



## ***CONFIRMATION SERVICE***

*May 15, 2026*

*29 Iyyar 5786*

*Forty-Fourth Day of the Counting of the Omer*



***Rabbi Anthony Fratello, MAHL, DD***

***Cantor Carrie Barry, MSM***

Temple Shaarei Shalom

9085 Hagen Ranch Road

Boynton Beach, Florida 33472

(561) 364-9054

[www.templeshaareishalom.com](http://www.templeshaareishalom.com)



## *Temple Shaarei Shalom*

*Anthony Fratello, Rabbi, MAHL, DD*

*Cantor Carrie Barry, MSM*

*Nancy Bossov, Director of Congregational Learning, RJE*

*Caryn Feldman, Executive Director, MPH*

*Ed Shuman, Accompanist*

*Dr. Melissa Bowers, President*



### *Our Twenty-Second Confirmation Class*

Shabbat Evening Service VII	Gates of Prayer	219
Torah Service III	The Ten Commandments Exodus: 20:1-14	431
Candle Lighting Shabbat	Judy Epstein Stacey Epstein	219
Opening & Undressing the Torah	Joni Darnell, Michael Goldstein, Mindi Markovitz, Sandy Markovitz, Debra Wagenheim & Denise Wagenheim	
Carrying the Torah	Jacob Allan Rozek Jordan Vaughn Markovitz	
Aliyah	Jacob Allan Rozek Jordan Vaughn Markovitz	
Torah Readers- Hebrew and English	Jacob Allan Rozek Jordan Vaughn Markovitz Cantor Carrie Barry	
Redressing the Torah	Jonathan Epstein	
Kiddush	Craig Markovitz, Ethan Markovitz, Harvey Markovitz & Jeff Goldstein	

At Confirmation, we commemorate that our ancestors were initiated into freedom and responsibility at Mount Sinai.

Please share in our joy as the following students are called to the Torah as Confirmands:

**Jordan Vaughn Markovitz**  
**Jacob Allan Rozek**

### **Our Iyunim (Personal Statements):**

Traditional Judaism affirms the importance of following Jewish Law, or Halacha. It leaves little room for personal interpretation or choice. Since its beginning, Reform Judaism has taken a different approach. Reform Judaism allows individuals the personal freedom to explore the rules and laws and to adapt them to make them relevant to their lives.

This year we've asked our students to spend some time exploring the role that Judaism has played in their lives thus far and to share those thoughts with us. Our two Confirmands bring two unique perspectives, each one of value, that explain their Jewish journeys and help us understand how our young adults are connecting to our Jewish faith, culture and history.

### **Todah Rabah For Your Generosity:**

Todah Rabah for your Generosity:

Bart (z"l) and Gerri Seinberg and Lance and Fran (z"l) Berkowitz for creating the "Endowment Funds" that provide Post B'nei Mitzvah Education to any Temple Member.

The Brotherhood of Temple Shaarei Shalom for presenting each of our Confirmands with a State of Israel Development Bond, so that they will understand that they too have an investment in Israel.

Thank you so much to our families for their constant support, to all our teachers at Temple Shaarei Shalom, and to Rabbi Fratello, Cantor Barry, and Nancy Bossov for their continued encouragement. Thanks to the hardworking staff at TSS for all they do and special thanks to Wendy Alfarone for creating this beautiful booklet.

# JORDAN VAUGHN MARKOVITZ

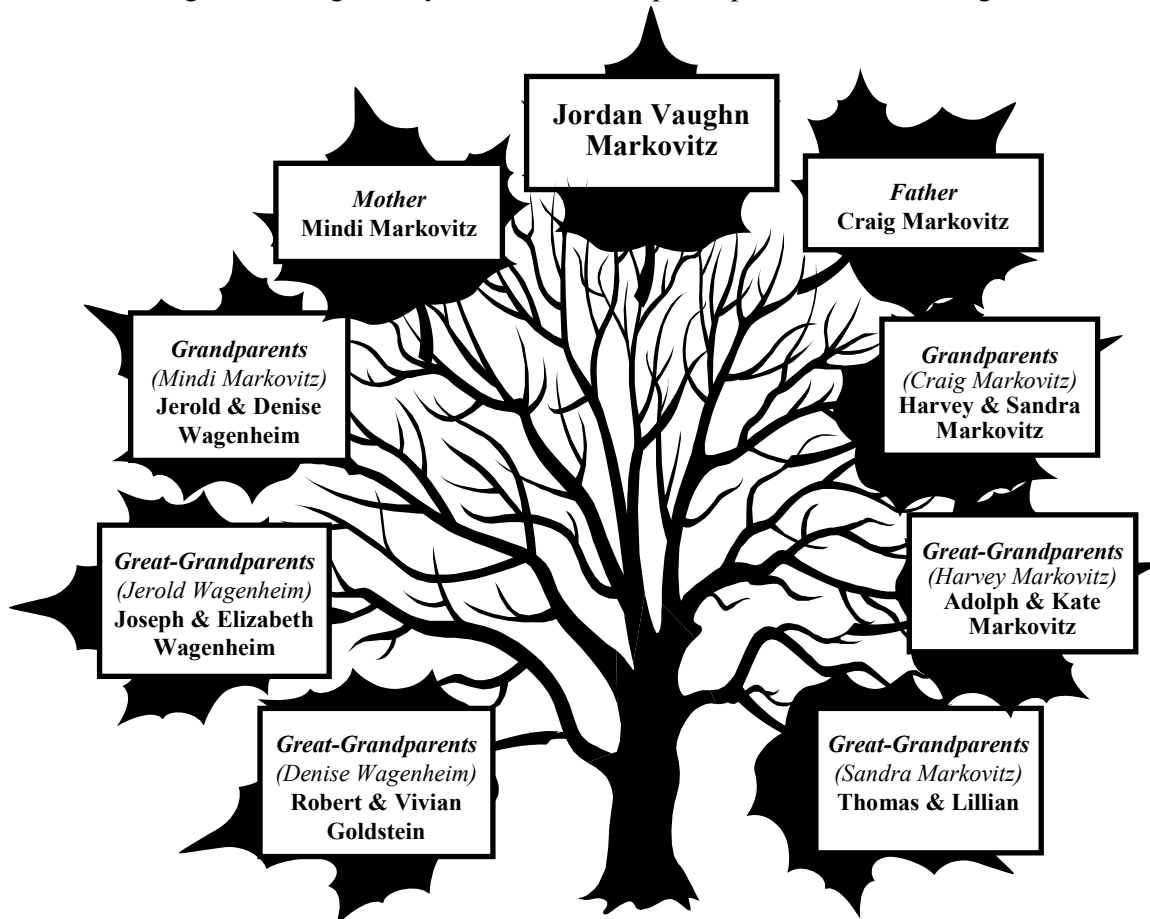
In Pirkei Avot, we are taught that the right path to choose in life is the “one that is honorable in itself and also wins honor from others.” To me, this means that the choices we make should not only feel right internally, but should also reflect the kind of person we want others to see us as. When we make honorable choices, we build self-respect, and over time, we earn the respect of others as well. That respect helps shape our confidence and our character. On the other hand, when we lose respect, either from ourselves or from others, it can really impact how we see ourselves and how we move through the world.

For me, Judaism has always felt like that “right path.” It’s not just something I was born into; it’s something I’ve come to understand and appreciate more deeply as I’ve gotten older. Judaism is built on strong values: learning, family, responsibility, tradition, and community. It encourages us to ask questions, to think, and to grow. It connects us not only to our past, but also to each other, no matter where we are in the world.

At the same time, I know that being Jewish today isn’t always easy. We are living in a time where antisemitism is rising, and there are people who see being Jewish as something negative. That’s difficult and honestly frustrating. But instead of letting that weaken my identity, it has made me more aware of how important it is to stand strong in who I am. I choose not to hide that part of myself. Instead, I’m proud of it.

Judaism has helped guide me in so many areas of my life; as a son, a brother, a student, and a friend. It reminds me to treat people with respect, to take responsibility for my actions, and to try to make thoughtful decisions, even when it’s hard. The values that have been passed down for thousands of years still matter today, and they give me a foundation to rely on as I continue to grow.

As I move forward, I know I won’t always make perfect choices. I do know that I want to keep trying to follow a path that is honorable, not just for others to see, but for myself. My goal is to continue learning, asking questions, and using the lessons Judaism has given me to guide my decisions and shape the person I am becoming.

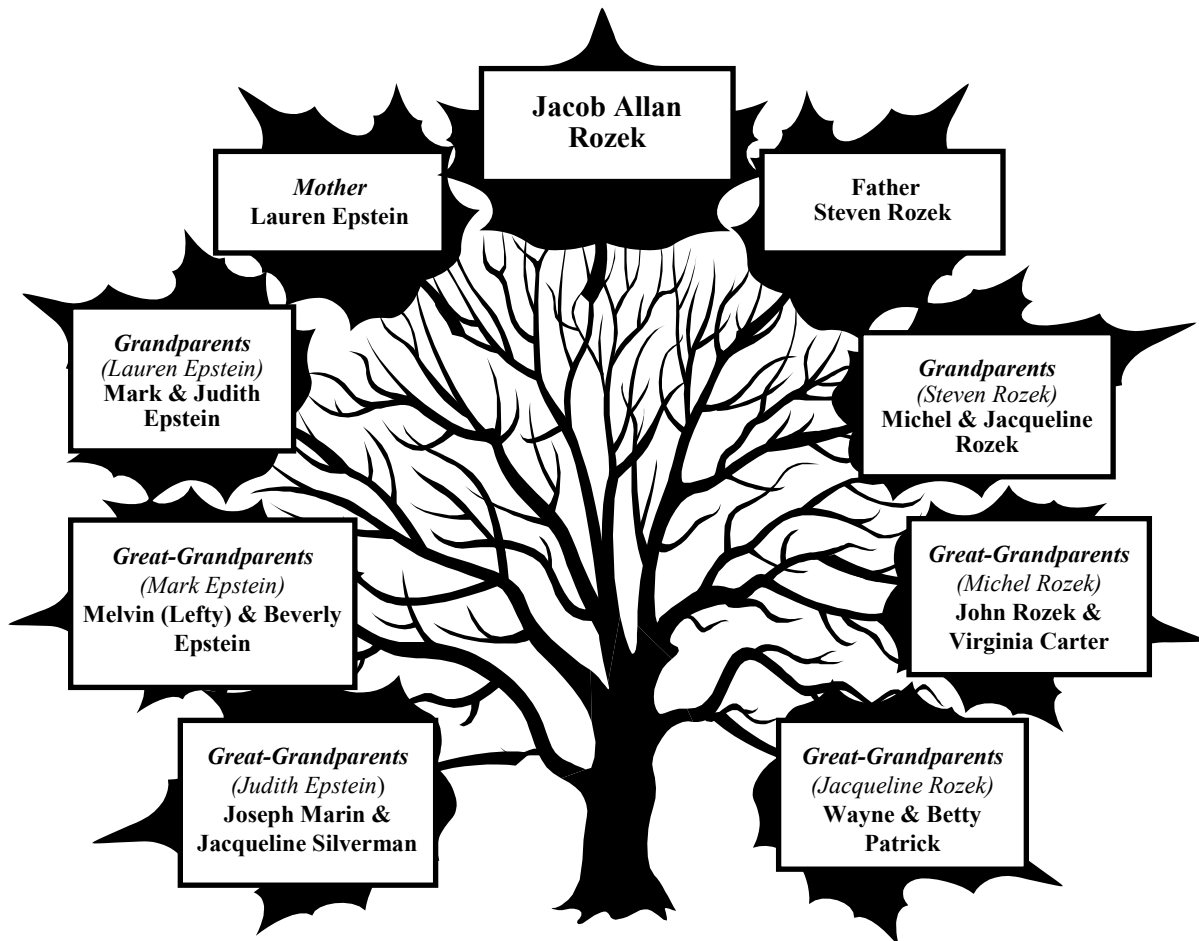


# JACOB ALLAN ROZEK

Shabbat shalom everyone. I want to start off by thanking you all for coming. I also want to thank the synagogue for helping me not only develop my Jewish identity, but also as a person. Rabbi, Cantor, and many others helped me to develop and grow as a Jewish person, and taught me how to navigate the world as one while learning what it means to be Jewish.

The words of Rabbi Yosei Ben Yoezer were recorded in Pirkei Avot. He once said, "Let your house be a meeting place for the wise, sit at their feet always, and drink in their words with thirst." (Pirkei Avot: 1.4) This is an idea that I truly believe in. It represents Temple Shaarei Shalom and the role it has played in my life. When I first started coming here as a little kid I had to learn from people such as Rabbi, Cantor and especially my parents; they were the "wise" ones whose words I had to drink. The more I listened the more I learned, eventually becoming Bar Mitzvah, a madrech, and ultimately a Confirmand. Today I act as a middleman for the wise, helping the next generation learn as I did. I've been a madrech for the last three years, which means I get to come here almost every Sunday and help teach the next generation. I mostly work with Kindergarten and First graders, teaching them about our ancestors and our history, but that's not the only reason why I take my job so seriously. I value my job because I play such a big role in shaping the next generation. I aim to teach them right from wrong and lead them in the right direction. In my future I wish to continue growing my Jewish identity and eventually become one of the "wise" ones that people wish to learn from.

Thank you, to everyone who has gotten me to where I am today.



## The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-14

א וידבר אלהים את כל־הדברים האלה לאמר: ב אנכי יי אלהיך אשר הוצאתיך מארץ מצרים מבית עבדים: ג לא־יהיה לך אלהים אחרים על־פני: ד לא־תעשה לך פסל וכל־תמונה אשר בשמים ממעל ואשר בארץ מתחת ואשר במים מתחת לארץ: ה לא־תשתחוה להם ולא תעבדם כי אנכי יי אלהיך אל קנא פקד עון אבת על־בנים על־שלשים ועל־רבעים לשנאי: ו ועשה חסד לאלפים לאהבי ולשמרי מצותי: ז לא תשא את־שם־יי אלהיך לשוא כי לא ינקה יי את אשר־ישא את־שמו לשוא: ח זכור את־יום השבת לקדשו: ט ששת ימים תעבד ועשית כל־מלאכתך: י ויום השביעי שבת ליי אלהיך לא־תעשה כל־מלאכה אתה | ובנך ובתך עבדך ואמתך ובהמתך וגרך אשר בשעריך: יא כי ששת־ימים עשה יי את־השמים ואת־הארץ את־הים ואת־כל־אשר־בם וינח ביום השביעי על־פן ברוך יי את־יום השבת ויקדשהו: יב כבד את־אביך ואת־אמך למען יארכון ימך על האדמה אשר־יי אלהיך נתן לך: יג לא תרצח לא תנאף לא תגנב לא־תענה ברעך עד שקר: יד לא תחמד בית רעך לא־תחמד אשת רעך ועבדו ואמתו ושורו וחמרו וכל אשר לרעך:

And God spoke all these words, saying:

- I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourselves any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heavens above, or that is in the earth below, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I Adonai your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. And showing mercy to thousands of those who love me, and keep my commandments.
- You shall not take the name of your God in vain; for Adonai will not hold guiltless the one who takes The Name in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Eternal your God; you shall not do any work on that day, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates. For in six days did the Eternal One make the heavens and earth, the seas, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore God blessed the Sabbath Day, and made it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which Adonai your God gives you.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

*All the people saw the thundering, and the lightning, and the sound of the Shofar, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they were shaken, and stood far away.*

