



## Bar Mitzvah

Of

**Charles Asher Bern**

**חיים אשר בן ביילא חוה ומשה יוסף**

**Chaim Asher ben Bela Chava u'Moshe Yosef**

**October 23, 2021 | 17 Cheshvan 5782  
4:30 p.m.**

**Rabbi Joel Simon  
Cantor Deborrah Cannizzaro  
Rabbi Michael Weiss  
Rabbi Emeritus Richard Birnholz**



Please turn off all cell phones while in Sanctuary.

Masks must be worn by everyone two years old and over, covering mouth and nose.

PRESENTATION OF TALLIT: Grandparents – Arlene Bacharach and Ely Gutfreund

ARK OPENING BEFORE TORAH Cousins – Drew and Emerson Bern

READING:

PASSING OF TORAH: Grandparents – Arlene Bacharach and Ely Gutfreund  
Grandmother – Joyce Gutfreund  
Grandparents – Barbara and Edward Levine  
Grandparents – Marcy and Richard Bern  
Parents – Adina and Brian Bern

TORAH SERVICE: Vayeira

Charlie will read from Genesis 19:15-26

TORAH ALIYOT: 1. Aunt and Uncle –Kathryn and Peter Bern  
Aunt and Uncle –Erin and Ronny Gutfreund

2. Grandparents – Arlene Bacharach and Ely Gutfreund

3. Grandparents – Barbara and Edward Levine  
Grandparents – Marcy and Richard Bern

4. Parents – Adina and Brian Bern

5. Bar Mitzvah – Charles Asher Bern

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ARK OPENING BEFORE ALEINU: Aunt and Uncle – Monica and Nolan Shenkelman

HAFTARAH SERVICE: Charlie will read from II Kings 4:1-5

BAR MITZVAH SPEECH: Charles Asher Bern

PRESENTATION OF BAR Jared Miller, Brotherhood Past President  
MITZVAH CERTIFICATE AND Congregation Schaarai Zedek

GIFTS:

HAVDALAH SERVICE: Grandmother – Joyce Gutfreund  
Parents – Adina and Brian Bern  
Cousin – Jack Gutfreund  
Bar Mitzvah – Charlie Bern

## *Genesis 19:15-26*

<sup>15</sup> At dawn, the angels hurried Lot along, saying, “Get going! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be destroyed when the city is judged!” <sup>16</sup> When Lot hesitated, the men grabbed his hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters because God had compassion on them. They led them away and placed them outside the city. <sup>17</sup> When they had brought them outside, they said, “Run for your lives! Don’t look behind you or stop anywhere in the valley! Escape to the mountains or you will be destroyed!”<sup>18</sup> But Lot said to them, “No, please, my Lord! <sup>19</sup> Your servant has found favor with you, and you have shown me great kindness by sparing my life. But I am not able to escape to the mountains because this disaster will overtake me and I’ll die. <sup>20</sup> Look, this town over here is close enough to escape to, and it’s just a little one. Let me go there. It’s just a little place, isn’t it? Then I’ll survive.”<sup>21</sup> “Very well,” he replied, “I will grant this request too and will not overthrow the town you mentioned. <sup>22</sup> Run there quickly, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” (This incident explains why the town was called Zoar.)<sup>23</sup> The sun had just risen over the land as Lot reached Zoar. <sup>24</sup> Then God rained down sulfur and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah. It was sent down from the sky by Adonai. <sup>25</sup> So God overthrew those cities and all that region, including all the inhabitants of the cities and the vegetation that grew from the ground. <sup>26</sup> But Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

## *II Kings 4:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> The wife of one of the prophetic disciples cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband has died. You know how your servant always revered Adonai. Now a creditor is coming to take away my two sons to be his slaves.” <sup>2</sup> Elisha said to her, “What can I do for you? Tell me what you have in the house.” She replied, “Your maidservant has nothing at home but a small oil jar.” <sup>3</sup> “Go outside to your neighbors,” said Elisha, “and borrow as many empty jars as you can. <sup>4</sup> Then you and your sons shut yourselves in and pour oil into all these jars; when one is full, set it aside.” <sup>5</sup> She went away and did this, shutting herself and her sons in. They kept bringing jars and she kept pouring.

## *Charlie and his family welcome you!*

Welcome to Congregation Scharai Zedek's Saturday afternoon Shabbat service. Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath, begins on Friday evening at dusk and concludes when there are three stars in the sky on Saturday evening. While Shabbat is a day of rest, our community joins in worship celebrating the themes of creation and God's original redemption of the Israelites from Egypt. A reading from the Torah (The Five Books of Moses) and a Haftarah from the Books of the Prophets are part of the Shabbat service.

In addition, at this service, Charlie will be becoming a Bar Mitzvah. This Jewish celebration of one's thirteenth birthday is much more than a party. The Bar Mitzvah, (literally child of the commandment), takes on a new understanding of responsibility and obligation, in their lives and in the Jewish community. This is not the end of their Jewish studies, but rather a commitment to continue to study and embrace their Judaism not only through Confirmation, but throughout their lives and with their future families.

Charlie has worked very hard to get to this day, and on behalf of his parents, Adina and Brian, we want to thank you for joining us for this special occasion.

Shabbat Shalom – Wishing you all a Shabbat filled with peace.

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Ushers:  
Drew Bern  
Emerson Bern

