



Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

Jill L. Maderer, Senior Rabbi
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Bradley D. Hyman, Cantor
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Andrea S. Miller, Buerger Early Learning Center Jewish Engagement

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 Vayetzei

December 2, 2022

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Serena Krouk
daughter of Gabriella Gutman & Andrew Krouk
on the occasion of becoming a *bat mitzvah*
- Greeters:** Muriel Kudera, Jordan Marks
- Musicians:** Gabe Preston, clarinet;
Connor Saltzer, percussion;
AJ Luca, piano
- Bimah* Guest:** Hank Bernstein

Shabbat Services - Multi-Access

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

In-Person Worship & Event Protocols:

- Use of masks is optional.
- Vaccination is expected, but proof will not be checked. All who are eligible are expected to be vaccinated.
- Within and beyond RS, there are cases of COVID, and with in-person experiences increasing, our exposure does as well. If you test positive, please let those with whom you were in direct contact know.
- See here for more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/tell-your-contacts.pdf>
- If you are experiencing symptoms, please participate via livestream.

Livestream:

- All who are unable to be vaccinated are invited to participate via livestream: rodephshalom.org/livestream
- 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.

In Memoriam: November 27 to December 3, 2022

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Helen Abrams	Kenneth Goodrich	Rose Millman
Robert Allman	Blanche R. Greenberg	George A. Mostert
Ida Alsher	Joseph Gritz	Helene Peck
Lewis Amsterdam	Mary Bert Gutman	Ethel Pollack
Peggy Ashner	Miriam Rosenblatt Hecht	Herman Poul
Jacob Batt	Sophia Herrin	Samuel Radbill
Selma Berkman	M. Henry Hess	Leah G. Rappaport
Ruth Brodsky	Fredric Kahan	Philip B. Robinson
Robert L. Ceisler	Rebecca Karp	Joyce Ann Rosenbloom
Joel Claster	Jacob Katzenstein	Charlotte Rosenthal
Sylvia Clyman	Virginia Stern Kaufman	Bertha Rosskam
Kalman Cohen	Jennie Goodman Kohn	Anna Friedman Rubinsohn
Saul Z. Cole	Anna Krieger	William B. Rudenko
Stella Cole	Kate Meyer Laib	Elliott Sacks
Bernard Cowitz	Mildred Goldschild Lax	Louis Saller
Jerry Davidoff	Lee Lazarus	Simon Sandberg
Susanna K. DeLaurentis	Fred G. Leebron	Sheldon Shore
Miriam Joan Dintenfass	Bernard Leibowitz	Felix Shoyer
Rose Smith Ehrlich	Micky Lev	Miriam Silverman
Anna Zimmerman Ettelson	Carl Levenson	Nathan Spells
Bertha Lax Frisco	Jane Gundersheimer Levy	Fannie M. Stein
Louis Gerstley	Rose Serfer Lindsay	Herman Sternberg
Louis Gerstley, Jr.	Herbert M. Linsenberg	Albert R. Taxin
Harry Goberman	Sigfried Loewenthal	Anna B. Weise
Anne Goldberg	Alexander Meilijzon	Rose Cooper Wice
Dorothy Goldman	Lillian Margulies Meizlik	Richard Zeitlin

***Shloshim* (30 days of mourning)**

Rona Thelma Golomb Beatrice S Rossman
Morton "Bud" Rothschild Rochelle Schlesinger

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

RS Community Events

Days of Learning: For Congregants, By Congregants

Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9

Laugh and learn together in our fall 2022 Days of Learning classes.

Tell some jokes, marvel at the beauty of a Modigliani painting, engage in a conversation about our multifaceted American Jewish identity during a tour constructed just for us at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, learn about the history of Israel through two hundred years of one family's story from Vilna to modern Israel, or participate in our other classes. Our fellow congregants and clergy have designed these classes for you.

Read class descriptions here: <https://rodephshalom.org/days-of-learning-fall-2022/>

Register for class sessions here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5022871>

Jewish Cookbook Club

Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. at RS

Let's try something new this *Hanukkah*. Instead of making your favorite latkes, perhaps try making *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts) or a different kind of latke! Choose a recipe, cook it, and bring it to share! RSVP here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5022842>

Torah Queeries

Tuesday, December 6—6:00 p.m. dinner at RS, 7:00 p.m. discussion at RS and on Zoom; & the first Tuesday of every month

Come to this *Torah* Study through a queer lens with Rabbi Nikki DeBlosi, sponsored by pRiSm. Pizza provided or BYO dinner. If you cannot attend in person, join on Zoom. Open to all. RSVP here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5022814>

Mitzvah Meals

Wednesday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. at RS

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. Questions? Contact Cheryl Dougherty (cdougherty16@gmail.com).

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3ycFWR1>

NEW: Anti-Semitism Task Force

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at RS

The Rodeph Shalom Anti-Semitism Task Force will hold its inaugural meeting, during which we will connect, share stories, and develop proactive steps for dealing with Anti-Semitism here in Philadelphia and beyond. Please join us. Contact Co-Chairs Karen Edelstein (karenrwe@aol.com) or Debra Poul (debra.poul@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

Celebrate Hanukkah with RS

Latke/Vodka *Hanukkah* Celebration

Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Isn't it time to get together with friends again? Enjoy dinner, featuring latkes and a signature vodka drink, and discover the history of the Rodeph Shalom Torahs. Your participation helps support our philanthropic year. Attendance included for our patrons.

Price and registration information, including how to become a patron, at the link here:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5026866>

Contact Nancy Uffner (nuffner@comcast.net) for information.

Families with Young Children *Hanukkah* Sing-along

Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate *Hanukkah* with a sing-along, arts & crafts, and special *Hanukkah*-themed treats. Learn more about our Buerger Early Learning Center by taking a tour offered at this time.

RSVP to Andi Miller (amiller@rodephshalom.org)

Pre-*Hanukkah* Shabbat Service with Sing-along featuring *Makheilah, Ani*

Kinor*: The RS Orchestra, & *Shireinu

Friday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

At this *Shabbat* service, hear voices united in prayer and song. Our adult *Makheilah* Choir and our youth *Shireinu* Choir will sing *Hanukkah* melodies.

Shireinu is generously sponsored by Dona Horowitz-Behrend & David Behrend.

Bring a new blanket to donate to HIAS PA, which will bring comfort and warmth to the refugee families that they serve.

Blankets will be collected through Friday, December 30.

Kindle Your *Hanukkiah* Lights in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 23 at 5:45 p.m.

Light your *Hanukkiah* on the *bimah* at 5:45 p.m.

A festive *oneg* will be held following the *Shabbat* evening service.

Hanukkah Blessings

Recite the *Hanukkah* blessings along with Cantor Hyman as you light your *menorah* each night:

<https://rodephshalom.org/hanukkah-blessings/>

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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