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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 6, 2021

**Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,  
Cantor Rita Glassman

***Bat Mitzvah:*** Madeline Alex Cohen,  
daughter of Jamie & Michael Cohen

**Madeline Alex Cohen**, daughter of Jamie & Michael Cohen and sister of Mia, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, March 6. Maddie is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Friends Select School. For her *mitzvah project*, Maddie volunteered at Project Home to help raise money for the homeless. For years, Maddie has prepared "Maddie Bags" with necessities for the less fortunate, which she distributes to homeless people. Maddie loves spending time with friends and family, playing softball, field hockey, and convincing her sister to make TikTok videos.



# Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

## Parashat Sh'lach L'cha: Numbers 13:19 - 30

19 Is the country in which they dwell good or bad? Are the towns they live in open or fortified? 20 Is the soil rich or poor? Is it wooded or not? And take pains to bring back some of the fruit of the land.”—Now it happened to be the season of the first ripe grapes. 21 They went up and scouted the land, from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, at Lebo-hamath. 22 They went up into the Negeb and came to Hebron, where lived Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the Anakites.—Now Hebron was founded seven years before Zoan of Egypt.— 23 They reached the wadi Eshcol, and there they cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes—it had to be borne on a carrying frame by two of them—and some pomegranates and figs. 24 That place was named the wadi Eshcol because of the cluster that the Israelites cut down there. 25 At the end of forty days they returned from scouting the land. 26 They went straight to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran, and they made their report to them and to the whole community, as they showed them the fruit of the land. 27 This is what they told him: “We came to the land you sent us to; it does indeed flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 However, the people who inhabit the country are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, we saw the Anakites there. 29 Amalekites dwell in the Negeb region; Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites inhabit the hill country; and Canaanites dwell by the Sea and along the Jordan.” 30 Caleb hushed the people before Moses and said, “Let us by all means go up, and we shall gain possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it.”

19 וּמָה הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-הוּא יֹשֵׁב בָּהּ הַטּוֹבָה הִיא  
אִם-רָעָה וּמָה הָעָרִים הַעָרִים אֲשֶׁר-הוּא יוֹשֵׁב בְּהִנָּה  
הַבְּמִחְנֵים אִם בְּמִבְצָרִים: 20 וּמָה הָאָרֶץ הַשְּׂמֵמָה  
הִיא אִם-רְזוּה הַיְשֻׁבָה עַץ אִם-אֵין וְהִתְחַזְקוּתָם  
וְלִקְחָתָם מִפְּרֵי הָאָרֶץ וְהַיְמִים יְמֵי בַפּוּרֵי עֲנָבִים:  
21 וַיַּעֲלוּ וַיַּתְּרוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ מִמִּדְבַר-צֹן עַד-רְחֹב  
לְבָא חֲמַת: 22 וַיַּעֲלוּ בְּנֵגֶב וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד-חֲבֻרֹן וְשָׁם  
אָחִימֵן שֹׁשַׁי וְתַלְמִי יִלְדֵי הָעֲנָק וְחֲבֻרֹן שִׁבְעַ  
שָׁנִים נִבְנְתָה לְפָנָי צֶעֶן מִצָּרִים: 23 וַיָּבֹאוּ  
עַד-גִּחְל אֲשֶׁשְׁל וַיִּכְרְתוּ מִשָּׁם זְמוּרָה וְאֶשְׁכּוֹל  
עֲנָבִים אֶחָד וַיִּשְׂאֶהוּ בְּמוֹט בְּשָׁנִים וּמִן-הַרְמֹנִים  
וּמִן-הַתְּאֵנִים: 24 לְמָקוֹם הַהוּא קָרָא גִחַל אֲשֶׁכּוֹל  
עַל אֲדוֹת הָאֲשֶׁשְׁכּוֹל אֲשֶׁר-כָּרְתוּ מִשָּׁם בְּנֵי  
יִשְׂרָאֵל: 25 וַיָּשׁבוּ מִתּוֹר הָאָרֶץ מִקֶּץ אַרְבָּעִים  
יּוֹם: 26 וַיֵּלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל-אַהֲרֹן  
וְאֶל-כָּל-עֵדֹת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל-מִדְבַר פָּאֲרָן  
קְדֹשֶׁה וַיָּשִׁיבוּ אוֹתָם דָּבָר וְאֶת-כָּל-הָעֵדָה  
וַיִּרְאוּם אֶת-פְּרֵי הָאָרֶץ: 27 וַיְסַפְּרוּ-לוֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ  
כִּי אֲנוּ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַחְתָּנוּ וְגַם זִבַת חֶלֶב  
וּדְבַשׁ הִיא וְזֶה-פְּרִיָּהּ: 28 אָפֶס כִּי-עָזוּ הָעַם  
הַיֹּשֵׁב בְּאָרֶץ וְהָעָרִים בְּצֻרוֹת גְּדֹלַת מְאֹד  
וְגַם-יִלְדֵי הָעֲנָק רָאוּנוּ שָׁם: 29 עַמְלֹק יוֹשֵׁב  
בְּאָרֶץ הַנֶּגֶב וְהַחִתִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי וְהָאֱמֹרִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּהָר  
וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי יֹשֵׁב עַל-הַיַּם וְעַל יַד הַיַּרְדֵּן: 30 וַיִּהְיֶה  
כֶּלֶב אֶת-הָעַם אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר עָלַה נַעֲלָה  
וַיִּרְשָׁנוּ אֹתָהּ כִּי-יָכוֹל נוֹכַח לָהּ:

# In Memoriam: February 28 to March 6, 2021

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Alfred A. Abrahams	Esther Goldman	Diane Rappaport
Gertrude Aronson	Joseph Henry Goldston	Albert R. Rhode
Darla Ann Ashby	Yetta F. Goulson	Raisa Robbins
John Steven Bank	Samuel P. Gross	Rabbi Milton Rosenbaum
Edythe Barbour	Maxine Hess	Joseph Walter Rosenbluth
Hazel T. Barnett	Sydney Golden Hofkin	Diane Rosenthal
Marvin Barnett	Theodore Hollin	Keith L. Sachs
Bernard Behrend	Julie Jaycox	Susanna Sandberg
Silvia Bergen	Tom (Thomas) Jenkins	Samuel P. Saunders
Besse G. Bleznak	Lena Jonas	Minnie Krieger Schloss
Regina Bloch	Cecelia Kahan	Penrose T. Schoeneman
Stella Goodman Block	Adolph Klein	Alvin Segal
Diane Blumenthal	Louis Kobb	Justin M. Selig
Terry Brandt	Emanuel Kohn	Betty Seligsohn
Regina Freudenreich Brenman	Jacob Kossman	Simone P. Shneider
Molly Bynsky	Heidi Krystall	Carol R. Simon
Harry Cohen	Sara Maybaum Lam	Joseph Sinel
Bernard Cohn	Sophie F. Lang	Isadore Sley
Harry Crane	Benj. Franklin Teller Langsdorf	Norman G. Sloane
Janet Craig Dalsimer	Sadye A. Laventhol	Marshall Spector
Morgan Donato	Walter H. Lazar	Thomas Spector
Annie Eason	Eunice Lazin	Arlene Starkman
Richard B Eisenberg	Max Lipson	Herbert M. Stein
Morton Edward Israel Erlichman	Robert Livingston	Lester G. Steppacher
Rose Rice Feldman	Etta O. Louchheim	Margaret F. Stern
Robert L. "Robbie" Fine	Louis Samuel Magen	Sydney S. Stern
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Stephen Frank	Mel Mantz	Annie Strouse
Herbert S. Frieder	Marvin Miller	Claire B. Stup
Rose Furman	Marjorie Myerson	Shirley Waxman
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Lena Ginsberg	Florence Pearlman	Helen Marx Zander
Jeanette Miriam Goldberg	Alexander Prager	Norbert Zeelander
Sadie Goldberg	Jeannette M. Putzel	

## ***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  
Adele Kornfeld

Ilene Melnick  
Suzanne F. Scott

Alan Zuckerman

# Discover the [Rodeph Shalom Vision Statement](#)

◆ 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.

### **We create profound connections**

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...

Please contact: Melissa Erlick, Membership Manager, via email at [merlick@rodephshalom.org](mailto:merlick@rodephshalom.org) or 267-930-7286.

- ◆ I'd like to learn more about [Rodeph Shalom](#).
- ◆ 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](#)
- ◆ I'm interested in enrolling my child in [Berkman Mercaz Limud \(religious school\)](#).

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