



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 Chol HaMo-eid Pesach (Ki Tisa)

April 26, 2024

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Parker Diorio Band,
son of Dana and Roger Band,
on the occasion of becoming a *bar mitzvah*
- Wedding Blessing:** Olivia Leavitt & Luke Brown
- Greeters:** Fred Kogan, Muriel Kudera
- Bimah* Guest:** Jon Broder
- Musicians:** Mark Allen, clarinet
Kevin Blanke, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

Shabbat Services

Introduction to the Friday Evening Service:

Welcoming the Sabbath, *Kabbalat Shabbat*: This introduction provides a transition into *Shabbat*. A collection of verses from Psalms (pages 10-19), interpretations offered by prayer leaders, and a *niggun*/wordless melody or two; the warm-up peaks at *L'cha Dodi* (p. 20-21) a 16th century mystical song that welcomes *Shabbat* with the symbol of bride. The final verse of *L'cha Dodi*, we face the entrance to the sanctuary to welcome *Shabbat*.

The *Shema* and Its Blessings (p. 28-44/146-154): The *Barchu* is the prayer that calls the congregation to worship. *Shema* (p. 34/149), captures Jewish belief in the oneness of God and of humanity. This section includes prayers that express gratitude for creation, Torah, and liberation.

Amida/T'filah (p. 46-62/155-165): This series of blessings invites us to turn inward for contemplation.

Blessings for Community: The *Misheberach*/Blessing for Healing (p. 253) and the *Shehecheyanu*/Blessing for Gratitude (p. 344) offer the opportunity to share our concerns and our joys, and to strengthen the connections among us.

Commentary/*D'var Torah*: A *D'var Torah* is a brief sermon, commentary, or opportunity for study.

Conclusion: Our service concludes with *Alenu*/Praise to God (p. 282), recited while facing the ark. Finally, the Mourner's *Kaddish* (p. 294) is recited after we read the names of loved ones who have died in the past month, or at this time in past years. We conclude with a benediction.

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 21 to April 27, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Elsa Alper	Lewis N. Ginsberg	Alma Merrian
Fannie Anathan	Hazel Beatus Glant	Jane H. Mesirow
Peter Axelrod	Jennie Davis Goldberg	Samuel Meyers
Clarence Bernstein	Harris Goldberg	Lena Teitlebaum Neumann
Samuel A. Blank	Rhea Goldenberg	Hilde Pinkus
Mahlon Bluebond	Jesse N. Goldstein	Elinor Stern Putzel
Rebecca R. Blumenthal	Elaine Axilbund Goldstein	Sylvia Weinraub Rose
Frank Blumenthal	Evelyn Greenberg	Katie Katz Rosewater
Herman B. Blumenthal	Alvin M. Greenberg	Hannah Rose Levi
Warren Bonin	Tillie Grupp	Schachman
Fanny Brandes	Alvin P. Gutman	Samuel Kolman
George Brody	Karen Silverman Haftel	Schneidman
Elta Marie Buboltz	S. Paul Hanig	Henry Siedenbach
David Carmosin	Claire Heller	Caroline Siedenbach
Rosalie Dintenfass Coane	Elise David Heller	Gerry Sills
Robert Cooper	Abraham Hirsh	Donna Silverman
Edward B. Crane	William Hoffman	Manuel Sloane
Janice Diamond Smith	Clara Horenstein	Sophie Smith
Leon Edelson	Leanore Jacoby	Max E. Smukler
Minnie B. Eisman	Bertha Kauderer	Albert B. Solis
Leonore Belenko Erlichman	Bernard Kaufman	Sara Soltroff
William Feinstein	Harry Klein Lax	Leah Spiegel
Herman Fischler	Irving M. Lefton	Caroline Steppacher
Sadie Flax	Bette LaVine Levinson	Irvin Swaab
Marion Sablosky Fox	Ronald S. Litman	Joan Stern Switzenbaum
Anita Freed	Julia Loeb	Myer Warsaski
Sylvia Brenner Friedman	Carol Lowenstein	Sara B. Weinberg
Susan Garlick	Jerome David Lyons	Rose B. Weiss
Lloyd Getz	Bertha Marks	Ella Siedenbach Wolf

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

Peggy Margaret Chavin Judith S. Engel Roslyn Hahn Richard P. Jaffe

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

RS Community Events

**The Passover Festival Service with *Yizkor* will be held on
Monday, April 29 at 10:45 a.m.**

iEngage Series with Rick Berkman

Sundays, 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).

Focus on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Tuesday, April 30 at 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. On 4/30, our discussion will center on the political left in Israel.

RSVP to Sophia Schwab (clergyoffice@rodephshalom.org).

Torah Crew Workshop: Deep Dive into Community-Sustained Torah Repair

Sunday, May 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Do you want to become part of the new Rodeph Shalom *Torah Crew*? Join *Soferet* Rabbi Bec Richman for a deep dive into beginner's *Torah* maintenance and repair. We will learn how to properly lift, roll, and dress the scroll, as well as how to clean, sew seams, and patch tears. Together, we will learn skills to maintain and care for our own *Torah* scrolls for years to come. Contact Noah Levine (nlevine@rodephshalom.org).

Click here for more information on this half-day workshop: <https://bit.ly/3xHfhzh>

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3Q8Jkq9>

Mitzvah Meals

Wednesday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Help cook, deliver meals, and connect with our member families in the midst of personal transitions, including surgeries, illnesses, or births. Contact Cheryl Dougherty (cdougherty16@gmail.com).

Register here: bit.ly/mitzvahmealsrs

Days of Learning: Created by Congregants, for Congregants May 6 - May 13

Our ten classes 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. Contact Ellen Poster (ellenajme@aol.com) and Marc Lowenstein (lowenstm@comcast.net).

Monday, May 6:

Let There Be Laughter Redux: Bring your favorite stories or jokes.

Getting to Know You: Get to know each other better over lunch and make our RS connections broader & deeper!

Tuesday, May 7:

A Visit to the Rail Park & Jewish North Broad St.: Come for a walk on Philly's elevated Rail Park, located just steps away from RS. Learn how industry & the German Jewish community were integrated.

This Terrible True Thing: Hear from lifelong RS member Jenny Laden who will discuss writing her debut novel.

Wednesday, May 8:

A Kosher Table at the Banquet: Religious Freedom and the Revolution in Philadelphia: Historical romance author Rose Lerner shares her research into Jewish social, legal, and political life around the time of the American Revolution.

A Holocaust Survivor's Tale: Hear the story of Holocaust survivor Frieda Tabak.

Thursday, May 9:

Hound Dog & Other Great Jewish Songs of the '50s: Focus on the 1950's and '60's when Jewish composers penned unforgettable songs.

Right or Wrong: Moral Conundrums Through a Jewish Lens: Look at provocative ethical dilemmas and discuss how they might be resolved using Jewish values.

Friday, May 10:

Walkin' & Talkin' in Rittenhouse Square: Walk with fitness expert Mindy Solkin and learn how health & fitness can help inspire us to repair the world.

Monday, May 13:

A Jewish Day in NYC: Tour the Tenement Museum and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research & enjoy a day in NYC! Space is limited. Registration closes April 24.

To register, use the link below, or scan QR code:

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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