Upcoming Events:

- **Virtual Passover Shabbat**
  - Friday, April 2, 2021
  - 6:00 pm
  - Details on page 12

- **Virtual Yizkor with Saturday Morning Shabbat**
  - Saturday, April 3, 2021
  - 10:30 am

- **Virtual Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Winnig**
  - Wednesday, April 7 & 14, 2021
  - 12 noon
  - Details on page 13

- **Tot Shabbat**
  - Saturday, April 10, 2021
  - 9:00 am
  - Details on page 13

- **Virtual Sisterhood Coffee Klatch**
  - Tuesday, April 13, 2021
  - 10:30 am
  - Details on page 9

- **Ivy Rawl Bat Mitzvah**
  - Saturday, April 17, 2021
  - 10:00 am
  - Details on page 14

- **Junior Congregation**
  - Saturday, April 24, 2021
  - 9:00 am
  - Details on page 15

"Congregation Rodef Sholom is a Reform congregation. We exist for our members and the greater community, respecting their diversity and wide range of beliefs, backgrounds, lifestyles, and needs."

*Established May 12, 1867*
Dear Friends,

As I write this, I hear the birds chirping and neighbors starting to prepare their houses and their yards to fully welcome Spring. In the Song of Songs, one of the most spectacular pieces of poetry ever written we see this time captured so beautifully in the following words:

עָנָָ֥ה דוֹדִִ֖י וְאָָ֣מַר לִִ֑י קָ֥וּמִי לָָ֛ךְ רַעְיָתִָ֥י יָפָתִִ֖י מַּלְכָּּ֖ה לָֽוֹ׃
שָׁנַי לִּי סָדוָּ֣ה יִשְׁבֶּ֔הָ נַתְנֵּ֖י קָ֥וֹמִי לְכִי־לָָֽךְ׃

My beloved spoke thus to me, “Arise, my darling; My fair one, come away! For now, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The blossoms have appeared in the land, the time of pruning has come; The song of the turtledove Is heard in our land. The green figs form on the fig tree, the vines in blossom give off fragrance. Arise, my darling; My fair one, come away!

After a long winter, we embrace the sunshine, the warmth of the beauty of Spring budding around us as a herald of the renewal of the land and of our souls. For this past year, even during the better weather months, has felt dreary indeed as we have hibernated away from our friends, family, and social engagements to curb the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Now with vaccinations available to an ever-increasing segment of our State and our world, we can begin to think about embracing the promise of resuming some social activities.

For us here at Congregation Rodef Sholom, it means we will begin to have some in person activities with appropriate safeguards in place. However, we will continue to maintain our virtual connections so that we have options available for our entire community to participate in the way that is most comfortable for each person. As you will see in
the outline approved by the Reopening Committee, we will be entering Phase 2 of our Pandemic protocols on April 17, 2021. Please read the guidelines carefully so you know what to expect and you know how to safely participate in our in-person events. While we are reopening some activities, we are still conscious of the presence of the COVID-19 virus and its variants in our area. We are also aware that our plans might need to be altered if there is different information available about the prevalence of the virus in the areas surrounding us.

I am very excited to begin having the opportunity to meet more of you in person. In May, I will hold “portico” office hours. I will set up a greeting area on the portico in front of our sanctuary to meet with you in person. Please sign up through our office for these appointments and please dress appropriately for the prevailing weather conditions.

During this month we will also commemorate the lives of the six million of our people lost during the Holocaust and the modern miracle which is the State of Israel’s 73rd anniversary. Adult education lunch and learns continue. We will also gather for Shabbat Morning Services and Yizkor for the 7th Day of Pesach on April 3.

I look forward to sharing this beautiful Spring with all of you as we continue to grow, learn, and protect each other.

Best Wishes,

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig
A Message from Our Executive Director

Congregation Rodef Sholom Archives Project

Last month, Executive Director Sarah Wilschek and the Archives Project volunteers toured the structural interior of the sanctuary dome, accessible on the upper floor after entering a crawlspace and scaling two ladders.

Ground broke at the current location of the synagogue in 1914, making the structure of the dome nearly 117 years old. YSU students, who also conduct hands-on work at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor (also known as the Steel Museum), took note of the steel support beams that brandished the manufacturer’s mark of Cambria Steel Company (pictured below). It was a great historical connection for the students, and provided us more insight into the architectural history of our building.

(Left) The dome as it was being constructed, circa 1914; from the CRS Archives.
(Bottom) A contemporary photo of the sanctuary dome; from the CRS Archives.

Cambria Steel Works, Johnstown, PA
(Library of Congress)
APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, April 2, 2021 at 6:00pm
Passover Shabbat Service on Zoom with Rabbi Winnig

Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10:30am
Yizkor Service and Saturday Shabbat Service on Zoom with Rabbi Winnig

Friday, April 9, 2021 at 6:00pm
Torah Portion: Shemini, Leviticus 9:1—11:47
Saturday Shabbat Service on Zoom with Rabbi Winnig

Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 9:00am
Tot Shabbat Service on Zoom with Rabbi Winnig

Friday, April 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Torah Portion: Tazria, Leviticus, 12:1—13:59
Torah Portion: Metzora, Leviticus 14:1—15:33
Shabbat Service on Zoom with Rabbi Winnig

Friday, April 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Torah Portion: Acharey Mot, Leviticus 16:1—18:30
Torah Portion: Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1—20:27
Shabbat Service with Rabbi Winnig

Friday, April 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Torah Portion: Emor, Leviticus 21:1—24:23
Shabbat Service with Rabbi Winnig

Look for an email each week to receive the link to the Virtual Shabbat Zoom Invitation or contact office@congregationrodefsholom.org.
Yahrzeits

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
We remember them

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We remember them

April 2 & 3, 2021

*Evelyn H. Bender  *Solomon Hamburger  Sidney Sandor Meislik  Florence Sayer
*Morris I. Benjamin  *Aaron Harr  *Mildred Spero Mendleson  *Mollie Shafran
*Molly Brody  *Max S. Jaffee  Morris Ortman  *Joseph E. Shagrin
*Dr. Benjamin Cohen  *Sarah M. Katz  Esther F. Pevow  Millie DeBroff Shepse
Irwin Cohen  William Leebaw  *Sara Rosenthal  *William J. Solomon
*M. Murray Fibus  *Harold F. Leopold  *Jacob S. Roth  Elaine Greenberger Soss
Minnie Gelfand  *Esther Louff  *Samuel Rothschild  *Harry Spero
*Abram Gordon  *Anita Malowitz  Leonard Routman  Patrick John Vaccaro
*Bonnie Wilkoff Grossman  Steven Manevich  Grace Safier

April 9, 2021

*Emily Arnold  *Simon Heselov  *Frances Tamarkin Monus  Judith Speiser
*Sara Lee Strouss Brody  *Helen E. Hume  Jacob Louis Nathan  *Estelle Stahl
*Jane Chessin  *Robert A. Klein  Walter Nicholas  *Joseph Tandatnick, M.D.
Edward Fried  *Edward H. Kline  *Joshua G. Rapport  Julia Vaccaro
*Saul Friedkin  *Geneva E. Kohn  *Wilma Rosenbaum  *Maurice Weiner
*Kimberly Beth Goldich  Hershel Laskey  *Dorothy Schwartz  Pearl Shear Ziff
*Emily K. Goldstein  *Maurice Lipscher  *Irving Schwebel  *Albert Zifferblatt
*Benjamin Gross  *Israel Malasky  S. Jospeh Shagrin  Miriam Zucker man
Ruth Gross  Howard Meislik  William Shapiro

* Denotes permanent memorial plaque
April 16, 2021

Barbara Abraham
*Sarah R. Brown
Anna Chevlen
*Cantor Lasrence Ehrlich
Joseph M. Epstein
*Ben Fine
*Mose Franke
*Sylvia Gluck
Tomar Green
*Ida Grosshandler
Terri Haughton
*Bessie Henkin
Sunny Heselov
*Neoma Ozersky Hill
*Sadie Kalver
Isidore Kirkorsky
*Carolyn Kovsky
*Norman Levine
*Harry Levinson
*Carl Lockshin
*George Lurie Jr.
Joel Meislik
Leba Pose
*Abraham Printz
*Edward Robbins
*Cecilia Rodgers
*Ivan Rosenthal
*Lillian Rothhouse
Edwin Schwartz
*Sadie Schwartz
Alvin Spiegel
*Morris Steiner
Adelaide Szabo
*Morris Tamarkin
*Edith Wolf
Harry Wolfe
*Dora Zlotnick

April 23, 2021

*Mollie Spanner Benjamin
*Anna Polster Brody
*Howard Chessin
*Monroe Deutsch
*Samuel J. Friedman
*Nettie Friedman Routman
*Louis Greenwood
*Harry Hartstein
*Jennie Hartzell
*Irene Holt
*Joseph Keller
*Edgar Kornhauser
Morris Kristal
*Naomi Leaf
George Livingston Jr.
*Max Malkoff
Trudy Nelson
*Martha Newman
Elaine Simon Orlick
Larry Perelman
Harriet Pollack
*Izrael Prizant
*Samuel Ragozin
*Harold Reese
*Dr. Ronald Robins
*Minnie Rose
Kenneth Rosen
*Harry Rosenblum
*H. David Rosenblum
*Paul Rosenblum
*Louis Sacks
Emanuel Schermer
Selma Sherman
Frank Smith
Victor Sperling
Dr. Leonard Spiegel
*Isadore Ungar

April 30, 2021

Michael Abrams
*Hannah Blumental
*Isadore Cohen
Cantor Renee Coleson
Barbara Davidson
*Dr. Emil Stanley Dickstein
*Adolph Finesilver
*Laura Friedkin
*Irma Garson
*Joseph Goldberger
*Dr. Abraham Hoodin
*Hattie Mendleson Horvitz
Rachel Itkin
*George Kaiser
*Dr. Samuel Klatman
Fannie Cohen Klatman
*Julia Krause
Adele Ruth Lehman
Seymour Lipkin
*Herman Lipton
Sadie Grossman Lyman
*Rebecca Kaufman Miller
Irene Persky
*Sonia Randolph
Arthur Rawitz
*Ella Robins
*Louis Rosenbaum
*Lottie Rosenbaum
*Sam Rosenthal
Calvin Routh
*Louis Routman
Sherman Samuals
*Leon Scheer
*Mildred Freeman Shanks
*Dr. Sigmond Shapiro
*Bertha Tamarkin
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Sisterhood

VIRTUAL COFFEE KLATCH

The second Tuesday of every month at 10:30am

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Come as you are and connect with fellow Sisterhood members and catch up on any current events, news, or just to say "hello." Pajamas, sunglasses, etc. are welcomed.

Zoom Information
Meeting ID: 873 9848 9100
Password: 01012021
1. Governance/Organizational Structure Sub-Committee Report: Mark Huberman reported at the March 2, meeting, the Committee responded favorably to a proposal by Aaron Hively to increase the size of the new Board from the previously proposed 16 to 24 so that the new entity will have the benefit of continuing the involvement of some of the most active members of each current Temple. The proportionality will remain, and therefore initial membership of the new Board will be 12 members appointed by Rodef Sholom and 6 each by El Emeth and Ohev Tzedek. The Committee is also recommending that the existing Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods be consolidated and that the presidents of each be non-voting members of the congregational board.

The Committee is developing a recommendation for the administrative staffing. At the next meeting job descriptions of those currently serving will be reviewed. The Committee noted the importance of Temple staffing incorporating institutional memory for the consolidating Temples, at least in the early years.

2. Ritual, Artifacts and Education Sub-Committee Report: Elliot Legow reported that additional Sub-Committees for Education and Clergy Search have been established.

The core Sub-Committee continues to study the issue of preservation of the many paintings, plaques, artifacts, and archives of the three Temples in a consolidated entity. Rodef is currently working with YSU to archive its artifacts and archives. Sarah Wilschek will meet with Sandy Kessler and Harriet Schor to discuss combined efforts, including the possibility of digitally preserving and presenting memorials and archives.

The Education Sub-Committee held its first. It is chaired by Nancy Burnett. Additional committee members are Brigitte Berk, Melissa Batemen-Hively and Bonnie Burdman. Members will develop suggestions for a restructured education system with or without MSJS and the role a full time Cantor/Educator would fill in the education system.

The 16-member Clergy Sub-Committee had its first meeting with Tri-Chairs Mark Perlman, Jack Kessler and Nancy Burnett. Placement will be through the Reform movement’s Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). The committee must submit its application for a rabbi for the new congregation between July and September. Interviews will take place after the High Holidays and job offers made before the end of the year. The Clergy Subcommittee is also reaching out to the American Conference of Cantors (ACC)Jack Kessler noted that the hope of the Sub-Committee is that the new Clergy will provide dynamic leadership that will inspire greater Temple membership and support.

3. Finance/Building Sub-Committee Report: Lee Burdman reported that this Sub-Committee held its second meeting on March 7, 2012 and is gathering a great deal of data. They have reviewed membership rolls of each Temple and compared dues structures. The Committee is studying the endowments that will be combined for the new entity. The committee is not developing a full budget or dues structure until decisions are made about clergy and office staffing.

Lee Burdman reiterated that the architect previously hired by the Collaboration Committee will be engaged later in the process. Samie Winick has proposed a list of criteria to consider in the choice of which building to retain.

4. Unaffiliated Jews: Andy Lipkin reported that about 37% of Jewish family units are currently unaffiliated and that almost 40% of individuals are not affiliated. Mark Huberman reiterated Jack Kessler’s hope that a new congregation with new dynamic leadership could positively impact those numbers.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Committee is set for April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

If you have any questions about the work of the Committee, or suggestions and ideas for how we can best reach our goals, feel free to contact any of the six Rodef Sholom committee members. E-mail addresses for each of us follow:

Brigitte Berk:  bb4grls@aol.com  Elliot Legow: elegow@gmail.com  Dick Shapiro: rds4eyes@me.com  Aaron Hively: president@congregationrodefsholom.org  Beverly Nathan: abnathan@roadrunner.com  Samie Winick: swinick@zoominternet.net

To view the meeting minutes in their entirety, please visit:  https://www.congregationrodefsholom.org/yccic
The Re-Opening Task Force met on March 18, 2021 to act on the following:

- Members discussed recent changes to guidelines from the CDC and the state of Ohio as well as the changing impact of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and access to vaccinations in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Using the information gathered, the committee then reviewed and amended the phased reopening plan to reflect the current situation.

- Based on the data, the building Re-opening Task Force determined that the temple can safely transition from Phase 1 into a Phase 2 re-opening of the building. All Phase 1 in-person guidelines for staff, workers, and volunteers in terms of safety protocols remain in place for everyone who enters the building.

- In Phase 2, in-person lifecycle events, meetings and Shabbat Services can resume with certain restrictions. Attendance is limited to 36 people and registration is required. Subject to a vote of approval of the full Board on April 14th, the members moved to enthusiastically recommend April 17, 2021 as the official re-opening date for Congregation Rodef Sholom.

- Look for more detailed information to come in the next month on the temple’s Phased Re-Opening Plan and please contact your committee with any questions or concerns.

Samie Winick, Re-Opening Task Force Chair
Sarah Wilschek, Executive Director
Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, Interim Rabbi
"ZOOM" INTO
PASSOVER SHABBAT

Led by Rabbi Paula Winnig

Friday, April 2, 2021 | 6pm

Zoom Information
Meeting ID: 889 3788 5747
Password: 1202021

If you would like to add the name of someone currently facing an illness to our MiSheberach list, please contact the office prior to 12pm on Friday.
Virtual Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Winnig

Wednesday, April 7 & 14, 2021 | 12:00pm

Love is blossoming out all over!
A look at the "Song of Songs," the world's most beautiful love poem

Zoom Information
Meeting ID: 876 3083 8430
Password: 04072021

CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLOM PRESENTS

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, April 10, 2021 | 9:00am
Location: Congregation Rodef Sholom

Come join us for Tot Shabbat and learn how to make a fairy garden
Save the Date!
Ivy Rawl's Virtual Bat Mitzvah
Zoom link will be provided prior to the event

Please join us as our daughter

Ivy Lynn Rita
is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, the seventeenth of April
Two thousand twenty one
At ten o’clock in the morning

Congregation Rodef Sholom
Youngstown, Ohio

Michael and Adrienne Rawl
Introducing...
Junior Congregation
AT CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLOM

Saturday, April 24, 2021 | 9am
Location: Congregation Rodef Sholom
(will be outside weather permitting)

Bring your school aged children for a Shabbat experience with Rabbi Winnig

RSVP to the Temple office at:
office@congregationrodefsholom.org
Please welcome our new members!

**Jodi & Kurt Roscoe and Family**

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### MAZEL TOV TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

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*Mazel Tov* to the following members for a special birthday in April:

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**BARUCH DAYAN HAMET**

**PRAISED BE THE JUDGE OF TRUTH**

*It is with sorrow that we note the death of our members:*

**Dr. Harold Chevlen**

**Rabbi Nathan Bark**

*May their memory be for a blessing and may their loved ones be given comfort and strength.*

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Please welcome our new members!
TZEDAKAH CIRCLE

Endowment Fund

In celebration of:

Purim

By Carole & Bill Weimer
By Kim & Jeff Simon and Family
By Carol & Bruce Sherman
By Nina & Barry Solomon
By Lynn & Peter Mendelson

With Gratitude for:

The Mishloach Manot Sponsors for Purim
By Barbara Kirkorsky
By Debbie & Ron Heiman

In loving memory of:

Dr. Harold Chevlen
By Wendy & Ken Miller

Barbara Fine
By Karen & Marc Rubin
By Sidney Rusnak
By Bruce & Alan Zoldan
By Amy & Zach Camardese

In loving memory of:

Rose R Kline
Frank R Kline
Selma & Joseph Sherman

By Lynn & James Kline

In loving memory of:

Phyllis Wikoff
By Ivan Tamarkin
By Sharry Doyle

In loving memory of:

Phyllis Wilkoff
Norma Udell
By Laura & Dave Gorsky

In loving memory of:

Elaine Orlick
By Marilyn & David Miller

In loving memory of:

Dr. Emil Stanley Dickstein
By Lark Dickstein-Rienerth
In celebration of their Great-Grandchildren:

Shayna & Jacob Wilschek
By Bernice & David Cohen

Marilyn’s Mitzvah Meal Fund

In loving memory of:

Grace Safier
Barbara Fine

By Carole & Bill Weimer
In celebration of:

The Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Bender (Carole & Bill Weimer’s Granddaughter)
By Lisa & Blondie Levy
In loving memory of:

Lillian Rothhouse
Isadore Kirkorsky
By Barbara Kirkorsky

In loving memory of:

S. Joseph Shagrin
By Mark & Kim Shagrin Buckley and Family

In loving memory of:

Phyllis Wilkoff
By Carole & Bill Weimer
By Patricia Shorr
By Marilyn & Jeffrey Bilsky

In loving memory of:

Herman Lipton
In appreciation of:

The Mishloach Manot Baskets
By Paula Lipton Domsky

Music Fund

In loving memory of:

Shirley Gerber Medvin
By Mandy Medvin & Tom Taylor

In loving memory of:

Lucille T. Manning
Sam Hollander
By Dr. Kathy Zoss

In loving memory of:

M. Harriet Liebermann
By Mark Liebermann
By Penny Lutsi

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of:

Phyllis Wilkoff
By Carol Kohn
TZEDAKAH CIRCLE CONT.

In celebration of:
The birthday of Alice Mattocks Jubelirer
By Steven Jubelirer
In loving memory of:
Sedalia & David Ekker
In appreciation of:
The Mishloach Manot Baskets
By Katie Ekker
In loving memory of:
Nettie Friedman Routman
Leonard Routman
Patrick Vaccaro
Julia Vaccaro
Phyllis Wilkoff
Randall Wikloff
By Jill Routman-Vaccaro
In appreciation of:
Rabbi Paula Winnig
By Monica & Scott Burgauer
By David Miles (Heartland Hospice)

Sisterhood Fund
In appreciation of:
The Mishloach Manot Sponsors for Purim
By Sybil & Art Epstein

The Marion & Benjamin F. Roth Fund
In loving memory of:
Phyllis Wilkoff
By Jody & Stan Nudell

Building Fund
In loving memory of:
Ken Rosen
By Karen & Tedd Kunkel

Oneg Fund
In loving memory of:
Dorothy & Bernard Pomper
By Linda & Fred Knox
In loving memory of:
Sherman Samuels
By Alan Samuels
In loving memory of:
Morris Ortman
By Sandy & Gene Mallen

Fibus Family Scholarship Fund
In loving memory of:
Sheila & Sanford Routh
By Amy & Bob Hendricks

Social Action Fund
In loving memory of:
Dr. Leonard Spiegel
By Carole & Bill Weimer
In loving memory of:
Abe Harshman
By Florence Harshman

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The Jewish Community of Youngstown

VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL
D DAYAN | APRIL 17
This film will be available online for 72 hours beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17.
For more information or to register for the Zoom link visit jccyoungstown.org/virtual.

JEWS VIRTUAL TOUR
THE GALILEE: JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND
This fascinating trip takes us to the Sea of Galilee - the cradle of Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. Explore ancient ruins and synagogues and learn about the relationship between the Christians and the Jews.
Date: April 25 | Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 690 681 8290

SUMMER SO GREAT, IT’S SCARY!
Registration for Camp JCC 2021 is now open online at jccyoungstown.org/camp
JUNE 7 – AUGUST 13 | MONDAY – FRIDAY | 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

CELEBRATE ISRAEL
JRR ALL-STAR VIRTUAL YOM HA’ATZMAUT CELEBRATION
Sunday, April 18 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
PERFORMANCES BY
David Broza
Josh Nelson
Chaya Mindel
Nofshi Mountains
Rabbi Josh Wernauhsky
Rick Recht
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