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# *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.

# Saturday, *Shabbat* Morning Service

## November 14, 2020

**Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,  
Cantorial Soloist Rebekah Robinson

***Bar Mitzvah:*** Chloe Elizabeth Santoro,  
daughter of Jennifer Jordan & Eric Santoro

**Chloe Santoro**, daughter of Eric Santoro & Jennifer Jordan, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, November 14. Chloe is a 7th grader at Julia R. Masterman School. For her *mitzvah* project, Chloe cleaned the streets and sidewalks of her neighborhood in West Philadelphia to raise money for Philabundance — Philadelphia's largest hunger relief organization. To donate to Chloe's efforts, click [here](#). Chloe enjoys fencing, writing, art, and video games.



# Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

## Chayei Sarah: Genesis 24:1-12

1 Abraham was now old, advanced in years, and the Eternal had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said to the senior servant of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, “Put your hand under my thigh 3 and I will make you swear by the Eternal, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I dwell, 4 but will go to the land of my birth and get a wife for my son Isaac.” 5 And the servant said to him, “What if the woman does not consent to follow me to this land, shall I then take your son back to the land from which you came?” 6 Abraham answered him, “On no account must you take my son back there! 7 The Eternal, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from my native land, who promised me on oath, saying, ‘I will assign this land to your offspring’—He will send His angel before you, and you will get a wife for my son from there. 8 And if the woman does not consent to follow you, you shall then be clear of this oath to me; but do not take my son back there.” 9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore to him as bidden. 10 Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and set out, taking with him all the bounty of his master; and he made his way to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. 11 He made the camels kneel down by the well outside the city, at evening time, the time when women come out to draw water. 12 And he said, “O Eternal, God of my master Abraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal graciously with my master Abraham:

1 וְאַבְרָהָם זָקֵן בָּא בַיָּמִים וַיְהִינָה בְרָךְ אֶת־אַבְרָהָם בְּכֹל: 2 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־עַבְדּוֹ זָקֵן בֵּיתוֹ הַמַּשְׁל בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ שְׁיִם־גָּא יָדָךְ תַּחַת יָרְכִי: 3 וְאַשְׁבִּיעֶךָ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֱלֹהֵי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי מִבְּנוֹת הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּקִרְבָּן: 4 כִּי אֶל־אֲרָצִי וְאֶל־מוֹלַדְתִּי תֵלֵךְ וְלִקְחָתְךָ אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי לְיִצְחָק: 5 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הֲעֵבֶד אוֹלִי לֹא־תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת אֶתְרִי אֶל־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הֲהִנָּשֵׁב אָשִׁיב אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יֵצְאָתָּ מִשָּׁם: 6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם הַשְּׁמֵר לְךָ פֶּן־תִּשְׁיֵב אֶת־בְּנִי שָׁמָּה: 7 יְהִינָה אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם אֲשֶׁר לְקַחְנִי מִבֵּית אָבִי וּמֵאֲרָץ מוֹלַדְתִּי וְאֲשֶׁר דָּבַר־לִי וְאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע־לִי לֵאמֹר לְזַרְעֶךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הוּא יִשְׁלַח מַלְאָכּוֹ לְפָנֶיךָ וְלִקְחָתְךָ אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי מִשָּׁם: 8 וְאִם־לֹא תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת אֶתְרִיךָ וְנִקְיִית מִשְׁבַּעְתִּי זֹאת רַק אֶת־בְּנִי לֹא תִשָּׁב שָׁמָּה: 9 וַיִּשָּׂם הָעַבֵּד אֶת־יָדוֹ תַּחַת יָרֵךְ אַבְרָהָם אֲדֹנָיו וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ עַל־הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה: 10 וַיִּקַּח הָעַבֵּד עֶשְׂרֵה גַמְלִים מִגַּמְלֵי אֲדֹנָיו וַיֵּלֶךְ וְכָל־טוֹב אֲדֹנָיו בָּגִדוֹ וַיִּקֶּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־אָרָם נְהַרִים אֶל־עִיר נַחוֹר: 11 וַיִּבְרָךְ הַגַּמְלִים מִחוּץ לְעִיר אֶל־בְּאֵר הַמַּיִם לַעֲת עָרַב לַעֲת יָצָאת הַשְּׂאֵבֹת: 12 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱיָהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אַבְרָהָם הַקְרַה־נָּא לְפָנַי הַיּוֹם וַעֲשֵׂה־חֶסֶד עִם אֲדֹנָי אַבְרָהָם:

# In Memoriam: November 8 to November 14, 2020

## *Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Sidney F. Adler	Irving Hanover	Martin Oppenheimer
Saul Appel	Isadore Herz	Harry E. Peris
Elaine S. Baker	Paul Hogan	Sarah Popolove
Harold Becker	Myles Horwitz	Bernice Rhodes
Irene B. Brandes	Carole Kates	Theodore Ribak
Siegfried Brenman	Samuel Katz	Zefford M. Rose
Jack Canter	Jack Kauffman	Ann Oppenheimer Rosenau
Marc Clair	Henry Kimelman	Harry Rosenberg
Esther Cohen	Sunny Kirmins	Shirleyann Rosenthal
Lillian Cohen	Muriel G. Korn	Madeline Rosewater
Marvin Cohen	Judge Morton Krase	Janice Schwartz Sachse
Michael Cohen	Frances Lachman	Randy David Schley
Issac Djerassi	Terry Langbaum	Harold F. Seefeld
Violet G. S. Dubois	Sara Sommer Leipziger	A. Louis Segal
Edward L. Epstein	Howard C. Leopold	Sybil Shrier
Peggy Feld	Hanna L. Levi	Judith Silver
Simon Feldenheimer	Morton W. Levi	Ritta Silver
Saralee Feldman	Nettie Levi	Sam Stein
Harold Finkelman	Abraham Levin	Albert Strickler
Jenny Fisher	Irene Levin	Muriel Fine Stursberg
Florence B. Frank	Samuel H. Levy	Dorothy Thompson
Lena Frank	Ernest S. Levy	Anna Trachtenberg
Zerline Frankel	Miriam Simon Levy	Madeline H. Tress
Selda Lewis Frieder	Sophie Kohn Lipman	Meyer Wax
Blanche Schwartz Friedman	Jerome Loew	Leo Weise
William Gerstley	Reba H. Magaziner	Samuel Adler West
Estelle Gillman	Samuel K. Louchheim	Georgiena Peet Wiener
Bella Stein Goodman	Selma Jonas Magaziner	Nathan S. Wolff
S. Louis Goodman	Richard Hartz Mann	Ida Jaffe Zaslów
Joseph Greenberg	Ruth Moran	
Judith Zander Gross	Jay Nasser	
Martin Gubernick	Sarah Horowitz Novack	
Harry Gutterman	Walter J. O'Brien	

## *Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)

**Rabbi Jonathan Sacks**  
**Norman Schwarz**

**Anne Stedman**  
**Herb Stein**

**Janice Verlin**

*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?

- ◆ 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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