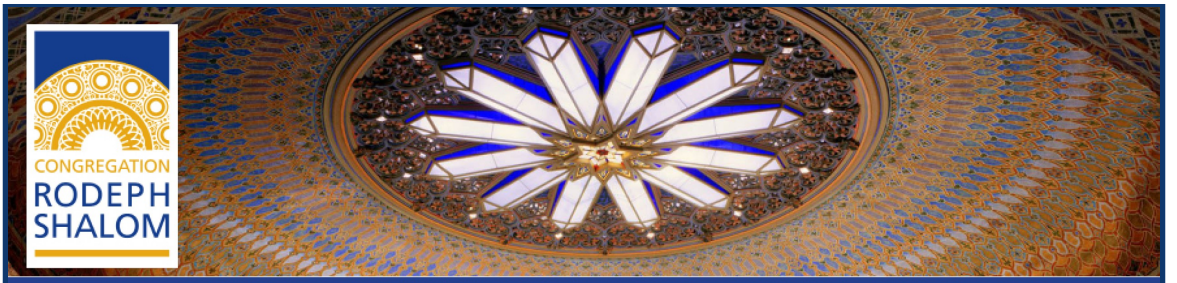

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✡ ***Ohev Shalom v'Rodeph Shalom*** ✡

Love peace and pursue it (*Pirkei Avot* 1:12)

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

October 30, 2026 | 19 Cheshvan, 5787

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.

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.

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service
Parashat Vayeira

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Led by:	Rabbi Eli Freedman and Cantor Brad Hyman
***Shabbat* Blessings:**	Lucy Elaine Klein Kuriloff, daughter of Valerie Klein & Gabriel Kuriloff
	Mirabella Ayan Wiesner, daughter of Devalina Guha-Roy & Jeff Wiesner
	on the occasion of becoming *b'not mitzvah*
Greeters:	Lynn Edelman, Freddy Kogan, Muriel Kudera
***Bimah* Guest:**	Gerald Arnold
Musicians:	Nick Fuchs, clarinet Joe Nero, percussion AJ Luca, piano

"Aleinu" – Cantor Ellen Dreskin and Dan Nichols

It's up to us to call ourselves to task, to sing what's good and true.
To bring about redemption, it's what we were free to do.
For what's the point of being here, if we're not moved to change our ways?
Aleinu l'shabei'ach… it's time to live our praise.

We are carrying the stories of the ones who came before
What stories will be told of us when we are here no more
We commit ourselves to action, it brings meaning to our days
Aleinu l'shabei'ach… it's time to live our praise.

It's up to us to own the vision, we are an answer to a call
It's up to us to live the words we speak, for the benefit of all
It's up to us to bow down deeply, there's a broken world to raise
Aleinu l'shabei'ach… it's time to live our praise.

In Memoriam: October 25, 2026 to October 31, 2026

Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

David Abrams
Samuel Abramson
Baruch Bauer
Jean Berman
Abraham Bloom
Marion Brenner
Henry Brody
Warren Guy Browne Sr.
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Emanuel Flock
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Lynne Weisman Frankel
Leonard Frankel
Miriam Miller Gart
Kiefer Newman Gerstley
Jack M. Golden
Irvin Justin Goldman
Elizabeth Gorenstein
Phyliss Haas
Louis Charles Haas
Alfred Henly
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Sylvia Moss
Richard Nitzberg
Milton Oppenheimer
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Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Alan Ira Appel Rita Charleston Rosalind "Roz" L. Kagel Beatrice "Bobbi" Lipschultz
Gloria Orenstein James W. Perloff James "Jimmy" Sobie Rhonda K. Rulnick

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events

Our Closet in Your Neighborhood Coat Donations

Now through Monday, November 2

Drop off your clean coats and winter accessories in the donation bin in the lobby for Philadelphians in need.

Contact Jill Aschkenasy (jill@baprop.com) for info.

Religious Action Center Every Voice, Every Vote: Post Election Debrief

Thursday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join the Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign as we come together after Election Day to process the moment, reflect on and evaluate the impact of our work, and look ahead to what comes next. Whatever the outcome, we'll hold space to make sense of the results, identify immediate next steps to help ensure every eligible vote is counted, and discuss how we can continue mobilizing to strengthen democracy in our communities.

Contact Susan Behr (susanb.8382@gmail.com).

RSVP: https://bit.ly/4zj0wOc

To view and register for all upcoming events, visit:
rodephshalom.org/calendar/

Rodeph Shalom Community Events

Register here:

bit.ly/multifaithclergyvoices

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