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


Steel Chef Competition

*Watch "Celebrity Chefs" compete
for the title of Steel Chef 2015!*



**Saturday, January 24
6 p.m. • Freehof Hall**

Herbivores rejoice! This year's competition features the best of vegetarian fare (& dessert side-competition)! Rodef Shalom Sisterhood invites you to enjoy food, fun, entertainment, and friendly competition.


RSVP with a check mailed to Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (4905 Fifth Ave., PGH 15213.) Tickets are \$30 for Sisterhood/WRJ members and their guests, \$35 for non-members. 

Tu B'Shevat "Hoppy Hour"

Shmoozing and Shrubery

**Wednesday, February 4
6–8 p.m. • Aaron Court**

We're brewing up an after-work celebration of trees! Join us for a beer and food pairings happy hour inspired by the seven species and fruits of the vine, provided by Hop Farm and E² with live music!

Tickets are \$25 with Rodef Shalom member discount advanced purchase (\$35 regular price.) RSVP at www.rodefshalom.org/hoppy. 



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Adult Learning

Torah and the Times

Thursday, February 5 · 1 p.m. · ALC1

Rabbi Bisno's monthly series returns. Bring a brown bag lunch and your dilemmas of today! We'll see what this living document has to say to them. We'll begin with the "gospel of the New York Times" – Torah lessons taken from the daily news.

Social Action

Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Sunday, January 18 · 3:30 p.m.

St. Paul Baptist Church (6701 Penn Ave)

East End Cooperative Ministry and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary are inviting our congregation to the 31st annual Dr. King Celebration and Kelso Lecture. The keynote speaker this year will be Cecile M. Springer, President of Springer Associates and volunteer with many groups in the region. Ms. Springer has devoted her life and career to social and economic justice, ethical leadership, and community service. Donations of canned goods or other non-perishable food for the EECM food pantry are strongly encouraged: they will be collected at the door.

Blood Drive

Sunday, February 1 · 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. · Freehof Hall

Be the giving type, every two seconds someone needs blood. To schedule an appointment, log on to centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code **G0020014** or contact Yael at eads@rodefshalom.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Serve Dinner at EECM

Thursday January 29 · 4 p.m. · Meet at Rodef Shalom

Love your neighbor with a home-cooked meal. Join the Rodef Shalom team to provide dinner for the East End Cooperative Ministry, we'll be prepping dinner at Rodef Shalom before serving at the EECM's facility. To get involved contact Yael at eads@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x130.

Monthly Food Drive for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry

Food justice is a significant part of our Social Action efforts! Help feed the needy in our community. Visit our donation station in the Commons area.

January: Tuna or Vegetable Oil

Learn about the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry at: www.sqfoodpantry.org

Families & Youth

Youth Group Purim Prep

Sundays in January & February · 12 p.m. · Art Room

Every Sunday, immediately following J-JEP, 6th-12th graders can stick around to help plan and prepare for our annual Purim Carnival! Contact Joe Loether at jloether@gmail.com to be a part of the fun!

Mishpacha Morning

Sunday, January 25 · 10 a.m. · Family Center Classroom

This program is designed for children 2-5 years of age with an adult. Come learn about holidays and explore Jewish values through hands on activities with Mimsie Leyton and a rabbi.

Family Friday

(formerly "Tot Shabbat" with added "Tableside Shabbat" for K-4)

Friday, February 6 · 6 p.m. · Freehof Hall

Gather for candle lighting, Kiddush and hamotzi followed by a potluck dinner. We provide the entrée, challah, beverages and dessert. Please bring a nut-free salad or side dish for 8 people. After dinner, tot families will worship with Susan Richman, while older children and their families remain in Freehof for tableside singing, discussions and other Shabbat activities. We will all reconvene for a little more music and dessert. RSVP to Mimsie at leyton@rodefshalom.org.

Happening EVERY Week

Sewing Workshop Sponsored by Sisterhood

Tuesdays · 10 a.m. · Sisterhood Room

Beginners welcome. A brown bag lunch follows. Contact Nancy Rosenthal: (412) 828-4844.

Afternoon Open Play

Tuesdays · 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. · Family Center

A classroom and the playground will be open for children who are accompanied by an adult to hang out with friends. Contact Mimsie: (412) 621-6566 x127.

Yoga sponsored by Sisterhood

Fridays · 9:30 - 11 a.m. · Sisterhood Room

Men and women are welcome. Cost is \$10/class. Bring a mat. Contact Sharon Lesgold: (412) 904-2611.

Social

Mixed Drinks - Happy Hour for Interfaith Couples

Thursday, January 22 · 6–8 p.m.

The Yard Gastropub (736 Bellefonte St.)



Join us again for a happy hour to get to know other couples where one partner didn't grow up Jewish and bond over in-laws, holidays, and other parts of life unique to a mixed family. Meet us at The Yard in Shadyside for appetizers on the house and drink specials. RSVP to Carolyn at frischer@rodefshalom.org.

"Ushpizen" at Sisterhood Movie Night

Sunday, January 25 · 7:30 p.m. · Levy Hall

Join us for a charming Israeli comedy called "Ushpizen". (Hebrew for guests) A poor orthodox couple is suddenly rewarded when they allow an obnoxious cousin to use their sukkah during the Sukkot holiday. As always, Sisterhood Movie Nights are free and open to the community.

Free Birds go to "A Night in Russia"

Saturday, January 31 · 6 p.m. · Meet at Rodef Shalom



This social group was created especially for our Free Birds (aka empty-nesters) and include a series of cultural outings with added perks. Each one has been a sell-out so don't wait to get your tickets to "A Night in Russia" at Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra with a pre-reception in Aaron Court and luxury transportation to and from Heinz Hall. \$75 with Rodef Shalom member discount (\$85 regular price.) RSVP at www.rodefshalom.org/russia or by calling 412-621-6566.

For Men

Brothers All

Sunday, February 1 · 10:30 a.m. · Falk Library

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

Brotherhood Meeting

Tuesday, February 3 · 6:15 p.m. · ALC1

Every member of Brotherhood is welcome to attend and participate. It is your Brotherhood, be part of it! Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. & the meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.

Rabbi Henry on Sabbatical

We're happy to announce that Rabbi Henry will be enjoying a well-deserved sabbatical for the full month of February.

Any rabbinical needs will be addressed by Rabbi Bisno, contact the Rabbinic Office at 412-621-6566.

Worship

SHABBAT BO

Torah Portion: Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-46:28

Friday, January 23: Rabbi Bisno & Julie Newman

Saturday, January 24: Rabbi Bisno & Julie Newman

SHABBAT BESHALACH

Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Friday, January 30: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

Saturday, January 31: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, & Julie Newman

Bat Mitzvah: Alexandra Freidlander

SHABBAT YITRO

Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-9:6

Friday, February 6: Rabbi Bisno & TBD

Saturday, February 7: **Sisterhood Shabbat**

Planned and lead by Sisterhood members with an expanded and enhanced kiddush to follow!

For Women

Sew Anyway

Sunday, January 25 · 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.

Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, January 27 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the new Hebrew month (Shevat) 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.

Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, February 1 · 10 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.



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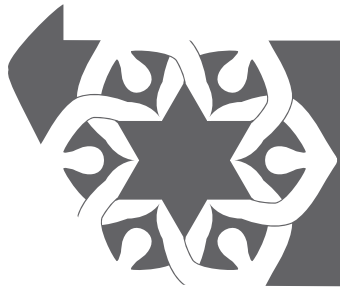




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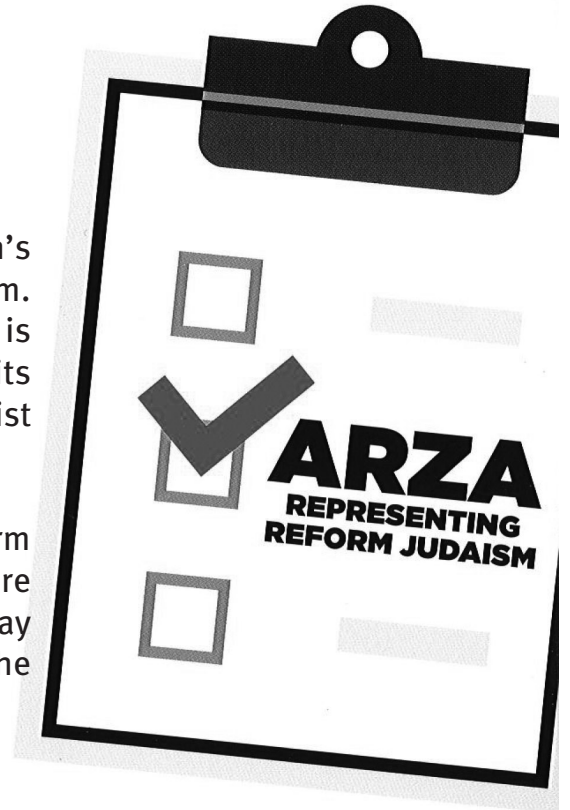


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The Zionist Congress is the World Zionist Organization's legislative body, which meets every four years in Jerusalem. The Congress is the only body in which all of World Jewry is represented democratically. It determines policy, designates its course of action, and chooses the leadership of the World Zionist Organization.

A successful election in which ARZA, on behalf of the Reform movement, receives a significant majority of votes and therefore delegates to the The Congress, is the single most effective way for the Reform movement to influence policy and shape the society of Israel.

Vote online from January 15, 2015, to April 30, 2015.



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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.