

# The Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Rae Powley

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## Shalom/Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to as we celebrate Caroline becoming a bat mitzvah, marking the transition from childhood to adulthood in the Jewish community. From now on, she will be expected to take responsibility for keeping Jewish ritual, tradition, and ethics.

## The Shabbat Service

Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath is a day of rest and spiritual renewal that lasts from sundown on Friday night to an hour after sunset on Saturday evening.

The service begins with verses, blessings, and songs of praise to help us focus. It continues with the Sh'ma, an affirmation of faith, and the Amidah, a time for personal prayer.

The highlight of the morning is the reading of the Torah. Ordinarily on Shabbat we read a parasha (portion) of the Torah divided into seven sections plus the maftir, with a blessing before and after each section is read. You do not need to be a member of the congregation to be honored with a Torah blessing, but must be Jewish and of bar or bat mitzvah age. Our Zoom service will contain a modified version of the Torah service. Instead of reading from the Torah directly, we will be chanting from a humash – a book containing the Hebrew and English text of the Torah and commentaries.

In honor of becoming a bat mitzvah, Caroline will be honored with a special blessing when she is called to chant the maftir, which consists of the final verses of today's Torah portion. Caroline will then chant the haftarah, a selection from the prophetic writings chosen because of its relationship to the themes of today's parasha. During the Torah service, Caroline will also share some thoughts with us about this week's readings.

After Caroline finishes reciting the haftarah, when we using shower her with candy, we are going to surprise her with all of your poster size messages of congratulations on the screen.

## During the Service

**The Siddur** is the prayer book that contains the prayers and readings for the service. Please follow along in the PDF of we have provided. Download this ahead of time so you can follow along. Sing and participate in the service as much as you feel comfortable.

**Prayer Shawl:** You will see many men and women, including Caroline, wearing a tallit (tallis in Yiddish). The knotted fringes at the four corners of the tallit remind us of the 613 commandments and our connection to God.

**Head Covering:** A kippah (yarmulke in Yiddish) is worn by males and optionally by women. Unlike wearing a tallit, wearing a kippah or head covering is not a religious act, but simply shows respect for God and for sacred space.

**Maintaining Sanctity:** We ask all guests and participants to respect the sanctity of Shabbat by setting your phones and other devices to vibrate. If you need to leave the Zoom, please turn off your video and turn it back on when you return. Thank you!

**Sitting and Standing:** Jewish worship can be very athletic, with frequent instructions to stand and sit. Unlike kneeling, which is a prayer posture filled with religious significance, standing in a Jewish service does not constitute an affirmation of religious belief; it is merely a sign of respect. We invite you to stand with the congregation if you are able.

## HONORS

<b>Tallit Presentation</b> .....	Robyn and Tom Powley (parents)
<b>First Reading</b> .....	Emily Powley (grandmother)
<b>Second Reading</b> .....	Phyllis Naditch (grandmother)
<b>V'ahavta</b> .....	Reid and Caroline Powley (siblings)
<b>First Aliyah</b> .....	Aidan Powley (brother)
<b>Second Aliyah</b> .....	Reid Powley (brother)
<b>Third Aliyah</b> .....	Robyn and Tom Powley (parents)
<b>Torah Readings</b> .....	Rabba Beth Freedman-Naditch (cousin)
<b>Maftir</b> (last reading).....	Caroline Rae Powley
<b>Third Reading</b> .....	Ronald Naditch (grandfather)
<b>Fourth Reading</b> .....	Allison Naditch Clark (aunt)
<b>Fifth Reading</b> .....	Robyn Powley (mother)
<b>Adon Olam</b> .....	Powley Family and Ellen McQueeney

Thank you for celebrating this special day with our family. We would like to thank Ellen McQueeney for the endless hours she put into not only supporting Caroline but becoming part of our family during this unusual time. Her patience, kindness, humor and flexibility throughout this journey was the greatest gift of all. We welcome Rabba Kaya to our congregation and we want to thank her for her guidance and patience as we all worked through this process together. We thank all those near and far who we couldn't recognize today.