



**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.

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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 B'reishit*

### October 25, 2024

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,  
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Eva Madeline Kawut,  
daughter of Liz Platzker and Steven Kawut,  
on the occasion of becoming a *bat mitzvah*
- Covenant Ceremony:** Marti Bodek,  
daughter of Rhiannon and Harry Bodek
- Bimah* Guest:** Jerry Arnold
- Musicians:** Mark Allen, clarinet  
Joe Nero, percussion  
AJ Luca, piano

Tonight's enhanced *oneg* and *bimah* flowers are sponsored  
by Liz Platzker and Steven Kawut in honor of  
Eva Madeline Kawut becoming a *bat 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](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.

“Hashkiveinu” – Jeremy Sipe and Ian Campbell

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם,  
וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים, לְחַיִּים

*Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha'amideinu shom'reinu l'chayim, l'chayim*

Shelter us with Your peace, and let all of our worries release.

All of us, beneath Your wings.

Guard our hearts, protect our souls. Let us rise up completed and whole.

All of us, beneath Your wings.

וּפְרוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ, לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

*Uf'ros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha, l'chayim ul'shalom, mei'ata v'ad olam*

(Spread over us a shelter of your peace... for life and for peace, now and forever.)

# In Memoriam: October 20 to October 26, 2024

*Yahrzeit* (anniversary of death)

Anna Abrahams	Henry Walter Isenberg	Fred Rawls
Roberta Abrams	Paul J. Johnson	Herbert Rheinstrom
Adrian Bauer	Eleanor Moskowitz Johnson	Dora Cohen Robinson
Joanne Beal	Bruce Kauderer	Barbara Rosenzweig
William Becker	Louis Kemper	Brian Sablosky
Marilyn Stein Bellet	Jennie Smith Kimmelman	Jose Luis Sarmiento Steiner
Abraham Bloom	Robert Leonard Klaus	Ronnie Jane Schwam
Lena Mink Blough	Max Kohn	Jack Segal
Harold B. Blumenthal	Blanche Wolf Kohn	Robert S. Seltzer
Ida Britton	Jack W. Kuhn	Marsha Serfer
Henry Brody	Martin Landes, Jr.	Abraham Albert Shanis
Ruth Baer Cohn	Max Levin	Morris Shapiro
Abram Dettelbach, Jr.	Lawrence LeWinn	Mona Shulman
Edna S. Ehrlich	Fritz Marx Liebmann	Esther Smith
Benjamin Einstein	Julie E. Loeb	Isaac Sperling
Ally Ellenbaum	Erma Lowe	Samuel Sternberger
Anna Cohen Ellis	Edith Miller Lyons	Gloria Singer Stoller
Della Buschel Flock	Jack Macfadden	Carl David Teitelman
Rhea Frankl	Edith Braunstein Magaziner	Ronald Traum
Henry Harris Friedman	Stephen L. Marmer	Norman C. Vendig
Max Garlic	Jacob Mayer	Marvin Weiner
Maurice Girard	Agnes Robbins Mesirov	Samuel Weinrott
Melvin A. Golder	Dorothy (Devora) Michels	Lewis S. Weiss
Sydney Goldman	Jacob Milgram	Sylvia Wenck
Leonard B. Gordon	Rosalie Berg Moses	Hulda Windner
Leon H. Greenhouse	Sidney Olson	Rebecca Wolf
Bertram Greenspun	Mary Orloff	Morris Wolf
Phyliss Haas	Rose Phillips	Ben Wolov
Reuben Heitzer	Herbert Present	Dorothy B. Woolman
Alfred Henly	Stephen Rademan	Joseph A. Woolman
Anna S. Hirsch		

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

Susan Ashner    Nancy Brown    Andy Nerenberg

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

## RS Community Events

### **Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign Phone Banking Party**

**Tuesday, October 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at RS**

In partnership with RAC-PA (the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) and OnePA 4 All ([www.onepaforall.org](http://www.onepaforall.org)), in a nonpartisan effort, we are calling voters who are overlooked by the major political parties. We are among the sponsors for this phone banking session. You will need to bring your phone AND either a laptop or tablet for the session.

For questions, contact Lisa Kagel ([lkagel@gmail.com](mailto:lkagel@gmail.com)). Register for the Rodeph Shalom session here: [bit.ly/evevphonebanking](http://bit.ly/evevphonebanking)

### **Israel Media Bias: Real or Exaggerated?**

**Friday, November 8 following the *Shabbat* evening service**

Israel ConnectRS presents Lisa Hostein, Executive Editor of *Hadassah Magazine*, for a dinner program immediately following *Shabbat* services.

Hostein will bring her career-long journalistic sensibilities to a question that consumes many of us: How is the media treating Israel? Is it as bad as some people think? And why does it matter?

She will give a historical take on the media's coverage of Israel before and after October 7 and will explore how changes in journalistic standards in recent years have influenced how Israel and antisemitism is portrayed in mainstream and social media.

Dinner is \$36 per person. Contact Lynn Edelman ([lynn.edelman2015@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.edelman2015@gmail.com)) for more information.

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

### ***All About Me: My Remarkable Life in Show Business* by Mel Brooks**

**Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

Mel Brooks is a great tummler. What's a tummler? Read this amusing memoir to find out. A depression-era child from Brooklyn, Brooks wanted to be a jazz drummer. Instead, he went on to an extraordinary career as a comedian, writer, producer, and director.

Join us to talk about Brooks's memoir, and maybe why there are so many Jewish comedians in the United States.

For more information, contact Howard Green ([greenhl@gmail.com](mailto:greenhl@gmail.com)) or Jordan Marks ([jordanimarks@gmail.com](mailto:jordanimarks@gmail.com)).

Register here: [bit.ly/readrsoct2024](http://bit.ly/readrsoct2024)

# 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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