



TEMPLE SINAI

**Welcome to the Bar Mitzvah of
Eli Abraham Rosenthal Knisbacher
Eli Avraham ben Yosef Binyamin v'Leeba Davida**

October 24, 2020 ~ 6 Cheshvan 5781

**Service led by the Bar Mitzvah: Eli Knisbacher
Rabbi Yoni Regev
Cantor Ilene Keys
George Anton Emblom, Pianist**

*“We all shine on . . . like the moon and the stars and the sun . . . we all
shine on . . . come on and on and on . . .”*

~ John Lennon ~



Shabbat Shalom!

Today we celebrate Eli. He arrived on the scene 13 years ago with the body of a newborn, the soul of a sage, and an almost-bald head. As his wispy baby hair has sprouted into his now signature thick locks, his personality and character also have taken hold. Eli's sharp wit, incisive observations, rugged independence, commitment to justice, unwavering integrity, and giant heart are precious gifts he shares daily with his family and friends.

Though we may be joining from separate homes, Eli's Bar Mitzvah unites us across space. We stand together to mark Eli's transition from boyhood. Together we welcome him as a full-fledged member of our community.

And Eli's Bar Mitzvah unites us across time. We feel the sacred presence of our Jewish ancestors, on whose shoulders we stand. We are bolstered by generations of their strength, resilience, and love – endowments we hope Eli will use to make his world a better place.

Today, we celebrate the gift of community, the gift of tradition, and – most significantly – the true blessing that is Eli.

~ *Eli's Family*

Participating in Today's Service:

Tallit Presentation:

Parents, Lisa Rosenthal and Alden Knisbacher

Torah Passing:

Grandparents, Anita & Jeffrey Knisbacher

Grandparents, Barbara & Sanford Rosenthal

Stepdad, James Bramson

Parents, Lisa Rosenthal and Alden Knisbacher

Parents Blessing:

Lisa Rosenthal and Alden Knisbacher

Dressing/Undressing the Torah

Aunt, Gina Rosenthal

Sister, Zoe Knisbacher

Aliyot:

First: Grandparents, Anita & Jeffrey Knisbacher

Second: Grandparents, Barbara & Sanford Rosenthal

Third: Parents, Lisa Rosenthal & Alden Knisbacher

Fourth: Bar Mitzvah, Eli Knisbacher

Readings:

Stepdad, James Bramson

Friend, Jordan Geiger

Aunt, Gina Rosenthal

Motzi:

Sister, Zoe Knisbacher

Cousins, Jonah and Daisy Berman



Special Thanks from Eli:

Mom - Thank you for your love, kindness, and patience.

You always understand how I am feeling and you are always there for me.

Dad – Thank you for your warmth, wisdom, and infectious laughter.

I wouldn't be having my Bar Mitzvah today without your support.

Zoe – Thanks for your positive attitude and your encouragement.

You are a fantastic sister.

Jim – Thanks for being a considerate, caring, and loving stepdad.

I cherish having you in my family.

Heather – Thank you for your whimsy, peacefulness, and uplifting spirit.

You are an amazing almost stepmom.

