



Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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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 Acharei Mot

May 3, 2024

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman

D'var Torah: Rabbi Alan Fuchs, Rabbi *Emeritus*

Shabbat Blessings: Dylan Inscho,
son of Tammi and David Inscho,
on the occasion of becoming a *bar mitzvah*

Greeters: Lynn Edelman, Ellen Poster

Bimah Guest: Heshie Zinman

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

**Tonight's oneg is sponsored by Tammi and David Inscho
in honor of Dylan Inscho becoming a *bar mitzvah***

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 28 to May 4, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Max Baruch	Marilyn J. Gelb	Bernard Margolies
Theresa Becker	Mae Goldberg	Robert A. "Bobby" Marlowe
Sonny Bernstein	Edwin M. Goldsmith, Jr.	Sadye C. Nusbaum
Shirley Bernstein	Bennie Golum	Joseph Orloff
Robert S. Blank	Sophie Wice Gordon	Harriet Poland
Irving E. Block	Rose Rodin Green	Helen Powis
Eugene Block	Jonathan Levi Grindlinger	Fred M. Rodin
Frances Lave Broder	Bernice Hall	Reba Rogers
Doris Chorney	David Harry Henshell	Donald J. Ross
Jessie Clark	David B. Herrin	Mathew Rotenberg
Barry E. Cohen	Israel Isaac Jamison	Stanley Sarmiento
Wilma Crane	Rose Wolf Kabakow	Morris Silk
Dennis Dougherty	Harry C. Kahn, II	Leon Solis-Cohen, Jr.
Charles Kalman Eisman	Susan Katz	Stanley Solo
Louis Emmer	Albert Kaye	Ida Sperling
Jeannette Feigenberg	Frances Kleeman	Ruth Spielberg
Marjorie Jane Flock	Minnie Kleeman	Joseph Tollin
Albert Fogel	Burton Neal Komita	Nathan Waldman
Doris Freed	Robert Steven Krouse	Anne Mae Joffe Walter
Jacob Friedenber	Marvin Kushner	Soloman Whellan
Bernard Isadore Friedenber	Irving Harry Kutcher	Matilda Zaretsky
Stanley Frumkin	Tom Lentz	

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

Peggy Margaret Chavin Roslyn Hahn Richard P. Jaffe

Mildred Mufson Lee A. Rosengard

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

RS Community Events

***Havdalah* Hosted by the Berkman Mercaz Limud Parents' Group**

Saturday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. at Clark Park

Mark the end of *Shabbat* together with a hangout and *Havdalah*. BYO snacks or an early picnic dinner. (Star Wars gear or attire to celebrate May the 4th is also welcome, but not required.)

Contact Kara Medow (rsbmlparents@gmail.com).

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3VZTz3L>

iEngage Series with Rick Berkman

Sunday, 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).

Never Again and Again: An Exhibit of Original Art to Commemorate *Yom Hashoah*

Sunday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to view artwork created by 7th graders at Berkman Mercaz Limud, under the guidance of artist-in-residence Logan Schulman and teacher Joan Fanwick, and hear from the students about their reflections on creating art reflecting their learning about the Holocaust.

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).

With gratitude to our *Torah* Restoration patrons and underwriters (<https://rodephshalom.org/torahrestorationproject/>) and to all who participated in our *soferot* meetings and workshops.

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

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

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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