

Michael I. Hauptman
President: 2017-2020

Michael Hauptman is our current and 44th President of Congregation Rodeph Shalom. Many of you may recall his inspiring High Holiday appeal:

"Bring your lamp. Find your hook. Light up this building with your presence, your participation, your passion and your philanthropy – your 'love of people' of this congregation. Make Rodeph Shalom your philanthropic priority and the light from our building will be a brilliant beacon for this city and the entire Jewish community."



His eloquent call for us all to contribute in ways that remind us of our beautiful sanctuary is no surprise, considering that Michael is an architect. Michael is a partner at Brawer & Hauptman, Architects, an architecture, planning and interior design firm located in Philadelphia which he cofounded founded in 1986. He and his family have lived in Center City Philadelphia for over thirty-five years. In 2009, Michael was appointed by Mayor Nutter to the Board of Directors of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation where he serves on the Planning Committee and the Design Review Committee overseeing the Master Plan for the central waterfront.

Michael has been a member of Rodeph Shalom since 1991, and has a long and distinguished history of service, commitment, and leadership to our congregation. Most recently, Michael chaired the Master Plan Task Force which oversaw the design and construction of the synagogue's beautiful new addition, and he recently chaired the Senior Rabbi Search Task Force.

When asked what the impact of his role as President has had on him, Michael replied, "Being the president of Rodeph Shalom is incredibly humbling. Especially this year, when we're going to be honoring the past presidents and learning their histories and their legacies, a history that goes back 224 years. I get to work with amazing people. ...These are people who, when you need them, they'll be here."

Thank you Michael, for being there for all of us.

Written by Erin Elman

