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

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

July 10, 2026 | 25 Tamuz, 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 Matot-Mas'ei

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Led by: Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman,
and Cantor Brad Hyman

***Shabbat* Blessings:** Jennifer & Brett Feldman

Greeters: David Fischer, Heshie Zinman

***Bimah* Guest:** Jon Broder

Musicians: Mark Allen, 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: July 5, 2026 to July 11, 2026

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Rose Albert	Robert P. Frankel	Gladys Pearlstine
Viola Hirsh Allman	Elizabeth "Betty" Freezman	Friedel Peters
Gerald Applebaum	Benjamin Goldenberg	Oliva Block Pfaelzer
Amanda E. Arrott	Florence Gubernick	Milton H. "Bud" Pincus
Melba Basicakes Axelrod	Viola Stern Haas	William Pinkenson
Edward Bellet	Irvin J. Harburger	Michael Rathmill
Sophie Binenstock	Yona Henshell	Barbara Goldman Rozett
James J. Blatt	Ann Sue Israel	Saul Rubin
Herman B. Blumenthal, II	Lisette Jacobs Israel	Charles D. Salkowitz
Morton Botel	Minerva Jackson	Myer Schwartz
Albert L. Bricklin	Henrietta Mann Jonas	Samuel Silverman
Audrey Lesse Brodsky	Richard Kadish	Helmine Sinsheimer
Eugene Lionel Broude	Ada J. Kaplan	Morris Somerson
Betsy Claster	Bernard Katzanek	Rona Sostman
Rosa Cohen	Francine Kositsky	Joseph Spotts
Harry D. Comer	Ivan Kranich	Morris Stein
Sadie Weil Coplin	Mollie Krauss	Dorothy Kahn Straus
Anna Sher Dreidink	Philip Lassin	Esther Strouse
Peter DuFault	Joel Levin	David J. Sundheim
Lillian Wilder Epstein	Sylvia Levy	Harry A. Takiff
Mark G. Feder	Martin Lewin	David Weil
Lillian Felber	Herbert Lipman Luria	Judith Weinstock
Stuart Feldman	Morton Richard "Dick" Maser	Katherine Louise Wilson
Freda Feldman	Rachel Anathan Mayer	Norma Winthrop
Selma Fine	Mary Mogel	Madalyn H. Wise
Nathan Fine	Julia Obermayer	Jill Zitkovsky
Natalie Fishbein		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Patsy Hunter	Adele Kaehler	Dea Mallin	Patricia Marie Sewell
Debbie E. Share	Stephen Sheppard	Muriel Snyder	

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

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

"Our congregation is strengthened by the diversity of our members—people of many backgrounds and circumstances who each contribute as they are able. Our future depends on all of us participating generously to sustain the education, worship, programming, and community that make Rodeph Shalom such a vital center of Jewish life in Philadelphia." - Marsha Weinraub, President

The Jewish response to most challenges is: Community!

Pirkei Avot lays it out so simply:

"Do not separate from the community,"

or put in our preferred positive language: attach to the community.

The impact of that attachment is felt deeply in our lives as individuals and also in the way each of our presence strengthens the community.

In a difficult time for American Jews, with an increase of anxiety for Jewish safety, we maintain the Jewish response:

Community!

We are grateful for your generous commitment to Rodeph Shalom. Please see your recent membership mailing to renew that commitment for the coming year. And thank you to the many of you who have already renewed your commitment to our sacred Congregation.

**For questions about your membership, contact Steven Share,
Director of Membership & Community Engagement
(sshare@rodephshalom.org, 267-930-7286).**

Rodeph Shalom Community Events

A Taste of Judaism

Tuesdays, August 11, 18, 25 at 6:00 p.m. at RS

Designed for anyone who would like to learn about the foundations of Judaism or for those who may be searching for an entry into Jewish life, this course explores Jewish perspectives on spirituality, values, and community, and is led by RS clergy. This course is sponsored by Ellen Simon & Mickey Simon (z"l).

Free for RS members; Non-members are \$36/person or \$36/couple for the three sessions.

Contact Steven Share
(sshare@rodephshalom.org) for more information.

Register here: bit.ly/tasteofjudaism2026



Calling all those who can chant *Torah* for the High Holy Days

Chant a few lines of *Torah* to begin to prepare for a reading over the High Holy Days and *Simchat Torah*. We have a need for readers at all of our morning services, as well as the afternoon of *Yom Kippur* and the Friday evening we are celebrating *Simchat Torah* as a community. There are a few spots for chanting *Haftarah* and *Haftarah* blessings at the *Yom Kippur* morning services, as well as the few verses at the beginning of Jonah for *Yom Kippur* Afternoon.

Please email Cantor Hyman (cantorhyman@rodephshalom.org) and be as specific about your service availability, your preferred texts, and include alternate options if there are any.

All materials, audio and printed, will be provided and sent as soon as possible, once requested and assigned. Thank you for your help with speaking words of *Torah*.

rodephshalom.org/eventregistrations/

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Rabbi

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