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☆ *Ohev Shalom v'Rodeph Shalom* ☆
Love peace and pursue it (*Pirkei Avot* 1:12)

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

February 27, 2026 | 10 Adar, 5786

Welcome!

**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!

Rodeph Shalom Vision Statement

Immersed in Jewish time ♦ Guided by enduring values ♦ Compelled to moral action

We create profound connections

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

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- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Micah Kathryn David,
daughter of Carter Paulson & Gregory David,
on the occasion of becoming a *bat mitzvah*
- Greeters:** Lynn Edelman, Heshie Zinman
- Bimah* Guest:** Lynn Edelman
- Musicians:** Rob Rutigliano; 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: February 22, 2026 to February 28, 2026
Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Keith Alexander	Edna Lippman Hahn	Albert R. Rhode
Bernice Muller Alterman	Howard Haines	Antoinette Loewus Sattler
Irit Aptaker	Stuart Haves	Esther Schechtman
John Steven Bank	Rachael Heim	Bettie Schlamme
Edythe W. Barbour	George Heltzer	Amelia Teller Schlesinger
Max H. Barnett	Mabel M. Jacobs	Janice Schliffer
Margaret Hays Baum	Solomon Jacobs	Minnie Krieger Schloss
Zipora Baylinson	Laurence Kagel	Theodore Schmidt
Lena Beck	Edward Kantner	Ida Koff Segal
Emanuel Blatt	Rosalind Sperling Kessler	Jennie Coopersmith Shapiro
Samuel Blesnack	Saul Wedren Kessler	John D. Shuman
Besse G. Bleznak	Emanuel Kohn	Julius Siedenbach
Diane Blumenthal	Eleanor Sablosky Kreisel	Ted Silver
Benjamin H. Borth	Herman E. Landau	Gert J. Silverman
Max Brill	Benj. Frnklin Teller Langsdorf	Peter Simon
Louis Burgauer	Harold Lashner	Harold Snyder
Hon. Paul M. Chalfin	Rae Sommer Levy	Sylvia Spotts
Harriet Duker	Harvey Lipschultz	Arlene Starkman
Meyer Eglin	Michael H. Malmud	Herbert M. Stein
Rose B. Ettelson	Eugene Mandel	Sydney S. Stern
Alexandra Fogel	Emanuel Mandelblatt	Louis Stern
Blanche Marks Folz	Fredric R. Mann	Fred "Fritz" Strauss
Caroline Frank	Jacob Mann	Leonard David Swaab
Elizabeth Frankel	Mina May	Rebecca Tiktin
Harry E. Franks	James A. Meyers	Eileen Walther
Rose Furman	Irving Miller	Arvell Washington
Samuel Getz	Dorothy Miller	Herbert Weiner
Abraham H. Gitlow	Nelson Millman	Sara Winklestein
Herman Goldberg	Harry Neurick	Barry Wohlman
Jeanette Miriam Goldberg	Florence Pearlman	Abraham H. Woldow
Bertram J. Goodman	Theodore Phillips	Malka Wolf
Fred Gorenstein	Herbert Pressman	Mary Joseph Wolf
Harold Alan Graff	Jeannette M. Putzel	Miriam Wolf
J. Maurice Gray	Charlotte Auerbach Rathmill	Emmanuel Wright
Daniel F. Greenwald		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Nancy Abel Al Chazin Robert M. Cohen Jerry Greenberg
 Gerald Benjamin Katz Joan A. Levin Norman S. Mosko
 Mitchell Rubin Sidney Bernard Zamochnick

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events



Second Night Seder
Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.
Register by Friday, March 20

Celebrate the second night of Passover with your RS community at a *seder*!

Early Bird Pricing (ends March 13 @ noon)

RS Member Pricing : \$70/adult;
\$20/children (3-12)

Non Member Pricing: \$95/adult;
\$30/children (3-12)

Pricing after March 13 @ noon

RS Member Pricing: \$80/adult;
\$25/children (3-12)

Non Member Pricing: \$105/adult;
\$35/children (3-12)

Spots will fill up fast! Your registration must be received by Friday, March 20 at noon.

Register: tfaforms.com/5212753

"Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

(Deut. 10:19)

Read the Union for Reform Judaism statement, "Jewish Cross-Denominational Statement Against Violent Immigration Enforcement" here: bit.ly/49Qj250

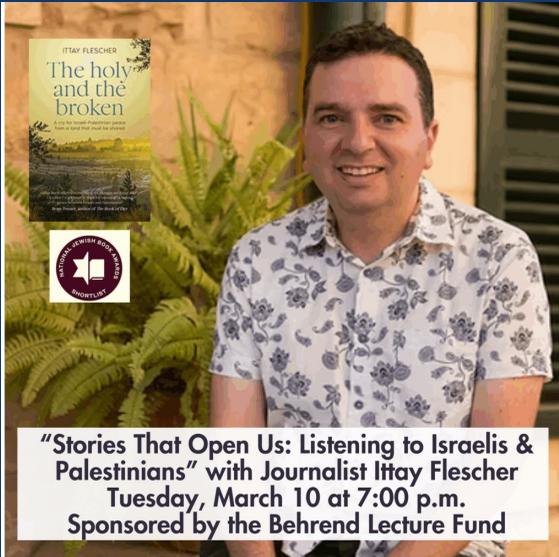
Congregation Rodeph Shalom is officially a member of the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia (sanctuaryphiladelphia.org).

There are two ways to get involved -- through accompaniment, a program that walks with immigrants to support them in navigating resources, or through weekly vigils run by congregations.

Contact Ellen Poster (ellenajme@aol.com) if you are interested in learning about accompaniment.

Contact Debbie Davies (deb.davies@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping plan a vigil on April 8.

Rodeph Shalom Community Events



**"Stories That Open Us: Listening to Israelis & Palestinians" with Journalist Itay Flescher
Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Behrend Lecture Fund**



**ConnectRS: Help Call RS Members
Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m**

90'S PURIM SHPIEL, MEGILLAH READING, & CELEBRATION

MONDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 p.m.: *Megillah* Reading, Pizza, & Celebration

6:30 p.m.: 90s Purim Shpiel

"Reality Bites: The *Megillah*" is hitting the stage!

Travel back to the '90s with us as Queen Esther drops some serious truth bombs, Mordechai is totally buggin' out over Haman's wicked plot (what-ever!), and the King is way distracted by his Tamagotchi.

Featuring songs from The Backstreet Boys, Beck, Vanilla Ice, Britney Spears, this totally phat and fly, retelling of the *Megillah* will have you spinning your groggers and saying "Boo!" for Haman louder than a dial-up modem.

Register for all events at: rodephshalom.org/eventregistrations/

Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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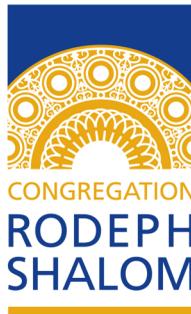
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