



**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.

### **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 Chukat*

### July 12, 2024

**Led by:** Rabbi Eli Freedman and Cantor Brad Hyman

**Conversion Blessing:** Michelle Ferguson

**Greeters:** Jennifer King, Ira Ginsburg, Marielle Ginsburg,  
Annette Leavy, and Karen Wisnia

***Bimah* Guest:** Susan Behr

**Musicians:** Mark Allen, clarinet  
Connor Saltzer, percussion  
Reed Bodenstein, piano

# Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

## July 13, 2024

**Led by:** Rabbi Eli Freedman

**Covenant Ceremony:** Juliet Taflin,  
daughter of Craig & Emily Taflin

# *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](http://rodephshalom.org/livestream)

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

“Redemption Song/ Mi Chamocha” by Bob Marley

*Mi chamocha ba'eilim, Adonai? Mi kamocha ne'edar bakodesh?  
Nora t'hilot, oseh feleh, nora t'hilot, oseh feleh.*

Won't you help to sing, these songs of freedom  
Cause all I ever had, redemption songs, redemption songs

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free  
our minds

Have no fear for atomic energy, Cause none of them can stop the time  
How long shall they kill our prophets, while we stand aside and look  
Some say it's just a part of it; We've got to fulfill The Book

Won't you help to sing, these songs of freedom  
Cause all I ever had, redemption songs, redemption songs

## **In Memoriam: July 7 to July 13, 2024**

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Dorothy Abrams	Irvin J. Harburger	Milton H. "Bud" Pincus
Amanda E. Arrott	Lisette Jacobs Israel	Bertha Rose
Edward Bellet	Ann Sue Israel	Louis C. Rosenstein
Sophie Binstock	Minerva Jackson	Victor Rosewater
Frank Binswanger	Henrietta Mann Jonas	George M. Ross
James J. Blatt	Richard Kadish	Barbara Goldman Rozett
Molly Goldberg Blum	Ada J. Kaplan	Saul Rubin
Albert L. Bricklin	Alycia Kauderer	Samuel Saler
Audrey Lesse Brodsky	Freda Kerr	Charles D. Salkowitz
Richard A. Brunswick	Ivan Kranich	Myer Schwartz
Betsy Claster	Mollie Krauss	Libby Roston Scott
Rosa Cohen	Lillie Kurtz	Molly R. Silverstein
Harry D. Comer	Philip Lassin	Helmene Sinsheimer
Anna Sher Dreidink	Martin Lewin	Morris Somerson
Peter DuFault	Herbert Lipman Luria	Rona Sostman
Mark G. Feder	Sarah F. Mann	Morris Stein
Lillian Felber	Morton Richard "Dick" Maser	Esther Strouse
Stuart F. Feldman	Isaac May	David J. Sundheim
Nathan Fine	Rachel Anathan Mayer	Harry A. Takiff
Joseph Flickstein	Harriet Mazor	Sara N. Topkis
Robert P. Frankel	Josephine Sattler Morris	Katherine Louise Wilson
Frank Freed	Jack Muraskin	Norma Winthrop
Benjamin Goldenberg	Gladys Pearlstine	Madalyn H. Wise
Florence Gubernick	Friedel Peters	Jill Zitkovsky
Viola Stern Haas		

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

C. Sarah Bader      William Schwarzman

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

# RS Community Events

## ***Shabbat Schmooze***

### **Saturdays following the *Shabbat* morning service**

Come to Saturday morning services at 10:45 a.m. and stay for conversation with our clergy and fellow congregants over coffee, bagels, and schmear! Congregants are encouraged to attend the meaningful Saturday morning service. Whether or not there is a *b'nai mitzvah*, the service is filled with *Shabbat* joy and music for the whole community.

RSVP to Jordan Marks ([jordanimarks@gmail.com](mailto:jordanimarks@gmail.com)).

## **Postcard Writing Party for the Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign in partnership with RAC-PA (the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism)**

### **Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. at RS**

Our campaign fights for a healthy democracy, against marginalization and voter suppression, principles that are clearly commanded in the *Torah*. Enjoy an evening of community and civic engagement while making a tangible impact. Every postcard you write will help ensure every voice is heard.

Contact Lisa Kagel ([lkagel@gmail.com](mailto:lkagel@gmail.com)) for information. All ages welcome and refreshments provided.

Register here: [bit.ly/rspostcardpartyev](http://bit.ly/rspostcardpartyev)

## **One-on-One Apple Tech Help**

### **Thursday, July 18; Availability at 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. at RS**

Would you like some one-on-one guidance on how to use your Macbook or iPhone? Apple expert and congregant Eric Dickstein will be available to offer free, in-person tech support.

He will answer your questions or, if you don't have anything specific to ask, provide personalized training to help you get the most out of your device. Appointments are required to reserve your 25-minute session. Each session accommodates one person. Book your slot now by calling Eric at 570-478-0428 with your name, number, desired appointment time, and whatever issues you'd like help with. He will confirm your appointment by return phone call.

**See all Events on Our RS Calendar:**

<https://rodephshalom.org/calendar/>

# 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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