



CONGREGATION  
**RODEPH  
SHALOM**

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**Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!**

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# Discover the New

## 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

# Saturday, *Shabbat* Morning Service

## September 26, 2020

**Led by:**

Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,  
Cantor Rita Glassman

***Bat Mitzvah:***

Isadora Ruby Laden,  
daughter of Jennifer Laden



Isadora Laden, daughter of Jennifer Laden, granddaughter of Caroline Simon, great-granddaughter of Jacqueline H. Simon, and great great granddaughter of Minnie Herson (all RS members!), will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, September 26. Isadora is an 8th grader at The Philadelphia School. For her *mitzvah* project, Isadora wrote letters to two members of the congregation. During this period of isolation due to the pandemic, this was a way for her to get to know people she might not have otherwise.

# Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

## Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:4-15

4 The Rock!—God's deeds are perfect, Yea, all God's ways are just; A faithful God, never false, True and upright is God. 5 Children unworthy of God— That crooked, perverse generation— Their baseness has played God false. 6 Do you thus requite the Eternal, O dull and witless people? Is not God the parent who created you, Fashioned you and made you endure! 7 Remember the days of old, Consider the years of ages past; Ask your father, he will inform you, Your elders, they will tell you: 8 When the Most High gave nations their homes And set the divisions of man, God fixed the boundaries of peoples In relation to Israel's numbers. 9 For the Eternal's portion is God's people, Jacob God's own allotment. 10 God found him in a desert region, In an empty howling waste. God engirded him, watched over him, Guarded him as the pupil of God's eye. 11 Like an eagle who rouses his nestlings, Gliding down to his young, So did God spread God's wings and take him, Bear him along on God's pinions; 12 The Eternal alone did guide him, No alien god at God's side. 13 God set him atop the highlands, To feast on the yield of the earth; God fed him honey from the crag, And oil from the flinty rock, 14 Curd of kine and milk of flocks; With the best of lambs, And rams of Bashan, and he-goats; With the very finest wheat— And foaming grape-blood was your drink. 15 So Jeshurun grew fat and kicked— You grew fat and gross and coarse— He forsook the God who made him And spurned the Rock of his support.

4 הצור תמים פעלו כי כל־דרכיו משפט  
אל אמונה ואין עול צדיק וישר הוא:  
5 שחת לו לא בנני מומם דור עקש  
ופתלתל: 6 הליהוה תגמלו־זאת עם נבל  
ולא חכם הלו־אהוא אביה קנה הוא  
עשה ויכנגד: 7 זכר ימות עולם בינו  
שנות דר ודר שאל אביה ויגדה זקניה  
ויאמרו לה: 8 בהנחל עליון גוים  
בהפרידו בני אדם יצב גבלת עמים  
למספר בני ישראל: 9 כי חלק יהוה עמו  
יעקב חבל נחלתו: 10 ימצאהו בארץ  
מדבר ובתהו ילל ישמן יסבבנהו יבוננהו  
יצרנהו כאישון עינו: 11 כנשר יעיר קבו  
על־גוזליו ירחף יפרש כנפיו יקחהו  
ישאהו על־אברתו: 12 יהוה ביד יגחנו  
ואין עמו אל נכר: 13 ירפכהו על־במותי  
ארץ ויאכל תנובת שדי וינקהו דבש  
מסלע ושמן מחלמיש צור: 14 חמאת  
בקר וחלב צאן עם־חלב פרים ואילים  
בני־בשן ועתודים עם־חלב כליות חטה  
ודם־ענב תשתה־חמר: 15 וישמן ישרון  
ויבעט שמנת עבית כשית ויטש אלוה  
עשהו וינבל צור ישעתו:

# *Shabbat Morning Service*

## Introduction to the Saturday Morning Service:



The prayers at the start of the service are comprised of a collection of morning blessings and general gratitude (pages 74-100).

Often, at the Saturday morning service, we celebrate a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, a 13 year old's rite of passage into Judaism. "*Bar Mitzvah*" literally means "son of the commandment." "*Bar*" is "son" and "*Bat*" is "daughter." "*Mitzvah*" is "commandment" in Hebrew.

The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* ceremony formally marks the occasion when one has the right to take part in leading religious services and to perform *mitzvot*/commandments. It is an opportunity to welcome the man/woman into our congregation as an official member of the Jewish community.

In its earliest and most basic form, a *Bar/Bat 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 *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* student learns and recites the weekly *Torah* portion and the *haftarah* portion (selection from the Prophets) in its traditional chant (*trope*). In our congregation, the celebrant also leads part of the service and gives a *D'var Torah* (literally a "word of Torah"), commonly referred to as the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* speech. This speech gives the students a chance to speak about lessons that can be learned from reading, and interpret the weekly Torah portion.

A *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is not the goal of a Jewish education, nor does it mark the end of a person's Jewish education. Rodeph Shalom encourages our teens to stay involved through high school, and offers further educational programs that culminate in a confirmation ceremony. It is customary to wish a hearty *Mazel Tov* (wish of congratulations) to the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* and their families.

Congregation Rodeph Shalom wishes you a *Shabbat Shalom* – peaceful Sabbath.

# In Memoriam: September 18 to September 26, 2020

Emma K. Abrams	Charles Goldman	Max Rosentoor
Katie Appel	Charles Gross	Lewis Ruberg
Estelle Bandler	K. Kennard Gross	Jeff Rubin
Hilda Blumenthal Berg	Peter Hartocollis	Lester Sacks
Sophie Blumenthal	Leffman Hope	Louise Beatrice Sanders
Rita Botel	Henry Jonas	Dorothy Shulman Savage
Ronald Boyask	Joseph S. Kleinbard	Joseph Schecter
Harry Buchbinder	Nelson Koss	Olga Schulman
Joe Caplin	William Kraftsow	Henry Emory Schwartz
Bart Cohen	Rose Lamm	Rosalyn M. Schwartz
Vita Cowan	Selma Spitzer Landau	Agatha Selig
David K. Davidson	Robert J. Lempert	Pearl Shander
Morris Dumoff	Jacqueline Leventon	M. Morton Sickles
Anna Feld	Bertha Jamison Levy	David E. Simon, II
Earl Fleisig	Roselle Lieberman	Louis Starkman
Paul Behal Frank	Joseph J. Lifter	Frances Steinberg
Nathan Frank	Pauline Fiere Light	Lena Title
Julius Frankel	Isaac E. Lowenstein	Jerome Traum
Louis Frankel	Eva Lowenstein	Sophie Troutman
David J. Freud	Seymour Matuson	Alan W. Valoris
Louis E. Fridenberg	Jeanette Merow	Miriam Waldman
Morris N. Friedberg	Harry M. Meyers	Mildred C. Wechsler
Andrew Lee Friedberg	William Howard Miller	Flora Bloch Whitfield
Joel Gershman	Mary Fairorth Needleman	Simon Wiesenthal
William M. Glazer	Joseph Rosenthal	Herbert L. Worth

## *Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

**Andrew Greenberg**

**Joseph John Shecora**

**Richard Smith**

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

# Welcome to Congregation Rodeph Shalom

## Who is welcome here at Congregation Rodeph Shalom?

- ◆ If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old...
- ◆ If you have never stepped foot in a synagogue, or if this is your 1000th time here...
- ◆ If you are Jewish, or not...
- ◆ If you are faithful, doubting, or seeking...
- ◆ If you are single, married, with kids or without, divorced, widowed, or partnered...
- ◆ If you are black, brown, white, Latinx, Asian, or something else...
- ◆ If you are queer, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or straight...
- ◆ If you have, or had, addictions, or have family members struggling...
- ◆ If you live in Center City, the suburbs, or you're just visiting our city...
- ◆ If you are a student, looking for a job, or in a successful position...
- ◆ If you are fully-abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities...

## You are welcome here at Rodeph Shalom!

We would like to follow-up with you...

Please contact: Melissa Erlick, Membership Manager, via email at [merlick@rodephshalom.org](mailto:merlick@rodephshalom.org) or 267-930-7286.

- ◆ I'd like to learn more about [Rodeph Shalom](#).
- ◆ I'd like to know how to become a [member of Rodeph Shalom](#).
- ◆ I'm interested in enrolling my child in [Buerger Early Learning Center](#)
- ◆ I'm interested in enrolling my child in [Berkman Mercaz Limud \(religious school\)](#).



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