



**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.

### **We create profound connections**

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 Beshalach***

### **January 26, 2024**

**Led by:** Rabbi Eli Freedman, Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell  
and Cantor Brad Hyman

**Greeters:** Patrick Farrell, Muriel Kudera, Ellen Poster

***Bimah* Guest:** Laurel Glaser

**Musicians:** Mark Allen, clarinet  
AJ Luca, piano  
Joe Nero, percussion

# **Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service**

## **January 27, 2023**

**Led by:** Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell

## **“You Are The One – Reb Nachman’s Prayer”**

by Deborah Lynn Friedman

You are the One, for this I pray, that I may have the strength to be alone.  
To see the world, to stand among the trees, and all the living things.  
That I may stand alone, and offer prayers and talk to You. You are the One to whom I  
do belong.  
And I’ll sing my soul, I’ll sing my soul to You and give You all that’s in my heart.

May all the foliage of the fields, all grasses, trees and plants  
Awaken at my coming this I pray and send their life into my words of prayer.  
So that my speech, my thoughts and my prayers will be made whole.  
And through the spirit of all growing things.  
And we know that everything is one... because we know that everything is You.

You are the One, for this I pray, I ask You, God, to hear my words  
That pour out from my heart. I stand before you- I, like water, lift my hands to you in  
prayer.  
And grant me strength, and grant me strength to be alone.  
You are the One to whom I do belong.  
And I’ll sing my soul, I’ll sing my soul to You and give You all that’s in my heart.

You are the One, for this I pray and I’ll sing my soul to You.

# **In Memoriam: January 21 to January 27, 2023**

*Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)*

Lina Bachrach	Fannie E. Harrison	Lillie Friedmann Pearlman
Claire Berkowitz	Fannie Heltzer	Faye Platzker
Julian Bers	Emilie Hart Hess	Martin J. Polikoff
Elsa Block	Caroline Jacobs	Benjamin Samuel Reich
Celia Bowman	Levi Nathan Kahn	Isaac M. Rod
E. Fred Brecher	Elizabeth Nussbaum Kapp	Anne Rosenbaum
Philip Breman	Jacob Karp	Frieden Rosenberg
Enid Broder	Herbert Kates	Harold J. Rubin
Katherine M. Buchsbaum	Marcus Katz	Benjamin Ruvel
Benjamin H. Buchsbaum	Judith Kaye	Alvin E. Samuels
Maurice J. Cooper	Joseph Kemper	Maurice Sayles
Blanche C. Daniels	Jack Kessler	Philip A. Sellers
Lucy DeLaurentis	Nathan Kessler	Robert Silver
Mark Dorfman	Sarah Kessler	George Joseph Silverman
Rhona W. Ellis	DeVere Kostoff	Rocelia Jacobs Simon
Joan Els	Esther W. Lefton	Samuel B. Skolnick
E. Stephen Emanuel	Lidiya Levina	Muriel Kirschner Skolnick
Miriam Wolf Epstein	Morris Levison	Miriam Spear
Rose F. Ettelson	Richard Langsdorf Levy	Edward Spector
Jennie Falkin	Anthony Z. Lieberman	Harvey B. Spiegel
Manfred J. Flock	Ruth Lindauer	Abraham Stern
Bryson Flora	Norman L. Lorch	Debbie L. Stern
Leon S. Forman	Scott Lyons	Rose Stoumen
Anne Foster	Kenneth G. Martin	Sarah Swartz
Solomon Samuel Fridenberg	Morris Mezey	Peggy Swartz
Howard Friedman	Carl Miller	Floyd Whellan
Robert A. Glant	Louis L. Mink	William Wiener
Esther Glass Goldman	Jerome B. Muchnick	Morris A. Wilensky
Cecelia Kohn Goodman	Jill Myers	Edwin David Wolf
Freda Gordon	Isaac D. Mylish	David Yamron
Joel Green	Jeffrey Nissman	

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

Sandra Greenfield Basickes    Janet Benesch    Merton Hedson    Marian Wolgin

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

# RS Community Events

## **Benefit Concert for Israel**

**Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m. at RS**

Featuring cantors from the region performing to benefit Hostages and Missing Families Forum (<https://stories.bringthemhomenow.net/>) to help bring all hostages home, now.

\$18/person; \$54/household of three or more. Donations of \$180 or more will be listed in the program.

Register here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5104668>

## **Young Friends Ice Cream Social**

**Friday, February 9 following the *Shabbat* evening service at RS**

Come to Shabbat Services then schmooze over ice cream with new and old friends. We will provide information on what Young Friends will look like and share some exciting plans we have in store. Contact Liane Friedberg ([Youngfriendsrs@gmail.com](mailto:Youngfriendsrs@gmail.com)).

Register here: <https://bit.ly/48Jtmd6>

## **ouRSelves Hidden RS Tour & Lunch**

**Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. at RS**

Ever wonder what the RS basement looked like? Or where some of those staircases went? Did you know that there used to be an apartment for the caretaker in the building? Take a tour of some of the hidden spaces of RS led by architect Michael Hauptman and join us for lunch afterward out of the building. ouRSelves is a connection group for those 36-49 years old who do not have children by choice or by chance. Contact Jenni Russell ([jennirussell@hey.com](mailto:jennirussell@hey.com)) for more information.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3UcOqUU>

### **Submission Deadline Extended!**

#### **Open Call to Philadelphia Artists: Renewal and Hope Exhibition**

The Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art (PMJA) at Rodeph Shalom has a long tradition of art exhibitions.

Our intention with this Open Call is to ask artists to reflect upon the theme of “Renewal and Hope”--to find meanings that give expression to this concept in your artworks.

We invite all professional artists to submit two-dimensional artwork by February 19, 2024 to [pmja@rodephshalom.org](mailto:pmja@rodephshalom.org) for consideration as we reopen the Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art’s exhibition programming.

For more information: <http://rodephshalom.org/philadelphia-museum-of-jewish-art>

# RS Community Events

## ReadRS

**Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at RS**

The next iteration of ReadRS will focus on banned books. In the face of the concerted effort to silence important books and authors across the country, RS will shine a light on these works as we read and discuss them together. Our next (banned) book will be the Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel *Maus: A Survivor's Tale*. Contact Howard Green ([greenhl@gmail.com](mailto:greenhl@gmail.com)) or Jordan Marks ([jordanimarks@gmail.com](mailto:jordanimarks@gmail.com)) for more information.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3OgA4yZ>

## Social Justice at RS

### Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting

**Wednesday, January 31 at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Discuss plans for the task force moving forward, our role in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Coalition of Synagogues to Reduce Gun Violence, and initiatives by RAC-PA and CeaseFirePA to support legislation aimed at reducing gun violence. Join Zoom here: <https://bit.ly/42eXfzt>

RSVP to Doug Rosenblum ([dougrozenblum@gmail.com](mailto:dougrozenblum@gmail.com)).

### Call Your Legislator to Support an Assault Weapons Ban

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Judiciary Committee advanced a ban on selling assault weapons. Now we need to get a vote on the House floor. Click here to learn more about how you can help pass legislation to ban assault weapons.

Building on the Jan. 24 remarks at RS by Congressman Jamie Raskin and Doug Rosenblum, chair of the RS Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, click here for the call to action so you can help address universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders: <https://bit.ly/3S4PEyM>

### Interfaith Relationship Building with POWER

**Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Spirit and Truth Fellowship Church (4400 N. 6th St.)**

POWER Interfaith (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild) is hosting a relationship-building dinner for North Philadelphia congregations to begin conversations about issues facing Philadelphians in our area. Contact Laurel Glaser ([laurel.glaser@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.glaser@gmail.com)) with questions and to RSVP.

# 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, Senior Membership & Community Engagement Manager (he/him)  
via email at [sshare@rodephshalom.org](mailto: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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