



reCONNECTING

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

Parenting Class: *What's Happy Got to Do With It?*

Sunday, March 5

9:30 a.m. • Classroom 221

There is so much pressure to make our kids happy! Let's talk about what happiness really is, what skills kids need to find and make their own happiness, and how to apply the long, Jewish view to what our kids really need from us to grow and thrive.

Dr. G (Deborah Gilboa, MD) is a respected parenting and youth development expert and founder of AskDoctorG.com with a passion for raising kids with character.



Empty Bowls **A Simple Meal to Fight Hunger**

Sunday, March 19

1 p.m. & 3 p.m. • Freehof Hall

The annual Empty Bowls is a simple community meal of bread and soup to help remind people of the one in seven in their community who are facing hunger. Proceeds benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest. Tickets include soup cooked by some of Pittsburgh's top restaurants as well as a beautiful handmade bowl to take home. Get tickets at: pittsburghfoodbank.org or justharvest.org.



Steel Chef: **CUPCAKE WARS**

Saturday, March 25

6 p.m. • Freehof Hall

The tables have turned, this year the audience becomes the competitors!

After dinner (catered by Tallulah's) delicious cupcakes will be provided to each table along with frosting and supplies to create a memorable confection. The winning table team will receive a fun prize and the Steel Chef bragging rights for the year!

Tickets: \$30
www.RodefShalom.org/RSVP



Social Action Drive **New-Home Baskets for EECM**

March 1–31 • Drop off in Commons

Each year, EECM helps to place adults in stable housing and employment through their IMPACTS program (Individuals Making Progress and Change Toward Self-Sufficiency). Each person is provided with a New Home Basket to help begin their new lives in their new homes. Drop off any of the items to help EECM stock these.

- Laundry Basket
- Home Cleaning Items
- Laundry Detergent
- Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Dish Rags & Dish Towels
- Bathroom Cleaning Supplies
- Cleaning Bucket
- Dish Soap & Scrubbing Pads
- Dust Rags
- Roll of Paper Towels
- Window Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- All-Purpose Cleaner



Worship

MARCH 3 & 4

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May
Sydney Demchak Bat Mitzvah

MARCH 10 & 11

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

MARCH 17 & 18

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno, Molly May, &
Liturgist-In-Residence: Alden Solovy
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May, &
Liturgist-In-Residence: Alden Solovy
Lunch & Learn @ 12:30

MARCH 24 & 25

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbis Bisno & Henry,
Cantor Michele Gray-Schaffer
Will Brandeis Bar Mitzvah

Tikkun Chant Circle

Sunday, March 12 · 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.

Dreamers Group

Wednesday, March 15 · 7 p.m. · Chapel
For those who want to engage in prayer and spiritual practice in a new way, join other dreamers to explore Jewish mindfulness & spiritual enrichment in monthly discussions. These monthly gatherings will reflect a learning laboratory where we can freely explore a topic, and then experience the practice. As we find topics that resonant strongly with the group, we will deepen our study and practice of these in future Dreamer activities.

For Men

Brothers All Breakfast Discussion

Sunday, March 5 · 10 a.m. · Small Dining Room
Come meet friends, enjoy a light continental breakfast, and participate in a lively discussion.

Brotherhood Meeting

Tuesday, March 7 · 6:15 p.m. · ALC 1
Every member of Brotherhood is welcome to attend and participate. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. / meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Brotherhood Hangout at Social

Monday, March 13 · 6:30 p.m. · Shady Grove
Spend time with the guys for some food & small talk at Social, located in Bakery Square. You don't need to be a member of Brotherhood to join in. Wives are also invited to have a concurrent "wives night out" at Shady Grove.

Brotherhood Bowling

Tuesday, March 28 · 7 p.m. · Forward Lanes
Enjoy an evening of bowling with your Brotherhood buddies! Join us at Forward Lanes for a fun evening.

Liturgist-In-Residence: Alden Solovy

- Many will remember Alden from last year's Elul Memory Project and the prayer crafted by our collective memories shared on blackboards. Alden is returning to Rodef Shalom and will share new original prayers and meditations.

Shabbat Services

- *Friday, March 17 · 5:30 p.m. · Levy Hall*
- *Saturday, March 18 · 10:30 a.m. · Chapel*
- Based on *Parashat Ki Tisa*, Alden will weave together prayers, poetry and insight into a unique perspective on the weekly Torah or Haftorah reading, opening a new pathway into sacred text.

Shabbat Lunch & Learn: ***DATE CHANGE*** Prayer as Spiritual Resistance

- *Saturday, March 18 · 12:30 p.m. · ALC1* 
- How can prayer be interpreted and used as a tool for spiritual resistance? Using *Mishkan HaNefesh* and *This Grateful Heart*, we'll explore five ways to engage in prayer as spiritual resistance: healing the soul, bridging divides, tikun olam, political opposition and political defiance. Lunch is \$7 and includes Alden's book in the price. RSVP at www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp or by calling JoAnn at 412-621-6566.



Family Center

Learning

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 10 · 6 p.m. · Aaron Court

Gather for candle lighting, Kiddush and hamotzi followed by a potluck dinner. We provide an entrée, beverages and dessert, please bring a nut-free salad or side dish for 8 people. After dinner will be a worship service geared toward children, then we'll reconvene for dessert. RSVP to Mimsie at leyton@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566 x127.



Youth Council *NEW*

Sunday March 19 · 12:00–12:30 p.m. · Library

The Rodef Shalom Youth Department is creating a brand new Youth Council! We are looking for kids from K-8 grade to work together to organize events; engage in leadership development; and be a spokesperson for the youth department. Who knows more about what kids want to do than the kids themselves? Please contact Yael Eads at eads@rodefshalom.org for more information or to sign up!



Volunteer at Empty Bowls (Youth Group)

Sunday, March 19 · Commons

We will be looking for bakers to fill our bake sale, as well as volunteers during the event. Empty Bowls will be having two seating times, which means we will be looking for two shifts of volunteers. Shift 1: 1:00-3:30 p.m. / Shift 2: 4:30-7:00 p.m. Contact Yael at eads@rodefshalom.org with any questions or concerns you may have.



Parent-Daughter Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Sunday March 26 · 11:30 a.m. · Lippman Library

Calling all girls who love to read and socialize: Grab an important adult in your life (dad, mom, aunt, grandparent, etc.) and sign up for this exciting new book club! Please contact Christine Taylor, the librarian, to join this book club or to ask any questions at taylor@rodefshalom.org or 412-621-6566.



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.

March: Passover Food Items

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

Talmud Class with Paul Tuchman *NEW TIME*

Wednesday, March 1 · 7 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.

Christian-Jewish Dialogue

Thursday, March 2 · 12 p.m. · ALC1

In the coming year, this group will explore the vocabulary of Christian-Jewish dialogue & foundation words of faith & spirit. Hosted by Rabbi Aaron Bisno & facilitated by local clergy from Jewish & Christian backgrounds.

Torah & the Times with Rabbi Bisno

Thursday, March 9 · 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.

Sacred Aging

Tuesday, March 14 · 12 p.m. · Krause Conference Room

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 will be provided, please RSVP to frischer@rodefshalom.org.



Stress-Free Book Chat

Wednesday, March 15 · 1 p.m. · Krause Conference Room

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! 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Brotherhood, light snacks will be provided. RSVP to JoAnn at 412-621-6566.

For Women

Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, March 5 · 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. Light refreshments served.

Rosh Chodesh + Chai Mitzvah *NEW*

Monday, March 6 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) at our brown bag dinner discussion, now partering with Chai Mitzvah: an adult education curriculum for engaging in a meaningful Jewish life.



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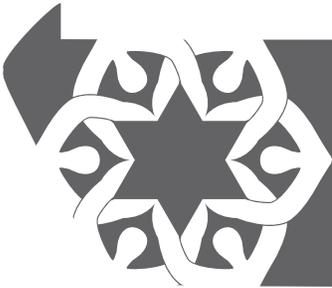




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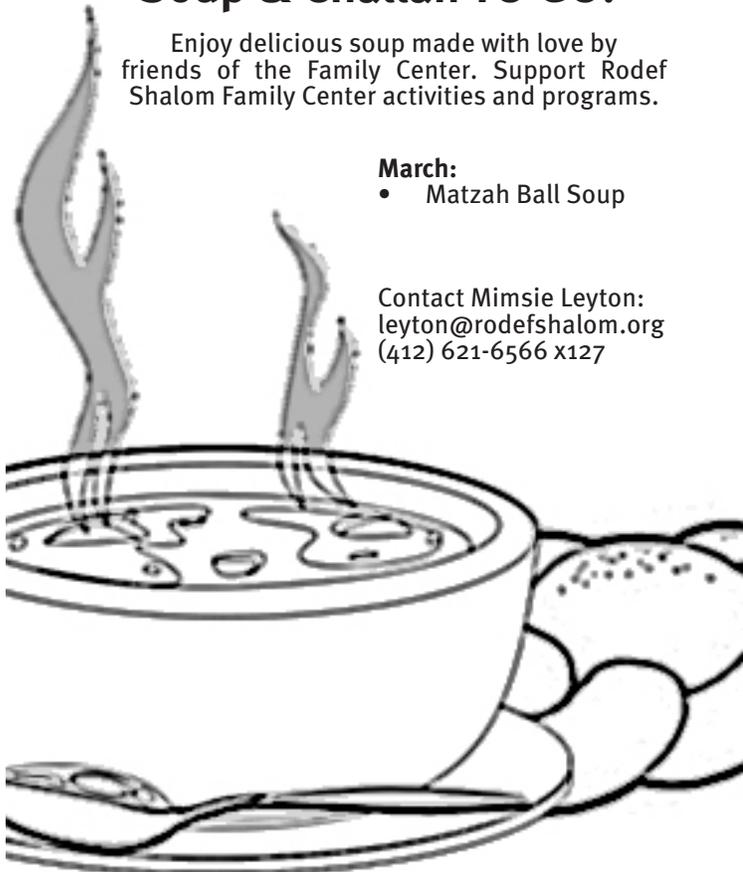
Soup & Challah TO GO!

Enjoy delicious soup made with love by friends of the Family Center. Support Rodef Shalom Family Center activities and programs.

March:

- Matzah Ball Soup

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



Arts & Culture

Resonance Works Presents: “Side by Side by Sondheim”

Saturday, March 4 · 8 p.m. · Levy Hall
Sunday, March 5 · 3 p.m. · Levy Hall



A celebration of the wit and genius of musical theater’s most influential artist of the last half-century! Tickets can be purchased at www.resonanceworks.org.

Music at Rodef Shalom with Aleksey Semenenko

Monday, March 6 · 8 p.m. · Levy Hall

Ukrainian violinist Aleksey Semenenko is praised for passionate performances replete with stunning technique and intonation, verve, wit, delicatessen, and beautiful phrasing. Open to all. A reception will follow.

Tuesday Musical Club

Tuesday, March 14 · 1 p.m. · Levy Hall

Tuesday Musical Club provides free daytime public concerts of classical and contemporary music, open to the public & followed by a light reception.

Music at Rodef Shalom with Pgh Opera Singers

Monday, March 27 · 8 p.m. · Levy Hall

Brian Vu & Claudia Rosenthal, partnered by Glenn Lewis, present an intimate evening of beautiful art songs, serenades and arias performed by artists from the Pittsburgh Opera. Open to all. A reception will follow.

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.