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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

## February 13, 2021

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

***Bar Mitzvah:*** Elliot James Scott,  
son of Ilana Eisenstein & Thomas Scott

**Elliot Scott**, son of Ilana Eisenstein & Thomas Scott, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, February 13. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at The Philadelphia School. For his *mitzvah* project, Elliot has undertaken a project to document the stories of Jewish individuals who were blacklisted during the McCarthy Era. He has been working not only to learn about these stories, but to conduct video interviews of those directly affected or their family members so their history may be told and to consider the importance of this history to the present day. He plans to present his work at the time of his *bar mitzvah*.



# Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

## Parashat Mishpatim: Exodus 23:1 - 12

1 You must not carry false rumors; you shall not join hands with the guilty to act as a malicious witness: 2 You shall neither side with the mighty to do wrong—you shall not give perverse testimony in a dispute so as to pervert it in favor of the mighty— 3 nor shall you show deference to a poor man in his dispute. 4 When you encounter your enemy's ox or ass wandering, you must take it back to him. 5 When you see the ass of your enemy lying under its burden and would refrain from raising it, you must nevertheless raise it with him. 6 You shall not subvert the rights of your needy in their disputes. 7 Keep far from a false charge; do not bring death on those who are innocent and in the right, for I will not acquit the wrongdoer. 8 Do not take bribes, for bribes blind the clear-sighted and upset the pleas of those who are in the right. 9 You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt. 10 Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; 11 but in the seventh you shall let it rest and lie fallow. Let the needy among your people eat of it, and what they leave let the wild beasts eat. You shall do the same with your vineyards and your olive groves. 12 Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor, in order that your ox and your ass may rest, and that your bondman and the stranger may be refreshed.

1 לֹא תִשָּׂא שְׁמֵע נְשׂוּא אֶל־תְּשִׁיט יָדְךָ עִם־רִשְׁע לִהְיוֹת עֵד חָמָס: (ס) 2 לֹא־תִהְיֶה אַחֲרֵי־רִבִּים לְרַעַת וְלֹא־תַעֲנֶה עַל־רֹב לְנֹטֹת אַחֲרֵי רִבִּים לְהִטֹּת: 3 וְדָל לֹא תִהְדָּר בְּרִיבוֹ: (ס) 4 כִּי תִפְגַּע שׂוֹר אֲיִבְךָ אוֹ חֲמֹרוֹ תִעֲנֶה הָשֵׁב תְּשִׁיבֵנּוּ לּוֹ: (ס) 5 כִּי־תִרְאֶה חֲמֹר שְׂנֵאָף רֹבֵץ תַּחַת מִשְׁאוֹ וְחִדַּלְתָּ מֵעֲזֹב לוֹ עֲזֹב תַעֲזֹב עִמּוֹ: (ס) 6 לֹא תִטֶּה מִשְׁפֹּט אֲבִינֶךָ בְּרִיבוֹ: 7 מִדְּבַר־שֹׁקֵר תִּרְחֹק וּנְקִי וְצַדִּיק אֶל־תִּהְרָג כִּי לֹא־אֲצַדִּיק רָשָׁע: 8 וְשָׁחַד לֹא תִקַּח כִּי הַשְׁחָד יַעֲנֶה פְקוּדִים וְיִסְלַף דְּבָרֵי צַדִּיקִים: 9 וְגֵר לֹא תִלְחָץ וְאַתֶּם יַדְעֹתֶם אֶת־גִּפְשׁ הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: 10 וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁנִים תִּזְרַע אֶת־אַרְצְךָ וְאַסַּפְתָּ אֶת־תְּבוּאַתָּה: 11 וְהִשְׁבִּיעַתָּ תִשְׁמְטֶנָּה וְנִטְשָׁתָה וְאַכְלוּ אֲבִינֵי עַמְּךָ וַיִּתְּרֶם תֹּאכַל תֵּינת הַשְּׂדֵה כְּנֹעַשָׁה לְכַרְמֶךָ לְזִיתְךָ: 12 שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַעֲשֶׂה מַעֲשֶׂיךָ וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי תִשְׁבֹּת לְמַעַן יָנוּחַ שׂוֹרְךָ וְחֲמֹרְךָ וַיִּנְפְּשׁ כְּנֹעַמְתֶּךָ וְהַגֵּר:

# In Memoriam: February 7 to February 13, 2021

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Rose Augsburg	Hannah Lowenstein Greenwald	Ruth Rosenau
Celia S. Bachman	Rose H. Grill	Joseph Roskam
Irving Bankofsky	Sarah Herz	Leonora Roth
Rosalie Bauer	Sadie Blatt Hess	Susan K. Ruberg
Rev. Dr. Henry Berkowitz	David D. Hyman	Emanuel Sacks
Leon Blanckensee	Clara Indig	Fanny G. Sanders
Anna Brooks	Sarah Pollock Kaufmann	Milton Schiffman
Millie Burgauer	Ethel Kistruseff	Beatrice Safren Segal
Gertrude Weisfield Cantor	Arnost Kleinzeller	Benjamin Pincus Seltzer
Roy Citron	Lucille Trichon Kogan	Steven Serota
Albert Cohen	Hans Krieks	Mark Morris Shapiro
Bertha Marks Cohen	Joseph Levy	Sarah Harrison Shapiro
Jacob L. Cohen	Samuel H. Levy	Ruth Sharer
Lt. Col. Robert Cohen	Martin Lieberman	Judith Brin Sharpe
Adam Cornfeld	Harry M. Loeb	Louis Shorr
Laura F. Edelman	Lucille G. Long	Scott Alan Sickles
Martin Eisenberg	Samuel M. Lovenstein	Milton Fels Simon
Morris Feinberg	Celeste Greenberg Makover	Anna Marks Smukler
Miriam Flitter	Isadore Markowitz	Irvin Stein
Lulu Rosenau Frankel	Laura Meyerson	Samuel S. Stein
Charles A. (Strauss) Goldberg	Michael Miller	Jane Sterling Stern
Eddie Ann Goldberg	Eva H. Morris	Daniel Tiffany
Robert Goldberg	Nathan Oblon	Andrew Voluck
Elizabeth Breger Goldston	Justin Pearlman	Louis D. Watnik
Alvin Goodwin	Sidney Robert Pols	Roye Z. Weintraub
Janet Gordon	Rose Polsky	Barney Welsh
Marvin H. Grabosky	Eleanor Present	Clark Wind
Harriet Grass	Enid F. Raab	Rebecca Beatrice Yamron
Flora R. Greenwald	Samuel Rose	

## ***Shloshim*** (30 days of mourning)

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

David Cornell  
Joan Els

Adele Kornfeld  
Naomi Reiner

Shirley Fox Weinstein  
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 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](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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