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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

May 11, 2024

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

Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Asher Dubroff,
son of Lisa Dubroff and Jacob Dubroff

Board Representative: Laurel Glaser

Ethan Asher Dubroff, son of Lisa Dubroff and Jacob Dubroff and brother of Levi, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 11. Ethan is a 7th grader at Germantown Friends School. For his *mitzvah* project, Ethan volunteered at a variety of places throughout the Philadelphia area, including Share Food Program, a local food bank. Ethan says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been learning Torah. Some of the morals from 3000 years ago are still important today.

***Bimah* flowers are sponsored by
Lisa Dubroff and Jacob Dubroff in honor of
Ethan Asher Dubroff becoming a *bar mitzvah***

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat K'doshim: Leviticus 19:1-12

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying: 2 Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, your God *Adonai* am holy. 3 You shall each revere your mother and your father, and keep My sabbaths: I *Adonai* am your God. 4 Do not turn to idols or make molten gods for yourselves: I *Adonai* am your God. 5 When you sacrifice an offering of well-being to *Adonai* sacrifice it so that it may be accepted on your behalf. 6 It shall be eaten on the day you sacrifice it, or on the day following; but what is left by the third day must be consumed in fire. 7 If it should be eaten on the third day, it is an offensive thing, it will not be acceptable. 8 And one who eats of it shall bear the guilt for having profaned what is sacred to *Adonai* that person shall be cut off from kin. 9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 You shall not pick your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I *Adonai* am your God. 11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another. 12 You shall not swear falsely by My name, profaning the name of your God: I am *Adonai* .

1 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: 2 דַּבֵּר אֶל־כָּל־עַדְת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם קְדוֹשִׁים תִּהְיוּ כִּי קָדוֹשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: 3 אִישׁ אִמּוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ וְאֶת־שַׁבְּתֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: 4 אֶל־תִּפְנוּ אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים אֲלֵהֶם לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: 5 וְכִי תִזְבְּחוּ זֶבַח שְׁלָמִים לַיהוָה לְרִצְוֹנְכֶם תִּזְבְּחֶהוּ: 6 בַּיּוֹם זִבְחְכֶם יֹאכַל וּמִמְחֶרֶת וְהַנּוֹתָר עַד־יוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי בָאֵשׁ יִשְׂרֹף: 7 וְאִם הָאָכַל יֹאכַל בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי פְגוּל הוּא לֹא יִרְצָה: 8 וְאָכְלוֹ עֹנֵו יִשָּׂא כִּי־אֶת־קֹדֶשׁ יְהוָה חָלַל וְנִכְרַתָּה הַגִּפְשׁ הַהוּא מֵעַמִּי: 9 וּבְקַצְרְכֶם אֶת־קִצְרֵי אַרְצְכֶם לֹא תִכְלֶה פֶּאֶת שְׂדֵךְ לַקָּצֵר וְלִקְט קִצְרֵיךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט: 10 וְכַרְמֶךָ לֹא תַעֲוִל לֵל וּפְרֹט כַרְמֶךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט לְעֵנִי וְלִגְרֹ תַעֲזֹב אֹתָם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: 11 לֹא תִגְנְבוּ וְלֹא־תִכְחָשׂוּ וְלֹא־תִשְׁבְּעוּ אִישׁ בְּעַמִּיתוֹ: 12 וְלֹא־תִשְׁבְּעוּ בִשְׁמִי לַשָּׁקֵר וְחִלַּלְתָּ אֶת־שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵיךָ אֲנִי יְהוָה:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Amos 9:7-10

7 To Me, O Israelites, you are
Just like the Cushites
—declares GOD.

True, I brought Israel up
From the land of Egypt,
But also the Philistines from Caphtor
And the Arameans from Kir.

8 Behold, my Sovereign GOD is keeping an
eye

On the sinful kingdom:
I will wipe it off
The face of the earth!
But, I will not wholly wipe out
The House of Jacob
—declares GOD.

9 For I will give the order
And shake the House of Israel—
Through all the nations—
As one shakes [sand] in a sieve,
And not a pebble falls to the ground.

10 All the sinners of My people
Shall perish by the sword,
Who boast,
“Never shall the evil
Overtake us or come near us.”

7 הָלוֹא כַּבְּנֵי כְּשִׁיִּים אַתֶּם לִי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
נְאֻם-יְהוָה הָלוֹא אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל הֶעֱלִיתִי
מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וּפְלִשְׁתִּיִּים מִכַּפְתּוֹר וְאַרְם
מִקִּיר:

8 הִנֵּה עֵינַי אֲדַגֵּי יְהוָה בַּמַּמְלָכָה הַחַטָּאָה
וְהַשְּׂמֵדָתִי אֲתָה מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה אֲפֹס כִּי
לֹא הַשְּׂמִיד אֲשַׁמֵּיד אֶת-בַּיִת יַעֲקֹב
נְאֻם-יְהוָה:

9 כִּי-הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה וְהִנְעוֹתִי
בְּכָל-הַגּוֹיִם אֶת-בַּיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל כַּאֲשֶׁר יִנּוּעַ
בַּכַּבֵּדָה וְלֹא-יִפּוֹל צְרוּר אֶרֶץ:

10 בַּחֲרָב יָמוּתוּ כָּל חַטָּאֵי עַמִּי הָאֲמֹרִים
לֹא-תִגִּישׁ וְתִקְדֶּימוּ בַעֲדֵינוּ הַרְעָה:

In Memoriam: May 5 to May 11, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Mitzi Adis	Abraham Glant	Eileen M. Rosen
Ezra Agmon	B. Franklin Glass	Harvey Rosenbluth
Babette F. Austrian	David Goldstein	Sarah Strauss Rosenfeld
Ira Jay Bankofsky	Ray Pimes Greenberg	David Robert Sacks
Fritzie R. Bauer	Charlotte R. Holt	George E. Schweig
Florence Kaufmann	Louis Holzman	Sara Seefeld
Bergsmann	Frances Kleeman	Emil Selig
Isidor Binswanger	Clothilde Kohn	Rebecca Feinberg Sellers
Reba Bluebond	David Koss	Abraham L. Shapiro
Stephen L. Bobman	Albert Kraftsow	Opal Shirley
Harry Braunstein	Goncer Krestal	David P. Shulman
Alvin Bungard	Jacob Krieger	Leon Solis-Cohen
Richard Christopher	Jack H. Landau	Morris Spector
Lewis Cohen	Freda Goldich Leof	Morris Stern
Eric Ivan Cohen	William W. Levinson	Miriam S. Strumpf
Nettie Levy David	Jennie Lipman Luria	Gustav C. Tassman
Milton M. Ettelson	Selma C. Lyman	Lewis Walder
Milton A. Feldman	Flora Meiljzon	Marie Wallerstein
Rose Kramer Finkelman	Milton M. Meyers	Harry Frank Weil
Arthur Flory	Ida E. Needle	Margaret Koch Weiss
Kalman Frankel	Katherine Ginsburg Nelson	Amelia Sandberg Whitehall
Max Friedman	Celia Freedman Newman	Helene Wilner
Frances Frumin Weiner	Helene Schaul Newman	Irene G. Wolf
Jane Ganey	Rose Hassler Pinkus	Henrietta Wolf
Ignatius O. Gardner	Bernard Polikoff	Morris Wolff
Sadye Lande Garfinkle	Dolly Potashnik	Shirley Zemsky
Abram Geller	Laurie Schwarz Reinheimer	Shirley Oken Zinman
Rosa E. Gerstley		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Peggy Margaret Chavin Roslyn Hahn Mildred Mufson

Lee A. Rosengard Butch Siegel

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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