



Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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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 Sh'mot

January 17, 2025

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Heston Lehman Katzen,
son of Amanda Lehman and Everett Katzen,
on the occasion of becoming a *bar mitzvah*
- Greeters:** Muriel Kudera, Karen Wisnia
- Bimah* Guest:** Ned Hanover
- Musicians:** Mark Allen, 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: January 12 to January 18, 2024

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Jane S. Abrahams	Wilhelm Graetz	Florence Packman
Leah W. Abramson	Joseph E. Gross	Julius Panzer
Stanley Altschuler	Joseph N. Grossman	Earl Perloff
Marum Anathan	Saul Gubernick	Frank A. Pfaelzer
Bette Appel	Lore B. Harburger	Ethel C. Polakoff
Ann Barmash	Henrietta Hartz	Harry M. Putzel
Barry Michael Barron	Samuel Herson	Robert Resek
Sandra Greenfield Basicakes	Mary Iacono	Beth Robson
William W. Batoff	Don F. Jay	Raymond Ellis Rosen
Sarah Beck	Sylvia Jenoff	William L. Rosenbluth
Albert Benderson	Philip Kahan	Sadie Jamison Rothman
Herman L. Bloom	Keke Blumberg Kahn	Norman S. Rothschild, Jr.
Yetta Bloomar	Elaine Kaplan	Matilda Rudow
Isadore O. Brick	Rose Kawut	Lewis Sablosky
Miriam Brin	Edward Kessler	Louise Seltzer
Fred Broodno	Ruth Mendel Klaus	Harry Serfer
Herbert C. Bushkoff	Zenia Krause	Mark Shevlin
Ralph N. Cettei	Joseph Krieger	Benjamin Shien
Rabbi Michael Isaac Charney	Morton Lane	Jack G. Silverman
Ray Cohen	Rose Lassin	Flora Silvernail
Carrie Eisman Cohn	Estelle R. Leberman	Helen Snellenburg
Bertha Topkis DeLuca	Julius C. Levi	Leslie Squires
David Harris Dickstein	William A. Levi	Riva Stanley
Boris Drucker	Steven Levy	Edwin Stern
Dennis Duckett	Jack Lieberman	Joseph Straus, Jr.
Matthew S. Ersner	Bertha Hess Liebman	Ruth Sussel
Rachel Bucks Farbish	Jayne Lindsay	William Walther
Samuel Fernberger	Susan G. Lipper	Fannie Rosenthal Weinberg
M. Austin Fine	Robert B. Litman	David Joshua Weisenfeld
Bertha Gerschel	Cecilia Magaziner	Ida Jaffe Weisman
Harry H. Goldberg	Hattie J. Mandel	Edward Weiss
Doris Golden	Jane M. McFarlin	Ruth Shaw Wheatcroft
Perry J. Goldman	Frederick Meisel	Isaac Wolf
Max Goldstein	Jacob Miller	Pauline Binswanger Wolf
Harry Goodman	Madge Marcus Nemir	Esther Schnure Zubow
Alice Shmookler Gouley		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Alexander Freedman Christine Kuruna Rami Seliktar
Irwin Rutenberg Dan Shapira

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

“Broken Hearted” (Psalm 147) – by Shir Yaakov / Yaakov Feit

הַרְפֵּא לְשִׁבוּרֵי לֵב
וּמְחַבֵּשׁ לְעַצְבוֹתָם:

Ha·ro·fei lish·vu·rei lev
Um·cha·besh le·'atz·vo·tam.

מוֹנֶה מִסְפָּר לְכוֹכָבִים
לְכֹלָם שְׁמוֹת יִקְרָא:

Mo·neh mis·par la·ko·cha·vim
Le·chu·lam she·mot yik·ra

הַלְלוּ יְהוָה
הַלְלוּ יְהוָה

Ha·le·lu YAH Ha·le·lu YAH x2

אֲנָא
אֵל נָא
רַפָּא נָא לְהָא

A·na
EL na
Re·fa na lah

Healer of the broken-hearted
Binder of their wounds
Counter of uncountable stars
You know where they are

Healer of the broken-hearted
Binder of our wounds
Counter of uncountable stars
You know who we are

RS Community Events

Open Call for Artists

The Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art (PMJA) at Rodeph Shalom has a long tradition of art exhibitions. Our intention with this open call is to build on this momentum by inviting artists to reflect upon and give expression to the theme of “*Tikkun Olam*” – our duty to confront the challenges of repairing our world.

We invite artists to submit works that give expression to this concept by February 1.

Click here for submission details:

<https://rodephshalom.org/philadelphia-museum-of-jewish-art/>

Contact Robin Blumenfeld (rswitzenbaum@gmail.com) for more information.

Tu B'Shevat - The New Year of the Trees

The Mother Tree Cantata Music Program

Wednesday, February 12 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. at RS

Experience a new choral piece for *Tu B'Shevat* created to engage us in environmental sustainability, by composer Heath Allen.

The world premiere performance is on *Tu B'Shevat*, the Birthday of The Trees.
Reception to follow with light refreshments.

This cantata features RS adult and youth choirs, Parkinsingers, and guests John Jarboe (The Bearded Ladies Cabaret) and members of Opera Philadelphia.

Contact Marjorie Samoff (masamoff@aol.com) for more information.

Register here: bit.ly/tubshevatcantata

Electronics Recycling at RS

Friday, Feb. 7- Wednesday, Feb. 12

Dispose of your unwanted electronics in an environmentally friendly way! All data is destroyed (certificate available upon request).

Bring your items to the Rodeph Shalom lobby, except for Sunday during Berkman Mercaz Limud, which will be collected in the parking lot.

Click here for a list of items that can be recycled: bit.ly/4g0ff5V

If you are interested in volunteering for a shift, click here: bit.ly/4ajA9vA

Contact Michelle Brancheau-Fogg (mbfogg@gmail.com).

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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