



Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

Jill L. Maderer, Senior Rabbi
Eli C. Freedman, Rabbi
Rita Glassman, Cantor
Alan D. Fuchs, Rabbi Emeritus
William I. Kuhn, Rabbi Emeritus
Henry B. Bernstein, President
Jeffrey W. Katz, Executive Director
Jennifer D. James, Director of Youth Education
Andrea S. Miller, Buerger Early Learning Center Jewish Engagement

***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

May 8, 2021

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

Bar Mitzvah: Jeremy Reuben Landau, son of Laurel & Brent Landau

Jeremy Reuben Landau, son of Laurel & Brent Landau and brother of Caleb, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 8. Jeremy is a 7th grader at Julia R. Masterman School. For his *mitzvah* project, Jeremy transcribed and reviewed digitized historical documents so that they could be searched, read, and accessed by everyone, including people who are not fully sighted, as part of the “By the People” project through the Library of Congress. Jeremy enjoys reading, LEGO building, and learning about his favorite topics, including dinosaurs and the American Revolution.



Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Behar Bechukotai: Leviticus 25:8-19

8 You shall count off seven weeks of years—seven times seven years—so that the period of seven weeks of years gives you a total of forty-nine years. 9 Then you shall sound the horn loud; in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month—the Day of Atonement—you shall have the horn sounded throughout your land. 10 and you shall hallow the fiftieth year. You shall proclaim release throughout the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: each of you shall return to his holding and each of you shall return to his family. 11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, neither shall you reap the aftergrowth or harvest the untrimmed vines, 12 for it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you: you may only eat the growth direct from the field. 13 In this year of jubilee, each of you shall return to his holding. 14 When you sell property to your neighbor, or buy any from your neighbor, you shall not wrong one another. 15 In buying from your neighbor, you shall deduct only for the number of years since the jubilee; and in selling to you, he shall charge you only for the remaining crop years: 16 the more such years, the higher the price you pay; the fewer such years, the lower the price; for what he is selling you is a number of harvests. 17 Do not wrong one another, but fear your God; for I The Eternal am your God. 18 You shall observe My laws and faithfully keep My rules, that you may live upon the land in security; 19 the land shall yield its fruit and you shall eat your fill, and you shall live upon it in security.

8 וְסַפַּרְתָּ לָךְ שִׁבְעַת שָׁבָע שָׁנִים שִׁבְעַת שָׁבָע פְּעָמִים וְהָיוּ לָךְ יָמֵי שִׁבְעַת שָׁבָע שָׁנִים תִּשְׁעַת וָאַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה: 9 וְהִעֲבַרְתָּ שׁוֹפָר תְּרוּעָה בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבַעִי בְּעֶשְׂרֵי לַחֹדֶשׁ בְּיוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים תִּעֲבִירוּ שׁוֹפָר בְּכָל־אַרְצְכֶם: 10 וְקִדְשְׁתֶּם אֶת שְׁנַת הַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה וְקִרְאתֶם דְּרוֹר בְּאַרְץ לְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל יוֹבֵל הוּא תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם וְשִׁבְתֶּם אִישׁ אֶל־אֲחֻזָּתוֹ וְאִישׁ אֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ תָּשׁוּבוּ: 11 יוֹבֵל הוּא שְׁנַת הַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם לֹא תִזְרְעוּ וְלֹא תִקְצְרוּ אֶת־סִפְיָהּ וְלֹא תִבְצְרוּ אֶת־גְּזָרֶיהָ: 12 כִּי יוֹבֵל הוּא קֹדֶשׁ תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם מִן־הַשָּׁנָה תֹּאכְלוּ אֶת־תְּבוּאַתָּה: 13 בְּשְׁנַת הַיּוֹבֵל הַזֶּה תָּשׁוּבוּ אִישׁ אֶל־אֲחֻזָּתוֹ: 14 וְכִי־תִמְכְּרוּ מִמְּכָר לַעֲמִיתְךָ אוֹ קָנָה מִיַּד עַמִּיתְךָ אֶל־תּוֹנוּ אִישׁ אֶת־אֲחִיו: 15 בְּמִסְפַּר שָׁנִים אַחֵר הַיּוֹבֵל תִּקְנֶה מֵאֵת עַמִּיתְךָ בְּמִסְפַּר שָׁנֵי־תְבוּאַת יְמִכְרְךָ: 16 לְפִי א רַב הַשָּׁנִים תִּרְבֶּה מִקְנָתוֹ וּלְפִי מְעַט הַשָּׁנִים תִּמְעָט מִקְנָתוֹ כִּי מִסְפַּר תְּבוּאַת הוּא מִכְרְךָ: 17 וְלֹא תוֹנוּ אִישׁ אֶת־עַמִּיתוֹ וְיִרְאתָ מֵאֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: 18 וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת־מִשְׁפָּטַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אִתְּם וַיִּשְׁבְּתֶם עַל־הָאָרֶץ לְבָטָח: 19 וְנָתְנָה הָאָרֶץ פְּרִיָּהּ וְאָכַלְתֶּם לְשָׂבַע וַיִּשְׁבְּתֶם לְבָטָח עָלֶיהָ:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:2

19 O Eternal, my strength and my stronghold,
My refuge in a day of trouble, To You nations
shall come From the ends of the earth and say:
Our fathers inherited utter delusions, Things
that are futile and worthless. 20 Can a man
make gods for himself? No-gods are they!
21 Assuredly, I will teach them, Once and for
all I will teach them My power and My might.
And they shall learn that My name is The
Eternal.

1 The guilt of Judah is inscribed With a stylus
of iron, Engraved with an adamant point On the
tablet of their hearts, And on the horns of their
altars, 2 While their children remember Their
altars and sacred posts, By verdant trees, Upon
lofty hills.

19 יְהוָה עֲזָרִי וּמְעֹנִי וּמְנוּסִי בְּיוֹם צָרָה אֱלֹהֵי גֹיִם
יִבְאוּ מֵאֶפְסֵי-אָרֶץ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶדְ-שָׁקֶר נָחֲלוּ
אֲבוֹתֵינוּ הֶבֶל וְאִין-בָּם מוֹעִיל: 20 הֲיַעֲשֶׂה-לּוֹ
אָדָם אֱלֹהִים וְהִמָּה לֹא אֱלֹהִים: 21 לְכוּ הַנְּגִי
מוֹדִיעִם בַּפֶּעַם הַזֹּאת אֲדִיעֵם אֶת-יָדֵי
וְאֶת-גְּבוּרַתִּי וַיִּדְעוּ כִּי-שְׁמִי יְהוָה: (ס)

1 חַטָּאת יְהוּדָה כְּתוּבָה בְּעֵט בְּרִזָּל בְּצַפְרֵן
שְׁמִיר חֲרוּשָׁה עַל-לִוּיִם לִפְּם וּלְקַרְנֹת
מִזְבְּחֹתֵיכֶם: 2 כְּזָכַר בְּנֵיהֶם מִזְבְּחֹתָם
וְאֲשָׁרֵיהֶם עַל-עֵץ רַעֲגוּן עַל גְּבְעוֹת הַגְּבוּהוֹת:

In Memoriam: May 2 to May 8, 2021

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Mitzi Adis	Edwin M. Goldsmith, Jr.	Rose Hassler Pinkus
Ezra Agmon	Sol W. Goodman	Harriet Poland
Eva Stern Aron	Sophie Wice Gordon	Bernard Polikoff
Anna Auerbach	Rose Rodin Green	Louise Gerstley Pols
Isaac Augsburger	Ray Pimes Greenberg	Laurie Schwarz Reinheimer
Fritzie R. Bauer	Jean Haness	Fred M. Rodin
Martin Bayersdorfer	Charlotte R. Holt	Harvey Rosenbluth
Lester E. Beckman, Jr.	Louis Holzman	Jacoby Theodore Rothner
Florence Kaufmann	Israel Isaac Jamison	David Robert Sacks
Bergsmann	Harry C. Kahn, II	Joseph W. Salus
Samuel Berneman	Theresa Karl	Therese Borns Salus
Shirley Bernstein	Caroline Allman Kayser	Mollie Saunders
Isidor Binswanger	Frances Kleeman	Bertha Harrison Schweig
Eugene Block	Clothilde Kohn	Opal Shirley
Harry Braunstein	Burton Neal Komita	David P. Shulman
Frances Lave Broder	David Koss	Joan Silverman
Richard Christopher	Albert Kraftsow	Christiane Sinel
Milton M. Ettelson	Goncer Krestal	Leon Solis-Cohen
Betty Poland Finkelman	Jacob Krieger	Stanley Solo
Marjorie Jane Flock	Jack H. Landau	Ruth Stein
Albert Fogel	Harry Levin	Miriam S. Strumpf
Charles Edwin Fox	William W. Levinson	Joseph Tollin
Kalman Frankel	Florence Levy	Sarah K. Viener
Max Friedman	Marcia G. Lipschutz	Lewis Walder
Stanley Frumkin	Arthur S. Lorch	Nathan Waldman
Joseph J. Gabel	Jennie Lipman Luria	Edwin H. Weil
Ignatius O. Gardner	Selma C. Lyman	Amelia Sandberg Whitehall
Sadye Lande Garfinkle	Flora Meiljzon	Henrietta Wolf
Marilyn J. Gelb	Milton M. Meyers	Irene G. Wolf
Abram Geller	Katherine Ginsburg Nelson	Dorothea Loewenthal Wolff
Milton Gershon	Mark Newberger	Shirley Zemsky
B. Franklin Glass	Celia Freedman Newman	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

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

Lois Elkman
Estelle Erlick

Robert A. Fox
Lynda Gross

Ronald Litman
Victor Rosenberg

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 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 \(religious school\)](#).

www.rodephshalom.org 215-627-6747
Facebook: [Congregation Rodeph Shalom](#) Blog: rodephshalom.org/blog