

Megan Sheli Hansen
Bat Mitzvah



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CANTOR DEVORAH FELDER-LEVY

Dear family, friends and Shir Hadash community members,

We are honored to share this special occasion with you as Megan Hansen is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. The act of becoming a Bat Mitzvah raises the Jewish child to the status of adult in the community, taking on new responsibilities and privileges. In becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Megan is acknowledging her obligation to live according to the commandments of the Jewish faith.

Megan has been preparing for this day for many years, through her religious studies and her mitzvah project, preparing a dozen meals and desserts and delivering them to a Safe Park location. This morning we will recognize Megan's new role in Judaism in various ways. For the first time, she will lead the morning Shabbat service. She will wear a Tallit (prayer shawl), which is traditionally only worn by adults and she will chant portions from both the Torah and the Haftarah.

We would like to thank our family and friends from both near and far for coming to share this joyous occasion with us. We would also like to thank Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy, and Rabbi PJ Schwartz for their guidance, patience, and leadership throughout Megan's Bat Mitzvah journey. Lastly, we would like to thank the Shir Hadash community for including us and helping us reach this milestone.

Shabbat Shalom,
Beth, Todd, Megan, Amanda and Daniel

OPENING PRAYERS AND READINGS

Rabbi's Welcome and Opening

Rabbi PJ Schwartz

Hineh Mah Tov - Shevet Kulam Gam Yachad **pg. 188**
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At Congregation Shir Hadash, we prepare to worship together at the beginning of every Shabbat service by singing this opening song.

Each of Us Enters **pg. 184**
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Modeh Ani **pg. 186**
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Presentation of the Tallit **pg. 190**
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Tallit Prayer: Megan

Mah Tovu **pg. 192**
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Don't Let Me Fall **pg. 195**
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Chatzi Kaddish pg. 224
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The word "kaddish" means "holy" in Aramaic. The ancient prayer was written in Aramaic, the everyday language of the Jewish people, and was used by the early rabbis to mark the end of a section of service.

THE SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

Bar'chu pg. 226
Megan, Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy & Congregation

The Bar'chu is the call to worship. The chanting of the Bar'chu marks the beginning of the formal service.

Yotzeir Or pg. 228
Megan and recent and upcoming B'nai Mitzvah students,
& Congregation

In the Yotzeir Or, we thank God for light and the beauty of the natural world.

Ahavah Rabbah--Love Your Neighbor pg. 231
Amanda Hansen, Megan's Sister

THE SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

Sh'ma

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The Sh'ma is one of the oldest prayers in Jewish liturgy. It links us to the past, and our dedication to the concept of spiritual oneness with God and with the Jewish People. This prayer makes no request of God. It only affirms that God is One.

V'ahavta

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In this prayer, we affirm the essence of love in our relationship with God and seek to find reminders of God's commandments, love and justice in all aspects of our lives.

Emet

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Todd Hansen, Megan's Father

This benediction acknowledges the truth and reliability of God's words and promises of redemption.

Mi Chamocha

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Megan, Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy & Congregation

This is the song sung by Miriam, Moses and the Israelites as Miriam and the women danced to celebrate the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea, exodus from slavery and escape from the Egyptian army.

T'FILAH

Adonai S'fatai pg. 242
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Avot V'Imahot pg. 244
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This prayer links our lives to the lives of the generations that lived before us, and it emphasizes our obligation to continue our traditions. It marks the start of the next section of our service, T'Filah.

G'vurot pg. 246
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This prayer acknowledges God's power in nature and in our lives.

K'dushah pg. 248
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We pray to affirm God's holiness and God's presence in our lives.

Yism'chu pg. 250
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This song reminds us of the holiness of Shabbat.

K'dushat Hayom: Where Has This Week Vanished pg. 253
Cheri and Steve Hansen, Megan's Grandparents

T'FILAH

Avodah: Everpresent One

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Beth Freeman-Hansen

The first of three concluding benedictions of the T'filah, this prayer asks God to accept the congregation's prayers.

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Modim: For the Expanding Grandeur of Creation

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Daniel Hansen, Megan's Brother

The second of the concluding prayers, this is a prayer filled with gratitude and appreciation, giving thanks for all of God's gifts.

Sim Shalom

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This third of the concluding prayers asks God for the gift of peace. Envisioning a world of peace, we can then set out to work toward creating peace.

Silent Meditation

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After we recite the traditional prayers, we take time to express silently our own personal prayers.

Oseh Shalom

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A song for peace.

TORAH SERVICE

We now begin the Torah service. Reading from the Torah is fundamental to the Jewish practice. The Torah is divided into 54 parashot, or portions. Each week Jews throughout the world read and study the same portion, which is read or chanted aloud from the handwritten Hebrew scroll. A special pointer, called a Yad is used to assist in reading the scroll.

Intro to the Torah Service

Rabbi PJ Schwartz

Al Sh'losa

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Opening the Ark

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Cheri and Steve Hansen, Megan's Grandparents

TORAH SERVICE

Chain of Tradition

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The Torah scroll is passed from generation to generation signifying the never-ending chain of Jewish tradition and values.

Grandparents

Judith and James Freeman

Parents

Beth Freeman-Hansen and Todd Hansen

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TORAH SERVICE

Havu Godel Eloheinu pg. 368
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Baruch Shenatan pg. 366
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Sh'ma/Echad/Gad'lu pg. 368
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This version of the Sh'ma is for when the Torah is out. It expands on the greatness and holiness of God.

Hakafah pg. 366
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This song is about the greatness of God. The Torah is carried throughout the synagogue so that everyone can see it and touch it. Whenever the Torah is removed from the Ark, it is customary to turn and face it, following it with our eyes, so that our backs are never to the Torah.

Unwrapping the Torah
Amanda, Megan's Sister

Introduction to the Torah Portion
Megan

ALIYOT

An Aliyah is an honor. It means to be "called up" to the bimah and to have the privilege of reading the blessing both before and after the Torah is read. After the last reading, the Torah is raised and we have the opportunity to see the text that was read today.

Blessing Before Reading the Torah

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Rishon – 1st Aliyah: Grandparents

James and Judith Freeman

Shainee - 2nd Aliyah: Parents

Beth Freeman-Hansen and Todd Hansen

Bat Mitzvah - 3rd Aliyah

Megan Hansen

TORAH READING

האזינו -- Deuteronomy 32 1-6

Give ear, O heavens,
let me speak;
Let the earth hear the words
I utter!
May my discourse come down as the
rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
Like showers on young growth,
Like droplets on the grass.
For the name of the Eternal
I proclaim; Give glory to our God!
The Rock!—whose deeds are perfect,
Yea, all God's ways are just;
A faithful God, never false,
True and upright is indeed.
Unworthy children—
That crooked,
perverse generation—
Their baseness has played God false.
Do you thus requite the Eternal,
O dull and witless people?
Is not this the Father who created
you,
Fashioned you and made you endure!

הָאָזִינוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְאִדְבְּרָה
וְתִשְׁמַע הָאָרֶץ
אִמְרֵי-פִעְלוֹ
יַעֲרֹף כַּמָּטֵר לִקְחֵי
תִזְלַכַּת אִמְרֹתַי
כַּשְׁעִירָם עָלֵי-דָשָׁא
וְכַרְבִּיבִים עָלֵי-עֵשֶׂב:
כִּי יֵשֶׁם יְהוָה אֶקְרָא
הִבּוּ גִדְל לֵאלֹהֵינוּ:
הַצּוֹר תְּמִים פִּעֵל
כִּי כָל-דְּרָכָיו מִשְׁפָּט
אֵל אֱמוּנָה וְאֵין עָוֹל
צַדִּיק וַיֵּשֶׁר הוּא:
שִׁתָּת לוֹ
לֹא בָנָיו מוֹמֵם
דּוֹר עֵקֶשׁ וּפְתִלְתָּל:
הֲלִיְהוָה תִּגְמְלוּ-זֹאת
עִם נֶבֶל וְלֹא חָכֵם
הֲלוֹא-הוּא אָבִיךָ קָנֶךָ
הוּא עֲשֶׂה וַיִּכְנֶנֶךָ:

TORAH READING

האזינו Deuteronomy 32: 7-9--

Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of ages past;
Ask your parent, who will inform you,
Your elders, who will tell you:
When the Most High gave nations their
homes
And set the divisions of the human
race,
God fixed the boundaries of peoples
In relation to Israel's numbers.
For the Eternal's portion is this people,
Jacob his own allotment.

זְכֹר יָמֹת עוֹלָם
בָּיָנוּ שָׁנוֹת דָּר־וְדָר
שֶׁאֵל אָבִיךָ וְיִגְדֶךָ
זְמַנֶיךָ וְיִאמְרוּ לְךָ:
בְּהִנָּחֵל עַל־יוֹן גּוֹלִים
בְּהִפְרִידוֹ בְּנֵי אָדָם
יִצַב גְּבֻלַת עַמִּים
לְמִסְפַּר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
כִּי חֶלֶק יְהוָה עַמּוֹ
יַעֲקֹב תְּחַל נַחֲלָתוֹ:

Blessing after Reading the Torah

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Hagbah – Lifting the Torah

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Daniel Hansen, Megan's Brother

G'lilah- Dressing the Torah

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Lorraine Stokes, Megan's Friend

HAFTARAH READING

Introduction to the Haftarah

Megan

Blessing Before Reading the Haftarah

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HAFTARAH READING

2 Samuel 22: 44-51

וְתַפְלִטֵנִי מֵרִיבֵי עַמִּי
תִּשְׁמְרֵנִי לְרֹאשׁ גּוֹיִם עִם לֹא־יִדְעֵתִי יַעֲבֹדֵנִי:
בְּגִי נֶכְרַךְ יִתְפַחֲשׂוּ־לִי
לְשִׁמוֹעַ אֲזֶן יִשְׁמְעוּ לִי:
בְּגִי נֶכְרַךְ יִבְלוּ
וַיִּחַגְרוּ מִמְּסַגְרוֹתָם:
חַי־יְהוָה וּבְרֹוֹךְ צוּרֵי
וַיְרֶם אֱלֹהֵי צוּר יִשְׁעָי:
הָאֵל הַבָּתָּן נִקְמַת לִי
וּמְרִיד עַמִּים תַּחֲתֵנִי:
וּמוֹצִיאֵי מֵאֲבִי
וּמִקְמִי תִרְוֹמֵנִי
מֵאִישׁ חֲמָסִים תִּצִּילֵנִי:
עַל־כֵּן אֲוֹדֶךָ יְהוָה בַּגּוֹיִם
וּלְשִׁמְךָ אֲזַמֵּר:
[מַגְדֹּל] (מַגְדִּיל) יִשׁוּעוֹת מִלְּכֹו
וְעִשָׂה־חֲסֹד לְמִשִּׁיחֹו
לְדָוִד וּלְזֶרְעֹו עַד־עוֹלָם:

HAFTARAH READING

2 Samuel 22: 44-51

You have saved me from strife with people,
You have preserved me to be the leader of nations,
[so that] a people I never knew [now] serves me.
Foreigners shall cringe before me,
Obey me as soon as they hear me;
Foreigners fade away,
They come quaking from their strongholds.
The Eternal lives! Praised be my Rock!
God is exalted,
The Rock of my salvation,
The God who gives me revenge,
Who makes people subject to me,
Who frees me from my foes,
Who raises me above my enemies,
Who rescues me from the violent.
So I thank you Eternal One, among the nations,
and sing praises to Your name.
You are a tower of victory to Your king,
You show love for Your anointed,
To David and his descendants forever.

Blessing After Reading the Haftarah
Megan

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REMARKS AND BLESSINGS

D'var Torah

Megan

Shehecheyanu

Beth Freeman-Hansen, Todd Hansen & Congregation

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Opening the Ark

Amanda Hansen, Megan's sister

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Etz Chayim

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Rabbi's & Cantor's Blessing

Rabbi PJ Schwartz and Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy

L'chi Lach

Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy & Congregation

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CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Opening the Ark

Cheri and Steve Hansen, Megan's Grandparents

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Aleinu

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With this prayer, we assert our responsibility for bringing the words of this service into our daily lives.

May We Gain Wisdom

Heidi Hansen

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CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Bayom Hahu **pg. 591**
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Meditation before Kaddish
Rabbi PJ Schwartz

Mourner's Kaddish **pg. 598**
Rabbi PJ Schwartz & Congregation

At this time, we recall our loved ones who have passed away. The Kaddish is a solemn and holy prayer expressing faith and final comfort.

Congregation Shir Hadash Board Presentation
Yelena Kessel

Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu **pg. 657**
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Closing Prayer
Rabbi PJ Schwartz