

Bar Mitzvah of  
Jordan Corrado Caracoglia

**לב שלום**



**Parasha Re'eh**

**Deuteronomy 11:26-12:10**

**Maftir from Parasha Emor**

**Leviticus 24:21-23**

**Haftarah Isaiah 54:11-54:17**

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Temple Israel  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman**

## *Shalom/Welcome*

We are delighted to welcome you today as we celebrate Jordan becoming a bar mitzvah, marking the transition from childhood to adulthood in the Jewish community. From now on, he will be expected to bear his own responsibility for keeping Jewish ritual, tradition, and ethics.

## *The Shabbat Service*

The Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) 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 you 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. The blessing before each reading will be a different one than usual and there will not be a blessing said afterward.

In honor of becoming a bar mitzvah, Jordan will be honored by reciting a special blessing when he is called to chant the maftir, which would normally consist of the final verses of today's Torah portion. However, Jordan will be chanting the maftir for the Torah portion from his original Bar Mitzvah date. Jordan 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, Jordan will also share some thoughts with us about this week's readings.

After Jordan finishes chanting the *haftarah*, we gently shower Jordan with candy, symbolically wishing him a sweet life. Please feel free to participate by tossing candy towards your screen.

## *In the Sanctuary*

**The Siddur** is the prayer book that contains the prayers and readings for the service. Please follow along in the PDF of the Lev Shalem siddur, sing and participate in the service as much as you feel comfortable.

**Prayer Shawl:** You will see many men and women, including Jordan, 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. This non-denominational act of respect is like removing a hat in church or taking off one's shoes before entering a mosque.

**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 during 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>Sh'ma</b>	Jacob Caracoglia (brother)
<b>Sim Shalom</b>	Ethan Caracoglia (brother)
<b>First Torah Reading</b>	Blessing: Paul and Lois Goldstein (great uncle and aunt) Chanted by Jennifer Beard (bar mitzvah tutor)
<b>Second Torah Reading</b>	Blessing: Ellen Farber and Howard Libowitz (grandparents) Chanted by Ellen Farber (grandmother)
<b>Third Torah Reading</b>	Blessing: Rachel Farber-Caracoglia and Michael Caracoglia (parents) Chanted by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman
<b>Maftir</b> (last reading)	Jordan
<b>Prayer for Congregation</b>	Kristen Culver (aunt)
<b>Alternate Prayer for Community</b>	Gary Farber (uncle)
<b>Alternate Prayer for our Country</b>	Virginia and Ronald Caracoglia (grandparents)
<b>Prayer for the State of Israel</b>	Scott and Leigh Farber (uncle and aunt)
<b>Prayer for Peace</b>	Heidi and David Estrada (aunt and uncle)
<b>Adon Olam</b> (concluding hymn)	Ethan Caracoglia

Thank you for joining us on this special day! We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Jordan's tutor, Jennifer Beard. We are immensely grateful for her seemingly limitless amounts of patience and perseverance, without which Jordan would never have been able to be prepared for today. Thank you also to Rabbi Korinow and Rabba Kaya for their support, counsel, wisdom and patience throughout this important journey.