



Welcome to the Bat Mitzvah of
Maya Samantha Schrager

Maya bat Moishe v'Rut

August 21, 2021 ~ 13 Elul 5781

Service led by the Bat Mitzvah: Maya Samantha Schrager
Rabbi Jacqueline Mates-Muchin
Cantor Ilene Keys

*"The things that matter most in our lives are not fantastic or grand.
They are moments when we touch one another."
~ Jack Kornfield ~*



Shabbat Shalom!

Welcome Family & Friends,

We are excited to share the honor with you as Maya is called to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah. We are so grateful that you can share Maya's special day with us, whether you are in person or on Zoom. Although many of you are not physically here with us at the synagogue, we still feel your presence and you continue to bring meaning and connection to such an important day.

Maya's journey to becoming a Bat Mitzvah has been anything but conventional – from starting Hebrew lessons a year early, missing her 7th grade religious school friends as a result of Covid, and finally studying her parsha with her counselor at Camp Tawonga. Throughout this process, Maya has remained flexible and adaptable and has kept her positive spirit. She's taken the twists and turns in stride, making her Bat Mitzvah reflect her inclusive and warm personality. We are so very proud of Maya for all the hard work and dedication she has put into this day.

Thank you for joining us today, we appreciate all of your love and support.

~ Love, Ruth & Matt Schrager

Participating in Today's Service

Tallit Presentation & Parents' Blessing:

Parents, Ruth & Matt Schrager

Undressing the Torah:

Cousins, Kara and Parker Waldrop

Torah Passing:

Grandparents, Fran Rapoport, Fern & Larry Kane

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Aliyot:

First: *Grandparents, Fern & Larry Kane*

Second: *Grandmother, Fran Rapoport and Great Aunt, Batia Swed*

Third: *Parents, Ruth & Matt Schrager and Brother, Toby Schrager*

Fourth: *Bat Mitzvah, Maya Schrager*

Readings:

Aunt, Marla Polk

Aunt, Laurie Schrager

Aunt, Lisa Rapoport

Dressing the Torah:

Cousins, Kara and Parker Waldrop

Motzi:

Cousins, Kara and Parker Waldrop, Jonah and Eitan Stern,

Friend, Kaela Morris and Stepsister, Maddy Buscaglia



Special Thanks from Maya

I would like to thank all my family and friends from near and far who have joined in the celebration today.

My family has supported me in becoming who I am today, and in strengthening my Jewish identity.

Nana – Thank you for keeping all of our holiday traditions alive, it has made my Jewish identity much stronger. I love having Shabbat with you; thanks for always bringing dessert!

Auntie Laurie – I enjoy how I get to see you often as we live so close to you. And I love coming over and having dinner with my cousins.

Auntie Lisa – You are always super fun to hang out with. I love spending time with you and miss our days at the pool.

Granny & Poppy – I love the Thanksgivings at your house. I really love coming up to Sedona and going to the pool and on hikes and other fun places.

Saba & Safta – It's fun to see you on our weekly Zooms, where we get to catch up and I fill you in on what's going on in my life. I can't wait to visit you again soon.

Another big thank you to all the people who have helped me prepare for today: **Rabbi Regev, Ophira, Cantor and Rabbi Mates-Muchin, Michele Quiat**, all my **religious schoolteachers** and my **friends**. And last but not least a special thank you to my **Mom and Dad** for supporting me in everything I do. I love you guys so much and appreciate how you've made it so that we're still one family, just living in two households. A reluctant thank you to **Toby**, who I love despite him being my brother. I really appreciate all my family and friends with me today, in person and via Zoom, for supporting me throughout the years. Thank you for coming to celebrate me and this big milestone I have reached in my life.



In Our Thoughts

Maya is named after her great-grandfather, Solomon Rapoport, who was born exactly 100 years before her to the day.

Although he literally lived half-way around the world from Maya, and they never met, some of the shared personality traits are remarkable.

On this day, we remember with love all the great-grandparents who are with us in spirit, Saba and Safta Rapoport, Granny Ethel and Zeda Max. Zavde Bob and Bubbe Lil. Grandma Esther. and Grandma Frieda and Grandpa Morrie.