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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

October 23, 2021

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantor Brad Hyman

B'not Mitzvah: Talia Rose Rubenstein,
daughter of Christina & Peter Rubenstein

Willa Shei Ereve Pasternak,
daughter of Sherryl & William Pasternak

Board Representative: Susan Behr

Talia Rubenstein, daughter of Christina & Peter Rubenstein, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, October 23. Talia is an 8th grader at Germantown Friends School. Talia says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at RS has been learning more about what it means to be Jewish and about Jewish culture.

Willa Shei Ereve Pasternak, daughter of Sherryl & William Pasternak, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, October 23. Willa is a 7th grader at Nebinger Elementary. For her *mitzvah* project, Willa volunteered at Camp Jori in Rhode Island, where she discussed the history of the camp and its impact on Jewish children and their relationship with Israel and their Judaism. Willa says the most meaningful part of her *B'nai Mitzvah* journey was spending her summer in Rhode Island and getting in touch with her Jewish identity and wrapping it all together with her Jewish education that she learned at Rodeph Shalom.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Vayeira: Genesis 18:4 - 15

4 Let a little water be brought; bathe your feet and recline under the tree. 5 And let me fetch a morsel of bread that you may refresh yourselves; then go on—seeing that you have come your servant’s way.” They replied, “Do as you have said.” 6 Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Quick, three seahs of choice flour! Knead and make cakes!” 7 Then Abraham ran to the herd, took a calf, tender and choice, and gave it to a servant-boy, who hastened to prepare it. 8 He took curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them; and he waited on them under the tree as they ate. 9 They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he replied, “There, in the tent.” 10 Then one said, “I will return to you next year and your wife Sarah shall have a son!” Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years; Sarah had stopped having the periods of women. 12 And Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “Now that I am withered, am I to have enjoyment—with my husband so old?” 13 Then the Eternal said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I in truth bear a child, old as I am?’ 14 Is anything too wondrous for the Eternal? I will return to you at the same season next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” 15 Sarah lied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was frightened. But God replied, “You did laugh.”

4 יקח-גנא מעט-מים ורחצו רגליכם והשענו תחת העץ: 5 ואקחה פת-לחם וסעדו לבכם אחר תעברו כי-על-כן עברתם על-עבדכם ויאמרו כן תעשה פאשר דברת: 6 וימהר אברהם האלה אל-שרה ויאמר מהרי שלש סאים קמח סלת לוישי ועשי עגות: 7 ואל-הבקר רץ אברהם ויקח בן-בקר רך וטוב ויתן אל-הנער וימהר לעשות אתו: 8 ויקח חמאה וחלב ובן-הבקר אשר עשה ויתן לפניהם והוא-עמד עליהם תחת העץ ויאכלו: 9 ויאמרו אליו איה שרה אשתך ויאמר הגה באהל: 10 ויאמר שוב אשוב אליך כעת חיה והגה-כן לשרה אשתך ושרה שמעת פתח האהל והוא אחרי: 11 ואברהם ושרה זקנים באים בימים חדל להקות לשרה ארצה כנשים: 12 ותצחק שרה בקרבה לאמר אחרי בלתי היתה-לי עדנה ואדני זקן: 13 ויאמר יהוה אל-אברהם למה זה צחקה שרה לאמר האף אמנם אלד ואני זקנת: 14 היפלא מיהוה דבר למועד אשוב אליך כעת חיה וילשרה כן: 15 ותכחש שרה | לאמר לא צחקתי כי | יראה ויאמר | לא כי צחקתי:

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Vayeira: Genesis 22:1 - 13

1 Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test. He said to him, "Abraham," and he answered, "Here I am." 2 And God said, "Take your son, your favored one, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you." 3 So early next morning, Abraham saddled his ass and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and he set out for the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his servants, "You stay here with the ass. The boy and I will go up there; we will worship and we will return to you." 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Isaac. He himself took the firestone and the knife; and the two walked off together. 7 Then Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he answered, "Yes, my son." And he said, "Here are the firestone and the wood; but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "God will see to the sheep for His burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. 9 They arrived at the place of which God had told him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son. 11 Then an angel of the Eternal called to him from heaven: "Abraham! Abraham!" And he answered, "Here I am." 12 And he said, "Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from Me." 13 When Abraham looked up, his eye fell upon a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son.

1 וַיְהִי אַחֲרַיִם הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַהֲאֱלֹהִים נִסָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי: 2 וַיֹּאמֶר קַח־נָא אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יִחִידְךָ אֲשֶׁר־אַהַבְתָּ אֶת־יִצְחָק וְלֶךְ־אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַמֹּרְיָה וְהַעֲלֵהוּ שָׁם לְעֹלָה עַל אֶחָד הַהָרִים אֲשֶׁר אֹמַר אֵלֶיךָ: 3 וַיִּשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם בַּבֶּקֶר וַיַּחְבֵּשׁ אֶת־חֲמֹרוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־שְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו אִתּוֹ וְאֵת יִצְחָק בְּנֵוֹ וַיִּבְקַע עֵצִי עֲלֶיהָ וַיִּקַּח וַיִּלְךְ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר־לוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים: 4 בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַיֵּשֶׂא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם מֵרֶחֶק: 5 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נַעֲרָיו שְׁבוּ־לָכֶם פֹּה עִם־הַחֲמֹר וְאֲנִי וְהַנֶּעֱרָר נִלְכָה עַד־כֹּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְנִשְׁוֹבָה אֵלֵיכֶם: 6 וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵצִי הָעֹלָה וַיִּשֶׂם עַל־יִצְחָק בְּנֵוֹ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְאֶת־הַמַּאֲכָלֶת וַיִּלְכוּ שְׁנֵייהֶם יַחְדָּו: 7 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִי בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנֵה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים וְאַיֵּה הַשֶּׁה לְעֹלָה: 8 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֲלֵהִים יְרָאֵה־לוֹ הַשֶּׁה לְעֹלָה בְנִי וַיִּלְכוּ שְׁנֵייהֶם יַחְדָּו: 9 וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּבֶן שָׁם אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיַּעֲרֹף אֶת־הָעֵצִים וַיַּעֲקֹד אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנֵוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם אִתּוֹ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ מִמַּעַל לְעֵצִים: 10 וַיִּשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יָדוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הַמַּאֲכָלֶת לְשַׁחֵט אֶת־בְּנֵוֹ: 11 וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו מֵלֶאדָּה יְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִי: 12 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ אֶל־הַנֶּעֱרָר וְאַל־תַּעַשׂ לוֹ מְאוּמָה כִּי וְעַתָּה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי־יִרָא אֱלֹהִים אִתָּה וְלֹא חֲשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יִחִידְךָ מִמֶּנִּי: 13 וַיֵּשֶׂא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה־אֵיל אֲחֵר נֹאֲתוּ בַסֶּבֶךְ בְּקִרְוָיו וַיִּלְךְ אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הָאֵיל וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ לְעֹלָה תַחַת בְּנֵוֹ:

In Memoriam: October 17 to October 23, 2021

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Michael Abbott	Leon H. Greenhouse	Henry Schieren
Anna Abrahams	Joan Josephine Gyuriska	Eleanor Schneider
Roberta Abrams	Hunter Plotnick Haber	George J. Schorr
Miriam Wolf Bacharach	Reuben Heitzer	Jack Segal
Augusta Bachrach	Frances Fierman Ingber	Marsha Serfer
Adrian Bauer	Myron Jacoby	Abraham Albert Shanis
Joan Beal	Eleanor Moskowitz Johnson	Morris Shapiro
William Becker	Paul J. Johnson	Mona Shulman
Marilyn Stein Bellet	Bruce Kauderer	Gussie Siegel
Lena Mink Blough	Louis Kemper	Moises Simpser
Marion Brenner	Jennie Smith Kimmelman	Esther Smith
Ida Britton	Max Kohn	Isaac Sperling
Aileen Brody	Jack W. Kuhn	Jose Luis Sarmiento Steiner
Rona B. Brunswick	Lawrence LeWinn	Samuel Sternberger
Ruth Baer Cohn	Julie E. Loeb	Gloria Singer Stoller
Eva Coons	Rita Strauss Lowenthal	Selma G. Sunstein
Edith Davidson	Ethel K. Markovitz	Madeleine Suringar
Ann Brody Dornstreich	Stephen L. Marmer	Annette Sussman
Zadok L. Eisner	Jacob Mayer	Carl David Teitelman
Anna Cohen Ellis	Agnes Robbins Mesirov	Ronald Traum
Rose Hess Fellheimer	Harry M. Meyers, Jr.	Ann Weiner
Murray Forman	Grace Moritz	Martin Weiner
Henry Harris Friedman	Tillie Moser	Samuel Weinrott
Milton Friedman	Lillian Moussa	Irwin Weintraub
Adele G. Gardner	Sidney Olson	Lewis S. Weiss
Max Garlic	Rose Phillips	Sylvia Wenck
Ned Gaylin	Herbert Presant	Sylvia Wind
Irvin Gerson	Stephen Rademan	Hulda Windner
Maurice Girard	Dora Cohen Robinson	Alma Yoray
Jeanette Ginsburg Goldberg	Frances W. Rosenbluth	Margit Weisz Zapletal
Sydney Goldman	Lee Rosenthal	
Leonard B. Gordon	Barbara Rosenzweig	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Justin Major

Bernice Shore

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.

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?

Whether you are...

- ◆ Black, brown, white, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, or multi-racial
- ◆ Queer, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or straight
- ◆ Three days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old
- ◆ Single, married, with/without kids, divorced, widowed, or partnered
- ◆ Living in Philadelphia, the suburbs, or elsewhere
- ◆ Struggling with addictions or know someone in that position
- ◆ A student, looking for a job, or gainfully employed
- ◆ Disabled, able-bodied, or a person of differing abilities
- ◆ Neurodiverse or neurotypical
- ◆ New to Judaism or a lifelong member
- ◆ Seeking your path, Jewish or not

You belong here at Rodeph Shalom!

Where equity, inclusion, and diversity are our congregational values!

We would like to follow-up with you...

Please contact: Steven Share, Membership Manager, via email at sshare@rodephshalom.org.

- ◆ 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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