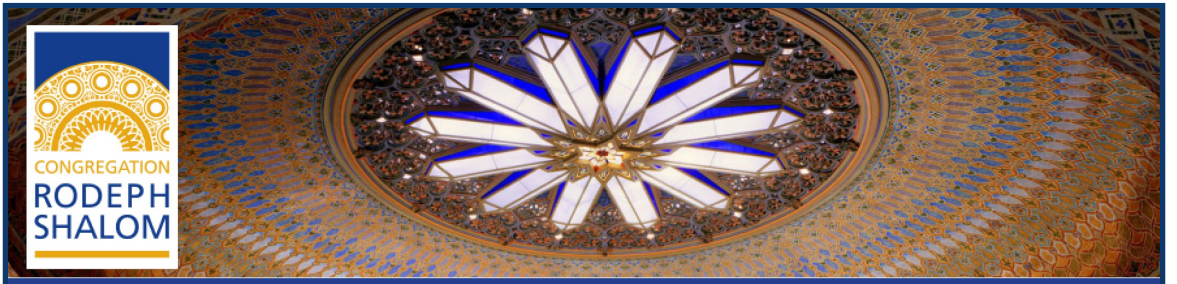

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✡ ***Ohev Shalom v'Rodeph Shalom*** ✡

Love peace and pursue it (*Pirkei Avot* 1:12)

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

October 10, 2026 | 29 Tishrei, 5787

***Bat Mitzvah*:** Bowie Barbara Meyers

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

***Bat Mitzvah*:** Bowie Barbara Meyers, daughter of Annette Ponnock & Peter Knight Meyers

Board Representative: Lisa Kagel

Bowie Barbara Meyers, daughter of Annette Ponnock & Peter Knight Meyers, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, October 10. Bowie is an 8th grader at Germantown Friends School. Bowie says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been becoming more connected to her religion.

Shabbat Morning *Torah* Reading

Parashat B'reishit: Genesis 1:1-13

1 When God began to create heaven and earth— 2 the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water— 3 God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day and called the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a first day. 6 God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water.” 7 God made the expanse, and it separated the water which was below the expanse from the water which was above the expanse. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 God said, “Let the water below the sky be gathered into one area, that the dry land may appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth and called the gathering of waters Seas. And God saw that this was good. 11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that this was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

1 בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת
הָאָרֶץ: 2 וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ
עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת
עַל־פְּנֵי הַמָּיִם: 3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר
וַיְהִי־אוֹר: 4 וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאוֹר
כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין
הַחֹשֶׁךְ: 5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים ׀ לָאוֹר יוֹם
וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לָיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר
יוֹם אֶחָד: {פ} 6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ
בְּתוֹךְ הַמָּיִם וִיהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם לָמָיִם:
7 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים ׀ אֶת־הָרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין
הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לָרָקִיעַ וּבֵין הַמַּיִם
אֲשֶׁר מֵעַל לָרָקִיעַ וַיְהִי־כֵן: 8 וַיִּקְרָא
אֱלֹהִים לָרָקִיעַ שָׁמָיִם וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב
וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שֵׁנִי: {פ} 9 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים
יִקָּווּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל־מָקוֹם אֶחָד
וְתֵרָאֶה הַיַּבָּשָׁה וַיְהִי־כֵן: 10 וַיִּקְרָא
אֱלֹהִים ׀ לַיַּבָּשָׁה אֶרֶץ וּלְמִקְוֵה הַמַּיִם קָרָא
יַמִּים וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב: 11 וַיֹּאמֶר
אֱלֹהִים תַּדְשֵׁא הָאָרֶץ דֶּשֶׁא עֵשֶׂב מַזְרִיעַ
זֶרַע עֵץ פְּרִי עֹשֶׂה פְּרִי לְמִינוֹ אֲשֶׁר
זַרְעוֹ־בוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן: 12 וַתּוֹצֵא
הָאָרֶץ דֶּשֶׁא עֵשֶׂב מַזְרִיעַ זֶרַע לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ
עֹשֶׂה־פְּרִי אֲשֶׁר זַרְעוֹ־בוֹ לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרְא
אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב: 13 וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר
יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי: {פ}

Shabbat Morning *Haftarah* Reading
Isaiah 42:5-10

5 כֹּה־אָמַר הָאֵל ו יְהוָה בּוֹרֵא הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְנוֹטֵיהֶם רקַע הָאָרֶץ וְצֶאֱצָאֶיהָ נֹתֵן
נְשָׁמָה לָעָם עָלֶיהָ וְרוּחַ לַהֹלְכִים בָּהּ׃

6 אֲנִי יְהוָה קְרָאתִיךָ בְצֶדֶק וְאַחְזִק בְּיָדֶךָ
וְאֶצָּרְךָ וְאֶתְּנְךָ לִבְרִית עָם לְאוֹר גּוֹיִם׃

7 לִפְקֹחַ עֵינַיִם עִוְרוֹת לְהוֹצִיא מִמַּסְגֵּר
אַסִּיר מִבֵּית כֶּלֶא יֹשְׁבֵי חֹשֶׁךְ׃

8 אֲנִי יְהוָה הוּא שְׁמִי וּכְבוֹדִי לְאַחֵר
לֹא־אֶתֵּן וּתְהִלָּתִי לַפְּסִילִים׃

9 הָרִאשֹׁנוֹת הִנֵּה־בָאוּ וַחֲדָשׁוֹת אֲנִי
מַגִּיד בְּטֶרֶם תִּצְמַחְנָה אַשְׁמִיעַ
אֶתְכֶם׃ {פ}

10 שִׁירוּ לַיהוָה שִׁיר חָדָשׁ תְּהִלָּתוֹ
מִקְצֵה הָאָרֶץ יוֹרְדֵי הַיָּם וּמְלֹאוֹ אִיִּים
וְיֹשְׁבֵיהֶם׃

5 Thus said the ETERNAL God,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread out the earth and what it brings forth,
Who gave breath to the people upon it
And life to those who walk thereon:

6 I GOD, in My grace, have summoned you,
And I have grasped you by the hand.
I created you, and appointed you
A covenant people, a light of nations—

7 Opening eyes deprived of light,
Rescuing prisoners from confinement,
From the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 I am GOD, that is My name;
I will not yield My glory to another,
Nor My renown to idols.

9 See, the things once predicted have come,
And now I foretell new things,
Announce to you ere they sprout up.

10 Sing to GOD a new song,
Praise from the ends of the earth—
You who sail the sea and you creatures in it,
You coastlands and their inhabitants!

In Memoriam: October 4, 2026 to October 10, 2026

***Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)**

Mina Bacharach
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Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

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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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