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Shabbat Morning Service

Introduction to the Saturday Morning Service



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

January 16, 2021

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantor Rita Glassman

Bar Mitzvah: Boris Albert Pasternak,
son of William & Sherryl Pasternak

Boris Albert Pasternak, son of William A. & Sherryl E. Pasternak, and brother of Willa, Sabryna, and Pippa, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, January 16. He is a 7th grader. Boris is an excellent student, an athlete who plays soccer, basketball, tennis, and also skis. He is also studying French and Japanese. He enjoys playing video games and hopes to be an international trader.



Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Ki Tavo: Deuteronomy 28:1 - 12

1 Now, if you obey the Eternal your God, to observe faithfully all God's commandments which I enjoin upon you this day, the Eternal your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 All these blessings shall come upon you and take effect, if you will but heed the word of the Eternal your God: 3 Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 Blessed shall be the issue of your womb, the produce of your soil, and the offspring of your cattle, the calving of your herd and the lambing of your flock. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be in your comings and blessed shall you be in your goings. 7 The Eternal will put to rout before you the enemies who attack you; they will march out against you by a single road, but flee from you by many roads. 8 The Eternal will ordain blessings for you upon your barns and upon all your undertakings: God will bless you in the land that the Eternal your God is giving you. 9 The Eternal will establish you as God's holy people, as God swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the Eternal your God and walk in God's ways. 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that the Eternal's name is proclaimed over you, and they shall stand in fear of you. 11 The Eternal will give you abounding prosperity in the issue of your womb, the offspring of your cattle, and the produce of your soil in the land that the Eternal swore to your fathers to assign to you. 12 The Eternal will open for you God's bounteous store, the heavens, to provide rain for your land in season and to bless all your undertakings. You will be creditor to many nations, but debtor to none.

1 וְהָיָה אִם־שָׁמוּעַ תִּשְׁמַע בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשָׁמֵר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּנְךָ הַיּוֹם וּנְתַנֶּנְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ עָלֶיךָ עַל כָּל־גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ: 2 וּבָאוּ עֲלֶיךָ כָּל־הַבְּרָכּוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וְהַשִּׁיגְגָה כִּי תִשְׁמַע בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ: 3 בְּרֹדֶף אֶתְּהָ בְּעִיר וּבְרֹדֶף אֶתְּהָ בַשָּׂדֶה: 4 בְּרֹדֶף פְּרִי־בִטְנְךָ וּפְרִי אֲדָמָתְךָ וּפְרִי בְהֵמָתְךָ שֹׁגֵר אֲלֶפֶיךָ וְעִשְׂתָּרוֹת צֹאנֶךָ: 5 בְּרֹדֶף טַנְיָאֶךָ וּמִשְׂאֵרְתְּךָ: 6 בְּרֹדֶף אֶתְּהָ בְּבָאֶךָ וּבְרֹדֶף אֶתְּהָ בְּצֵאתְךָ: 7 יִתֵּן יְהוָה אֶת־אֵיבֹיֶיךָ הַקָּדְמִים עֲלֶיךָ נֹגְפִים לְפָנֶיךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶחָד יֵצְאוּ אֵלֶיךָ וּבְשִׁבְעָה דְרָכִים יִנּוּסוּ לְפָנֶיךָ: 8 יֵצֵו יְהוָה אֶתְּךָ אֶת־הַבְּרָכָה בְּאַסְמֹיֶיךָ וּבְכָל מְשַׁלַּח יָדְךָ וּבְרָכָךָ בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ: 9 יִקְיָמֶךָ יְהוָה לֹא לְעַם קָדוֹשׁ כַּאֲשֶׁר גִּשְׁבַּע־לָךְ כִּי תִשְׁמֹר אֶת־מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְהִלַּכְתָּ בְּדַרְכָיו: 10 וְרָאוּ כָּל־עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ כִּי יֵשֶׁם יְהוָה נִקְרָא עֲלֶיךָ וְיִרְאוּ מִמֶּךָ: 11 וְהוֹתַרְךָ יְהוָה לְטוֹבָה בְּפִרְי בִטְנְךָ וּבְפִרְי בְהֵמָתְךָ וּבְפִרְי אֲדָמָתְךָ עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְתָּיִךָ לֵאמֹר לָךְ אֶת־אֶרְצְךָ וְהָטוֹב אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם לָתֵת מִטַּר־אֲרָצְךָ בְּעֵתוֹ וּלְבָרֶךְ אֶת כָּל־מַעֲשֵׂה יָדְךָ וְהִלִּיתָ גּוֹיִם רַבִּים וְאֶתְּהָ לֹא תִלְוֶה:

In Memoriam: January 10 to January 16, 2021

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Leah W. Abramson	Joseph E. Gross	Ethel C. Polakoff
Marum Anathan	David Herman	Morton M. Ravitsky
Bette Appel	Ruth Hersh	Raymond Ellis Rosen
Nathan Auritt	Samuel Herson	Sadie Jamison Rothman
Shirley Bankovsky	Seth Jay Jamison	Norman S. Rothschild, Jr.
Ann Barmash	Sylvia Jenoff	Matilda Rudow
William W. Batoff	Elaine Kaplan	Lewis Sablosky
Sarah Beck	Zenia Krause	Harriet Rosewater Sax
Albert Benderson	Joseph Krieger	Milton S. Selig
Yetta Bloomar	Joseph Kuh	Louise Seltzer
Bertram Blumenthal	Rose Lassin	Harry Serfer
Carrie Blumenthal	Estelle R. Leberman	Francis S. Sheerr
Jacob Brandes	Julius C. Levi	Mark Shevlin
Isadore O. Brick	Herman Levine	Benjamin Shien
Miriam Brin	Sarah Levine	Esther Silverman
Herbert C. Bushkoff	Belle Levinson	Jack G. Silverman
Ray Cohen	Jennie Levy	Flora Silvernail
Carrie Eisman Cohn	Grace Lewis	Sydney Simmons
Eleanor Braun Danaher	Jack Lieberman	Helen Snellenburg
Bertha Topkis DeLuca	Bertha Hess Liebman	Leslie Squires
Boris Drucker	Susan G. Lipper	Riva Stanley
Harold R. Epstein	Scott Lustig	Philip Sterling
Matthew S. Ersner	Cecilia Magaziner	Joseph Straus, Jr.
Samuel Fernberger	Hattie J. Mandel	Ruth Sussel
M. Austin Fine	Arthur Mandy	Samuel Tassman
Harriet Finn	Jane M. McFarlin	Esther E. Vendig
Barbara Fox	Zippa Mesirov	Etta Wallerstein
Theresa Brier Garfinkel	Jacob Miller	William Walther
Bertha Gerschel	Mitzi Mittelman	Fannie Rosenthal Weinberg
Perry J. Goldman	Alan M. Neff	David Joshua Weisenfeld
Max Goldstein	Anna Moser Neff	Ida Jaffe Weisman
Harry Goodman	Madge Marcus Nemir	Edward Weiss
Alice Shmookler Gouley	Florence Packman	Ruth Shaw Wheatcroft
Wilhelm Graetz	Julius Panzer	Isaac Wolf
Mildred Lande Green	Frank A. Pfaelzer	Pauline Binswanger Wolf
Theodore Greenwald	Paul Pickton	Esther Schnure Zubow
Jay Grodin		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

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

Shirley Kantor Behr	Nancy Hess	Shirley Traum
Cele Braverman	Celia Katz	Jerome Verlin
Carol Wallace Closson	Seymour Leiner	Shirley Fox Weinstein
Murray Dinsfriend	Howard Lipschutz	Rosalyn Wilner
Naomi Fishman	Johnne Tint	Marc Zisselman

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.

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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 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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