomjian

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Martin Pearlman
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Charles Seldner
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Robert Weiss
Claire Wessel
Dr. Hope S. Wisnia
Minnie Wohl
Dolores (Cookie) J. Wolf
Bertha Kohn Youngman

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

May the source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved

Lila Oliver Asher
Ilene Melnick

Marilyn Muchnick
Suzanne F. Scott

Emily Stein-O'Brien

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◆ Immersed in Jewish time ◆ Guided by enduring values ◆ Compelled to moral action

We create profound connections

Immersed in Jewish time

Sustained by the sacred rhythms of the Jewish year, pivotal moments of the Jewish life cycle, and generations of Jewish history, we are part of something greater than ourselves. Living in Jewish time teaches us how to express meaning in the everyday, to gather as a community, and to walk with each other through the joys and sorrows of our lives.

Guided by enduring values

The timeless wisdom of our tradition inspires our intentional quest for truth, righteousness, and purpose amid the uncertainties we face in our world. We dedicate ourselves to Judaism's ethical messages to treat each other with loving-kindness. The faithful, the skeptic—and those who perceive God in different ways—wrestle to renew the teachings of Torah for our present and for the future of the Jewish people.

Compelled to moral action

In a broken world, we commit to be a voice of conscience and to engage in the work of social justice. From our doorstep to our neighborhood and beyond, we welcome the stranger and embrace our responsibility to connect with and learn from others.

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We seek meaning in shared experiences and cherish our diverse perspectives. We who are new to synagogue life or have extensive Jewish backgrounds; we who are Jewish or who share our lives with Jews; we who live within different family constellations, who are of all abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, races, and generations: we enter the synagogue to celebrate, to learn, to laugh, to heal, to pray, to challenge ourselves, and to connect with others about the deepest questions of our lives.

Welcome to Congregation Rodeph Shalom

Who belongs here at Congregation Rodeph Shalom?

- ◆ If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old...
- ◆ If you have never stepped foot in a synagogue, or if this is your 1000th time here...
- ◆ If you are Jewish, or not...
- ◆ If you are faithful, doubting, or seeking...
- ◆ If you are single, married, with kids or without, divorced, widowed, or partnered...
- ◆ If you are black, brown, white, Latinx, Asian, or something else...
- ◆ If you are queer, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or straight...
- ◆ If you have, or had, addictions, or have family members struggling...
- ◆ If you live in Center City, the suburbs, or you're just visiting our city...
- ◆ If you are a student, looking for a job, or in a successful position...
- ◆ If you are fully-abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities...

You belong here at Rodeph Shalom!

We would like to follow-up with you...

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- ◆ I'd like to know how to become a [member of Rodeph Shalom](#).
- ◆ I'm interested in enrolling my child in [Buerger Early Learning Center](#)
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