

This Shabbat, Parashat *Bereishit*, Mason Schulenburg will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Friday night services will begin at 7:00 PM led by the rabbi with Mason assisting. These services will be hybrid like those of the High Holy Days. They will take place in the synagogue with a very small group in attendance. The rest of Mason's guests and members of the congregation will participate by Zoom.

Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 AM (the Zoom room will open at 9:45 am) led by Mason and Steve Schwartz. Mason will be one of the Torah readers and he will also chant the haftarah. Again, the services will be hybrid with only Mason's family members, prayer leaders, and technology experts in attendance. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Sunday morning minyan will begin at 9:30 AM. The rabbi's class on The Siddur will begin at 10:30 AM. This introductory class will answer the following questions:

1. What was Jewish worship and prayer like before the siddur?
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3. Why was it necessary to develop a formal order of prayers. Why not pray whenever and however the spirit moves you like Abraham probably did?
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5. How did the siddur originate?

Texts that will be referred to during this first are being provided to you as a pdf. Please print them out or have them available in some way as they will mostly not be screen- shared. A PDF is attached to this email. Sunday activities will be available only on Zoom. We look forward to seeing you on Shabbat and the additional joyous simcha of Mason's bar mitzvah.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

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