



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

Parashat Tazria

April 12, 2024

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Etta Palley,
daughter of Julie & Josh Palley,
on the occasion of becoming a *bat mitzvah*
- Conversion Blessing:** Marissa DeCesaris
- Covenant Ceremony:** Bella Rae Cohen,
daughter of Mia & Brett Cohen,
granddaughter of Wendy and Richard Cohen
and Laura and Victor DePallo
- Greeters:** Paula Fuchsberg, Paula Sitelman
- Bimah* Guest:** Gary Silverman
- Musicians:** Alan Green, clarinet
Conner Saltzer, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

“Hashkiveinu” - Jeremy Sipe and Ian Campbell

הַשְּׂכִיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם,
וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵנוּ לְתַיִם, לְתַיִם

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha'amideinu shom'reinu l'chayim, l'chayim

Shelter us with Your peace, and let all of our worries release.

All of us, beneath Your wings.

Guard our hearts, protect our souls. Let us rise up completed and whole.

All of us, beneath Your wings.

וּפְרוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ, לְתַיִם וּלְשָׁלוֹם, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

Uf'ros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha, l'chayim ul'shalom, mei'ata v'ad olam

(Spread over us a shelter of your peace... for life and for peace, now and forever.)

Not able to join us in person? Livestream Friday night services here:

rodephshalom.org/livestream

Looking to follow via livestream with the *Shabbat* prayerbook? A *Shabbat* prayerbook can be purchased at ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repaginated/. Page numbers will align with those announced in the sanctuary.

In Memoriam: April 7 to April 13, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Hattie B. Alkus	Charles Goldberg	Graciela Mauri Padilla
Essie B. Asher	Lillian W. Goldberg	Harry Pearlman
Allen Auerbach	Hannah Brafman Goodman	Jacob B. Ribakoff
Herman Ball	Albert E. Goodman	Eugene J. Ribakoff
Nancy Belardo	Alyce Greenfield	Barbara Richter-Ridnell
Edith Bonin	Benjamin A. Gross	Victor Rosenberg
Jane K. Brody	Lynda Gross	Betty S. Rosenfeld
Milton Budin	Harry W. Hauptman	Adolph I. Rosenheim
Harry Lewis Chern	Helen Hauptman	Theresa Rosenzweig
Solita Cohn	Irma Brown Henly	Lena Frank Schwab
Beatrice Spector Daroff	Ben Kabakow	Bella Sernoff
Henry I. Dewolf	Gladys Kates	Benjamin Singer
Ethel Shamansky Dragics	Julius Kauderer	Reda Claire Garfield Smith
Lois Elkman	Elizabeth Kessler	Lillian Spain
Louis Ettelson	Shirley Klehr	Nina Spinelli
Bernard Feigenberg	Arthur Krieger	Joseph Stern
Jacob Feinstein	Sidney Kroll	Moses Stern
Miriam G. Feldman	J. Frederick Laucius	Bertha B. Tamarin
Peter Feuer	Geraldine 'Jerry' Lazarus	Pauline Brenner Tannenholz
Allan Finer	Mildred Lefkoe	Regina Teller
Herbert Fischman	Rose Levi	Eileen Falkin Toll
Perry Frankel	Arthur Loeb	Marsha Walker
Rose R. Fuchs	Hazel Lyman	Gary H. Weiss
Janis G Garson	Ed Maene	Andres "Bandi" Weisz
Lottie G. Gerstley	Yale M. Mann	Amy Wolgin Wiener
Harriette Getzow	Sylvia P. Mesirov	Elayne Stein Wolf
Mary L. Glass	Phyllis Anathan Meyers	Sarah Wolf
Donald J. Goldberg	Herbert Myers	Ida Wright

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Cecilie Block Judith S. Engel Richard P. Jaffe Nancy Kaplan

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

RS Community Events

iEngage Series with Rick Berkman

Sundays, April 14, April 28, and May 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn from Rick Berkman about Israel's history to understand Israel today, using materials from the Shalom Hartman iEngage curriculum. No previous Israel knowledge required. Sponsored by Israel ConnectRS. For RS congregants only. RSVP to Sophia Schwab (clergyoffice@rodephshalom.org).

Israel ConnectRS

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. at RS & Zoom

Beth Schonberger, Philadelphia Regional Director of United Hatzalah, will discuss how United Hatzalah provides emergency medical treatment in Israel. RSVP to Ned Hanover (nedhanover@gmail.com).

Focus on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: "Zionism & the Evolution of U.S. Foreign Policy"

Tuesday, April 16 a 6:30 p.m at RS

This group provides a safe place for members to gather to learn, talk, listen and share our feelings, focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, with respect for different opinions. We will hold sessions on modern history, the current crisis, and possible solutions for a lasting peace. Our emphasis is on achieving civil rights and human rights for all Palestinians, Israelis, and other groups living in the area, based on Jewish values and the humanity of all people. RSVP to Sophia Schwab (clergyoffice@rodephshalom.org).

On Friday, April 19, please join us as we pray for the families of those held hostage by Hamas, through *Shabbat* prayer, music, and reflection. As we prepare to celebrate Passover, the holiday that commemorates our ancestors' deliverance from oppression to freedom, we will show our collective commitment to profiling the plight of the hostages, and working to effect their release. After services, congregants are encouraged to sustain themselves with light refreshments, while writing brief messages of solidarity and support to the families of those who perished in the conflict, and those who remain in captivity. Please plan on participating in this truly special *Shabbat* experience.

RS Community Events

Second Night Seder

Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the second night of Passover with your RS community! Contact Alyssa Geller (ageller@rodephshalom.org) with questions. Best efforts will be made to accommodate your requests; seating location cannot be guaranteed.

Discover the details and register online here: bit.ly/secondnightseder2024

All are welcome. For members experiencing financial challenges, please contact Jeff Katz (jkatz@rodephshalom.org). Registrations are due **Friday, April 12.**

Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art: "Arise & Away: An Exhibition of Renewal & Hope" Opening & Reception

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Join for the opening reception of this new exhibit -- a juried show of diverse regional Philadelphia artists whose work responds to the theme of hope & renewal.

Thank you to our chairperson Robin Blumenfeld.

Jewish Labor Seder

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Congregation Rodeph Shalom and The Philadelphia Jewish Labor Committee are proud to host the 2024 "Bobbi Willig" Labor Seder.

While Labor *Seders* are an opportunity for the organized Jewish and Labor Communities to "Break Bread" (or *Matzah*) and celebrate freedom together, this year's theme is Overcoming Hate Through Unity.

Cost: \$36/ person. RSVP to Michael Hersch at mhersch@comcast.net or 215-668-5454 by April 11.

Days of Learning: Created by Congregants, for Congregants

May 6 - May 13

Our ten classes, including a day trip to New York, are designed to welcome the spring with opportunities for laughter, reflection, exercise, and friendship. Take as many or few of our classes as you would like and invite your friends.

Register here: bit.ly/daysoflearning2024

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.

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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