



אוֹהֵב שְׁלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְׁלוֹם

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

Friday *Shabbat* Evening Service

October 9, 2026 | 28 Tishrei, 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 B'reishit

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Led by:	Rabbi Jill Maderer, Rabbi Eli Freedman, Cantor Brad Hyman
<i>Shabbat</i> Blessings:	Bowie Barbara Meyers, daughter of Annette Ponnock & Peter Knight Meyers, on the occasion of becoming a <i>bat mitzvah</i>
Wedding Blessing:	Natalie Odzer & Brandon Ko
Greeters:	David Silver, Paula Sitelman
<i>Bimah</i> Guest:	Mitchell Orenstein
Musicians:	Mark Allen, clarinet Joe Nero, percussion Linda Henderson, 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.

“Hashkiveinu” – Jeremy Sipe and Ian Campbell

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם,
וְהַצְמִידֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים, לְחַיִּים

*Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha'amideinu shom'reinu l'chayim,
l'chayim*

Shelter us with Your peace, and let all of our worries release.

All of us, beneath Your wings.

Guard our hearts, protect our souls. Let us rise up completed and whole.

All of us, beneath Your wings.

וּפְרוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ, לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

Uf'ros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha, l'chayim ul'shalom, mei'ata v'ad olam

(Spread over us a shelter of your peace... for life and for peace, now and forever.)

In Memoriam: October 4, 2026 to October 10, 2026
Yahrzeit (anniversary of death)

Mina Bacharach	Ray Durlacher Horn	Hyman Poland
Jay B. Beneman	Henry Walter Isenberg	Samuel H. Popkin
Neil Bernstein	Abe Jaffe	Bernard Richman
Rose Woolf Block	Rev. Marcus M. Jastrow	Doris S. Rosenau
Florence W. Blumenthal	Harold Joseph	Edna Stern Rosenblatt
Sidney Broder	Henry P. King	Shirley Rubin
Regina E. Caplan	Irene Kliger	Jennifer Rudow
Sarah Carmosin	Irving Krakow	Abe Schwartz
Linda P. Charleston	Henrietta Krumholz	Sophie Selbst
Albert M. Cohen	Arthur Wanderman Lefco	Sophia Shapiro
Celia Cohen	Abraham Leopold	Hanche Sickles
Herman Allen Costow	Jennie Robinson Leventon	Joseph Sinsheimer
Reta Eisenberg	Elizabeth Levi	Isaac Stein
Sophie Ettelson	Jean Levin	Jacob Sternberg
Joseph B. Feigel	Louis Liebman	Simon Hirshler Stiefel
Beatrice Lipman Feldman	Cecelia Steinberg Loewenstein	Bernard Stoumen
David N. Feldman	Solomon Lowenstein	David Teller
Keith Fish	David Mandel, Jr.	Martin Van Adelsberg
Alfred P. Fishman	David I. Marder	Arthur Viener
Edward Freed	Vakita Maxwell	Louis H. Weinberger
Aidla R. Friedberg	Henrietta Mayer	Marvin Weiner
Meyer Gans	Eugene Michelson	Valentine L. Wilson, Sr.
Reba Edelman Ginsberg	Claire Miller	Helen N. Wise
Anne Gold	George Miller	Benedict Wolf
Harold L. Goldburgh	Herbert Muhlbauer	Joseph A. Woolman
Bertram Greenspun	Eleanor Viener Nieman	Ruth M. Wotiz
Jacob C. Gutman	Hannah B. Nissman	Lowell Yemin
Irma Hallo	Herman Obermayer	Edith Zitwer
Henry Hirsh	Jesus Alberto Perez Martinez	

Shloshim (30 days of mourning)

Tonia Burris Rita Charleston Tim Dougherty
Michael Phillip Greenspan Andres Weisz, Jr.

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

Rodeph Shalom Community Events



WHO IS AMERICAN?
Belonging and the Question of Jewish Citizenship
LILA CORWIN BERMAN

Who is American? Belonging and the Question of Jewish Citizenship with Professor Lila Corwin Berman
Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at RS
Hosted by LawyeRS and sponsored by the Joseph W. Rosenbluth Fund

Join us for an engaging discussion of Professor Berman's timely new book, exploring how law and Jewish identity shape the ongoing debate over American citizenship. This thought-provoking program comes at a particularly timely moment, with the Supreme Court's recent consideration of the 14th Amendment's Citizenship Clause and ongoing cases considering Jewish students' civil rights claims.

Contact Jon Broder (broderj58@gmail.com).

Register here: bit.ly/rswwhoisamericanprogram

Hosted by our LawyeRS Engagement Group and sponsored by the Joseph W. Rosenbluth Fund.



The Belonging Project Havdalah
Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. at The Spring Gardens (1832 North Street)
Mark the end of Shabbat together at The Spring Gardens, with an opportunity to connect with fellow RS members through facilitated conversation.

Register here: bit.ly/bpocthavdalah

Contact Cara Schneider Bongiorno (caraschneiderbongiorno@gmail.com).



DEMOCRACY & SOLIDARITY AT 250 YEARS

Multifaith Clergy Voices: A Panel Moderated by CNN Anchor & Chief Political Correspondent Dana Bash
Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. at RS
Sponsored by the Alfred & Helen O. Sellers Fund

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To Register:

<https://rodephshalom.org/eventregistrations/>

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