



Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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Discover the Rodeph Shalom Vision Statement

Immersed in Jewish time ♦ Guided by enduring values ♦ Compelled to moral action

We create profound connections

Immersed in Jewish time

Sustained by the sacred rhythms of the Jewish year, pivotal moments of the Jewish life cycle, and generations of Jewish history, we are part of something greater than ourselves. Living in Jewish time teaches us how to express meaning in the everyday, to gather as a community, and to walk with each other through the joys and sorrows of our lives.

Guided by enduring values

The timeless wisdom of our tradition inspires our intentional quest for truth, righteousness, and purpose amid the uncertainties we face in our world. We dedicate ourselves to Judaism's ethical messages to treat each other with loving-kindness. The faithful, the skeptic—and those who perceive God in different ways—wrestle to renew the teachings of Torah for our present and for the future of the Jewish people.

Compelled to moral action

In a broken world, we commit to be a voice of conscience and to engage in the work of social justice. From our doorstep to our neighborhood and beyond, we welcome the stranger and embrace our responsibility to connect with and learn from others.

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We seek meaning in shared experiences and cherish our diverse perspectives. We who are new to synagogue life or have extensive Jewish backgrounds; we who are Jewish or who share our lives with Jews; we who live within different family constellations, who are of all abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, races, and generations: we enter the synagogue to celebrate, to learn, to laugh, to heal, to pray, to challenge ourselves, and to connect with others about the deepest questions of our lives.

Friday, *Shabbat* Evening Service

December 3, 2021 Sixth night of *Hanukkah*

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
Cantor Brad Hyman

***Shabbat* Blessings:** Phoebe Pearl Bonin
daughter of Jennifer Weiner and Adam Bonin
step-daughter of Bill Syken and Lisa Tucker

Noah Max Liebman
son of Allison & Matthew Liebman

on the occasion of becoming *b'nai mitzvah*.

Greeters: Muriel Kudera, Carmen McLeod, Eve Miller

Musicians: Chris Welte, clarinet
Connor Saltzer, percussion
Micah Marder, guitar, vocals
Tom Whitemore, piano

Board Representative: Hank Bernstein

Shabbat Services - Multi-Access

Come in person or via livestream on our website at rodephshalom.org/livestream

New Protocols starting Friday, December 3

- All who are eligible must show proof of vaccination.
- For children on their way to vaccination: Ages 5-11 must show proof of at least the first shot.
- Children of all ages are welcome.
- Congregation (anyone over age 2) will continue to mask and clergy will continue to mask unless leading a part of the service.

How we gather for *Shabbat* Services in-person

- **Masks** – We require congregants to mask indoors. Proper mask wearing is required (covering your nose and mouth). Clergy will unmask when speaking at the *bimah*.
- **Vaccination** – Proof of vaccination is required to attend services. Bring your vaccination card or a picture of it to show to security. All who are unable to be vaccinated are invited to participate via livestream.
- **Social Distancing** – Please ensure that physical contact and proximity to people are mutually welcomed by asking consent. Before sitting next to someone, ask "May I sit here or would you prefer to spread out?"
- **Oneg** – Weather permitting, we will hold *Oneg Shabbat/Kiddush* in the Forman Family Courtyard outdoors, unmasked, so we can enjoy some challah together!
- **Prayerbook** – Looking to follow via livestream with the Shabbat prayerbook? Online, a digital Shabbat prayerbook can be accessed at ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repaginated/ free of charge. A hard copy of the Shabbat prayerbook can be purchased on their website. Page numbers will align with those announced in the sanctuary. Prayerbooks are also available free of charge on our website.

Chanukah Sing-a-long Songs

“Oh, Chanukah” – music by Mordechai Rivesman

Oh Chanukah (2X) come light the menorah, Let's have a party we'll all dance the hora.

Gather round the table we'll give you a treat. Sivivon to play with and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing the candles are burning low.

(One for each night they shed a sweet light to remind us of days long ago.) 2X

“Sufganiyot” – Ellen Allard

Sufganiyot, gonna-gonna make some. Sufganiyot, so yummy in the middle!

Sufganiyot, gonna-gonna make some. Sufgani-gani-ganiyot.

What's in the middle?? (*insert your favorite filling, here!)

What's in the middle?? (whisper, “sufganiyot”)

What's in the middle?? (*insert your favorite filling...)

What's in the middle of my sufganiyot?

“I Am A Latke” – Debbie Friedman

I am so mixed up that I cannot tell you, I'm sitting in this blender turning brown.
I've made friends with the onions and the flour, and the cook is scouting oil in the town.

I sit here wondering what will come of me, I can't be eaten looking as I do.
I need someone to take me out and cook me, or I'll really end up in a royal stew.

Chorus:

I am a latke, I'm a latke
And I am waiting for Chanukah to come
I am a latke, I'm a latke
I am waiting for Chanukah to come.

Every holiday has foods so special, I'd like to have that same attention too,
I do not want to spend life in this blender, wondering what I'm supposed to do.

Matza and choroset are for Pesach, chopped liver and challah for Shabbat
Blintzes on Shavuot are delicious, and gefilte fish no holiday's without.

Chorus

It's important that I have an understanding, of what it is that I'm supposed to do.
You see, there are many who are homeless, with no jobs, no clothes and very little
food.

It's so important that we all remember, that while we have most of the things we need,
We must remember those who have so little. We must help them, we must be the ones
to feed.

Chorus

“Candles of the Menorah” - Music by Joel Sussman.
Words by Joel Sussman and Robbie Solomon.

Oh the winters are cold. So it was on a late December 23rd,
I took my family to see, where America’s founding fathers wrote their words.

As we walked along the way, a homeless person found our gaze,
And candles of the Menorah brightened up the night there in Philadelphia.

One of my children began, “Why is this man lying on the street when it’s so cold?”
How could a child understand, people like us could be safe and warm while someone
froze?

Down the street a well lit store, we bought some blankets, three or four.
And candles brightened up the night there in Philadelphia.

What a way to celebrate the festival of lights.
Perhaps to help in some small way this stranger through the night.
And as my children spoke of it, I saw within their eyes, the candles burning brightly.

Charity’s only a word, until it finds one who’s reaching out to someone else,
Now all of my children have learned Chanukah is a festival for giving help.

The chance is there for just an instant. You and I can make a difference.
As the prophet Elijah cries out “I will be there”
There where freedom’s light began, I would come to understand,
How candles of the Menorah can brighten up your night there in Philadelphia.

“Lots Of Latkes” – music by Jaques Offenbach

Lots of latkes, lots of latkes, lots of latkes, lots! Let’s all eat them up!

Lots of latkes, lots of latkes, lots of latkes, lots! Let’s all eat them up!

S’vivon sov-sov! S’vivon sov-sov! S’vivon sov-sov! S’vivon sov-sov!

S’vivon sov-sov! S’vivon sov-sov! S’vivon sov-sov! S’vivon sov-sov!

Maccabee, Maccabee, Maccabee, Maccabee, Maccabee, Maccabee,

Mac-mac-mac-mac-mac-mac-mac-mac

Maccabee, Maccabee, Maccabee, Maccabee,

Maccabee, Maccabee, Mac...mac...mac!

In Memoriam: November 28, 2021 to December 4, 2021

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Robert Allman	Kenneth Goodrich	George A. Mostert
Ida Alsher	Blanche R. Greenberg	Elias Nusbaum
Lewis Amsterdam	Joseph Gritz	Aaron Pardys
Peggy Ashner	Miriam Rosenblatt Hecht	Paul Pardys
Ethel Mae Bell	Sophia Herrin	Helene Peck
Selma Berkman	M. Henry Hess	Ethel Pollack
Raymond Berland	Eleanor Hutner	Samuel Radbill
Sylvain K. Bernstein, Jr.	Rebecca Karp	Howard Reses
Reuben Borenstein	Lucien Katzenberg, Sr.	Yetta Richman
Miriam Butler	Jacob Katzenstein	Philip B. Robinson
Joel Claster	Virginia Stern Kaufman	Mathilde Frankel Rose
Sylvia Clyman	Robert J. Klein	Joyce Ann Rosenbloom
Kalman Cohen	Jennie Goodman Kohn	Charlotte Rosenthal
Saul Z. Cole	Mildred Goldschild Lax	Bertha Rosskam
Stella Cole	Lee Lazarus	William B. Rudenko
Bernard Cowitz	Bernard Leibowitz	Elliott Sacks
Stella Sacks Cravis	Micky Lev	Louis Saller
Jerry Davidoff	Jane Gundersheimer Levy	Simon Sandberg
Charles B. Davis	Luis Levy	Max Schultz
Miriam Joan Dintenfass	Rose Serfer Lindsay	Fannie M. Stein
Rose Smith Ehrlich	Sara Lipner	Herman Sternberg
Amelia Mayer Feldenheimer	Samuel A. Loewenberg	Albert R. Taxin
Paula Cohen Franks	Sigfried Loewenthal	Rose Cooper Wice
Bertha Lax Frisco	Roberta Lee Magaziner	Maxine Wylen
Louis Gerstley	Fannie Deshure Malmud	Martin Zapletal
Louis Gerstley, Jr.	Alexander Meilijzon	Richard Zeitlin
Donald Goldenberg	Sallie Weiss Mezey	
Dorothy Goldman	Rose Millman	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Helen Abrams

Joan Brandeis

Madeline Soloff Bernstein

Joseph Yamron

May the source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved

RS Community Events

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. in-person, indoors

This service is a time for babies, tots, preschoolers, and their families to gather for singing, dancing and storytelling.. RSVP to Andi Miller at amiller@rodephshalom.org.

Torah Queeries

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Dive into the weekly portion and more at Torah Queeries with Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please visit <https://rodephshalom.org/calendar/> to join through Zoom.

Mitzvah Meals: Showing the love to fellow congregants

Wednesday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m. in-person in the RS Kitchen

Volunteers are welcome to help shop, cook, bake and/or deliver meals to provide to our member families in the midst of personal transitions such as surgeries, illness or new babies. Due to the pandemic, we are limiting the number in the kitchen to ten and requiring masks and vaccinations. Sign up for this session or future dates by visiting our website: <https://rodephshalom.org/mitzvahmeals/>. Questions? Contact Cheryl Dougherty at cdougherty16@gmail.com.

ReadRS Book Discussion: *Jews Don't Count*

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at RS and on Zoom

Join for a lively discussion with Rabbi Eli Freedman of David Baddiel's *Jews Don't Count*. See the discussion questions: <https://rodephshalom.org/readrs-rs-book-club/>. Contact Elaine Jaskol Crane at elainejaskol1@gmail.com.

Days of Learning: Jews on Broadway

Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in-person at RS and Zoom

Our own RS Days of Learning production, Jews on Broadway, is reopening in person in the Community Room and on Zoom. Our three stars, Lou Bernstein, Jon Broder, and Cantor Brad Hyman, will entertain you with live and recorded music of Jewish Broadway stars from Eddie Cantor to Ben Platt. Come for an evening of fun and learning!

Register at <https://rodephshalom.org/event/days-of-learning-jews-on-broadway/>

In the Community

Family Support Group Invitation (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom

Are you living with or caring for someone with a serious mental health disorder? Would you like to engage your spirituality in coping with the pain and stress you are experiencing? Healing Spirits, a non-sectarian spiritual support group, will offer a safe and loving environment for family members of people living with mental illness to gather and explore with one another ways in which spirituality can provide added support to us on our journey with our loved one.

Register at <https://namiphilly.org/nami-online-support-registration.html>

National Alliance on Mental Illness Philadelphia Virtual Support Groups

All groups are free and confidential, with facilitators trained by NAMI. For a list of groups and meeting times, visit <https://namiphilly.org/nami-online-support-registration.html>

Jewish Relief Agency Volunteer Opportunities

Sign-up to pack boxes of food, deliver them to families in need, create artwork to include in the boxes, and more. Visit the JRA calendar of events at <https://jewishrelief.org/calendar>.

Red Cross Blood Drive in Our Neighborhood

For information on nearby blood drives, contact Kristin McKale at Kristin.mckale@redcross.org with questions. Location: Conference Rooms D,E,F- 700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: ARC Community.

Welcome to Congregation Rodeph Shalom

Who is welcome here at Congregation Rodeph Shalom?

Whether you are...

- ◆ Black, brown, white, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, or multi-racial
- ◆ Queer, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or straight
- ◆ Three days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old
- ◆ Single, married, with/without kids, divorced, widowed, or partnered
- ◆ Living in Philadelphia, the suburbs, or elsewhere
- ◆ Struggling with addictions or know someone in that position
- ◆ A student, looking for a job, or gainfully employed
- ◆ Disabled, able-bodied, or a person of differing abilities
- ◆ Neurodiverse or neurotypical
- ◆ New to Judaism or a lifelong member
- ◆ Seeking your path, Jewish or not

You belong here at Rodeph Shalom!

Where equity, inclusion, and diversity are our congregational values!

We would like to follow-up with you...

Please contact: Steven Share, Membership Manager via email at sshare@rodephshalom.org.

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