



# reCONNECTING

BI-WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO **HAKESHER** BULLETIN OF RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

## Confirmation & Teen Shabbat

Friday, April 25 · 5:30 p.m. Service / 7 p.m. Oneg



Mark your calendars for a special Shabbat service and dinner honoring our Temple teens, including our Confirmation students. Afterward, stick around for a special oneg sponsored by the Confirmation parents.

### Confirmation students being honored are:

- Gabe Brodsky
- Bert Cham
- Olivia Irwin
- Benjamin Klingensmith
- Ariella Meltzer
- Riza Swartz

**iFest** Tuesday, May 6  
4:30-8:30 p.m.  
Carnegie Science Center

Look for the Rodef Shalom table at iFest, a unique Israeli experience in Pittsburgh at the Carnegie Science Center.

- Free wine tasting and cash wine bar
- OMNIMAX screening of Jerusalem
- Performance by Seeds of Sun
- Live local musicians
- Delicious food from Parkhurst to purchase

The best part about iFest? It's FREE -- including free parking (parking pass required) and free bus transportation available. To download your parking pass, see bus schedules, or for more information, please visit [www.ifestpgh.org](http://www.ifestpgh.org), or contact Eric Probola at 412.992.5247 or [eprobola@jfedpgh.org](mailto:eprobola@jfedpgh.org).



**Race for the Cure**  
**Volunteers Needed**  
Sunday, May 11  
7 a.m.  
Flagstaff Hill

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift? How about helping those mothers (and others) who are fighting breast cancer? We need volunteers to work at the water table at Race for the Cure, a Brotherhood tradition. Join us at Flagstaff Hill, or you can park at Temple and we can walk over. For more information and to volunteer contact Richard Brok at [richbrok@gmail.com](mailto:richbrok@gmail.com) or at 412-913-0429.



## Lifelong Jewish Learning

### **The Jewish Experience 1914-1948 With Professor Alexander Orbach**

*Wednesdays, April 23 & 30 · 7 p.m. · ALC2*

Jewish experiences from the First World War to the realization of Jewish statehood in 1948 dramatically restructured Western Jewry and created the new realities that have served to shape world Jewry since then. Our survey of this critical thirty-four year period, 1914-1948, will highlight this shift in an effort to understand contemporary Jewish values and commitments. Taught by PROF. ALEXANDER ORBACH, associate professor emeritus of Jewish Studies in the Dept. of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

### **Torah and the Times with Rabbi Bisno**

*Thursdays, April 24 & May 8 · 12 – 1 p.m. · ALC2*

Bring a brown bag lunch and your dilemmas of today! We'll see what this living document has to say to them. Rabbi Bisno will be teaching this monthly series.

### **Omer Institute Speakers Series with Rabbi Bisno “Mount Sinai: Torah Today and Tomorrow”**

*Thursday, May 8 · 7 p.m. · Levy Hall*

The defining event of Jewish experience was our People's theophany (experience of God) at Mount Sinai. So much about this mythic story defines how we have understood what it has meant to be a Jew ever since. The Omer Institute Speaker Series is a series of fun and informative adult educational lectures. All Sessions include refreshments. There is no cost and all lectures are open to the public. Contact Alex Speck at 412-521-6788 or [aspeck88@yahoo.com](mailto:aspeck88@yahoo.com) for more information.

## For Women

### **Sew Anyway...**

*Sunday, April 27 · 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. · Sisterhood Room*

This is a fun new group for crafters and stitchers of all levels. Whether you want to pick up a lesson, have skills to teach, or just want some quality time with your knitting needles and friends, bring your current project and unwind. (No thread puns intended!)

### **Rosh Chodesh**

*Monday, May 5 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room*

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the new Hebrew month (Iyar) at our brown bag dinner discussion. Our meetings are warm, friendly, welcoming, and discussion-oriented. Brown-bag dinner at 6:00 p.m., and meeting discussion starts at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Susan Richman [spr1951@gmail.com](mailto:spr1951@gmail.com) -- or just come that evening! Desserts, coffee, and tea served.

## For Families

### **Teen Yom Hashoa Commemoration**

Sunday, April 27 · 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. · Andy Warhol Museum  
The Holocaust Center and Andy Warhol Museum invite teens to this FREE event featuring films, readings, poetry, and a chance to decorate penny boxes for the Six Million Pennies exhibit. RSVP to [zzafris@jfedpgh.org](mailto:zzafris@jfedpgh.org) by Friday, April 25th at noon.

### **Celebration of Learning & Tot Shabbat**

*Friday, May 2 · 6 p.m. · Freehof Hall*

Tot & J-JEP families join together for a Shabbat celebration of learning! Age-appropriate worship experiences will still be held, but this time we'll enjoy a catered meal and J-JEP will showcase a gallery of projects from throughout the year. Bring a sundae topping to share for our build-your-own-sundae-bar! RSVPs are required, please contact Mimsie at [leyton@rodefshalom.org](mailto:leyton@rodefshalom.org) or 412-621-6566 x127.

### **Mishpacha Music (Family Music)**

*Saturday, May 10 · 9:30 a.m. · Multipurpose Room*

This brief, musical children's experience is facilitated by Jewish Song Leader, Molly May. Held monthly. All are welcome!

### **Sundaes on Sunday Ice Cream Social**

*Sunday, April 27*

*4 – 6 p.m.*

*Klavon's Ice Cream Parlor  
2801 Penn Ave., Strip District*

The scoop is, everyone in the family will love this Family Center fundraiser! Klavon's Ice Cream Parlor will be letting Rodef Shalom take over with "Celebrity Scoopers" serving Penn State Creamery ice cream, paninis, hot dogs, and grilled cheese. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Preschool/Family Center so invite your friends! Kids can also enter our sundae drawing & naming contests, see our website or your Shalom-A-Gram to download the entry form.



## For Everyone

### Monthly Food Drive for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry

In May, we will collect:  
**Canned Fruit**

Learn about the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry at:  
[www.sqfoodpantry.org](http://www.sqfoodpantry.org)

## Cultural Events

### “Hava Nagilah – The Movie” Sisterhood Movie Night

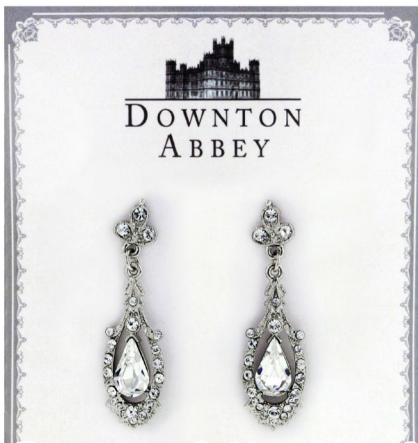
Sunday, April 27 · 7:30 p.m. · Levy Hall

This documentary tells the story of how Hava Nagilah became such a popular song, starting from the shetls of Eastern Europe in the 19th century to the suburbs of America in the 1950's. As always, Sisterhood Movie Nights are no charge and open to the community.

### Music at Rodef Shalom with Pianist, Douglas Levine

Monday, April 28 · 8 p.m. · Levy Hall

Come enjoy an evening of classical music with Douglas Levine & Friends. In addition to his work as a music director and pianist, Doug is an active composer for theater and dance. Joining Douglas Levine is Susanne Ortner-Roberts, clarinet. Free admission. Open to all. A reception will follow the concert. Music at Rodef Shalom is sponsored by members of Rodef Shalom Congregation who have donated monies towards this series. Without their generous donations, these performances would not be possible.



*Downton Abbey Jewelry*  
*Now Available in the Gift Corner*

## Worship

### SHABBAT K'DOSHIM

Torah Portion: Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Friday, April 25: Rabbi Henry & Julie Newman

Saturday, April 26: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

### SHABBAT EMOR

Torah Portion: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 2: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

Saturday, May 3: Rabbi Bisno & Janet Mostow

### SHABBAT B'HAR

Torah Portion: Leviticus 25:1-26:2

Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27

Friday, May 9: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

Saturday, May 10: Rabbi Henry & Julie Newman

### Seventh Day Pesach Yizkor Service

Monday, April 21 · 10 a.m. · Sanctuary

Join us for a Passover Morning & Yizkor Service with our friends from Temple Sinai, held in our building.

### Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, April 21

### Building Closed

Sunday, May 4

## Soup & Challah TO GO!

*Available for Pickup after Pesach*

Enjoy delicious soup made with love by Sisterhood members. Support Rodef Shalom Family Center activities and programs.

### April Soups:

- Potato Leek
- Mushroom Barley

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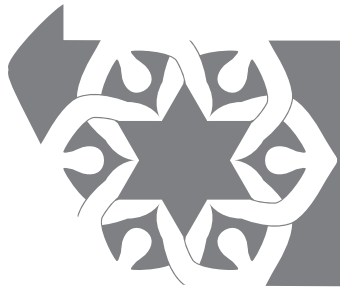




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*Save the Date:*  
**Congregational Picnic**  
Friday, May 16  
6:30 p.m.  
Deaktor Terrace

Rodef Shalom is, quite literally, in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood... so we're inviting all the neighbors to join us for our annual Congregational Picnic & pre-party for Mr. Rogers, our Pursuer of Peace honoree! Dan Nichols will be back with us and our lawn will be packed with activities for the whole family like puppet making, KaBOOM Blocks, Mike the Balloon Guy, face painting, Rita's Italian Ice &, hamburgers & hotdogs. No charge, join us after the 5:30 Erev Shabbat Service. Won't you be our neighbor?



Rodef Shalom members & friends are invited for this free evening of fun!  
Please RSVP to Mimsie Leyton: [leyton@rodefshalom.org](mailto:leyton@rodefshalom.org)

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rodef Shalom is to build and sustain a vibrant Reform Jewish community. We guide and support our members in living full Jewish lives throughout the lifecycle, based on torah (study), avodah (worship) and gemilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness). We strive to be a national and international leader in Jewish thought and practice.