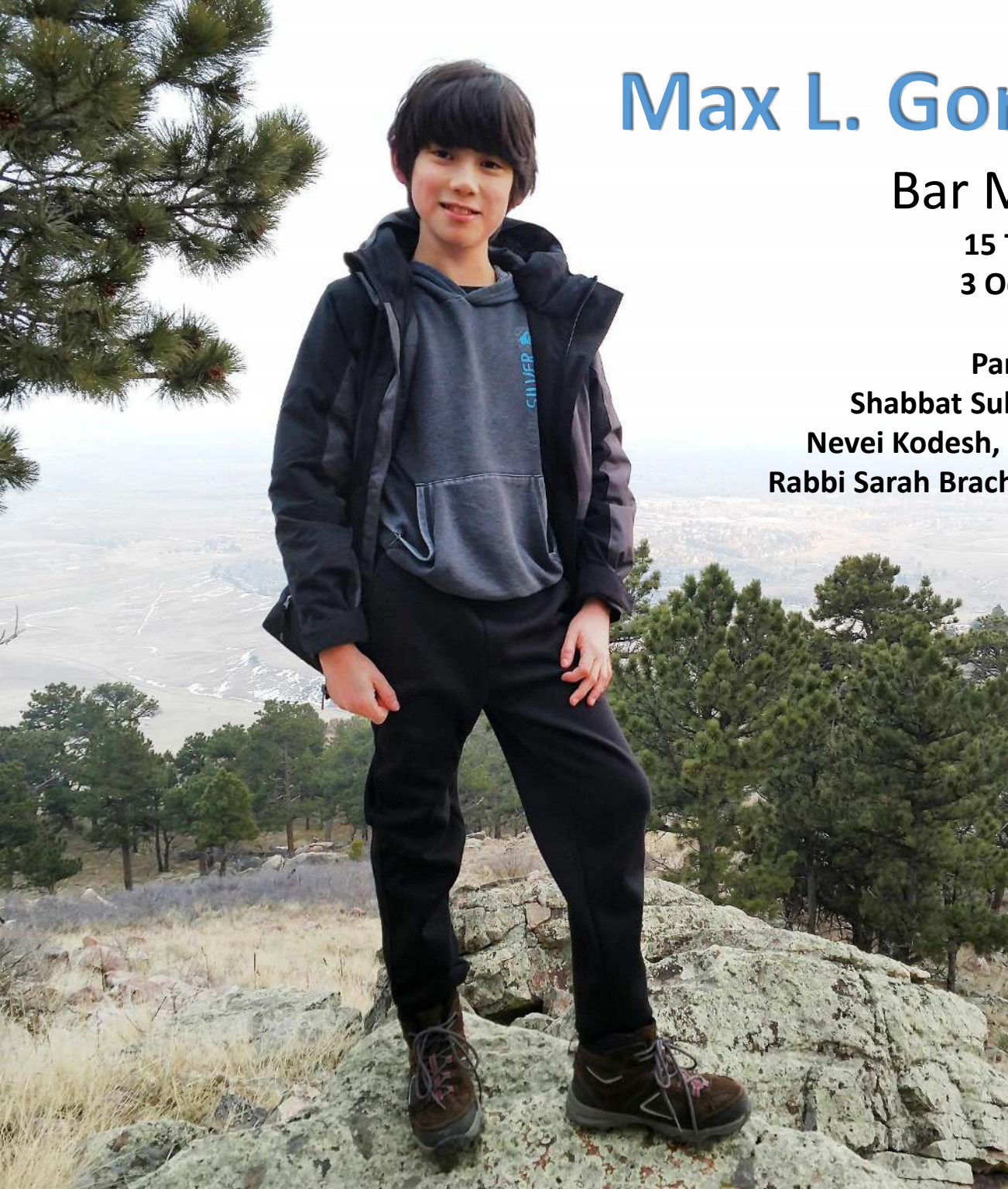


Max L. Gordon

Bar Mitzvah

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Parashat Emor
Shabbat Sukkot Service
Nevei Kodesh, Boulder, CO
Rabbi Sarah Bracha Gershuny



Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!



Today is Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest, which is observed from sundown Friday till nightfall Saturday.

Today is also the first day of Sukkot, the Jewish holiday starting on the 15th day of the seventh month, Tishrei. Sukkot is one of three Pilgrimage Festivals commanded in the Torah. On these holidays, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, the Israelites were commanded to bring the first-fruits of their harvests to offer at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Sukkot is celebrated for 7 days in a sukkah, or booth, which is a walled structure covered with s'chach (plant material). A sukkah is the name of the temporary dwelling in which farmers would live during harvesting. It is also intended to remind Jews of the temporary dwellings in which the Israelites lived during their 40 years of travel in the desert after the Exodus from slavery in Egypt.

Today is also the Hebrew birthday of **Max Ari Leo Gordon**:

Max – Realizing full capacity and ability.

Ari, Leo – Ari ארי meaning lion. Leo, his grandmother's maiden name, also meaning lion.

Gordon – A Scottish surname derived from several locations. Also, a Jewish surname, likely derived from the city of Grodno, in Belarus.

Today Max accepts the privileges and responsibilities of a Jewish adult and is called to Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

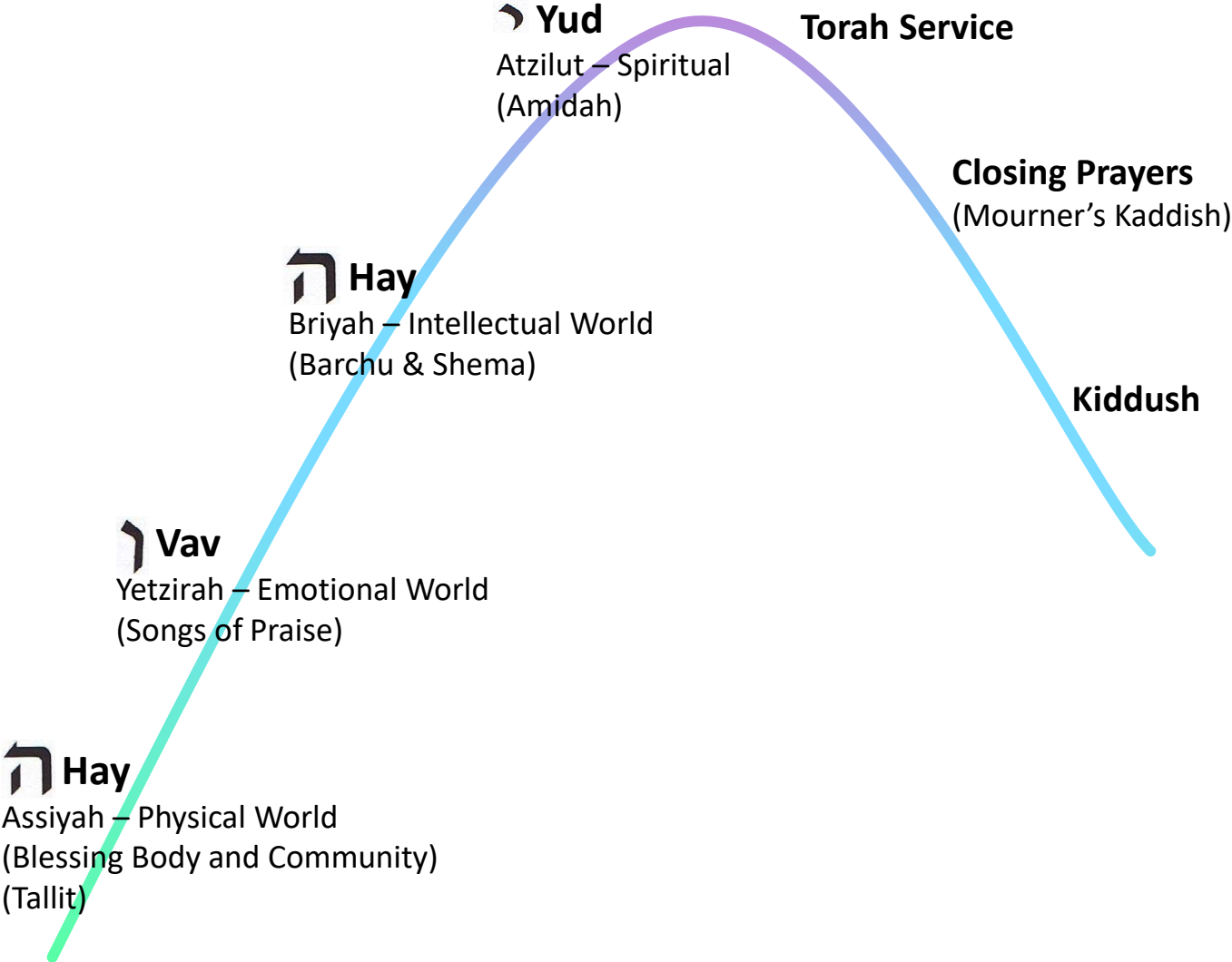
We are deeply grateful for the expert and compassionate teachings, guidance, and wisdom of Rav Sarah Bracha Gershuny, Nitsan Mesika, Maggid Charna Rosenholtz, Rabbi Diane Tiferet Lakein, and all of Max's teachers at Nevei Kodesh Religious School led by Brooke Fisher. Special thanks to Sheldon Sands, Ari Sharfstein, Dena Gitterman, and Keenan Bloom for helping make this day as sweet as it is.

We would like to thank everyone on site for your strong support to form a minyan, and our families, friends and community for joining us online. You all have helped Max gain a deeper understanding and connection to his Jewish heritage and made it possible for Max to be here for his Bar Mitzvah.

With love and gratitude,

Richard, Min and Max

Structure of Shabbat Morning Service



Order of Worship



Welcome

ASSIYAH (Arriving)

1	Hiney Mah Tov (Psalm 133)	Hiney mah tov u-mah na-im, shevet akhim/akhayot gam yakhad!	<i>How good and how pleasant it is for brothers/sisters to live together.</i>	p3
2	Mah Tov (Numbers 24:5)	Mah tovu oha-lekha Ya'akov mishk'notekha Yisra-el Mah tovu oha-layikh Sarah mishk'notayikh Mir-yam	<i>How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel. How goodly are your tents, O Sarah, your dwelling places, O Miriam.</i>	p3
3	Hareyni (Lev 19:18)	Hareyni m'kabeyl alai et mitzvat ha-borei v'ahavta l'reyakha kamokha, l'reyakha kamokha	<i>Here I am, ready to take upon myself the mitzvah of the Creator: love your neighbor as yourself.</i>	p3
4	Tallit Blessing	Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheyenu Melech ha-Olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu l'hitateyf batzeetzet.	<i>You abound in blessings, Adonai our G-d, source of all creation, for giving us ways to join ourselves to You by wrapping ourselves in the tallit.</i>	p5
	Shehekheyanu	Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha-Olam She-he-kheyanu v'kee-y'manu v'heegee-anu lazman hazeh.	<i>Blessed are You YAH, who has kept us in life, who has sustained us and who has permitted us to reach this precious moment.</i>	
5	Elohai Neshama	Elohai neshamah shena-tata bee t'horah hee.	<i>My G-d, the soul You have given me, She is pure.</i>	p6

Page numbers refer to the Nevei Kodesh's LaLevav: "Into the Heart" Saturday Morning Siddur. Transliteration and English are reproduced here for most prayers.



Tallit

The tallit is a prayer shawl worn by Jewish men and women.

The tzitzit (knotted fringes on the corners of the tallit) remind the wearer of the mitzvot, or commandments.

The tallit that Max will receive today is from his Great Grandfather, Barnett David 'B.D.' Gordon.



Barnett David 'B.D.' Gordon with Einstein, Princeton, NJ, spring of 1953. The beginnings of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine that B.D. cofounded.

YETZIRAH (Opening the Heart)

6	Baruch sh'Amar	Baruch Hu, Baruch Sh'mo Baruch she'amar v'hayah ha- olam, baruch Hu, baruch oseh v'reisheet, baruch omer v'oseh.	<i>Blessed is the One, Blessed is His name, Blessed is the One who speaks the word and the world is, Blessed is He and Blessed is She, who speaks and creates.</i>	p8
7	Ivdu et Hashem	Ivdu et Hashem b'simcha! Bo-u l'fanav, bir-nana.	<i>Serve the Holy One with joy! Come before G-d's presence with song.</i>	p8

Hallel (Additional Psalms for Sukkot)

Blessing on Taking the Four Species (Lulav)

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al netilat
Lulav.

*Blessed are You, Source and Force of the
Universe, who sanctifies us through the
practice of taking up the Lulav.*

The Lulav is now waved east, south, west, north, up and down.

Blessing on Saying Hallel

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu li'kro et
ha-Hallel.

*Blessed are You, Source and Force of the
Universe, who sanctifies us through the
practice of reciting Hallel.*

Psalm 115 (Translation by Zen Roshi Norman Fischer)

Hodu, Psalm 118 (call and response)

Lulav is shaken in one direction for each word, except for on "Adonai", where it's held still.

Hodoo l'Adonai kee tov, kee I-olahm khasdo
Hodoo l'Adonai kee tov, kee I-olahm khasdo
Yomahr nah Yisra'el, kee I-olahm khasdo
Hodoo l'Adonai kee tov, kee I-olahm khasdo
Yom'roo nah vayt Ahahron, kee I-olahm khasdo
Hodoo l'Adonai kee tov, kee I-olahm khasdo
Yom'roo nah yir'ay YAH, kee I-olahm chahsdo
Hodoo l'Adonai kee tov, kee I-olahm khasdo

*YAH is good! Thank Him!
He is kind to all the world's beings.
Israel! Say it out loud;
He is kind to all the world's beings.
Aharon's kin! Say it in public!
He is kind to all the world's beings.
You who are in awe of YAH! Proclaim it!
He is kind to all the world's beings.*





Psalm 115

Translation by Zen Roshi Norman Fischer

Not for our sake, O Lord, not for us
But for the glory of your namelessness
For the sake of your kindness
For the sake of your truth

Why should the nations say
Where is their God?
When you abide hidden in things
And always accomplish what you intend
Their idols are silver and gold
The work of human hands
With mouths that do not speak
Eyes that do not see
Ears that do not hear
Noses that do not smell
They have hands that touch nothing
Feet that walk nowhere
Nor do they utter anything out of their throats
And those that made them
Are like them – everyone that trusted them

O strugglers!
Trust the imageless presence
 You who are our help and our shield
O house of Aaron, trust that
 It is our help and our shield
Fear it, trust it
 The only help, the final shield

You are constantly mindful of us
Bless us
Bless the strugglers
Bless Aaron's house
Bless those who fear you

The small together with the great
Who find increase more and more
For themselves and for their children
Who are blessed by the hand
That fashioned heaven and earth
Yours are the heavens
But the earth you give to the living
For the dead can't praise you
Those that have gone down to silence

But as for us –
We sing blessings to you from this day forth
Until a timeless and endless tomorrow





Hallel (continued)

**Ze ha'yom assah Adonai,
nagila v'nishmekha vo!**

*This is the day that G-d has made:
let us exult and rejoice today!*

I called on You in my distress. You, YAH, answered me with largesse
You are my strength and my song, YAH, You are my redemption
Gates! Open wide to fairness. Entering them, I give thanks to YAH
Truly this is YAH's Gate; The virtuous gain entrance to it.

Ahnah Adonai

This is the climax of the Hallel service, crying out for G-d's help and deliverance.
This too is said responsively, while shaking the Lulav in the six directions.

Ahnah Adonai, ho'shee'ah nah!
Ahnah Adonai, ho'shee'ah nah!
Ahnah Adonai, ho'shee'ah nah!
Ahnah Adonai, ho'shee'ah nah!

Please G-d - save us, please!

Ahnah Adonai, ha'tzlich'ah nah!
Ahnah Adonai, ha'tzlich'ah nah!
Ahnah Adonai, ha'tzlich'ah nah!
Ahnah Adonai, ha'tzlich'ah nah!

*Please G-d - prosper us!
Please help us succeed.*

Closing Blessing: Consecrating Hallel

All Your creation celebrates You YHVH, our G-d.
Your devout ones, the righteous who do what You order,
We all Your people, the family of G-d-wrestlers, offer gratitude to You in song.
We worship, acclaim, adore, dignify, honor, and hold Your Name sacred and regal.
Being grateful to You is so good! It is our pleasure to sing paeans to Your renown.
I am grateful that You are my G-d, O exalted Divine One. YAH You are good! Thank You!
You are kind to all the world's beings. In all universes You are G-d.
We worship You YAH, our Prince, and offer You our adulation.

Baruch Atah YAH, El m-hoolahl bah-tishbahchot.

Amen.





YETZIRAH (continued)

8	Nishmat Kol Chai	Nishmat kol chai t'varekh et shimkha, Yah Eloheynu.	<i>The soul of every living creature breathes out its praise to You, Oh G-d!</i>	p11
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BRIYAH (Connecting the Mind)

Stand if able. Call and response. Bow as we say our line.

9	Barchu (Call to Prayer)	Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorakh Baruch Adonai ham'vorakh l'olam va'ed	<i>Blessed is the One Blessed Power. Blessed is G-d forever and ever!</i>	p16
10	Yotser Or	Barukh Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh Ha-Olam Yotzer or u-vorey khoshekh, Oseh shalom u-vorey et hakol.	<i>Holy One of Blessing, Your presence fills creation, You form light, and You create darkness, You make peace and You create the whole.</i>	p16
11	Ahavah Rabbah	Ahavah Rabbah Ahavtanu	<i>With a great love, You are loving us.</i>	
	It's customary to cover our eyes in preparation of Sh'ma.			
	Sh'ma (Deut 6:4)	Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheynu Adonai Echad (whisper) Baruch Shem Kevod Malchuto l'olam va-ed.	<i>Listen all you who struggle with the Infinite, YAH, who is our G-d, YAH is One. Through time and space Your glory shines, Majestic One.</i>	p19
	v'Ahavta (Deut 6:5-9)			p19





BRIYAH (continued)

12	Mi Kamocha (Ex 15:11)	Mee cha-mokhah ba-eylim Adonai, mee cha-mokah nedar bakodesh, Nora t'heelot osey feleh. Adonai yimlokh l'olam va-ed!	<i>Who is like You, Adonai, among other gods, glorious in holiness, awesome in praises, doing miracles? The Eternal will reign forever and ever!</i>	p22
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Lord I want to do / feel / know / be for You
For You are action / feeling / knowing / You just Are!

ATZILUT (Personal Prayer)

13	Silent Amidah			p24 — p30
14	Oseh Shalom	Oseh shalom bim'romav hu ya'aseh shalom aleynu, v'al kol Yisra-el, v'al kol yoshvei tevel, v'im'ru Amen.	<i>May the One who makes peace in the heavens bring peace to all of us on this earth. And let us say, "Amen!"</i>	p31





Torah Service

15 D'var Torah (Max's Teaching)

16	Call and Repeat	Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheynu Adonai ekhad Ekhad Eloheynu gadol Adoneynu kodosh shemo Gadlu l'Adonai eetee oo-n'ro- m'mah shemo yakhdav.	<i>Hear O Israel, the Lord your G-d is One, Our G-d is One. Our Lord is great, holy is G-d's name. Declare with me the greatness of G-d, together we will raise G-d's name.</i>	p33
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17	Aliyah Brachot (before each Aliyah)	Barchu et Adonai hamevorach. <i>Baruch Adonai hamevorach l'olam va-ed.</i> Baruch Adonai hamevorach l'olam va-ed. Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melekh ha-olam asher bakhar banu im kol ha-amin, v'natan lanu et-torato. Baruch Atah Adonai, noteyn haTorah.	<i>Blessed is the One Blessed Power. Blessed is the Blessed One forever and ever! Blessed is the Blessed One forever and ever! Blessed are You – the Lord our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, who has chosen us along with all peoples and has given us His Torah. Blessed are You – the Lord, Giver of the Torah.</i>	p35
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First Aliyah; Second Aliyah; Max Gordon is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, Third Aliyah.

18	Aliyah Brachot (after each Aliyah)	Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melekh ha-olam asher natan lanu torat emet, v'khayey olam nata b'tokheyenu. Baruch Atah Adonai, noteyn haTorah.	<i>Blessed are You – the Lord our G-d, Ruler of the universe, who has given us the Torah of truth, and has planted everlasting life in our midst. Blessed are You – the Lord, Giver of the Torah.</i>	p36
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Torah Service (continued)

19	Siman Tov	Siman Tov uMazal Tov Yehay Lanu, u'l'chol Yisrael	<i>May this be a good omen for all of us and all Israel.</i>	
20	Healing Prayer	Ana El Na, Repha Na La	<i>Please G-d, heal her / him / them, please!</i>	
21	V'Zot haTorah	V'zot haTorah asher sam Moshe lifney b'ney Yisra-el ahl pee Adonai b'yad Moshe.	<i>And this is the Torah which Moses set before the Children of Israel, through the word of G-d, by the hand of Moses.</i>	p37
22	Richard and Min bless Max and release him into adulthood.			
23	Presentation on behalf of the community by Maggid Charna Rosenholtz.			
24	Priestly Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)			
25	Etz Chayyim	Eytz chaim hee lamakhazikim bah, v'tom'kheha m'ushar. D'racheha dar'chay no-am, v'chol netivoteha shalom. Hashiveynu Adonai aylecha v'nashuvah chadeysh yameynu k'kedem.	<i>She is a tree of life to those who hold fast to Her and all Her supporters are Happy. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all Her paths are peace. Return us to You Adonai and we shall be returned. Renew our days to purity.</i>	p37

Closing Prayers

26	Mourners' Kaddish	p42
27	Oseh Shalom	

Kiddush and Motzi (Sanctifying the Day, and Breaking Bread)



Priestly Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)

Music: Jai Uttal

בְּרַכֶּךָ יי וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ

יְאֵר יי פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶךָ

יִשָּׂא יי פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֶיךָ

וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹמִים - וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹמִים

YeVarechecha Adonai v'Yishmerecha

Ya'er Adonai Panav Elecha v'Yechunekha

Yissa Adonai Panav Elecha

v'Yassem Lecha Shalom- v'Yassem Lecha Shalom

Shalom, Shalom, Shalom

v'Yassem Lecha Shalom

May the Holy Being bless you and protect you

May the Source of Goodness always shine upon you

May G-dliness reveal to you Its hundred thousand faces

And grant you a deep abiding peace, And grant you a deep abiding peace

Shalom, Shalom, Shalom

v'Yassem Lecha Shalom

STRUCTURE OF THE ALIYOT - HONORS

First Aliyah

Blessings: Malcolm Gordon (Grandfather)

Chanting: Maggid Charna Rosenholtz

English: Nan Miller (Grandmother)

Second Aliyah

Blessing: Richard Gordon, Min Xiao

Chanting: Nitsan Mesika

English: Zane Aloia

Third Aliyah

Blessing: Max Gordon

Chanting: Max Gordon

English: Max Gordon

Hagbah: Richard Gordon

Gelilah: Rabbi Diane Tiferet Lakein

Sit with the Torah: Brooke Fisher

First Aliyah

Leviticus 23:1-3



וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם מוֹעֲדֵי ה' אֲשֶׁר-תִּקְרְאוּ אֹתָם מִקְרְאֵי קֹדֶשׁ אֵלֶּהֶם מוֹעֲדֵי:

Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: These are My fixed times, the fixed times of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as sacred occasions.

שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲשֶׂה מְלָאכָה וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבַּת שַׁבְּתוֹן מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ כָּל-מְלָאכָה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ שַׁבַּת הוּא לָהּ בְּכֹל מוֹשְׁבֹתֵיכֶם:

On six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there shall be a sabbath of complete rest, a sacred occasion. You shall do no work; it shall be a sabbath of the LORD throughout your settlements.



Second Aliyah

Leviticus 23:23-27



וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּאַחַד לַחֹדֶשׁ יִהְיֶה לָכֶם שַׁבְּתוֹן זָכוֹן
תְּרוּעָה מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ:

Speak to the Israelite people thus: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts.

כָּל-מְלָאכֶת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אֹשֶׁה לַה':

You shall not work at your occupations; and you shall bring an offering by fire to the LORD.

וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

אַךְ בַּעֲשׂוֹר לַחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי הַזֶּה יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים הוּא מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ יִהְיֶה לָכֶם וְעִנִּיתֶם
אֶת-נַפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם אֹשֶׁה לַה':

Mark, the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a sacred occasion for you: you shall practice self-denial, and you shall bring an offering by fire to the LORD.



Third Aliyah

Leviticus 23:40-44



וּלְקַחְתֶּם לָכֶם בַּיּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן פְּרִי עֵץ הַדָּר וְעַץ הַתְּמָרִים וְעֵנָף עֵץ-עֵבֶת וְעַרְבֵי-נַחַל
וּשְׂמַחְתֶּם לִפְנֵי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם שִׁבְעַת יָמִים:

On the first day you shall take the product of hadar trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your G-d seven days.

וְחִגַּגְתֶּם אֹתוֹ חַג לַה' שִׁבְעַת יָמִים בַּשָּׁנָה חֻקַּת עוֹלָם לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי תִחְגְּוּ
אֹתוֹ:

You shall observe it as a festival of the LORD for seven days in the year; you shall observe it in the seventh month as a law for all time, throughout the ages.

בַּסֹּת תִּשְׁבּוּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים כָּל-הָאֲזָרָח בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁבּוּ בַּסֹּת:

You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths,

לְמַעַן יֵדְעוּ דֹרֹתֵיכֶם כִּי בַסֹּת הוֹשַׁבְתִּי אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּהוֹצִיאִי אוֹתָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם
אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the LORD your G-d.

וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶת-מִעַדֵי ה' אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

So Moses declared to the Israelites the set times of the LORD.



Max's Mitzvah Project

For my Bar Mitzvah Project, I decided that I would make an environmental protection flyer to help build awareness about global warming, climate change, and other destruction of nature. I also wanted to make it a fun thing so that people of all ages would enjoy it. Here is an excerpt.

Environmental Protection Word Search!

G	E	W	A	R	M	I	N	G	W	G	A	W	N	A	A
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Try To find:

- Sustainability
- Farming
- Carbon
- Emissions
- GreenHouse
- Gas
- Methane
- Renewable
- Energy
- Global
- Warming
- Climate
- Change

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Once you find these words, I encourage you to look them up if you don't already know the definition and think about how each one affects and is incorporated in your everyday life.

IN LOVING MEMORY

LOU LEO (Great Grandfather)

RENA ZITTRAIN (Great Grandmother)

MONA GORDON (Grandmother)

BARNETT DAVID 'B.D.' GORDON
(Great Grandfather)

RUTH GORDON (Great Grandmother)
Today is the 50th anniversary of Ruth's passing.

XIAO, SHENYU 萧身玉 (Great Grandmother)

CAI, FUKUN 蔡福坤 (Great Grandfather)

HE, SHUNDI 何顺娣 (Great Grandmother)



Shalom