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FROM RABBI WEBER

If I had two children—a boy and a girl—and for whatever reason, I only had enough money to give one of them a Jewish education, which one would I choose?

The answer is simple: I would educate the girl.

I know that traditionally, it is the boy who gets most of the attention when it comes to Religious School, Bar Mitzvah, and the like. In fact, the whole concept of *Bat Mitzvah* is less than 100 years old; providing any sort of formal Jewish education for girls is not much older than that. Nevertheless, my daughter would get the Jewish education if I could only choose one.

Why? Because in the great majority of Jewish homes—of *our* homes—it is the mother who sets the religious tone. It is the mother who decides to light Shabbat candles, or to bring the kids to the “Very Young People’s Shabbat” Service, or to call around and decide which temple to join. Even in families where the wife is not Jewish and the husband is, it is usually *still* the wife who insists on making sure the kids have a strong religious foundation! Whether Jewishly knowledgeable or not, it is the women who make most of the Jewish decisions in a family’s life.

Because traditional Judaism did not provide formal education for girls, some people think this means it is not important. In fact, girls received at least as much Jewish training as did boys, but it was of a different sort. A traditional Jewish woman needed to know all the laws of *Kashrut* (keeping Kosher), of family purity (*mikvah* and the like), Pesach, and all the other rituals connected with the home. They *were* trained—by their mothers, their grandmothers, and by all the other Jewish women who lived nearby. A Jewish teenage girl of 100 years ago was probably more knowledgeable about Judaism than most adults—female or male—today.

Today, Jewish women live in a different world. Our world is not defined by the kitchen walls, even for full-time homemakers. There is carpool, PTA, sports, clubs and volunteer work, in addition to career and business life. These are things of which our ancestors never dreamed, and which the traditional “home schooling” method cannot cover. Today’s Jewish women must know about the whole spectrum of life, not just home-oriented rituals. And the only way to get that knowledge is through parental example and religious school.

Elie Wiesel, the philosopher of the Holocaust and Jewish survival, has offered his own answer to the question, “Who Is a Jew?” He said, it is not a matter of whether your mother or father is Jewish; it is a matter of whether your *children* are Jewish. I agree; the truest test of Jewish faith is whether it is passed on to the next generation, for without the children even our greatest achievements will not outlive us. If children do not learn what it means to be Jewish—male or female—what are the chances they will pass our tradition on to *their* children?

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FROM RABBI WEBER (continued...)

We all know there are people around our area who will "Bar Mitzvah" kids without any real religious training, without belonging to a temple, without anything except a fairly large payment. Since each Rodeph Torah family chose to join here instead of taking this minimalist option, it must be because you care about more than having an excuse for a party. Obviously, you want your children to know what it means to be Jewish—to love it, to *live* it, and to pass it on (God willing) to their children. Because of this commitment you have already shown, you are the best teachers of the importance of educating every Jewish child. If a neighbor, friend or relative has a girl who is not in religious school because "it's not important for a girl," please pass on this article—along with your own encouragement to give a Jewish education to the child. She is the future of our people.

In truth, what I said about choosing the girl if I could only afford to educate one of my kids, is not what I would actually do. If I really could not afford to educate both my kids, I would sit down with my rabbi and say so. I would tell him (or her) that I have a Jewish child who is not learning what it means to be a Jew, and any Jew who cares about our tradition would help me do everything possible to get that child into school. And I would not leave the rabbi's office until we had worked out a way to make it happen.

So, what are you waiting for?

Shalom,

Rabbi Don Weber

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WE WARMLY WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH

Steven and Beverly Azarchi

Arthur and Jacqueline Cantor, and their children, Ross and Corey

Karyl Cohen, and her children, Neil, Genay and Michael

Norman and Karen Hurewitz, and their children, Michael, Matthew and Mitchell

Chuck and Ginny Kotler, and their children, Heather, Evan and Ryan

Rico and Marie Mosseri, and their children, Jaime, Jill and David

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE

BY NOVEMBER 3.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 11/1 - Family Shabbat Service - 8:00 p.m.
 Story: "A *Real* Jewish Princess"
 * Birthday Blessings for November
 Candle Lighting 4:35 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/2 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
 Bat Mitzvah of Tracy Berman
- Friday, 11/8 - Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m.
 Sermon: "Taking Time to Feed the Spirit"
 Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist
 Candle Lighting 4:27 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/9 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
 Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Sternberg
- Friday, 11/15 - Shabbat Services
 7:30 p.m. - "Very Young People's Shabbat"
 (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:30 p.m. - Service
 Sermon: "Shabbat Is..." (Introduction to Saturday's Shabbat Workshop)
 Candle Lighting 4:20 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/16 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
 SHABBAT WORKSHOP - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, 11/22 - Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m.
 GUEST SPEAKER: Ralph Garfield - "A Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe"
 * Anniversary Blessings for November
 Candle Lighting 4:15 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/23 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
 Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Levine
- Friday, 11/29 - Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m.
 Candle Lighting 4:12 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/30 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

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We publish all these names and phone numbers each month, so you will know whom to call with your questions, suggestions, and offers to help. Please use them!

We are a Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Several weeks ago, we dedicated the Memorial Wall. Our building finally became a home. We now have a very personal and permanent link to our past. Unfortunately, not many of us were present for this event. Perhaps it was the early hour of the service on a weekend night. Rabbi Weber's sermon summarized why this Memorial Wall is important to our future. I felt that this sermon was important enough to this congregation that I have asked him to use the rest of my column this month to share his message with you.

"I spent a lot of time trying to figure out why this evening is so important. Why this Yiskor—this dedication of the Memorial—has stood out in my mind as one of the most important times in all of the High Holidays that we are now concluding. After thinking about it since long before Rosh Hashanah, I decided the reason was that today marks a very special point in the life of Temple Rodeph Torah. As we dedicate this Memorial, we complete the process of birth for this congregation. It has taken 11 years, but after 11 years I believe we have seen the emergence of the whole being that is Temple Rodeph Torah.

When Temple Rodeph Torah began 11 years ago, it was begun out of an understanding of our obligation to our children. It was begun by people who wanted to create a way to educate their children about Judaism and Jewish life. The very first part of this congregation was the religious school, because we understood our obligation to these young Jews.

Soon after that, with some tentative and faltering steps, the congregation began to hold services as the members recognized our obligation to God. They knew a congregation could not only be a religious school; that to be a temple, it had to include a place and a way to pray. And so, through several student rabbis (and some very trying times), the congregation developed its way of prayer—the way that continues to this day and beyond.

Through all the years since that beginning, we have learned of our obligation to our community. We learned that it is not enough to serve only ourselves—that we must reach out, and extend a hand to the community at large. And so, we began to volunteer at the hospitals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; we began to collect food for the hungry on High Holidays and throughout the year; and we began to offer programs and open them to the whole community, because part of our birth was recognizing what we owed to our community.

And then, a few years ago, we decided to build this building. Some of you may not remember, but there were many people who did not want to build the building. They said they were perfectly happy meeting in Asher Holmes School, and did not see any reason to spend all the money and do all the work that it would take to create this structure. But those were people who only wanted a place for their child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and who actually felt happier that they could have the Bar or Bat Mitzvah at the catering hall, and not have to travel from the temple to where they were having their party. But all of us, together, took the very difficult steps to build this building—for we knew that if we did not build it, there would be no future for this congregation. It would survive, perhaps for a couple of years, and then it would die. But until we recognized our obligation to the future, we had no hope of being a part of that future. And so, up to this point in the process of our birth, we have recognized our obligations to our children, to God, to our community, and to the future.

This evening we are here because we recognize and accept *our obligation to the past*. For as much as we have been rooted in the present and in the future, we can never grow into what we want to be until we accept that obligation to the past. As I have said many times, the only way to proceed on the straight line forward is to stop every now and then, look backward, and see where we have been, and what paths we have taken. Only then can we turn, and look ahead, and proceed in a straight line.

I am very glad that this room is used not only for services but also for Adult Education, and for the meetings of our Board of Directors. I am glad that all of those gatherings will take place in the sight of this Memorial that we dedicate this evening. I pray that all the studying that we do here will be done not only for our own good, but also to honor and preserve the past; to preserve the memory of all those whose names, inscribed on

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, continued

this board, represent that past. And I pray that when the Board of Directors of this congregation meets in this room, it will make its decisions not only on the basis of what is good for us, but also on the basis of what is good for those whose names are here.

For tonight we accept our obligation to the past. And with it, we accept the understanding that we are the bearers of the past for those who have died. We are the ones who carry on the traditions handed down to us by those whose names are written here. We are their hope for the future. And do we even perhaps have the *chutzpa* to hope that one day our names will be written here? And that others, not yet born and not yet part of the community, will carry on what we have done? Not only for their good, and for the sake of the future, but also for the sake of our names inscribed on this Memorial.

Tonight we acknowledge our obligation to the past. And yet, we have a great deal more to do to make that obligation real because, as you can see from looking around you, many people don't yet understand that obligation. There are many people who don't yet understand that we cannot go forward until we remember the past. There are many who do not yet know that without this Memorial we are less, and we will be less. Or that with this Memorial, we are more—greater, stronger, and wiser—than we could ever be alone.

Tonight we complete the birth of Temple Rodeph Torah. We are young, and we have a long way to grow. We have a great deal to learn, and a great deal to teach. May we begin by teaching our obligation to the past."

Shalom,
Ron Berman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shalom,

Our first week of school started very smoothly. Teachers and students alike were motivated and happy to meet one another.

I am delighted to tell you that we have over 70 new students in our Religious School, and I am very pleased to see how everyone is blending together so beautifully and creating that very spacial atmosphere of TRT Religious School. Our students are actually smiling and having a good time while they learn. There is no doubt that our teachers are to be complimented. Thank you, you are the best!

During the months of October and November we will open our classroom doors to you, parents. We hope you will attend the open houses for each one of your children. They like to see you at school and share with you their world of Jewish learning. We like to see you here and explain our goals, our plans and our dreams. I hope you like to be here because it is your temple and your children's religious learning.

During the Summer Marion Gorman (5th and 7th grade teacher) and I attended the CAJE (Coalition for Advancement of Jewish Education) conference at Hofstra University, and discovered what some 2200 caring and motivated professional Jews can accomplish when they meet. There were over 200 different workshops to choose from each day, totaling 800 for the duration of the conference. Choosing a workshop was most frustrating, but very worthwhile.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, continued

The areas of emphasis at this conference were: Special needs, Professionalism, Educating about Israel in the 90's, Teaching Hebrew, Jewish living and much more. I left with a feeling that the Jewish Educator has more influence and more power to move the world than any other profession, and we have already begun to implement some of the ideas we gained at the conference.

Here is a sample of the letters written by our 5th grade students to the new students entering our Religious School:

Dear New Students,

Welcome to Temple Rodeph Torah. I know that you will just love this temple. There are lots of great people here. The teachers have creative ways of teaching, and are very nice. Mrs. Coleman, the Hebrew School principal, is very sweet and will occasionally give you candy. Rabbi Weber is very nice and is always there to talk to if you have a problem, a question or just a funny story.

You will never forget our Purims! They're funnier than Saturday Night Live!!!

Just remember, you're part of our temple family and since you are part of our family you are going to have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,
Pam Grossman

Dear New Students,

Welcome to our temple. I think you'll really enjoy it here. I've been here since the 1st grade and now I'm in the 5th grade. I hope you have lots of fun in your new temple. Don't worry, I was new once, too!

Your friend,
Stacie Croes

P.S. Good luck in temple!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Oct 30th | - 7th Grade Service - Parents please join us 8:00-8:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 13th | - 5th Grade Trip to JCC of Deal Book Fair 4:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 14th | - 3rd Grade Trip to JCC of Deal Book Fair 4:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 21st | - 3rd Grade Open House 4:45-6:45 p.m. |
| Nov 24th | - K-2 Chanukah Puppet Show |
| Nov 24th | - Pre-school Chanukah |
| Dec. 4th | - Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation - Students and Parents 6:45-8:30 p.m. |

Have a Joyous Chanukah!
Edna Coleman, Educator

HORAIYNU

Horaiynu means "Our Parents." We are the Parent—Teacher Association involved in helping our religious school. We are always here to help organize special activities for your children. We serve coffee and cake at the open houses and orientations. We raise funds to buy items needed by the school. We are also involved in the classrooms, helping the teachers with special programs and parties. We have helped with the Mock Wedding, the Eastern European Experience, the Israeli Cafe and the Model Seder, to name a few.

HORAIYNU, continued

Our association can achieve its goals only with your help. Please, when called, consider giving your time. We always need volunteers, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

We have grown over the last few years because more and more of you are getting involved. Keep up the good work and thank you for being there for your children.

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	- Linda Weinberg	972-0664
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	- Karen Siegel	591-8920
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First Grade	- Andrea Goutter	972-8647
Second Grade	- Carol Adasko	577-0523
Third Grade	- Robin Dorfman	536-3971
Fourth Grade	- Susan Ebert	431-5238
Fifth Grade	- Bonnie Seigel	591-8797
Sixth Grade	- Linda Weinberg	972-0664
Seventh Grade	- Mary Ann Korman	446-5976

WHY MUST WE PARK TO PICK UP RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS?

Our primary concern is for our children's safety and well-being. Over the years, we have tried many methods for guaranteeing their safety as they arrive and depart our religious school. Our current system is the best we have found: it is only minimally inconvenient, and it is **safe**.

When you drop off your kids, please drive around to the back of the temple (by the orange cones). Children can exit safely from both sides of the car, as we restrict traffic to a single file. When you pick up, please park, come in to get your children from their classrooms, and walk with them to your car.

Thank you for helping us to help your children!

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood year is in full swing now. We have many interesting programs upcoming, and we hope you're planning to attend these.

I would like to thank Bonnie Siegel, Linda Cranin and Sharon Brodsky for helping Sisterhood do the break-fast after Yom Kippur services. I know everyone was anxious to get home that night, so it is especially good of you to stay that extra time to set up and clean up afterwards.

Our November program should be a fun and relaxing evening—a night at the movies at TRT. Watch for details in the mail.

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The annual Chanukah sale will take place during the week of November 17th. Once again, Sisterhood and Horaiynu will run the sale, and we look forward to seeing all the children in the Religious School participate. There will be inexpensive items that are perfect for the children to buy for parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers and friends. Please remember to give your children a few dollars on the day their class will be going to the sale. You will receive a note home with the exact date your child will attend the sale. Parents are also welcome to come browse and pick up some gifts for their children, as well as wrapping paper, candles, cookie molds and many other holiday items. Please support our effort!

Shalom,
Sheryl Cooper

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is off to a good start in the new year. On September 15th, the Men's Club and Sisterhood represented TRT at Marlboro Day. Larry Siegel did a great job organizing the effort. Terry Ebert, Randy Cranin, Ron Guralnick, Neal Finkelstein, Stu Weinberg, and Sheryl Cooper set up Spin Art machines that children used to make paintings they put in frames. The machines and materials were paid for by the Men's Club and Sisterhood.

Men's Club coordinated this year's ushering at High Holiday Services. Henry Levenstein did an outstanding job recruiting the volunteers and overseeing the entire effort at each service.

After Yom Kippur, Men's Club set up the Sukkah as has been the tradition for several years now. What was not tradition was the Sukkah itself. Instead of our famous mobile, wooden Sukkah, a brand new Sukkah constructed from PVC pipe and canvas was set up. John Hirsch obtained the materials and supervised the crew that put it together. Thanks go to John, Ron Guralnick, Stan Lippman, Gary Brachfeld, Randy Cranin, Larry Siegel, Hal Sprechman, Stu Weinberg, Marvin Camacho and Bob Brady for helping set up the Sukkah. A special thank you to Donna Hirsch for sewing together the canvas pieces for the walls.

Upcoming events include volunteering at CentraState Hospital on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that the Christian volunteers have a chance to be with their families. If you would like to be involved, give Terry Ebert a call at 431-5238. In January we are planning to have an outing for members and their children. More information will be provided in the December newsletter.

Let's make this another great year for the Men's Club. If you haven't already joined, contact Larry Siegel at 591-8797 for membership information. If you have joined, plan to participate in the upcoming events!

Neal Finkelstein

NEWS AND NOTES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22: A JEWISH PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE

This past summer, Ralph Garfield made a trip to a number of pre-World War II centers of Jewish Culture in Eastern Europe. He toured Budapest, Warsaw, Cracow and Prague, and visited the death camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the "show camp" of Theresienstadt.

During our Shabbat Service on Friday, November 22nd, Ralph will share some of his experiences and feelings from this emotional and historical trip. Please join us!

WATCH FOR YOUR A.R.Z.A. CHECKOFF

Your December dues bill will include a voluntary \$20 checkoff for dues to A.R.Z.A., the Association of Reform Zionists of America. A.R.Z.A. is now the second largest Zionist organization in the world (after Hadassah), and is the voice for equality and respect for Reform Judaism in Israel. Especially in light of the current extremist tendencies in Israel, your support for this voice of reason and moderation is especially important!

Your dues will help A.R.Z.A. continue its work to guarantee that Israel remains open to all Jews, regardless of our religious affiliation or background. Dues are tax-deductible, and you will automatically be enrolled or re-enrolled by including the \$20 with your Temple dues payment. Please help A.R.Z.A. help us all!

LETTERS OF THANKS FOR OUR HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Dear Rabbi Weber,

On behalf of the Marlboro Food Pantry, I would like to thank you and all the members of your congregation for your extraordinary gift of food this week. Our pantry relies solely on donations from groups and individuals and Temple Rodeph Torah! Your temple has been a prime source of food, making our pantry unfortunately successful. No woman, man or child need go hungry in our area. The generosity of concerned neighbors has helped to keep our pantry functioning.

We are non-profit, strictly volunteer, and non-political. Our function is to serve our community in any way we can.

My sincere thanks to those of you who organized this drive, and to those who made contributions. To you and all the members of your congregation I wish a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Harriet Schlossberg, Director of Social Services

Dear Rabbi Weber and Congregation,

Thank you so much for the groceries!
May God bless all.

Carol Marie
Samaritan Center, Manalapan

(Note: So much food was collected that the Marlboro Food Pantry shared it with the Samaritan Center, with our blessing.)

A SHOPPING LIST FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Our local food pantries offer basic food supplies to needy families and senior citizens throughout the year, without charge. Through our Social Justice Committee, Temple Rodeph Torah is participating in an ongoing program to gather food for the hungry.

These items are in extremely short supply: meat and fish in cans, peanut butter, and any other protein-rich foods; baby food and formula; canned soups; disposable diapers. The following items are also needed: any kind of pasta, rice, instant potatoes, beans, macaroni dinners, spaghetti sauce, canned chili (pasta meals, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, hot and cold cereals, powdered and evaporated milk, coffee, tea, cocoa, crackers, cookies, sugar, canned and bottled juices, baby food and formula, especially disposable diapers, bath soap, bath tissue, dish detergent and laundry products.

When you go food shopping, please buy one of these items for yourself and another to donate to the food pantry. Remember, when you sit down to your dinner, there is someone - maybe a child like yours or an elderly person like your parents - who is going hungry that night.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Berlin, our Social Justice Chair, at 536-8471.

DO YOU NEED A JOB? DO YOU HAVE A JOB TO FILL?

The New York Board of Rabbis has established a full-time Job Bank for the tri-state community. If you are unemployed and seeking a position, or if you have a position and would like to offer it within the Jewish community, this is a good path to pursue. Of course, no one is obligated to take a position or hire someone referred by the Job Bank; this is only a "matchmaking" service.

For information, contact Rabbi Weber.

ARZA "WIN A TRIP TO ISRAEL" CONTEST FOR 7TH GRADERS

ARZA has announced the 3rd Bar/Bat Mitzvah contest which will send a lucky 7th grade student and two adults to Israel for one week. Students are asked to write a composition of between 200 and 500 words on the theme: "Meeting and traveling with a Soviet and/or Ethiopian Immigrant in Israel." The contest is jointly sponsored by ARZA (The Association of Reform Zionists of America), Moriah Hotels, and El Al Israel Airlines. It is open to boys and girls in the 7th grade of Religious School who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah with the congregation.

Along with the First Prize of a week in Israel at the Moriah Jerusalem and Moriah Plaza Tel Aviv hotels and three round trip airline tickets (from New York), the winner will be featured in the El Al inflight magazine, ISRAEL AL, and the ARZA Newsletter. Second Prize is a \$250 State of Israel Certificate, Third Prize is a book and Israeli records. Five honorable mention prizes will also be awarded.

Entries are due in the ARZA office by March 31, 1992, and winners will be announced by June 1992. Compositions will be judged by a panel of representatives from ARZA, the Moriah Hotels, and El Al Israel Airlines. Judges will be looking for originality and creativity. For more information, 7th graders should speak with their religious school teacher.

THINKING ABOUT A BAR/BAT MITZVAH IN ISRAEL?

The Reform Movement has an information packet available for anyone considering a Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration in Israel. The arrangements are not complicated, but advance planning and thought are required. In addition, Temple Rodeph Torah will help in every way possible to make this occasion special and practical.

For a copy of the packet, call Rabbi Weber.

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

When scheduling a life-cycle event in which you would like Rabbi Weber to participate (weddings, namings, funerals, unveilings, etc.), please call him first. If you set the time for such events without calling, it may be impossible for him to attend. Though a funeral overrides almost everything else, clearing the time in advance may save us from disrupting classes or programs already scheduled.

We understand the stressful nature of such times in our lives, and with your help we can make them a little easier on everyone.

If you have any questions about life-cycle events, please feel free to call Rabbi Weber.

THE TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life is a symbol of growth and joy. It reminds us of the Torah, which is called "*Etz Chaim*," a tree of life.

For those of you who have walked by our new Tree of Life and wondered about it, here is some information. The "leaves" of the tree are designed to be filled with happy memories of our lives - our *simchas*. As a relatively young congregation, most of the leaves celebrate births and B'nai Mitzvah. Of course, leaves may be purchased for other events such as marriages, anniversaries, and special, important times in our lives. It is truly a wonderful way to commemorate an event!

For more information, or to receive a Donor Form, call the Temple office.

SHOUT, SHOUT, LET IT ALL OUT!

Do you want to SHOUT OUT your good news to the congregation?

For any special event in your family (birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, new babies, etc.) you can now sponsor an Oneg Shabbat. For a minimum of \$18 you can celebrate your *simcha* at any Friday night service. All you have to do is call Phyllis Levenstein at 536-7458, and we'll do the rest! Your donation will help to defray the costs of our weekly Onegs.

You are Cordially Invited

It is with great pleasure that we invite our family and friends to join us when our daughter, Tracy Lynn, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 2, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. Our celebration continues at an Oneg following services.

Susan & Ron Berman

We invite you to share our happiness, as our son, Joshua, celebrates his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 9, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. Please join us for the Oneg following services.

Gerald and Lynn Sternberg

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us as our son, Jeremy, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 23, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. An Oneg will follow services.

Ellen & Robert Levine

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Lowell and Rachel Reichman, on the marriage of their son, Edward, to Ms. Susan Beth Feldstein

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Noel, Linda, Lisa and Glen Levin, on the death of Noel's father, A. Edward Levin
to Harvey and Barbara Chamoff, and to Bruce, Erica, Melisa and Lori, on the death of Harvey's father,
Jack Chamoff

"Zichronam Livrach" - May their memory be a blessing to all who knew them.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Grossman

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YAHREZEITS

DATE DECEASED **SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 11/1-2**

11/1 Leah Davidowitz
11/1 Samuel Raven
11/1 Elizabeth Shapiro
11/1 Milton Guttman
11/2 Rose Neal*

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SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 11/8-9

11/3 George Gross
11/3 Edith Schlessberg
11/3 Abe Mesmer
11/5 Bernard Satkowitz
11/6 Sylvia Laski
11/8 Faye Kaner
11/8 Louis Gordon
11/9 Kristallnacht - "The Night of the Broken Glass"

Fred Gross
Sheri Rosenthal
Donald Mesmer
Rochelle Friedman
Lori Lieberman
Beverly Cohen
Karen Hurewitz

SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 11/15-16

11/10 Helen Bogan
11/10 Miriam Kaplan Singer
11/11 Miriam Hymanson
11/11 Max Porcelain
11/11 Robert Cohen

Felicia Goldberg
Harvey Singer
Meryl Glickman
Don Porcelain
Eleanor Brachfeld

(continued...)

YAHREZITS, continued

(SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 11/15-16)

11/14	Rose Cohen	David Cohen
11/14	Bill Messinger	Harvey Messinger
11/15	Rose Cranin	Randy Cranin
11/15	Rivkah Finkelstein	Steve Rykus
11/16	Max Blank*	Ellen Zipkin
11/16	Harry Fischer*	Craig Fischer
11/16	David Rogove	Bill Rogove

SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 11/22-23

11/17	Morris M. Hemmendinger	Gerry Chelnik
11/17	Charles Freilich*	Irv Freilich
11/18	Pauline Schwartz	Barbara Zinn
11/18	Samuel Schulman	Helena Heitt
11/18	Abe Sussman	Leslie Auerbach
11/19	Margit Jacobs	Alice Cohen
11/19	Sidney Leader*	Michael Leader
11/20	Emanuel Herzog*	Richard Herzog
11/20	Janice Laura Seifter*	Roberta Rafaloff
11/21	Frank Cariello*	Robert Cariello
11/22	Naomi Sugarman	Peter Sugarman
11/22	Sara Shraberg	Jon Klein
11/22	Harry Shapiro	Irwin Shapiro
11/23	Clara Stern	Rabbi Shira Stern
11/23	Alex Weiner	Zenia Miller
11/23	Theresa Amarosa*	Loretta Shapiro

SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 11/29-30

11/24	Sylvia Hyatt	Susan Hyatt-Grebow
11/25	Morris Shukovsky	Gary Shukovsky
11/26	Pauline Seifter*	Roberta Rafaloff
11/28	Albert Cohen	Harvey Cohen
11/28	Mordechi Finkelstein	Steve Rykus
11/29	Herbert Smith	Judi Stern
11/29	Louis Nates	Jerome Nates
11/30	Irving Orlofsky*	Ellen Berrol
11/30	Susan Schack*	Judy Goldberg
11/30	Leonard Kaufman	Steven Kaufman
11/30	Anna Millman	Evelyn Saks

* Indicates the dedication of a plaque on our Memorial Wall.

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Jewish tradition suggests that we give *Tzedakah* to honor the memory of our loved ones who have died.

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of our congregation)

_____ LIBRARY FUND (For the purchase of books for our new Library)

_____ PRAYERBOOK FUND (For the purchase of prayerbooks)

Any amount may be donated to this Fund, but a contribution of
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_____ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND (Provides durable equipment for the
Religious School)

_____ SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND (To further the work of Sisterhood)

_____ TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND (For the purchase of art and aesthetically
pleasing items for our building)

_____ WILLNER/WEINSTEIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND (Provides interest
income for the Religious School's future)*

*** TREE OF LIFE/MEMORIAL PLAQUES: To celebrate a special occasion by purchasing a leaf for the Tree
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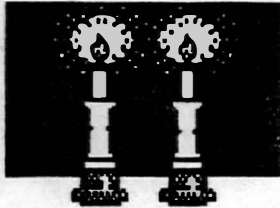
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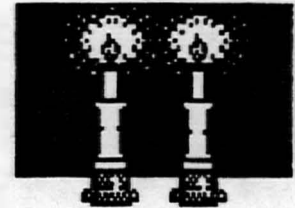
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A Shabbat Workshop



Saturday, November 16th

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This Workshop is open to everyone—
parents, grandparents, young adults and children, **members and non-members.**

Together we will explore the possibilities of making Shabbat in our homes, in our lives; we will learn the basic prayers and blessings, and discuss how we can make Shabbat *kadosh*—different and special.

Every family will be given a Shabbat cassette tape to take home at the end.

There is **NO CHARGE** for this Workshop,
but you must RSVP by November 9th.

Please call the Temple office, 308-0055, and tell us how many adults and how many children will attend.

*Shabbat is the Queen of Days—the most special holiday of the Jewish year.
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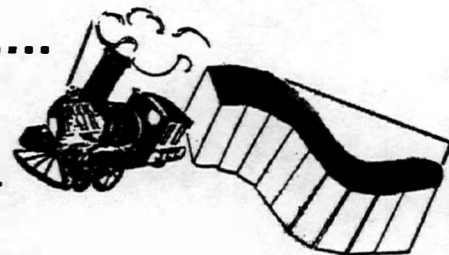




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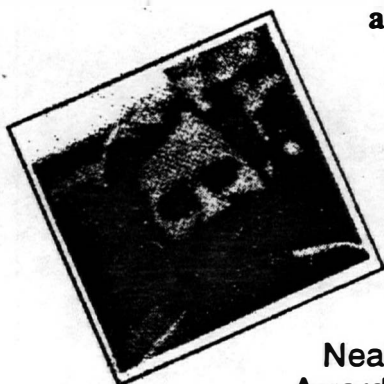


***A FESTIVAL OF BOOKS.....
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Tuesday, November 12 - Thursday, November 14 - 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday, November 15 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Sunday, November 17 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
at the JCC - 100 Grant Ave., Deal Park, NJ**



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YITZAK BEN GAD

**Thursday, November 14, 8 p.m.
Midwest Israeli Consul General
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He will discuss events that led to the Gulf War, and give an update on the current situation.

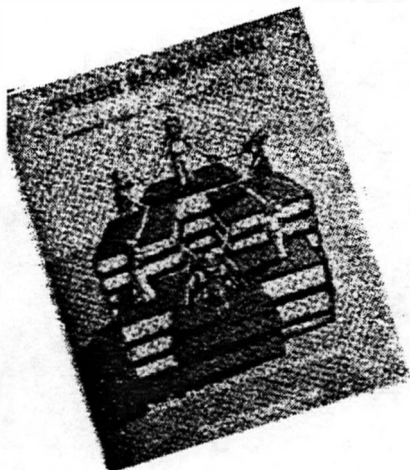


Fees for each lecture are: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors & Students

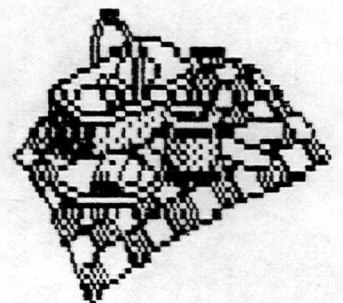
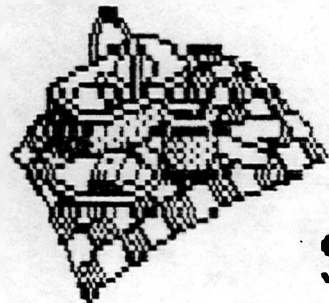
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November 1991

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 8:00 Family Shabbat Service		2 10:00 Service/Bat Mitzvah of Tracy Berman							
3 1:40 Junior YG Theatre Trip		4		5 8:00 Adult Ed. Beginning Hebrew <i>Election Day</i>		6 8:30 Ritual Committee		7 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO ADULT EDUCATION		8 8:30 Shabbat Service		9 10:00 Service/Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Sternberg	
10		11 <i>Veterans' Day</i>		12 8:00 Sisterhood Board		13 8:00 "Jewish Book Month" Open Forum 8:00 Men's Club		14 8:00 Adult Ed. "The Miahna"		15 7:30 Young People's Shabbat 8:30 Shabbat Service		16 10:00 Service 11:00 SHABBAT WORKSHOP 8:00 TEMPLE ART AUCTION	
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL													
17 11:00 Junior YG Trip to Franklin Mills 7:00 Intermarrieds' Group		18		19 8:00 Adult Ed. Beginning Hebrew		20 8:30 Board of Directors		21 8:00 Adult Ed. "Torah for Beginners"		22 8:30 Shabbat Service		23 10:00 Service/Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Levine	
24 7:30 Social Justice Committee		25 6:15 High School at Marlboro Jewish Center 8:30 Fundraising Committee		26 8:00 Sisterhood Meeting		27		28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> NO ADULT EDUCATION		29 8:30 Shabbat Service		30 10:00 Service	
								NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL					





Come to the Shabbat Workshop, November 16th!



December 1991

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Erev Hanukkah	2	3 8:00 Adult Ed. Beginning Hebrew	4 8:30 Ritual Committee	5 8:00 Adult Ed. "The Mishna"	6  8:00 Family Shabbat Service	7 10:00 Service/Bar Mitzvah of Scott Cariello
HANUKKAH						
8 5:30 Junior YG Dance & Dessert Party	9 8:45 Education Committee	10 8:00 Sisterhood Board	11 8:00 Men's Club	12 8:00 Adult Ed. "Torah for Beginners"	13  8:30 Shabbat Service	14 10:00 Service/Bar Mitzvah of Scott Nelson
HANUKKAH						
15	16	17 8:00 Adult Ed. Beginning Hebrew	18 8:30 Board of Trustees	19 8:00 Adult Ed. "The Mishna"	20 7:30 Young People's Shabbat  8:30 Shabbat Service	21 10:00 Service
22	23 8:30 Fundraising Committee	24	25	26	27  8:30 Shabbat Service	28 10:00 Service
Volunteering at CentraState Med. Center						
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL						
29	30	31				
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL						

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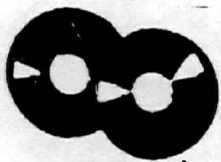
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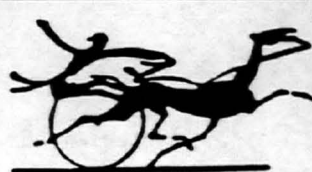
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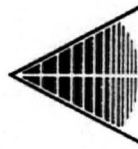
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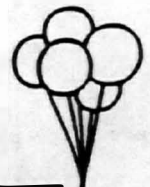
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