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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

April 27, 2024

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman
& Cantor Brad Hyman

Bar Mitzvah: Parker Diorio Band,
son of Dana & Roger Band

Board Representative: Jackie Wolf

Parker Diorio Band, son of Dr. Roger & Dana Band, brother of Cooper, and grandson of Myrna & David Band and Peggy & Dennis Diorio, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, April 27. Parker is a 7th grader at William Penn Charter School. For his *mitzvah* project, Parker volunteered at Beat the Streets, a sports-based youth development program committed to fostering the growth of student athletes living in at-risk underserved communities. Parker says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been building relationships with friends.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Chol HaMo-eid Pesach (Ki Tisa): Exodus 34: 1-12

1 *Adonai* said to Moses: “Carve two tablets of stone like the first, and I will inscribe upon the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you shattered. 2 Be ready by morning, and in the morning come up to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to Me, on the top of the mountain. 3 No one else shall come up with you, and no one else shall be seen anywhere on the mountain; neither shall the flocks and the herds graze at the foot of this mountain.” 4 So Moses carved two tablets of stone, like the first, and early in the morning he went up on Mount Sinai, as *Adonai* had commanded him, taking the two stone tablets with him. 5 *Adonai* came down in a cloud—and stood with him there, proclaiming the name *Adonai*. 6 *Adonai* passed before him and proclaimed: “*Adonai! Adonai!*” a God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, 7 extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin—yet not remitting all punishment, but visiting the iniquity of parents upon children and children’s children, upon the third and fourth generations.” 8 Moses hastened to bow low to the ground in homage, 9 and said, “If I have gained Your favor, O my lord, pray, let my lord go in our midst, even though this is a stiffnecked people. Pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your own!” 10 [God] said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will work such wonders as have not been wrought on all the earth or in any nation; and all the people who are with you shall see how awesome are *Adonai*’s deeds which I will perform for you. 11 Mark well what I command you this day. I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 12 Beware of making a covenant with the inhabitants of the land against which you are advancing, lest they be a snare in your midst.

1 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה פָּסֹל־לָךְ שְׁנֵי־לְחֹת אֲבָנִים כַּאֲשֶׁר פָּרַשְׁתָּ וְכַתַּבְתִּי עַל־הֵלָחֹת אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ עַל־הֵלָחֹת הָרִאשׁוֹנִים אֲשֶׁר שִׁבַּרְתָּ: 2 וְהָיָה נָכוֹן לְבֹקֶר וְעָלִיתָ בְּבֹקֶר אֶל־הָר סינַי וַנִּצְבַּתְּ לִי שָׁם עַל־רֹאשׁ הָהָר: 3 וְאִישׁ לֹא־יַעֲלֶה עִמָּךְ וְגַם־אִישׁ אֶל־יָבֵא בְּכֹל־הָהָר גַּם־הַצֹּאֵן וְהַבְּקָר אֶל־יָרְעוּ אֶל־מֹוֹל הָהָר הַהוּא: 4 וַיִּפְסֹל שְׁנֵי־לְחֹת אֲבָנִים כַּאֲשֶׁר פָּרַשְׁתָּ וַיִּשְׁפֹּם מֹשֶׁה בְּבֹקֶר וַיַּעַל אֶל־הָר סינַי כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֹתוֹ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ שְׁנֵי לְחֹת אֲבָנִים: 5 וַיֵּרַד יְהוָה בְּעָנָן וַיְתַיַּצֵּב עִמּוֹ שָׁם וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה: 6 וַיַּעֲבֵר יְהוָה אֶל־פְּנֵי וַיִּקְרָא יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי וְחַנּוּן אַרְוֶה אַפַּיִם וְרַב־חַסֵּד וְאֶמֶת: 7 נִצַּר חֶסֶד לְאֱלֹפִים נִשְׂא עֲוֹן וְכַפֵּשׁ וְסַטְמָה וְנִקְהָ לֹא יִנְקָה פֶקֶד אֶעֱוֹן אָבוֹת עַל־בְּנֵים וְעַל־בְּנֵי בְנֵים עַל־שְׁלִישִׁים וְעַל־רַבְעִים: 8 וַיִּמְהַר מֹשֶׁה וַיִּקְדַּ אֶרְצָה וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה: 9 וַיֹּאמֶר אִם־נָא מְצֵאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֲדֹנָי יְיָ־נָא אֲדֹנָי בְּקִרְבָּנוּ כִּי עַם־קָשֶׁה־לֵּעָרֵף הוּא וְסַלְחָתָ לַעֲוֹנֵינוּ וּלְחַטֹּאתֵינוּ וְנַחֲלֵתָנוּ: 10 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי כָרַת בְּרִית גָּדוֹל עִמָּךְ אֶעֱשֶׂה נִפְלְאוֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־נִבְרָאוּ בְּכֹל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכֹל־הַגּוֹיִם וְרָאָה כָל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־אִתָּה בְּקִרְבּוֹ אֶת־מַעֲשֵׂה יְהוָה כִּי־נִבְרָא הוּא אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה עִמָּךְ: 11 שְׁמַר־לָךְ אֶת אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה גֵרֶשׁ מִפְּנֵיךָ אֶת־הָאֲמֹרִי וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַחִתִּי וְהַפְּרִזִּי וְהַחִוִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי: 12 הִשָּׁמֶר לָךְ פְּנֵי־תְכֹת בְּרִית לִי וְשׁוּב הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אִתָּה בָּא עָלֶיךָ פְּנֵי־יְהוָה לְמוֹקֵשׁ בְּקִרְבָּךְ:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-5

1 GOD's hand came upon me. I was taken out by the spirit of GOD and set down in the valley. It was full of bones.

2 [God] led me all around them; there were very many of them spread over the valley, and they were very dry.

3 I was asked, "O mortal, can these bones live again?" I replied, "O my Sovereign GOD, only You know."

4 And I was told, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of GOD !

5 Thus said the Sovereign GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live again.

1 הַיְתָה עָלַי יְדִי הַיְהוָה וַיּוֹצֵאנִי בְרוּחַ יְהוָה
וַיְנִיחֵנִי בְּתוֹךְ הַבְּקֻעָה וְהִיא מְלֵאָה
עֲצָמוֹת:

2 וְהֶעֱבִירַנִי עֲלֵיהֶם סָבִיב אִ סָבִיב וְהִנֵּה
רַבּוֹת מְאֹד עַל-פְּנֵי הַבְּקֻעָה וְהִנֵּה יְבֵשׁוֹת
מְאֹד:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי בְּרוּאֲדָם הַתְּחַיֵּינָה הָעֲצָמוֹת
הָאֵלֶּה וְאָמַר אֲדַגֵּי יְהוָה אַתָּה יִדְעֶתָ:

4 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי הִנְבֵּא עַל-הָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה
וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם הָעֲצָמוֹת הַיְבֵשׁוֹת שִׁמְעוּ
דְּבַר-יְהוָה:

5 כֵּן אָמַר אֲדַגֵּי יְהוָה לְעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה
הִנֵּה אֲנִי מְבִיא בְכֶם רוּחַ וְחַיִּיתֶם:

In Memoriam: April 21 to April 27, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Elsa Alper	Lewis N. Ginsberg	Alma Merrian
Fannie Anathan	Hazel Beatus Glant	Jane H. Mesirow
Peter Axelrod	Jennie Davis Goldberg	Samuel Meyers
Clarence Bernstein	Harris Goldberg	Lena Teitlebaum Neumann
Samuel A. Blank	Rhea Goldenberg	Hilde Pinkus
Mahlon Bluebond	Jesse N. Goldstein	Elinor Stern Putzel
Rebecca R. Blumenthal	Elaine Axilbund Goldstein	Sylvia Weinraub Rose
Frank Blumenthal	Evelyn Greenberg	Katie Katz Rosewater
Herman B. Blumenthal	Alvin M. Greenberg	Hannah Rose Levi
Warren Bonin	Tillie Grupp	Schachman
Fanny Brandes	Alvin P. Gutman	Samuel Kolman
George Brody	Karen Silverman Haftel	Schneidman
Elta Marie Buboltz	S. Paul Hanig	Henry Siedenbach
David Carmosin	Claire Heller	Caroline Siedenbach
Rosalie Dintenfass Coane	Elise David Heller	Gerry Sills
Robert Cooper	Abraham Hirsh	Donna Silverman
Edward B. Crane	William Hoffman	Manuel Sloane
Janice Diamond Smith	Clara Horenstein	Sophie Smith
Leon Edelson	Leanore Jacoby	Max E. Smukler
Minnie B. Eisman	Bertha Kauderer	Albert B. Solis
Leonore Belenko Erlichman	Bernard Kaufman	Sara Soltroff
William Feinstein	Harry Klein Lax	Leah Spiegel
Herman Fischler	Irving M. Lefton	Caroline Steppacher
Sadie Flax	Bette LaVine Levinson	Irvin Swaab
Marion Sablosky Fox	Ronald S. Litman	Joan Stern Switzenbaum
Anita Freed	Julia Loeb	Myer Warsaski
Sylvia Brenner Friedman	Carol Lowenstein	Sara B. Weinberg
Susan Garlick	Jerome David Lyons	Rose B. Weiss
Lloyd Getz	Bertha Marks	Ella Siedenbach Wolf

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Peggy Margaret Chavin Judith S. Engel Roslyn Hahn Richard P. Jaffe

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 belongs 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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