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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 16, 2024

Led by: Rabbi Eli Freedman & Cantor Brad Hyman

Bar Mitzvah: Martin Ford,
son of Audrey Schneider & Jonathan Ford

Board Representative: Jerry Arnold

Martin P. Ford, son of Jonathan Ford & Audrey Schneider, brother of Léonie, and grandson of Judy Ford, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, March 16. Martin is a 7th grader at Friends Select School. For his *mitzvah* project, Martin volunteered at Chosen 300, where he helped feed the homeless, or as volunteers refer to them – “guests who are down on their luck.” Martin says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom was practicing with his dad and doing his *mitzvah* project.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat P'kudei: Exodus 38:21-26

38:21 These are the records of the Tabernacle, the Tabernacle of the Pact, which were drawn up at Moses' bidding—the work of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. 22 Now Bezalel, son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, had made all that *Adonai* had commanded Moses; 23 at his side was Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, carver and designer, and embroiderer in blue, purple, and crimson yarns and in fine linen. 24 All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary—the elevation offering of gold—came to 29 talents and 730 shekels by the sanctuary weight. 25 The silver of those of the community who were recorded came to 100 talents and 1,775 shekels by the sanctuary weight: 26 a half-shekel a head, half a shekel by the sanctuary weight, for each one who was entered in the records, from the age of twenty years up, 603,550 men.

38:21 אֵלֶּה פְּקוּדֵי הַמִּשְׁכָּן מִשְׁכַּן הָעֵדֻת
אֲשֶׁר פָּקַד עַל־פִּי מֹשֶׁה עֲבֹדַת הַלְוִיִּם בְּיַד
אִיתָמָר בֶּן־אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן: 22 וּבְצִלְאֵל בֶּן־אוּרִי
בֶּן־חֹרִי לְמַטֵּה יְהוּדָה עָשָׂה אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה
יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה: 23 וְאֹתוֹ אֹהֲלִיאָב
בֶּן־אַחִיסַמַּךְ לְמַטֵּה דָן חָרָשׁ וְחָשֵׁב וְרָקֵם
בַּתְּכֵלֶת וּבְאַרְגָּמָן וּבְתוֹלַעַת הַשָּׁנִי
וּבְשֵׁשׁ: {ס} 24 כָּל־הַזָּהָב הָעָשׂוּי לַמְּלָאכָה
בְּכָל מְלָאכַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ וַיְהִי וַיִּהְיֶה הַתְּנוּפָה תָּשַׁע
וְעֶשְׂרִים כֶּפֶר וּשְׁבַע מֵאוֹת וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שֶׁקֶל
בַּשֶּׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ: 25 וּבֶסֶף פְּקוּדֵי הָעֵדֻה מֵאֹת
כֶּפֶר וְאַלְף וּשְׁבַע מֵאוֹת וְחֲמֵשָׁה וּשְׁבַעַיִם שֶׁקֶל
בַּשֶּׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ: 26 בְּקַע לְגִלְגָּלֶת מִחֲצִית
הַשֶּׁקֶל בַּשֶּׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ לְכָל הָעֹבֵר עַל־הַפְּקוּדִים
מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה לְשֵׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת אֹלֶף
וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים וְחֲמֵשׁ מֵאוֹת וְחֲמֵשִׁים:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

I Kings 7:51- 8:4

7:51 When all the work that King Solomon had done in the House of GOD was completed, Solomon brought in the sacred donations of his father David—the silver, the gold, and the vessels—and deposited them in the treasury of the House of GOD.

8:1 Then Solomon convoked the elders of Israel—all the heads of the tribes and the ancestral chieftains of the Israelites—before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of GOD from the City of David, that is, Zion.

2 The entire body of Israel gathered before King Solomon at the Feast [of Booths], in the month of Ethanim—that is, the seventh month.

3 When all the elders of Israel had come, the priests lifted the Ark

4 and carried up the Ark of GOD. Then the priests and the Levites brought the Tent of Meeting and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent.

7:51 וַתִּשְׁלַם כָּל-הַמְלָאכָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה
הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה בֵּית יְהוָה וַיָּבֵא שְׁלֹמֹה
אֶת-קֳדָשָׁיו ׀ דָּגָד אָבִיו אֶת-הַכֶּסֶף
וְאֶת-הַזָּהָב וְאֶת-הַכֵּלִים נָתַן בְּאֲצִרוֹת בֵּית
יְהוָה: {פ} 8:1 אַז יִקְהַל שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת-זִקְנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-כָּל-רָאשֵׁי הַמִּטּוֹת וְנָשִׂאִי
הָאֲבוֹת לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל-הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה
יְרוּשָׁלַם לְהַעֲלוֹת אֶת-אֲרוֹן בְּרִית-יְהוָה
מֵעִיר דָּוִד הִיא צִיּוֹן: 2 וַיִּקְהֲלוּ אֶל-הַמֶּלֶךְ
שְׁלֹמֹה כָּל-אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּיְרֵחַ הָאֲתָנִים
בְּחָג הוּא הַחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי: 3 וַיָּבֵאוּ כָל
זִקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשָּׂאוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת-הָאֲרוֹן:
4 וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶת-אֲרוֹן יְהוָה וְאֶת-אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד
וְאֶת-כָּל-כְּלֵי הַקֹּדֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר בָּאֹהֶל וַיַּעֲלוּ
אֹתָם הַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַלְוִיִּם:

In Memoriam: March 10 to March 16, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Margaret K. Abrams	George A. Gotto	I. Budd Rockower
Jennie S. Adler	Herman Greenberg	Harry C. Rollick
Justin P. Allman	William Grohs	Cecelia Hart Rosenthal
Reba Kates Bachman	Max Heller	Moses Rosenzweig
Zelda Askans Berman	Benjamin Herrin	David R. Sablosky
Joseph Binenstock	Walter Herzberg	Irwin C. Saft
Elizabeth Sophia Binswanger	Wilma O. Hess	Ethel Salkowitz
Myrna Brind	Noyma Kavitsky Jaffe	Sidney Louis Schiro
Marjorie Buerger	Lee Jubelirer	Elsie Schwimmer
Debra Clark	Myron (Mike) Kaplan	Albert Segan
Judith Clark	Sally Katz	Charles Seldner
Louis Clark	William Kirshenbaum	Fanny Silberman
Joel Cohen	Leonard Kleeman	Harold Silow
Betty Dumoff	Claire Weiner Kleinberg	Edith Silow
Deborah Ehrlich Murphy	Bessie S. Kohn	Norma Silverman
Doris Elias	Melvin Robert Korn	Stephen David Silverman
Ina Rose Feldman	Natalie Pincus Krieger	Louis Silverstein
Edith Cohen Fisher	Samuel Philips Lavine	Ami Squires
Harry E. Franks	Frances Lewis	Sylvia Stein
Abraham L. Freedman	Martin Lieberman	Tessie Lang Sterling
Simon L. Garfinkel	Simon Loeb	Nannette F. Stern
Charles David Gersten	Sidney Loewenstein	Beatrice G. Toll
Clara Cohen Glaubman	Robert Lupowitz	Daniel Traum
Edgar L. Gold	Walter F. Lyons	Bernice Hirschman Tumen
Aaron S. Goldberg	Myra Meyer	Maureen Grace Twesten
Harry N. Goldberg	Ronnie Moomjian	Rose Weisglass
Louis Goldberg	Martin Pearlman	Claire Wessel
Solomon G. Golden	Marie G. Robinson	Bertha Kohn Youngman
Fannie Goldsmith		

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

Keith J. Alexander Dr. Harold Alan Graff Nancy Kaplan

Ronald Paul Lassin Stephen Pino

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!

We would like to hear from you! Please contact:
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Thank you to our EID (Equity, Inclusion, Diversity) Task Force for its ongoing leadership, crafting the above message, and helping to pursue our congregational vision.

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