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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

April 16, 2022

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Cantor Brad Hyman

Bat Mitzvah: Leah Pessin
Daughter of Adam Pessin & Jane Foster and
Eszter Kutas & Robert Amar

Board Representative: Jackie Wolf

Leah Pessin, daughter of Adam Pessin & Jane Foster and Eszter Kutas & Robert Amar, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, April 16. Leah is a 7th grader at AIM Academy.

In-Person Worship & Event Attendance Protocols

Current Protocols Reflecting the Standards from the City of Philadelphia:

- Masks are required at events, services, and the Second Night Seder, when not eating.
- For all who are on-site during hours of operation of the Buerger Early Learning Center or Berkman Mercaz Limud, masks continue to be required in our hallways.
- Vaccination is expected, but proof will not be checked. We expect all who are eligible to be vaccinated.
- Clergy is testing regularly.
- Within and beyond RS, there are cases of COVID and with in-person experiences increasing our exposure does as well. If you test positive, please let folks know if you shared close contact within six feet of distance indoors for 15 minutes. For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/tell-your-contacts.pdf>

School Information:

- At this time, Berkman Mercaz Limud will continue its mask requirement.
- Buerger ELC encourages masks for children ages 2 and up and requires masks for all adults while indoors.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Bo: Exodus 10:1 - 12

1 Then יהוה said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh. For I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his courtiers, in order that I may display these My signs among them, 2 and that you may recount in the hearing of your child and of your child’s child how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I displayed My signs among them—in order that you may know that I am יהוה 3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says יהוה, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go that they may worship Me. 4 For if you refuse to let My people go, tomorrow I will bring locusts on your territory. 5 They shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one will be able to see the land. They shall devour the surviving remnant that was left to you after the hail; and they shall eat away all your trees that grow in the field. 6 Moreover, they shall fill your palaces and the houses of all your courtiers and of all the Egyptians—something that neither your fathers nor fathers’ fathers have seen from the day they appeared on earth to this day.’” With that he turned and left Pharaoh’s presence. 7 Pharaoh’s courtiers said to him, “How long shall this one be a snare to us? Let a delegation go to worship their God יהוה! Are you not yet aware that Egypt is lost?” 8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh and he said to them, “Go, worship your God יהוה! Who are the ones to go?” 9 Moses replied, “We will all go—regardless of social station — we will go with our sons and daughters, our flocks and herds; for we must observe יהוה’s festival.” 10 But he said to them, יהוה be with you—the same as I mean to let your dependents go with you! Clearly, you are bent on mischief. 11 No! You gentlemen go and worship יהוה since that is what you want.” And they were expelled from Pharaoh’s presence. 12 Then יהוה said to Moses, “Hold out your arm over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat up all the grasses in the land, whatever the hail has left.”

1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בֹּא אֶל־פַּרְעֹה כִּי־אֲנִי הַכְּבִדְתִּי אֶת־לִבּוֹ וְאֶת־לֵב עֲבָדָיו לְמַעַן שְׁתִּי אֶתְנִי אֵלָה בְּקִרְבּוֹ: 2 וְלִמְעַן תְּסַפֵּר בְּאָזְנֵי בְנֶךָ וּבֶן־בְּנֶךָ אֵת אֲשֶׁר הִתְעַלְלֹתִי בְּמִצְרַיִם וְאֶת־אֶתְנִי אֲשֶׁר־שָׁמַתִּי בָּם וַיִּדְעֻתֶם כִּי־אֲנִי יְהוָה: 3 וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו כֹּה־אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הָעִבְרִיִּים עַד־מַתִּי מֵאַתָּה לַעֲזֹת מִפְּנֵי שְׁלַח עַמִּי וַיַּעֲבֹדְנִי: 4 כִּי אִם־מֵאַן אֲתָה לְשַׁלַּח אֶת־עַמִּי הַנִּבְרָז מִכִּיָּא מִתֵּר אַרְבָּה בְּגִבְלֶךָ: 5 וְכִסָּה אֶת־עֵינֵי הָאָרֶץ וְלֹא יוּכַל לִרְאֹת אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וְאָכַל אֶת־יִתְרַּה הַפְּלֹטָה הַנִּשְׁאַרְתָּ לָכֶם מִן־הַבָּרָד וְאָכַל אֶת־כָּל־הָעֵץ הַצֹּמַח לָכֶם מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה: 6 וּמֵלֶאֱוֶה בְּתֵיבָה וּבְתֵיבָה כָּל־עֲבָדֶיךָ וּבְתֵיבָה כָּל־מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־רָאוּ אֲבֹתֶיךָ וְאֲבֹת אֲבֹתֶיךָ מִיּוֹם הָיוּתָם עַל־הָאֲדָמָה עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וּנְפוּ וַיֵּצֵא מֵעַם פַּרְעֹה: 7 וַיֹּאמְרוּ עֲבָדֵי פַרְעֹה אֵלָיו עַד־מַתִּי יִהְיֶה זֶה לָנוּ לְמוֹקֵשׁ שְׁלַח אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם הַיְּטֵרם תִּדְעוּ כִּי אֲבֹדָה מִצְרַיִם: 8 וַיּוֹשֵׁב אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם לְכוּ עֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מִי וּמִי הַהֹלְכִים: 9 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה בְּנַעֲרֵינוּ וּבְזִמְגֵינוּ וּגְלָהּ בְּבִלְיֵנוּ וּבְכַנּוּתָנוּ בְּצִאֲנָנוּ וּבְבִקְרָנוּ גִלְגָּהּ כִּי חֲגִי־יְהוָה לָנוּ: 10 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יְהִי כֵן יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם כַּאֲשֶׁר אֲשַׁלַּח אֶתְכֶם וְאֶת־טַפְּכֶם רְאוּ כִּי רָעָה נִגַּד פְּנֵיכֶם: 11 לֹא כֵן לְכוּ־נָא הַגְּבָרִים וְעֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה כִּי אַתָּה אַתָּם מִבְּקָשִׁים וַיַּגֵּרְשׁ אֹתָם מֵאֶת פְּנֵי פַרְעֹה: {ס} 12 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה נִטְהַר יָדְךָ עַל־אָרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאַרְבָּה וַיַּעַל עַל־אָרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וַיֹּאכַל אֶת־כָּל־עֵשֶׂב הָאָרֶץ אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר הִשְׁאִיר הַבָּרָד:

In Memoriam: April 10 to April 16, 2022

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Hattie B. Alkus	Tillie Grupp	Herbert Myers
Essie B. Asher	Mildred L. Gundersheimer	James H. Oppenheimer
Allen Auerbach	Dollie W. Haber	Miriam Pastor
Sophia Augsburger	Rachel L. Hart	Harry Pearlman
Dora R. Barnett	Harry W. Hauptman	Bertha M. Ribakoff
Steven Behr	Helen Hauptman	Sylvia Weinraub Rose
Joseph Bergsmann	Melvin Heiko	Victor Rosenberg
S. Alford Bolosky	Irma Brown Henly	Henry Rosenbloom
Edith Bonin	Lippman E. Hess	Betty S. Rosenfeld
Ruth E. Bowman	Josephine Hilborn	Theresa Rosenzweig
Jane K. Brody	Ben Kabakow	Ida Dorman Schmidt
Gloria Sarmiento Buzuek	Eli Karsch	Theodore Schmidt
Harry Lewis Chern	Gladys Kates	Lena Frank Schwab
Ann M. Davis	Valli Korin	Bella Sernoff
Arthur Egendorf, Sr.	Jeanne S. Kramer	Jessie Serota
Louis Ettelson	Arthur Krieger	Herbert L. Siedenbach
Bernard Feigenberg	Sidney Kroll	Nina Spinelli
Herbert Fischman	Geraldine Lazarus	Gertrude Straussman Stein
Allan L. Ford	Mildred Lefkoe	Max Stein
Robert Fox	Martha Schmidt Leshner	Harry F. Stern, II
Eleanor O. Gedrich	Lillian Handle Leventon	Hanna Rose Strauss
Lottie G. Gerstley	Abraham Levi	Bertha B. Tamarin
Babetta Goldbacher	Moses Levi	Pauline Brenner
Lillian W. Goldberg	Rose Levi	Tannenholz
Rhea Goldenberg	Carman Levin	Regina Teller
Albert E. Goodman	Rose Brown Levin	Eileen Falkin Toll
Evelyn Greenberg	Zena B. Loewenberg	Suzanne Williams
Alyce Greenfield	Sylvia P. Mesirov	Leanne Romm Wingert
Klara Grinblat	Phyllis Anathan Meyers	August Wise
Lynda Gross	R. Leroy Miller	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Anita Gottlieb Jaqueline Hanover Amy Maltzman Milton M. Mozen

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

RS Community Events

Passover Festival with Yizkor Service

Friday, April 22 at 10:45 a.m. (In-person)

Celebrate the last day of Passover and honor the memories of your loved ones.

Religious Action Center-PA: Just Elections

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Religious Action Center-PA, a coalition of reform synagogues across Pennsylvania, was involved in the successful PA redistricting campaign. It now has a new initiative: Just Elections. Join “Uniting our Communities for Justice,” a panel discussion about non-partisan work toward social justice, plus a celebration of the success of the Just Redistricting Campaign. Rabbi Maderer will be co-moderating a conversation with Senator Pat Toomey (R); Senator Bob Casey (D); and Rabbi David Stern, past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). Register here: <https://urj.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpuCvqiojGNU6mEhN34qi9787P3xKPzbN>

If you participate, please contact Ellen Kraftsow-Kogan (ekkogon@me.com) so we have an idea about the extent of involvement from Rodeph Shalom.

“A Few of Our Favorite Things”: Cantorial Concert featuring Cantor Hyman

Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. (In-person and Livestream)

Celebrate the sounds of Cantor Hyman and his cantorial colleagues as they sing music from across our tradition, as well as selections from Broadway and contemporary sources featuring:

- Cantor Daniel Singer, bass
- Cantor Claire Franco, mezzo soprano
- Cantor Rebecca Garfein, mezzo soprano
- Cantor Seth Warner, baritone

This event is part of our Philanthropic year, Continuing Our Musical Journey. Register to support as a patron or attend the event: <https://rodephshalom.org/musicaljourney/>

Yellow Candle Project

Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Join together on Zoom with the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation to light our candles and remember the six million Jews killed during the Holocaust. Prior to our Zoom event, participants are encouraged to use Yad Vashem’s Database of Victims (<https://yvng.yadvashem.org/>) to learn more about the individual whose name is included in the Yellow Candle box. Register and order your candles by April 18 to ensure timely delivery to you: <https://www.philaholocaustmemorial.org/virtual-learning-resource-center/yellow-candle/>

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?

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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