



Rodef Shalom  
CONGREGATION

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# reCONNECTING

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

## Congregational Seder



**Monday, April 10**

**6:30 p.m. • Freehof Hall**

Come to OUR table this Passover. Our congregational seder will be led by Rabbi Bisno.

**RSVP:**

\$50 for members / \$60 for guests  
\$30 for children 12 and under.

RSVP by Monday April 3 online at [www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp](http://www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp) or by mailing your check to Rodef Shalom.



## Prophetic Voice of Reform

The Lasting Legacy of  
**Rabbi J. Leonard Levy**  
100 Years Later

**Sunday, April 30 • 1-4 p.m. • Free & Open to the Public**



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# Worship

## MARCH 31 & APRIL 1

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Henry & Molly May  
Rodef Shira Choir  
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May  
Jacob Schneiderman Bar Mitzvah

## APRIL 7 & 8

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

## APRIL 14 & 15

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May  
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May  
Baby Naming for Laurenzi Family

## APRIL 21 & 22

Friday, 5:30 p.m.: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May  
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Bisno &  
Cantor Michele Gray-Schaffer

## APRIL 28 & 29

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

## Lin'shom: 15-Minute Meditations

*Mondays · 8:30 a.m. · Chapel*  
*Wednesdays · 12:15 p.m. · Chapel*  
*Fridays · 5 p.m. · Chapel*

Lin'shom. (Breathe.) Weave short meditation breaks into your weekly routine. These 15-minute meditations will be guided and are scheduled for you to pop in to Rodef Shalom on your way to work, on your lunchbreak, or just before Shabbat.

## Shabbat Lunch & Learn

*Saturday, April 8 · 12:30 p.m. · ALC1*

Rabbis Bisno & Henry lead a stimulating lunch conversation following morning services. Lunch is \$5, RSVP required at [www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp](http://www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp) or call JoAnn at 412-621-6566.



## First Day Pesach Morning Service

*Tuesday, April 11 · 10 a.m. · Temple Sinai*

We'll join our Temple Sinai friends for a Passover Morning Service, held at their building located at 5505 Forbes Avenue.

## Seventh Day Pesach Yizkor Service

*Monday, April 17 · 10 a.m. · Rodef Shalom*

Join us for a Passover Morning & Yizkor Service with our friends from Temple Sinai, held in our sanctuary.

## Dreamers Group

*Wednesday, April 19 · 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 resonate strongly with the group, we will deepen our study and practice of these in future Dreamer activities.

## Tikkun Chant Circle

*Sunday, April 23 · 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.

# Social Action

## Gerrymandering in PA: Problem and Solution

*Thursday, April 6 · 7:30 p.m. · Levy Hall*

We're teaming up with Temple Sinai for a social action educational event on Gerrymandering and fair redistricting. Suzanne Broughton will conduct the non-partisan program on behalf of Fair Districts PA, a subgroup of League of Women Voters.

## Social Justice Opera Panel

*Wednesday, April 26 · 7 p.m. · Levy Hall*

Before Pittsburgh Festival Opera brings "A Gathering of Sons," to Levy Hall in June, you can participate in a free pre-concert workshop discussing this social justice project that confronts the realities of police and community conflict.

## 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.

**April: Cold Cereal**

## Administrative Offices Closed

*Tuesday, April 11 &*

*Monday, April 17*

*In Observance of Passover*



## For Families

### Parenting Class: A Peaceful Home, How to Turn the Juggle into a Balance

Sunday, April 2 · 9:30 a.m. · Classroom 221

Shalom bayit - a peaceful home - can feel like an impossible goal. Dr. G will share strategies for getting the home life you want NOW instead of waiting for that elusive “later.”

### J-JEP Open House (Entering Grades K-7)

Sunday, April 2 · 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. · Rodef Shalom

All new incoming students and parents are invited to learn about the 2017-2018/5778 school year. Tour, participate in morning T'fillah and Hebrew demo, and observe class. RSVP to Kate at kim@rodefshalom.org.



### Passover PJ Library Storytime

Sunday, April 2 · 5 p.m. · Glick Children's Library

Come to Glick Children's Library for Passover stories and related crafts with Mimsie Leyton. Select a book to read at home and wear your pj's!

### A Lego Haggadah (Grades K-3)

Sunday, April 9 · 12 p.m. · Multipurpose Room

Bring your creativity and your love of Legos to help retell the story of Passover! \$5 per person covers the cost of lunch and use of Legos while telling the story. RSVP to Yael Eads at eads@rodefshalom.org by Friday April 7.



### Rodef Shalom is Hosting NFTY Pittsburgh Tikkun Olam Shabbaton

Friday April 21 - Saturday April 22

Volunteers from TheRSTY (The Rodef Shalom Temple Youth) are needed! All 8-12 graders may attend, the cost is \$25. To register or volunteer, email Marissa at tait.marissa@gmail.com.



### Celebration of Learning

Sunday, April 30 · 10:30 a.m. · Levy Hall

J-JEP will be closing the school year and commemorating our 5th anniversary with students showcasing what they've learned. Family and friends are invited, stay afterwards for our 5th birthday ice cream party!

### Preschool Closed

Monday, April 10 - Monday, April 17

### J-JEP Closed

Tuesday, April 11 - Tuesday, April 18

## Learning

### Talmud Class with Rabbi Paul Tuchman

Wednesday, April 5 · 7 p.m. · Krause Conference Room

How does the Talmud define gender and how many genders are there? Join this month's open dialogue with Rabbi Paul Tuchman (in English) on the Babylonian Talmud.

### Christian-Jewish Dialogue

Thursday, April 6 · 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 “grace.” Hosted by Rabbi Aaron Bisno & facilitated by local clergy from Jewish & Christian backgrounds.

### Herzog Breakfast with Paula Reed Ward

Sunday, April 9 · 10 a.m. · Falk Library

Enjoy a light breakfast while listening to Paula Reed Ward, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporter & author of “Death by Cyanide: The Murder of Dr. Autumn Klei”. Free admission, open to all, hosted by Brotherhood.

### Torah & the Times with Rabbi Bisno

Thursday, April 13 · 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.

### Stress-Free Book Chat

Wednesday, April 19 · 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 Men

### Brotherhood Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 · 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.



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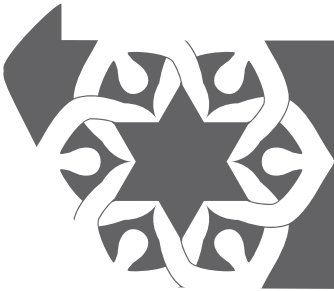




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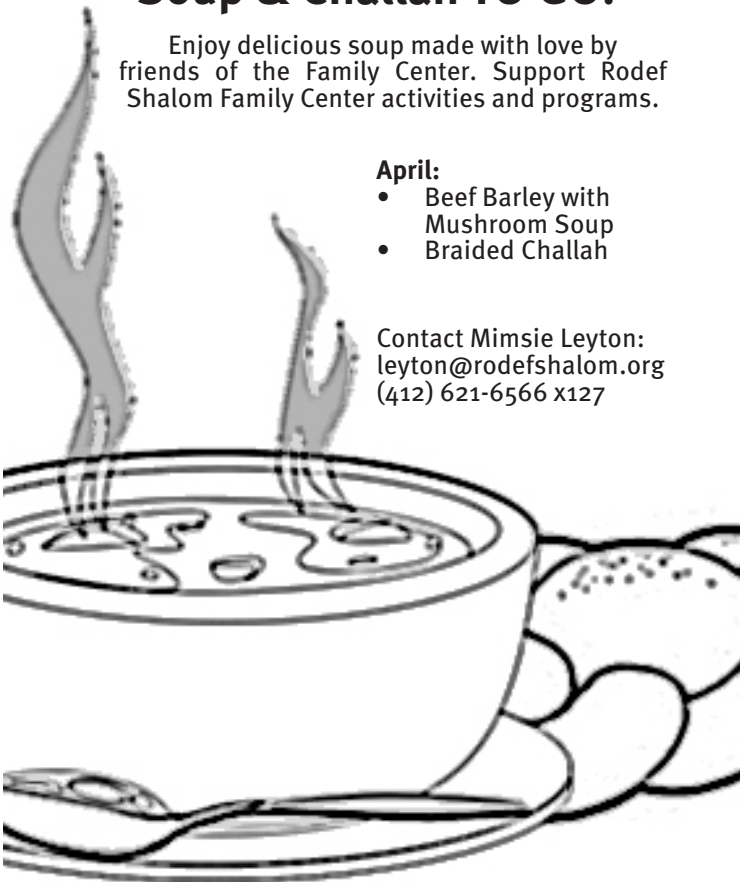
## Soup & Challah TO GO!

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

### April:

- Beef Barley with Mushroom Soup
- Braided Challah

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



## For Women

### Women's Seder

Wednesday, April 12  
6 p.m. · Freehof Hall



Sisterhood invites you to a celebration of Jewish women through history, with lots of singing, laughter, and camaraderie.

Tickets are \$30 for Sisterhood/WRJ members and their guests, \$35 for non-Sisterhood attendees, and \$15 for students. RSVP online at [www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp](http://www.RodefShalom.org/rsvp) or by check mailed to Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh 15213.

### Rosh Chodesh + Chai Mitzvah

**\*NEW\***

Monday, April 24 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room

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

### 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.