



RODEF SHOLOM TEMPLE

ק"ק רודף שלום

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha

*Bar Mitzvah of
Max Malkin*

25 Sivan 5785

June 21, 2025

Rabbi David Eligberg,
Dr. Bernard A. Morewitz
Rabbinical Chair

Martha B. Katz-Hyman
President

Today's Ceremony

Today, Max becomes a *Bar Mitzvah*, a “*Son of the Commandment*.” The ceremony marks the point when a Jewish child becomes responsible for his actions. Beginning now, the child must observe all the commandments incumbent upon every Jewish adult.

The Bar Mitzvah service marks the beginning of a child's physical and moral maturity. Actions of children are relatively free of consequences. Whether for good or ill, the actions of an adult affect those around them in long lasting ways. The Bar Mitzvah ceremony marks the transition between the freedom of childhood and the moral responsibilities that accompany adulthood.

The Shabbat Services

The Shabbat services begin with Shacharit, the morning prayers. Shacharit includes the two most important prayers of the Jewish people – the Sh'ma on page 155 which acknowledges God's unity, and the Amidah on pages 159-166, an opportunity for individual prayer.

The Torah service begins (on page 168) by removing a Torah from the Ark, followed by a ritual processional. A portion of the Torah is read every week so that the cycle of reading the entire scroll is observed during the course of a year. This week's Torah portion comes from the book of Numbers. In addition, Max will teach the congregation about his Torah reading. After the Torah is covered, Max will read a passage in Hebrew from the prophets, the *Haftarah*. This week the selection is taken from the book of Joshua.

After the Torah service, we have a second opportunity for communal and individual prayer called *Musaf*, beginning on page 185. *Musaf* means “additional.” It is an extra service recited only on Shabbat and Holidays in memory of the extra offering made in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem on Shabbat and Holidays.

Following services, the *Kiddush*, a prayer that symbolizes the sweetness of life, is recited over the wine. The *Motzi*, the blessing recited over the *Challah*, the traditional Sabbath bread, expresses the gratitude to God for the food we eat. A Kiddush luncheon will be served in the social hall following these blessings.

The Sanctuary

The Rodef Sholom Temple congregation was founded in 1913. The current synagogue, dedicated in May of 2018, is the third location since 1913. The Sanctuary is surrounded by beautiful works of stained-glass art symbolizing the religious holidays of the Jewish Year. The focal point of the Sanctuary is the Ark with brass flames as handles to its doors. These flames, echoed in the flame of the Eternal Light above the Ark's doors, symbolize the bush that was not consumed when God was revealed to Moses. The round stained glass window dates back to Rodef Sholom Temple's first sanctuary in the early 20th century. The Ark contains holy scrolls of the *Torah*, the first five books of Moses. Above the sanctuary vestibule are the Hebrew words for “Love Peace” and “Pursue Peace,” from which the name *Rodef Sholom* derives.

Order of the Service

Birkhot HaShakhar	Sam Parrucci
Shakharit	Max Malkin
Torah Service	Max Malkin
Gabbaim	Steve Meyerson and Danile Spokony
P'tihah, Open Ark	Elaine Abrams
Hotza'ah	Gabbai

ALIYOT

Rishon	Myrna & Bob Korfin (Grandparents)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:8-10) Michael Marks	
Sheyni	Michael Marks & Sarah Delano and Marilyn & Evan Merenstein (Aunts & Uncles)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:11-16) Myrna Korfin	
Shelishi	Lynda & Marvin Heyman, Gail & Alan Levine, Susan & Michael Tell (Aunts & Uncles)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:17-21) Jessi Malkin	
Revii	Emily Levine, Heather Ewing, Jamie Antunes (Aunts)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:22-26) Michael Malkin	
Hamishi	Avi Klein and Anna Marks (Cousins)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:21-31) Michael Malkin	
Shishi	Danny & Laura Malkin, Avi Malkin & Mounika Dandu (Aunts & Uncles)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:32-36) Michael Malkin	
Shevii	Jessi & Michael Malkin (Parents)	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:37-41) Max Malkin	
Maftir	Max Malkin	
	Reader: (Numbers 15:37-41) Max Malkin	
Hagbah & G'lilah	Joseph Edouard & Robin Levy	
Haftarah	Max Malkin	
A Prayer for Israel	Brandy Klein	
Prayer for Our Country	Sarah Delano	
Ashrei	Max Malkin	
Hachnasah	Gabbaim	
S'girah, Close Ark	Gabbaim	
Musaf	Max Malkin	
Aleynu- Ark Honors	Max Malkin and Ein Keloheinu Kids	
Adon Olam	Max Malkin & Family	
Kiddush & Motzi	Max Malkin & Family	
Ushers	Roy Lasris & Bogie Edouard	

For more information about Max's Mitzvah Project,
please visit:

Maxsbarmitzvahproject.betterworld.org



401 City Center Blvd.

Newport News, Virginia 23606

(757) 826-5894

www.ropdefsholomtemple.org