

Special Thanks from Naomi

Everyone—To start, I would like to of course thank everyone who is here. Whether on Zoom, or in person, I really appreciate all the love. Thank you to the many people at Temple Sinai who made this happen and to the whole temple community for making me feel so welcome.

Especially thank you to—**Ophira Druch, Cantor Keys, and Rabbi Mates-Muchin.**

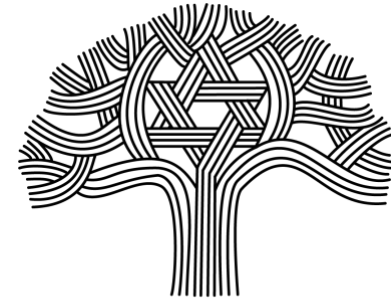
Grandma & Grandpa—Thank you for all of your warm hugs, and fun adventures. Also, for Grandpa's questionable movie choices and Grandma's flawless French toast. You two always make me laugh and I love you.

Bubbe & Zaide—Thank you for your unconditional love and support. You two are fun to hang out with whether I am beating you in Spit or totally *not* cheating at Uno. Let's always shuffle in a way that makes the game go forever.

To my amazing **mother and father**—While I know you will probably read this and critique it, I want to say thank you for always just being there. You two always find a way to make me feel special and loved.

Lilah—You are a bright and grounding presence whom I love very much. Most of the stuff I have been doing in preparation for this day has been practiced or written (and rewritten many times) in your room so thank you for the sitting space. I will always follow wherever you lead.

Thank you everyone for being here and loving me so very much.



Temple Sinai

Welcome to the Bat Mitzvah of

Naomi Etta A.G. Shapiro

Naomi Esther bat Shoshanah Leah v'Alexander

July 9, 2022 ~ 10 Tamuz 5782

Shabbat Chukat

Service led by the Bat Mitzvah:

Naomi A.G. Shapiro

Rabbi Jacqueline Mates-Muchin

Cantor Ilene Keys

Accompanist George Anton Emblom

*"Stories can make someone immortal as long as
someone else is willing to listen."*

~ Adam Silvera ~



Shabbat Shalom!

Welcome!

To our dear family and friends: You've traveled from the East Coast, Southern California, the Midwest, down the street, through the Zoom airwaves, and adjusted summer vacations to be with our family today. We are honored to share the occasion of Naomi's bat mitzvah with all of you.

~ Josie & Alex A.G. Shapiro

To our remarkable Naomi: When we first met Rabbi Mates-Muchin as you were beginning to prepare for your bat mitzvah, she helped us see beyond your individual studies and personal journey. She brought to life the beautiful reality that wherever you go in this world, if you find a synagogue or Jewish life, you will find community and a place to belong.

Today you stand before us centered, steady and grounded, rooted in Oakland and this beautiful Jewish tradition; mind and body reaching tall like the branches of a tree. And you see a forest of community all around you. At the same time, as the saying goes, "a tree is a tree, not a forest." You are strong on our own...you must be, but no matter where in the world you may find yourself, or how cold, dark, windy and difficult the world around you may become to negotiate, you will always find belonging in this community—the one that sits in front of you as you stand on the *Bimah*. You will always stand so much stronger as a member of this forest. Words cannot express how proud we are of you today, and every day.

~ Love, Your Parents



In Our Thoughts

It's hard not to feel the absence of loved ones even more deeply when we gather together in community. Those who are not sitting with us today are with us in our hearts: Esther & Lester Aaronson AKA the Original Bubby (OB!) and Poppop. Wendy Basch, Ethel & Benjamin "Jack" Forstate, Pauline & David Gelb, Gertrude & Jacob "Jack" Shapiro, and Stephen Sugarman. Your memories will always be for a blessing.

Participating in Today's Service

Tallit Presentation and Parents' Blessing:

Parents, Josie & Alex A.G. Shapiro

Opening the Ark:

Sister, Lilah A.G. Shapiro

Torah Passing:

Grandparents, Mark Aaronson, Margie Gelb, Susan & Alan Shapiro, Parents, Josie & Alex A.G. Shapiro

Undressing the Torah:

Aunt, Uncle & Cousin, Molly Aaronson-Gelb, Jonathan Spector, and Maisie Spector-Gelb

Aliyot:

First: *Grandparents, Susan & Alan Shapiro*

Second: *Grandparents, Mark Aaronson and Margie Gelb*

Third: *Parents, Josie & Alex A.G. Shapiro*

Fourth: *Bat Mitzvah, Naomi A.G. Shapiro*

Dressing the Torah:

Aunt, Uncle & Cousin, Emily & Josh Miller, and Izzy Miller

Closing the Ark:

Sister, Lilah A.G. Shapiro

Flowers:

Sister, Lilah A.G. Shapiro,

Cousins, Izzy Miller, Maisie Spector-Gelb, and Ellie Kreps-Falk

Motzi:

Sister, Lilah A.G. Shapiro

