



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 B'shalach
February 7, 2025

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

Shabbat Blessings: Kiera Faber, Sofia Murga Garrido, Jackie Lesser,
Sarah Mitchell, Ernesto Ulloa Perez,
Nathan Solomon, Shelley Spector, Kimberly Strenger,
Chuck Walter, and Jeff Wiesner

Greeters: Lynn Edelman, Kain Warner

Bimah Guest: Susan Behr

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

**Tonight's enhanced *oneg* is sponsored by Mikal Diamond &
Lauren Strenger in honor of Kimberly Strenger and
the Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class**

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.

Fly Eagles Fly

words & music by Charles Borrelli & Roger Courtland
transcribed by Ross Wolman

עופו נְשָׁרִים, בְּדֶרֶךְ לְנִצְחֹן.
רִיבוּ נְשָׁרִים, לְטוֹצ'דָּאוֹן יֵשׁ רָצוֹן.
לְרַגְלִים, לְכַתְּפִים, וְרְאוּ תְּנִשְׁרִים.
עופו נְשָׁרִים,
בְּדֶרֶךְ לְנִצְחֹן!

Ufu n'sharim, baderech l'nitzachon.

Rivu n'sharim, l'"touchdown" yeish ratzon.

L'rag'layim, lich'tafayim, v'ra'u 'tan'sharim.

Ufu n'sharim, baderech l'nitzachon!

Nun - shin - reish - yud - mem, n'sharim!

Fly, Eagles Fly, on the road to victory!

Fight, Eagles Fight, score a touchdown 1, 2, 3!

Hit 'em low, hit 'em high, and watch our Eagles fly!

Fly, Eagles Fly!

On the road to victory! E-A-G-L-E-S - EAGLES!

In Memoriam: February 2 to February 8, 2025

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Robert D. Abrahams	Jennie W. Gabel	Manley Prussel
Harold "Hank" Abrams	Charles Golden	Suzanne Kauderer Rademan
Sandra Kimmelman Altman	Seymour I. Gottlieb	Bernard L. Ries
Max Aron	Flora R. Greenwald	Samuel Rose
Frances Axler	Harry L. Hart	Harold S. Rosenbluth
William V. Baker	Leon Heller	Susan K. Ruberg
Robert (Bobby) Bambery	Carrie S. Heller	Fanny G. Sanders
Lena Schwarzman Bass	Sadie Blatt Hess	Helene Schwab
Jacob Bauer	Milton J. Hinlein	Herman N. Schwartz
Rosalie Bauer	Sheila Johnson	David Scott
Rose Berenstain	Pearl Kahan	Sarah Selig
Rev. Henry Berkowitz	Alma Kalb	Benjamin Pincus Seltzer
Jeanne R. Blank	Adolph Kastor	Sidney Shapiro
Willard R. Bonwit	Ezra Katz	Harold Silver
Leo Brenner	Sarah Pollock Kaufmann	Frieda Sinzheimer
Betty S. Brod	Madine Kennedy	Barbara Gorman Siskin
Israel Brod	Lucille Trichon Kogan	Morton Slapin
Millie Burgauer	Barbara Jacobs Kuhn	Solomon Steigman
Deborah Burkart	Louis Lehrfeld	Jane Sterling Stern
Richard Burr	Irene Leitzell	Evelyn Tarantino
David Chadrow	Arthur Bernard Levinson	Maxwell E. Verlin
Emily Ciurley	Alfred M. Levy	Louis D. Watnik
Robert Cohen	Dora Wasserman Lovenstein	Roye Z. Weintraub
Fred Coleman	Harriet Leipziger Mayer	Hilda Weisenfeld
Adam Cornfeld	Margaret (Peggy) Meyer	Abraham S. Wexelblatt
Florence Ellenbogen	Abraham Joseph Michelson	Helen Hirsch Wile
Morris Feinberg	Samuel Morris	Florence W. Wolsey
Nancy Moss Fine	Susie Kohlberg Nusbaum	Jonathan L. Wolsey
Allene Fisch	Cullen Offer	Bernard Woolman
Ruth Leipziger Frankel	Mindy Pepper	Elie Zilkha
Phyllis Friedenberg	Leonard Michael Propper	Alan Zuckerman
Abe Frumkin		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Arthur "Butch" D'Ambrosio Harold Kobb Susan Rotenberg Irwin Ruttenberg

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

RS Community Events

Celebrate *Shabbat* with Our Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* Students

Saturday, February 8 at 10:45 a.m.

Join together as Kiera Faber, Sofia Murga Garrido, Jackie Lesser, Sarah Mitchell, Ernesto Ulloa Perez, Nathan Solomon, Shelley Spector, Kimberly Strenger, Chuck Walter, and Jeff Wiesner become *B'nai Mitzvah*. The service will be followed by a celebratory *Kiddush*. If you are interested in joining our next Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class, contact clergyoffice@rodephshalom.org.

Send *Mishloach Manot* (*Purim* gift bags) to your friends & family!

Engage in the *mitzvah* of sending *Purim* gift bags filled with *hamentashen* and other treats to your congregational friends, clergy and staff, and Berkman Mercaz Limud students. See the email coming soon from Jennifer James with personalized login codes for your use. If you ordered *mishloach manot* last year, your login code will be the same this year. Questions or want to volunteer to help make the *mishloach manot*? Contact Jennifer James (jjames@rodephshalom.org). Proceeds benefit Berkman Mercaz Limud.

***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. Light refreshments following.

This cantata features RS adult and youth choirs, Parkingsingers, and guests John Jarboe (The Bearded Ladies Cabaret), members of Opera Philadelphia, and our own Cantor Hyman. 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. Contact Michelle Brancheau-Fogg (mbfogg@gmail.com).

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

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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