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MONTHLY SUPPLEMENT TO HAKESHER BULLETIN OF RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

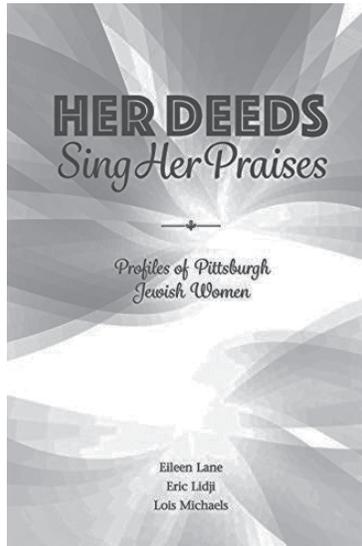
Lunch & Book Talk

“Her Deeds Sing Her Praises”

**Sunday, November 13
12 p.m. • Aaron Court**



This new book features 21 Jewish women of Pittsburgh, many with links to Rodef Shalom; and includes contributions from several Rodef Shalom members. Join Sisterhood for a lunch & book talk with Co-Editors, Eileen Lane & Lois Michaels.



Lunch is at 12 p.m. and the book talk begins at 12:30.

Lunch will cost \$7 and requires a RSVP to JoAnn at 412-621-6566.

Sacred Conversations on Race



**Thursday, November 17 &
Wednesday, December 7
7 p.m. • Chapel**

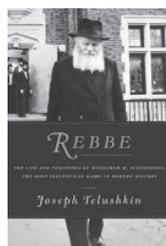
If you were moved by the Rabbis’ sermon on privilege and race (www.rodefshalom.org/sermons), join a series of congregation-based discussions designed to provide a safe space to discuss race in our country and communities. We will reflect on our experiences, challenge one another to expand our own levels of personal awareness, and ultimately, take action. In partnership with the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network.

Sisterhood Book Reviews

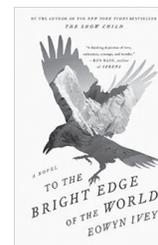
This 82nd year of book reviews is dedicated to the memory of our beloved Dr. Solomon B. Freehof who initiated the Book Review Series. Everyone is welcome!

Please join us for refreshments in Aaron Court at either 10:15 a.m. before the morning reviews or 8:30 p.m. following the December evening review.

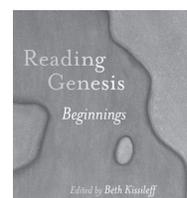
**Thursdays,
November 3, 10, & 17
Aaron Court**



**Thursday, November 3
10:30 a.m.**
Rabbi Sharyn Henry
“Rebbe: The Life & Teachings of Menachem M. Schneerson” by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin



**Thursday, November 10
10:30 a.m.**
Helen Faye Rosenblum
“To The Bright Edge Of The World” by Eowyn Ivey



**Thursday, November 17
10:30 a.m.**
Beth Kissileff
“Reading Genesis: Beginnings” and “Questioning Return”



Worship

NOVEMBER 4 & 5

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

NOVEMBER 11 & 12

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May
Aufruf for Ashley Gold and Eli Glazier
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

NOVEMBER 18 & 19

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May
Shabbat Potluck at 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Bisno, Molly May,
& Rodef Shira Choir
Throwback Shabbat with Union Prayer Book

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May

For Men

Brotherhood Meeting

Tuesday, November 1 · 6:15 p.m. · ALC 1
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 6:45 p.m.

Brotherhood Hangout at Harris Grill

Thursday, November 10 · 6:30 p.m. · Harris Grill
Spend time with just the guys for some drinks and small talk at Harris Grill, located at 5747 Ellsworth Ave, Shadyside. You do not need to be a member of Brotherhood to join in.

Brothers All Breakfast Discussion

Sunday, November 13 · 10 a.m. · Small Dining Room
Come meet friends, enjoy a light continental breakfast, and participate in a lively discussion on a topic of current interest selected by the group.

Tikkun Chant Circle

Sunday, November 13 · 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.

Dreamers Group

Wednesday, November 16 · 7 p.m. · Chapel
For those who want to engage in prayer and spiritual practice in new way, join other dreamers to explore Jewish mindfulness & spiritual enrichment in monthly discussions.

Monthly Shabbat Potluck

Friday, November 18 · 6 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 (The Joy of Shabbat)

Friday, November 18 · 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.

Throwback Shabbat: Union Prayer Book

Saturday, November 19 · 10:30 a.m. · Chapel
The Rodef Shalom Choir, led by Molly May, will be singing during this special return to the siddur many remember from years past.

For Women

Rosh Chodesh Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 1 · 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.

Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, November 13 · 10 a.m. · Sisterhood Room
Come join the Sisterhood as we prepare for upcoming events and plan for the future! All are welcome. Light refreshments served.



Learning

Talmud Class with Paul Tuchman

Wednesday, November 2 · 6:30 p.m. · Krause Conf. Rm.
Join this open dialogue with Rabbi Paul Tuchman (in English) on the Babylonian Talmud. Both the Mishnah and the Gemara will be discussed.

Christian-Jewish Dialogue

Thursday, November 3 · 12 p.m. · ALC1
In the coming year, this group will explore the vocabulary of Christian-Jewish dialogue & foundation words of faith & spirit. This month's discussion word is "Islam". Hosted by Rabbi Aaron Bisno & facilitated by local clergy from Jewish & Christian backgrounds.

From Sinai to Seinfeld: The History of Jewish Humor

Beginning Sunday, November 6 · 9:30 a.m. · ALC1
Sunday school isn't just for kids, join Rabbi Danny Schiff for this 10-class Melton School series. Take a closer look at the jokes that make us laugh as Jews and that bond us as a people. Registration is required, the cost is \$150, J-JEP parents receive a \$50 discount. To register, email Patti at pdziekan@jfedpgh.org.

Torah & the Times with Rabbi Bisno

Thursday, November 10 · 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.

Stress-Free Book Chat

Wednesday, November 16 · 1 p.m. · Krause Conf. Rm.
Open to all book lovers in the congregation, this club simply requires members to bring any book they have read and wish to share with the club. It's that easy! Sponsored by Brotherhood, light snacks will be provided. RSVP to JoAnn at 412-621-6566.

Shabbat Lunch & Learn

Saturday, November 19 · 12:30 p.m. · ALC1
"Unpacking the Prayers" led by Rabbis Bisno & Henry. Lunch is only \$5, RSVP's are required. RSVP at www.odefshalom.org/rsvp or by calling JoAnn at 412-621-6566.

Sacred Aging

Wednesday, November 30 · 12 p.m. · Krause Conf. Rm.
What does it mean to live longer? How do we best keep our brains engaged, both intellectually and spiritually? Join Rabbi Aaron Bisno for a part-lecture part-discussion on how one can age sacredly. A light lunch provided, please rsvp to frischer@odefshalom.org.

For Families

Laptime in the Library (Ages 0-3)

Mondays, Now—November 28 · 9:30 a.m.
Glick Children's Library

Babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult are invited to join Librarian Christine Taylor in Glick Children's Library for a lively series featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and lap games. Everyone welcome!

Family Friday (4th Grade & Younger)

Friday, November 11 · 6 p.m. · Aaron Court
Gather for candle lighting, Kiddush and hamotzi followed by a potluck dinner. We provide the entree, challah, beverages and dessert. Please bring a nut-free salad or side dish for 8 people. RSVP to Mimsie at leyton@odefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x127.

Skyzone (Grades K-8)

Sunday, November 13 · 12 p.m. · Meet at Rodef Shalom
Bounce your way through basketball, dodgeball, and foam pit fun all afternoon! RSVPs are due to Yael at eads@odefshalom.org or Joe at jloether@gmail.com by Friday November 4. Cost of the event is \$15 which includes lunch and 1 hour of open jump time. Pickup will be at 2:30 p.m. at Skyzone Monroeville.

All School T'fillah and Breakfast (Grades K-7)

Sunday, November 20 · 9:30 a.m. · Levy Hall
Families of J-JEP students are invited to join us for our annual All School T'fillah and Breakfast. At 9:30 we will meet together in Levy Hall for T'fillah. Following that, we will move to Freehof Hall for breakfast and an activity.

Social Action

Blood Drive

Postponed (Originally Scheduled for November 12)

Cook for the East End Cooperative Ministry

Tuesday, November 29 · 6 p.m. · Kitchen

Serve Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry

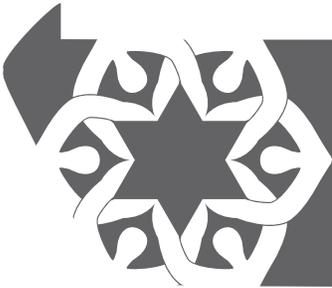
Wednesday, November 30 · 6 p.m. · EECM

Join the Rodef Shalom team to provide a home-cooked dinner for the East End Cooperative Ministry. Over the past two years, this activity has become a fast favorite for Social Action at Rodef Shalom! You can join us to cook and prep dinner in our own kitchen, or travel to the EECM (6140 Station Street, East Liberty) to serve dinner to the residents there.



FOR EVENTS: RESERVATIONS OR TICKETS ARE NEEDED FOR EVENTS WITH THIS SYMBOL.





Arts & Music

Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh Kristallnacht

Wednesday, November 9 · 6 p.m. · Aaron Court

This year's annual Kristallnacht commemoration features the Clarion Quartet, composed of members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, which will play music that was banned by the Nazis. There is no fee for this event, but an RSVP is required. For questions or to reserve your seat, please contact Christina Sahovey at 412-421-1500 or csahovey@hcpgh.org.

"Letters To Sala" Free Performance

Sunday, November 13 · 10 a.m. · CMU Black Box Theater

Adapted from the book, *Sala's Gift*, is a remarkable story of a young Jewish girl's survival during wartime Germany. Classrooms Without Borders has provided this performance for free and open to the public, RSVP is required at www.classroomswithoutborders.org.

Private Tour of "Being Good" Exhibit

Sunday, November 20 · 11 a.m. · JCC Squirrel Hill

Join American Jewish Museum director, Melissa Hiller, for a conversation about an exhibition of photographs that confirms our capacity and desire to strive for interconnectedness and goodness. This is a private tour just for Rodef Shalom members and their guests. Meet at the Darlington entrance to the JCC. For questions, contact Carolyn at frischer@rodefshalom.org.

Soup & Challah TO GO!

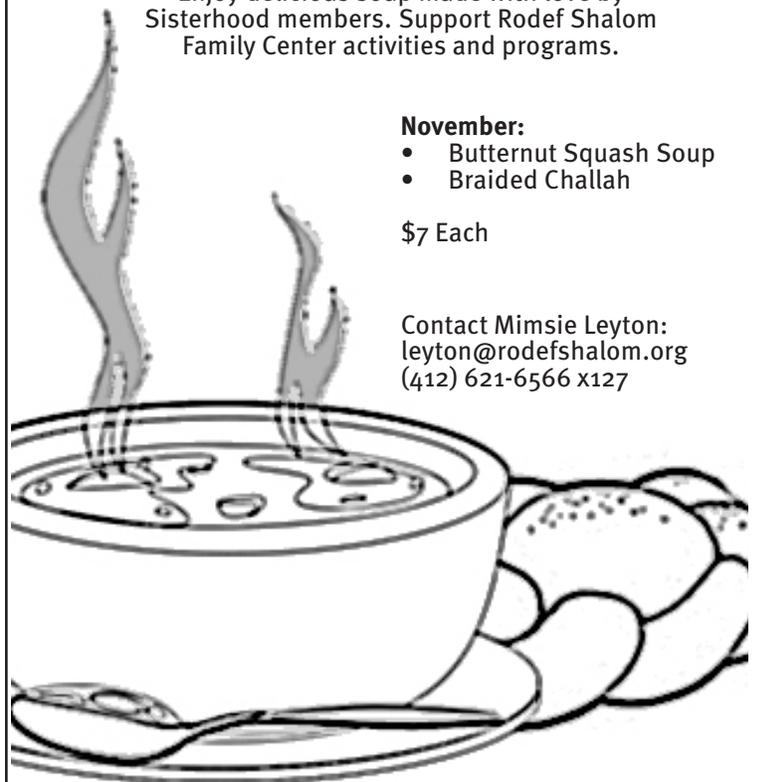
Enjoy delicious soup made with love by Sisterhood members. Support Rodef Shalom Family Center activities and programs.

November:

- Butternut Squash Soup
- Braided Challah

\$7 Each

Contact Mimsie Leyton:
leyton@rodefshalom.org
(412) 621-6566 x127



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.