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RODEPH
SHALOM**

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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

March 25, 2023

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer and Cantor Brad Hyman

Bar Mitzvah: Lance Rain Lichtenstein
son of Alyse Lichtenstein, Paul Lichtenstein,
and Leslie Campion

Board Representative: Hector Kilgroe

Lance Lichtenstein, son of Alyse Lichtenstein, Paul Lichtenstein, and Leslie Campion, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, March 25. Lance is a 7th grader at Julia R. Masterman School. For his *mitzvah* project, Lance volunteered at Save Me Animal Rescue located through the Doggie Style Boutique in Queen Village, where he cared for and socialized with rescue dogs. Lance says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been learning his portion, Hebrew, and the importance of having a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-12

1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶלْ-מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מֵאֲחֶל
מָעוֹד לְאָמֵר: 2 וְיֹאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ
אֱלֹהִים אֶלָּם כִּי-יִקְרֵב מֶלֶךְ קָרְבָּנוּ לִיהְיוֹת
מְוֹרְכָּבָה מִזְבְּחָתְךָ וְמִזְבְּחָתְאָن מִזְבְּחֵינוּ
אַתְּ-קָרְבָּנִים: 3 אִם-עַלְלה קָרְבָּנוּ מְוֹרְכָּבָךְ
זָכָר תְּמִימִים יִקְרִיבָנוּ אֶל-פֶּתַח אֲחֶל מָעוֹד
יִקְרֵב אָתָּה לְרַצְנָנוּ לְפָנֵי יְהוָה: 4 וְסֶמֶךְ יְדוֹ
עַל-רָאשׁ הַעֲלָה וְגַרְאָה לֹא-? כְּפֹר עַלְיוֹ: 5
וְשִׁתְּתָחַדְבָּנוּ כְּבָקָר לְפָנֵי יְהוָה וְהַקְרִיבָנוּ בְּנֵי
אַהֲרֹן כְּבָנָים אַת-הָלָם וְזַרְלָנוּ אַת-הָלָם
עַל-הַמְזֹבֵחַ סָבִיב אֲשֶׁר-פֶּתַח אֲחֶל מָעוֹד: 6
וְהַפְּשִׁיט אַת-הַעֲלָה וְנִתְחַדֵּחַ לְנִתְחַדֵּחַ:
וְנִתְחַדֵּחַ בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן כְּבָנָנוּ אֲשֶׁר עַל-הַמְזֹבֵחַ וְעַרְכָּנוּ
עַזְזִים עַל-הָאָשׁ: 8 וְעַרְכָּנוּ בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן כְּבָנָים
אַתְּ-הַנְּתִיחָה אַת-הַרְאָשׁ וְאַת-הַפְּדָר
עַל-הַעֲזִים אֲשֶׁר עַל-הָאָשׁ אֲשֶׁר עַל-הַמְזֹבֵחַ:
9 וְקָרְבָּנוּ וְכָרְעָנוּ יְרַחַץ בְּמִים וְהַקְטִיר כְּבָנָנוּ
אַת-הַפְּלִיל הַמְזֹבֵחַ עַלְלה אֲשֶׁר רִיחַנְחָה
לִיהְיוֹת: { ס } 10 וְאִם-מְזֹבֵחַ אָנָה כְּבָנָנוּ
מְוֹרְכָּבָים אוֹ מִזְבְּחָתְאָנִים לְעַלְלה זָכָר תְּמִימִים
יִקְרִיבָנוּ: 11 וְשִׁלְטָת אָתָּה עַל-יִרְחָה הַמְזֹבֵחַ
צְלָמָה לְפָנֵי יְהוָה וְזַרְלָנוּ בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן כְּבָנָים
אַת-הַדְּמָנוּ עַל-הַמְזֹבֵחַ סָבִיב: 12 וְנִתְחַדֵּחַ אָתָּה
לְנִתְחַדֵּחַ וְאַתְּ-רָאָשׁ וְאַתְּ-פְּדָרָנוּ וְעַרְכָּנוּ כְּבָנָנוּ
אָתָּם עַל-הַעֲזִים אֲשֶׁר עַל-הָאָשׁ אֲשֶׁר
עַל-הַמְזֹבֵחַ:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Isaiah 43:21-28

21 The people I formed for Myself
That they might declare My praise.
22 But you have not worshiped Me, O Jacob,
That you should be weary of Me, O Israel.
23 You have not brought Me your sheep for burnt
offerings,
Nor honored Me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with meal offerings,
Nor wearied you about frankincense.
24 You have not bought Me fragrant reed with
money,
Nor sated Me with the fat of your sacrifices.
Instead, you have burdened Me with your sins,
You have wearied Me with your iniquities.
25 It is I, I who—for My own sake—
Wipe your transgressions away
And remember your sins no more.
26 Help me remember!
Let us join in argument,
Tell your version,
That you may be vindicated.
27 Your earliest ancestor sinned,
And your spokesmen transgressed against Me.
28 So I profaned the holy princes;
I abandoned Jacob to proscription
And Israel to mockery.

21 עַמְ-זֶה יִצְרָאֵת לִי תַהֲלֹתִי יִסְפְּרוּ: {ס} 22 וְלֹא-אָתָּה קָרְאָתִי יַעֲקֹב כִּי-יִגְעַת בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:
23 לֹא-הָבִיאָת לִי שָׁה עַל-תְּחִיךְ זִנְבְּחִיךְ לֹא
כְּבָדָתִי לֹא הָעֲבֹרְתִּיךְ בְּמִנְחָה וְלֹא הָגַעַתִּיךְ
בְּלִבּוֹנָה: 24 לֹא-קָנָית לִי בְּכֶסֶף קָנָה וְתַלְבֵּ
זִנְבְּחִיךְ לֹא הָרְוִיתִי אֶת הָעֲבֹרְתִּיכְ בְּמַטְאָוֹתִיךְ
הָגַעַתִּיךְ בְּעֻונָתִיךְ: 25 אָנֹכִי אָנֹכִי קָוָא מִקְהָה
פְּשִׁיעָה לְמַעַן וְסְתָאָה לֹא אָזְלָר: 26 הַזְכִּירֵנִי נְשִׁיפְטוּה יְחִיד סְפִיר אָהָה לְמַעַן תְּצִדָקָה:
27 אָבֵיךְ הַרְאָשָׁוֹן חַטָּא וּמְלִיצָה פְּשָׁעוֹ בְּיִ
28 וְאַחֲלָל שְׂרֵי קָדְשָׁךְ וְאַתָּגָה לְהַרְמָם יַעֲלֵב
וִיְשָׂרָאֵל לְגַדּוֹפִים: {פ}

In Memoriam: March 19 to March 25, 2023

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Charlotte Amble	Emet Jauben	Jane M. Oppenheimer
Karen Jean Andrews	Sheldon Jekofsky	Sylvia Stern Oppenheimer
Charles E. Ascherman	Abraham Jonas	Ernst Pinkus
Robert Austrian	Gussie Kabakow	Martin Pudell
Gustav J. Axelrod	Beulah S. Kahn	Julia Simson Raab
Ira Jay Bankofsky	Emilia Katz	Deborah Charleston Raddock
Libby Barkan	Kitty S. Katz	Charles "Chuck" Romm
Mary Beck	Julius Kauderer	Helen Rosenzweig
Nancy Belardo	Kenneth Kershbaum	Flora Gabriel Schwartz
Esther F. Berg	Saul Kessler	Earl S. Scott
Stephen Asher Berkowitz	Elizabeth Kessler	Sally Shorr
Mitchell Bernstein	Shirley Klehr	Ruth B. Spiegel
Edward Bloom	Sarah Kricheff	Louise Straus
Samuel W. Brand	Betty W. Langner	Marjorie Sundheim
Rebecca Ethel Bunkin	Norman Dresden Leebron	Charles Gerstley Sunstein
Frank I. Cohen	Rhoda Lempert	Johanna Marks Tannenbaum
Morris Cohn	Charles J. Levi	Usher Trachtenberg
Blanche Crane	William Lichten	Sarah Goldsmith Van Ullem
Maurice Dubinski	Michael Lynne	Marjorie Walzer
Phyllis Elman	Morton Maimon	Sandra Roth Warshal
Celia Frank	Kaufman Manko	Roberta Joy Wasserman
Anna Fried	Clinton O. Mayer	Isadore Welsch
Clara Friedman	Joan Kahn Miller	Lillian Sloane Wieder
George T. Ganey	Rose Watson Morgan	Amy Wolgin Wiener
Herbert Ginsberg	Rosalie Moskofsky	Gertrude Wilson
Katherine G. Hahn	Susan Schieren Moss	Benjamin Wolf
Marvin R. Halbert	Lucy M. Mostert	Lewis Wollman
Aurelia Rosenau Hess	Samuel Netzky	Jan Zinman
Lily Anathan Hirsh	Betty New	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Irit Aptaker Alan Bleznak Alexandra Wolf Fogel Tim Margulies

Ivor Martin Hughes Brian Miller Laurence Kagel Rosalind Kessler Sam Robinson

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

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.

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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