

Samantha Lent

Bat Mitzvah

October 17th 2020

Shabbat Shalom

**Welcome to our Zoom Service with
Congregation Dorshei Tzedek
From our home in Newton MA**

We are delighted to have you join us on this special occasion, as Samantha becomes a *Bat Mitzvah*. You will be muted during the service unless otherwise requested or needed.

What is a Bat Mitzvah?

In the eyes of the Jewish community, Samantha today comes of age and accepts the obligations and ethics (*mitzvot*) of Judaism. Starting today, Samantha counts toward the *minyan* of ten Jewish adults that is required for communal prayers.

Dorshei Tzedek (“Seekers of Justice”) is a Reconstructionist congregation. Reconstructionist Jews believe that it is possible to lead a 21st century life that is deeply rooted in both Jewish tradition and contemporary civilization. We especially value egalitarianism, social justice, and inclusion.

The Shabbat Service is divided into three parts: Morning blessings, the *Shacharit* service, and the Torah service. During *Shacharit*, the *Shema* and *Amidah* prayers are chanted, emphasizing the Oneness of all life and a sense of connection to the divine in and around us.

Rabbi Toba Spitzer and Samantha will lead you through the morning service using our Reconstruction prayer book, *Kol Haneshama*. There is a PDF available of the prayer book at www.dorsheitzedek.org on the home page, and we will include a link to it in the chat during the service. There will also be a link to a PDF of the section of the Torah that is being chanted.

Gratitude

We would like to thank Rabbi Toba Spitzer, all of the teachers and staff at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek Hebrew school, especially Samantha’s tutor Debbie Gelber. We also appreciate all of you – our family, friends, teachers and congregation members – for sharing this special day with us and for joining this zoom service during this unusual time

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Allison Andrews and Arthur Lent

TORAH SERVICE

First Aliyah: Merav Rosen, Samantha's wonderful woodworking teacher, to honor her and all of Samantha's amazing teachers

Second Aliyah: Uncles Neil Andrews and Elliot Lent

Third Aliyah: Grandparents: Howie and Estelle Lent and Norma Andrews

Misheberach-Blessing for Healing

Fourth Aliyah: Allison, Arthur and Cary

Fifth Aliyah: Samantha

Rabbi's Blessing

Lifting and wrapping of the Torah

Dvar Torah by Samantha

Parent's Blessing & poem read by Cary Lent

Closing prayers

Poem:

The Voice Inside:

There is a voice inside of you that whispers all day long
I feel that this is right for me
I know that this is wrong

No teacher, preacher, parent, friend Or wise man can decide
What's right for you- just listen to The voice that speaks inside

Shel Silverstein