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SHALOM**

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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.

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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.

Saturday, *Shabbat* Morning Service

August 29, 2020

Led by:

Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantor Rita Glassman

Bat Mitzvah:

Hannah Elizabeth Bush,
daughter of Julie & Barry Bush



Hannah Elizabeth Bush, daughter of Julie & Barry Bush, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, August 29. Hannah is a 7th grader at Penn Alexander School. For her *mitzvah* project, Hannah sewed 100 face masks for children visiting siblings at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In her free time, Hannah enjoys spending time with friends, playing flute, gardening, and anything related to nature— especially sea turtles. See the weekly email for the link to join Hannah's *Bat Mitzvah*.

Shabbat Morning Service

Introduction to the Saturday Morning Service:



The prayers at the start of the service are comprised of a collection of morning blessings and general gratitude (pages 74-100).

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.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Ki Teitzei Deuteronomy 24:14-25:3

14 You shall not abuse a needy and destitute laborer, whether a fellow countryman or a stranger in one of the communities of your land. 15 You must pay him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets, for he is needy and urgently depends on it; else he will cry to the Eternal against you and you will incur guilt. 16 Parents shall not be put to death for children, nor children be put to death for parents: a person shall be put to death only for his own crime. 17 You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn.

18 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and that the Eternal your God redeemed you from there; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment. 19 When you reap the harvest in your field and overlook a sheaf in the field, do not turn back to get it; it shall go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow—in order that the Eternal your God may bless you in all your undertakings. 20 When you beat down the fruit of your olive trees, do not go over them again; that shall go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not pick it over again; that shall go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 22 Always remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment. 1 When there is a dispute between men and they go to law, and a decision is rendered declaring the one in the right and the other in the wrong— 2 if the guilty one is to be flogged, the magistrate shall have him lie down and be given lashes in his presence, by count, as his guilt warrants. 3 He may be given up to forty lashes, but not more, lest being flogged further, to excess, your brother be degraded before your eyes.

14 לֹא-תַעֲשֶׂק שָׂכִיר עָנִי וְאֶבְיוֹן מֵאַחֶיךָ אֹד
מִגֵּרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּאַרְצֶךָ בְּשַׁעֲרֶיךָ: 15 כִּי־וּמוֹ
תִּמְנוּ שְׂכָרָו וְלֹא-תִבֹּא עָלָיו הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ כִּי עָנִי
הוּא וְאֵלָיו הוּא נֹשֵׂא אֶת-נַפְשׁוֹ וְלֹא-יִקְרָא
עָלֶיךָ אֱלֹהֵי-הַיְהוָה וְהִנֵּה בְּךָ חַטָּא: 16 לֹא-יָמוּתוּ
אָבוֹת עַל-בְּנֵים וּבָנִים עַל-אָבוֹת
אִישׁ בְּחַטָּאתָו יוּמָתוּ: 17 לֹא תִטֶּה מִשְׁפַּט גֵּר
יָתוֹם וְלֹא תִחַבֵּל בְּגֹד אֶלְמָנָה: 18 וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי
עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּמִצְרַיִם וַיִּפְדֶּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
מִשָּׁם עַל-כֵּן אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת-הַדְּבָר
הַזֶּה: 19 כִּי תִקְצֹר קַצִּירֶךָ בְּשַׂדֶּךָ וְשָׁכַחְתָּ
עֹמֵר בַּשָּׂדֶה לֹא תָשׁוּב לִקְחָתוֹ לְגֵר לִיתוֹם
וְלֶאֱלֵמָנָה יִהְיֶה לְמַעַן יִבְרַכְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֶיךָ: 20 כִּי תִחַבֵּט וַיִּתֶּךָ לֹא
תִפְאָר אַחֲרֶיךָ לְגֵר לִיתוֹם וְלֶאֱלֵמָנָה יִהְיֶה:
21 כִּי תִבְצֹר כַּרְמֶךָ לֹא תַעֲזוֹלֵל אַחֲרֶיךָ לְגֵר
לִיתוֹם וְלֶאֱלֵמָנָה יִהְיֶה: 22 וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי-עֶבֶד
הָיִיתָ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם עַל-כֵּן אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת-הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה: 1 כִּי-יִהְיֶה רֵיב בֵּין
אֲנָשִׁים וְנִגְשׂוּ אֶל-הַמִּשְׁפָּט וְשִׁפְטוּם
וְהִצְדִּיקוּ אֶת-הַצְדִּיק וְהִרְשִׁיעוּ אֶת-הַרְשָׁע:
2 וְהִנֵּה אִם-בֵּן הַכּוֹת הִרְשָׁע וְהִפִּילוּ הַשֶּׁפֶט
וְהִכְהוּ לַפְּנָיו כְּנִי רִשְׁעָתוֹ בְּמִסְפָּר:
3 אַרְבַּעִים יִכְּנוּ לֹא יִסִּיף פֶּן-יִסִּיף לְהַכְתּוֹ
עַל-אֱלֹה מִכָּה רַבָּה וְנִקְלָה אַחֲרֶיךָ לַעֲיִנֶיךָ:

In Memoriam: August 23 to August 29, 2020

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Mamie Schuman Abelson	Seymour Golden	Charna Rickey
Sylvia Adelman	Beulah D. Hammerschlag	Bertha H. Rolle
Eleanor Ruth Asher	Sadie Hassler	Nina C. Rosen
David Basewitz	Minnie G. Herson	David H. Rosenbluth
Jerome Bass	Gertrude Hoenig	Mae Gansman Rosenbluth
Jerome Beal	Miriam Deborah Jacoby	Eva Sklar Rosentoor
Samuel Bean	Jacob Kalish	Alice Malter Roskam
Emanuel Beck	Sy Kamens	Katherine Segall Sablosky
Max Becker	Theodore H. Kapnek, Sr.	William J. Sauer, Jr.
Marlene Beere	Bernice Kass	Leopold Schlesinger
Harry G. Beneman	Anna Katz	Amelia Schnitzer
Flora Berkowitz	Sylvia Katz	Marie Schwartzberg
Jacob A. Biberman	Anna Kellem	Ricci Marla Sharp
Sol Brody	Helene Stoumen Kleinman	Bernice Sharp
Saul H. Brotman	Blanche Spanier Stern Koch	Max Sheller
Emily R. Chernicoff	Rosalind Kogan	Georgia Shuster
Paul DeVito	Irene Engle Levy	Natalie Silver Stein
Robert Dinkin	Benjamin Lieberman	Jean Simon
Henry Dintenfass	Irwin Lipschutz	Fredene Skowronek
Ruth S. Easley	Albert Lyman	Elaine Helinek Sperling
Mildred Feldman	Florence Miles	Rose Spooon
Alma Finestone	Rosa Stein Miller	Jacob M. Teller
Abram R. Finkel	Milton J. Mirman	Ellen Weiler
Maurice Fliegelman	Jeanette David Myer	Mark M. Woldow
David Frankil	Fanny R. Nitzberg	Alvin E. Wolf, Jr.
Elliot Furman	Frances Parness Peitzman	Estelle Wolf
Rebecca Gabel	Irving W. Rabb	Sara R. Wolf
Emma N. Goldbaum	Edward D. Reinheimer	Ruth Greenberg Zibman

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Claire Levy Levi

Antonia Wohlmuth

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

Welcome to Congregation Rodeph Shalom

Who is welcome 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 are welcome here at Rodeph Shalom!

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

Please contact: Jeff Katz, Executive Director, via email at jkatz@rodephshalom.org or 267-930-7278.

- ◆ 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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