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## FROM RABBI WEBER

or several years, I have been exploring how we pray: as individuals, as families and as a congregation. What we do now is what I have always known and always done, and I am beginning to wonder whether it is the best way, or just the most familiar way.

In a traditional Orthodox congregation (yes, there are many non-traditional Orthodox congregations) people pray near each other, but seldom together. The service leader will, from time to time, davven louder, so the participants can tell where he is up to, but everyone prays by themselves, at their own speed. This makes prayer very personal, but not very communal: we each speak to God in our own way, at our own pace, but we seldom speak to God together, as one voice.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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In a traditional Reform congregation (and yes, there are traditional Reform congregations!) the entire community prays together, but often the participants do not have the opportunity to let go and just pray. By emphasizing decorum in the service, Reform brought order out of chaos; but the price was spontaneity. Each of us has probably, at one time or another, had the experience of reading the "rabbi's part" by accident—we read three or four words, realize no one else is reading, and quietly slouch down in our seats as people glare at us.

But what was wrong with reading the "rabbi's part"? Wasn't it the result of getting involved in the prayers, and not bothering to notice that the next paragraph was not written in italics? Doesn't worrying about whose turn it is to read get in the way of reading—and praying? Most important, do I have such a sweet voice that just listening to me read lifts you to a higher plane, the way praying is supposed to?

To be completely honest, I am beginning to question my own role in leading services, which is what leads to this discussion. When I pray alone, I don't read part of the service, and listen for someone else to read the rest; I pray, which means speaking, singing and thinking about every word. I know that when I pray, I want to be a participant, not an observer. And I have to assume that others want that, too. Whether my assumption is right or wrong, only time—and you—will tell.

So, I want to experiment with a different style of service: sort of a mixture of traditional Reform and traditional Orthodox. On the fourth Friday of each month, I will ask the congregation to read the entire service with me. It will not be a free-for-all; we will read *together*, not separately-but-near-each-other. My role will be to keep us together and to point out where we go next; I will start reading, and you will (I hope) join in. I will not say what

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page we are on unless we are skipping pages, and I will not tell you when to stand up or sit down; it's written right there in the book! I will not even be upset if you drown me out; your voices help me to pray at least as much as my voice helps you.

Actually, this is not the first time we have tried this. On *Erev* Rosh Hashanah, I asked the congregation to pray this way, and I think it went very well. A few people said they did not care for it, quite a few said they liked it, and one person complained that it exhausted him—and then realized that this was probably a very good sign. Prayer is exhausting, especially when it is done right.

Reform Judaism chose its own style of prayer about 150 years ago, when it first came into existence in Germany. That style has served us very well, and I am not ready to throw it away. But I am curious, and this is an experiment. Have we reached a point in our Jewish life, in our search for God, where we are able to take on the full responsibility of praying for ourselves? Do our "ordinary Jews" have the knowledge, the desire and the *chutzpah* to take on the holy obligation of prayer without an intermediary? I do not know the answers to these questions, and only your experience can lead to the answers. I want to try this for six months, and then see what your reactions are; I hope that *you* will also try it for these six months, before deciding one way or the other.

Please join me—literally—on the fourth Friday of the next six months, and let us, together, see how we pray... together.

Shalom, Rabbi Don Weber

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## ONLY 8 PLACES LEFT FOR TRT'S SECOND PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

Rabbis Weber and Stern will lead Temple Rodeph Torah's second Pilgrimage to Israel, leaving July 7, 1996. This year, in addition to seeing the sights of our people's birth and growth, Israel is celebrating the 3,000th birthday of Jerusalem, and special events are planned for us to join in the celebration. We will travel for two weeks, from the northern border to the middle of the Negev Desert. Only eight places remain open, so if you would like to join us for this extraordinary experience, please contact either of the rabbis immediately.

## We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

Larry and Susan Karpf and their children, Michael and Lindsay Daniel and Randi Orchant and their children, Joshua and Adam Mark and Susan Schneid and their children, Michael and Corey

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, 1/5 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.

Story: "Where Do Blessings Come From?"

Candle Lighting 4:25 p.m.

Saturday, 1/6 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.

Friday, 1/12 - Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m.

Sermon: "The Israelite People Are Much Too Numerous for Us"

Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist

Babysitting is provided for children ages 2 through 6

Candle Lighting 4:32 p.m.

Saturday, 1/13 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.

B'nai Mitzvah: David Guarna and Heather Rudnick

Friday, 1/19 - Shabbat Services:

7:30 p.m. - "Very Young People's Shabbat"

(20 minutes, for pre-readers)

8:30 p.m. - Service

Sermon: "When Was God Born?"

The Adult Choir Will Sing

Privilege Program Oneg Shabbat

Candle Lighting 4:40 p.m.

Saturday, 1/20 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m., Minyan Group Bet.

B'nai Mitzvah: Sari and Scott Placona

Friday, 1/26 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.

Sermon: "Prayer"

The Children's Choir Will Participate

☆ Anniversary Blessings for January

Candle Lighting 4:48 p.m.

Saturday, 1/27 - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.

Bat Mitzvah: Erica Silver

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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!

<sup>\* -</sup> Denotes Committee Chair who is also a member of the Board of Directors We are a Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Sing joyously to God, our strength." (Psalm 81:2) That is exactly what I do, each time I attend services. Many of us achieve a high degree of spirituality when we sing our prayers. Sacred music has always been a part of the Jewish tradition and it has always been a part of Rodeph Torah's tradition.

"Praise Adonai with the lyre; with the ten-stringed harp sing to God: sing God a new song." (Psalm 33:2-3) While we do not yet have a full-time professional cantor, we have found our own approach to music and prayer. Rabbi Weber, who modestly claims not to have the best singing voice, has always led us in song with those prayers and melodies he enjoyed and was comfortable singing. Our congregation has developed an approach where we generally try to sing prayers together, instead of having prayers performed for us.

"It is good to praise Adonai, to sing hymns to Your name, O Most High." (Psalm 92:2) We have also been most fortunate to have amongst us a member with a beautiful voice, who has been gracious in sharing his gift with the rest of us. Rich Herzog, familiar to most of you as our High Holiday cantorial soloist, is also the cantorial soloist for Friday evening services of the second Shabbat of each month. His deep baritone resonates throughout our sanctuary as he leads us in a special Shabbat welcome.

"Sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth." (Psalm 96:1) A new musical tradition was started at Rodeph Torah two years ago with our adult choir. Initially directed by a volunteer, Betty Fass, and now by Bill Grainer, the choir members share their joy in song and prayer at the third Friday evening service each month. Having been a member of the choir since its formation, I take particular pride in the choir's accomplishments and contributions. We have not only learned the music that Rabbi Weber and Rich Herzog usually sing, but we sing many additional prayers that are otherwise either read or not even done. Also, with the help of Rabbi Weber, we have introduced new versions of many prayers from the growing collection of musical liturgy by American Jewish composers, such as Debbie Friedman and Steven Dropkin. The choir rehearses every Tuesday, except for the week after we sing at services. We meet at the temple from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you want to share the joy in your heart, or just sing your heart out, please join us.

"Come, let us sing joyously to God." (Psalm 95:1)

Shalom, Steven Berlin

#### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Our building is now six years old and is showing signs of "normal wear and tear." As a result, the Building and Grounds committee has increasing responsibility and decisions to make on how to keep our building well maintained on a limited budget. For example, they are currently working on improving the heating of the classrooms. The committee meets as needed. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please call our chairperson, Jay Kanofsky, at 536-3530.

Thank you, Myrna Kluger

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

January brings to mind hopes and wishes for a healthy and peaceful year for all of us, for the people of Israel and for the entire world. It also makes one think of winter, snow and school closing. As in the past, school will always be *open* unless we contact you personally or announce that school is closed at the various local public schools. You may listen to WJLK/94.3 FM radio, call Pressto at 918-1000 ext. 7517, or call the religious school answering machine at 308-3836 for a message.

January marks a beginning for some, and a mid-year for others. Mid-year report cards will be sent home the week of January 28th. Parents, discussing the report cards with your children will give them a positive message. It is a good time to decide together what you can do as a team in order to improve your child's performance. Is the difficulty due to excessive absences, poor homework preparation, too much socializing in class? Your child will be able to identify the cause and, with your encouragement, will be able to improve. Those students who are doing well also need time to talk things over, and they certainly need to be praised.

Our Jerusalem 3000 Weekend Celebration will take place on May 3-5, 1996. The school will have a special family event on Sunday, May 5. Please reserve the entire morning. A committee is being formed to help with the plans. We need workers, so *please become involved*. Call us at 308-3836 and become part of this event.

<u>Jerusalem 3000 Monthly</u>: The Jewish bond to Jerusalem has never been broken. For 3000 years, Jerusalem has been the center of Judaism. King Solomon, King David's son, built the Temple in Jerusalem which served as a religious and national center for the people of Israel.

In the year 586 BCE the Temple was destroyed by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar, and the Jews were exiled. Fifty years later they returned and a second Temple was built on the same site. During the period of the Second Temple—about 600 years—the great prophets of Israel preached, Alexander the Great conquered Jerusalem (333 BCE), Judah the Maccabee held his revolt against the Greeks (164 BCE), and in the year 70 CE, the Roman legions, under Titus, conquered the city and destroyed the Temple. The many Jews who were exiled and scattered throughout the world never forgot Jerusalem. "Next year in Jerusalem" became the symbol of the desire of Jews everywhere to return to their land.

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its cunning. May my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy." (Psalms 137:5-6)

B'veracha – best wishes, Edna Coleman, RJE

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| January 7  | - Grade 5, create your own Hebrew T-shirt   |
| January 8  | <ul> <li>National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) in Israel presentation for 8-10 grade students<br/>and parents at Temple Shalom at 8:15 p.m.</li> </ul> |
| January 10 | - Grade 7 (first hour Hebrew class) school service; parents please join us at 8:00 p.m.   |
| January 21 | - Grade 5 Naming Ceremony; families please join us from 9:30 – 10:40 a.m.   |
| January 22 | - 8-10 grade, <i>Morehhsha</i> Program for Parents and students: "Life is Worth Living," 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| January 26 | - Religious School Choir will sing at Shabbat Services, 8:30 p.m.   |
| January 28 | - Professional Growth Day for teachers; regular classes not in session  |
| January 29 | - High School Morehhsha begins at Temple Rodeph Torah, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| January 31 | - 6th grade "Ellis Island Experience," 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.   |
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## SISTERHOOD

We want to thank everyone who came out to Game Night. Those who played Mah Jong closed up the place (I guess they are used to staying up late during their regular weekly games!) It was a fun evening, especially when the treats were put out. After all, what is Game Night without delicious dessert?

On February 3, Sisterhood and Men's Club are having their annual Winter Theme Dance at the Freehold Gardens. This year our theme is the 70's. Dress in anything from Nik-Nik and Auk-A-Poo type shirts to your favorite "Dead Head" garb. We know everyone will have a great time. Our DJ for the evening is terrific and our menu sounds great.

We are also asking that everyone bring a picture of themselves from the 70's. Do not be embarrassed; we guarantee that *everyone* looked totally ridiculous back then! Look for the dance flyer in this Newsletter. Make up your own table or, if you want, we will put you at a table with other "disco" party-goers. Non-members are invited, so bring your friends. Take out your platform shoes and start practicing the Hustle. (By the way, dress is optional!)

Watch for other interesting programs and speakers coming up in 1996. We now have over 400 families who belong to TRT. Wouldn't it be great if we in Sisterhood could get us all together?

Leslie Berlin and Sharon Katzanek

## Report from the UAHC Biennial

Over 4,000 Reform Jews from all over North America attended the 63rd UAHC National Biennial Convention in Atlanta. It was our pleasure and privilege to attend as delegates from Temple Rodeph Torah.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is a religious and educational organization that is dedicated to the principals of Judaism. Reform Judaism contends that creativity and progress are essential to religious life. Each congregation, while embracing the beliefs and practices of its religious tradition, should revitalize and enhance it by bringing contemporary expression to these beliefs and practices. In keeping with this commitment, the UAHC offers a wide range of programs and publications to the members of its congregations, such as the Privilege Program, NFTY camps and outreach programs. The convention was held for five days and offered classes covering all aspects of Jewish and temple life, as well as Torah study classes.

On Friday evening we attended our Region's Shabbat Dinner. After dinner, we proceeded to the Atlanta Civic Center for Shabbat Services. There was a procession from the three midtown hotels that filled the streets for as far as the eye could see. Along the route there were volunteers guiding the people to the Civic Center where Shabbat Services were held. Seeing all these people praying together made us realize that we are part of the Reform Jewish movement consisting of over a million people. Truly, we are not alone. After services, there was a special musical tribute to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, who is retiring after 23 years of serving as President of the UAHC. We were treated to a wonderful performance by the all volunteer choir, Roberta Peters of the Metropolitan Opera, Peter Yarrow from Peter, Paul and Mary, Debbie Friedman, Steve Dropkin, and a half dozen other cantors. There was singing and dancing in the aisles as we all celebrated together, four thousand people arm in arm as one, no longer strangers, but family.

Saturday morning Services saw the Civic Center filled as Rabbi Schindler presented his final address. We have included some of the highlights of his speech. He said that everyone who is entrusted with a mission is an angel. Our mission is to study Torah and perform *mitzvot*. "Volunteerism is the very essence of post-modern Judaism," and he is so right because without our volunteers Temple Rodeph Torah could not function. On the death of Rabin he said, "Let our voices be heard loud and clear. For our silence is suicide... Our silence does nothing but amplify the voices of that Jewish minority." Rabin changed "swords into plowshares. Like the giant redwoods of California...we as Jews share a reality of interdependence literally holding one another up. What is central is pursuit of Jewish continuity through prayer, social action and study... Music leads to the threshold of repentance, of the unbearable realization of our own vanity and frailty, and of the terrible relevance of God."

Rabbi Yoffie, the next president of the UAHC was introduced to the delegates during Sundays closing plenary session. He worries "about the increased loneliness of North American life...devices that make our lives so much easier...also take away our capacity for human connectedness...that our proud individualism conceals a hunger for belonging and a craving for community and purpose...and to see that so many of our people fill the emptiness with the addictive activities of everyday life, because to sit in front of the television or to work a few more hours is the path of least resistance." But there is hope: "the task of the Reform Movement is clear...to bring us home...to end our estrangement...to restore us...to give meaning to our Jewish lives. We are coming home to God...to Torah...to the human heart...to Jerusalem...because in our return to God, Torah, and Israel we return to ourselves...we restore our human souls."

Rabbi Yoffie will hold a town meeting at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick on Sunday, January 7, at 10:15 a.m. We are all invited to hear his vision of the future of the Reform Movement.

We left Atlanta exhausted but exhilarated. It was a spiritual experience and we learned a lot, but most of all we left feeling how special it is to be Jewish. We will try very hard to put into practice all that we have learned and experienced. We feel that it is both beneficial to us not only to be members of a Reform congregation, but also to be part of the UAHC. Belonging to the UAHC enables us as a congregation to avail ourselves of the many programs and resources that they have to offer. Rabbi Schindler said it best when he said "Whatever we may be, we may be, but this above all, we are Jews...with a mission."

Gloria and Ed Russin

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Our supermarket food drive was a huge success. An entire van was filled with food, which was given to the Samaritan Center in Englishtown to feed the hungry. Many thanks to Brian Strauss, Bill Fireman, Stella Guarna, Steve Berlin, Gloria and Ed Russin, Bruce Cooper, Alicia Quint, Bonnie and Larry Siegel, Ann Rotter, Linda Cranin, Phyllis Levenstein, Jonathan Fireman, Ron Tornberg and Myrna Kluger for their help. Another food drive will be held in the spring.

On Sunday morning, January 28, at 10:00 a.m., our temple members will be attending services at the Wicker Memorial Baptist Church in Morganville. Our friends from the Church will be attending our services on a Friday night later this year. This annual exchange of visits has helped us to get to know each other better and to understand each other's beliefs. If you would like directions to the Church or any further information, please call Bill Fireman at 972-2572.

Stella Guarna and Bill Fireman



The addition of a "Letters to the Editor" page in the newsletter is a great idea. I read your article last month with great interest and think you gave us all something to consider. I welcome the opportunity you have given us to share our views of temple life and giving us a forum in which to do it. That said, for what they are worth, here are some thoughts of mine!

How many of us would spend \$1,000 on a health club membership, year after year, and yet never use the facilities we pay for? Very few of us. How many of us would spend \$1,500 a year for a 3-month beach or pool club membership yet never use it? Very few of us. How many of us would spend \$2,000 a year on Temple membership, yet never participate or volunteer in any temple activities? Unfortunately, the answer this time is most of us.

Why do we have to threaten harsher monetary penalties for non-performance of *Oneg* Duty? Why does religious school attendance during class trips drop by 50 percent? Why do we consider it a success, year after year, when only 15 or 20 percent of new members show up for a New Members' Shabbat or Orientation Meeting?

In a temple with at least 430 member families, why are so many of us willing to pay the dues and yet never get involved in what is going on? Volunteerism or participation does not mean becoming President of the temple, unless that is what you want. It can mean one small gesture, once in a while. You may as well get your money's worth.

#### Una Tedoff

On December 10, 1995, my dad took me to New York City for the Memorial Tribute to Yitzhak Rabin and Peace Rally at Madison Square Garden. It was a really amazing experience. We went on a bus that left from the Chai Building in Marlboro, and ended up on 34th Street and Seventh Avenue in New York City. When we finally reached the Garden, there were no tickets left.

My dad and I went through the hordes of people that were trying to get in and out of the lobby. As we were doing this, my dad found a ticket. He hoped that we would be able to get in with just one ticket. Then, a rabbi from a different congregation offered us two tickets because some people from his group didn't show up. We thankfully took the tickets and went inside the arena. As we were entering, my dad and I had to go through metal detectors. This was very weird because the only other time that I had to go through a metal detector was at the airport. But, I guess that it was a needed means of security.

The arena was about three-quarters full because there were still thousands of people making their way inside. When we got in, we had missed two or three speeches and songs. After that, a couple of songs were sung and speeches were said. Then, a video of Yitzhak Rabin's life was played. The video included him during the Six Day War, and involved the peace treaties with Jordan and the P.L.O on the White House lawn. I thought the video was very interesting.

After the video, Leah Rabin went up to the podium and everyone stood up and clapped for her. She talked about all the hatred that had gone on before Yitzhak Rabin had died because they thought he was a traitor and a killer. But, after his death, Leah Rabin said the hatred had died down and people were speaking up for the peace process. I thought that her speech was very moving and emotional. Then, a few minutes later, Prime Minister Shimon Peres gave a speech on his relationship with Rabin and the peace process. His speech talked about a lot of

important points and I liked it a lot. A few minutes later, Vice President Al Gore came up to the podium and everyone stood up and clapped the loudest for him. His speech was moving and almost everybody thought so. He talked about Hanukkah and about how wonderful it is that the Jewish people were able to stay together during this tragedy. He also said how great it was to help the state of Israel.

Finally, a song for peace, *Shir Lashalom*, was played and everyone sang it together. This was the same song that was sung by Yitzhak Rabin at the peace rally where he was assassinated. They played the video of him singing this song, just moments before his death. It felt like we were singing the song with him. Lighters and candles were flaming and people were singing. The arena looked so beautiful. It was a terrific feeling and very emotional. I will probably never forget that moment for as long as I live. I thought it was great that everyone came together just for peace and love. As we walked out, we found pins that said *Shalom Chaver*—Peace Friend.

Daniel Berlin, Age 11

### Editor's Note:

I would like to thank Una and Daniel for their letters and for "starting the ball rolling." Letters can be left in the Temple office or mailed directly to my home. The deadline for newsletter articles is the first of each month... Write to me!

## Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

6 Parashat Vayechi, Genesis 47:28-50:26 Summary by Jessica Lund

Before dying, Israel (Jacob) asks to be buried with his ancestors. He blesses Joseph's sons and tells his own sons, who become the twelve tribes of Israel, their future. With the Pharaoh's permission Joseph brings Israel to his burial place. Joseph returns, forgives his brothers, promises to feed them, and before dying, tells them God will help bring them out of Egypt.

## Shabbat 1/12-13 Parashat Shemot, Exodus 1:1-6:1 Summary by Beverly Azarchi

The Egyptians try to control the Israelites by enslaving them. Moses' mother hides him in the Nile, to save him; he is found and raised by Pharaoh's daughter. After killing an Egyptian (who was beating a Hebrew slave), Moses flees Egypt only to return after God appears to him in a burning bush. Moses and Aaron are sent by God to save the Hebrew slaves from the misery of Egypt. God predicts that Pharaoh will release the Israelites only out of fear of a greater might.

## Shabbat 1/19-20 Parashat Va'era, Exodus 6:2-9:35 Summary by Lori Spett

God hears the cries of the Israelites in slavery, speaks to Moses and Aaron and instructs them to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. Pharaoh will not let them leave, even when God brings the first plagues. Pharaoh sees God's power and Moses asks God to stop. But each time, Pharaoh changes his mind and will not let the Israelites leave.

### Shabbat 1/26-27 Parashat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:26 Summary by Bonnie M. Sugarman

God brings the plague of the locusts to Egypt when Pharaoh refuses to let all the Israelites leave. Pharaoh apologizes, but still refuses to let them take their flocks with them, so God plans the final plague—the slaying of the first-born Egyptians. The Israelites must place blood of a lamb on their doorposts, so God will pass over them when the plague strikes. They are to observe this as a festival, to remember how God brought them out of bondage, and to eat unleavened bread for seven days. The plague comes in the night, and the Israelites quickly depart Egypt after 430 years of slavery.

## The T.R.T. Jewish Computer Corner

This month's suggestion: Now that so many of our children are hitching rides on the Electronic Superhighway, it is important that they understand the rules of safe conduct. Especially since kids are so trusting, and since not everyone they will come in contact with is trustworthy, rules to protect them are essential. What follows are the "Guidelines for Safety" published by America Online; any child using an online service should know and understand them. (If you wish a large-print copy to post by your computer, ask Rabbi Weber.)

### MY RULES FOR ONLINE SAFETY

- ▶I will not give our personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.
- ►I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- ▶ I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will make sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.
- ►I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.
- ►I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the online service.
- ▶I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

If you have a favorite Jewish program or service, please drop a note to Rabbi Weber; we will include it in a future "Computer Corner." (Rabbi Weber is a member and past-Chairman of the Committee on Computers for the Central Conference of American Rabbis. EMAIL address 75065.263@compuserve.com)

## **★** Thought for the Month **★**

"Prayer many times brings together what never was apart. Prayer reminds me that I am not lost in a dream. I'm only dreaming I am lost."

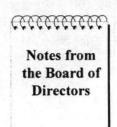
- Jacob the Baker, Noah benShea

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

## A TOWN MEETING WITH RABBI ERIC YOFFIE

The UAHC president-elect will present his vision for the future. Rabbi Eric Yoffie invites you to share your comments and concerns in an informal setting on Sunday, January 7, 1996, at 10:15 a.m. This event will be held at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, New Brunswick, NJ. For further information, call (201) 599-2041.

## NEWS AND NOTES, continued...



## At the November Board Meeting the following resolutions were passed:

The motion was made to eliminate the nursery school fund and place the moneys into the Temple operating fund, since we have no nursery school. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

The following Oneg Policy Motion was made and passed by a vote of 13 to 3:

TRT members will be asked to volunteer for additional *Oneg*/Host duties during the year, to help cover for those who either are unable to serve, or choose to decline their obligatory host duties.

TRT members in good standing will be offered, in April, the opportunity to delete their names from the *Oneg/*Host coverage list for the following fiscal year, by paying a \$100

charge, no later than the end of the current fiscal year.

TRT members who cancel three *Oneg*/Host coverage dates with adequate notice (more than one week prior to the scheduled service), even if they have a good explanation, will be assessed \$200.

TRT members who do not show up at a service they are scheduled to host, without calling the *Oneg* Chairperson at least one week ahead of time, and without a good explanation, will have a choice of either: a) paying a \$200 assessment or, b) hosting two Saturday *Onegs* during the current fiscal year.

Any TRT member about to be assessed will be sent a letter explaining the purpose and amount of the assessment about to be levied. They will also be offered the above option, if applicable.

## The following is to be discussed at the December 20 Board Meeting:

Choir Director compensation will discussed at the next board meeting.

The Religious School Enrollment Task Force report is due at the next board meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Randy Cranin, Board Secretary, at 409-2489

#### A WORKSHOP FOR POTENTIAL MINYAN LEADERS

When a death occurs in a member's family, Temple Rodeph Torah offers to conduct services at the member's home during *shiva*. These services are led by Rabbi Weber and by members of the congregation who have learned how to conduct the service. On Monday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m., we will hold a one-evening workshop for those who would like to volunteer to lead these services, and for those who would just like to learn more about how this liturgy is constructed.

If you would like to attend—as a *minyan* volunteer, a possibly-but-not-sure *minyan* volunteer, or simply as a student, please call Rabbi Weber and tell him you will attend. All materials will be provided. Ability to read the prayers in Hebrew is necessary for those who wish to volunteer as *minyan* leaders.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We have had many new members join the Temple in resent months, all of whom we welcome heartily. The New Member Orientations and New Member Shabbat Service were an opportunity to meet new members and let them get to know us. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

Plans for the future include further development of new membership programs and exploration of new ways to serve our current community. We would love to have new faces at our meetings, the first Monday of each month, to help!

JoAnn Silkes

NEWS AND NOTES, continued...

#### THE FATE OF PURIM RESTS IN YOUR HANDS

Some very strange things are planned for this year's P\*U\*R\*I\*M celebration, but to pull them off we need some very strange people. If you would like to write, perform, satirize, dance, sing or tell bad jokes, please contact Rabbi Weber as soon as possible!

### ARE YOU COLLEGE-SHOPPING?

Children of our members are currently attending a number of colleges and universities across the nation. If you are planning a visit to any of these schools, we would appreciate your looking up "our kids" and saying hello. In addition, they may be able to help you with questions about the school, or to provide some real-life insight into programs, atmosphere, and college living.

This year, our students are at these schools:

Case Western Reserve Rutgers University University of Maryland Elmira College Ryder University University of Miami **Emory University** Salisbury State University University of Pennsylvania Goucher College SUNY Albany University of Rochester Hampshire College Towson State University University of Wisconsin New Jersey Medical School U Mass - Amherst Ithaca College Vassar College NJ Institute of Technology University of Cincinnati Nova Southeastern University of Delaware Penn State University University of Florida

If you would like the names and addresses for any of our students, please call the office or Rabbi Weber.

#### INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS

A 16-week course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered on Tuesday evenings at Temple Beth Miriam in Elberon, beginning February 27. Classes are open to all individuals who are considering conversion to Judaism, interfaith couples, Jews by birth and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult-level knowledge of Judaism. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew will also be included. Classes meet once a week from 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. through June 18.

A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple. Introduction to Judaism is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its 58-member congregations. For further information on this and other programs for intermarried couples, please contact Rabbi Weber, or Kathryn Kahn at the UAHC office at (201) 599-0080.

#### TRT CLASSIFIED ADS

Full-Time Position Available: Jewish Community Center (Deal) needs Physical Education Assistant Director; degree preferred. Sports/Fitness/Aquatics background. Call Pete at 531-9100

## **Babysitters Available:**

Responsible girls, 7th and 10th grade, available for baby-sitting. Call Jill or Rachel Finkelstein, at 972-4577 if interested.

Mature and responsible 8th grade girl available for baby-sitting. Call Heather Belitsky at 577-1484.

NEWS AND NOTES, continued...

## You are Cordially Invited

With great pleasure we invite you to share in our happiness as David is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 13, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Stella, Jon and David Guarna

With great pleasure and much love I invite you to join me as my daughter, Heather, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 13, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Annette Rudnick

We invite you to share a special day in our lives when our children, Sari and Scott, are called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on January 20, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Bonnie and Gary Placona

We invite you to share our happiness as our daughter, Erica Leigh, becomes a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 27, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Nanette and Howard Silver

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Scott Placona, son of Gary and Bonnie, on winning the *Fiddler on the Roof* Art Contest, sponsored by the Marlboro Players.

#### **OUR CONDOLENCES**

- to Sindy, Louis, Pamela, Aimee and Meredith Weiner, on the death of Sindy's uncle, Walter Sundel
- to Toni, Lee and Sarah Cooper, on the death of Toni's grandmother, Antoinette Arciola
- to Linda, David, Josh, Megan and Matt Layman, on the death of Linda's father, Bernard Bobman
- to Heather Spett, on the death of her friend, Carrie Abramson
- to Mark, Arlene, Danielle and Erica Goldberg, on the death of Mark's grandfather, Charles Holzberg
- to Bob, Melody, Kenneth and Daniel Midoneck, on the death of Bob's father, Murray Midoneck
- to Marta, Fabio, Adam, Darren and Seth Berkowicz, on the death of Marta's sister, Suzanne Bronstein
- to Richard, Cindi, Daniel, Scott and Jason Kaplin, on the death of Richard's father, Leon Kaplinsky

<sup>&</sup>quot;Zichronam Livracha" - May their memory be a blessing to all who knew them.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **Building Fund**

Jackie and Ron Klug, for the *yahrzeit* of Hans Michael Rosenow Rochelle and Alan Friedman, for the *yahrzeit* of Bernard Satkowitz Sandy and Richard Craig:

in honor of the births of Daniel and Eric Golden, twin grandsons of Roslyn and Buddy Rosenblum

in honor of the conversions of Linda Cranin and Pam Brisman

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

Ellen Zipkin, for the yahrzeit of Max Blank

Gail and Bill Ludlum, in memory of Max Modeck

Gail, Jay, Matt and Shane Davis, for the yahrzeit of Marvin Davis

Marsha, Bruce, Rachel and Lauren Diamond, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Silver

Judi and Stacie Croes, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

Allen Shapiro, for the yahrzeit of Leah Shapiro

Ellen, Bob, Jeremy and Adam Levine, in memory of Bernard Bobman, father of Linda Layman

#### General Fund

Friends of Barbara Leibick, in memory of her father, Julius Alderman Ellen and Robert Levine, in memory of Salvatore Caruso, father of Larry Caruso William Geller, for the *yahrzeit* of Leo Geller Marsha, Bruce, Rachel and Lauren Diamond, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Silver Ingrid DiFazio, for the *yahrzeit* of Max Klein

#### **Herzog Cantorial Fund**

Bill Rogove, for the yahrzeit of David Rogove

## Hirsch/Rosen Memorial Youth Fund

Judy Goldberg, for the *yahrzeit* of Susan Berger Schack
Paula and Jay Kanofsky, in memory of Walter Sundel, uncle of Sindy Weiner
Marsha, Bruce, Rachel and Lauren Diamond, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Silver
Susan, Tony, Matt and Adam Iorlano, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown
Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, for the *yahrzeit* of Milton Trencher
Kathy, Ron, Ian and Kimberly Tornberg:

in honor of the birth of Haley Nicole Tornberg in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lisa Berman with congratulations to Tracy Berman on her acceptance to the University of Virginia with congratulations to Amy and Michelle Guralnick on their acceptances to college

#### Israel Scholarship Fund

Ellen, Neal, Rachel and Jill Finkelstein:

for the yahrzeit of Milton Trencher

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lisa Berman

Marge and Jeff Stevens, for the yahrzeit of A. Leon Futterman

#### **Landscaping Fund**

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lisa Berman Loretta Shapiro and Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lisa Berman

#### **Library Fund**

Pauline Lunnin, for the *yahrzeit* of Marcus Abraham Lunnin Myra and Felix Danon, with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Martin Prager, brother of Lenny Prager

## CONTRIBUTIONS, continued...

#### Prayerbook Fund

Andrea, Mitchell, Joshua and Brandon Gold, in memory of Irving Kaden, father of Randi Sorin Nora, Jerry and Robert Scott, in memory of Irving Kaden, father of Randi Sorin Marge and Jeff Stevens, in memory of Dr. Larry Kaplan

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Roslyn and Buddy Rosenblum:

in memory of Rick Jones

in honor of the marriage of Clifford Danon and Mary Caruso

in honor of the anniversary of Sharon and Dan King

Roslyn, Buddy and Lisa Rosenblum, in honor of the birthday of Joey King

Susan and Ron Berman, in honor of Lisa's Bat Mitzvah

Diane and Allen Weiner, in honor of the naming of Julia Taylor Weiner

Claire Kaden, in memory of Irving Kaden

Nina, Jerry and Robert Scott, in memory of Irving Kaden

Ray Zeltzer, for the yahrzeit of Irving Zeltzer

Brian and Janine Strauss, for the yahrzeit of Joseph Strauss

Marsha, Bruce, Rachel and Lauren Diamond, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Silver

Evely, Gary, Julia and Russell Reich, in memory of Harry Bandolik

Randi, David, Lindsay and Jared Sorin, in memory of Charles Holzberg

Karen and Brian Halpern and family, in memory of Dr. Gorman Jaffe

Wien and Wien Funeral Directors, in memory of Bernard Bobman

## **Religious School Equipment Fund**

Toni, Lee and Sarah Cooper, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Shelby Ebert

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

Nora and Sally Purcell, in memory of Ruth Grufferman

Marsha Singer, Nestor Mantykow and Rory Singer, in celebration of the engagement of Adam Singer to Dana Krauss Shane Davis:

in appreciation of Barbara Klein for being a wonderful teacher in appreciation of Rhoda Meyers for being a great teacher

### Sisterhood Tribute Fund

Paula, Jay, Beth and Scott Kanofsky, for the *yahrzeit* of Stuart L. Sharenow Bonnie and Peter Sugarman:

and reter Sugarman.

for the yahrzeit of Morris Blacker

for the yahrzeit of Harry Moskowitz

for the yahrzeit of Naomi Sugarman

## **Temple Beautification Fund**

Loretta Shapiro, for the yahrzeit of Joseph Amarosa

Marge and Jeff Stevens, for the yahrzeit of Neal Stevens

#### Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment Fund

Susan and Tony Iorlano, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Aliza Willner

The Derris Family:

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Shelby Ebert

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

Susan, Stu, Brad, Danny and Jonathan Pack:

in honor of Rabbi Weber, the Religious School staff, and our temple community

in honor of Alice and Eduard Harris

David and Randi Brown, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

## We thank these people who have fulfilled their 1995 High Holiday pledges:

Sharon and Jeff Aptaker Susan and Ron Berman Susan Wade and Stephen Botnick Sue and Warren Brumel Rosemary and Richard Calman Marvin Camacho Gerry and David Chelnik Linda and Randy Cranin Judi Croes Myra and Felix Danon Marcia and Ed Falk Lisa and Jerry Feldman Ilene and Bill Fireman Kathy Shaw Fischer Arlene and Carl Forman Debra and Stuart Gleich Janet and Paul Goldstein Shelly and Mark Grainer

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## TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth P.O. Box 125, Marlboro, NJ 07746

## TEMPLE CONTRIBUTIONS FORM

| BUILDING FUND (For the construction and maintenance of our home)  |
|---|
| CRAIG FISCHER MEMORIAL FUND (To honor Craig's memory with a communal dedication)  |
| GENERAL FUND (For the maintenance of temple programs & activities)  |
| HERZOG CANTORIAL FUND (For the future cantorial needs of the congregation)  |
| HIRSCH/ROSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND (Provides programs for the youth of our  |
| congregation)   |
| ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Provides financial assistance for youth trips to Israel)   |
| LANDSCAPING FUND (For the purchase of trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify our property)   |
| 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 Fundamental Properties of the purchase of prayerbooks.        |
| but a contribution of \$20 or more is required to dedicate a prayerbook.  |
| RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Administered by the Rabbi for the benefit of the congregation)  |
| 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 of Life, or to honor the memory of a loved one who has died, please call the Temple office. A Dedication                                     |
| Form will be sent to you.   |
| * Make about a revelle to TDT Debbi's Discontinuor Found  |
| * Make checks payable to TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. All other fund checks payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.                                    |
| All other fund checks payable to Temple Rodeph Toran.   |
| This donation is being made:  |
| In MEMORY of:   |
| In HONOR of:  |
| Donation made by:   |
| Name:   |
| Address:  |
| Acknowledgement to be sent to the following:  |
| Name:   |
| Address:  |
|   |

Contributions of any amount are welcomed, but there is a five dollar minimum for each acknowledgement you wish sent.

Please refer all questions to our temple office, 308-0055.

## **YAHRZEITS**

| DATE    | DECEASED                   | REMEMBERED BY                                    |
|---------|----------------------------|--|
| SHABBAT | OBSERVANCE 1/5-6           |  |
| 1/1     | Haim Goldenberg            | Marlene Shapiro                                  |
| 1/2     | Michael Marcus             | Barbara Klein                                    |
| 1/2     | Rose Markowitz Nathanson * | Ilene Fireman and Phyllis Levenstein             |
| 1/2     | Abraham Siegel             | Theodore Siegel                                  |
| 1/4     | The Bolender Family*       | Ben and Ruth Bolender, Marlene and David Shapiro |
| 1/4     | Daniel Panconi             | Pamela Brisman                                   |
| 1/5     | Jack Waldman               | Ann Goldstein                                    |
| 1/5     | Oscar Feld                 | Nadine Sherman and Ellen Block                   |
| 1/6     | Stephen J. Derris *        | Sandy Derris                                     |
| 1/6     | William Ringer             | Arlene Agulnick                                  |
| 1/6     | Ruth Pines *               | Judy Freilich                                    |
| 1/6     | Herbert Hersh              | Maureen Herman                                   |
| 1/6     | Gussie Nemetz              | Sidney Nemetz                                    |
| SHABBAT | OBSERVANCE 1/12-13         |  |
| 1/7     | Lester Lazarus Goldberg *  | Keith Goldberg                                   |
| 1/7     | Charles Uretzky            | Rhonda Uretzky                                   |
| 1/7     | Charles M. Goldsmith *     | Chuck Kavitsky                                   |
| 1/8     | Samuel Selfon *            | Mindy Kavitsky                                   |
| 1/8     | Abraham William Schenk *   | Fran Gottlieb                                    |
| 1/9     | Jack Sundelson             | Joan Leimbach                                    |
| 1/9     | Abraham Cohen              | Marc Cohen                                       |
| 1/10    | Jennie Jacobson            | Evelyn Reich                                     |
| 1/10    | Sylvia Madan               | Ira Madan  |
| 1/10    | Jennie Jacobson            | Evelyn Reich                                     |
| 1/10    | Merle Beatty               | Robert Beatty                                    |
| 1/11    | David Ebert                | Terry Ebert                                      |
| 1/11    | Abraham Wolfe              | Barbara Sher                                     |
| 1/11    | Ruth Heitt                 | Maurice Heitt                                    |
| 1/12    | Louis Camhi                | Chrysanna Edell                                  |
| 1/13    | Tedi Kenoff                | Arlene Agulnick and Ann Rotter                   |
| 1/13    | Minnie Finkelstein         | Myra Danon                                       |
| 1/13    | Morris Korman              | Steve Korman                                     |
| SHABBAT | Γ OBSERVANCE 1/19-20       |  |
| 1/14    | Abe Brandes                | Ronda Binkowitz                                  |
| 1/14    | Robert De La Torre         | Michelle and Jonathan Cooper                     |
| 1/15    | Neal Groden                | Arthur and Barbara Rosenthal                     |
| 1/15    | Jean Malka                 | Felix Danon                                      |
| 1/16    | Bertha Bienstock           | Gloria Russin                                    |
| 1/16    | David Dewey Seifter *      | Bobbi Rafaloff and Shirley Newman 5"7            |
| 1/16    | Jack Fireman               | William Fireman                                  |

## YAHRZEITS, continued...

| DATE    | DECEASED                      | REMEMBERED BY                   |  |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| SHABBAT | OBSERVANCE 1/19-20, continued |                                 |  |
| 1/16    | Shelly Kret Loretta Shapiro   |                                 |  |
| 1/17    | Morris Needle                 | Robert Needle                   |  |
| 1/18    | Philip Lester                 | Jay Davis                       |  |
| 1/19    | Herman Leonard Ginsberg       | Alan Ginsberg                   |  |
| 1/19    | William Phillips              | Barbara Kurnit                  |  |
| 1/19    | Nettie Douger                 | Robbin Leibowitz                |  |
| 1/20    | Ida Aronowitz                 | Joan Ruffine                    |  |
| SHABBAT | OBSERVANCE 1/26-27            |                                 |  |
| 1/21    | Samuel Gary Giddins           | Joan Ruffine                    |  |
| 1/21    | Gerald David Goldsmith *      | Chuck Kavitsky                  |  |
| 1/22    | Dorothy Sherman               | Barbara Hirsch                  |  |
| 1/23    | Anna Wotman                   | Ronda Binkowitz                 |  |
| 1/25    | Hyman Kaner                   | Beverly Cohen                   |  |
| 1/26    | Sally Sundel                  | Sindy Weiner                    |  |
| SHABBAT | OBSERVANCE 2/2-3              |                                 |  |
| 1/28    | Nathan Singer                 | Harvey Singer                   |  |
| 1/28    | Goldie Simon                  | Esther Nemetz                   |  |
| 1/28    | Lillian Woodham               | Esther Nemetz                   |  |
| 1/29    | Ruth Berger *                 | Judy Goldberg and Samuel Berger |  |
| 1/29    | Emanuel Herman                | Larry Herman                    |  |
| 1/29    | Seymour Yockel                | Steven Yockel                   |  |
| 1/31    | Joseph Danon                  | Felix Danon                     |  |
|         |                               |                                 |  |

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## TEVET

## TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH



## January 1996

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                      | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
|  | 1  | 2   | 3                              | 4  | 5   | 6   |
|  | NEW YEAR'S DAY NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / OFFICE CLOSED | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Adult Ed<br>Beginning Hebrew | 8:30 pm Ritual<br>Committee    | 8:00 pm Adult Ed. "The Prophets"                                 | 8:00 pm Family<br>Shabbat Service                               | 10:00 am Service -<br>Minyan Bet  |
| 7  | 8  | 9   | 10                             | 11   | 12  | 13  |
|  | 8:00 pm Membership<br>Committee                    | 8:00 pm Sisterhood<br>Board<br>8:00 pm Adult Choir          | 8:00 pm Finance<br>Committee   | 8:00 pm Adult Ed.<br>"Midrash"                                   | 8:30 pm Shabbat<br>Service                                      | 10:00 am Services: B'nai<br>Mitzvah of Heather<br>Rudnick & David<br>Guarna, Minyan Aleph<br>7:45 pm Bowling League |
| 14   | 15   | 16  | 17                             | 18   | 19  | 20  |
| 3:00 pm Renaissance<br>Group: Rabbi Shira<br>Stern<br>NO RELIG | 8:00 pm Minyan Leaders'<br>Workshop                | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Adult Ed<br>Beginning Hebrew | 8:30 pm Board of<br>Directors  | 8:00 pm Adult Ed.<br>"The Prophets"                              | 7:30 pm Young People's<br>Shabbat<br>8:30 pm Shabbat<br>Service | 10:00 am Services: B'nai<br>Mitzvah of Sari & Scot<br>Placona, Minyan Bet<br>8:00 pm Junior YG Danc                 |
| 21   | 22   | 23  | 24                             | 25   | 26  | 27  |
|  | 8:00 pm Social Justice<br>Committee                | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Sisterhood                   | 8:30 pm Education<br>Committee | 8:00 pm Adult Ed.<br>"Midrash"                                   | 8:30 pm Shabbat<br>Service                                      | 10:00 am Services: Bat<br>Mitzvah of Erica Silver<br>Minyan Aleph   |
| 28   | 29   | 30  | 31                             |  |   |   |
| NO RELIGIOUS<br>SCHOOL<br>10:30 am Service at<br>Wicker Church |  | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Adult Ed<br>Beginning Hebrew |                                | Decemble S M T W  3 4 5 6 10 11 12 13 17 18 19 20 24 25 26 27 31 | 7 T F S S N S N S N S N S N S N S N S N S N                     | February 96<br>A T W T F S<br>1 2 3<br>5 6 7 8 9 10<br>2 13 14 15 16 17<br>9 20 21 22 23 24<br>5 27 28 29           |

## SHEVAT

## TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH



## February 1996

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                     | Thursday                         | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| 4      | 5   | 6   | 17                            | 8                                | 9   | 10  |
|        |   | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Adult Ed<br>Beginning Hebrew |                               | 8:00 pm Adult Ed.<br>"Midrash"   | 8:30 pm Shabbat<br>Service                              | 10:00 am Service -<br>Minyan Aleph<br>11:00 am PRAYER<br>WORKSHOP<br>7:45 pm Bowling League |
| 11     | 12  | 13  | 14                            | 15                               | 16  | 17  |
|        |   | 8:00 pm Sisterhood<br>Board<br>8:00 pm Adult Choir          |                               | NO ADULT ED                      | 7:30 pm Young People's Shabbat  8:30 pm Shabbat Service | 10:00 am Service -<br>Minyan Bet  |
| 18     | 19  | 20  | 21                            | 22                               | 23  | 24  |
|        |   | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Adult Ed<br>Beginning Hebrew | 8:30 pm Board of<br>Directors | 8:00 pm Adult Ed. "The Prophets" | 8:30 pm Shabbat<br>Service                              | 10:00 am Service -<br>Minyan Aleph  |
| NO F   | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  | 1   |                               |                                  |   |   |
| 25     | 26  | 27  | 28                            | 29                               |   |   |
| 1000   | 8:00 pm Social Justice<br>Committee   | 8:00 pm Adult Choir<br>8:00 pm Sisterhood                   |                               | 8:00 pm Adult Ed.<br>"Midrash"   |   |   |

# TRT Renaissance Group presents

a program of

## "Spiritual Healing"

conducted by

## Rabbi Shira Stern

Sunday, January 14 at 3 PM

A remarkable experience you would not want to miss!

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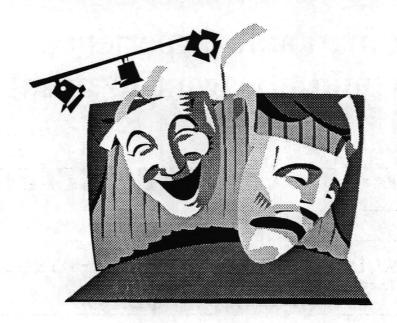
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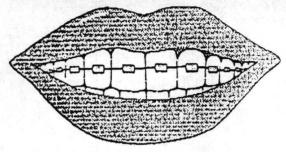


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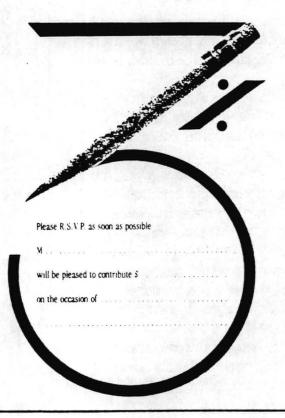
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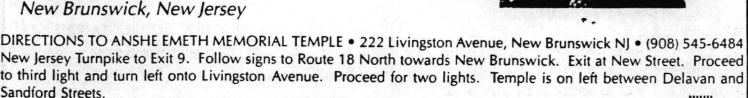
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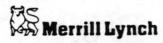
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