

**Welcome!** We are overjoyed to share the *simcha* (joy) of this day with you. We aim to share our family's practice of open-hearted, contemplative Judaism with spiritual seekers and skeptics alike as we witness Duncan becoming a *bar mitzvah*. We intend for today's service to be accessible and meaningful to all, regardless of familiarity with Jewish prayer. We welcome you to hum along, explore the Siddur (prayer book) or Eytz Chaim (Jewish Bible), and follow where your thoughts lead and your heart stirs. Thank you for sharing this sacred milestone in Duncan's life with our family. ~ Jordan & Samantha

**The Bar Mitzvah Ceremony:** The meaning of Bar Mitzvah is "son of the commandments." Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is a boy's religious coming of age, representing a public as well as personal commitment to ethical and communal responsibility. We mark the occasion by giving the Bar Mitzvah the honor of reading from the Torah before the community.

**The Torah:** The Torah is the foundation of Judaism and our most sacred text. Each week, we read and study a section of the Torah. Duncan's parsha (portion) *Chukat* comes from the Book of Numbers, or in Hebrew *B'Midbar* ("In the Wilderness"), in which the Jews are wandering in the Sinai Desert. Physically, the Torah is a parchment scroll of the Five Books of Moses hand-scribed in the original Hebrew, accurate to the letter. Because the Torah is so spiritually valuable, it is not touched by our hands, whose oils could do harm. Instead, rollers are used to position the scroll to the appropriate section, and a pointer (or *yad* in Hebrew) is used to follow the reading.

**Tallit (or Tallis):** The Tallit is a prayer shawl. It covers the shoulders and has fringes with knots (*tzitzit* in Hebrew) on each of its corners. There are 613 knots to remind us of the 613 commandments (*mitzvot* in Hebrew) given by God in the Torah. Today, Duncan will wear a tallit for the first time.

**Kippah:** The kippah, or yarmulke, is a head covering which Jews customarily wear as a sign of reverence to God.

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

*Minuet 1, Humoresque, Trumpet Tune, Simple Gifts, Arum dem Fayer*

Musicians: Reeve and Tucker Green (brothers,) Helen Davidson (grandmother), Peter Blum (music teacher)

## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE *SHAHARIT* (MORNING) SERVICE

Tallit presentation: Jordan and Samantha (parents)

Shaliah Tzibur. Birkot HaShachar: Jeff Lubell

### Preparing Our Hearts ~ *Pesukei D'Zimrah* (Introductory Blessings & Songs)

Songs of praise including **Ma Tovu** (p. 554), *Tumbalalaika\**, various morning prayers, *Halleluyah\**, and **Halleluyah** (p. 194). \*performance

### Public Call to Prayer ~ *Barchu*

### Unity and Love ~ *The Shema & V'ahavtah*

The *Shema* (p. 242) expresses the central creed of the Jewish faith: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One." The *V'Ahavtah* reminds Jews to show our love for God and how to share this love with our children.

### Silent Offering ~ *The Amidah*

The Amidah, or the "standing prayer," is a series of prayers beginning with the *Avot V'Imahot* (remembrances of our ancestors), followed by the *Gevurot* (praise of God's powers), *Kedushat Hashem* (blessing of the name of God) and ending with the *Birkat Hashalom* (blessing for peace). We recite the prayers while standing, with the congregation starting together, and then each person continues silently until the end.

*Sholem Aleichem*, performed by Reeve Green & Peter Blum

### Revelation ~ *The Torah Service*

At this point in the service we celebrate the gift of Torah. We open the ark, remove the Torah scroll, and parade it around the sanctuary before reading it. Congregants may touch the scroll covering with a tallit or prayer book, which they then kiss, as a sign of respect. Duncan will then share the fruits of his studies as he chants *Torah* for the first time with his community.

#### Ark openers:

Miri & Addie Lucksinger, Aida Donahue(cousins)

Before each Torah portion is chanted, guests are called for the honor of an *Aliyah*, the recitation of a special blessing for the Torah.

#### Aliyah 1:

Susan & Ronald Green, Judith Reeve & Ken Baker, Helen & Richard Davidson (grandparents) ~ *Sarah bat Chaim, Reuven Laib ben Israel, Kalman Reuven ben Zvi*

#### Aliyah 2:

Cory Shoshany (Hebrew Tutor) ~ *Chanoch ben Israel Yaakov*

Aliyah 3:

Melissa Herman, Rusty Sachs, Jeff Lubell (Kol Ha'Emek community leaders)  
*Mashe bat Shoshanna v'Reuven, Elieser ben Asher v'Miriam, Yosef ben David v'Margolit*

Aliyah 4:

Rebecca Green, Finn & Woody Hulse (aunt & cousins)

Aliyah 5:

David, Randi, Charlie & Aaron Coun (friends)

*David v' Rachel*

Aliyah 6:

This year's B'nai Mitzvot

Aliyah 7:

Maternal Aunts & Uncles

Maftir:

Duncan Green

*David Israel ben Chaim v'Simcha*

Hagbah (lifting the Torah): Richard A. Davidson (uncle)

Gilah (dressing the Torah): Michael S. DeWitt (friend)

Ark closers: Chloe & Elise Baker (cousins)

**Prayer for Healing ~ The *Misheberach***

**Haftarah** ~ Duncan will read from his *Haftarah*, a portion from the Book of Judges that accompanies Duncan's Torah portion.

**Interpretation & Insight ~ *d'Var Torah***

Last, Duncan will give his *d'Var Torah*, his interpretation of this week's Torah and Haftarah portions. When he's done, everyone will throw congratulatory candy at him (which his brothers will happily supply you in advance)!

**Special Blessings** ~ From parents Jordan and Samantha, Kol Ha'Emek Board Chair Rusty Sachs & Rabbi Edward Boraz.

**Closing Prayers & Songs** ~ *Alenu* (prayer of adoration), Mourner's *Kaddish* (prayer on behalf of loved ones who have died), closing prayers & *Adon Olam*.

*Those we miss especially today include: Gary Lehmann (Duncan's uncle), Sandi Wesen (family friend), and Claire Reeve (great-grandmother).*

Following the service, we will assemble in the foyer for the *Kiddush & Hamotzi* (blessings over the wine & challah).



Duncan Ira Green

דוד ישראל

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

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*Parashat Chukat*

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