

אוֹהֵב שָׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שָׁלוֹם

✡ ***Ohev Shalom v'Rodeph Shalom*** ✡

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

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

November 14, 2026 | 4 Kislev, 5787

***Bat Mitzvah*:** Isabelle Rifka Rowe

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 Eli Freedman and Cantor Brad Hyman

***Bat Mitzvah*:** Isabelle Rifka Rowe,
daughter of Mindy & Tony Rowe

Board Representative: Lisa Kagel

Isabelle Rifka Rowe, daughter of Mindy & Tony Rowe, will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, November 14. Isabelle is a 7th grader at Independence Charter School. For her *mitzvah* project, Isabelle volunteered in different ways throughout the community. She assisted in teaching new skills, art projects, helping with tasks that get harder with age, and engaging in conversations with people outside of her normal circle. Isabelle says the most meaningful part of her *Bat Mitzvah* journey at Rodeph Shalom has been feeling like she is part of a Jewish community.

Shabbat Morning *Torah* Reading

Parashat Toldot: Genesis 25:19-30

19 This is the story of Isaac, son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac. 20 Isaac was forty years old when he took to wife Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac pleaded with GOD on behalf of his wife, because she was infertile; and GOD responded to his plea, and his wife Rebekah conceived. 22 But the children struggled in her womb, and she said, "If so, why do I exist?" She went to inquire of GOD, 23 and GOD answered her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
Two separate peoples shall issue from your body;
One people shall be mightier than the other,
And the older shall serve the younger."

24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first one emerged red, like a hairy mantle all over; so they named him Esau. 26 Then his brother emerged, holding on to the heel of Esau; so they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. 27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the outdoors; but Jacob became a mild man who stayed in camp. 28 Isaac favored Esau because he had a taste for game; but Rebekah favored Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the open, famished. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stuff to gulp down, for I am famished"—which is why he was named Edom.

19 וְאֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת יִצְחָק בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם
אַבְרָהָם הוֹלִיד אֶת־יִצְחָק: 20 וַיְהִי
יִצְחָק בֶּן־אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בְּקַחְתּוֹ
אֶת־רִבְקָה בַּת־בְּתוּאֵל הָאֲרַמִּי מִפַּדַּן
אֲרָם אֲחוֹת לָבָן הָאֲרַמִּי לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה: 21
וַיֶּעְתַּר יִצְחָק לַיהוָה לְנֹכַח אִשְׁתּוֹ כִּי
עֲקָרָה הִוא וַיֵּעָתֶר לוֹ יְהוָה וַתַּהַר רִבְקָה
אִשְׁתּוֹ: 22 וַיִּתְרֹצְצוּ הַבָּנִים בְּקִרְבָּהּ
וַתֹּאמֶר אִם־כֵּן לָמָּה זֶּה אָנֹכִי וַתֵּלֶךְ
לִדְרֹשׁ אֶת־יְהוָה: 23 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לָהּ
שְׁנֵי (גיים) [גוֹיִם] בְּבִטְנֵךְ וּשְׁנֵי לְאֻמִּים
מִמֵּעַיִךְ יִפָּרֵדוּ וּלְאֹם מִלְאֹם יֵאָמֵץ וְרַב
יַעֲבֹד צָעִיר: 24 וַיִּמְלְאוּ יָמֶיהָ לָלֶדֶת
וְהִנֵּה תוֹמִם בְּבִטְנָהּ: 25 וַיֵּצֵא הָרִאשׁוֹן
אַדְמוֹנִי כֻּלּוֹ כְּאַדֶּרֶת שֵׂעָר וַיִּקְרְאוּ שְׁמוֹ
עֵשָׂו: 26 וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן יָצָא אָחִיו וְיָדוֹ
אֹחֶזֶת בַּעְקֵב עֵשָׂו וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ יַעֲקֹב
וְיִצְחָק בֶּן־שִׁשִּׁים שָׁנָה בְּלֶדֶת אֹתָם: 27
וַיִּגְדְּלוּ הַנְּעָרִים וַיְהִי עֵשָׂו אִישׁ יֹדֵעַ צַיִד
אִישׁ שָׂדֶה וְיַעֲקֹב אִישׁ תָּם יֹשֵׁב
אֹהָלִים: 28 וַיֶּאֱהַב יִצְחָק אֶת־עֵשָׂו
כִּי־צַיִד בְּפִיו וְרִבְקָה אֹהֶבֶת אֶת־יַעֲקֹב:
29 וַיָּזֶד יַעֲקֹב נָזִיד וַיָּבָא עֵשָׂו
מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה וְהוּא עָיֵף: 30 וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו
אֶל־יַעֲקֹב הַלְעִיטֵנִי נָא מִן־הָאָדֹם הָאָדֹם
הַזֶּה כִּי עָיֵף אָנֹכִי עַל־כֵּן קָרָא־שְׁמוֹ
אֱדוֹם:

Shabbat Morning *Haftarah* Reading
Malachi 1:1-6

1 מַשָּׂא דְבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּיַד
מַלְאָכִי׃
2 אָהַבְתִּי אֶתְכֶם אָמַר יְהוָה וַאֲמַרְתֶּם
בַּמָּה אֲהַבְתָּנוּ הֲלוֹא־אָח עֵשָׂו לְיַעֲקֹב
נְאֻם־יְהוָה וָאֹהַב אֶת־יַעֲקֹב׃
3 וְאֶת־עֵשָׂו שָׂנֵאתִי וָאָשִׂים אֶת־הָרָיו
שְׁמָמָה וְאֶת־נַחֲלָתוֹ לְתַנּוֹת מִדְבָּר׃
4 כִּי־תֹאמַר אֱדוֹם רֻשַּׁשְׁנוּ וְנָשׁוּב
וְנִבְנֶה חֳרָבוֹת כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת
הֵמָּה יִבְנוּ וַאֲנִי אֶהֱרוֹס וְקָרְאוּ לָהֶם
גְּבוּל רִשְׁעָה וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר־זָעַם יְהוָה
עַד־עוֹלָם׃
5 וְעֵינֵיכֶם תִּרְאֶינָה וְאַתֶּם תֹּאמְרוּ
יִגְדַּל יְהוָה מֵעַל לִגְבוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל׃
6 בֵּן יְכַבֵּד אָב וְעֶבֶד אֲדֹנָיו וְאִם־אָב
אָנִי אַיֵּה כְבוֹדִי וְאִם־אֲדוֹנִים אָנִי אַיֵּה
מוֹרָאִי אָמַר ו יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת לָכֶם
הַכֹּהֲנִים בּוֹזֵי שְׁמִי וַאֲמַרְתֶּם בַּמֶּה
בָזִינוּ אֶת־שְׁמֶךָ׃

1 A pronouncement: The word of GOD to Israel through Malachi.
2 I have shown you love, said GOD. But you ask, “How have You shown us love?” After all—declares GOD—Esau is Jacob’s brother; yet I have accepted Jacob
3 and have rejected Esau. I have made his hills a desolation, his territory a home for beasts of the desert.
4 If Edom thinks, “Though crushed, we can build the ruins again,” thus said GOD of Hosts: They may build, but I will tear down. And so they shall be known as the region of wickedness, the people damned forever of GOD.
5 Your eyes shall behold it, and you shall declare, “Great is GOD beyond the borders of Israel!”
6 A son should honor his father, and a slave his master. Now if I were a father, where would be the honor due Me? And if I were a master, where would be the reverence due Me?—said GOD of Hosts to you, O priests who scorn My name. But you ask, “How have we scorned Your name?”

In Memoriam: November 8, 2026 to November 14, 2026

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

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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.

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