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

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

July 24, 2026 | 10 Av, 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 Va-et'chanan

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Led by:	Rabbi Jill Maderer and Cantorial Soloist Rebekah Robinson
<i>Shabbat</i> Blessings:	Andi & Mike Shuster, Link Shuster
Greeters:	Ned Hanover, Muriel Kudera, David Rawdin
<i>Bimah</i> Guest:	Jerry Arnold
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 19, 2026 to July 25, 2026
Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Jennie Amandeo	Raymond Gubernick	Emily Newman
Abraham L. Ball	Gertrude Handle	Katie Nissman
Arthur J. Barkhouse, Jr.	Lisa Hannan	Linda Partida
Edgar Bernstein	Norman J. Kalcheim	Norma Pinkenson
Leon Blumberg	Asher Samuel Katz	Clarissa H. Popkin
Lillian Brody	Charles Kayser	Michael J. Rosenberg
Fannie Brooks	Marjorie Asher Kind	Rosa F. Rosenbloom
A.P. Carlton	Isidore Kohn	Joseph M. Salesky
Jacqueline Cohen	Jacob M. Korn	Selina R. Siedenbach
Samuel Joe Cohen	David V. Krumholz	Meyer Siedenbach
Florence Diamond	Florence R. Laden	Roslyn Silver
Joseph S. Dreiffuss	Leonard A. Levine, Sr.	Ronald Silverman
Clinton Edelman	Joseph Levinson	Joseph E. Simon
Lillian Einheber	Maxwell S. Levy	David Mann Sklaroff
Myra Falk Eisenberg	Mary Soloff Linde	Mollie Stein
Josephine Enelow	Virginia H. Louchheim	Seymour Stiffman
Saul Feld	Arnold Lowe	Erna Strauss
Bonnie Fine	Arthur Makadon	Fannie Teller
Isadore Fox	Rose E. Mann	Julius H. Tolson
Lee Weiss Frank	Samuel Marein-Efron	Abraham Topkis
Ephraim J. Frankel	Bryan Shane Marks	Adolph Wasserman
Diane Freedman	Franklin B. Mayer	Esther Wasserman
Frances Ann Freezman	Nelson B. Mayer	Flora B. Wasserman
Lewis Freidman	Taube (Tova) Michels	Gordon Weinberg
Sonya Garfinkle	Loreen Miller	Alfred Edwin Weisz
Edward S. Goldberg	Stanley Nelson Mitnik	Albert J. Weyl
Anna Marymor Goldston	Elaine Nader	Benjamin Woldow
Sol Greene	Samuel Nemiroff	Milton Tuck Wolf
Sadie Koch Grinsfelder	Anna Zeitlyn Netzky	Lester Zackheim
Alan Gross		

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Patsy Hunter Adele Kaehler Martin Hainer Sande Hollin
Dea Mallin Patricia Marie Sewell Stephen Sheppard Muriel Snyder

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events

NEW! Postcard Writing Session next Friday before *Shabbat*!

Every Voice, Every Vote Postcard Writing Party, in partnership with the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

Friday, July 31 at 4:30 p.m. at RS

Help get out the vote for the November election! Discuss what is at stake and write post cards to PA voters connected with OnePA4All, a Black-led organization which builds the voter base by increasing interest.

Please bring colorful pens. If you are able, we also welcome donations to help cover the costs of postcards and stamps, both of which will be provided.

Contact Ellen Kraftsow-Kogan (ekkogan@me.com) or Chad Hooper (chadhooper@gmail.com) for more information.



Every Voice, Every Vote Postcard Party
Friday, July 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Register here: bit.ly/evevjuly31party

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

We are grateful for your generous commitment to Rodeph Shalom.

For questions about your membership, contact Steven Share, Director of Membership & Community Engagement, by email (sshare@rodephshalom.org) or at his direct dial (267-930-7286).

Rodeph Shalom Community Events

A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? **Tuesdays, August 11, 18, 25 at 6:00 p.m. at RS**

Do you have a friend or neighbor who is not an RS member who would like to learn about the foundations of Judaism? 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).

\$36/person for the three sessions.

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

Register here: bit.ly/tasteofjudaism2026



Join a training to put into practice our immigration solidarity and our *mitzvah* of welcoming the stranger.

RS is a member of the New Sanctuary Movement, a nonprofit Philadelphia organization that works to end injustices against immigrants. One of their initiatives is the accompaniment program, which connects immigrants with needed resources and provides the support and presence of allies when they attend various hearings. There is a one day training being offered this summer for all interested RS members as a group. Contact Ellen Poster (ellenajme@aol.com) if you are interested in the training.



To view our full calendar of events, visit:
rodephshalom.org/calendar/

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