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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

June 26, 2021

Led by:

Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantorial Soloist Rebekah Robinson

Bat Mitzvah:

Sadie Harper Friedman,
daughter of Michael & Virginia Friedman

Sadie Harper Friedman, daughter of Michael & Virginia Friedman and sister of David, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, June 26. Sadie is a 7th grader at The Philadelphia School. For her *mitzvah* project, Sadie made and donated paintings as “thank you’s” for essential workers in local hospitals and animal shelters, such as CHOP and PAWS. Her *Torah* portion focuses on the importance of doing good, and she wanted to recognize the people who continued to support those in need during the pandemic.



Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Balak: Numbers 24:1 - 12

1 Now Balaam, seeing that it pleased The Eternal to bless Israel, did not, as on previous occasions, go in search of omens, but turned his face toward the wilderness. 2 As Balaam looked up and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him.

3 Taking up his theme, he said: Word of Balaam son of Beor, Word of the man whose eye is true, 4 Word of him who hears God's speech, Who beholds visions from the Almighty, Prostrate, but with eyes unveiled:

5 How fair are your tents, O Jacob, Your dwellings, O Israel! 6 Like palm-groves that stretch out, Like gardens beside a river, Like aloes planted by The Eternal, Like cedars beside the water; 7 Their boughs drip with moisture, Their roots have abundant water. Their king shall rise above Agag, Their kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God who freed them from Egypt Is for them like the horns of the wild ox. They shall devour enemy nations, Crush their bones, And smash their arrows.

9 They crouch, they lie down like a lion, Like the king of beasts; who dare rouse them? Blessed are they who bless you, Accursed they who curse you! 10 Enraged at Balaam, Balak struck his hands together. "I called you," Balak said to Balaam, "to damn my enemies, and instead you have blessed them these three times! 11 Back with you at once to your own place! I was going to reward you richly, but The Eternal has denied you the reward." 12 Balaam replied to Balak, "But I even told the messengers you sent to me,

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אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא־הִלָּךְ כַּפְעִים־בַּכְּפִעִים לְקִרְאֵת
נְחָשִׁים וַיִּשֶׁת אֶל־הַמְדַבֵּר פָּנָיו: 2 וַיִּשָּׂא בְלִעָם
אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיִּרְא אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל שֹׁכֵן לְשִׁבְטָיו וּתְהִי
עָלָיו רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים: 3 וַיִּשָּׂא מִשְׁלוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר נֶאֱמַר
בְּלִעָם בְּנֹו בְעֹר וַנֵּאמֶר הַגִּבּוֹר שְׁתֵּם הָעֵינַן: 4 נֶאֱמַר
שִׁמְעֵ אִמְרֵי־אֵל אֲשֶׁר מִתְּהִי שְׂדֵי יְחִזֵּה נִפְל וּגְלוֹי
עֵינָיִם: 5 מִה־טֹּבוֹ אֶהְיֶה יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁכַּנְתֶּיהָ
יִשְׂרָאֵל: 6 כַּנְּחָלִים נִטְיוּ כַּגִּנָּת עָלַי נִהַר כַּאֲהָלִים
נִטְעַע יְהוָה כַּאֲרֻזִּים עַל־מִים: 7 יְזֹל־מִים מִדְּלִיָּו
וְזָרְעוּ בְמִים רַבִּים וַיֵּרֶם מֵאֲגַג מְלִכּוֹ וּתְנַשֵּׂא
מְלִכְתּוֹ: 8 אֵל מוֹצִיאֻ מִמִּצְרַיִם כְּתוֹעַפֹת רָאֵם לֹו
יֹאכֹל גּוֹיִם צְרוֹי וְעִצְמֹתֵיהֶם יִגְרֶם וַחֲצִיו יִמְחֹץ:
9 כָּרַע שָׁקֵב כַּאֲרֵי וַיְכַלְבִּיא מִי יְקִימֶנּוּ מִבְּרִכְיָהָ
כְּרוּךְ וְאֲרֻרֵהָ אָרוּר: 10 וַיִּחַר־אַף בָּלָק
אֶל־בְּלִעָם וַיִּסְפֹּק אֶת־כַּפָּיו וַיֹּאמֶר בָּלָק
אֶל־בְּלִעָם לָקֵב אֵיבִי קִרְאֵתִיהָ וְהִנֵּה בִּרְכָתָ בְּרֹךְ
זֶה שְׁלַשׁ פְּעָמִים: 11 וַעֲתָה בְּרַח־לֶךָ אֶל־מְקוֹמֶךָ
אֲמַרְתִּי כִּבֹּד אֲכַבְּדֶךָ וְהִנֵּה מְנַעַךְ יְהוָה מִכְּבוֹד:
12 וַיֹּאמֶר בְּלִעָם אֶל־בָּלָק הֲלֹא גָם אֶל־מְלֹאכְיָהָ
אֲשֶׁר־שְׁלַחְתָּ אֵלַי דִּבַּרְתִּי לֵאמֹר:

In Memoriam: June 20 to June 26, 2021

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Isaac Ash	J. Sydney Hoffman	L. Roy Newman
Sidney Axelman	Simon Holin	Julia Kohlberg Nusbaum
Joyce Ocella Baker	Leon Holt	Joan Liebman Phillips
Rebecca Bamberger	Joan G. Kaplan	Lenora Poul
William Barnet 2nd	Helen Goldsmith Katzenberg	Betty Schlein Rechtman
Harry Baum	Julia Kessler	Rosalyn Reisley
Allan Becker	Mary Sanet Kessler	Lulu Schwartz Rosenbluth
Ruth Hartman Blaker	Charlotte Kimelman	Jane Rosengard
Bernice Goodman Blum	Clarence A. Kohn	Daniel Rubin
Manuel Clyman	Amelia Kolb	Jonathan Sall
Marie Abramson Cohan	Ruth Kurz	Nathan J. Schneider
Shirley L. Cohen	Reba Lefco	Anthony Silber
Mary Cowitz	Muriel Klein Lens	Benjamin L. Singer, Jr.
Jeanette Cummings	Sylvia Lerner	Patricia Adler Slavin
Esther L. Dewolf	Leah Katz Leve	Sally Smith
Sylvan H. Eisman	John Siegfried Levi	J. Morton Sork
Anna Bloom Finston	Maxwell S. Levy	Abraham Stein
Sylvia Fleishman	Robert L. Levy	Meyer Stern
Abraham Freezman	Carol Lifsey	Sarah Stern
Kenneth Allen Gerber	Patti Lipschutz	Esther Heyman Sternberg
Samuel L. Gerstley	Ruth P. Loew	Edward Title
Daniel Goldberg	Addie Lowenstein	Freda J. Weil
Michael Goldenberg	Caroline Lowenstein	Frances Weintraub
Lillian Lande Goldstein	Thomas E. Madorno	Albert N. Weiss
Jerome Golomb	Sally Pomerantz Martin	Rebecca Michael Weyl
Dr. Samuel H. Gould	Ruth Matuson	Rose Wolf
Samuel Gross	Natalio Meilijzon	Irving J. Wolman
Jon Gutman	Alfred Monroe	Roslyn Stone Wolman
Rita Jean Henshell	Florence Moss	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

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

Bernard Clyman
Brenda Magaziner Flock
Paulette Bernay Goldweber

Mara Lipschutz
Andy Stern

Kenneth Syken
David Wisnia

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 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...

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- ◆ 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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