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Shabbat Morning Service

Introduction to the Saturday Morning Service



Often, during our Saturday morning service, we celebrate *b'nai mitzvah*. In Jewish tradition, this is when a young person begins to take on the rights and responsibilities of an adult in the religious community at the age of thirteen. At that age, those who identify as boys become “*bar mitzvah*,” which means a “son of the commandments.” Those who identify as girls become “*bat mitzvah*,” or “daughter of the commandments.” The plural is “*b'nai mitzvah*” – children of the commandments – which also is a term used by some children who identify as non-binary or gender fluid.

The *b'nai mitzvah* ceremony formally marks the occasion when one has the right to take part in leading religious services and the responsibility to perform *mitzvot* (commandments). It is an opportunity to welcome the young person into our congregation as a full spiritual member of the Jewish community.

In its earliest and most basic form, a *b'nai 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 *b'nai mitzvah* student learns and recites the weekly *Torah* portion and the *haftarah* portion (selection from the Prophets) in its traditional chant (*trope*). The celebrant also leads part of the worship service and gives a *d'var Torah* (literally a “word of *Torah*”), which is a teaching that reflects their understanding of their *Torah* portion and how it applies to life today.

B'nai mitzvah generally occurs during 7th or 8th grade. At Rodeph Shalom, Jewish learning continues through 12th grade and culminates in a special community celebration of all that the teens have learned and the relationships they have built.

It is customary to wish a hearty “*mazel tov*” (wish of congratulations) to the *b'nai mitzvah* and their families. Congregation Rodeph Shalom wishes you a *Shabbat Shalom* – a peaceful Sabbath.

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

June 25, 2022

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

B'nai Mitzvah: Anayah Berner,
child of Ramil Berner and Leslie Robles-Berner

Board Representative: Jordana Greenwald

Anayah Berner, child of Ramil Berner and Leslie Robles-Berner, will become a *B'nai Mitzvah* on Saturday, June 25. Anayah is a 7th grader at Friends Select School. For their *mitzvah* project, Anayah volunteered at Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, helping to ask people to donate needed items. Anayah says the most meaningful part of their *B'nai Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been buying a suit because it is very symbolic to becoming an adult.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha Numbers 13:1 - 12

1 יהוה spoke to Moses, saying: 2 “Send agents to scout the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelite people; send one participant from each of their ancestral tribes, each one a chieftain among them.”

3 So Moses, by יהוה's command, sent them out from the wilderness of Paran, all of them being men of consequence, leaders of the Israelites. 4 And these were their names: From the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zaccur. 5 From the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori. 6 From the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh. 7 From the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph. 8 From the tribe of Ephraim, Hosea son of Nun. 9 From the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Rafu. 10 From the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi. 11 From the tribe of Joseph, namely, the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi son of Susi. 12 From the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of Gemalli.

1 וַיִּדְבֹר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: 2 שְׁלַח־לְךָ אַנְשִׁים וַיִּתְרוּ אֶת־אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִי נֹתֵן לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אִישׁ אֶחָד אִישׁ אֶחָד לְמִטָּה אַבְתִּיר תִּשְׁלְחוּ כָל גִּשְׂיֵי בָקָם: 3 וַיִּשְׁלַח אֹתָם מֹשֶׁה מִמִּדְבַּר פָּאָרָן עַל־פִּי יְהוָה כָּל־אֲנָשִׁים רָאשֵׁי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל הֵמָּה: 4 וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹתָם לְמִטָּה רְאוּבֵן שְׁמוּעַ בֶּן־זַכּוּר: 5 לְמִטָּה שִׁמְעוֹן שָׁפַט בֶּן־חֹרִי: 6 לְמִטָּה יְהוּדָה כָּלֵב בֶּן־יִפְנֹה: 7 לְמִטָּה יִשְׂשָׁכָר יִגָּל בֶּן־יוֹסֵף: 8 לְמִטָּה אֶפְרַיִם הוֹשֶׁה בֶּן־נּוּן: 9 לְמִטָּה בִּנְיָמִן פַּלְטִי בֶן־רַפּוּא: 10 לְמִטָּה זְבוּלֹן גַּדִּיָּאל בֶּן־סוּדִי: 11 לְמִטָּה יוֹסֵף לְמִטָּה מְנַשֶּׁה גַּדִּי בֶן־סוּסִי: 12 לְמִטָּה דָן עַמִּיאֵל בֶּן־גַּמְלִי:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Joshua 2:1 - 2

1 Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim, saying, “Go, reconnoiter the region of Jericho.” So they set out, and they came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there. 2 The king of Jericho was told, “Some men have come here tonight, Israelites, to spy out the country.”

1 וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בְּנֵי-נֹון מְן-הַשְּׂטִים שְׁנַיִם-אֲנָשִׁים
מְרַגְלִים חָרַשׁ לֵאמֹר לְכוּ רְאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ
וְאֶת-יְרִיחוֹ וַיֵּלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ בֵּית-אִשָּׁה זֹנֶה וּשְׁמָהּ רַחַב
וַיִּשְׁכְּבוּ-שָׁמָּה: 2 וַיֵּאמֶר לְמֶלֶךְ יְרִיחוֹ לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה
אֲנָשִׁים בָּאוּ הַנָּה הַלַּיְלָה מִבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְחַפֵּר
אֶת-הָאָרֶץ:

In Memoriam: June 19 to June 25, 2022

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Isaac Ash	Helen Goldsmith	L. Roy Newman
Sidney Axelman	Katzenberg	Julia Kohlberg Nusbaum
Joyce Ocella Baker	Julia Kessler	Joan Liebman Phillips
Rebecca Bamberger	Mary Sanet Kessler	Lenora Poul
Harry Baum	Charlotte Kimelman	Rosalyn Reisley
Allan Becker	Clarence A. Kohn	Lulu Schwartz Rosenbluth
Ruth Hartman Blaker	Amelia Kolb	Jane Rosengard
Bernice Goodman Blum	Anna Kramer Friedenberg	Willie Rosenthal
Manuel Clyman	Kathryn Leebron-Smyth	Daniel Rubin
Marie Abramson Cohan	Reba Lefco	Jonathan Sall
Shirley L. Cohen	Muriel Klein Lens	Nathan J. Schneider
Mary Cowitz	Sylvia Lerner	Anthony Silber
Jeanette Cummings	Leah Katz Leve	Benjamin L. Singer, Jr.
Marty D'Ambrosio	John M. Leventon	Patricia Adler Slavin
Esther L. Dewolf	John Siegfried Levi VI	Sally Smith
Anna Bloom Finston	Robert L. Levy	J. Morton Sork
Sylvia Fleishman	Carol Lifsey	Abraham Stein
Matilda Novack Frank	Patti Lipschutz	Sarah Stern
Abraham Samuel Freezman	Abraham Loeb	Meyer Stern
Kenneth Allen Gerber	Ruth P. Loew	Esther Heyman Sternberg
Samuel L. Gerstley	Caroline Lowenstein	Rose Siedenbach Sterne
Daniel Goldberg	Addie Lowenstein	Freda J. Weil
Michael Goldenberg	Sarah Wice Lyons	Frances Weintraub
Samuel H. Gould	Thomas E. Madorno	Albert N. Weiss
Rudolph M. Hirschwald	Sally Pomerantz Martin	Rebecca Michael Weyl
J. Sydney Hoffman	Ruth Matuson	Rose Wolf
Simon Holin	Joseph McLaughlin	Roslyn Stone Wolman
Marc Jaffe	Natalio Meilijzon	Irving J. Wolman
Benno Kapp	Florence Moss	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Tamara Gordon	Fred Himmelstein	Jacob Jacobson
Shirley Pickton	Frances Rosenbluth	Charles Walker

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!

Thank you to our EID (Equity, Inclusion, Diversity) Task Force
for its ongoing leadership and for helping to pursue our congregational vision.

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

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