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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

May 8, 2021

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

Bar Mitzvah: Levi Dubroff, son of Lisa & Jacob Dubroff

Levi Dubroff, son of Lisa & Jacob Dubroff and brother of Ethan and dog Watson, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 8. Levi is a 7th grader at Germantown Friends School. For his *mitzvah* project, Levi volunteered at Breaking Bread on Broad at Rodeph Shalom, where he assisted with unpacking & organizing food, sorting, bagging, counting items for distribution, unloading milk crates, stacking diaper boxes, and passing out food to community members in need. In his free time, Levi enjoys fishing and playing basketball.



Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Behar Bechukotai: Leviticus 26:6-17

6 I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down untroubled by anyone; I will give the land respite from vicious beasts, and no sword shall cross your land. 7 You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 I will look with favor upon you, and make you fertile and multiply you; and I will maintain My covenant with you. 10 You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make room for the new. 11 I will establish My abode in your midst, and I will not spurn you. 12 I will be ever present in your midst: I will be your God, and you shall be My people. 13 I The Eternal am your God who brought you out from the land of the Egyptians to be their slaves no more, who broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect. 14 But if you do not obey Me and do not observe all these commandments, 15 if you reject My laws and spurn My rules, so that you do not observe all My commandments and you break My covenant, 16 I in turn will do this to you: I will wreak misery upon you—consumption and fever, which cause the eyes to pine and the body to languish; you shall sow your seed to no purpose, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 I will set My face against you: you shall be routed by your enemies, and your foes shall dominate you. You shall flee though none pursues.

6 וְנָתַתִּי שְׁלוֹם בְּאַרְצְךָ וְשָׁכַבְתָּם וְאִין מִחַרֵּיד
וְהִשְׁפַּתִּי תִיָּה רַעַה מִזֶּה-הָאָרֶץ וְחָרֵב לֹא-תַעֲבֹר
בְּאַרְצְכֶם: 7 וַיִּרְדְּפֶתֶם אֶת-אֹיְבֵיכֶם וַנִּפְּלוּ לִפְנֵיכֶם
לְחָרֵב: 8 וַיִּרְדְּפוּ מִכֶּם חֲמֵשֶׁה מֵאָה וּמֵאָה מִכֶּם
רִבְבָה יִרְדְּפוּ וַנִּפְּלוּ אֹיְבֵיכֶם לִפְנֵיכֶם לְחָרֵב:
9 וּפְגִימֵי אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְהִפְרִיתִי אֶתְכֶם וְהִרְבִּיתִי
אֶתְכֶם וְהִקִּימֵתִי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם: 10 וְאָכַלְתֶּם
יִשֹׁן נוֹשֵׁן וְיִשֹׁן מִפְּנֵי חֲדָשׁ תּוֹצִיאֻ: 11 וְנָתַתִּי
מִשְׁפְּנֵי בְּתוֹכְכֶם וְלֹא-תִגְעַל נַפְשֵׁי אֶתְכֶם:
12 וְהִתְהַלַּכְתִּי בְּתוֹכְכֶם וְהִיִּיתִי לְכֶם לֵאלֹהִים
וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ-לִי לְעָם: 13 אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִהַלְוֹת לְהָם
עֲבָדִים וְאֲשַׁבֵּר מַטְּ עַלְכֶם וְאוֹלֶה אֶתְכֶם
קוֹמְמִיּוֹת: (פ) 14 וְאִם-לֹא תִשְׁמָעוּ לִי וְלֹא
תַעֲשׂוּ אֵת כָּל-הַמִּצְוֹת הָאֵלֶּה: 15 וְאִם-בְּחַקְתִּי
תִמְאָסוּ וְאִם אֶת-מִשְׁפָּטֵי תִגְעַל נַפְשְׁכֶם לְבַלְתִּי
עֲשׂוֹת אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי לְהִפְרֹכֶם אֶת-בְּרִיתִי:
16 אִף-אֲנִי אֶעֱשֶׂה-זֹאת לְכֶם וְהִפְקַדְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם
בְּהִלָּה אֶת-הַשְׁחָפֹת וְאֶת-הַקְּדָחַת מְכֻלוֹת עֵינֵיכֶם
וּמְדִיבַת גִּפְשׁ וְזִרְעֹתֶם לְרִיק וְזִרְעֹכֶם וְאָכְלָהּ
אֹיְבֵיכֶם: 17 וְנָתַתִּי פָנַי בְּכֶם וְנִגְפְתֶם לִפְנֵי
אֹיְבֵיכֶם וְרָדוּ בְכֶם שָׁנְאֵיכֶם וְנִסְתֶּם וְאִין-רָדְף
אֶתְכֶם: (ס)

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Jeremiah 16:19 - 21

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.

19 יְהוָה עֲנֵי וּמְעַנֵי וּמְנוֹסֵי בְּיוֹם צָרָה אֱלֹהֵי גוֹיִם
יִבְאוּ מֵאֶפְסֵי-אֲרֶץ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶדְ-שָׁקֶר נִחְלָו
אֲבוֹתֵינוּ הִבִּיל וְאִין-בָּם מוֹעִיל: 20 הֲיַעֲשֶׂה-לּוֹ
אֱדָם אֱלֹהִים וְהִמָּה לֹא אֱלֹהִים: 21 לְכוּ הַנְּנִי
מוֹדִיעִם בַּפֶּעַם הַזֹּאת אוֹדִיעִם אֶת-יָדֵי
וְאֶת-גְּבוּרַתִּי וַיִּדְעוּ כִּי-שְׁמִי יְהוָה: (ס)

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 Hanes	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
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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

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◆ 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 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!

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