



# reCONNECTING

BI-WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO HAKESHER BULLETIN OF RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION



## Torah Loving Care Holy Rollers Workshop

**Wednesday, October 15**  
7 p.m. • Sanctuary

With help from our own Holy Rollers who worked with our sofer (scribe) this spring, get hands-on with caring for our torah scrolls. You can help remove smudges, make small repairs, and learn how to properly handle the torah. No experience is needed, anyone can become a Holy Roller!

## Come to the Cabaret!

*The Norman Kanel*

### Music With a Mission Concert



**Sunday, October 19**  
7 p.m. • Freehof Hall

The East Winds Symphonic Band presents an evening of music from stage and screen!

Free Admission. Light refreshments and set-ups provided. BYO Wine. Donations of food or cash benefitting the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry are welcome.

### Andrew Solomon

*Live from Chicago!*

*“Depression, Too, is  
a Thing with Feathers”*

**Thursday, October 23**

8 p.m. • Levy Hall

Family Action Network (FAN) connects parents, educators and professionals through collaborative programming that educates, inspires and positively impacts the broader community.

Rodef Shalom will be live streaming the FAN event from Illinois with interaction and questions from our auditorium to theirs. Speaking will be Andrew Solomon, a writer and lecturer on psychology, politics, and the arts; winner of the National Book Award; and an activist in LGBT rights, mental health, and the arts.



## Learning

### Talmud Class

Monday, October 13 • 6:30 p.m. • Small Dining Room

Join this open dialogue with Rabbi Paul Tuchman and explore how sacred texts shed light on our every day decisions. Study like a scholar. All readings and discussions are in English. Sample topics: "Teaching our Children", "Cities of Refuge-Not in My Backyard?", "Charity Choices", "What about the things that affect my world and that of my family?"

### Sisterhood Book Review with Rabbi Bisno

**"My Promised Land: The Triumph & Tragedy of Israel"**

Wednesday, October 15 • 10:30 a.m. • Aaron Court

Join us as we celebrate the 80th year of the Sisterhood Solomon B. Freehof Book Review Series honoring the memory of Dr. Solomon B. Freehof who gave the first review 80 years ago. Our theme this year is "AUTHORS." Rabbi Aaron Bisno, Senior Rabbi of Rodef Shalom Congregation, will review "My Promised Land: The Triumph & Tragedy of Israel" by Ari Shavit.

## For Women

### Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, October 28 • 6 p.m. • Small Dining Room

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the new Hebrew month (Cheshvan) 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 -- or just come that evening! Desserts, coffee, and tea served.

### Sew Anyway

Sunday, October 26 • 9:30 a.m. • Sisterhood Room

This is a fun 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.

### Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, November 2 • 10:00 a.m. • Sisterhood Room

Come join the Sisterhood as we prepare for upcoming events and plan for the future! Meet old friends and make new ones. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

## Arts & Culture

### Music at Rodef Shalom

Monday, October 13 • 8 p.m. • Sanctuary

Come enjoy an evening of classical music with pianist, Ji. Hailed by the Chicago Tribune as "a gifted young pianist who is clearly going places," Ji has been lauded from a young age for his compelling musical presence and impressive technical command. Open to all. A reception will follow the concert.

### ReelAbilities Film Festival

*"CinemAbility"*

Wednesday, October 22 • 7 p.m. • Levy Hall

*"Come As You Are"*

Sunday, October 26 • 7:30 p.m. • Levy Hall

*"Stand Clear of the Closing Doors"*

Thursday, October 30 • 7 p.m. • Levy Hall

The ReelAbilities Film Festival is dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with disabilities. Initiated in New York in 2007, the festival presents award winning films by and about people with disabilities. Post-screening discussions and other engaging programs bring together the community to explore, discuss, embrace, and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience. Tickets available at: [www.JFilmPgh.org](http://www.JFilmPgh.org)

### "Free Birds" (Empty Nesters) go to Capitol Steps

Sunday, November 2 • 2:30 p.m. • Meet at Rodef Shalom

This social group was created especially for our Free Birds (aka empty-nesters and beyond) and includes a series of cultural outings with added perks. First up, see "Capitol Steps" at the Byham with a pre-reception in Aaron Court and luxury transportation to and from theater. Cost is \$65 for Rodef Shalom members and \$85 for guests, RSVP online or by mailing a check to the temple. (Future gatherings include "Motown" at Heinz Hall on January 4, the PSO's "Night in Russia" on January 31, and the PSO's "Singing in the Rain" on March 14. Prices will vary.)

## For Men

### Brothers All

Sunday, November 2 • 10:30 a.m. • Krause Conference Room

For men only. Come meet friends, enjoy a tasty continental breakfast, and participate in a lively discussion.



## Social Action

### Dinner for the East End Cooperative Ministries

*Cooking Monday, October 27 • 6 p.m. • Rodef Shalom Kitchen  
Serving Wednesday, October 29 • 6 p.m. • EECM*

Every night of the year, groups from the community prepare and serve the evening meal for residents in East End Cooperative Ministry's Emergency Shelter, Short-Term Transitional Housing, and Orr Compassionate Care Center. Be a part of the Rodef Shalom team by either spending a night cooking or serving to provide a meal to our neighbors. To get involved contact Yael at eads@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x130.

### Food Drive Benefitting the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry

Food justice is a significant part of our fall holiday celebrations. Two years in a row, Rodef Shalom had the largest High Holy Days donation of any other organization. Let's do it again! Pick up a bag at Temple, fill it, and return it full to Temple before Simchat Torah.

## For Families

### Snapology for Youthgroup Grads K-2

*October 12 • 12 p.m. • Meet at Rodef Shalom*



Build cities, playgrounds and anything else you can imagine using Lego Bricks, Duplo blocks, K'Nex and more. It's creative play where creativity is a SNAP. RSVP to Yael at eads@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x130.

### Jewish Parenting 201: For Parents of Teens and Tweens

*Sundays, Oct. 12, Nove. 9 & 16 • 9:45 a.m. • Ackner Office*

Adolescence (the years between 12 and 24) is recognized as an especially trying time for parents and children. Join social worker, Melissa Jacobson, Rabbi Sharyn Henry and Family Center Director, Mimsie Leyton to discuss the particular rewards and challenges of this stage of life using the book *Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain* by Daniel Siegel, M.D.

### Family Center Final Fridays

*Friday, October 31 • 12:00 p.m. • Aaron Court/Wechsler Gallery*

On the last Friday of the month, we invite children six years and younger, accompanied by an adult, to join our preschoolers, parents, teachers, and rabbis to welcome shabbat. Come enjoy candle lighting, kiddush, motzi, music, stories, and other special activities.

## Worship

### SHABBAT BEREISHIT

Torah Portion: Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:11

Friday, October 17: Rabbi Henry & Julie Newman

Saturday, October 18: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May

### SHABBAT NOACH

Torah Portion: Genesis 6:9-11:32

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Friday, October 24: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

Saturday, October 25: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May

### SHABBAT LECH-LECHA

Torah Portion: Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Friday, October 31: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

Saturday, November 1: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Julie Newman

### Simchat Torah Festival & Yizkor Service

*Thursday, October 16 • 10 a.m. • Temple Sinai*

Complete the High Holy Day Season by celebrating the conclusion and restart of our Torah Reading Cycle with our friends and neighbors at Temple Sinai. We will also pause to remember the memories of our loved ones. A festive kiddush for new beginnings will follow.

### Chapel Renovations

Beginning on October 6th our Cohen Chapel will undergo major renovations in order to enhance the potential for its use. The space will be under construction and unavailable for several months, but upon completion will have amenities that make the Chapel more versatile. With flexible seating, improved lighting, and more; the Cohen Chapel will remain primarily a worship space, but will also be able to be utilized by our religious school and mid-sized gatherings. We thank our congregants for their patience during this renovation, and also want to extend gratitude to those whose generosity made this improvement possible, Marcus Aaron II and The Charles Morris Foundation.



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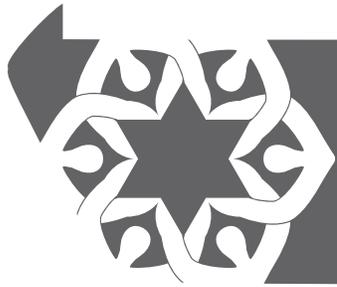




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## The White Rose Exhibit:

*Student Resistance  
against Hitler*



### **On Display October 12—20 in the Commons**

Formed in 1942 by University of Munich students, The White Rose was a small, non-violent resistance group in Nazi Germany that spearheaded a nine-month anonymous leaflet and graffiti campaign calling for active opposition to Adolf Hitler's regime. Seven members of the group were executed in 1943 and many others were imprisoned.

### Accompanying Events:

#### **"Sophie Scholl" Movie & Discussion**

*Sunday, October 12 • 12:30 p.m. • Levy Hall*

#### **"Art of the Resistance" Lecture with Dr. Anne Nelson**

*Monday, October 20 • 7 p.m. • Levy Hall*

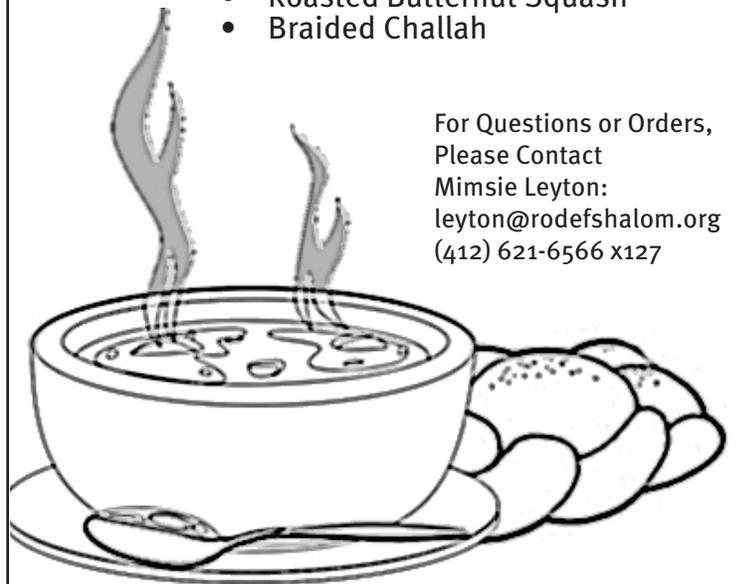
The exhibit was created by Munich-based White Rose Foundation and brought to Pittsburgh by Classrooms Without Borders.

## ***Soup & Challah To Go!***

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

### **October:**

- Sweet & Sour Cabbage
- Roasted Butternut Squash
- Braided Challah



For Questions or Orders,  
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### **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.