



CONGREGATION
**RODEPH
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

September 12, 2020

Led by:

Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantor Rita Glassman

Bar Mitzvah:

Jacob Brancheau Fogg,
son of Michelle Brancheau-Fogg & Matthew Fogg



Jacob Brancheau Fogg , son of Michelle Brancheau-Fogg & Matthew Fogg, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, September 12. Jacob is a 7th grader at Friends Select School. For his *mitzvah* project, Jacob reached out to veteran members of our congregation to make connections and to provide companionship.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Nitzavim-Vayeilech Deuteronomy 29:12-20

12 To the end that God may establish you this day as God's people and be your Eternal God, as God promised you and as God swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

13 I make this covenant, with its sanctions, not with you alone, 14 but both with those who are standing here with us this day before the Eternal our God and with those who are not with us here this day. 15 Well you know that we dwelt in the land of Egypt and that we passed through the midst of various other nations through which you passed;

12 לַמַּעַן הָקִים־אֱתֶךָ הַיּוֹם לֹא לְעַם וְהוּא
יְהִי־לְךָ לֵאלֹהִים כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּר־לְךָ וְכְאֲשֶׁר
נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלִיַּעֲקֹב:
13 וְלֹא אִתְּכֶם לְבַדְכֶם אֲנֹכִי כֹרֵת
אֶת־הַבְּרִית הַזֹּאת וְאֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים הַזֶּה:
14 כִּי אֶת־אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁנֹו פֹה עֲמָנִי עַמִּיד הַיּוֹם
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינָנו פֹּה
עֲמָנִי הַיּוֹם: 15 כִּי־אַתֶּם יְדַעְתֶּם אֵת
אֲשֶׁר־יִשְׁכְּנוּ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וְאֵת
אֲשֶׁר־עָבְרָנוּ בְּקֶרֶב הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר עָבַרְתֶּם:

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading (Cont'd)

Nitzavim-Vayeilech Deuteronomy 29:16-23

16 and you have seen the detestable things and the fetishes of wood and stone, silver and gold, that they keep. 17 Perchance there is among you some man or woman, or some clan or tribe, whose heart is even now turning away from the Eternal our God to go and worship the gods of those nations—perchance there is among you a stock sprouting poison weed and wormwood. 18 When such a one hears the words of these sanctions, he may fancy himself immune, thinking, “I shall be safe, though I follow my own willful heart”—to the utter ruin of moist and dry alike. 19 The Eternal will never forgive him; rather will the Eternal’s anger and passion rage against that man, till every sanction recorded in this book comes down upon him, and the Eternal blots out his name from under heaven. 20 The Eternal will single them out from all the tribes of Israel for misfortune, in accordance with all the sanctions of the covenant recorded in this book of Teaching. 21 And later generations will ask—the children who succeed you, and foreigners who come from distant lands and see the plagues and diseases that the Eternal has inflicted upon that land, 22 all its soil devastated by sulfur and salt, beyond sowing and producing, no grass growing in it, just like the upheaval of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Eternal overthrew in His fierce anger— 23 all nations will ask, “Why did the Eternal do thus to this land? Wherefore that awful wrath?”

16 ותראו את־שקוציהם ואת־גלליהם
עץ ואבן כסף וזהב אשר עמיהם:
17 פן־יש בכם איש או־אשה או־משפחה
או־שבט אשר לבבו פנה היום מעם
יהוה אלהינו ללכת לעבד את־אלהי
הגוים ההם פן־יש בכם ערש פרה ראש
ולענה: 18 והיה בשמעו את־דברי ה'אלה
הזאת והתברך בלבבו לאמר שלום
יהיה־לי כי בשררות לבי אלה למען
ספות הרוע את־הצמאה: 19 לא־יאבה
יהוה סלח לו כי אז יעשן אף־יהוה
וקנאתו באיש ההוא ורבעה בו
כל־האלה הפתובה בספר הזה ומחה
יהוה את־שמו מתחת השמים:
20 והבדילו יהוה לרעה מפל שבטי
ישראל כלל אלות הברית הפתובה
בספר התורה הזה: 21 ואמר הדור
האחרון בניכם אשר יקומו מאחריכם
והנכרי אשר יבא מארץ רחוקה וראו
את־מכות הארץ ההוא ואת־תחלואיה
אשר־חלה יהוה בה: 22 גפרית ומלח
שרפה כל־ארצה לא תזרע ולא תצמח
ולא־יעלה בה פל־עשב כמהפכת סדם
ועמרה אדמה וצבליים אשר הפך יהוה
באפו ובחמתו: 23 ואמרו כל־הגוים
על־מה עשה יהוה ככה לארץ הזאת מה
תרי האף הגדול הזה:

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.

In Memoriam: September 6 to September 12, 2020

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Babette Allmayer	Adolph Teller Kohn	Gisella Schwartz
Samuel Altus	Dorothy LaDue	Marvin Schwartz
Ida Klau Augarten	Henrietta Landis	Zachary J. Seligsohn
Hannah Beck	I. Valentine Levi	Sylvia Shelton
Samuel Beck	Albert Israel Levin	Florence Silk Silverman
Sarah Bliss	Michael Lifter	Jacqueline H. Simon
Gordon Stanley Bodek	Eleanor S. Loewenstein	Yetta Slomine
Elliott Braun	Alexander L. Luria	Elsie King Smith
Mary Waisbain Brown	Elsa Maene	Milton H. Snellenburg
Sylvan M. Cohen	Ida P. Malerman	Edward L. Snitzer
Anna Cohen	Philopena Binche Mandel	David H. Solms
Edwin Irl Einbender	Sylvia Bliss Mandy	Rosalie Soltroff
Mitch Ellenbaum	Sandra M. Mann	Estelle Spitz
Jacob B. Ellman	Jean Fleisher Margolies	Irving Stanley
Herbert A. Epstein	Arthur Margulies	Nelson Steinhardt
Nancy Epstein	Hannah May	Ruth Steinbach Steppacher
Pauline Fischbach	Amelia Kahnweiler Meyers	Selina Sterling
Jean Fischer	Mara Milshtein	Caroline Hanau Stern
Penrose Fleisher	Emanuel Moss	Harold E. Strasser
Isaac H. Gabel	Marcus Neumann	Herbert Strauss
Bertha Gans	Mimi Schorr Nicholson	David Strumpf
Murray D. Gardner	Robert A. Nisenson	Rosalie Stumacher
Doris M. Garrett	Gertrude Oblon	Bernard J. Tamarin
Rose Wolin Goldman	Herbert L. Phillips	Jennie Silberman Teller
Dora Jaffe Goldman	Abigail Young Sing Ragobar	Albert D. Viener
June Linda Walter Gould	Cyril S. Rhodes	Amalia S. Weil
Matthew F. Granoff	I.E. "Eddie" Robinson	aBelle Weintraub
Jack Gross	Rae Titelman Robinson	Arnold Weiss
Mike Harris	Lee I. Robinson	Claire Schwab Wise
Daniel Lewis Harrison	Arnold Rosenberg	Frances Freed Witlin
Joseph Hartz	Marilyn Rosenblit	Hannah Wolf
Esther Kean	Joseph Roskam	Henry Wotiz
Fannie Stein Kemper	Molly Saks	Frank D. Zabawa
Susan Kirshenbaum	Antoinette Sattler	Irving Zaslow

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Paul R. Aronson
Andrew Greenberg

Claire Levy Levi
Richard Smith

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.

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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](#)
- ♦ I'm interested in enrolling my child in [Berkman Mercaz Limud \(religious school\)](#).

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