



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 Pinchas

July 26, 2024

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman
and Cantor Rebekah Robinson
- Conversion Blessing:** Matthew Small
- Greeters:** Stephanie Bungard, David Bungard, Denise DeSanto,
Muriel Kudera
- Bimah* Guest:** Jerry Arnold
- Musicians:** Matt Miller, clarinet
Conner Saltzer, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

July 27, 2024

- Led by:** Rabbi Eli Freedman

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: July 21 to July 27, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Jack Abramson	Lisa Hannan	Gertrude Payes Richman
Martin M. Alsher	Yona Henshell	Michael J. Rosenberg
Joan Toll Angelchik	Thomas Herskovitz	Max Rosenbluth
Samuel Aron	Lester Israel	Joseph M. Salesky
Rose E. Bloomar	Norman J. Kalcheim	Meyer Siedenbach
Leon Blumberg	Grace Kaplan	Herbert Silverman
A.P. Carlton	Asher Samuel Katz	Joseph E. Simon
Sidney Chertock	Charles Kayser	David Mann Sklaroff
Robert Clark	Marjorie Asher Kind	Evan Smith
Jacqueline Cohen	Isidore Kohn	Dora B. Sprafkin
Lewis Deaton	Jacob M. Korn	Alice Stanley Cuttone
Clinton Edelman	David V. Krumholz	Seymour Stiffman
Josiah Howard Edelson	Mary Lane	Erna Strauss
Lillian Einheber	Leonard A. Levine, Sr.	Rosa Strauss
Josephine Enelow	Joseph Levinson	Fannie Teller
Saul Feld	Philip Litow	Oscar B. Teller
Lee Weiss Frank	Arnold Lowe	Julius H. Tolson
Ephraim J. Frankel	Arthur Makadon	Lena S. Tolson
Diane S. Freedman	Rose E. Mann	Abraham Topkis
Barnett Freedman	Samuel Marein-Efron	Theresa Vogel
Frances Ann Freezman	Bryan Shane Marks	Gordon Weinberg
Edward S. Goldberg	Franklin B. Mayer	Alfred Edwin Weisz
Evelyn Goldberg	Nelson B. Mayer	Albert J. Weyl
Anna Marymor Goldston	Stanley Nelson Mitnik	Alvin Wisenberg
Herman Goren	Mary Mogel	Benjamin Woldow
Sadie Koch Grinsfelder	Elaine Nader	Milton Tuck Wolf
Alan Gross	Anna Zeitlyn Netzky	Clara Wolf
Martin Grupp	Harry Nugiel	Rose H. Wolf
Raymond Gubernick	Norma Pinkenson	Claire Blank Wolkoff
Gertrude Handle	Benjamin Price	Lester Zackheim

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

Bonita Cohen Sonya C. Garfinkle Loreen Miller 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).

Find Your Entryway into Judaism at A Taste of Judaism

Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20 at 6:00 p.m. at RS

Are you or your extended family members, future in-laws, neighbors, or friends curious to learn about the foundations of Judaism? This course explores Jewish perspectives on spirituality, values, and community, and is led by RS clergy.

\$36/person or \$36/couple for the three sessions. Register here: bit.ly/tasteofjudaism2024

Contact Steven Share (sshare@rodephshalom.org) for information.

This course is sponsored by Ellen Simon & Mickey Simon (z"l).

Jewish Cookbook Club

Sunday, August 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Rittenhouse Square

Meet at the goat statue at the park, share dishes, and enjoy a picnic. Bring a beach chair or a blanket, a dish to share, and something to drink.

RSVP to Julia Williams (jrwilliams8904@gmail.com).

We are looking for volunteers to read a line or two of *Torah* or *Haftorah* during the High Holy Days. If you are interested, please contact Cantor Hyman (cantorhyman@rodephshalom.org).

RS Community Events

See all Events on Our RS Calendar:
<https://rodephshalom.org/calendar/>

Israel-Palestinian Discussion Group: "Anti-Zionism & Antisemitism in Light of the Current Crisis"

Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. at RS

In this session, explore definitions of Antisemitism and the causes that underlie its recent rise on the right and left. We will examine the claim that any criticism of the State of Israel is anti-Semitic and see if a boundary can be drawn between criticism of the State of Israel's policies and anti-Semitic complaints about Israel. Lastly, we will examine how to combat antisemitism and defend free speech.

We will look at a series of videos on the topic, followed by a discussion. To prepare for the discussion, please read this article in The Nation about Antisemitism by Omer Bartov: <https://bit.ly/3A1u4WU>

This group provides a safe place for RS members to gather to learn, talk, listen and share our feelings, focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, with respect for different opinions. We 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 clergyoffice@rodephshalom.org.

***What it Means to be a 21st Century Jew*: Book Discussion with Rabbi Freedman** **Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at RS**

Join Rabbi Eli Freedman for a spirited discussion of Noah Feldman's provocative best-seller *To Be A Jew Today: A New Guide to God, Israel and the Jewish People*. This critically acclaimed work challenges us to explore how we define ourselves as contemporary Jews.

Noah Feldman is the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard University and founding director of the University's Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law.

Contact Elaine Crane (elainejaskoll@gmail.com) for more information.

Register here: bit.ly/israelconnectsbooktalk

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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