



אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

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

## Saturday *Shabbat* Morning Service

April 4, 2026 | 17 Nisan, 5786

Led by: Rabbi Eli Freedman

### *Brit Bat:*

**Mayla Catherine Peterson Oxman**, daughter of Sarah Peterson & Michael Oxman

**Ella Violet Woltemate**, daughter of Talia Arceri & Thomas Woltemate

**The Oxman family is delighted to sponsor today's *kiddush* in honor of their daughter Mayla's baby naming.**

### 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!**

# 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.

## **We create profound connections**

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.

## 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
Patricia C. Brody	Benjamin Hoffman	Jean Abrams Schwartz
Leon C. Bunkin	Goldie R. Jacobs	Belle E. Seldner
William Coleman, Jr.	Richard Jaffe	Cecelia Sheerr
Frank Cummings	Frances Kahn	Bettyann Simon
Elma Davis	Samuel Kayser	Dorothy Sklar
Emma Elkan	Jack H. Klein	Andrew Edward Slavin
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 Roszman Lewis	Hermon J. Tahl
Susan Garlick	Richard Lichten	Rebecca Hackenburg Teller
Carol Gerstley	Flora Lifter	Bertha Trifeld
Henry Gerstley	Harry Lipper, II	Elizabeth Serfer Vogel
Isaac Gerstley	Jerome H. Louchheim	Israel Weiner
Isaac M. Goldsmith	D. Arthur Magaziner	Jack Weiner
Rosalind Goodman Goodman	Rose Mandelblatt	Marcus Wohl
Edward J. Goodman	Sara Mandell	Dora Wohlmuth
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*

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