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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

March 8, 2025

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

Bat Mitzvah: Gigi Hill,
daughter of Jocelyn Hill & Josh Hill

Board Representative: Jonathan Broder

Gabrielle "Gigi" Hill, daughter of Jocelyn Hill & Josh Hill, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, March 8. Gigi is a 7th grader at Girard Academy Music Program. For her *mitzvah* project, Gigi volunteered at Philly Friendship Circle where she mentored and befriended children with special needs. Gigi says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been the preparation and process -- she learned Hebrew, how to work with children with special needs, and more importantly, how to be more compassionate to others.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat T'tzaveh: Exodus 27:20-28:10

27:20 You shall further instruct the Israelites to bring you clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly. 21 Aaron and his sons shall set them up in the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain which is over [the Ark of] the Pact, [to burn] from evening to morning before *Adonai*. It shall be a due from the Israelites for all time, throughout the ages. 28:1 You shall bring forward your brother Aaron, with his sons, from among the Israelites, to serve Me as priests: Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron. 2 Make sacral vestments for your brother Aaron, for dignity and adornment. 3 Next you shall instruct all who are skillful, whom I have endowed with the gift of skill, to make Aaron's vestments, for consecrating him to serve Me as priest. 4 These are the vestments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a fringed tunic, a headdress, and a sash. They shall make those sacral vestments for your brother Aaron and his sons, for priestly service to Me; 5 they, therefore, shall receive the gold, the blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and the fine linen. 6 They shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and of fine twisted linen, worked into designs. 7 It shall have two shoulder-pieces attached; they shall be attached at its two ends. 8 And the decorated band that is upon it shall be made like it, of one piece with it: of gold, of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and of fine twisted linen. 9 Then take two lazuli stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel: 10 six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth.

27: 20 וְאֹתָהּ תִצְוֶה | אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְחוּ
אֵלֶיהָ שָׁמֶן זַיִת נָדָה כְּתִית לַמָּאֹר לְהַעֲלֹת נֵר
תָּמִיד: 21 בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד מִחוּץ לַפְּרָכֶת אֲשֶׁר
עַל-הָעֹלֹת יַעֲרֹף אֹתוֹ אֶהְרֹן וּבָנָיו מֵעֶרֶב
עַד-בֹּקֶר לִפְנֵי יְהוָה תִּקַּח עֹלָם לְדֹרֹתֶם מֵאֵת
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {ס} 28:1 וְאֹתָהּ הִקְרַב אֵלֶיךָ
אֶת-אֶהְרֹן אֹחֶיךָ וְאֶת-בָּנָיו אֹתוֹ מִתּוֹךְ בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל לְכַהֲנֹתֶיךָ אֶהְרֹן נָדָב וְאַבִּיהוּא
אֶלְעָזָר וַיִּתְמַר בְּנֵי אֶהְרֹן: 2 וַעֲשִׂיתָ
בְּגָדֵי-קֹדֶשׁ לְאֶהְרֹן אֹחֶיךָ לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאֳרָתָ:
3 וְאֹתָהּ תְדַבֵּר אֶל-כָּל-חַכְמֵי-לֵב אֲשֶׁר
מִלְּאֹתֶיךָ רִיחַ חֲכָמָה וַעֲשׂוּ אֶת-בְּגָדֵי אֶהְרֹן
לְקֹדְשׁוֹ לְכַהֲנֹתֶיךָ: 4 וְאֵלֶּה הַבְּגָדִים אֲשֶׁר
יַעֲשׂוּ חֹשֶׁן וְאַפֹּדֶרֶת וּמַעֲלִיל וּכְתָנֶת תְּשַׁבֵּץ
מִצְנֻפֶת וְאַבְגָּט וַעֲשׂוּ בְּגָדֵי-קֹדֶשׁ לְאֶהְרֹן
אֹחֶיךָ וּלְבָנָיו לְכַהֲנֹתֶיךָ: 5 וְהֵם יִקְחוּ
אֶת-הַזָּהָב וְאֶת-הַתְּכֵלֶת וְאֶת-הָאַרְגָּמָן
וְאֶת-תּוֹלַעַת הַשָּׁנִי וְאֶת-הַשֵּׁשׁ: {פ} 6 וַעֲשׂוּ
אֶת-הָאַפֹּדֶרֶת זָהָב תְּכֵלֶת וְאַרְגָּמָן תּוֹלַעַת שָׁנִי
וְשֵׁשׁ מְשֻׁזָּר מַעֲשֵׂה חֹשֶׁב: 7 שְׁתֵּי כְתֻפֹת
חֲבֵרֹת יִהְיֶה-לּוֹ אֶל-שָׁנֵי קְצוֹתָיו וְחִבָּר: 8
וְחֹשֶׁב אֲפָדָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָלָיו כִּמְעַשְׂהוּ מִמֶּנּוּ
יִהְיֶה זָהָב תְּכֵלֶת וְאַרְגָּמָן וְתּוֹלַעַת שָׁנִי וְשֵׁשׁ
מְשֻׁזָּר: 9 וְלָקַחְתָּ אֶת-שְׁתֵּי אַבְנֵי-שֹׁהַם
וּפְתַחְתָּ עֲלֵיהֶם שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: 10 שֵׁשֶׁה
מִשְׁמֹתָם עַל הָאַבֶּן הָאַחַת וְאֶת-שְׁמוֹת הַשֵּׁשֶׁה
הַנּוֹתָרִים עַל-הָאַבֶּן הַשְּׁנִית כְּתוּלְתָם:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Ezekiel 43:10-11

10 [Now] you, O mortal, describe the temple to the House of Israel, and let them measure its design. But let them be ashamed of their iniquities:

11 When they are ashamed of all they have done, make known to them the plan of the temple and its layout, its exits and entrances—its entire plan, and all the laws and instructions pertaining to its entire plan. Write it down before their eyes, that they may faithfully follow its entire plan and all its laws.

10 אַתָּה בֶן-אָדָם הַגֵּד אֶת-בַּיִת-יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֶת-הַבַּיִת וְיִקְלְמוּ מַעֲוֹנוֹתֵיהֶם וּמַדְדוּ
אֶת-תְּקִנָּתוֹ:

11 וְאָם-נִקְלְמוּ מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר-עָשׂוּ צוּרַת
הַבַּיִת וּתְכוּנָתוֹ וּמוֹצְאָיו וּמוֹבְאָיו
וְכָל-צוּרָתוֹ וְאֵת כָּל-חֻקֹּתָיו וְכָל-צוּרָתוֹ
וְכָל-תּוֹרָתוֹ הַזֶּה אוֹתָם וְכָתַב לְעֵינֵיהֶם
וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ אֶת-כָּל-צוּרָתוֹ וְאֵת-כָּל-חֻקֹּתָיו
וַעֲשׂוּ אוֹתָם:

In Memoriam: March 2 to March 8, 2025

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Alfred A. Abrahams	Yetta F. Goulson	Claire Oppenheimer
Darla Ann Ashby	Ruth Light Greene	Marjorie Magaziner Pincus
Hazel T. Barnett	Samuel P. Gross	Alexander Prager
Rosalind Bass	Dora G. Gruenberg	Diane Rappaport
Bernard Behrend	Kirk Habby	Raisa Robbins
Silvia Bergen	Maxine Hess	Joseph Walter Rosenbluth
Clara Landman Berkowitz	Reta G. Hinlein	Keith L. Sachs
Alan Bleznak	George I. Israel	Irwin C. Saft
Regina Bloch	Julie Jaycox	Myron Schoen
Stella Goodman Block	Lena Jonas	Penrose T. Schoeneman
Arthur L. Bloom	Cecelia Kahan	Justin M. Selig
Lewis Bogdanoff	Charles H. Kahn	Simone P. Shneider
Regina Freudenreich Brenman	Nancy Kaplan	Sarah Shoyer
Debra Clark	Alfred Kershbaum	Carol R. Simon
Judith Clark	Adolph Klein	Isadore Sley
Louis Clark	Nathan Klein	Norman G. Sloane
Bernard Cohn	Louis Kobb	Mark Smith
Janet Craig Dalsimer	Jacob Kossman	Jeanette Stamm Specht
Roy David	Morris Kraftsow	Marshall Spector
Morgan Donato	Heidi Krystall	Morris Sperling
Annie Eason	Sara Maybaum Lam	Blaine Steinberg
Max Ehrenberg	Sophie F. Lang	Lester G. Steppacher
Ina Rose Feldman	Ronald Paul Lassin	Margaret F. Stern
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Sadie Goldberg	Maurice Nissman	Rabbi Louis Wolsey
Joseph Henry Goldston	Nettie Bacharach Nusbaum	Helen Marx Zander

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Arthur "Butch" D'Ambrosio Beverly Kantner Sara Levan
Marc Lipschutz Rachel Maccabi Sheila Rosenfield

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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