



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 Vayeishev

December 20, 2024

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer and Cantor Brad Hyman

***Shabbat* Blessings:** Beth and Stan Lashner

Greeters: Susan Behr, Ned Hanover

***Bimah* Guest:** Ned Hanover

Musicians: Nick Fuchs, clarinet
Joe Nero, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

December 21, 2024

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer

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.

“Hashkiveinu” – Jeremy Sipe and Ian Campbell

הַשְּׂפִיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם,
וְהַצְּמִידְנוּ 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: December 15 to December 21, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Peggy Rose Aaron	Donald Goldenberg	Herbert L. Mufson
Hattie Lindy Adler	Esther Sharpe Goldenberg	Morton A. Netter
Martin L. Apfelbaum	Barry Goldstein	Hannah Pearlman
Louis Bacharach	Delia A. Gruenstein	Gertrude Speier Reich
Michael Alvin Barnett	Anne B. Guberman	Harold Robinson
Carl Bauer	Gerald "Jerry" Gushner	Sadie Robinson
Shirley Kantor Behr	Michael Hassler	Sherman Rosen
Muriel H. Beissinger	Arthur R. Hess	Leon Rosenbaum, Jr.
Lee Bernstein	Lois Hirsch	Pauline Rosenberg
Minnie Feinberg Blake	Edith Harrison Hubschman	Lizzie Rosenstein
Joseph Bloom	Phyllis Kaniss	Edward Rubin
Jerome Breslin	Rebecca Karp	Steven Gary Rubin
William H. Bunten	Bradley Steven Katz	May Broude Schorr
Ida Chorney	Beatrice Katz	Irving Schwartz
Jacob Cohan	Erika R. Katz	Celia Share
Thelma Cohen	Fay Katz	Frances L. Sherman
Helene M. Cohen	Max Kaufmann	Katie D. Silk
Nathan Cooper	Catherine Kemple	Bertha Slochowsky
Albert Davidow	Richard M. Klaus	Richard Sork
Janice Edelman	Benjamin Kleinbard	Ida Jones Springer
Harry (Bud) Eisenstaedt	Frances Eisenberg Kramer	Fredric B. Squires
Suzanne S. Feinstein	Rose F. Langstadter	Fannie Stein
Henry Fernberger	Sally P. Lavine	Louis Stiefel
Meyer Fleisher	Augustus A. Lazarus	Louis Allen Teller
Maud Fliegelman	Betty Lou Lentz	John M. Thalheimer
Rose Freed	Abraham Levy	Shirley Traum
Robert Freed	Joseph Light	Rose Waldman
Rose Schwartz Freud	Lois Joyce Lipson	Lenore Lazarus Weisenfeld
David Friedman	Oscar Loeb	Barbara K. Winer
Herbert D. Gedrich	Anthony Magaziner	Herman Wolf
David S. Gerber	Roberta Lee Magaziner	Edwin Wolf
Moritz Gerschel	Zachary Martin	Selma Brown Yaskin
Greil Gerstley	Howard McGurk	Richard J. Zander
Robert Graham Gitchell	Fannie L. Meyers	Alan Zaretsky
Paul Goldberg	Celia Scheiffler Miller	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Umar Ahmad William Coleman, III

Christine Kuruna Sandy Mozes Peter Emil Steiner

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

RS Community Events

Celebrate *Hanukkah* at RS

Friday, December 27

Kindle your *hanukkiyah* lights on the *bimah* at 5:45 p.m. before the *Shabbat* evening service. Following the service, enjoy *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts) to celebrate the holiday!

Common Ground in Polarizing Times with Reps. Jared Solomon and Jesse Topper Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

In a time of increased polarization, we need models of dialogue and understanding now more than ever.

Please join us as we welcome Pennsylvania State Representatives Jared Solomon and Jesse Topper, co-chairs of the PA One Caucus. The caucus was formed by 16 state House members -- eight Republicans and eight Democrats -- to bridge the partisan divide and build working bipartisan relationships, build support for shared ideas, and pass meaningful reforms that make lasting improvements for the commonwealth and its people. Board of Directors member Laurel Glaser will moderate this discussion.

Register here: bit.ly/commongroundprogram

Introduction to Judaism: Tell Your Friends!

Tuesdays, January 14 – April 8; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

If you are an interfaith couple, considering converting to Judaism, or Jewish and looking for beginner's education, Introduction to Judaism is perfect for you.

Taught by RS clergy, this course provides a foundation of the Jewish faith, culture, people and history, from a Reform perspective. Topics include *Shabbat*, The Life Cycle: Birth, *B'nai Mitzvah*, Conversion, Wedding, Death, Mourning, Afterlife, Jewish Holidays, Jewish History, Prayers & Blessings, and more.

Free for RS members; \$250 (individual/couple). Please share this with family & friends who may be interested. Contact Steven Share (sshare@rodephshalom.org) for more information.

Registration required here: <http://bit.ly/rsintrotojudaism2025>

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)
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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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