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

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

April 3, 2026 | 16 Nisan, 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 Chol HaMo-eid Pesach

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- Led by:** Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantorial Soloist Rebekah Robinson
- Shabbat* Blessings:** Erin Elman, Stephen Gibson, Izzy Gibson
- Greeters:** Mindy Solkin, Heshie Zinman
- Bimah* Guest:** Heshie Zinman
- Musicians:** Mark Allen, clarinet
Joe Nero, percussion
James Fernando, 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 29, 2026 to April 4, 2026

Morris Abrams	Evelyn Greenberg	J. Robert McFarlen
Bernard M. Alterman	Henry Greenwald	Rose Berman Michelson
Louis F. Anathan	Elmer Gross	Silbert Moritz
Jacob Anathan	Florence Radbill Grossman	Milton Mozen
Margurite Gruenberg Ash	Tillie Grupp	Louis New
Florine W. Bacharach	Karen Silverman Haftel	Isaac Nusbaum
Ira Jay Bankofsky	Sydney Haimm	Martha Virginia Pearlman
Beverly Batoff	Pista Hartocollis	Ellard Louis Pfaelzer
Moses Harris Berger	Harry J. Hartz	Jane Riccardi
Julius Block	Melva Judith Herrin	Sylvia Weinraub Rose
Elaine Blumenthal	Adolph Hess	Michael Rosen
Bruce David Brandes	Herman L. Hinlein	Stephen M. Rosenthal
George Brody	Simon Hirschberg	S. Leon Rosskam
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William Coleman, Jr.	Richard Jaffe	Cecelia Sheerr
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Jonah Elliot-Adelman	Charles Robert Kline	Ina Sue Smilk
Phyllis Elman	Arnold Komins	Eugene M Stern
Ann Feldman	Dora Leopold	Isador Strauss
Leo Flax	Anna Rossman Lewis	Hermon J. Tahl
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Carol Gerstley	Flora Lifter	Bertha Trifeld
Henry Gerstley	Harry Lipper, II	Elizabeth Serfer Vogel
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Isaac M. Goldsmith	D. Arthur Magaziner	Jack Weiner
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Edward J. Goodman	Sara Mandell	Dora Wohlmut
Betty Fried Gottlieb	David I. Mann	Edith Zackheim
Agnes Henriette Simon Graetz	Robert Milton Maybaum	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Harriet Ansul Nelson Franklin Bailey Judith S. Crystal Edna Foa
Barbara Freed Miriam "Mitzi" Mackler Rosalyn Schwartz

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events



Death by Numbers Film Screening and Q&A presented by the Southeastern PA Coalition of Synagogues to Reduce Gun Violence
Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History (as part of the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival)

Written by Florida Parkland High School survivor Sam Fuentes, *Death by Numbers* follows her journey to confront her assailant in court and explores themes of gun violence, hatred, and restorative justice.

Co-sponsors include Rodeph Shalom and CeaseFirePA.

Contact Susan Frankel (swfrankel@gmail.com) for information.

Register here: theweitzman.org/events/death-by-numbers/

"Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Deut. 10:19)

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 May 13 (new date).



SPRING LANDMARK CELEBRATION HONORING RABBI JILL MADERER

Join us for a meaningful weekend that reflects our congregation's enduring spirit, deep relationships, and shared journey through Jewish time— while honoring Rabbi Jill Maderer's 25th anniversary of leadership, a milestone woven into our collective story.



Shabbat Service & Dinner: Friday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Featuring guest speaker Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism

\$54/person. Scan the QR code to register.

Annual Philanthropic Patrons & Investing members are invited to the *Shabbat* Dinner as our guests, with gratitude for their generosity.

Co-Chairs: Susan Klehr and Marsha Weinraub



An Evening of Celebration: Saturday, April 25 at 6:45 p.m.

Patron Reception | *Havdalah* | Dessert Soirée

RS Stories with *New York Times* Bestselling Author Jennifer Weiner

While there is no cost to attend, we kindly encourage you to make a reservation so we can plan thoughtfully for this special evening. Scan the QR code to register.

Co-Chairs: Catherine Fischer and Dena Herrin



L'dor V'dor: From Generation to Generation

Family Program: Sunday, April 26

A joyful, multigenerational celebration of relationships with music, blessings, and *tikkun olam*.

Contact Philanthropy Director Neil Wise at nwise@rodephshalom.org or 267-930-7291.

NEW! The Future of the Jewish People Fund

A new endowment to strengthen outreach, engagement, and the future of Jewish life at Rodeph Shalom and beyond. In honor of Rabbi Jill Maderer's 25 years of leadership, inviting our community to celebrate and invest together. Visit bit.ly/rs2525campaign.

Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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Rabbi

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