



אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

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

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

September 19, 2026 | 8 Tishrei, 5787

B'nai Mitzvah:

Isaac Talen Bernstein and Nathan Hudson Kauffman

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

B'nai Mitzvah: Isaac Talen Bernstein,
son of Ryan & Christie Bernstein
Nathan Hudson Kauffman,
son of Sara & Benjamin Kauffman

Isaac Talen Bernstein, son of Ryan & Christie Bernstein, grandson of Steven & Janice Bernstein and Bill Proud & Carol Beatty, and brother of Asher, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, September 19. Isaac is a 7th grader at Julia R. Masterman School. For his *mitzvah* project, Isaac volunteered at the Lutheran Settlement House where he meal prepped and served the elderly and underprivileged. Isaac says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at RS has been community, connection, and guidance from the clergy.

Nathan Hudson Kauffman, son of Sara & Benjamin Kauffman, will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, September 19. Nathan is a 7th grader at William M. Meredith School. For his *mitzvah* project, Nathan ran a collection drive with his sports teams and neighborhood to gather gently used sporting equipment for Level the Playing Field. He then volunteered at their facility to help prepare and sort the donations in order for coaches from underserved communities to use the gear for their teams. Nathan says the most meaningful part of his *Bar Mitzvah* journey at RS has been meeting more Jewish friends and discovering his heritage.

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Ha'azinu: Deuteronomy 32:1-10

1 Give ear, O heavens, let me speak;
Let the earth hear the words I utter!

2 May my discourse come down as the
rain, My speech distill as the dew,
Like showers on young growth,
Like droplets on the grass.

3 For the name of the ETERNAL I
proclaim;

Give glory to our God!

4 The Rock!—whose deeds are perfect,
Yea, all of whose ways are just;
A faithful God, never false,
True and upright indeed.

5 Unworthy children—
That crooked, perverse generation—
Their baseness has played God false.

6 Do you thus requite GOD,
O dull and witless people?
Is not this the Father who created you—
Fashioned you and made you endure!

7 Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of ages past;
Ask your parent, who will inform you,
Your elders, who will tell you:

8 When the Most High gave nations their
homes

And set the divisions of humankind,
The boundaries of peoples were fixed
In relation to Israel's numbers.

9 For the ETERNAL's portion is this
people;

Jacob, God's own allotment.

10 [God] found them in a desert region,
In an empty howling waste—
Then engirded them, watched over them,
Guarded them as the pupil of one's eye.

1 הָאֲנִינוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם

וְאֶדְבָּרָה וְתִשְׁמַע הָאָרֶץ אִמְרֵי-פִי:

2 יַעֲרֹף כַּמָּטָר לִקְחִי תִגַּל כֶּטֶל

אֲמַרְתִּי כִשְׁעִירָם

עָלִי-דָשָׁא וְכִרְבִּיבִים עָלִי-עֵשֶׁב:

3 כִּי יֵשֶׁם יְהוָה אֶקְרָא הִבּוּ גֹדֶל

לֵאלֹהֵינוּ:

4 הַצֹּרֵר תָּמִים פָּעֻלוֹ כִּי כָל-דִּרְכָיו

מִשְׁפָּט אֵל אֱמוּנָה וְאֵין עֹלָ צַדִּיק

וַיֵּשֶׁר הוּא:

5 שָׁחַת לוֹ לֹא בָנָיו מוֹמָם דֹּר

עָקָשׁ וּפְתִלְתָּל:

6 הֲלִיְהִיָהּ תִגְמְלוּ-זֹאת עִם נֶבֶל

וְלֹא חָכָם הִלּוּא-הוּא אֲבִיָהּ

קִנְיָהּ הוּא עָשָׂה וַיַּכְנִיגָהּ:

7 זָכַר יָמוֹת עוֹלָם בָּיָנו שָׁנוֹת

דִּרְ-וֶדֶר שָׁאֵל אֲבִיָהּ וַיַּגִּדָהּ זִמְנִיָהּ

וַיֵּאמְרוּ לָהּ:

8 בְּהִנָּחֵל עָלֵינוּ גוֹיִם בְּהִפְרִידוֹ בָּנֵי

אָדָם יַצַּב גְּבֻלַת עַמִּים לְמִסְפָּר בָּנֵי

יִשְׂרָאֵל:

9 כִּי תִלַּק יְהוָה עִמּוֹ יַעֲקֹב תִּתָּל

נִחְלָתוֹ:

10 יִמְצָאָהּ בְּאֶרֶץ מִדְבָּר וּבְתֵהוּ

יָלַל יִשְׁמֹן יִסְבְּכָנָהּ

יְבוֹנָנָהּ יִצְרָנָהּ כְּאִישׁוֹן עֵינָיו:

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

II Samuel 22: 1-4

1 David addressed the words of this song to GOD, after GOD had saved him from the hands of all his enemies and from the hands of Saul.

2 He said:

O ETERNAL One, my crag, my fortress, my deliverer!

3 O God, the rock in which I take shelter:

My shield, my mighty champion, my haven and refuge!

My savior, You who rescue me from violence!

4 All praise! I called on GOD

And was delivered from my enemies.

1 וַיִּדְבֹּר דָּוִד לַיהוָה אֶת־דִּבְרֵי הַשִּׁירָה
הַזֹּאת בַּיּוֹם הַצֵּיל יְהוָה אֶתֹּו מִכַּף
כָּל־אֹיְבָיו וּמִכַּף שָׁאוּל:

2 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה סִלְעִי וּמִצְדָּתִי
וּמִפְּלִטָּי־לִי:

3 אֱלֹהֵי צוּרִי אֶחְסֶה־בּוֹ מִגִּבִּי
וַיִּקְרָן יְשָׁעִי מִשָּׁגְבִי וּמִנוֹסִי מִחַמְסַתְשָׁעֹנִי:

4 מִהֲלֵל אֶקְרָא יְהוָה וּמֵאֹיְבֵי
אֹנְשָׁעִי:

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Ha'azinu: Deuteronomy 32:36-47

36 For GOD will vindicate this people
And take revenge for these servants,
Upon seeing that their might is gone,
And neither bond nor free is left.

37 [God] will say: Where are their gods,
The rock in whom they sought refuge,

38 Who ate the fat of their offerings
And drank their libation wine?

Let them rise up to your help,
And let them be a shield unto you!

39 See, then, that I, I am the One;
There is no god beside Me.

I deal death and give life;
I wounded and I will heal:

None can deliver from My hand.

40 Lo, I raise My hand to heaven
And say: As I live forever,

41 When I whet My flashing blade
And My hand lays hold on judgment,
Vengeance will I wreak on My foes,
Will I deal to those who reject Me.

42 I will make My arrows drunk with
blood—

As My sword devours flesh—
Blood of the slain and the captive
From the long-haired enemy chiefs.

43 O nations, acclaim this people!
For [God] will avenge the blood of these
servants,

Wreak vengeance on opponents,
And cleanse this people's land.

44 Moses came, together with Hosea
son of Nun, and recited all the words of
this poem in the hearing of the people.

36 כִּי־יִגְדֹן יְהוָה עִמּוֹ וְעַל־עַבְדָּיו
יִתְנַקֵּם כִּי יֵרָאֶה כִּי־אָזְלַת לֵד וְאָפֶס
עֲצוֹר וְעָזוּב:

37 וְאָמַר אֵי אֱלֹהֵימֹו צוּר חֲסִיו בּוֹ:

38 אֲשֶׁר חֲלַב זִבְחֵימֹו יֹאכְלוּ יִשְׁתּוּ יֵין
נְסִיגָם יְקוּמוּ וַיַּעֲזְרֵכֶם יְהִי עֲלֵיכֶם
סִתְרָה:

39 רְאוּ עֵתָה כִּי אֲנִי אֲנִי הוּא וְאֵין
אֱלֹהִים עִמָּדִי אֲנִי אֶמִית וְאַחִיָּה
מַחֲצֵלִי וְאֲנִי אֶרְפָּא וְאֵין מִיָּדִי
מַצִּיל:

40 כִּי־אֶשָּׂא אֶל־שָׁמַיִם

יָדִי וְאֶמְרָתִי תִּי אֲנֹכִי לַעֲלֹם:

41 אִם־שָׁנוּתִי בְּרֶק חֶרְבִּי וְתֹאמְרוּ
בְּמִשְׁפָּט יָדִי אֲשִׁיב נָקָם
לְצָרִי וְלִמְשֹׁנָאִי אֲשַׁלֵּם:

42 אֲשַׁכִּיר חֲצִי מִדָּם וְסַרְבִּי
תֹאכַל בְּעֹר מִדָּם חֲלָלִי

וְשִׁבְיָה מֵרֹאשׁ פְּרָעוֹת אוֹיֵב:

43 הִרְגִּינוּ גוֹיִם עִמּוֹ כִּי דָם־עַבְדָּיו
יָקוּם וְנָקָם יִשִּׁיב לְצָרָיו וְכִפֹּר
אֲדַמְתּוּ עִמּוֹ: {פ}

44 וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי
הַשִּׁירָה־הַזֹּאת בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם הוּא וְהוֹשִׁיעַ
בֶּן־נוּן:

Shabbat Morning Torah Reading

Parashat Ha'azinu: Deuteronomy 32:36-47

45 And when Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel,
46 he said to them: Take to heart all the words with which I have warned you this day. Enjoin them upon your children, that they may observe faithfully all the terms of this Teaching.
47 For this is not a trifling thing for you: it is your very life; through it you shall long endure on the land that you are to possess upon crossing the Jordan.

45 וַיִּכַּל מֹשֶׁה לְדַבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה אֶל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל:
46 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם עֲשִׂימוּ לְבַבְכֶּם
לְכָל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְעִיד בְּכֶם
הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר תִּצְּנוּם אֶת־בְּנֵיכֶם לְשֹׁמֵר
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־כָּל־דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת:
47 כִּי לֹא־דָבָר גֵּרָק הוּא מִכֶּם כִּי־הוּא
חַיֵּיכֶם וּבְדָבָר הַזֶּה תֵּאָרִיכוּ יָמִים
עַל־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר אֲתֶם עֹבְרִים
אֶת־הַיַּרְדֵּן שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: {פ}

Shabbat Morning Haftarah Reading

II Samuel 22: 7-12

7 In my anguish I called on the
ETERNAL,
Cried out to my God,
Who from a heavenly abode heard my
voice,

Whose ears received my cry.

8 Then the earth rocked and quaked,
The foundations of heaven shook—
Rocked by divine indignation.

9 Smoke went up from God's nostrils—
Devouring fire from God's mouth;
Live coals blazing forth.

10 [God] bent the sky and came down,
Thick cloud beneath divine feet.

11 [God] mounted a cherub and flew,
And was seen on the wings of the wind.

12 Pavilions of darkness all around,
Dripping clouds, huge thunderheads;

7 בַּצָּרָלִי אֶקְרָא יְהוָה וְאֶל־אֱלֹהֵי
אֶקְרָא וַיִּשְׁמַע מִהִיכְלוֹ קוֹלִי
וַיִּשְׁעֵתִי בְּאָזְנוֹי:

8 (וַתִּגַּעַשׁ) [וַיִּתְגַּעַשׁ] וַתִּרְעַשׁ
הָאָרֶץ מוֹסְדוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם יִרְגָּזוּ
וַיִּתְגַּעַשׁוּ כִי־תָרָה לוֹ:

9 עָלָה עָשָׁן בְּאַפּוֹ וְאֵשׁ מִפִּי
תֹאכֵל גְּחָלִים בָּעֵרוּ מִמֶּנּוּ:

10 וַיֵּט שָׁמַיִם וַיִּבֹד וַעֲרַפֵּל תַּחַת
רַגְלָיו:

11 וַיִּרְכַּב עַל־כְּרוֹב וַיֵּעָף וַיֵּרָא
עַל־כַּנְפֵי־רוּחַ:

12 וַיֵּשֶׁת חֹשֶׁךְ סְבִיבֹתָיו
סָבּוֹת חֲשֻׁר־מַיִם עָבִי שְׁחָקִים:

In Memoriam: September 13, 2026 to September 19, 2026
Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Susan Ashner	John J. Goldy	Henrietta Hirsh Newmayer
Estelle Bandler	Dorothy Naomi Grossman	Mary Olivant
Robert Bernstein	Samuel Heidelberger	Tillie Moskowitz Panzer
Jack Blanckensee	Mary Hollin	A. Jack Rappaport
Bessie Bogdanoff	George Jackson	Bernard S. Rosen
Ronald Boyask	Emanuel S. Kardon	George M. Rosenstein
Sylvia C. Briskman	S. Herbert Kaufman	Joseph Rosenthal
Harry Buchbinder	Abraham J. Kaufman	Lena Rosenzweig
Etta Leblang Bunten	Judith Auritt Klein	Barbara B. Rubenstein
Samuel Curson	David Kleinbard	Eva L. Sattler
Esther Davidson	Morton I. Kohn	Olga Schulman
Miriam Dintenfass	Harold Lens	Sue Schwartz
Albert Edelstein	Mildred Smith Levin	Stacey L. Schwartz
Florence Hess Ehrlich	Abraham J. Brem Levy	Charles S. Shapiro
Sarah Eisner	Claire L. Lobis	Louis Shorr
Samuel Feinstein	Anselm Loeb	Celia Weiss Snitzer
Goldie Feinstein	Marilyn Goldsmith MacDuffie	Helen Snyder
Mae Freedman	Edward Makransky	Audrey I. Stein
Samuel M. Freezman	Madeline Margolis	Hon. James L. Stern
Fred R. Freundlich	Louis Martin	Esther Harris Straus
Edward Furman	Herman Martin	Roslyn Strober
Alfred E. Garfinkel	Julia Martin	Charles Sutter
Ruth B. Garson	Alfred Mayer	Bernard Viener
Howard Gittis	Lillian Meltz	Louis Edgar Walter
Elaine Glassman	Jennie L. Meyer	Esther Wapner
Florence Bass Danien Gleaner	Krenny Muldawer	Kate Wiess
Steven Glick	Dorothy Pearlman Nagin	Samuel Yermanock

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

Merle Becker Tonia Burris Tim Dougherty Isabel Forrest
Michael Phillip Greenspan Patricia Meredith LoPresti

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events



Community Sukkah Building
Tuesday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m.



Community Sukkah Decorating
Wednesday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m.

For information about this year's High Holy Days, including the schedule of services and events, e-Passes, Guest e-Passes, and more, visit:
rodephshalom.org/high-holy-days-2026/

DEMOCRACY & SOLIDARITY AT 250 YEARS

MULTIFAITH DEMOCRACY FORUM

A three-part dialogue series hosted by The Perfecting Church, Rodeph Shalom, and Masjidullah Mosque to deepen understanding, counter hatred and polarization, celebrate religious liberty, and mobilize voter engagement. This program is made possible in part by a grant from A More Perfect Union: The Jewish Partnership for Democracy.

PASTOR KEVIN BROWN **RABBI ELI FREEDMAN** **IMAM IDRIS ABDUL-ZAHIR**

Multifaith Democracy Forum:
Evangelical Christianity & Democracy
with Pastor Kevin Brown
Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.
at The Perfecting Church

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Register here:

bit.ly/multifaithdemocracyforum

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!

Senior Rabbi

JILL L. MADERER (she/her)

Rabbi

ELI C. FREEDMAN (he/him)

Cantor

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