

אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

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

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

May 1, 2026 | 14 Iyar, 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 Emor

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- Led by:** Rabbi Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman
- D'var Torah:*** Rabbi Emeritus Alan Fuchs
- Shabbat Blessings:*** Hunter Meyer de Boer,
son of Michelle and Jonathan de Boer,
on the occasion of becoming a *bar mitzvah*
- Conversion Blessing:** Michelle Bauer
- Greeters:** Fran Martin, Liz Shapiro, Paula Sitelman
- Bimah* Guest:** Heshie Zinman
- Musicians:** Zach Spondike, clarinet
Joe Nero, percussion
AJ Luca, piano

Following services, join for an *oneg* in honor of the 90th birthday of Rabbi Alan Fuchs, sponsored by his children Dan & Julie and Doug & Dee.

“Elohai N’tzor” – Dan Nichols

Elohai n'tzur l'shoni meira , נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי מִרְעַ, אֱלֹהֵי

Elohai n'tzur l'shoni meira , נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי מִרְעַ, אֱלֹהֵי

Oh my God, watch over me take the hurt away from how I speak

Only Love flows from you

May every word ... I speak be true

Elohai n'tzur l'shoni meira , נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי מִרְעַ, אֱלֹהֵי

Elohai n'tzur l'shoni meira , נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי מִרְעַ, אֱלֹהֵי

When words are thrown, I'll hold my tongue and breathe the air of songs I've sung

That refrain I'll repeat

There's more to You... than only me

Elohai n'tzur l'shoni meira , נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי מִרְעַ, אֱלֹהֵי

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וּשְׁפָתַי מִדַּבֵּר מִדַּבֵּר מִרְמָה, וְלִמְקַלְלֵי נַפְשִׁי תִדֹם,

Us'fatai m'dabeir, m'dabeir mirma lim'kal'lai nafshi tidom

V'nafshi k'afar, lakol... tihiyeh . תְּהִיֶּה לְכֹל תְּהִיֶּה .

Tihiyeh . תְּהִיֶּה .

Hai-na-na, hai-nai-nai-nai (4x)

In Memoriam: April 26, 2026 to May 2, 2026
Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

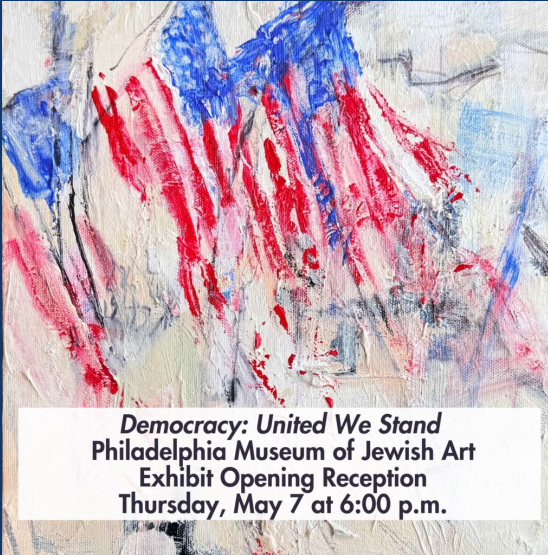
Fannie Anathan	Elaine Axilbund Goldstein	Jeanette M. Moskowitz
Mina Applebaum	Bennie Golum	Mildred Mufson
Isaac Augsburg	Yetta Goodman	Maxwell H. Nemir
LeRoy W. Bacharach	Rose Rodin Green	Lena Teitlebaum Neumann
Theresa Becker	Jonathan Levi Grindlinger	Sadye C. Nusbaum
Sonny Bernstein	Stanley Elliott Grode	Helen Powis
Robert Blank	Samuel G. Gross	Lee Rosengard
Irving E. Block	Bernice Hall	Donald J. Ross
Jean L. Brodey	David B. Herrin	Mathew Rotenberg
Reba Parness Brown	Abraham Hirsh	S. Lewis Rubinsohn
Elta Marie Buboltz	Delia Strause Hirshberg	Joseph W. Salus
David Carmosin	Clara Horenstein	Stanley Sarmiento
Doris Chorney	Charlotte Horwitz	Nellie Rosenbluth Schwartz
Barry E. Cohen	Rose Wolf Kabakow	Bertha Harrison Schweig
Robert Cooper	Susan Katz	Donna Silverman
Edward B. Crane	Albert Kaye	Sophie Smith
Wilma Crane	Philip Kirschner	Leon Solis-Cohen, Jr.
Marion Loeb Dannenberg	Burton Neal Komita	Ida Sperling
Leon Edelson	Benson Krieger	Ruth Spielberg
Charles Kalman Eisman	Robert Steven Krouse	Mitchel Stern
Jeannette Feigenberg	Marvin Kushner	Henrietta B. Stern
Betty Poland Finkelman	Irving Harry Kutcher	Sarah K. Viener
Herman Fischler	Gabe H. Lang	Lewis Walder
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Lewis N. Ginsberg	Robert A. "Bobby" Marlowe	William Wolsey
Harris Goldberg	Alma Merrian	Matilda Zaretsky
Mae Goldberg		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Joan Dolores Glatthorn Rochelle ("Shelly") Green
Michael Hartman Hazel Kagel Tziporah Segal Brittany Washington

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events



This Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art exhibit will showcase works of art that visually reflect the concept of maintaining democracy, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country.

Register here: bit.ly/pmjademocracyexhibit

For more information, contact Chair Robin Blumenfeld (rswitzenbaum@gmail.com).

Image: Ronnie Bookbinder, Our Beautiful Country, 2023

Protect Our Vote Training! with RAC-PA (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism)

May 13 & May 18

Our power is in our response to hate and division. Join a growing number of people of faith equipped with the knowledge and tools to identify threats to our democracy and to lead and take action through the Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign. In the training, we will learn the signs of democratic backside and how to bring others along to the movement for free and fair elections. Join us to ensure that every eligible voter has a say in the decisions that impact our lives so we can, together, create a safer and better future for ourselves and our communities.

Register for Protect Our Vote Training Here:





Days of Learning

Come learn with us from May 11 through May 15 and on *Shavuot*, May 21!

Days of Learning is the signature Adult Education program at RS where congregants teach and learn from each other, with a focus on Jewish or secular topics through a Jewish lens. We are in the seven weeks between Passover and *Shavuot*. Days of Learning 2026, is designed to accompany you along the journey that the children of Israel took from Egyptian bondage to receiving the *Torah* at Mount Sinai.



This year's Days of Learning is made possible in part by a donation in memory of Gail 'Malka' Meister, the founder of this program at Rodeph Shalom.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the class offerings. Register at bit.ly/daysoflearning2026.

Co-chairs are Ellen Poster, Marc Lowenstein, and Howard Green, along with committee members Ben-Zion Friedman and Jeffrey Saunders.

Mon., May 11	Tues., May 12	Wed., May 13	Thurs., May 14	Fri., May 15	Thurs., May 21
10:00 to 11:00 AM Everything you Wanted to Know About Artificial Intelligence Dr. Barry Marks Breakfast provided 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Introduction to Pirkei Avot: The Ethics of Our Sages Sai Koros Lunch provided.	3:00 to 4:00 PM What are the Neshamah (Soul) Training and Community Experiences of Torah Study Rabbi Jill Maderer	10:00 AM to 2:30 PM Repairing the World: Standing Up for Immigrant Rights Rabbi Eli Freedman, Rabbi Jill Maderer, Cantor Brad Hyman, and Deborah Davies Breakfast provided Discussion with Rabbi Freedman followed by Vigil at ICE office	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Seeing RS through My Eyes Karen Michaels Breakfast provided 12:00 to 1:30 PM First Salute Weitzman Tour Resa Levinson Box lunch from Goldie	10:30 AM to 1:00 PM Tour of Calder Gardens Jane Friedman Box lunch provided at Barnes Foundation	Evening of Learning: Shavuot 5:30 to 6:30 PM Wine, Cheese, and Time Bill Uffner, Rabbi Bill Kuhn, Yoav Perry, and Hélène Jawhara Piñer 6:30 to 7:30 PM A Stroll through Jewish Musical Genres over the Decades Louis Bernstein, Jon Broder, Melissa Broder, Cantor Brad Hyman, and Barbara Lewandowski
6:00 to 7:30 PM Transplant Surgery and Jewish Law: Why I Became a Living Donor Todd Hacker Dr. Kenneth Chavin Dinner provided	6:00 to 7:00 PM Reading Ruth: Between the Lines Mindi Snoparsky and Denise Finer Dinner provided	6:00 to 7:30 PM Book Talk A Force for Good The Rescue of Children from Nazi Germany Anita Wyzanski Robboy Lynn Edelman Dinner provided	6:00 to 7:30 PM Jews by Choice Panel Discussion Including Denise Finer, Todd Hacker, Robert Higgins, Lilliana Kimbrough, and Michael Riccardi Dinner provided	4:00 to 5:30 PM Yiddish Theater Comes to RS Talk by Susannah Trubman, YIVO Educator, with original source materials to explore and discuss	7:30 to 8:30 PM Book Talk Promised Lands Zionism in Interwar Palestine and America Sharon Musher

Our Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership Welcome You!

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