



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 Vayeitzei

December 6, 2024

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman

Shabbat Blessings: Simone Rose Borish,
daughter of Jennifer & Jon Borish,
on the occasion of becoming a *bat mitzvah*

Greeters: Paula Fuchsberg, Paula Sitelman

Bimah Guest: Ned Hanover

Musicians: Gabe Preston, clarinet
Joe Nero, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

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: December 1 to December 6, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Ida Alsher	Henry Garson	Fannie Deshure Malmud
Lewis Amsterdam	Louis Gerstley, Jr.	Rebecca Teller Mayer
Tillie Beck Balis	Rea Samson Goberman	Sallie Weiss Mezey
Jacob Batt	Anne Goldberg	Rose Millman
Josephine Bauer	Cecelia Metzger Goldschild	George A. Mostert
Glenn Becker	Blanche R. Greenberg	Samuel Moyerman
Rose Buschel Berger	Joseph Gritz	Sharon Newman
Martin G. Bergman	Eleanor Gross	Elias Nusbaum
Albert Berkowitz	Rebecca L. Gross	Lena Magaziner Pincus
Sylvain K. Bernstein, Jr.	Tillie Gutterman	Howard Reses
Robert Blumenthal	Leonard Jubelirer	Philip B. Robinson
Joan Buono	Lucien Katzenberg, Sr.	C. Williard Robinson
Miriam Butler	Jacob Katzenstein	Mathilde Frankel Rose
Benjamin Butler	Robert J. Klein	Harry Rosenthal
Joel Cluster	Fannie Manko Kuhn	Bertha Rosskam
Sylvia Clyman	Gus David Kuhn, Sr.	Louis Saller
Bernard Cowitz	Beatrice Lazarus Sickles Lam	Simon Sandberg
Stella Sacks Cravis	Mildred Goldschild Lax	Max Schultz
Miriam Joan Dintenfass	Lee Lazarus	Fred Schwarz
Brenda Edelman	Bernard Leibowitz	Joseph "Joey" Michael Siegel
Rose Smith Ehrlich	Luis Levy	Nathan Spells
Simon Epstein	Elizabeth L. Lieberman	Rose Cooper Wice
Amelia Mayer Feldenheimer	Rose Serfer Lindsay	Benjamin "Ben" Wolf II
Bruce Fendell	Samuel A. Loewenberg	Matilda Weber Portner Wollman
Robert Freed	Sigfried Loewenthal	Lester Herbert Wurtele, Sr.
Bertha Lax Frisco	Stanley Lupowitz	Martin Zapletal
Edith J. Garfield	Mae Dein Magen	Richard Zeitlin
Samuel "Sonny" Garfield		

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

Umar Ahmad William Coleman, III Paul Epstein

Anthony Hines Shirley Lashner 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

Join for Music, Food, & Fun at "Broadway Tonight!"

Saturday, December 7; performance begins at 7:00 p.m. sharp

Help support RS at Broadway Tonight! Explore the works of Jewish composers who have shaped Broadway. From the classic melodies of *Porgy and Bess* and *West Side Story* to the modern magic of *Into the Woods* and *Wicked*, discover themes of racism, discrimination, & assimilation.

This night features the musicians of the No Name Pops, soon to be renamed Philly Pops, alongside the vocal talents of Isabel Robin (Broadway national tour of *Fiddler on the Roof*) and Ben Dibble (seen at the Walnut Street Theatre in *Cinderella and Rocky*).

A new \$50 performance only option has been added! To support Rodeph Shalom, please consider attending the performance as well as the reception following; \$180/person.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/broadwaytonightrs>

For more information, contact Michael Saks (msaks@rodephshalom.org).

Art & Activism: Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art Latke/Vodka *Hanukkah* Celebration

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Join for this beloved tradition celebrating the miracle of the *Hanukkah* lights. Spark new connections and indulge your senses.

The event begins with a panel discussion moderated by Bill Valerio, the director at the Woodmere Art Museum with Ani Maitin, daughter of Sam Maitin and Henry Bermudez, a Venezuela-born contemporary artist. Discussion will focus on the Jewish values of social justice and personal responsibility in the graphic art works of Edith Kaplan and Sam Maitin on view in the PMJA Gutman Gallery and the role of the contemporary artist in addressing social issues.

Then, celebrate the Festival of Lights at this Latke/Vodka gathering.

\$90/person; **Register here:** bit.ly/latkevodka2024

When you become a Philanthropic Year Patron, your attendance is included (more information here: tfaforms.com/5144233). Patrons please RSVP to Michael Saks (msaks@rodephshalom.org).

See all events on our RS calendar:
<https://rodephshalom.org/calendar/>

RS Community Events

Bundled Up on Broad

We asked for donations of unused warm clothing for our Bundled Up on Broad drive, and you responded with incredible generosity. (We hit ALL our Wishlist goals this year, including our stretch goals! Thank you so much!)

Your donations are currently being sorted and next it's time to assemble the beautiful bundles we will give each food-insecure family who comes to Breaking Bread on Broad.

Bundling will take place on:

Monday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at RS

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at RS

Please come if you can—many hands make light work!

RSVP to Ellen Poster (ellenajme@aol.com) or Susan Roth (knitzvot@gmail.com).

Co-sponsored by Breaking Bread on Broad and Knitzvot.

One-on-One Apple Tech Help at RS

Monday, December 16

Would you like personalized, one-on-one guidance on how to use your Macbook or iPhone? Apple expert and congregant Eric Dickstein will be available on Monday, December 16 at RS to offer free, in-person tech support. Eric will answer your questions or, if you don't have anything specific to ask, provide personalized training to help you get the most out of your device.

Appointments are required to reserve your 45-minute session, with availability at 9:15 a.m, 10:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your device to your appointment. Each session accommodates only one person.

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

Jewish After School in Philadelphia

We are assessing interest in a new after school program providing transportation from schools for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, Monday through Friday. You can choose from any days from a minimum of two days a week to all five days.

There will be high-quality care, healthy snacks, homework help, plus Jewish enrichment. Open to all in the community; no synagogue membership required.

Click here to complete the interest survey: <https://bit.ly/4ePisEU>

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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