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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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. At Rodeph Shalom, Jewish learning continues through 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## December 3, 2022

**Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer and Cantor Bradley Hyman

***Bat Mitzvah:*** Serena Krouk  
daughter of Gabriella Gutman & Andrew Krouk

**Board Representative:** Jackie Wolf

**Serena Krouk**, daughter of Gabriella Gutman & Andrew Krouk, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, December 3. Serena is a 7th grader at Friends Select School. For her *mitzvah* project, Serena volunteered at HIAS Pennsylvania, where she collected hygiene products and created baskets for refugees arriving to Philadelphia. Serena says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been connecting with her Jewish roots and learning her *Torah* portion.

# Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

## Parashat Vayetzei Genesis 28:10-21

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba, and set out for Haran. 11 He came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night, for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 He had a dream; a stairway was set on the ground and its top reached to the sky, and messengers of God were going up and down on it. 13 And standing beside him was *Adonai* who said, “I am *Adonai*, the God of your father Abraham’s [house] and the God of Isaac’s [house]: the ground on which you are lying I will assign to you and to your offspring. 14 Your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants. 15 Remember, I am with you: I will protect you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” 16 Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely *Adonai* is present in this place, and I did not know it!” 17 Shaken, he said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the abode of God, and that is the gateway to heaven.” 18 Early in the morning, Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He named that site Bethel; but previously the name of the city had been Luz. 20 Jacob then made a vow, saying, “If God remains with me, protecting me on this journey that I am making, and giving me bread to eat and clothing to wear, 21 and I return safe to my father’s house—*Adonai* shall be my God.

10 וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּעַר שֶׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חֲרָנָה: 11 וַיָּבֹא עַל אֶרֶץ כְּתוּמָה וַיִּשְׁכַּח שָׁם לַיְלָה וַיִּשְׁמַשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבָנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׁם מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא: 12 וַיִּחְלֹם וַהֲגָה סֹלֶם מִצֶּבֶד אֶרֶץ וּרְאִישׁוֹ מִגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וַהֲגָה מַלְאָכָי אֱלֹהִים עֲלֵים וַיְרִדִים בּוֹ: 13 וַהֲגָה יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֶיךָ וַאֲלֹהֵי יִצְחָק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ לְךָ אֶתְנַנָּה וּלְזָרְעֶךָ: 14 וַהֲגָה זָרְעֶךָ כַּעֲפָר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרֻצֹת יָמָה וְקִדְמָה וְצַפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וּנְבָרְכֵנו בְּכֹל מְשֻׁפָּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה וּבְזָרְעֶךָ: 15 וַהֲגָה אֲנֹכִי עִמָּךְ וַיִּשְׁמַרְתִּיךָ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-תֵּלֶךְ וַהֲשִׁבְתִּיךָ אֶל-הָאֲדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר אִם-עָשִׂיתִי אֵת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לְךָ: 16 וַיִּיקָץ יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁנָתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲכֹל יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי: 17 וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמֶר מִה-נִּזְרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי אִם-בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה נִשְׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם: 18 וַיִּשְׁכֹּם יַעֲקֹב בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּקַּח אֶת-הָאֲבָן אֲשֶׁר-שָׁם מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ וַיִּשֶׁם אֹתָהּ מִצְבֵּה וַיִּצֹק שָׁמֶן עַל-רֹאשָׁהּ: 19 וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שֵׁם-הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא בַּיִת-אֵל וְאוּלָם לוֹז וַיִּשְׁמְעֵר לְרֹאשֻׁנָה: 20 וַיִּזְרַר יַעֲקֹב גִּזְרַר לֵאמֹר אִם-יְהִיֶּה אֱלֹהִים עִמָּדִי וַיִּשְׁמְרֵנִי בַדֶּרֶךְ הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ וְנָתַתְּ לִי לֶחֶם לֶאֱכֹל וּבְגָד לְלַבֵּשׁ: 21 וַיִּשְׁבַּתִּי בְשָׁלוֹם אֶל-בַּיִת אֲבִי וַהֲגָה יְהוָה לִי לְאֱלֹהִים:

# *Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading*

## Hosea 13:1-6

1 When Ephraim spoke piety,  
He was exalted in Israel;  
But he incurred guilt through Baal  
And so he died.  
2 And now they go on sinning;  
They have made them molten images,  
Idols, by their skill, from their silver,  
Wholly the work of craftsmen.  
Yet for these they appoint men to  
sacrifice;  
They are wont to kiss calves!

1 כְּדַבֵּר אֶפְרַיִם רִתְּתָה נֶשְׂאָה הוּא בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֵּאֱשֶׁם  
בְּבַעַל נִימְתָה: 2 וְעַתָּה | יוֹסְפוּ לַחֲטֹא וַיַּעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם  
מִסֹּכֹה מִכֶּסֶפָם כְּתֻבוֹנִים עֲצָבִים מַעֲשֵׂה חָרָשִׁים כִּלְהֵ  
לָהֶם הֵם אֲמָרִים זִבְחֵי אֲדָם עֲגָלִים יִשְׁקִיזוּ:

# **In Memoriam: November 27 to December 3, 2022**

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

|                         |                           |                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Helen Abrams            | Kenneth Goodrich          | Rose Millman            |
| Robert Allman           | Blanche R. Greenberg      | George A. Mostert       |
| Ida Alsher              | Joseph Gritz              | Helene Peck             |
| Lewis Amsterdam         | Mary Bert Gutman          | Ethel Pollack           |
| Peggy Ashner            | Miriam Rosenblatt Hecht   | Herman Poul             |
| Jacob Batt              | Sophia Herrin             | Samuel Radbill          |
| Selma Berkman           | M. Henry Hess             | Leah G. Rappaport       |
| Ruth Brodsky            | Fredric Kahan             | Philip B. Robinson      |
| Robert L. Ceisler       | Rebecca Karp              | Joyce Ann Rosenbloom    |
| Joel Claster            | Jacob Katzenstein         | Charlotte Rosenthal     |
| Sylvia Clyman           | Virginia Stern Kaufman    | Bertha Rosskam          |
| Kalman Cohen            | Jennie Goodman Kohn       | Anna Friedman Rubinsohn |
| Saul Z. Cole            | Anna Krieger              | William B. Rudenko      |
| Stella Cole             | Kate Meyer Laib           | Elliott Sacks           |
| Bernard Cowitz          | Mildred Goldschild Lax    | Louis Saller            |
| Jerry Davidoff          | Lee Lazarus               | Simon Sandberg          |
| Susanna K. DeLaurentis  | Fred G. Leebron           | Sheldon Shore           |
| Miriam Joan Dintenfass  | Bernard Leibowitz         | Felix Shoyer            |
| Rose Smith Ehrlich      | Micky Lev                 | Miriam Silverman        |
| Anna Zimmerman Ettelson | Carl Levenson             | Nathan Spells           |
| Bertha Lax Frisco       | Jane Gundersheimer Levy   | Fannie M. Stein         |
| Louis Gerstley          | Rose Serfer Lindsay       | Herman Sternberg        |
| Louis Gerstley, Jr.     | Herbert M. Linsenberg     | Albert R. Taxin         |
| Harry Goberman          | Sigfried Loewenthal       | Anna B. Weise           |
| Anne Goldberg           | Alexander Meilijzon       | Rose Cooper Wice        |
| Dorothy Goldman         | Lillian Margulies Meizlik | Richard Zeitlin         |

## ***Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Rona Thelma Golomb      | Beatrice S Rossman   |
| Morton "Bud" Rothschild | Rochelle Schlesinger |

*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, crafting this message and for helping to pursue our congregational vision.

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

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