



**TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM**  
**...A HOUSE OF PRAYER**  
**...A HOUSE OF STUDY**  
**...A HOUSE OF MEETING**

As Virginia's largest Jewish congregation, our vitality stems from our responsiveness to the many individuals, families and generations which comprise our congregation.

Founded by three dozen families in 1962 and dedicated to the spiritual and ethical values of Judaism, Temple Rodef Shalom has grown to 1,400 households. We have developed a reputation as a religious community that respects congregants' individuality and welcomes members from many Jewish traditions.

At Temple Rodef Shalom, spiritual, educational and social programs both engage and serve members of every age. Our worship style— accessible and inclusive—enriches the heart, mind and spirit of all who attend. Our community is a celebration and exploration of Reform Jewish life, rooted in tradition and relevant for all time.



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**WELCOME TO**  
**TEMPLE RODEF**  
**SHALOM**



**RODEF SHALOM:**  
**PURSUERS OF**  
**PEACE**

## BEIT T'FILLAH: HOUSE OF PRAYER

At the core of Temple Rodef Shalom is our worship experience, our connection with thousands of years of religious practice and with God. Temple Rodef Shalom embodies the traditions and vitality of the Reform Movement as it strives to meet the spiritual needs of today's modern Jew.

### CLERGY AND WORSHIP

Our dynamic clergy team leads the congregation in fulfilling our spiritual mission. Under the direction of Senior Rabbi Amy Schwartzman, the clergy provide prayerful, warm, inspirational and insightful services on Shabbat, festivals, holidays and High Holy Days.

Rabbi Schwartzman is joined by Senior Cantor Michael Shochet, Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe, Cantor Tracey Scher, and Founding Rabbi Laszlo Berkowitz. Together, they lead our Temple members along life's sacred path.

### LIFECYCLE

From simchas, such as baby namings and weddings, to times of need, the clergy are always available to share in happiness or provide strength and support.



## BEIT MIDRASH: HOUSE OF STUDY

Judaism is a tradition committed to life-long learning. The study of ancient texts and modern interpretations enriches our lives and provides a framework for Jewish living. To that end, Temple Rodef Shalom is truly a house of study for all ages:

### NURSERY SCHOOL

Our Nursery School is a community school that introduces Jewish and non-Jewish children to school life. Our program promotes the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child in a nurturing environment.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Our dynamic religious school lays the foundation for a love of Jewish learning for our younger members. Our students experience Hebrew, Jewish history, traditions, heritage and culture in an age-appropriate, creative atmosphere from kindergarten through high school.

### ADULT EDUCATION

The study of Torah is at the center of our lives. Temple Rodef Shalom fulfills the mitzvah of Jewish learning by providing numerous opportunities for adult study and discussion groups. Hebrew classes, Jewish culture and philosophy, and other unique learning opportunities offer our members various ways to enrich spiritual and intellectual growth.



## BEIT K'NESSET: HOUSE OF MEETING

Our synagogue is a *Kehillah Kedoshah*—a sacred community where friendships are formed and meaningful bonds are created.

Together, we assemble to celebrate at the most joyous occasions and stand with each other in times of need. Together, we fulfill the mandate of Reform Judaism as we organize to take purposeful action in the work of *tikkun olam*—repairing the world.

One of our greatest strengths is the many communities within our larger Temple family which help to enhance our lives and the larger community in which we live.

### CONGREGATIONAL



Our congregational activities include Sisterhood, Men's Club and groups for our seniors, young families, singles, interfaith families, and those with similar

interests, such as our Social Action and Israel groups, or Koleinu, our adult choir.

### YOUTH

Temple Rodef Shalom has four different youth groups for children in grades 2-12, as well as three different choirs for children in grades K-12.

In the summer, Camp Rodef Shalom is a great place for our youth to build a positive Jewish identity and have fun!

