



אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

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

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

May 30, 2026 | 14 Sivan, 5786

Bar Mitzvah: Aidan Gabriel Pao Seideman

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: Aidan Gabriel Pao Seideman,
son of Mary K. Pao and Jonathan Seideman

Board Representative: Brent Landau

Aidan Gabriel Pao Seideman, son of Mary K. Pao and Jonathan Seideman and brother of Beckett Rowan Pao Seideman, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 30. Aidan is a 10th grader at Germantown Friends School. For his *mitzvah* project, Aidan volunteered as an academic tutor at Squash Smarts, a non-profit program that combines squash, athletic training, academic support, leadership, and long-term mentorship to help students stay engaged in school, build healthy habits, and reach graduation with confidence. Aidan says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been learning about himself through Judaism and connecting with new people and places through Rodeph Shalom.

Today's *kiddush* is sponsored by the
Pao/Seideman family in honor of Aidan
becoming a *bar mitzvah*.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Naso: Numbers 4:21-32

21 GOD spoke to Moses: 22 Take a census of the Gershonites also, by their ancestral house and by their clans. 23 Record them from the age of thirty years up to the age of fifty, all who are subject to service in the performance of tasks for the Tent of Meeting. 24 These are the duties of the Gershonite clans as to labor and portorage: 25 they shall carry the cloths of the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting with its covering, the covering of dolphin skin that is on top of it, and the screen for the entrance of the Tent of Meeting; 26 the hangings of the enclosure, the screen at the entrance of the gate of the enclosure that surrounds the Tabernacle, the cords thereof, and the altar, and all their service equipment and all their accessories; and they shall perform the service. 27 All the duties of the Gershonites, all their portorage and all their service, shall be performed on orders from Aaron and his sons; you shall make them responsible for attending to all their portorage. 28 Those are the duties of the Gershonite clans for the Tent of Meeting; they shall attend to them under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. 29 As for the Merarites, you shall record them by the clans of their ancestral house; 30 you shall record them from the age of thirty years up to the age of fifty, all who are subject to service in the performance of the duties for the Tent of Meeting. 31 These are their portorage tasks in connection with their various duties for the Tent of Meeting: the planks, the bars, the posts, and the sockets of the Tabernacle; 32 the posts around the enclosure and their sockets, pegs, and cords—all these furnishings and their service: you shall list by name the objects that are their portorage tasks.

21 וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: 22 וְנָשָׂא אֶת־רֹאשׁ בְּנֵי גֵרְשׁוֹן גַּם־הֵם לְבֵית אֲבֹתָם לְמִשְׁפַּחָתָם: 23 מִבְּן שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה עַד בְּנֵי־חֲמִישִׁים שָׁנָה תִּפְקְדוּ אוֹתָם כְּל־הַבָּא לַעֲבֹד צָבָא לַעֲבֹד עֲבֹדָה בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד: 24 זֹאת עֲבֹדַת מִשְׁפַּחַת הַגֵּרְשֹׁנִים לַעֲבֹד וּלְמַשָּׂא: 25 וְנָשָׂאוּ אֶת־יְרִיעֹת הַמִּשְׁכָּן וְאֶת־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד מִכֹּסֶהוּ וּמִכֹּסֶה הַתַּחַשׁ אֲשֶׁר־עָלָיו מִלְּמַעְלָה וְאֶת־מִסְךְ פְּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד: 26 וְאֶת קַלְעֵי הַחֲצָר וְאֶת־מִסְךְ פְּתַח אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַחֲצָר וְעַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ סָבִיב וְאֶת מִיתְרֵיהֶם וְאֶת־כָּל־כְּלֵי עֲבֹדָתָם וְאֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה לָהֶם וְעַבְדוֹ: 27 עַל־פִּי אֹהֶל וּבָנָיו תְּהִיָּה כְּל־עֲבֹדַת בְּנֵי הַגֵּרְשֹׁנִים לְכָל־מִשְׁאָם וּלְכָל עֲבֹדָתָם וּפְקֻדָּתָם עֲלֵהֶם בְּמִשְׁמֶרֶת אֵת כְּל־מִשְׁאָם: 28 זֹאת עֲבֹדַת מִשְׁפַּחַת בְּנֵי הַגֵּרְשֹׁנִים בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וּמִשְׁמֶרֶתָם בְּיַד אִיתָמָר בֶּן־אֹהֶרֶן הַכֹּהֵן: 29 {ס} בְּנֵי מְרָרִי לְמִשְׁפַּחָתָם לְבֵית־אֲבֹתָם תִּפְקְדוּ אוֹתָם: 30 מִבְּן שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה וְעַד בְּנֵי־חֲמִישִׁים שָׁנָה תִּפְקְדוּם כְּל־הַבָּא לַעֲבֹד לַעֲבֹד אֶת־עֲבֹדַת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד: 31 וְזֹאת מִשְׁמֶרֶת מִשְׁאָם לְכָל־עֲבֹדַת מוֹעֵד קַרְשֵׁי הַמִּשְׁכָּן וּבְרִיתָיו וְעִמּוּדָיו וְאֲדָנָיו: 32 וְעִמּוּדֵי הַחֲצָר סָבִיב וְאֲדָנֵיהֶם וִיתְדֹתָם וּמִיתְרֵיהֶם לְכָל־כְּלֵיהֶם וּלְכָל עֲבֹדָתָם וּבִשְׂמֹת תִּפְקְדוּ אֶת־כָּלֵי מִשְׁמֶרֶת מִשְׁאָם:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

Judges 13:2-7

2 There was a certain man from Zorah, of the stock of Dan, whose name was Manoah. His wife was infertile and had borne no children.

3 An angel of GOD appeared to the woman and said to her, "You are infertile and have borne no children; but you shall conceive and bear a son.

4 Now be careful not to drink wine or other intoxicant, or to eat anything impure.

5 For you are going to conceive and bear a son; let no razor touch his head, for the boy is to be a nazirite to God from the womb on. He shall be the first to deliver Israel from the Philistines."

6 The woman went and told her husband, "An agent of God came to me; he looked like an angel of God, very frightening. I did not ask him where he was from, nor did he tell me his name.

7 He said to me, 'You are going to conceive and bear a son. Drink no wine or other intoxicant, and eat nothing impure, for the boy is to be a nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death!'"

2 וַיְהִי אִישׁ אֶחָד מִצְרָעָה מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת הַדָּנִי
וּשְׁמוֹ מְנוּחַ וְאִשְׁתּוֹ עֲקָרָה וְלֹא יָלְדָה:

3 וַיֵּרָא מִלְאָכֵי-יְהוָה אֶל-הָאִשָּׁה וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלֶיהָ הִנֵּה-נָא אֶת-עַקְרָהּ וְלֹא יָלְדָתְּ וְהָרִית
וַיֵּלְדָתְּ בֵּן:

4 וַעֲתָה הִשְׁמְרִי נָא וְאַל-תִּשְׁתִּי גֵיז וְשִׁכָר
וְאַל-תֹּאכְלִי כָל-טָמֵא:

5 כִּי הִנֵּה הָרָה וַיֵּלְדָתְּ בֵּן וּמִוְרָה לֹא-יֵעָלֶה
עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ כִּי-נָזִיר אֱלֹהִים יִהְיֶה הַנְּעָר
מִן-הַבֶּטֶן וְהוּא יִתֵּל לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל
מִיַּד פְּלִשְׁתִּים:

6 וַתָּבֹא הָאִשָּׁה וַתֹּאמֶר לְאִישָׁהּ לֵאמֹר
אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים בָּא אֵלַי וּמְרָאֵהוּ כְּמִרְאֵה
מִלְאָכֵי הָאֱלֹהִים נֹרָא מְאֹד וְלֹא שְׁאַלְתִּיהוּ
אִי-מִזֶּה הוּא וְאֶת-שְׁמוֹ לֹא-הִגִּיד לִי:

7 וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הִנֵּה הָרָה וַיֵּלְדָתְּ בֵּן וַעֲתָה
אַל-תִּשְׁתִּי גֵיז וְשִׁכָר וְאַל-תֹּאכְלִי
כָּל-טָמֵא כִּי-נָזִיר אֱלֹהִים יִהְיֶה הַנְּעָר
מִן-הַבֶּטֶן עַד-יוֹם מוֹתוֹ: {פ}

In Memoriam: May 24 to May 30, 2026

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Eugene S. Anathan	Esther Manko Gross	Abraham M. Rechtman
Jeanette Morris Arnold	Clarabeth Grossman	Leon D. Reinheimer
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Aaron Braveman	Henry I. Koplin	Gustav Sattler
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Morris Caplan	Judith Lerner	Morris Schmeltzer
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Brenda Flock	Bertha Oppenheimer	Hannah Bacharach
Robert Frankl	Joseph Oppenheimer	Strousse
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Samuel Greeh	Irvin Reber	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Murray Felzer Joan Dolores Glatthorn Gerald Pomper

Janet Rappoport Arthur Rose Tziporah Segal

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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