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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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. At Rodeph Shalom, Jewish learning continues through 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## October 26th, 2024

**Led by:** Rabbi Eli Freedman, Cantor Brad Hyman

***Bat Mitzvah:*** Eva Madeline Kawut,  
daughter of Liz Platzker & Steven Kawut

**Board Representative:** Ned Hanover

**Eva Madeline Kawut**, daughter of Liz Platzker & Steven Kawut, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, October 26th. Eva is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at AIM Academy. For her *mitzvah* project, she sewed 25 pillowcases by hand for Ryan's Case for Smiles, which distributes brightly colored pillowcases for children requiring prolonged hospitalization for serious illnesses. Eva says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been spending time with her father and mastering all of the prayers.

Today's *bimah* flowers are sponsored  
by Liz Platzker and Steven Kawut in honor of  
Eva Madeline Kawut becoming a *bat mitzvah*.

# Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

## Parashat B'reishit: Genesis 1:1-13

1 When God began to create heaven and earth— 2 the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water— 3 God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day and called the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a first day. 6 God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water.” 7 God made the expanse, and it separated the water which was below the expanse from the water which was above the expanse. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 God said, “Let the water below the sky be gathered into one area, that the dry land may appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth and called the gathering of waters Seas. And God saw that this was good. 11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that this was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

1 בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת  
הָאָרֶץ: 2 וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתָה תְהוֹ וּבְהוּ וְחָשֶׁךְ  
עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת  
עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם: 3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר  
וַיְהִי־אוֹר: 4 וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאוֹר  
כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין  
הַחֹשֶׁךְ: 5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַיּוֹם  
וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר  
יוֹם אֶחָד: {פ} 6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ  
בְּתוֹךְ הַמַּיִם וַיְהִי מִבְּדֵיל בֵּין מַיִם לַמַּיִם:  
7 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין  
הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לַרָקִיעַ וּבֵין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר  
מֵעַל לַרָקִיעַ וַיְהִי־כֵן: 8 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים  
לַרָקִיעַ שָׁמַיִם וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם  
שֵׁנִי: {פ} 9 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקְוּ הַמַּיִם  
מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל־מְקוֹם אֶחָד וַתֵּרָא  
הַיַּבְשָׁה וַיְהִי־כֵן: 10 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת  
לַיַּבְשָׁה אָרֶץ וְלַמְקוֹה הַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים  
וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב: 11 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים  
תִּדְנָשׂא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׂא עֵשֶׂב מִזְרִיעַ זֶרַע וְעֵץ  
פְּרִי עֵשֶׂה פְרִי לְמִינֹו אֲשֶׁר זֶרַע־וּבּוּ  
עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן: 12 וַתּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ  
דָּשָׂא עֵשֶׂב מִזְרִיעַ זֶרַע לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ  
עֹשֶׂה־פְרִי אֲשֶׁר זֶרַע־וּבּוּ לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרְא  
אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב: 13 וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר  
יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי: {פ}

# Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

## Isaiah 42:5-10

5 Thus said the ETERNAL God,  
Who created the heavens and stretched  
them out,  
Who spread out the earth and what it brings  
forth,  
Who gave breath to the people upon it  
And life to those who walk thereon:

6 I GOD, in My grace, have summoned  
you,  
And I have grasped you by the hand.  
I created you, and appointed you  
A covenant people, a light of nations—

7 Opening eyes deprived of light,  
Rescuing prisoners from confinement,  
From the dungeon those who sit in  
darkness.

8 I am GOD, that is My name;  
I will not yield My glory to another,  
Nor My renown to idols.

9 See, the things once predicted have come,  
And now I foretell new things,  
Announce to you ere they sprout up.

10 Sing to GOD a new song,  
Praise from the ends of the earth—  
You who sail the sea and you creatures in it,  
You coastlands and their inhabitants!

5 כֹּה־אָמַר הָאֱלֹהִים יְהוָה בּוֹרֵא הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וְנוֹטִיחֵם רַקְעַת הָאָרֶץ וְצֹאֲצְאֶיהָ נִתְּנוּ נְשָׁמָה  
לְעַם עָלֶיהָ וְרוּחַ וְרִיחַ לְהַלְכִים בָּהּ:

6 אֲנִי יְהוָה קָרָאתִיךָ בְּצַדִּיק וְאַחֲזַנְךָ בְּיָדִי  
וְאַצְרִיךָ וְאַתְּנֶנֶךָ לְבְרִית עִם לְאוּר גּוֹיִם:

7 לְפָקֶחַ עֵינַיִם עֲוֹרוֹת לְהוֹצִיא מִמַּסְגֵּר  
אֲסִיר מִבַּיִת כָּלֵא יִשְׁבִי חֲשֹׁף:

8 אֲנִי יְהוָה הוּא שְׁמִי וְכַבֹּדִי לְאַחֵר  
לֹא־אֶתֶן וְתִהְיֶה לִּי לְפָסִילִים:

9 הָרְאשֻׁנוֹת הִנֵּה־בָּאוּ וְחֲדָשׁוֹת אֲנִי מַגִּיד  
בְּטֶרֶם תִּצְמַחְנָה אֲשַׁמִּיעַ אֶתְכֶם: {פ}

10 שִׁירוּ לַיהוָה שִׁיר חֲדָשׁ תִּהְלְתוּ מִקְצֵה  
הָאָרֶץ יוֹרְדֵי הַיָּם וּמְלֹאוֹ אֲיִים וַיִּשְׁבִּינָהם:

# In Memoriam: October 20 to October 26, 2024

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Anna Abrahams	Henry Walter Isenberg	Fred Rawls
Roberta Abrams	Paul J. Johnson	Herbert Rheinstrom
Adrian Bauer	Eleanor Moskowitz Johnson	Dora Cohen Robinson
Joanne Beal	Bruce Kauderer	Barbara Rosenzweig
William Becker	Louis Kemper	Brian Sablosky
Marilyn Stein Bellet	Jennie Smith Kimmelman	Jose Luis Sarmiento Steiner
Abraham Bloom	Robert Leonard Klaus	Ronnie Jane Schwam
Lena Mink Blough	Max Kohn	Jack Segal
Harold B. Blumenthal	Blanche Wolf Kohn	Robert S. Seltzer
Ida Britton	Jack W. Kuhn	Marsha Serfer
Henry Brody	Martin Landes, Jr.	Abraham Albert Shanis
Ruth Baer Cohn	Max Levin	Morris Shapiro
Abram Dettelbach, Jr.	Lawrence LeWinn	Mona Shulman
Edna S. Ehrlich	Fritz Marx Liebmann	Esther Smith
Benjamin Einstein	Julie E. Loeb	Isaac Sperling
Ally Ellenbaum	Erma Lowe	Samuel Sternberger
Anna Cohen Ellis	Edith Miller Lyons	Gloria Singer Stoller
Della Buschel Flock	Jack Macfadden	Carl David Teitelman
Rhea Frankl	Edith Braunstein Magaziner	Ronald Traum
Henry Harris Friedman	Stephen L. Marmer	Norman C. Vendig
Max Garlic	Jacob Mayer	Marvin Weiner
Maurice Girard	Agnes Robbins Mesirov	Samuel Weinrott
Melvin A. Golder	Dorothy (Devora) Michels	Lewis S. Weiss
Sydney Goldman	Jacob Milgram	Sylvia Wenck
Leonard B. Gordon	Rosalie Berg Moses	Hulda Windner
Leon H. Greenhouse	Sidney Olson	Rebecca Wolf
Bertram Greenspun	Mary Orloff	Morris Wolf
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Reuben Heitzer	Herbert Presant	Dorothy B. Woolman
Alfred Henly	Stephen Rademan	Joseph A. Woolman
Anna S. Hirsch		

## *Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)

Susan Ashner    Nancy Brown    Andy Nerenberg

*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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via email at [sshare@rodephshalom.org](mailto:sshare@rodephshalom.org).

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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