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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.

Saturday, *Shabbat* Morning Service

November 21, 2020

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

B'nai Mitzvah: Sloane Jolie Cohen Nasser
daughter of Caren Cohen & Dan Nasser

Sloane Nasser, daughter of Caren Cohen & Dan Nasser and sister of Jay, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, November 21. Sloane is an 8th grader at The Philadelphia School. For her *mitzvah* project, Sloane cooked and served dinner at Winter Shelter, a neighborhood homeless shelter. Sloane is very concerned about the homeless and food insecurity in Philadelphia. Sloane is on a competitive cheer team and loves doing special effects makeup.



Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Toldot: Genesis 25:22-33

22 But the children struggled in her womb, and she said, “If so, why do I exist?” She went to inquire of the Eternal, 23 and the Eternal answered her, “Two nations are in your womb, Two separate peoples shall issue from your body; One people shall be mightier than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.” 24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first one emerged red, like a hairy mantle all over; so they named him Esau. 26 Then his brother emerged, holding on to the heel of Esau; so they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. 27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the outdoors; but Jacob was a mild man who stayed in camp. 28 Isaac favored Esau because he had a taste for game; but Rebekah favored Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the open, famished. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, “Give me some of that red stuff to gulp down, for I am famished”— which is why he was named Edom. 31 Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” 32 And Esau said, “I am at the point of death, so of what use is my birthright to me?” 33 But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

22 וַיִּתְרַצְצוּ הַבְּנִים בְּקֶרֶב הַבֶּטֶן וַתֹּאמֶר אִם-כֵּן
לָמָּה זֶה אֲנֹכִי וַתִּלְוֶה לְדַרְשׁ אֶת-יְהוָה: 23
וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לָהּ שְׁנֵי גֵימִים [גוֹיִם] בְּבֶטְנְךָ וּשְׁנֵי
לְאֻמִּים מִמֶּנֶּי יִפְרְדוּ וְלֵאמֹם מִלְאָם יֵאָמֵץ וְרַב
יַעֲבֹד צָעִיר: 24 וַיִּמְלְאוּ יָמֶיהָ לֵלְדוֹת וְהִנֵּה
תּוֹמֵם בְּבֶטְנָהּ: 25 וַיֵּצֵא הָרֵאשׁוֹן אֲדָמוֹנִי כָלוֹ
כְּאֲדָרַת שַׁעַר וַיִּקְרְאוּ שְׁמוֹ עֵשָׂו: 26 וְאֶחָיו-כֵּן
יֵצֵא אָחִיו וַיִּדּוּ אֶחָזֶז בַּעֲקֵב עֵשָׂו וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ
יַעֲקֹב וַיִּצְתַּק בְּוִשְׁשִׁים שָׁנָה בְּלֵדַת אָתָם:
27 וַיִּגְדְּלוּ הַנְּעָרִים וַיְהִי עֵשָׂו אִישׁ יָדָע צֹיֵד
אִישׁ שֹׁדֵה וַיַּעֲקֹב אִישׁ תָּם יֹשֵׁב אֲהָלִים:
28 וַיֵּאָתֵב יִצְתַּק אֶת-עֵשָׂו כִּי-צִיֵּד בְּכַף וּרְבִקָּה
אֲהָבָת אֶת-יַעֲקֹב: 29 וַיִּזְדַּע יַעֲקֹב נָזִיד וַיָּבֵא
עֵשָׂו מִן-הַשָּׂדֶה וְהוּא עֵיִף: 30 וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו
אֶל-יַעֲקֹב הֲלָעִיטִנִּי נָא מִן-הָאֲדָם הָאָדָם הִזֵּה
כִּי עֵיִף אֲנֹכִי עַל-כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמוֹ אֲדוֹם:
31 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב מְכֹרָה כֵּיּוֹם אֶת-בְּכֹרְתִי לִי:
32 וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת
וְלָמָּה-זֶה לִי בְּכֹרָה: 33 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הַשְׁבֵּעָה
לִי כִּיּוֹם וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ וַיִּמְכַּר אֶת-בְּכֹרְתוֹ לַיַּעֲקֹב:

In Memoriam: November 15 to November 21 2020

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Arthur G. Abrahams	Julius Glass	Phyllis Miller
Albert K. Arnold	Anna Glick Gold	Paul Pardys
William Auritt	Anne Goldberg	Fanny Potashnik
Samuel Auspitz	Harris S. Goldstein	Harry E. Reinhard
Gertude Baron	Selma Klein Goodman	Tillie Freda Maimon Rice
Abraham Michael Bass	Elizabeth B. Gottlob	Heinrich Rosenbaum
Jacob Batt	Earl Jay Gratz	Freda Kraftsow Sacks
Fannie Amster Bean	Vicki Grill	Sharon Sacks
Martin Beck	Gersh Grinblat	Abraham Saks
Coleman Blough	Sylvia Harris	Fannie Weinberg Saler
Lillian Brick	Louis Herbach	Rebecca Schuman
Asher Brody	Meyer Hoffman	Fred Seefeld
Samuel Brummer	Moses Jacobs	Marvin Seidner
Eleanor Caplin	Shirley B. Komins	Milton C. Shapiro
Louis M. Cohen	Harvey Konkin	Morton J. Simon
Mary Cohen	Sarah Krase	Sidney Simons
Herbert U. Davis	Danielle Langsdorf	Pauline Orland Sitkin
Michael Fader	Minna D. Levi	Matthew Slap
Rosaline Berman Feinstein	Max Levy	Eva Snyder
A. Nathan (Nate) Ferman	Alexander Eugene Loeb	Nathan Spells
Max Wolff Fischbach	William Simon Loeb	Ned Stein
Emily Mayer Fisher	Herbert Lutwin	Blanche Lang Stern
Sadie Fleisher	Milton Mayers	Helena Ullman
Gerald Fox	Jack Mazor	Mary Weinberger
Celia Friedman	Joanne McGurk	Isidore H. Wolff
Ronald Gade	Betty Jo McIntosh	George William Wolfsten
William Gerstley, II	Etta E. Ettinger Mendelssohn	Frances K. Wolsey
Harry Gilbert	Herbert H. Miller	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Cecelia Banks	Rabbi Jonathan Sacks	Herb Stein
Hilda Gross	Norman Schwarz	Naomi Waxman
Aaron Pardys	Anne Stedman	

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

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.

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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 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: Melissa Erlick, Membership Manager, via email at 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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