



אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

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

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

May 2, 2026 | 15 Iyar, 5786

Bar Mitzvah: Hunter Meyer De Boer

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: Hunter Meyer De Boer,
son of Michelle and Jonathan de Boer

Board Representative: Jerry Arnold

Today's *kiddush* is sponsored by the de Boer family
in honor of Hunter becoming a *bar mitzvah*.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Emor: Leviticus 23:1-12

1 GOD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: These are My fixed times, the fixed times of GOD, that you shall proclaim as sacred occasions. 3 On six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there shall be a sabbath of complete rest, a sacred occasion. You shall do no work; it shall be a sabbath of GOD throughout your settlements. 4 These are the set times of GOD, the sacred occasions, which you shall celebrate each at its appointed time: 5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, there shall be a passover offering to GOD, 6 and on the fifteenth day of that month GOD's Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. 7 On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations. 8 Seven days you shall make offerings by fire to GOD. The seventh day shall be a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations. 9 GOD spoke to Moses, saying: 10 Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving to you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the first sheaf of your harvest to the priest. 11 He shall elevate the sheaf before GOD for acceptance in your behalf; the priest shall elevate it on the day after the sabbath. 12 On the day that you elevate the sheaf, you shall offer as a burnt offering to GOD a lamb of the first year without blemish.

1 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: 2 דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם מוֹעֲדֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר-תִּקְרְאוּ אֹתָם מִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ אֵלֶּה הֵם מוֹעֲדֵי: 3 שְׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲשֶׂה מְלֶאכֶה וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבַּת שַׁבְּתוֹן מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ כָּל-מְלֶאכֶה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ שַׁבַּת הוּא לַיהוָה בְּכֹל מוֹשְׁבֹתֵיכֶם: {פ} 4 אֵלֶּה מוֹעֲדֵי יְהוָה מִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר-תִּקְרְאוּ אֹתָם בְּמוֹעֲדָם: 5 בַּחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן בְּאַרְבַּעָה עָשָׂר לַחֹדֶשׁ בֵּין הָעַרְבִים פֶּסַח לַיהוָה: 6 וּבַחֲמִישֶׁה עָשָׂר יוֹם לַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה תֵּג הַמִּצּוֹת לַיהוָה שִׁבְעַת יָמִים מִצּוֹת תֹּאכְלוּ: 7 בַּיּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ יְהוָה לָכֶם כָּל-מְלֶאכֶת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ: 8 וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אִשָּׁה לַיהוָה שִׁבְעַת יָמִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ כָּל-מְלֶאכֶת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ: 9 {פ} 10 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: 11 דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם כִּי-תִבְאוּ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אָנִי נֹתֵן לָכֶם וּקְצַרְתֶּם אֶת-קִצְרֵיהָ וְהִבֵּאתֶם אֶת-עֹמֶר רֵאשִׁית קְצִירְכֶם אֶל-הַכֹּהֵן: 11 וְהִגִּיף אֶת-הָעֹמֶר לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לְרִצּוֹנְכֶם מִמִּחֶרֶת הַשַּׁבָּת וְנִיפְנוּ הַכֹּהֵן: 12 וְעִשִׂיתֶם בַּיּוֹם הַנִּיפְכֶם אֶת-הָעֹמֶר כֶּבֶשׂ תָּמִים כּוֹר־שֵׁנִתוֹ לַעֲלֹה לַיהוָה:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading **Ezekiel 44:15-16**

15 But the levitical priests descended from Zadok, who maintained the service of My Sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from Me—they shall approach Me to minister to Me; they shall stand before Me to offer Me fat and blood—declares the Sovereign GOD.

16 They alone may enter My Sanctuary and they alone shall approach My table to minister to Me; and they shall keep My charge.

15 וְהַפְּהָנִים הַלְוִיִּם בְּנֵי צְדוֹק אֲשֶׁר
שָׁמְרוּ אֶת־מִשְׁמֶרֶת מִקְדָּשִׁי בְּתַעֲוֹת
בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵעָלַי הִמָּה יִקְרְבוּ אֵלַי
לְשִׁרְתָּנִי וְעַמְדוֹ לִפְנֵי לְהַקְרִיב לִי חֶלֶב
וְדָם נְאֻם אֲדַנְי יְהוָה:
16 הִמָּה יָבֹאוּ אֶל־מִקְדָּשִׁי וְהִמָּה יִקְרְבוּ
אֶל־שִׁלְחָנִי לְשִׁרְתָּנִי וְשָׁמְרוּ
אֶת־מִשְׁמֶרֶתִי:

In Memoriam: April 26 to May 2, 2026
Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Fannie Anathan	Elaine Axilbund Goldstein	Jeanette M. Moskowitz
Mina Applebaum	Bennie Golum	Mildred Mufson
Isaac Augsburger	Yetta Goodman	Maxwell H. Nemir
LeRoy W. Bacharach	Rose Rodin Green	Lena Teitlebaum Neumann
Theresa Becker	Jonathan Levi Grindlinger	Sadye C. Nusbaum
Sonny Bernstein	Stanley Elliott Grode	Helen Powis
Robert Blank	Samuel G. Gross	Lee Rosengard
Irving E. Block	Bernice Hall	Donald J. Ross
Jean L. Brodey	David B. Herrin	Mathew Rotenberg
Reba Parness Brown	Abraham Hirsh	S. Lewis Rubinsohn
Elta Marie Buboltz	Delia Strause Hirshberg	Joseph W. Salus
David Carmosin	Clara Horenstein	Stanley Sarmiento
Doris Chorney	Charlotte Horwitz	Nellie Rosenbluth Schwartz
Barry E. Cohen	Rose Wolf Kabakow	Bertha Harrison Schweig
Robert Cooper	Susan Katz	Donna Silverman
Edward B. Crane	Albert Kaye	Sophie Smith
Wilma Crane	Philip Kirschner	Leon Solis-Cohen, Jr.
Marion Loeb Dannenberg	Burton Neal Komita	Ida Sperling
Leon Edelson	Benson Krieger	Ruth Spielberg
Charles Kalman Eisman	Robert Steven Krouse	Mitchel Stern
Jeannette Feigenberg	Marvin Kushner	Henrietta B. Stern
Betty Poland Finkelman	Irving Harry Kutcher	Sarah K. Viener
Herman Fischler	Gabe H. Lang	Lewis Walder
Marion Sablosky Fox	Harry Klein Lax	Anne Mae Joffe Walter
Eva R. Fox	Bette LaVine Levinson	Edwin H. Weil
Doris Freed	Jacob Levy	Estelle Weinstein
Bernard Isadore Friedenber	S. Vance Lovenstein	Rose B. Weiss
Stanley Frumkin	Bernard Margolies	Gabriel D. Weiss
Rosalie Gerson	Bertha Marks	Dorothea Loewenthal Wolff
Lewis N. Ginsberg	Robert A. "Bobby" Marlowe	William Wolsey
Harris Goldberg	Alma Merrian	Matilda Zaretsky
Mae Goldberg		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Joan Dolores Glatthorn Rochelle ("Shelly") Green

Michael Hartman Hazel Kagel Tziporah Segal Brittany Washington

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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Rabbi

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