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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

February 8, 2025

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

B'nai Mitzvah: Kiera Faber, Sofia Murga Garrido, Jackie Lesser,
Sarah Mitchell, Ernesto Ulloa Perez, Nathan Solomon,
Shelley Spector, Kimberly Strenger, Chuck Walter, and
Jeff Wiesner

Board Representative: Jon Broder

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat B'shalach: Exodus 15:1-21

1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to *Adonai*. They said: I will sing to *Adonai*, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea. 2 *Adonai* is my strength and might; He is become my deliverance. This is my God and I will enshrine Him; The God of my father's [house], and I will exalt Him. 3 *Adonai*, the Warrior— *Adonai* is His name! 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; And the pick of his officers Are drowned in the Sea of Reeds. 5 The deeps covered them; They went down into the depths like a stone. 6 Your right hand, *Adonai*, glorious in power, Your right hand, *Adonai*, shatters the foe! 7 In Your great triumph You break Your opponents; You send forth Your fury, it consumes them like straw. 8 At the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up, The floods stood straight like a wall; The deeps froze in the heart of the sea. 9 The foe said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall have its fill of them. I will bare my sword— My hand shall subdue them." 10 You made Your wind blow, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the majestic waters. 11 Who is like You, *Adonai*, among the celestials; Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in splendor, working wonders! 12 You put out Your right hand, The earth swallowed them. 13 In Your love You lead the people You redeemed; In Your strength You guide them to Your holy abode. 14 The peoples hear, they tremble; Agony grips the dwellers in Philistia. 15 Now are the clans of Edom dismayed; The tribes of Moab—trembling grips them; All the dwellers in Canaan are aghast. 16 Terror and dread descend upon them; Through the might of Your arm they are still as stone— Till Your people cross over, *Adonai*, Till Your people cross whom You have ransomed. 17 You will bring them and plant them in Your own mountain, The place You made to dwell in, *Adonai*, The sanctuary, O my lord, which Your hands established. 18 *Adonai* will reign for ever and ever! 19 For the horses of Pharaoh, with his chariots and riders, went into the sea; and *Adonai* turned back on them the waters of the sea; but the Israelites marched on dry ground in the midst of the sea. 20 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, picked up a hand-drum, and all the women went out after her in dance with hand-drums. 21 And Miriam chanted for them: Sing to *Adonai*, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea.

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אָז יִשְׁרַם מִשֵּׁה וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת לַיהוָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְאֹמֶר אֲשִׁירָה
לַיהוָה כִּי־גָאָה גָאָה סוּס וָרֶכֶב וְרָמָה בָּיָם: עָנִי וְזַמְרַת יְהוָה וַיִּהְיֶה־לִּי
לִישׁוּעָה זֶה אֱלֹהֵי וְאֲנֹהִי אֵלֹהֵי אַבִּי וְאֶרְמָמְנָהּ: יְהוָה אִישׁ מִלְחָמָה
יְהוָה שְׁמוֹ: מִרְכַּבַת פָּרְעָה וַחֲיִלוֹ יְהוָה בָּיָם וּמִבַּחַר שְׁלֹשִׁיו טַבְעוּ
בַּיַם־סוּף: תַּהֲלֹמַת יְרֵדוּ בַמְּצוֹלֹת פְּמוֹ־אָבוֹן: מִיִּמֵּנֶה יְהוָה נֶאֱדָרִי
בַּכֶּסֶם יְמִינֶה יְהוָה תִּרְעֶץ אוֹיֵב: וּבְרַב גְּאוּנָה תִּהְרַם קַמִּי תִשְׁלַח
חַרְנֶה יֹאכְלֵמוּ פִקֹּשׁ: וּבְרוּחַ אַפִּיֶה גִעְרָמוּ מַיִם נִצְבּוּ כְמוֹ־גֵד
בְּזֻלָּיִם קָפְאוּ תַהֲלֹמַת בְּלִבָּיָם: אָמַר אוֹיֵב אֶרְדָּף אֲשִׁיג אֲחַלֵּק שְׁלָל
תִּמְלָאֲמוּ נַפְשֵׁי אַרְיִק חַרְבֵי תוֹרִישְׁמוּ יָדַי: נִשְׁפָּת בְּרוּחַ־הַסּוּם פִּסְמוּ
יָם צָלְלוּ כַעֲפֹרֶת בְּמַיִם אֲדִירִים: מִי־כַמְכָה בָּאֵלֶם יְהוָה מִי פִמְכָה
נֶאֱדָר בַּקֹּדֶשׁ נוֹרָא תַהֲלֹלַת עֲשֵׂה פִלָּא: נְטִיֶה יְמִינֶה תִבְלַעְמוּ
אֶרֶץ: נְחִית בַּחֲסֻדֶה עַם־נוֹ גְּאָלַת נְהַלַּת בְּעֻזָּה אֶל־גְּנָה
קֹדֶשׁ: שְׁמְעוּ עַמִּים יִרְגְּזוּן חֵיל אַחֲזוּ יִשְׁבִי פְלִישַׁת: אָז נִבְהַלּוּ
אֱלוֹפֵי אֲדוּם אֵילֵי מוֹאָב יֹאחֲזוּמוּ רָעַד נִמְגּוּ כֹל יִשְׁבֵי כְנָעַן: תִּפְלַ
עֲלֵיהֶם אֵימַתָּה וּפָחַד בְּגִל זְרוּעָה יִדְמוּ פֶאֶבֶן עַד־יַעֲבֹר עִמָּהּ
יְהוָה עַד־יַעֲבֹר עַם־נוֹ קִנִּית: תִּבְאָמוּ וְתִטְעֲלֵמוּ בְהָר נִחְלַתָּהּ מְכוֹן
לְשִׁבְתָּהּ פְּעֻלַת יְהוָה מִקֹּדֶשׁ אֲדוּנֵי כּוֹנְנֵי יָדַי: יְהוָה יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם
וָעַד: כִּי בָא סוּס פָּרְעָה בְּרֶכֶב וּבִכְרִשׁוֹ בַיָּם וַיִּשָּׁב יְהוָה עֲלֵיהֶם אֶת־מִי
הַיָּם וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הִלְכוּ בַיַּבֵּשׁה בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם: {פ} וַתִּקַּח מְרִיָם הַנְּבִיאָה אַחֹת
אַהֲרֹן אֶת־הַתָּף בַּיָּדָה וַתִּצְאֵן כָּל־הַנְּשִׁימִם אַחֲרֶיהָ בַּתְּפִים וּבַמְּחֹלַת: וַתַּעַז לָהֶם מְרִיָם
שִׁירוֹ לַיהוָה כִּי־גָאָה גָאָה סוּס וָרֶכֶב וְרָמָה בָּיָם: {ס}

In Memoriam: February 2 to February 8, 2025

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Robert D. Abrahams	Jennie W. Gabel	Manley Prussel
Harold "Hank" Abrams	Charles Golden	Suzanne Kauderer Rademan
Sandra Kimmelman Altman	Seymour I. Gottlieb	Bernard L. Ries
Max Aron	Flora R. Greenwald	Samuel Rose
Frances Axler	Harry L. Hart	Harold S. Rosenbluth
William V. Baker	Leon Heller	Susan K. Ruberg
Robert (Bobby) Bamberg	Carrie S. Heller	Fanny G. Sanders
Lena Schwarzman Bass	Sadie Blatt Hess	Helene Schwab
Jacob Bauer	Milton J. Hinlein	Herman N. Schwartz
Rosalie Bauer	Sheila Johnson	David Scott
Rose Berenstain	Pearl Kahan	Sarah Selig
Rev. Henry Berkowitz	Alma Kalb	Benjamin Pincus Seltzer
Jeanne R. Blank	Adolph Kastor	Sidney Shapiro
Willard R. Bonwit	Ezra Katz	Harold Silver
Leo Brenner	Sarah Pollock Kaufmann	Frieda Sinzheimer
Betty S. Brod	Madine Kennedy	Barbara Gorman Siskin
Israel Brod	Lucille Trichon Kogan	Morton Slapin
Millie Burgauer	Barbara Jacobs Kuhn	Solomon Steigman
Deborah Burkart	Louis Lehrfeld	Jane Sterling Stern
Richard Burr	Irene Leitzell	Evelyn Tarantino
David Chadrow	Arthur Bernard Levinson	Maxwell E. Verlin
Emily Ciurley	Alfred M. Levy	Louis D. Watnik
Robert Cohen	Dora Wasserman Lovenstein	Roye Z. Weintraub
Fred Coleman	Harriet Leipziger Mayer	Hilda Weisenfeld
Adam Cornfeld	Margaret (Peggy) Meyer	Abraham S. Wexelblatt
Florence Ellenbogen	Abraham Joseph Michelson	Helen Hirsch Wile
Morris Feinberg	Samuel Morris	Florence W. Wolsey
Nancy Moss Fine	Susie Kohlberg Nusbaum	Jonathan L. Wolsey
Allene Fisch	Cullen Offer	Bernard Woolman
Ruth Leipziger Frankel	Mindy Pepper	Elie Zilkha
Phyllis Friedenberg	Leonard Michael Propper	Alan Zuckerman
Abe Frumkin		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Arthur "Butch" D'Ambrosio Harold Kobb Susan Rotenberg Irwin Ruttberg

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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