



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 Tzav
April 11, 2025

Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer and Cantor Brad Hyman

Greeters: Zoe Malsberger, Kain Warner

Bimah Guest: Karen Wisnia

Musicians: Mark Allen, clarinet
Joe Nero, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service
April 12, 2025

Led by: Cantor Brad Hyman

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: April 6 to April 12, 2025

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Hattie B. Alkus	Albert E. Goodman	Harry Pearlman
Essie B. Asher	Hannah Brafman Goodman	Rose R. Pinkus
Allen Auerbach	Evelyn Greenberg	Jacob B. Ribakoff
Herman Ball	Alyce Greenfield	Eugene J. Ribakoff
Edith Bonin	Lynda Gross	Barbara Richter-Ridnell
Jane K. Brody	Benjamin A. Gross	Sylvia Weinraub Rose
Milton Budin	Tillie Grupp	Victor Rosenberg
Harry Lewis Chern	Sydney Haimm	Betty S. Rosenfeld
Isabel Chertock	Irma Brown Henly	Adolph I. Rosenheim
Solita Cohn	Ben Kabakow	Alexander Saft
Beatrice Spector Daroff	Gladys Kates	Ida Dorman Schmidt
Henry I. Dewolf	Shirley Klehr	Lena Frank Schwab
Louis Ettelson	Evelyn L. Kleinman	Bella Sernoff
Bernard Feigenberg	Marie K. Koplín	Benjamin Singer
Jacob Feinstein	Sidney Kroll	Reda Claire Garfield Smith
Miriam G. Feldman	J. Frederick Laucius	Lillian Spain
Peter Feuer	Geraldine 'Jerry' Lazarus	Nina Spinelli
Allan Finer	Arthur Loeb	Joseph Stern
Perry Frankel	Hazel Lyman	Moses Stern
Rose R. Fuchs	Michael Thomas Magen	Bertha B. Tamarin
Susan Garlick	Sara Mandell	Pauline Brenner Tannenholz
Janis G. Garson	Yale M. Mann	Rose Waldow
Lottie G. Gerstley	Sylvia P. Mesirov	Marsha Walker
Mary L. Glass	Phyllis Anathan Meyers	Gary H. Weiss
Donald J. Goldberg	Louise Moses	Elayne Stein Wolf
Charles Goldberg	Herbert Myers	Sarah Wolf
Lillian W. Goldberg	Graciela Mauri Padilla	Earl L. Wolf, Sr.

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Harvey Alter Mel Levenson Michael Rosen Sheldon Weiser

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

RS Community Events

Passover Resources

A collection of *seder* supplements honoring immigrants, transgender Jews, the hostages, and building coalitions in the face of antisemitism since October 7, as well as *Hagaddah* recommendations:
rodephshalom.org/passoverresources

Beit Café

Friday May 2 following *Shabbat* services (approximately 7:15 pm).

Engage with one another while enjoying the musical (and other) gifts from within our community. Help celebrate Cantor Hyman being awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa of Music from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. And we welcome Rabbi Tamir Nir back to RS!

In a café style lounge, the evening will include dinner, and a potluck dessert buffet. We are looking for performers, too! Acts should run 3-4 minutes and can be any talent or artistic expression that would delight our community.

Register and see more information here: bit.ly/beitcafe2025

Buddy Up On Broad: A Spring Toy and Book Drive for Children in Need

Help the food-insecure children of our neighborhood breathe in the joy of spring by donating to Buddy Up On Broad, a toy and book drive co-sponsored by Breaking Bread on Broad (BBoB, the RS food pantry) and RS BML Parents!

There are a few ways to give:

- Visit our Toys Wishlist on Amazon: bit.ly/4ifgiBa
- Visit our Books Wishlist through Head House Books. Use code SHALOM for 20% off your donation: headhousebooks.com/buddyupbookdrive
- Drop off new toys in the RS lobby on Sunday April 6 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), Sunday April 13 (5:30 – 8:30 p.m.) or Sunday April 27 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- Collect donations at your seder or share our drive with family & friends

Contact Susan Roth (knitzvot@gmail.com) or Ellen Poster (ellenajme@aol.com). Please donate between now and April 30.

RS Community Events

Days of Learning

April 28 to May 2

On November 6, 2024, our leadership wrote in a congregational email entitled “Going Forth Together,” “*Torah* and Jewish history call us to rally our energy, courage and hope, face the unknown, and go forth on our journey to purpose once again...Every morning, we awake to *mitzvot*/sacred actions. We will continue to find our *mitzvah*.” And you have!

According to Maimonides, it is a *mitzvah* to set aside time for learning, so mark your calendars for Days of Learning, the RS educational program by congregants for congregants (and everyone else!). From Jewish-inspired music to a trip around the world, and from the *mikveh* to the Vilna ghetto, we have classes to rally your energy, courage and hope. We look forward to taking this journey together.

More information here: rodephshalom.org/daysoflearningspring2025

“Tikkun Olam: Healing Our World” Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art Exhibit Opening

Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a reception with the artists in our 2025 Open Call titled, “Tikkun Olam.” Translated as “Repair Our World,” this is the second open call exhibition since the Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art’s post-COVID rejuvenation.

The show was juried by a committee of Rodeph Shalom members, including artists, collectors, and curators. This year, we had more than 225 applicants and selected just over 60 pieces for the show from over 600 works that were submitted.

A modern understanding of Tikkun Olam is that we share a partnership with God and have a duty to confront the challenges of repairing our world. You are invited to enjoy the many interpretations by contemporary artists of this challenge.

The show will be installed in the Gushner and Gutman galleries from mid-March until the end of June. Contact Hank Bernstein (henry_bernstein@comcast.net) for information.

Honor Executive Director Jeff Katz at a Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 25, following Shabbat Services

Join us on services and dinner following to demonstrate our appreciation for Jeff’s contributions to Rodeph Shalom and to celebrate his upcoming retirement on June 1.

For more information and to register: bit.ly/jeffkatzshabbatdinner

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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