



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 T'tzaveh

March 7, 2025

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat Blessings:*** Gigi Hill,
daughter of Jocelyn Hill & Josh Hill
on the occasion of becoming a *bat mitzvah*
- Greeters:** Robert Higgins, Alison Knasin, Kain Warner
- Bimah Guest:*** Susan Behr
- 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: March 2 to March 8, 2025

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Alfred A. Abrahams	Yetta F. Goulson	Claire Oppenheimer
Darla Ann Ashby	Ruth Light Greene	Marjorie Magaziner Pincus
Hazel T. Barnett	Samuel P. Gross	Alexander Prager
Rosalind Bass	Dora G. Gruenberg	Diane Rappaport
Bernard Behrend	Kirk Habby	Raisa Robbins
Silvia Bergen	Maxine Hess	Joseph Walter Rosenbluth
Clara Landman Berkowitz	Reta G. Hinlein	Keith L. Sachs
Alan Bleznak	George I. Israel	Irwin C. Saft
Regina Bloch	Julie Jaycox	Myron Schoen
Stella Goodman Block	Lena Jonas	Penrose T. Schoeneman
Arthur L. Bloom	Cecelia Kahan	Justin M. Selig
Lewis Bogdanoff	Charles H. Kahn	Simone P. Shneider
Regina Freudenreich Brenman	Nancy Kaplan	Sarah Shoyer
Debra Clark	Alfred Kershbaum	Carol R. Simon
Judith Clark	Adolph Klein	Isadore Sley
Louis Clark	Nathan Klein	Norman G. Sloane
Bernard Cohn	Louis Kobb	Mark Smith
Janet Craig Dalsimer	Jacob Kossman	Jeanette Stamm Specht
Roy David	Morris Kraftsow	Marshall Spector
Morgan Donato	Heidi Krystall	Morris Sperling
Annie Eason	Sara Maybaum Lam	Blaine Steinberg
Max Ehrenberg	Sophie F. Lang	Lester G. Steppacher
Ina Rose Feldman	Ronald Paul Lassin	Margaret F. Stern
Dorothy G. Finkel	Sadye A. Laventhol	Belva Hayman Tassman
Stephen Frank	Walter H. Lazar	Judah Tiktin
Harry E. Franks	Larry Levy	Phyllis L. Topel
Samuel J. Garfield	Robert Livingston	Arvell Washington
Elinor Garson	Etta O. Louchheim	Shirley Waxman
Henry E. Gerstley	Louis Samuel Magen	Frank Wiener
Hedwig Gerstley	Jacob Mandel	Dr. Hope S. Wisnia
Lena Ginsberg	Marvin Miller	Minnie Wohl
Sadie Goldberg	Maurice Nissman	Rabbi Louis Wolsey
Joseph Henry Goldston	Nettie Bacharach Nusbaum	Helen Marx Zander

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Arthur "Butch" D'Ambrosio Beverly Kantner Sara Levan
Marc Lipschutz Rachel Maccabi Sheila Rosenfield

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

Purim Celebrations

Purim Carnival for Berkman Mercaz Limud & Families with Young Children **Sunday, March 9 during Berkman Mercaz Limud**

Our annual carnival for Berkman Mercaz Limud families features games, face-painting, a bounce house, a gaga pit, a DJ, prizes, and Drag Queen Story Time.

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.: *Megillah*, *Purim* Story, Staff *Purim Spiel*

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Berkman Mercaz Limud Carnival & Fun

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Drag Queen Story Time for Berkman Mercaz Limud students

The afternoon Community Carnival has been canceled.

Help Pack Mishloach Manot!

Your help is needed in getting our *Purim* gift bags ready for distribution!

Come any time between 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Contact Jennifer James (jjames@rodephshalom.org) if you can help.

Congregational *Purim* Celebration for Adults with *Megillah Reading & Spiel: "Broadway Comes to Broad Street"**

Thursday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Get out your groggers, dress up as your favorite Broadway superstar, and bring the family to the RS *Purim* Extravaganza! Inspired by Broadway, RS Schpielmasters share a hilarious homage to the tale of Haman, Esther, and Mordechai.

Enjoy a light dinner and bring beer, wine, or schnapps.

Perform the *mitzvah* of *Matanot L'Evyonim* (giving gifts to those in need) when you bring non-perishable food for Breaking Bread on Broad.

Contact Lynn Edelman (lynn.edelman2015@gmail.com) and Lyndsey Fox (lyndseyfox@gmail.com).

Registration required here: bit.ly/rspurimcelebration

*If anyone would like to read the *Megillah*, please contact Cantor Hyman (cantorhyman@rodephshalom.org).

RS Community Events

"Outrageous Ideas or Solutions?" Speaker Event & *Shabbat* Dinner with Trudy Rubin, Worldview Columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer **Friday, March 21 following the *Shabbat* evening service**

When politicians throw out outrageous ideas of how to "solve" for Palestinian needs, it is vital, if painful, to keep a focus on the facts, and what will truly endanger Israel or make it more safe. Contact Heshie Zinman (hjzinman@gmail.com).

Dinner is \$36/person. **Register here:** bit.ly/trudyrubindinner

This program is sponsored by the Israel-Palestine Discussion Group at RS. Trudy Rubin will donate her honorarium to the Hostages & Missing Families Forum.

"My Life in Recipes: Food, Family, and Memories": A Conversation with Joan Nathan & Michael Solomonov

Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at RS

Hear James Beard Award-winning chef and author Joan Nathan discuss her new cookbook, *My Life in Recipes: Food, Family, and Memories* – a look back at her life, family history, and personal journey discovering Jewish cuisine from around the world. Generously sponsored by the Behrend Lecture Fund.

General Admission: \$18/person

General Admission w/ signed book: \$72/person

Patrons: Included with your patron package

Register here: bit.ly/joanandmikeatrs

This Broad Perspectives program is developed in partnership with the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History at Temple University.

Community Building Summit

Wednesday, March 12; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Identify pathways to engagement and discuss how we express gratitude at Rodeph Shalom. Contact Fran Martin (fmartinphd@gmail.com).

Register here: bit.ly/cbs2025

Wrestling With This Moment Congregational Listening Session

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.

What are you wrestling with at this moment; what is your *mitzvah*? Come to a listening session and hear about social justice issues that are most pressing in your life.

Contact Laurel Glaser (laurel.glaser@gmail.com).

RSVP to Sophia Schwab (clergyoffice@rodephshalom.org).

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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