



# reCONNECTING

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

## *Boilermaker Jazz Quartet*

Thursday, August 20

6:30-8:00 p.m. · Rodef Shalom Garden

Rendezvous in the Rodef Shalom Garden with friends and neighbors for the final FREE happy hour performance of 2015. Hors d'oeuvres and live music will be provided, and Wigle Whiskey will be on site with a cash bar.

Performing in August is the Boilermaker Jazz Band Quartet, who interprets the great American song book in their own unique fashion, bringing the swinging sounds of the jazz age back to life.



## *Lunch & Learn* *A New Approach to High Holy Days*

Saturday, August 29

1:30 p.m. · ALC1

Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning services in Freehof Hall will feature "Mishkan HaNefesh," the brand-new book from the Reform movement. "Mishkan HaNefesh" introduces some significant changes from the familiar "Gates of Repentance." At this workshop, we will explore the theological and philosophical ideas underlying some of the changes and provide congregants with a level of comfort and familiarity that will allow for a more active and meaningful High Holy Day experience.

Lunch is only \$5 and free babysitting will be available by request, RSVPs are required. RSVP at [www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp](http://www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp) or by calling JoAnn at 412-621-6566.

Sponsored by the Prayer and Practice Committee.



## Worship

### SHABBAT SHOFTIM

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9  
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12  
Friday, August 21: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May  
Saturday, August 22: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

### SHABBAT KI TEITZEI

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-54:10  
Friday, August 28: Rabbi Henry & Molly May  
Saturday, August 29: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

### SHABBAT KI TAVO

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-60:22  
Friday, September 4: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May  
Saturday, September 5: Rabbi Henry

### Be a Part of the High Holy Days Services

Volunteers are needed to make our holidays complete!

We are currently looking for:

- Service Participants
- Torah Carriers
- Ushers
- Shofar Blowers

To volunteer during the High Holy Days, please go to [www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp](http://www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp) and fill out the volunteer registration form, or call Hope at 412-621-6566 x122.

## Engage

### Jewish Heritage Nigh at PNC Park *Shalom Choir will Sing the National Anthem!*



*Tuesday, August 18 · 7:05 p.m. · PNC Park*

Take me out to the ballgame with Jewish Heritage Night at the Pirates Game! Every ticket purchased will include a free Pirates Hebrew T-shirt. The Buccos will face off against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Order tickets in our block of seats at: [www.pirates.com/rodef](http://www.pirates.com/rodef).

### Apples & Honey Festival

*Sunday, August 30 · 1-4 p.m.*

*Anderson Playground, Schenley Park*

This FREE family-friendly event is open to all ages! There will be apple sack races, apple tastings, beeswax candle making, honey tasting, snacks, crafts, and more! Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

## 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.

As we live our days, these are the ways we remember...

### Elul Memory Project Now in the Commons Area

Our memories help to make us who we are, individually and collectively, and can inspire us as we move into the New Year. While you're at Rodef Shalom between now and Yom Kippur, we invite you to share a memory on the chalk boards in the commons.

On Yom Kippur afternoon, Liturgist-in-Residence, Alden Solovy will lead a workshop that will transform our collective memories into a unique prayer which will be shared at our Yizkor service.



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## Learn

### Community Selichot

*Saturday, September 5 · Congregation Beth Shalom*

*8:15 pm • Havdallah & Discussion*

*9:45 pm • Refreshments*

*10 pm • Selichot Service*

Congregations from around Pittsburgh invite you to a Selichot experience to nourish the soul as four rabbis speak to us personally on “Love & Yearning” with personal reflections on our relationships with God. Congregation Beth Shalom is located at 5915 Beacon Street, Squirrel Hill.

## For Men

### Brotherhood Meeting

*Tuesday, September 1 · 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.

## For Women

### Rosh Chodesh

*Monday, August 17 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room*

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the new Hebrew month (Elul) at our brown bag dinner discussion. Our meetings are warm, friendly, welcoming, and discussion-oriented. This year’s theme is Wise Aging: looking back and looking forward - Jewish insights during life’s transitions.

### Sisterhood Meeting and Brunch

*Sunday, August 30, 10 a.m. · Sisterhood Room*

At the first meeting of our new year we will be asking the Board to commit to a strategic planning process, with a vision statement of “cherish the past, embrace the future.” Please join us as we embark on this important project and stay posted about how you can get involved. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

## Social Action

### 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.

#### August: Rice

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

### Blood Drive - Save The Date

*Sunday, November 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](http://centralbloodbank.org) and enter sponsor code G0020014 or contact Yael at [eads@rodefshalom.org](mailto:eads@rodefshalom.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.

### Blue Jars for Change

*Now thru Simchat Torah (Monday, October 5)*

For many years, Rodef Shalom has been making food donations to Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry every High Holiday season. This year we will increase the impact of our activism with Blue Jars for Change. Along with groceries, food pantries like Squirrel Hill need cash donations to help them acquire necessary items and healthful foods that might be missing from donated bags. You can pick up a Blue Jar for Change at our front desk (or in the lobby on Rosh Hashanah morning) to collect loose change from your pockets each day. As each jar or bag is filled, so are the needs of hungry Pittsburgh families during the holidays and beyond.

### Labor Day

Sunday, September 6

No J-JEP

Monday, September 7

Administrative Offices Closed

No Preschool



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# High Holy Days

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Erev Rosh Hashanah  
**Sunday, September 13**

Kol Nidre  
**Tuesday, September 22**

Rosh Hashanah Day  
**Monday, September 14**

Yom Kippur Day  
**Wednesday, September 23**

Go to [www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp](http://www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp) for dinner reservations, childcare, youth program registration, & volunteer sign-ups.

Watch your mailbox, tickets for High Holy Days services will be delivered around September 1st. To request additional tickets or a URJ reciprocity form, visit [www.RodefShalom.org](http://www.RodefShalom.org) or call 412-621-6566.

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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.