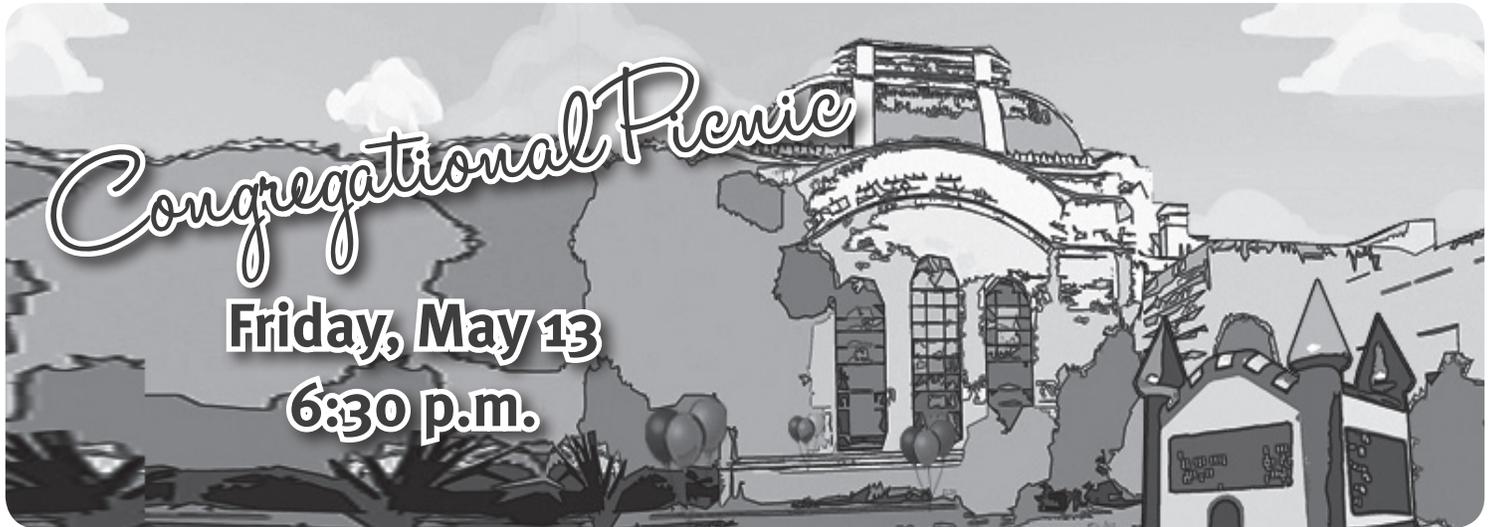




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MONTHLY SUPPLEMENT TO **HAKESHER** BULLETIN OF RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION



Sisterhood Movie Night

Sunday, May 1 · 7:30 p.m. · Levy Hall

Sisterhood presents “Quality Balls: The David Steinberg Story,” the life & work of a Canadian comedy icon, from outrageous stand-up comic to director of some of television’s best shows. Open to the community at no charge. Refreshments to follow.

Music at Rodef Shalom with Cellist Edgar Moreau

Monday, May 9 · 8 p.m. · Levy Hall

Enjoy an evening of classical music with cellist Edgar Moreau, consistently captivates audiences with his effortless virtuosity and dynamic performances. Open to all. A reception will follow.

Reading the Jewish Experience Poetry Class with Valarie Bacharach



Tuesdays May 10, 17, 24 · 6:30 p.m. · Lippman Library

Join poet and member, Valarie Bacharach, as we delve into contemporary Jewish women poets. We will read and discuss their poems ranging in topic from family, prayer, holidays and remembering. RSVPs and questions to frischer@rodefshalom.org.

Family Center Preschool Plant Sale

Sunday, May 15 · 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. · Parking Lot

Help us renovate our playground by purchasing beautiful flowers and herbs for your garden. Return order form with payment by Wednesday, May 4. Pick up your order in our parking lot on Sunday, May 15 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. For questions or to arrange another pickup time, contact Mimsie at (412)621-6566 x 127, leyton@rodefshalom.org.

Israel Week



May 8-15

Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh ISRAEL WEEK with Partnership2Gether, celebrating 20 years of sister-city partnership with Karmiel & Misgav. Learn, eat, dance & create your way through the week! Activities in Pittsburgh & beyond for adults & children. Discover all the activities & details by visiting www.jfedpgh.org/israelweek.

Worship

MAY 6 & 7

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

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Bisno &
Cantor Michele Gray-Schaffer

MAY 13 & 14

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

MAY 20 & 21

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

Friday, 7:00 p.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May
Shabbat Potluck at 6:00 p.m.
Simchat Shabbat & Confirmation

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May
Hannah Reed Bat Mitzvah

MAY 27 & 28

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Henry, Molly May, & Choir

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May
Blake Blaufeld Bar Mitzvah

Monthly Shabbat Potluck

Friday, May 20 · 6 – 7 p.m. · Aaron Court

We've got the recipe for a great start to Shabbat: nosh and schmooze with new friends and old around our table with monthly potlucks. Rodef Shalom will provide the main dish, just bring a nut-free side dish for 8 to share. RSVP to Carolyn at frischer@rodefshalom.org. Dinner will end around 7 for those who wish to attend the Simchat Shabbat service.

Simchat Shabbat & Confirmation

Friday, May 20 · 7 p.m. · Sanctuary

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.

Tikkun Chant Circle

Sunday, May 22 · 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 Women

Sisterhood Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 1 · 2 p.m. · Aaron Court

Join Sisterhood for their annual meeting with Martha Berg presenting the history of Sisterhood's Temp Players, featuring the re-created Temp Players' "Desperate Housewives of the Bible". RSVP to Helen Orringer 412-683-0896 or hlorringer@aol.com.

Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, May 10 · 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. This year's theme is Wise Aging: looking back and looking forward - Jewish insights during life's transitions.

For Families

Family Friday (4th Grade & Younger)

Friday, May 6 · 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. RSVP to Mimsie at leyton@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x127.

Israeli Chef Carmit Elkayam

Wednesday, May 11 · 9 a.m. · Kitchen & Aaron Court

Rodef Shalom Family Center, in cooperation with Classrooms Without Borders, present a cooking workshop with renown Israeli chef Carmit Elkayam on cooking healthy and delicious meals & snacks for kids. Cost is \$10, register at www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp.

Celebration of Learning

Sunday, May 22 · 10:30 a.m. · Levy Hall

JJEP will be closing the school year with our annual Celebration of Learning, where students will be showcasing what they've learned. Family and friends are invited to join us and stay afterwards for some sweet, icy treats!



Learning

Lunch & Learn

Saturday, May 7 · 12:30 p.m. · ALC1

Gather for lunch & a discussion on prayer led by Rabbis Bisno & Henry. Lunch is only \$5 and free babysitting will be available by request, RSVP's are required. RSVP at www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp or by calling JoAnn at 412-621-6566.



Talmud Class with Paul Tuchman

Monday, May 9 · 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, May 12 · 12 p.m. · ALC1

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.

For Men

Brotherhood Meeting

Tuesday, May 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.

Brotherhood Annual Meeting

Tuesday May 31 · 6:15 p.m. · ALC1

ALL Members of Brotherhood are welcome to attend our annual dinner meeting with a guest!

Social Action

Race for the Cure – Volunteers Needed

Sunday, May 8 · 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 or at 412-913-0429.



Documentary "Refugee Kids"

Tuesday, May 10 · 6 p.m. · Levy Hall

Join Repair the World and Rodef Shalom's Social Action Committee in screening the new documentary Refugee Kids. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the film's producers, a refugee resettled in Pittsburgh, and the head employee of Pittsburgh Refugee Youth Summer Enrichment Academy (PRYSE). This is a free event, snacks and drinks provided, and all curious minds are welcome! Please RSVP at www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp.



Serve Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry

Cook & Prepare Meal

Monday, May 23 · 6–8 p.m. · at Rodef Shalom

Serve Meal

Tuesday, May 24 · 6–8 p.m. · serve at EECM

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 on Monday before serving at the EECM's facility on Tuesday. (6140 Station Street, East Liberty) 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.

May: Canned Fruit

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



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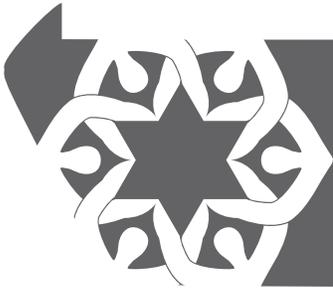




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West View Cemetery's Open House

*Sunday, May 22
1:00-3:00 p.m.*

Green Lawn Burial informal tour with Q&A, including the Cremation Rock Garden. Visit with Rabbi Henry, Cemetery Committee Chairman Eric Kruman, Cemetery Manager Diana Martino and other caring greeters and informed members. Meet at Green Lawn Burial parking lot. (Directions: Turn left after main entrance, follow signs.) Reservations call Diana Martino, Cemetery Manager 412-931-1600 or email westview@rodefshalom.org.

You are invited to attend the UNsung JEWISH HEROES CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 22, 2016, 5 p.m.

Levinson Hall
Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh
5738 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh 15213

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is honored to recognize these **UNsung JEWISH HEROES**, who were selected by their schools:

Joint Jewish Education Program
of Pittsburgh
CHAIM STEINBERG

Rodef Shalom Congregation
Berkman Family Center
Pittsburgh
JOSH EADS

Light refreshments served, dietary laws observed.

Admission to this event is free.
For details or to register, please contact Christa Maier at 412.992.5249 or cmaier@jfedpgh.org
Visit www.jfedpgh.org/UJH2016 for more information.

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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.