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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 4, 2024

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

Bar Mitzvah: Dylan Isaac Inscho,
son of David & Tammi Inscho

Board Representative: Deborah Gordon Klehr

Dylan Isaac Inscho, son of David & Tammi Inscho, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 4. Dylan is a 7th grader at The Philadelphia School. For his *mitzvah* project, Dylan is currently a youth ambassador for HIAS, where he raises funds for and awareness about its central mission, which is to support low-income immigrants. Dylan organized a fundraiser, “3’s for Refugees,” where he grocery shopped, prepared meals, and gathered school supplies for refugees coming to the Philadelphia area. Dylan says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been the day-to-day practice and preparation for his *Bar Mitzvah*. The process taught him that through practice and hard work, he can learn and conquer difficult things. Also, with everything that is going on in the world today, it is incredibly meaningful to have the right and freedom to carry on the tradition of becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Acharei Mot: Leviticus 16:1-12

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they drew too close to the presence of *Adonai*. 2 *Adonai* said to Moses: Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come at will into the Shrine behind the curtain, in front of the cover that is upon the ark, lest he die; for I appear in the cloud over the cover. 3 Thus only shall Aaron enter the Shrine: with a bull of the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.— 4 He shall be dressed in a sacral linen tunic, with linen breeches next to his flesh, and be girt with a linen sash, and he shall wear a linen turban. They are sacral vestments; he shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.— 5 And from the Israelite community he shall take two he-goats for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 6 Aaron is to offer his own bull of sin offering, to make expiation for himself and for his household. 7 Aaron shall take the two he-goats and let them stand before *Adonai* at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting; 8 and he shall place lots upon the two goats, one marked for *Adonai* and the other marked for Azazel. 9 Aaron shall bring forward the goat designated by lot for *Adonai*, which he is to offer as a sin offering; 10 while the goat designated by lot for Azazel shall be left standing alive before *Adonai*, to make expiation with it and to send it off to the wilderness for Azazel. 11 Aaron shall then offer his bull of sin offering, to make expiation for himself and his household. He shall slaughter his bull of sin offering, 12 and he shall take a panful of glowing coals scooped from the altar before *Adonai*, and two handfuls of finely ground aromatic incense, and bring this behind the curtain.

1 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה אַחֲרֵי מוֹת שְׁנֵי בְנֵי אַהֲרֹן בְּקִרְבָּתְכֶם לִפְנֵי-יְהוָה וַיִּמָּוֶה: 2 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר אֶל-אַהֲרֹן וְאֵל-יְבִיא בְּכָל-עֵת אֶל-הַקֹּדֶשׁ מִבַּיִת לַפְּרָכֶת אֶל-פְּנֵי הַכַּפֹּרֶת אֲשֶׁר עַל-הָאָרוֹן וְלֹא יָמוּת כִּי בְעֵינַי אֲרָאָה עַל-הַכַּפֹּרֶת: 3 בְּזָאת יָבֵא אַהֲרֹן אֶל-הַקֹּדֶשׁ בְּכָר בֶּן-בְּקָר לַחֲטָאת וְאַיִל לְעֹלָה: 4 כְּתָנִית-בֶּד קֹדֶשׁ יִלְבָּשׁ וּמְכַנְסֵי-בֶד יִהְיוּ עַל-בְּשָׂרוֹ וּבֹאֲבָגֶט בֶּד יִחַגֵּר וּבְמִצְנֶפֶת בֶּד יִצְנַף בְּגֵדֵי-קֹדֶשׁ הֵם וְרִתוּץ בְּמִים אֶת-בְּשָׂרוֹ וּלְבָשָׂם: 5 וּמֵאֵת עֵדוּת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יִקַּח שְׁנַיִשְׁעִירֵי עִזִּים לַחֲטָאת וְאַיִל אֶחָד לְעֹלָה: 6 וְהַקְרִיב אַהֲרֹן אֶת-פֶּר הַחֲטָאת אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ וּכְפָר בְּעֵדוֹ וּבְעֵד בֵּיתוֹ: 7 וְלָקַח אֶת-שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִים וְהַעֲמִיד אֹתָם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה פְּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד: 8 וְנָתַן אַהֲרֹן עַל-שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִים גִּרְלוֹת גּוּרָל אֶחָד לַיהוָה וּגּוּרָל אֶחָד לְעֹזָאֵזֶל: 9 וְהַקְרִיב אַהֲרֹן אֶת-הַשְּׁעִיר אֲשֶׁר עָלָה עָלָיו הַגּוּרָל לַיהוָה וַעֲשֵׂהוּ חֲטָאת: 10 וְהַשְּׁעִיר אֲשֶׁר עָלָה עָלָיו הַגּוּרָל לְעֹזָאֵל יַעֲמַד-תִּי לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לְכַפֵּר עָלָיו לְשַׁלַּח אֹתוֹ לְעֹזָאֵל הַמִּדְבָּרָה: 11 וְהַקְרִיב אַהֲרֹן אֶת-פֶּר הַחֲטָאת אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ וּכְפָר בְּעֵדוֹ וּבְעֵד בֵּיתוֹ וְשִׁתַּט אֶת-פֶּר הַחֲטָאת אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ: 12 וְלָקַח מִלֵּא-הַמִּחֻמָּה גְּחָלֵי-אֵשׁ מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ מִלִּפְנֵי יְהוָה וּמְלֵא חֲפָנָיו קִטְרֶת סַמִּים דָּקָה וְהִבִּיא מִבַּיִת לַפְּרָכֶת:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Ezekiel 22:1-5

1 The word of GOD came to me:

2 Further, O mortal, arraign, arraign the city of bloodshed; declare to her all her abhorrent deeds!

3 Say: Thus said the Sovereign GOD: O city in whose midst blood is shed, so that your hour is approaching; within which fetishes are made, so that you have become impure!

4 You stand guilty of the blood you have shed, defiled by the fetishes you have made. You have brought on your day; you have reached your year. Therefore I will make you the mockery of the nations and the scorn of all the lands.

5 Both the near and the far shall scorn you, O besmirched of name, O laden with iniquity!

1 וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי לֵאמֹר:

2 וְאַתָּה בְּוֹאֲדָם הַתְּשֹׁפֵט הַתְּשֹׁפֵט
אֶת־עִיר הַדָּמִים וְהַיֹּדְעָה אֶת
כָּל־תּוֹעֲבוֹתֶיהָ:

3 וְאַמַּרְתְּ לָהּ אִמֵּר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה עִיר שִׁפְכוֹת
דָּם בְּתוֹכָהּ לְבוֹא עִתָּהּ וְעֲשֵׂתָה גְלוּלִים
עָלֶיהָ לְטִמְאָה:

4 בְּדַמְךָ אֲשֶׁר־שִׁפַּכְתָּ אֲשַׁמְתָּ וּבְגִלּוּלֶיךָ
אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתָ טִמְאַת וּמִקְרִיבֵי יְמֶיךָ וּמִבְּוֹא
עַד־שְׁנוֹתֶיךָ עַל־כֵּן נִתְתִּיךָ חֲרָפָה לַגּוֹיִם
וְקִלְסָה לְכָל־הָאָרְצוֹת:

5 הַקְּרֹבוֹת וְהַרְחֻקוֹת מִמֶּךָ יִתְקַלְסוּ־בְךָ
טִמְאַת הַשֵּׁם רַבַּת הַמְּהוּמָה:

In Memoriam: April 28 to May 4, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Max Baruch	Marilyn J. Gelb	Bernard Margolies
Theresa Becker	Mae Goldberg	Robert A. "Bobby" Marlowe
Sonny Bernstein	Edwin M. Goldsmith, Jr.	Sadye C. Nusbaum
Shirley Bernstein	Bennie Golum	Joseph Orloff
Robert S. Blank	Sophie Wice Gordon	Harriet Poland
Irving E. Block	Rose Rodin Green	Helen Powis
Eugene Block	Jonathan Levi Grindlinger	Fred M. Rodin
Frances Lave Broder	Bernice Hall	Reba Rogers
Doris Chorney	David Harry Henshell	Donald J. Ross
Jessie Clark	David B. Herrin	Mathew Rotenberg
Barry E. Cohen	Israel Isaac Jamison	Stanley Sarmiento
Wilma Crane	Rose Wolf Kabakow	Morris Silk
Dennis Dougherty	Harry C. Kahn, II	Leon Solis-Cohen, Jr.
Charles Kalman Eisman	Susan Katz	Stanley Solo
Louis Emmer	Albert Kaye	Ida Sperling
Jeannette Feigenberg	Frances Kleeman	Ruth Spielberg
Marjorie Jane Flock	Minnie Kleeman	Joseph Tollin
Albert Fogel	Burton Neal Komita	Nathan Waldman
Doris Freed	Robert Steven Krouse	Anne Mae Joffe Walter
Jacob Friedenberg	Marvin Kushner	Soloman Whellan
Bernard Isadore Friedenberg	Irving Harry Kutcher	Matilda Zaretsky
Stanley Frumkin	Tom Lentz	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Peggy Margaret Chavin Roslyn Hahn Richard P. Jaffe

Mildred Mufson Lee A. Rosengard

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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