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

Milton E. Harris Interfaith Lecture

Beyond Tribe & Creed: *Religion as a Path to Human Flourishing* with **Rabbi Irwin Kula**

Wednesday, February 24
7:30 p.m. • Levy Hall

Irwin Kula is a rabbi and author, currently serving as the president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL). In 2008, he was listed as 7th in Newsweek's "50 most influential rabbis" list. Kula is the author of "Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life" and a blogger for The Huffington Post and the WashingtonPost/Newsweek.com's "On Faith" column, and has appeared on NBC's The Today Show, The Oprah Winfrey Show, as well as on The O'Reilly Factor and Frontline.

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K-12 Family Snow Tubing



Sunday February 21
2:30-4:30 p.m. • Boyce Park



Youth in grades K-12 and their families are invited for an afternoon of winter fun at Boyce Park*! Cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. RSVP required to Yael Eads by Tuesday February 16th for discounted rate!

***WEATHER PERMITTING**



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Worship

SHABBAT MISHPATIM

Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22

Friday, February 5: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

Saturday, February 6: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May

Nathan Segall Bar Mitzvah

SHABBAT TERUMAH

Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

Friday, February 12: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May @ 5:30 p.m.

Molly May & Don Megahan @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 13: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

SHABBAT TETZAVEH

Torah Portion: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

Friday, February 19: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May Choir

Saturday, February 20: Rabbi Henry &

Cantor Michele Gray-Schaffer

SHABBAT KI TISA

Torah Portion: Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

Haftarah: I Kings 18:20-39

Friday, February 26: Rabbi Bisno, Molly May, & Choir

Saturday, February 27: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

Bobby King Bar Mitzvah

Shalom Pittsburgh & Rodef Shalom's Young Adult Shabbat Dinner



Friday, February 19 · 6:30 p.m. · Aaron Court

Join other Jewish young adults at this free Shabbat dinner. For those looking to explore Rodef Shalom's congregational life or just the company of other Jewish young adults, this is for you. Jointly hosted by Shalom Pittsburgh, an organization that connects Jewish young adults (ages 22 - 45) in Pittsburgh. Questions or RSVP: Contact Meryl Franzos at mfranzos@jfedpgh.org or 412-992-5204.

Simchat Shabbat (The Joy of Shabbat)

Friday, February 19 · 7 p.m. · Chapel

This monthly service is designed to be enjoyed by all generations and each month will be a fresh, evolving experience. You can expect a joyful, compelling service led by Rabbi Henry, Molly May, and Don Megahan that engages the kids as well as adults in the joy of Shabbat. Pre-Service Oneg at 6:30 p.m. / Service at 7:00 p.m.

Learning

Genesis, Literally

Sunday, February 7 · 10 a.m. · Falk Library

Sunday School isn't just for kids, Rabbis Bisno, Henry, & Adelson will be teaching a monthly adult education course while J-JEP Religious School is in session. We'll cover topics like Who Wrote the Bible?, Best Loved Stories, and Torah Stories You've Never Heard.

Talmud Class with Paul Tuchman

Monday, February 8 · 6:30 p.m.

Krause Conference Room

Join this open dialogue with Rabbi Paul Tuchman (in English) on the Babylonian Talmud. Both the Mishnah and the Gemara will be discussed.

Torah and the Times with Rabbi Bisno

Thursday, February 11 · 12 p.m. · ALC1

Krause Conference Room

Rabbi Bisno's monthly series continues. 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.

Shaking the Tree:

Getting to the Roots of Genesis (Torah Study)

Saturday Mornings · 9:15 a.m. · Lippman Library

Enhance your understanding of the Torah by discussing Jewish tradition's central text in the informal class. Study Genesis with Rabbis Bisno & Henry, together we'll cover topics like Genesis Themes through Song, Lessons from Two Creation Stories, and Patriarchs/Matriarchs.

Worship (Continued)

Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, February 20 · 10:30 a.m. · Sanctuary

This Shabbat Morning Service will be planned and led by Sisterhood members with an expanded and enhanced kiddush to follow.

Tikkun Chant Circle

Sunday, February 21 · 10 a.m. · Chapel

This unique spiritual experience is led by composer and chant leader David Goldstein. David uses texts from the Torah and our liturgy, combined with simple, repetitive melodies to dive deeply into a prayerful intention. Drums and the East Indian shruti box heighten the experience.



For Families

Family Friday (4th Grade & Younger)

Friday, February 5 · 6 p.m. · Aaron Court

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 Aaron Court for tableside singing with Molly May, discussions and other Shabbat activities. We will all reconvene for a little more music and dessert. RSVP to Mimsie at leyton@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x127.



Youth Group Purim Prep

Sundays in 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!



For Men

Brotherhood Meeting

Tuesday, February 2 · 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.

Brothers All

Sunday, February 7 · 10:30 a.m. · Small Dining Room

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

For Women

Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, February 7 · 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.

Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, February 9 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the new Hebrew month (Adar 1) 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.

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.

January: Soup

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

Cultural

Tuesday Music Club

Tuesday, February 9 · 1 p.m. · Levy Hall

Tuesday Music Club (TMC) is a small arts organization that provides free daytime public concerts of classical and contemporary music, scholarships for music students, and performance opportunities for members. Hosted in our Levy Hall, TMC will be performing Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, and Prokofiev for their February meeting.

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.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays · 7:30 p.m. · Levy Hall or Music Room

We welcome singers of all experience levels and ages, including children as young as 10. Please contact Molly May at mdmbass@gmail.com.

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.



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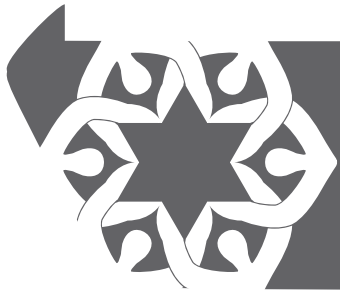




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Joining Their Journey

Steps to support Pittsburgh's Refugees

Each year, the President, Congress and nine non-governmental agencies, including Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, determine the number and country of origin of refugees who will be allowed into our country. In Pittsburgh, the arm of HIAS is Jewish Family and Children Services.

JF&CS has a backlog of 100 new Pittsburghers who need assistance in taking the next legal steps that they hope ultimately will lead to citizenship. In conjunction with Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, **Rodef Shalom congregants will be staffing a Green Card Day to help refugees who have been in Pittsburgh at least a year to fill out their green card applications.** Though we all share deep concern

about the displacement of over 1.1 million Syrians, these new neighbors are refugees of ethnic violence and oppression from Bhutan and Iraq.

We need YOU to help in this important effort! The time commitment is 4.5 hours, including a training on March 3, 7:00-8:30 pm, and three hours of volunteering on Green Card Day, March 6th from 2:30-5:30 pm.

For more details and to RSVP, contact Marian Allen, marianallen@mac.com, 412-980-9214. Here's to what's possible together!

“Let us never forget how we were once the stranger, and let us seek to know the soul of the stranger in our midst.”
–Rabbi Joshua Caruso

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.