



אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

☆ *Ohev Shalom v'Rodeph Shalom* ☆
Love peace and pursue it (*Pirkei Avot* 1:12)

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

February 28, 2026 | 11 Adar, 5786

Bat Mitzvah: Micah Kathryn David

Welcome!

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!

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.

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

Bar Mitzvah: Micah Kathryn David,
daughter of Carter Paulson & Gregory David

Board Representative: Lisa Kagel

Micah Kathryn David, daughter of Carter Paulson & Gregory David and sister of Jonathan, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, February 28. Micah is a 7th grader at William M. Meredith School. For her *mitzvah* project, Micah volunteered at Breaking Bread on Broad at RS where she helped food-insecure families and at Chosen300 where she served meals to those in need. Micah says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been working with her dad to learn her service and *Torah* portions.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

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

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 that is over [the Ark of] the Pact, [to burn] from evening to morning before GOD. 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.

20 ואתה תצווה | את-בני ישראל ויקחו אליה שמן זית נה כתיית למאור להעלות בר תמיד: 21 באהל מועד מחוץ לפרכת אשר על-העלות יערה אתו אהרן ובניו מערב עד-בקר לפני יהוה תקת עולם לדרתם מאת בני ישראל: {ס} 28:1 ואתה הקרב אליה את-אהרן אחיה ואת-בניו אתו מתוך בני ישראל לכהנו-לי אהרן נדב ואביהוא אלעזר ואיתמר בני אהרן: 2 ועשית בגדי-קדש לאהרן אחיה לכבוד ולתפארת: 3 ואתה תדבר אל-כל-סכמי-לב אשר מלאתיו רוח חכמה ועשו את-בגדי אהרן לקדשו לכהנו-לי: 4 ואלה הבגדים אשר יעשו חושן ואפוד ומעיל וכתנת משבץ מצנפת ואבנט ועשו בגדי-קדש לאהרן אחיה ולבניו לכהנו-לי: 5 והם יקחו את-הזהב ואת-התכלת ואת-הארגמן ואת-תולעת השני ואת-השש: {פ} 6 ועשו את-האפוד תכלת וארגמן ותולעת שני ושש משוך מעשה חשב: 7 שתי כתפת חברת יהיה-לו אל-שני קצותיו וחבר: 8 וחשב אפדתו אשר עליו כמעשהו ממנו יהיה זהב תכלת וארגמן ותולעת שני ושש משוך: 9 ולקחת את-שתי אבני-שפה ופתחת עליהם שמות בני ישראל: 10 ששה משמתם על האבן האחת ואת-שמות הששה הנותרים על-האבן השנית פתולדתם:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Ezekiel 43:10-12

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.

12 Such are the instructions for the temple on top of the mountain: the entire area of its enclosure shall be most holy. Thus far the instructions for the temple.

10 אַתָּה בֶן־אָדָם הַגֵּד אֶת־בַּיִת־יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֶת־הַבַּיִת וְיִכְלְמוּ מַעֲוֹנוֹתֵיהֶם וּמִדְּרוֹ
אֶת־תִּכְנִיתָ:

11 וְאִם־נִכְלְמוּ מִכָּל־אֲשֶׁר־עָשׂוּ צוּרַת הַבַּיִת
וַתְּכַוְנֵתוּ וּמוֹצְאָיו וּמוֹבְאָיו וְכָל־צוּרֹתָו וְאֶת־
כָּל־חֻקֹּתָיו וְכָל־צוּרֹתָו וְכָל־תּוֹרֹתָו הַזֶּה
אוֹתָם וְכָתֹב לְעֵינֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ אֶת־כָּל־צוּרֹתָו
וְאֶת־כָּל־חֻקֹּתָיו וְעָשׂוּ אוֹתָם:

12 זֹאת תּוֹרַת הַבַּיִת עַל־רֹאשׁ הַהָר כָּל־גְּבֻלּוֹ
סָבִיב | סָבִיב קֹדֶשׁ קֹדְשִׁים הַנִּהְיֶה־זֹאת תּוֹרַת
הַבַּיִת:

In Memoriam: February 22 to February 28, 2026
***Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)**

Keith Alexander	Edna Lippman Hahn	Albert R. Rhode
Bernice Muller Alterman	Howard Haines	Antoinette Loewus Sattler
Irit Aptaker	Stuart Haves	Esther Schechtman
John Steven Bank	Rachael Heim	Bettie Schlamme
Edythe W. Barbour	George Heltzer	Amelia Teller Schlesinger
Max H. Barnett	Mabel M. Jacobs	Janice Schliffer
Margaret Hays Baum	Solomon Jacobs	Minnie Krieger Schloss
Zipora Baylinson	Laurence Kagel	Theodore Schmidt
Lena Beck	Edward Kantner	Ida Koff Segal
Emanuel Blatt	Rosalind Sperling Kessler	Jennie Coopersmith Shapiro
Samuel Blesnack	Saul Wedren Kessler	John D. Shuman
Besse G. Bleznak	Emanuel Kohn	Julius Siedenbach
Diane Blumenthal	Eleanor Sablosky Kreisel	Ted Silver
Benjamin H. Borth	Herman E. Landau	Gert J. Silverman
Max Brill	Benj. Frnklin Teller Langsdorf	Peter Simon
Louis Burgauer	Harold Lashner	Harold Snyder
Hon. Paul M. Chalfin	Rae Sommer Levy	Sylvia Spotts
Harriet Duker	Harvey Lipschultz	Arlene Starkman
Meyer Eglin	Michael H. Malmud	Herbert M. Stein
Rose B. Ettelson	Eugene Mandel	Sydney S. Stern
Alexandra Fogel	Emanuel Mandelblatt	Louis Stern
Blanche Marks Folz	Fredric R. Mann	Fred "Fritz" Strauss
Caroline Frank	Jacob Mann	Leonard David Swaab
Elizabeth Frankel	Mina May	Rebecca Tiktin
Harry E. Franks	James A. Meyers	Eileen Walther
Rose Furman	Irving Miller	Arvell Washington
Samuel Getz	Dorothy Miller	Herbert Weiner
Abraham H. Gitlow	Nelson Millman	Sara Winklestein
Herman Goldberg	Harry Neurick	Barry Wohlman
Jeanette Miriam Goldberg	Florence Pearlman	Abraham H. Woldow
Bertram J. Goodman	Theodore Phillips	Malka Wolf
Fred Gorenstein	Herbert Pressman	Mary Joseph Wolf
Harold Alan Graff	Jeannette M. Putzel	Miriam Wolf
J. Maurice Gray	Charlotte Auerbach Rathmill	Emmanuel Wright
Daniel F. Greenwald		

***Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)**

Nancy Abel	Al Chazin	Robert M. Cohen	Jerry Greenberg
Gerald Benjamin Katz	Joan A. Levin	Norman S. Mosko	
Mitchell Rubin	Sidney Bernard Zamochnick		

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

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.

Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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