

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

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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 Parashat Eikev August 19, 2022

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,

and Cantor Brad Hyman

Shabbat Blessing: Philippe Weisz, Aviva Weisz and Samuel Weisz

Wedding Blessing: Emily Alexander & Benjamin Behrend,

children of

Lori Paster & Gary Paster Lori Davne & Keith Alexander and Susan & Daniel Behrend

Greeters: Jordan Marks, Kateryna and Dmitriy Melnychuk

Musicians: Mark Allen, clarinet

Joe Nero, percussion

AJ Luca, piano

Bimah Guest: Hank Bernstein

Saturday Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Eikev August 20, 2022

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer

"Prayer for Healing" - Todd Herzog

(Eil na r'fa na la, r'fa na lanu) 2x

Dear God of our ancestors Help us renew our faith Grant us a perfect healing Bring peace to all our days (dear God of our ancestors)(help us renew our faith)(grant us a perfect healing)(bring peace to all our days)

Chorus...

Restore our strength of body
Help clarify our minds
Refresh our tired spirits
Rejuvenate our light

(restore our strength of body)(help clarify our minds)(refresh our tired spirits)(rejuvenate our light)

Chorus...

Thank you for all these blessings
Throughout our days and nights
We celebrate the journey
This precious gift of life

(thank you for all these blessings)
(throughout our days and nights)
(we celebrate the journey)
(this precious gift of life)

Chorus...

In Memoriam: August 14, 2022 to August 20, 2022 Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Suzanne Albert Susan Axler Joel Becker Alyn Esther Bergsmann Sylvain K. Bernstein, Sr. Max Brenman Barbara Srenco Brier J. Stanley Cohen Evelyn Cohn Naomi Diamond Marvin Mordecai Ellenbogen Laura Epstein Ada L. Schwam Ettelson Sylvia Fair David Feld Jenny Fink David C. Finston Janet Schafer Fleisher Hortense Langsdorf Fox Mabel S. Fridenberg Issac Metzle Garfield Flora Miller Goldsmith Samuel Gorchov Isadore Edward Gordon Ethel Sablosky Greenhouse Milton E. Gundersheimer Fanny Hassler

Rhoda Nusbaum Heimerdinger Louise S. Herzberg Margaret G. Jacobs Samuel S. Kalisher Frances Kanoff Theodore J. Kauders Ronald Kelley Simon Kirschbaum Horace Kohn Sidney O. Krasnoff Karen Krum Jeffrey Laaff Allen Joseph Lauber Claire Levy Levi Cecile F. Levine Morris Lifter Cora L. Mayer Beverly McDowell Gordan McDowell Daniel T. Morris Robert Nemiroff Mollie Seidmann Raab Louis E. Rudow Paula Sayles Bernard Schachman Bennett Schlenger Gordon F. Schwartz Sadie G. Schwartz

Steven M. Seder Alexander Sherman Mark Sigismund Mildred M. Sigismund Louis Silverman Morris Silverstein Ethel M. Simon **David Singer** Jacob Snyder Isolda Solo William R. Sommer Lee Stanley Bayard C. Stone Rosa Strousse Leon C. Sunstein Betty Tassman Sylvia Thomas Harry Trobman Alexander L. Vogelson Sylvia Weisz Henry M. Wexelblat Flossie Willis Peter Winokur, Jr. Joseph M. Winston Goldina Wolf Lillian Wolff Reba Wood Evelyn D. Zal

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Joel Eichen Samuel Marein-Efron Joyce Neff Nancy Shrier

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

RS Community Events

Get Out and Vote! Religious Action Center: Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign

Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 p.m. at RS

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. at RS

Sunday, August 28, at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Campaign Postcard Program: https://rac.org/take-action/every-voice-every-vote/every-vote/every-voice-every-vote-take-action

The Sage Hillel taught "Al tifros min hatzibur, Do not separate yourself from the community" (Pirkei Avot 2:5). Moreover, it is our responsibility to play an active role in our community and choosing its leaders.

Engage under-represented voters. Efforts include voter education and helping people register and making a plan to vote.

Register to participate here; indicate you are a postcard group member. When registering, select in-person or virtual attendance: https://urj.tfaforms.net/730

Young Friends: POOL: A Social History of Segregation Saturday, August 27, at 11:00 a.m. at Water Works

Tour the exhibit at Water Works and then have a BYO picnic lunch and discussion with Jerry Silverman on the history of keeping Jews out of country clubs and about how Jews have been segregated at pools. Free admission. Contact Noah Levine (nlevine@rodephshalom.org) for information and to RSVP.

RS Women: *Rosh Chodesh* New Moon Gathering: Jewish Women Activists Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. at RS and on Zoom

Bring magazines, photos, newspapers, or other material that speaks to you about social justice in the new year. We will be creating a social justice vision board to inspire our work for 5783! Contact Ellen Poster (ellenajme@aol.com) for information and to RSVP.

A Moment in Front of the Ark

Every Monday, August 29 through September 19 (closed Labor Day) 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at RS

Reflect in front of the ark during the month of Elul, the Hebrew month preceding Rosh Hashanah. Sign up for your time here: http://calendly.com/momentattheark/schedule

Contact Sophia Schwab (<u>sschwab@rodephshalom.org</u>) if you need help setting up your visit.

RS Community Events

Register Now for the Upcoming School Year!

Berkman Mercaz Limud begins on Sunday, September 11. Locate your personalized email registration link (email titled "Student Registration 2022-2023") sent to congregants with school-aged children or teens (Pre-K through 12th grade in 2022-23). For more information, contact Yolanda Jordan (yjordan@rodephshalom.org)

Are you a parent or grandparent interested in childcare in a warm and nurturing environment? The **Buerger Early Learning Center** provides a full day early childcare program for ages 6 weeks through 5 years old that weaves Jewish values and traditions into our everyday curriculum. Contact Andi Miller (amiller@rodephshalom.org) for information on the Judaic curriculum. Contact Leah Briggin, Center Director (leah.briggin@brighthorizons.com), to set up a tour.

Breaking Bread on Broad: Volunteers Needed! Wednesday Mornings at RS

Breaking Bread on Broad (https://rodephshalom.org/breakingbreadonbroad/) works to meet the needs of our neighbors in need by distributing food, diapers, and menstrual products every Wednesday morning at the Green Street entrance. Volunteers are needed between 7:00-10:00 a.m. Contact bbob@rodephshalom.org.

Sing Together in Shireinu, the RS Youth Choir

Sundays following Berkman Mercaz Limud beginning September 18

If you have a child entering 3rd through 12th grades, we invite you to *Shireinu* to share your amazing voice with our congregation and for opportunities to sing in and around Philadelphia, as well as planned trips. Rehearsals take place on Sundays following Berkman Mercaz Limud beginning September 18, with pizza and time with friends. Save the date for a special rehearsal prior to High Holy Day services on Saturday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. with all choirs.

Register here and be sure to provide your t-shirt size: https://cantorbrad.wufoo.com/forms/shireinu-signup/

Generously sponsored by Dona Horowitz-Behrend & David Behrend.

Teen Israel Trip

December 2022

Rodeph Shalom teens will encounter the wonders and complexities of Israel through a Reform Zionist lens, bond over an amazing shared experience, and deepen their Jewish identities and connections. Contact Jennifer James (jjames@rodephshalom.org), to register your teen in 8th-12th grade or for more information.

Welcome to Congregation Rodeph Shalom

Who belongs 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 hear from you! Please contact: Steven Share, Membership Manager via email at sshare@rodephshalom.org.

Thank you to our EID (Equity, Inclusion, Diversity) Task Force for its ongoing leadership, crafting the above message, and helping to pursue our congregational vision.

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