



**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.

### **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 D'varim*

### August 9, 2024

**Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman

***Shabbat* Blessings:** Fran Martin

**Greeters:** Eric Ginsburg, Ira Ginsburg, Marielle Ginsburg,  
Jennifer King, Fran Martin, Karen Wisnia

***Bimah* Guest:** Karen Wisnia

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

# Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

## August 10, 2024

**Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer

**Affirmation Blessing:** Melissa Solter

# *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.

# **In Memoriam: August 4 to August 10, 2024**

*Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)*

Eva Adler	Leo Hopfan	William Ravner
Robert M. Alper	J. Herman Jacobs	Henry Rosen
Joseph M. Asher	Walter Katz	Irving Rosenbloom
William Bacharach	Dolores Katzeff Kushner	Hanna G. Rosenthal
Kenneth Bean	Patricia Klehr	Moses S. Rosenthal
Carol Behr	Hess Kline	Madeline Wilson Rosskam
Leon L. Berkowitz	Leonard Kline	Maurice Sall
Jack Blumenfeld	Joseph Koch	Henry M. Salzer
Louis Brody	May Schneider Kohlman Wise	Lilian Schultz
Ralph T. Buchsbaum	Mayme Rumm Kohn	Martha A. Schwarz
Thomas Buono	Mitchell D. Kohn	Sidney Selbst
Florence Diamond	Hedda Komins	Rheta White Siedenbach
William J. Eisen	Ida Koppelman	Ida B. Snellenburg
Hannah Field	Joseph N. Kotzin	Stephen Edward Solms
Samuel Fingrutd	Janis Kuntz	Stella R. Sommer
Anna Elizabeth Fogel	Delia Leopold	Felix M. Straus
Louis M. Frank	Louis H. Manko	Levi Strouse
Roseta Loewenstein Frank	Florence Schwartz Marcus	Jo Ann Tackeff Toledano
Josephine B. Fried	Mary Master	Louis Teller
Yvette "Dee Dee" Rose	Addie Teller Mayer	Morris Ullman
Friedberg	Deborah Meiselman	Aaron Harry Weinstein
Harold Gantz	Isaac Mesirov	Bessie Freedman Weiss
Elaine Gitlow	Barbara Michaels	Jean Whellan
Eric Goldenberg	Ameilia Kahn Miller	Pierce "Pat" Winthrop
Odette Goldfeder	Julius "Julie" Mintz	Antonia Wohlmuth
William Marks Goldstein	Barbara Mitnik	Isaac Wolf
William S. Grass	Edward Nackman	Alice Wolf
Bernard Greenberg	Robert Oldershaw	Isaiah Wolfson
Marion Habes Kuntz	Milton H. Pagel	Rosalind Gingold Wolfson
Sigmund J. Hermann	William Portner	Major Rudy Wyle
Joseph H. Hinlein	Martin Potashnik	Donna Rae Wyman
William "Bill" Hochfeld		

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

Bonita Cohen    Sonya C. Garfinkle    Howard M. Magen    Loreen Miller

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

# RS Community Events

**Participate in a test of the new High Holy Day electronic pass at the Shabbat evening service on Friday, August 16!**

To be a part of this test, each attendee registers separately using this link:  
[bit.ly/shabbatepassprocess](https://bit.ly/shabbatepassprocess)

You will receive your personalized e-Pass to attend via email on Wednesday, August 14. Bring your phone or printed e-Pass with your personalized QR code to be scanned upon entry. (If you register after August 14, you will receive your e-Pass by Friday.)

All are welcome to attend, even without participating in the test. For questions, reach out to Michael Saks ([msaks@rodephshalom.org](mailto:msaks@rodephshalom.org)).

## ***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)).

## ***Mitzvah Meals: Help Congregants in Need***

**Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. at RS**

Volunteers are welcome to help shop, cook, bake and/or deliver meals to provide to our member families in the midst of personal transitions such as surgeries, illness or new babies. Questions? Contact Cheryl Dougherty ([cdougherty16@gmail.com](mailto:cdougherty16@gmail.com)).

Register here: [bit.ly/mitzvahmealsrs](https://bit.ly/mitzvahmealsrs)

## ***Rockin' Mitzvah Concert & Fundraiser to Support Hand in Hand***

**Friday, September 20 following the *Shabbat* evening service**

Join Berkman Mercaz Limud students Hunter Silverman and Zach Gerson as they perform covers of your favorite tunes at dinner.

More information here: [www.handinhandk12.org/donate-2024-rockin-mitzvah](http://www.handinhandk12.org/donate-2024-rockin-mitzvah)

Come together, have fun, and support a great cause. Register here: [bit.ly/4dyChA8](https://bit.ly/4dyChA8)

*Hand in Hand's mission is building inclusion and equality between Arab & Jewish citizens of Israel through a network of bilingual, integrated schools and communities.*

## RS Community Events

### ***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](mailto:elainejaskoll@gmail.com)) for more information.

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

### **One-on-One Apple Tech Help at RS** **Wednesday, September 4**

**Appointments are required & available at: 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. (45-minute sessions)**

Would you like personalized, one-on-one guidance on how to use your MacBook or iPhone? Apple expert and congregant Eric Dickstein is offering free, in-person tech support at RS. He will answer questions or, if you don't have anything specific to ask, provide training to help you get the most out of your device.

Book your slot now by calling Eric directly at 570-478-0428. Leave a voicemail with your name, phone number, desired appointment time, and whatever issues you'd like help with. Eric will confirm your appointment by return phone call.

### **RS Congregant and Curator Ruth Fine Leads Tour of Frank Stewart's "Nexus: An American Photographer's Journey, 1960's to the Present" Exhibit** **Thursday, September 12**

Tour the Frank Stewart photography exhibit at the Brandywine Museum with curator and RS congregant Ruth Fine and photographer Frank Stewart. \$16/person.

Carpools leave RS at 9:45 a.m., with coffee and bagels provided for the ride.

Catered lunch (\$20/person) at the museum is available and includes a discussion with Ruth about the exhibit.

**See all events on our RS calendar:**  
[rodephshalom.org/calendar/](http://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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