



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 Acharei Mot-K'doshim

May 9, 2025

- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Cantorial Soloist Rebekah Robinson,
and Rabbi Tamir Nir, HUC Golden Hanassi Fellow,
joining us from Israel
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Alix Sophia Mandel,
daughter of Mia & Sean Mandel,
on the occasion of her *bat mitzvah*
- Greeters:** Lynn Edelman, Muriel Kudera, Karen Wisnia
- Bimah* Guest:** Jon Broder
- Musicians:** Nick Fuchs, clarinet
Joe Nero, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

*Dear Friends of the Rodeph Shalom
Congregation,*

*Considering the numerous challenges posed
by the ongoing war in Israel and the
difficulties currently faced by the
government, we, your sister community
from Jerusalem—Achva Bakerem—find
ourselves in urgent need of your support.*

*We warmly invite you to contribute to our
community with your donations, offered
with love.*

*Thank you very much for your
generosity. — Rabbi Nir Tamir*



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.

Israel Prayer

from the words of *Haftarah Kedoshim* (this week's
Haftarah reading from the Prophets)

In that day,
I will set up again the fallen booth of David:
I will mend its breaches and set up its ruins anew.
I will build it firm as in the days of old,
...
A time is coming
—declares GOD—
When the plower shall meet the reaper,
And the treader of grapes
The one who holds the [bag of] seed;
When the mountains shall drip wine
And all the hills shall wave [with grain].
I will restore My people Israel.
They shall rebuild ruined cities and inhabit them;
They shall plant vineyards and drink their wine;
They shall till gardens and eat their fruits.
And I will plant them upon their soil,
Nevermore to be uprooted
From the soil I have given them
—said the ETERNAL your God.

In Memoriam: May 4 to May 10, 2025

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Mitzi Adis	B. Franklin Glass	Miriam Pudell
Ezra Agmon	Edwin M. Goldsmith, Jr.	Laurie Schwarz Reinheimer
Babette F. Austrian	David Goldstein	Fred M. Rodin
Fritzie R. Bauer	Sol W. Goodman	Eileen M. Rosen
Florence Kaufmann Bergsmann	Sophie Wice Gordon	Harvey Rosenbluth
Shirley Bernstein	Ray Pimes Greenberg	Sarah Strauss Rosenfeld
Isidor Binswanger	Celia Hecht	David Robert Sacks
Eugene Block	Charlotte R. Holt	Therese Borns Salus
Ruth Breslau	Israel Isaac Jamison	George E. Schweig
Charlotte Caust	Harry C. Kahn, II	Rebecca Feinberg Sellers
Florence Chavin	Clothilde Kohn	Abraham L. Shapiro
Richard Christopher	David Koss	Opal Shirley
Jessie Clark	Goncer Krestal	David P. Shulman
Lewis Cohen	Jacob Krieger	Melvin 'Butch' Siegel
Eric Ivan Cohen	Jack H. Landau	Leon Solis-Cohen
Nettie Levy David	Freda Goldich Leof	Morris Spector
Milton M. Ettelson	William W. Levinson	Miriam S. Strumpf
Arthur Flory	Jennie Lipman Luria	Gustav C. Tassman
Albert Fogel	Selma C. Lyman	Lewis Walder
Kalman Frankel	Milton M. Meyers	Marie Wallerstein
Max Friedman	Ida E. Needle	Harry Frank Weil
Frances Frumin Weiner	Katherine Ginsburg Nelson	Sarah Weiner
Joseph J. Gabel	Celia Freedman Newman	Amelia Sandberg Whitehall
Jane Ganey	Helene Schaul Newman	Helene Wilner
Ignatius O. Gardner	Eleanor Perelmuter	Irene G. Wolf
Sadye Lande Garfinkle	Rose Hassler Pinkus	Henrietta Wolf
Marilyn J. Gelb	Harriet Poland	Morris Wolff
Abram Geller	Bernard Polikoff	Shirley Zemsky
Rosa E. Gerstley	Dolly Potashnik	Shirley Oken Zinman
Abraham Glant		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Martin Rawdin Michael Rosen

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

RS Community Events

Jewish Food for Thought Adult Education Series

Wednesdays, May 14 through June 18 at 6:00 p.m. at RS

Do you remember when your parent or grandparent shared a piece of wisdom that stayed with you?

Participate in facilitated conversations using Hanan Harchol's animations that explore Jewish character virtues in a series of classes taught by guest Rabbi David Levin.

Registration required here: bit.ly/43nZF0o

Contact Valorie Haves (valorie925@aol.com) for questions.

Welcome Our Israel Rabbi-in-Residence!

May 2-May 11

Join us in honoring *Yom Ha-atzmaut*/Israel Independence Day this season and in Reform Zionism's passion for Israel and compassion for all, by engaging with our Israeli Reform Rabbi Tamir Nir, in residence at RS this week.

In a collaboration with Hebrew Union College (the Reform seminary), Golden Hanassi Fellow Rabbi Tamir Nir will teach, engage us in conversation, hear about our American Jewish relationship with and hopes for Israel, engage in challenging conversations about Israel, and share his experience as a pioneer of progressive Judaism in Israel. Thank you to the Rabbi Kuhn Gratitude Fund for co-sponsoring.

Torah Study taught by Rabbi Nir

Saturday, May 10 at 9:15 a.m.

Augmented Shabbat Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, May 10, following services

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, May 10 at 10:45 a.m.

Berkman Mercaz Limud Learning with Rabbi Nir

Sunday, May 11

Introducing The Clubhouse

Coming soon for RS members and beyond!

Starting this fall, after-school care with Jewish enrichment for Kindergarten through 6th grade. There will be camp at the end of August before the school year begins. Check out the website here: theclubhousephilly.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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