

SHAVUOT



CONFIRMATION

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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

LINCOLN SOLOMON AND THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Chag Sameach and welcome to our Confirmation Service!

Today, June 4, 2022, the 6th of Sivan 5782, we celebrate the festival of Shavuot. Shavuot marks the spring harvest in the land of Israel and it commemorates the anniversary of the giving of the Torah by God to our ancestors at Mount Sinai. Tonight, on this bima, with the Confirmation Class representing our ancestors, we relive that moment as we reflect on our own Jewish identities and family stories.

When my uncle went to Hebrew School at Temple Emanu-El, his teachers noticed that he couldn't separate his passion for sports from his weekly time studying Hebrew and Jewish history. The question that I've heard repeated many times was: "Johnny, you're going to have to choose whether to be a jock or a Jew. Which one is it?" Now I've never heard the rest of the story. Or at least, each time I remember it being told, the laughs that ricocheted back at the teller were enough to satisfy everyone. No one ever asked what he chose.

Knowing my grandparents, I'm sure the conversation that followed this famous question was less humorous. As Jews and parents, they understood the importance of exploring and discovering religious identity, as well as individual pursuits.

This Confirmation Class has allowed me, and each of my classmates to learn about Judaism and sacred Jewish texts, about Jewish history, and how to be Jewish scholars, but in my opinion, the most important of all has been the way that this class encouraged us to question seriously how Judaism fits, along with all of our other pursuits, into each of our identities, individual beliefs, and daily routines. And how Judaism will mold our identities as we grow into Jewish adults.

As a class, we would like to thank Temple Emanu-El for helping us to realize that we do not need to choose "which one?" but instead we can each create our own Jewish experiences and formulate our own Jewish identities.

LS

לכי לך
LEKHI LAKH

לְכִי־לָךְ to a land that I will show you
לְךָ־לָךְ to a place you do not know
לְכִי־לָךְ on your journey I will bless you
And you shall be a blessing (3x) לְכִי־לָךְ

לְכִי־לָךְ and I shall make your name great
לְךָ־לָךְ and all shall praise your name
לְכִי־לָךְ to the place that I will show you
לְכִי־לָךְ (3x) לְשִׂמְחַת חַיִּים
L'sim-khat kha-yeem (3x) Le-khi lakh
And you shall be a blessing (3x) לְכִי־לָךְ

GO FORTH! FOR A LIFE OF CONTENTMENT.

הדלקת הנרות
THE FESTIVAL LIGHTS

It has been said:
“You shall keep
the flame burning
on the altar
continually;
it shall not go out.”

In this spirit
would we keep
alive within us
the flame of
hope and faith.

And in this spirit
we kindle
the *Yom Tov* lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, Ba-rukh A-tah Adonai, E-lo-hey-nu me-lekh ha-o-lahm,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, a-sheyr kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב. v'tzee-va-nu l'had-leek neyr shel Yom Tov.

WE PRAISE YOU, ETERNAL GOD, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE: YOU HALLOW US WITH YOUR MITZVOT, AND
COMMAND US TO KINDLE THE LIGHTS OF YOM TOV.

דברי תורה

SERMONS

HELENA DAVIDSON
LOGAN HENNES
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שמע וברכותיה

THE SHEMA AND ITS BLESSINGS

(please rise)

ברכו

BAREKHU

בְּרַכּוּ אֵת יי הַמְּבָרָךְ. Bar-khu et Adonai hahm-vo-rakh.
בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. Ba-rukh Adonai hahm-vo-rakh l'o-lahm va-ed.

PRAISE ADONAI TO WHOM OUR PRAISE IS DUE!
PRAISE ADONAI TO WHOM OUR PRAISE IS DUE, NOW AND FOREVER!

אהבת עולם

REVELATION

AUSTIN COLM

How deep is Your love for us? You have inspired the ancient authors to write of Your greatness. You gave us your six hundred and thirteen commandments so we will celebrate Your gift of Torah. We wrap ourselves in a four-cornered tallit and attach four tzitziyot to remind ourselves of Your laws. We wind tefillin on our arms to remind us that You, the one true God brought us out of Egypt. We keep Your laws on our heads and between our eyes so that our minds shall not go astray from the law You gave us at Sinai. Blessed are you, Adonai, who loves our people Israel.

AC

שמע
SHEMA

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד. Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai E-lo-hey-nu, Adonai E-khad.
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. Ba-rukh shem k'vod mal-khu-to l'o-lahm va-ed.

HEAR, O ISRAEL, ADONAI IS OUR GOD, ADONAI IS ONE!
BLESSED IS GOD'S GLORIOUS NAME FOREVER AND EVER!

(please be seated)

ואהבת
V'AHAVTA
GABRIELA SOLMSON

וְאֶהְבֵּתָ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ V'ahavta eit Adonai elohecha,
בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדֶךָ b'chol l'vav'cha, uv'chol nafsh'cha, uv'chol m'odecha.
וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה V'hayu had'varim ha-eileh,
אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-לִבְבְּךָ: asher anochi m'tzav'cha Hayom, al l'vavecha.
וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָיְתְּךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם V'shinantam l'vanecha, v'dibarta bam,
בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ b'shivt'cha b'veitecha, uv'lecht'cha vaderech,
וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: uv'shochb'cha, uv'kumecha.
וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדֶיךָ Uk'shartam l'ot al yadecha,
וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ: v'hayu l'totafot bein einecha.
וְכַתְּבָתָם עַל-מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ: Uch'tavtam al m'zuzot beitecha uvisharecha.
לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי L'ma-an tizk'ru va-asitem et kol mitzvotay,
וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: vihyitem k'doshim leiloheichem.
אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם Ani Adonai eloheichem,
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם asher hotzeiti etchem mei-eretz mitzrayim,
לִהְיוֹת לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים lihyot lachem leilohim,
אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: ani Adonai eloheichem.

YOU SHALL LOVE ADONAI YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR BEING. SET THESE WORDS WHICH I COMMAND YOU THIS DAY UPON YOUR HEART. TEACH THEM FAITHFULLY TO YOUR CHILDREN; SPEAK OF THEM IN YOUR HOME AND ON YOUR WAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU RISE UP. BIND THEM AS A SIGN UPON YOUR HAND; LET THEM BE A SYMBOL BEFORE YOUR EYES; INSCRIBE THEM ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE AND ON YOUR GATES. BE MINDFUL OF ALL MY MITZVOT AND DO THEM, SO SHALL YOU CONSECRATE YOURSELVES TO YOUR GOD. I AM ADONAI YOUR GOD WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT TO BE YOUR GOD. I, ADONAI, AM YOUR GOD.

מי כמכה

REDEMPTION

מי כְּמֹכָה בְּאֵלִים יְיָ? Mee kha-mo-kha ba-ey-leem, Adonai?
מי כְּמֹכָה נֹאדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ, Mee ka-mo-kha, ne-dar ba-ko-desh,
נֹרָא תְהִילַת, עֲשֵׂה פִלְא. no-ra t'hee-lot, o-sey feh-leh?

WHO IS LIKE YOU, O GOD, AMONG THE GODS PEOPLE WORSHIP? WHO IS LIKE YOU, MAJESTIC IN HOLINESS, AWESOME IN SPLENDOR, DOING WONDERS?

מִלְכוּתְךָ רָאוּ בְּנֵיךָ, Malchut'cha ra-u vanecha
בֹּקֵעַ יָם לִפְנֵי מֹשֶׁה, bokei-a yam lifnei mosheh,
זֶה אֵלֵי עֲנוּ וְאָמְרוּ: zeh eili anu v'am'ru:

IN THEIR ESCAPE FROM THE SEA, YOUR CHILDREN SAW YOUR SOVEREIGN MIGHT DISPLAYED. "THIS IS MY GOD!" THEY CRIED. "THE ETERNAL WILL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER!"

וְנִאֲמָרוּ: כִּי פָדָה יְיָ אֶת יַעֲקֹב וַיְגָאֵלוּ V'ne-e-mar: "Kee fa-dah Adonai et Ya-a-kov, u-g'a-lo
מִיַּד חֲזַק מִמֶּנּוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, mee-yad kha-zakh mee-meh-nu." Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai,
גָּאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל. ga-al Yisrael.

YOUR PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGED YOUR SOVEREIGN POWER: "THIS IS MY GOD!" THEY SANG. "ADONAI WILL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER!" AS YOU REDEEMED ISRAEL AND SAVED US FROM ARMS STRONGER THAN OUR OWN, SO MAY YOU REDEEM ALL THE OPPRESSED AND PERSECUTED. PRAISED ARE YOU, ADONAI, REDEEMER OF ISRAEL.

תפלה

TEFILAH

(please rise)

אֲדַנִּי שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ. Adonai, s'fa-tai tif-takh u-fee ya-geed t'hee-la-te-kha.

ETERNAL GOD, OPEN OUR LIPS, THAT OUR MOUTHS MAY DECLARE YOUR GLORY.

אבות ואמהות

AVOT V'IMAHOT

BENJAMIN LILLIS

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu
וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, veilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu,
אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב, Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak, veilohei Ya-akov,

אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה,	E-lo-hei Sa-rah, E-lo-hei Riv-ka,
אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה.	E-lo-hei Ra-chel, vei-lo-hei Lei-ah.
הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן,	Ha-Eil hagadol hagibor v'hanora, Eil elyon,
גּוֹמֵל חַסָּדִים טוֹבִים, וְקִנְיַת הַכֹּל,	gomeil chasadim tovim, v'koneih hakol,
וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמּוֹת,	v'zocheir chasdei avot v'imahot,
וּמְבִיא גְאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם,	umeivi geulah livnei v'neihem,
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה.	l'ma-an sh'mo b'ahavah.
מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן.	Melech ozeir umoshi-a umagein.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם וְעֲזַרַת שָׂרָה.	Baruch atah Adonai, magein Avraham v'ez-rat Sa-rah.

PRAISED BE OUR GOD, THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS AND OUR MOTHERS: GOD OF ABRAHAM, GOD OF ISAAC, AND GOD OF JACOB; GOD OF SARAH, GOD OF REBEKAH, GOD OF LEAH, AND GOD OF RACHEL; GREAT, MIGHTY, AND AWESOME GOD, GOD SUPREME. RULER OF ALL THE LIVING, YOUR WAYS ARE WAYS OF LOVE. YOU REMEMBER THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR ANCESTORS, AND IN LOVE BRING REDEMPTION TO THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME. YOU ARE OUR SOVEREIGN AND OUR HELP, OUR REDEEMER AND OUR SHIELD. WE PRAISE YOU, ETERNAL ONE, SHIELD OF ABRAHAM, PROTECTOR OF SARAH.

בורות

GEVUROT

EZRA SAPADIN

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי,	Atah gibor l'olam Adonai,
מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ.	m'chayeih ha-kol atah, rav l'hoshi-a.
מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד,	M'chalkeil chayim b'chesed,
מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים,	m'chayeih ha-kol b'rachamim rabim,
סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים,	someich noflim,
וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,	v'rofei cholim, umatir asurim,
וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עֶפְרַיִם.	um'kayeim emunato lishinei afar,
מִי כְמוֹךָ בְּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת	mi chamocho ba-al g'vurot
וּמִי דוֹמֵה לָךְ,	umi domeh lach,
מֶלֶךְ מֵמִית וּמְחַיֶּה	melech meimit um'chayeh
וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה.	umatzmi-ach y'shuah.
וְנִפְאֵר אַתָּה לְהַחַיּוֹת הַכֹּל.	v'ne-eman atah l'hachayot ha-kol
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל.	Baruch atah Adonai, m'chayeih ha-kol.

ETERNAL IS YOUR MIGHT, O GOD, AND GREAT IS YOUR SAVING POWER. IN LOVE YOU SUSTAIN THE LIVING; IN YOUR GREAT MERCY, YOU SUSTAIN US ALL. YOU UPHOLD THE FALLING AND HEAL THE SICK; FREE THE CAPTIVE AND KEEP FAITH WITH YOUR CHILDREN IN DEATH AS IN LIFE. WE PRAISE YOU, ETERNAL ONE, THE SOURCE OF LIFE.

(please be seated)

הודאה

THANKSGIVING

NOA SANTACRUZ

Today we reflect on all that Confirmation has taught us through our individual paths in Jewish discovery. I am truly thankful to Temple Emanu-El for giving me the opportunity to participate in Confirmation. During Covid, these past few years have been a difficult time for everyone. Whether we lost a loved one or gained a little one, we have had to adjust and face the challenges God placed in front of us. One thing I learned about our time in Covid was that life can be unpredictable, and we need to be prepared for the obstacles that come our way, especially when they are unexpected. Through my journey as a Jewish individual, Confirmation class has taught me to approach the unexpected with curiosity, compassion, kindness, and courage. I am also thankful to have gained a deeper understanding of the Jewish value system. This system of teachings has not only helped me to achieve a deeper knowledge of self and my own values, but it has helped my moral compass to grow and strive as I rely on the tools I have gained from Temple Emanu-El to help me face the obstacles that come my way every day. My journey as a Jewish individual is ongoing, and I look forward to discovering how my path helps me to fulfill my goals to the fullest as a Jewish adult.

NS

שלום

PEACE

MYLES COVEN

A motif of many Jewish prayers is peace, something that I believe we take for granted in our very busy lives. While we walk to school, run to catch a bus or even fall asleep on the subways we often forget that we have the privilege of doing so. Even if sleeping on the subway is not something we all want or like to do, we still are able to do it with relative peace of mind. While we doze off, on any form of public transportation we often forget about how some people are awake, fighting for their lives, beliefs or often both. Take, for example, the conflict currently happening in Ukraine. In certain parts, children and adults alike are not able to commute to school or to work. They are faced with a much more daunting task: staying alive and saving others. I would urge everyone to reflect about how lucky we are to at least be able to use certain resources not available to others living in unfortunate conditions.

Another common theme that goes along with peace, is persistence. Despite the challenges brought upon those who live less fortunately, they are able to persevere and bounce back from their setbacks. They often solve one problem at a time in order to move forward to solve the next. Eventually, when enough problems are solved, peace is achieved. When you may feel like you have a lot of work ahead of you, think of the work as steps instead of a wall in your life. It is much easier to reach the top of a staircase than the top of a wall. It is with this mentality that people achieve peace even in the harshest of conditions. I believe that it is of great importance that we gather to pray for peace for not only Ukrainians, but for those in other areas of conflict.

MC

PRAYER FOR HEALING
JARED MERYN, HELENA DAVIDSON

As we gather here tonight, we reflect on the past: the people we have gained and lost, the memories we have made, and the people involved in them. We also notice how healing and pain can come in multiple ways. People in pain desire and need help, regardless of whether that pain is emotional or physical.

Throughout the pandemic, we have all noticed how so many individuals have been affected: through people becoming ill, losing loved ones, or feeling increased stress levels. However, throughout it all, we found ways of coping. For me personally, and I know for many others in this room, Judaism has been a leading factor in healing those injuries. Regardless of the way we practice it, we can all find some peace within it. However we choose to interpret God and Jewish practice, we can all find in them some measure of serenity.

Personally, I recall my short nightly prayers. While different from the traditional evening prayer, I was able to find my own peace in these simple conversations with myself. Talking about the state of my family, friends, community, school, and more helped me in my journey of realizing and highlighting the more positive aspects of life.

Tonight, I hope that we all can find serenity in our prayer for healing; one that can be about reflecting on loss or hardship, or just taking a moment to heal old and new scars that many of us share. And if there are others you are thinking of who need healing and strength, please share their names aloud at this time.

JM

מי שְׁבִירַח אַבוֹתֵינוּ מִקּוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ Mi shebeirach avoteinu m'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu

May the Source of strength who blessed the ones before us,
help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,
and let us say, Amen.

מי שְׁבִירַח אַבוֹתֵינוּ מִקּוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ Mi shebeirach imoteinu, m'kor hab'racha la-avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with *r'fuah sh'leimah*
the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
and let us say, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

(continue silently)

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom
עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן. a-ley-nu v'al kol Yisrael, v'eem-ru: A-men.

MAY THE ONE WHO CAUSES PEACE TO REIGN IN THE HIGH HEAVENS, CAUSE PEACE TO REIGN AMONG US, ALL ISRAEL, AND ALL THE WORLD, AND LET US SAY: AMEN.

דברי תורה

SERMONS

CHARLOTTE GEILING

JONAH PESSIN

EZRA SAPADIN

סדר קריאת התורה

FOR THE READING OF THE TORAH

There is none like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshiped, and there are no deeds like Yours. Your sovereignty is everlasting; You reign through all generations.

God rules; God will reign forever and ever. Eternal God, give strength to Your people; Eternal God, bless Your people with peace.

(please rise)

אֵל הַרְחֲמִים, הִיטִיבָה בְּרִצּוֹנְךָ אֶת צִיּוֹן, תִּבְנֶה חוֹמוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַיִם. כִּי בְּךָ לִבָּד בְּטַחְנוּ, מִלְּךָ אֵל רִם וְנֹשָׂא,
אֲדוֹן עוֹלָמִים.

SOURCE OF MERCY, LET YOUR GOODNESS BE A BLESSING TO ZION; LET JERUSALEM BE REBUILT. IN YOU ALONE DO WE TRUST, O SOVEREIGN GOD, HIGH AND EXALTED, RULER OF ALL THE WORLDS.

כִּי מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה, וּדְבַר-יְיָ מִירוּשָׁלַיִם. Kee mi-tzi-yon tey-tzey To-rah, ood-var Adonai
mee-ru-sha-la-yim.

FOR OUT OF ZION SHALL GO FORTH THE TORAH, AND THE WORD OF ADONAI FROM JERUSALEM.

בָּרוּךְ שֶׁנָּתַן תוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִדְשׁוֹ. Ba-rukh she-na-tan To-rah l'a-mo Yisrael bik-du-sha-to.

PRAISED BE THE ONE WHO IN YOUR HOLINESS HAS GIVEN THE TORAH TO YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד. Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai E-lo-hey-nu, Adonai E-khad!

HEAR, O ISRAEL, ADONAI IS OUR GOD, ADONAI IS ONE.

לְךָ יְיָ הַגְדֹּלָה וְהַגְבוּרָה	Le-kha, Adonai, hag-doo-lah v'hag-vo-rah
וְהַתְּפָאֲרָת וְהַנִּצְחַח וְהַהוֹד,	v'ha-teef-e-ret v'ha-ne-tzakh v'ha-hod,
כִּי כָל בְּשָׂמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ, לְךָ יְיָ	kee khol ba-sha-ma-yim u-va-a-retz, le-kha Adonai
הַמַּמְלָכָה וְהַמִּתְנַשֵּׂא לְכָל לְרֹאשׁ.	ha-mam-la-kha v'ha-mit-na-sey l'khol l'rosh.

YOURS, ADONAI, IS THE GREATNESS, THE POWER AND THE GLORY, THE VICTORY AND THE MAJESTY; FOR ALL THAT IS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH IS YOURS. DOMINION IS YOURS, ADONAI; YOU ARE SUPREME OVER ALL.

(please be seated)

BEFORE THE READING OF THE TORAH

FAMILIES OF THE CONFIRMANDS

READER

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ. Bar'chu et Adonai ha-m'vo-rach.

CONGREGATION

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. Ba-ruch Adonai ha-m'vo-rach l'olam va-ed.

READER

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. Ba-ruch Adonai ha-m'vo-rach l'olam va-ed.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים,
 וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה. Ba-ruch ata Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech ha-olam,
 a-sher ba-char banu mee-kol ha-ameem,
 v'natan lanu et tora-toe.
 Ba-ruch ata Adonai, notein ha-Torah.

BLESSED IS GOD TO WHOM OUR PRAISE IS DUE. BLESSED IS GOD TO WHOM OUR PRAISE IS DUE NOW AND FOREVER. BLESSED ARE YOU, ADONAI OUR GOD, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS CHOSEN US FROM ALL PEOPLES BY GIVING US THE TORAH. BLESSED ARE YOU, ADONAI, GIVER OF THE TORAH.

עֲשֵׂת הַדְּבָרוֹת: שְׁמוֹת כ

EXODUS 20: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

AUSTIN COLM, ZACHARY MERYN, BENJAMIN LILLIS, HELENA DAVIDSON

God spoke all these words, saying: I am Adonai your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage: You shall have no other gods besides Me. You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, Adonai your God, am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generations of those who reject Me, but showing kindness to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not swear falsely by the name of Adonai your God; for Adonai will not clear one who swears falsely by the name.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but

the seventh day is a Sabbath of Adonai your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, or your cattle, or the stranger who is within your settlements. For in six days Adonai made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, and God rested on the seventh day; therefore Adonai blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that Adonai your God is assigning to you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house: you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female slave, or his ox or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

AFTER THE READING OF TORAH

FAMILIES OF THE CONFIRMANDS

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,	Ba-ruch ata Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech ha-olam
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,	a-sheer na-tan la-nu to-rat eh-meht,
וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נִטְעַ בְּתוֹכֵנוּ.	v'kha-yei o-lam na-ta b'toe-chei-nu.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.	Ba-ruch ata Adonai, no-tein ha-Torah.

BLESSED ARE YOU, ADONAI OUR GOD, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS GIVEN US A TORAH OF TRUTH, IMPLANTING WITHIN US ETERNAL LIFE. BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD, GIVER OF THE TORAH.

קבלת תורה

RECEIVING THE TORAH

(please rise)

תשפ"ב

CLASS OF 5782

BENJAMIN LILLIS

Our tradition teaches us: “At Sinai, Moses received the Torah and handed it down to Joshua who handed it down to the elders who handed it down to the prophets who in turn handed it down to the leaders of the Great Assembly.” And so Torah has been passed on through the generations to us. Today, we confirm its place in our lives, and proudly pass this tradition on to you who represent next year's Confirmation Class. Embrace it as we have, and study it as we have.

תשפ"ג

CLASS OF 5783

ZACHARY SNYDER

We who represent the Confirmation Class of the year Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three are proud to accept from the Class of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Two this tradition and the heritage it represents. We will embrace it as you have, and study it as you have. And next year at this time, we will confirm Torah's place in our lives, just as today you have confirmed its place in yours.

עַץ־חַיִּים הִיא לַמְחַזְקִים בָּהּ,	Eytz kha-yeem hee l'ma-kha-zee-keem bah,
וְתִמְכֶיהָ מֵאֲשֶׁר.	v'tom-khe-ha m'oo-shar.
דְּרָכֶיהָ דְרָכֵי־נֹעַם,	D'ra-khe-ha dar-khey no-am,
וְכָל־נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם.	v'khol n'tee-vo-te-ha sha-lom.
הֲשִׁיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנִשׁוּבָה,	Ha-shee-vey-nu Adonai ey-le-kha v'na-shu-vah;
חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקִדְמוֹת.	kha-deysh ya-mey-nu k'key-dem.

IT IS A TREE OF LIFE TO THOSE WHO HOLD IT FAST, AND ALL WHO CLING TO IT FIND HAPPINESS. ITS WAYS ARE WAYS OF PLEASANTNESS, AND ALL ITS PATHS ARE PEACE. HELP US TO RETURN TO YOU, O GOD; THEN TRULY SHALL WE RETURN. RENEW OUR DAYS AS IN THE PAST.

(please be seated)

מתנות וברכות

PRESENTATION AND BLESSING

RABBI JOSHUA M. DAVIDSON

CANTOR MO GLAZMAN

JACKIE SCHREIBER, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

תפלות סיום

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

(please rise)

עלינו

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עֲלֵינוּ לְשִׁבְחָה לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל,	A-lei-nu l'sha-bey-akh la-a-don ha-kol,
לְתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרָאשִׁית,	la-teyt g'doo-lah l'yo-tzeyr b'rey-sheet,
שֶׁלֹא עֲשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת,	she-lo a-sa-nu k'go-yey ha-a-ra-tzot,

וְלֹא שָׂמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה,	v'lo sa-ma-noo k'mish-p'khot ha-a-da-mah;
שֵׁלָא שָׁם חֵלְקֵנוּ כְּהֵם,	she-lo sahm khel-key-nu ka-hem,
וְגֵרְלָנוּ כְּכָל־הַמּוֹנִים.	v'go-ra-ley-nu k'khol ha-mo-nam.
וְאַנְחֵנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים,	Va-a-nakh-nu kor-eem u-mish-ta-kha-veem u-mo-deem
לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים,	lif-ney me-lekh mal-khey hahm-la-kheem,
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.	ha-ka-dosh ba-rukh hu.

IT IS OUR DUTY TO PRAISE GOD, ASCRIBING GREATNESS TO GOD WHO FORMED THE WORLD IN THE BEGINNING, FOR GOD DID NOT MAKE US LIKE THE OTHERS OF ALL LANDS. GOD GAVE US A PORTION LIKE NO OTHER. WE BOW IN REVERENCE AND THANKSGIVING BEFORE THE RULER OF RULERS, THE HOLY ONE OF BLESSING.

(please be seated)

ביום ההוא

BAYOM HAHU
SOPHIA ORENSTEIN

Hello everyone, my name is Sophia Orenstein. I attended Temple Emanu-El's Preschool after my baby naming, Hebrew School, and I became a Bat Mitzvah on January 12, 2019, exactly where I am standing now. When I was first informed that there was an option to celebrate Confirmation here, I knew it was something that I needed to do. This probably isn't the best thing to say standing in a temple, but I have always had trouble finding a connection to God. Being a singer-songwriter, I have always said that music was my religion. Being 16, and the oldest in this class, my future is quickly approaching as I am now entering my junior year, which has been known to be the toughest. All of us here don't know what we're going to be or even who we are supposed to be. We are all in the process of figuring it out by learning about ourselves. The purpose of this class was to dive deeper into Judaism and learn how to apply it to ourselves and the world. I was originally going to talk about how this class relates to the world right now, but I thought I would talk about how it relates to "our world" as in us kids standing up here. We have lived through a global pandemic. I myself was in eighth grade when it started and everyone else, they were in 7th. At my commencement ceremony at school on May 27, my friends were talking about our failed relationships, and we made a joke about how maybe it was because we were still mentally in eighth grade. These past two years have been like a blip. Like in Avengers Infinity War and everyone disappeared for four years and then came back and had to pretend like everything was normal. Everything was certainly not normal and still isn't. I did not think that my entire freshman year would be online, or that I'd have to wear a mask for eight hours every day during sophomore year. I also did not think that I was going to get Covid twice, and one time having it landed me in the hospital. Both times I got Covid, I got it really bad and suddenly music being my religion wasn't so helpful anymore. When I was sick, I prayed and it felt silly to do, but just the feeling of being connected to something bigger than me, gave me strength. Praying shouldn't have to feel silly but being back in Confirmation Class has made me feel like I am connected to something bigger than myself and that is my community here at Temple Emanu-El. I am proud to be standing up here as a young Jewish girl with the guidance, love, and support of everyone here.

SO

וְנֹאמַר: וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ. V'ne-e-mar:"V'ha-ya Adonai l'me-lekh al kol ha-a-retz;
 בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יְהִיָּה יְיָ אֶחָד, וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד. ba-yom ha-hu yi-h'yeh Adonai e-khad u-sh'mo E-khad."

AND IT HAS BEEN SAID: "GOD SHALL REIGN OVER ALL THE EARTH. ON THAT DAY, O GOD, YOU SHALL BE ONE AND YOUR NAME SHALL BE ONE."

קדיש יתום

KADDISH

ALAN ROZUMOV

Memory is both a good and bad thing. Memories can give us much joy by letting us relive very funny, wonderful, and interesting moments from our past. However, they can also make us relive sad moments that we would prefer to forget. They even manifest and amplify themselves sometimes as nightmares, but bad memories can be useful by reminding us to not make the same mistakes over and over again. Memories are always a gamble because you don't know what your brain will conjure up from your past. Sometimes, when you're sad, nothing but bad memories come to the surface making you feel even worse, taking you to the point where you feel like you cannot take it anymore, and then your brain finds a way to bring up memories that actually can bring a smile to your face. Your memories then lift you out of your sadness. Our brains are like a stew pot full of good and bad memories, and we have no control of which ones rise up to the surface. God decides which memories we need at that moment and sends them to us to help us get by. Being Jewish has its own combination of memories throughout our history. Even though I did not live through the Holocaust, learning about it through school, and talking to my relatives who lived through it, it is a horrible memory we Jewish people all share. On the opposite side of the spectrum, the formation of the Jewish state of Israel provides all of us of the Jewish faith with a sense of hope and pride. On a personal note, a few weeks before the world shut down due to the pandemic, I stood in front of my family and friends, at Beth El chapel right next door, and delivered a sermon during my Bar Mitzvah. Seeing pride and joy in my parents' eyes is a cherished memory that has helped me throughout my struggles over the past few years.

AR

(please rise)

וַיִּתְגַּדַּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעָלְמָא	Yitgadal v'yitkadesh sh'meih raba b'al'ma
דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ, וַיַּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ	di v'ra chirateih, v'yamlich malchuteih
בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיָמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל	b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chaye d'chol
בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,	beit yisra-eil, ba-agala uvizman kariv,
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.	v'imru amein.
יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם	Y'hei sh'meih raba m'varach l'alam
וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.	ul'al'mei al'maya.
וַיִּתְבָּרַךְ וַיְשִׁיטְבַח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמַם	Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpa-ar v'yitromam
וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא, וַיִּתְהַדָּר וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל	v'yitnasei v'yithadar v'yitaleh v'yithalal
שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלָא	sh'meih d'kudsha b'rich hu, l'eila

מִן-כָּל-בִּרְחַתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא, וְתִשְׁבְּחַתָּא	min kol birchata v'shirata tushb'chata
וְנַחֲמַתָּא דְאַמִּירָן בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאַמְרוּ: אָמֵן.	v'nechemata, da-amiran b'al'ma, v'imru: amein.
יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים	Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'chayim
עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאַמְרוּ: אָמֵן.	aleinu v'al kol yisra-eil, v'imru amein.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם	Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya-aseh shalom
עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאַמְרוּ: אָמֵן.	aleinu v'al kol yisra-eil, v'imru amein.

LET THE GLORY OF GOD BE EXTOLLED, AND GOD'S GREAT NAME BE HALLOWED IN THE WORLD WHOSE CREATION GOD WILLED. MAY GOD RULE IN OUR OWN DAY, IN OUR OWN LIVES, AND IN THE LIFE OF ALL ISRAEL, AND LET US SAY: AMEN. LET GOD'S GREAT NAME BE BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER. BEYOND ALL THE PRAISES, SONGS, AND ADORATIONS THAT WE CAN UTTER IS THE HOLY ONE, THE BLESSED ONE, WHOM YET WE GLORIFY, HONOR, AND EXALT. AND LET US SAY: AMEN. FOR US AND FOR ALL ISRAEL, MAY THE BLESSING OF PEACE AND THE PROMISE OF LIFE COME TRUE, AND LET US SAY: AMEN. MAY THE ONE WHO CAUSES PEACE TO REIGN IN THE HIGH HEAVENS, CAUSE PEACE TO REIGN AMONG US, ALL ISRAEL, AND ALL THE WORLD, AND LET US SAY: AMEN.

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חג שמח

CONCLUSION

SARA ELBAUM, SOPHIA ORENSTEIN AND CONFIRMATION CLASS

As we wrap up the Confirmation service today, I want to thank all of you for being here. I also want to thank Rabbi Davidson for sharing his knowledge, insight and kindness with us. Confirmation was an experience I will deeply value throughout my life. Over these past few months, I have gotten to discuss Judaism and God, sometimes followed by a coffee or a walk home, with old friends and newer ones alike. I have gotten to spend time with friends from nursery school who I haven't seen in years and also develop new friendships with people who I had not yet met in the Temple community. In Confirmation Class, we have discussed a wide-ranging array of topics from how Albert Einstein's belief in God evolved throughout his scientific discovery to Jewish ethics and the books of the Torah. We explored the lessons the Torah, and other Jewish texts, hold that can help us navigate life in all its different stages and moments. Together, as a group of Jewish young adults, we dove into discussions each class, continued to learn about Judaism and listened to each other's thoughts and contemplations. In addition to deepening our understanding of Judaism through sharing with each other, we also continued to think about who we will be and what matters to us as Jews.

From this class, I have learned there is no one way to be a Jew, and there is no one way to understand Judaism. I have also been able to experience how that is part of what makes the Jewish community so special. Towards the beginning of the year, Rabbi Davidson told a story about a Rabbi explaining to his son who God was. In this story, the son asked if God had any hair, and the Rabbi said no. The son was very upset, and even a little scared of God, which the Rabbi reported to his wife. The son then later asked the Rabbi's wife if God had hair, and she said, "If you want God to have hair, God can have hair," and the boy was happy. As a class, I

remember discussing that we may all think of God in a different way, and have varying understandings and words for discussing the deeper aspects of life. As Jews, we may all relate to Judaism and the world around us differently, and the same goes for who we are as people in general. Our lives have all been informed by the experiences we have had and moments that have shaped our perspectives. Each perspective in our class enriched our discussions, and although we didn't always think about a topic the same way, on the most fundamental level we connect to each other as Jews. I have always found the enduring strength and connection in the Jewish community to be very special, and as we gather here today to mark this wonderful occasion, I am once again reminded of the way we come together as a loving and strong community. May we all find and share the light and joy in Judaism.

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Childhood was for fantasies for nursery rhymes and toys
The world was much too busy to understand small girls and boys
As I grew up I came to learn that life was not a game
That heroes were just people that we called another name

And the old shall dream dreams
And the youth shall see visions
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky
We must live for today
We must build for tomorrow
Give us time give us strength give us life

Now I'm grown the years have passed I've come to understand
There are choices to be made and my life's at my command
I cannot have a future 'til I embrace the past
I promise to pursue the challenge time is going fast

And the old shall dream dreams
And the youth shall see visions
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky
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We must build for tomorrow
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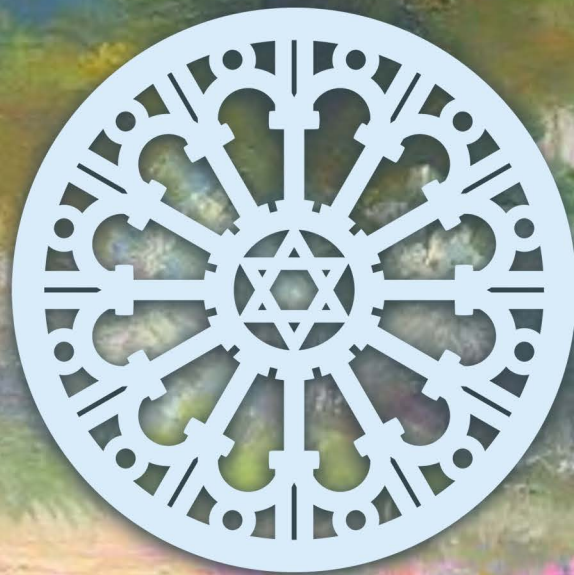
Today's the day I take my stand the future's mine to hold
Commitments that I make today are dreams from days of old
I have to make the way for generations come and go
I have to teach them what I've learned so they will come to know

That the old shall dream dreams
And the youth shall see visions
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky
We must live for today
We must build for tomorrow
Give us time give us strength give us life

מזל טוב

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