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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 21, 2022

**Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,  
Cantor Bradley Hyman

***Bar Mitzvah:*** Darren William Milch  
son of Kerry & Brian Milch

**Board Representative:** Brent Landau

**Darren William Milch**, son of Kerry & Brian Milch and brother of Clara, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 21. Darren is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Julia R. Masterman School. For his mitzvah project, Darren volunteered at the Jewish Relief Agency, packing and distributing food to community members in need. Darren says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been learning how the *Torah* affects us in real life and how we can interpret the *Torah* in different ways that will impact us in the real world.

# *Shabbat Morning Torah Reading*

## *Parashat Behar: Leviticus 25:1 - 12*

1 spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai: saying: 2 Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I assign to you, the land shall observe a sabbath of יהוה 3 Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. 4 But in the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of complete rest, a sabbath of יהוה: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. 5 You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your untrimmed vines; it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. 6 But you may eat whatever the land during its sabbath will produce—you, your male and female slaves, the hired and bound laborers who live with you, 7 and your cattle and the beasts in your land may eat all its yield. 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 your holding and each of you shall return to your 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.

1 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּהַר סִינַי לֵאמֹר:  
 2 דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם כִּי תָבֹאוּ  
 אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי נֹתֵן לָכֶם וְשָׁבַתָה הָאָרֶץ שְׁבַת  
 לַיהוָה: 3 שֵׁשׁ שָׁנִים תִּזְרַע שְׂדֶךָ וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁנִים תִּזְמַר  
 כַּרְמְךָ וְאָסַפְתָּ אֶת־תְּבוּאָתָהּ: 4 וּבַשְּׁנָה הַשְּׁבִיעִית  
 שְׁבַת שְׁבַתוֹן יִהְיֶה לָאָרֶץ שְׁבַת לַיהוָה שְׂדֶךָ לֹא  
 תִזְרַע וְכַרְמְךָ לֹא תִזְמַר: 5 אֶת סַפִּיחַ קְצִירְךָ לֹא  
 תִקְצֹר וְאֶת־עֲנָבֵי נֹזְרְךָ לֹא תִבְצֹר שְׁנַת שְׁבַתוֹן  
 יִהְיֶה לָאָרֶץ: 6 וְהִיְתָה שְׁבַת הָאָרֶץ לָכֶם לְאֹכְלָהּ  
 לָךְ וּלְעַבְדְּךָ וּלְאִמְתְּךָ וּלְשִׁכְרְךָ וּלְתוֹשֵׁבְךָ הַגֵּרִים  
 עִמָּךְ: 7 וּלְבַהֲמֹתֶיךָ וּלְחֵיהָ אֲשֶׁר בְּאַרְצְךָ תִּהְיֶה  
 כָּל־תְּבוּאָתָהּ לְאֹכֹל: {ס} 8 וְסַפַּרְתָּ לָךְ שְׁבַע שְׁבַתֹּת  
 שָׁנִים שְׁבַע שָׁנִים שְׁבַע פְּעֻמִּים וְהָיוּ לָךְ יָמֵי שְׁבַע  
 שְׁבַתֹּת הַשָּׁנִים תִּשַׁע וָאַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה: 9 וְהִעֲבַרְתָּ  
 שׁוֹפָר תְּרוּעָה בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבַעִי בְּעֶשְׂרֵי לַחֹדֶשׁ בְּיוֹם  
 הַכַּפָּרִים תִּעֲבִירוּ שׁוֹפָר בְּכָל־אַרְצְכֶם:  
 10 וּקְדַשְׁתֶּם אֶת שְׁנַת הַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה וּקְרִאתֶם  
 דְּרוֹר בְּאָרֶץ לְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל יוֹבֵל הוּא תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם  
 וְשַׁבְתֶּם אִישׁ אֶל־אֶחָיו וְאִישׁ אֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ תָּשׁוּבוּ:  
 11 יוֹבֵל הוּא שְׁנַת הַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם לֹא  
 תִזְרְעוּ וְלֹא תִקְצְרוּ אֶת־סַפִּיחֶיהָ וְלֹא תִבְצְרוּ  
 אֶת־נֹזְרֶיהָ: 12 כִּי יוֹבֵל הוּא קֹדֶשׁ תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם  
 מִן־הַשְּׂדֶה תֹאכְלוּ אֶת־תְּבוּאָתָהּ:

# *Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading*

## Jeremiah 32: 6 - 10

6 Jeremiah said: The word of the Eternal came to me: 7 Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you and say, "Buy my land in Anathoth, for you are next in succession to redeem it by purchase." 8 And just as the Eternal had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the prison compound and said to me, "Please buy my land in Anathoth, in the territory of Benjamin; for the right of succession is yours, and you have the duty of redemption. Buy it." Then I knew that it was indeed the word of the Eternal. 9 So I bought the land in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel. I weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I wrote a deed, sealed it, and had it witnessed; and I weighed out the silver on a balance.

6 וַיֹּאמֶר יְרֵמְיָהוּ הִנֵּה דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי לֵאמֹר:  
7 הִנֵּה חֲנַמֵּאל בֶּן־שַׁלּוּם דָּדְךָ בָּא אֵלֶיךָ לֵאמֹר קְנֵה  
לְךָ אֶת־שְׂדֵי אֲשֶׁר בְּעִנְתוֹת כִּי לְךָ מִשְׁפָּט הַגְּאֻלָּה  
לְקַנּוֹת: 8 וַיָּבֹא אֵלַי חֲנַמֵּאל בֶּן־דָּדַי כַּדְבָר יְהוָה  
אֲל־חֲצַר הַמַּטְרֵה וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי קְנֵה נָא אֶת־שְׂדֵי  
אֲשֶׁר־בְּעִנְתוֹת אֲשֶׁר ׀ בְּאַרְץ בְּנֵימִין כִּי־לְךָ מִשְׁפָּט  
הַיְרֻשָּׁה וְלְךָ הַגְּאֻלָּה קְנֵה־לָּךְ וְאַדְעַ כִּי דְבַר־יְהוָה  
הוּא: 9 וַאֲקַנְהָ אֶת־הַשְּׂדֵה מֵאֵת חֲנַמֵּאל בֶּן־דָּדַי  
אֲשֶׁר בְּעִנְתוֹת וַאֲשַׁקְלֶה־לוֹ אֶת־הַכֶּסֶף שְׁבַעַה  
שְׁקָלִים וְעֶשְׂרֵה הַכֶּסֶף: 10 וַאֲכַתֵּב בְּסֵפֶר וַאֲחַתֵּם  
וְאַעֲד עֵדִים וַאֲשַׁקֵּל הַכֶּסֶף בְּמֵאזְנַיִם:

# In Memoriam: May 15 to May 21, 2022

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Mina Applebaum	Rachel Graff	Jack Patascher
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Eva Stern Aron	Samuel G. Gross	David H. Pleet
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Herman Balen	Leonard Norman Horowitz	Charlotine Abrams
Jennie Levy Ball	Charlotte Horwitz	Reinheimer
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## *Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)

Rosalie Gerson Stanley Silber Janice Smith

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

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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.

### **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...

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- ◆ 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](#)
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