



# Temple Rodeph Torah NEWS



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## FROM RABBI WEBER

### GOD'S TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TQM) QUESTIONNAIRE

God would like to thank you for your belief and patronage. In order to serve your needs more effectively, God asks that you take a few moments to answer the following questions.

Please keep in mind that your responses will be kept completely confidential, and that you need not disclose your name or address unless you prefer a direct response to comments or suggestions.

1. How did you find out about God?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Book            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television             | <input type="checkbox"/> Divine Inspiration    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth          | <input type="checkbox"/> Near Death Experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Torah (specify): _____ |  |

2. Are you currently using any other source of inspiration in addition to God? Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Television       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortune cookies | <input type="checkbox"/> Ann Landers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-help books  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex             | <input type="checkbox"/> Biorhythms         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol or drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Mantras         | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance policies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None             |  |   |

3. God employs a limited degree of Divine Intervention to preserve the balanced level of felt presence and blind faith. Which would you prefer (circle one)?

- More Divine Intervention
- Less Divine Intervention
- Current level of Divine Intervention is just right
- Don't know

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ✦ PURIM CELEBRATION! ✦

—March 4

### HOG-CALLING CONTEST & BAR

MITZVAH SHOWCASE—March 5

### "HAIR CLUB FOR MEN" MEETING,

with Rabbi Weber—March 16

### PESACH WORKSHOP (Really!)—

March 30

(continued...)

4. What is your usual method of communication with God? (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Screaming "Goddammit!"    | <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Prayer        | <input type="checkbox"/> 900-number                | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meditation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Exams/Performance Reviews |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |  |                                  |

5. God also attempts to maintain a balanced level of disasters and miracles. Please rate on a scale of 1 – 5 God's handling of the following (1=unsatisfactory, 5=excellent):

a. Disasters (flood, famine, earthquake, war, elections) 1 2 3 4 5

b. Miracles (rescues, spontaneous remission of disease, sports upsets) 1 2 3 4 5

5. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for improving the quality of God's services? (Attach an additional sheet if necessary):

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Thank you for your time and devotion. Results of this survey will be made available at Temple Rodeph Torah's PURIM service on Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. God will be the one wearing a costume.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Don Weber

(P.S. This survey was adapted from an Internet file, which arrived without attribution. I think God sent it, so you'd better fill it out!)

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## ***But Seriously***

### **A SPECIAL GIFT: YOUR PRESENCE**

When a member of our congregation suffers the death of a loved one, Temple Rodeph Torah conducts services at the member's home during *shiva*. A *minyan*—ten Jewish adults—is required to conduct these services.

We need members to volunteer to attend these *minyanim* when the need arises. No one is required to attend every service, but we need a sufficient pool of volunteers to assure that the needs of every family are met. If you can offer your presence, we would appreciate your volunteering to help.

No Hebrew knowledge or special training is required. Any adult Jew—that is, age 13 or older, male or female, regardless of whether you have celebrated your Bar/Bat Mitzvah—is welcome, and your participation would be the fulfillment of the *mitzvah* to comfort the bereaved. Contact Rabbi Weber or Neal Finkelstein to volunteer.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 3/1 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
 Story: “You’ll Understand When You Get Older”  
 ☆ Birthday Blessings for March; Candle Lighting 5:29 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/2 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*  
 Bar Mitzvah: Neil Cohen
- Monday, 3/4 - **Erev Purim – CELEBRATION!**  
**Groggers for everyone who comes in a costume!**  
**Prizes for the best adult costume—Male; best adult costume—Female; best adult costume—Other.**
- Friday, 3/8 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
 Sermon: “Don’t Count!”  
 Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist  
*Babysitting is provided for children ages 2 – 6; Candle Lighting 5:37 p.m.*
- Saturday, 3/9 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*  
 B’nai Mitzvah: Sara Sternberg & Lauren Witlin
- Friday, 3/15 - Shabbat Services:  
 7:30 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
 8:30 p.m. – Service  
 Sermon: “Our Freewill Offering”  
 The Adult Choir Will Sing; Privilege Program *Oneg Shabbat*  
 Candle Lighting 5:45 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/16 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*  
 B’nai Mitzvah: Jill Finkelstein & Stefanie Zaitz
- Friday, 3/22 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
 Sermon: “The Sins of the Community”  
**Full-Participation Service**  
 Candle Lighting 5:52 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/23 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*  
 B’nai Mitzvah: Marc Cohen & Andrew Kurnit
- Friday, 3/29 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
 Sermon: “What Makes *Your* Seder Special?” Sharing Ideas in Preparation for Pesach  
 ☆ Anniversary Blessings for March; Candle Lighting 5:59 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/30 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*  
 Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Lieberman





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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!

\* – Denotes Committee Chair who is also a member of the Board of Directors

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I extended a written invitation to the Congregation to attend the December meeting of the Board of Directors. The task force I appointed in October was to give their report on the question of whether we should accept more than 76 students per grade in our Religious School. The Board meeting was postponed to January 3 because of the weather, and approximately 35 congregants turned out. The task force's recommendation, and the overwhelming sentiment of those temple members in attendance, was to maintain our current enrollment practice. On January 17, at its regular meeting, the Board, by a vote of 12 to 4, decided to retain our current limitations, and reject a proposal to expand enrollment to 90 students.

Why was this issue even raised? What does the decision mean? Since most families who join a temple are seeking to provide a Jewish education for their children, the number of spaces available in our third grade generally translates into the number of new families we can accommodate in any one year. Third grade was filled this past May, and throughout the summer, usually our most active membership recruitment period, we turned about 20 families away. We expect the scenario to be repeated for next year's third grade.

Several members shared with me their concerns about turning families away. Our temple was founded by families that were turned away by another Reform congregation in the area, and now we were doing the same thing. I was also concerned about the financial impact of turning down members. This temple is strapped with a large mortgage, and limited to some degree in what we can do and provide for our members by our revenue stream. Perhaps, I thought, if we could find a way to increase the enrollment in Religious School, we could absorb more of the demand in the community and improve our financial picture.

In the fall, the Education Committee realized it would have to add an additional day to next year's school schedule. Historically school was closed on Tuesday because it was the administrator's and rabbi's day off. However, because so many grades are now at or near maximum enrollment, the different grades could no longer share a session. With only one grade meeting at a time, more classroom space was available for each grade. I questioned whether enrollment could be expanded, perhaps to 90 students in a grade, without affecting the quality of our program.

The task force, in recommending against expanding the enrollment, was concerned about how to conduct Bat and Bar Mitzvah services for the additional students. With 76 students a year utilizing most available Shabbat mornings, an additional service would have to be conducted up to seven times a year to accommodate the 14 new students. The task force suggested an additional clergy person, perhaps a cantor, should be hired to officiate at these services. Concerns were raised that those members who would get the cantor, would not be happy about not getting the rabbi.

What about turning down members? Increasing the enrollment to 90 students is an increase of up to 14 new families a year. This past year, we turned down over 20. Thus, it appeared that we still could not accommodate the demand. The task force proposed that rather than just turn away families, we offer to connect those families with each other and assist them in starting their own temple.

It was not clear from the task force report what the true financial impact of accommodating the additional families would be. However, the bulk of the debate turned on another issue, for which there was a great deal of passion: the teaching of our seventh grade. Our temple is unique in that we are one of the few that have its rabbi as the sole religious studies teacher for seventh graders. Although my children have yet to experience that program, it is considered to be a very successful, enriching and rewarding program. Whether that is because our rabbi happens to be Rabbi Weber, who is an extraordinary teacher, or because the children are taught by the

congregational rabbi, is hard to say; the rabbi has always been Rabbi Weber. Without explaining all the logistics, our rabbi could not be the sole religious studies teacher for seventh grade if the enrollment was increased. Either some children would have a different teacher, or the curriculum would have to be split between the rabbi and another teacher.

This issue generated the most emotion, and the most discussion. Most revealing was the very strong feeling of preserving our method of teaching seventh grade by Board members and congregants whose children have already gone through the program, children who would not be affected by a change. One Board member, with younger children, said he was willing to share our rabbi with additional families, to expose their children to what we have to offer. A charter member responded to him, saying that she wanted his children to have the same wonderful experience that hers did.

In the end, the majority of the Board decided not to change the existing policy regarding student enrollment. While the Board was guided by strong passion, its decision was reached after the issue was reviewed by a task force, discussed at a meeting of the congregation and further debated at a meeting of the Board. It was a lengthy process, but the importance of the decision justified the time and effort that went into making it.

Shalom,  
Steve Berlin

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Starting January 29, our *Morehhsha* High School students are back home at Temple Rodeph Torah, and we welcome them back. I would like to tell you how proud I am of an extraordinary group of young men and women—the *Morehhsha* students. They come together “religiously” every Monday night, and are truly happy. They are serious and fun, spunky and sensitive, opinionated and thoughtful. Our *Morehhsha* has 110 students.

This semester the eighth and ninth graders had the opportunity to choose two courses from a selection of nine. A few examples of course topics are: Great Jewish Debates: speaking out for what you believe in; Jerusalem 3000; Conversational Hebrew; *Shoah*: Studies of the Holocaust; Life Discussion: peer counseling; Jewish Cooking; Choir; and Jewish Themes through the Arts.

On January 22, we held a special program for parents and students entitled, “Life is Worth Living.” It was facilitated by Maureen Mullin Underwood, ACSW. Maureen is a Clinical Social Worker whose practice specializes in grief and bereavement. We learned how to identify the warning signs of suicide and were told the importance of not keeping someone’s thoughts of suicide a secret. A list of “hot line” phone numbers for our area, was distributed and is available at the school office for anyone who would like a copy. I would like to thank all the parents who attended, and the Temple Shalom Caring Committee for sponsoring the evening event.

### Jerusalem Update: Important Dates in the City’s History

1004 BCE	David conquered Jerusalem and changed its name from Yebus to the City of David.
958 BCE	King Solomon built the Temple.
587 BCE	Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, destroyed the First Temple.
538 BCE	The first return to Zion from Babylon.
516 BCE	The building of the Second Temple.
457 circa	Ezra the Scribe came to Jerusalem.
167 BCE	Antiochus Epiphanes issued his decrees and the Revolt of the Maccabees took place.

164 BCE	Judah Maccabee captured Jerusalem and purified the Temple.
70 CE	Destruction of Jerusalem and the second Temple by the Romans.
132-135	Jerusalem under the reign of Bar Kochba.
324	Beginning of Christian and Byzantine rule of the City.
638	The Arabs captured Jerusalem.
1187	Saladin transferred Jerusalem to Moslem hands.
1267	Rambam renewed Jewish settlement in Jerusalem.
1517	The Turks conquered Jerusalem.
1860	First buildings erected outside the city walls.
1917	British entered Jerusalem.
1947	The UN decision on the establishment of the State of Israel.
1948	State of Israel Declared; Jerusalem under siege; Jewish quarter fell to the Jordanians.
1949	Jerusalem proclaimed capital of the State of Israel.
1967	Liberation of the Old City and re-unification of the City.

*B'veracha* – best wishes,  
Edna Coleman, RJE

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

March 3rd	- Pre-School; Purim celebration
March 10th	- 6th/7th grade; Lower East Side trip
March 17th	- 4th grade Service; parents, please join us
March 18th	- Regional High School Program at Chai Building
March 24th	- 4th grade; Jewish Museum, N.Y.C., trip
March 27th	- 3rd, 6th grades <i>Sedarim</i>
March 31st	- Pre-school, K-1, 2, 4, 5; <i>Sedarim</i>

## **SISTERHOOD**

Our 70's dance, at the Freehold Gardens, was a great success. Everyone enjoyed disco dancing to the sounds of Music Express. It was funny to see what everyone looked like back in the 70's; those were the "good old days!" Thanks to everyone who supported us by coming to the dance—see you at next year's dance. Thanks to Music Express, Corinne and Ellen for the unbelievable 70's decorations, and Freehold Gardens. Special thanks to Arlene Foreman, Debbie Heitner, Joan Gershman and Paula Kanofsky for planning a great evening!

We also want to give tremendous thanks to Dr. Judy Kramer for being our speaker at the general meeting last January. The meeting was packed and everyone (TRT members as well as non-members) felt Dr. Kramer's topic (Women and their Relationships with Mothers and Daughters) was interesting and very informative. We look forward to the next time Dr. Kramer will speak at a temple function.

On March 24 we will feature a panel discussion by five inspirational Jewish women; watch for more information. Sunday, April 21 we are having Rabbi Tovya Singer, an expert on religious cults, speak on "The Battle for the Jewish Soul: Are the Missionaries Winning?" This topic is relevant for today's society, particularly at the high school and college level. I guarantee Rabbi Singer will keep you on the edge of your seat. Children, friends and neighbors are all welcome; it is a topic you will not want to miss.

The annual Book Sale will be held on April 28. Start putting all those books (no textbooks, please) aside to donate. It is a great way to help clean your attic and basement. If you are able to store the books until April, that



would be great; if you can't, we will try to find someone who can. Mark the Book Sale date on your calendar and do not forget to attend. Last year everyone—even the kids—found great buys and enjoyed browsing among current best sellers.

As you can see, our Temple Sisterhood is a terrific organization with great programs and parties. We would love to have you join; it is never too late. For more information call Leslie at 536-8471, or Sharon at 303-0929.

Leslie Berlin and Sharon Katzanek  
Co-Presidents

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

Wow! The Junior Youth group has been having such a great year, and it is only March. We have been bowling, had five dance lessons with Unique Musique, dined at Jerusalem Pizza, went to see a production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and, most recently, hosted our very first Saturday night dance party.

Our dance on January 20th was attended by about 100 sixth- through eighth-graders from all over New Jersey. Unique Musique provided the entertainment and we had an excellent time. New friends were made, old friendships were re-kindled, and we all wanted the evening to last all night.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the youth group members and parents (including my Dad and sister) who came to help set up and/or chaperone the dance. I could not have done it without you.

Our last outing took place on February 18, when we headed up to Camelback Mountain for a day of skiing. Watch this column for news about future events and programs in 1996. If you have an idea (or two) for upcoming events, please call me at 679-9571.

The Temple Rodeph Torah Junior Youth Group is open to all 6-8 graders and if you would like to join us at anytime, you can call me for information. Feel free to call me at anytime, but please do not call on Shabbat.

Shari Garfinkel

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

On Sunday, January 28, temple members attended services at the Wicker Memorial Baptist Church in Morganville. We received a warm welcome, as always, and had an opportunity to learn about beliefs and practices which are different from our own. On Friday evening, March 22, members of the Church will attend our services and will be given the same opportunity to gain some insight into the manner in which we worship God. We hope to see many members of our own Congregation on that night to welcome our friends from the Church, and to show them the same hospitality that they demonstrated to us.

The members of our temple donated over 25 boxes of food to Lunch Break in Red Bank over the last two months. We received a letter from Mrs. Todd, the Director of Lunch Break, thanking us for our contributions. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to temple for distribution to the hungry. Please note further that Lunch Break also needs linens, which must be new, and would appreciate any contribution that you can make.

We regret that in thanking those who participated in our supermarket food drive in November, we inadvertently omitted the names of Nina and Rich Grossman and Sara Levenstein. We thank them for their help.

Stella Guarna and Bill Fireman

## OUTREACH CORNER

This issue of the TRT Newsletter welcomes the addition of the TRT Outreach Corner. The Outreach Program is part of a national effort by the Reform Movement to address the concerns of interfaith couples and Jews-by-Choice, and to help them feel welcome within Jewish life.

This space will be devoted to articles of interest to intermarried couples, couples contemplating intermarriage, Jews-by Choice, those considering conversion to Judaism, parents and/or children of intermarried couples and anyone concerned about the future of Judaism.

If you find that you fall into one of these categories, please consider taking the time to write an article for this space. Need some ideas? Consider the following topics: a new Jew-by-Choice writing about the meaning of his/her conversion; a non-Jewish parent writing about their child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah; a youth group member writing about decisions involving interdating; an intermarried couple writing about their experiences at TRT; or how a welcoming temple environment encourages religious participation. Still stumped? Call me for more ideas, the possibilities are endless.

Today, when 50% of Jews are marrying out of their faith, when an estimated 442,000 intermarriages will be performed in this decade and when an estimated 40% of religious school children have a parent who was not born Jewish, it is urgent to share our feelings and experiences with others, to educate and prepare the Jewish community to be receptive to intermarried couples and those who have recently chosen Judaism.

Articles for this space should be 300 words or less, and must be submitted to the temple office by the first of the month. For more information about Outreach at TRT, or to be put on our mailing list for Outreach programs and events, please call Barbara Sprechman, Outreach Coordinator, at 577-1457.

Barbara Sprechman



### *Letters to the Editor*

I recently attended a conference held in Philadelphia, entitled "The Jew and the Lotus." It was an enlightening experience and it was helpful to me in my spiritual quest.

The conference was led by three members of a delegation of rabbis and teachers that visited the Dalai Lama in 1991. The purpose of that visit was to share the long tradition and wisdom gained during the Jewish Diaspora with the Tibetan Buddhists, who in this era are faced with dispersion from Tibet and the ruin of their spiritual treasures, monasteries and sacred cultural artifacts. The meeting also included a discussion on some similarities and differences between Buddhism and Judaism.

I was amazed by the number of people who attended this conference. The Germantown Jewish Centre was packed with well over 1,000 people. I was attending because of my interest in Buddhism, meditation and Yoga. It was through this exploration that my interest in Judaism was rekindled. I learned that I was not alone and that many workshop participants also have made use of Eastern religions. Jewish participation and leadership in New Age and Eastern religious groups far exceed our proportions in the American population. Rabbi Zalman Schachter explained that after the Holocaust, many Jews have been angry at God and that it is hard for people looking for a loving, living God to find God among angry voices. Consequently, Eastern religions have been lifelines to many. He said that it is possible to be both a Jew and use the tools of Buddhism to deepen our Jewish practice. In studying our own tradition we discover that many of the same ideas and tools are right here. Meditative practices have been widespread among Jews throughout Jewish history. Unfortunately, much of this information has been hidden and is not readily available. This mysticism and spirituality must be more readily available to those who seek it and people should not be forced to look at other religions for answers.

For the past year and a half, I have been a member of Temple Rodeph Torah. Through our temple and Rabbi Weber, I have rediscovered the spirituality in Judaism. The Shabbat *minyan* is spiritually rewarding and I encourage you all to participate. I am rediscovering the beauty and power of prayer. I would like to explore alternate forms of prayer through chanting, meditation and yoga. Perhaps there are others who have similar interests. If you have any related ideas, give me a call at 536-8404.

The book "The Jew and the Lotus" by Rodger Kamenetz, explores in detail the ideas I have touched upon. The book "Jewish Meditation—A Practical Guide" by Aryeh Kaplan is an excellent guide to meditation and is available in the Temple library.

Steven Konigsberg

*Editor's note: Thanks, Steve, for the interesting article. I would like to add that some members of our Temple participate in an Aikido class on Sunday afternoons. The philosophy behind this martial art relates to Steve's article. Any one interested in participating or observing can contact Rabbi Weber for details.*

*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

**Shabbat 3/1-2**

**Parashat Tetzavveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10**

**Summary by Stella Guarna**

God precisely details to Moses how to prepare Aaron and his sons for priesthood. He describes the sacred vestments, the creation of breastplates engraved with the names of the sons of Israel—twelve for the twelve tribes.

God directs Moses to ordain Aaron and his sons. The ordination is to take seven days. The rituals of purification and burnt offerings are detailed. A regular burnt offering is to be placed at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, throughout the generations. The Recipe for "anointing oil" is given as are rules for its usage. Moses is given the Ten Commandments by God. Aaron makes a golden calf. Moses finds the golden calf, breaks the tablets, and destroys the golden calf. Moses begs forgiveness for the Jews. God inscribes new tablets and the Ten Commandments are given.



**Shabbat 3/8-9      Parashat Ki Tissa, Exodus 30:11-34:35      Summary by Gloria and Ed Russin**

While Moses is on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, the Israelites build a golden calf to worship. Upon descending from the mountain, Moses becomes enraged at the sight of the calf and smashes the tablets. Moses asks to see God, but God says Moses can only see God's back, since to see God is to die. God tells Moses to carve new tablets, and God will provide him with the Ten Commandments again. During the next 40 days and nights God gives Moses additional laws to observe. God also commands Moses to observe the seven days of Passover, the Sabbath, and other holidays.

**Shabbat 3/15-16      Parashat Vayakhel, Exodus 35:1-38:20      Summary by Linda Cranin**

This Torah portion describes, in detail, how Moses acquires the necessary goods—gold, silver, fine cloth, wood, etc.—to make the Tabernacle, and how he is blessed by God with the skills needed to complete the task.

**Shabbat 3/15-16      Parashat Pikudei, Exodus 38:21-40:38      Summary by Len Lapatnick**

The *parashah* is divided into three distinct parts. First is an accounting of all the materials that went into building the tent of assembly. Next comes detailing of the construction of priestly garments for Aaron and his sons. Finally, there is a set of instructions on setting up and using the tent of assembly.

**Shabbat 3/22-23      Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26      Summary by Ellen Finkelstein**

Rules and procedures for sacrifices are described in great detail. Sacrifices, or offerings, are made for different purposes. There are voluntary sacrifices and sacrifices of well-being. A sin offering is to be made by someone who has unintentionally incurred guilt. Rules are spelled out for priests, the entire community, and individual members of the community. Finally, a guilt offering must be given by any person who has committed any one of a variety of wrongful acts.

**Shabbat 3/29-30      Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36      Summary by Steven Konigsberg**

Details of the different types of ritual offerings that the priests are required to do are specified. The fire on the altar should be continually fed and should not go out. The offering is burnt on the altar and the priests and their sons are given a portion to eat. Moses consecrates Aaron and his sons as priests. The Israelites are prohibited from consuming some fats and any blood from meat.

*The T.R.T. Jewish Computer Corner*

While Purim is a great time for frivolity and celebration, it also reminds us that there are many Jews who are alcoholics. It has taken the Jewish community a long time to accept this fact, but slowly we are coming around. JACS—Jewish Alcoholics and Chemical Dependents—was established to respond to this need in a caring, Jewish way. JACS has established both a Worldwide Web home page and a mail list, and everyone with an interest is invited to drop by. The WWW address is <http://www.shamash.org/health/jacs/>

To subscribe to the mail list, send an e-mail message to [listproc@shamash.org](mailto:listproc@shamash.org) leave the subject line blank, and in message area write,  
subscribe jacs <firstname> <lastinitial> (NOTE: do not use your last name!)

All contacts are, of course, completely confidential.

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](mailto:75065.263@compuserve.com))

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

Mark and Robin Goldenberg and their children, Mindy and Jenna  
 Alan and Andrea Kazin and their children, Alyssa and Amanda  
 Marc and Sandi Slugh and their children, Samantha, Danielle and Brittany  
 Marty and Betty Wolfson and their children, Adam, Sarah and Michael

☆ Thought for the Month ☆

"Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit."  
 — Elbert Hubbard

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**A LETTER TO RABBI WEBER**

January 8, 1996

Dear Don,

I just landed in New York from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. On this twelve hour-long flight I have had time to reflect the past two weeks I just spent in Israel.

Israel is the most beautiful place I think I have ever seen. Words cannot describe the experience I had there. I do know that I need to go back for a semester or for an extended period of time to understand more. Some questions no tour guide can answer are:

- 1) Why do Israelis use their horns instead of brakes?
- 2) Why does everybody eat chocolate for breakfast?
- 3) Why don't people who make signs know how to spell?
- 4) Are there only 5 songs the radio plays over and over again?
- 5) Why is every American in Israel on Rechov Ben Yehuda on Saturday night?

Seriously, I need to learn more about the Israeli culture than I can as a tourist. I know I could never live there, but I still need to be there again.

While I was in Galilee, Syria fired two rockets into Northern Israel that struck 20 miles west of the Kibbutz I was on. Also, the 'Engineer' of Hamas was assassinated, probably by the Israeli secret service. The strange thing was, that both of these incidents occurred on Shabbat and nobody knew that there was even something wrong. In America however, Peter Cohen's parents and my father freaked out because the media made it seem that the whole country was in a state of emergency. The truth is, I have never felt safer in my life. Strange, though, being protected by 18 year-old soldiers (some of which are really cute girls...) with machine guns.

Basically, I would like to thank you for helping me make this trip possible. But, not only for giving me money. I would like to thank you for giving me an interest in my Jewish identity from about 8th grade on. Had I never gone to confirmation, I never would have gotten involved with NFTY, Kutz, songleading, and teaching. If I had never done these things, I never would have cared to even bother to go to Israel.

I'm really jet lagged and I don't know how much sense this letter is making but I figured sending it now would be the best bet.

*B'shalom,*  
 Scott Leader

NOTE: Scott gave us permission to reprint his letter, and he welcomes calls from anyone in high school or college who is thinking of going on any Israel program!

### **MORTGAGE FUND CREATED**

The Board of Directors has approved the creation of a new temple fund, the Mortgage Fund. The sole purpose for this fund is to pay down the principal on the temple's mortgage, to relieve us of the monthly interest burden on this loan.

Contributions to this fund may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one; the fund has been added to the Contributions Form near the end of this Newsletter.

### **MARLBORO TOWNSHIP THIRD ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**

Will be held on Sunday April 21, 1996 at 2 to 4 p.m. at Marlboro High School. More information will be included in next month's Newsletter.

### **RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER TO BE HONORED**

Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Emeth of Teaneck, a special evening is being presented by the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, retiring President of the UAHC, will be honored. A concert featuring a combined regional volunteer choir as well as cantors from throughout the region. This is the annual Fund for Reform Judaism event and your support is needed to insure the continuation of the many valuable services offered to all reform congregations. The price for this event is \$25 per person plus a \$25 minimum pledge to FRJ. For more information, contact Donna Hendel, at 201-599-0080.

### **A LIBERAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON INTERMARRIAGE**

A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place on Monday evenings at Temple Shalom in Aberdeen, beginning March 11. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples. For further information and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator, at (201) 599-0080.

### **JEWISH SINGLES DIRECTORY**

The Jewish Singles Directory is an exciting way for single Jews, age 21 and over, living throughout the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley region to meet one another. This introductory network enables Jewish singles to meet each other in a non-threatening, mutually agreeable fashion.

The Jewish Singles Directory is a non-profit project of the Reform Movement sponsored by the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the UAHC. Fifty dollars per year lists your interests and photo into the directory. The listing allows you to send a postcard of introduction to anyone you choose or receive a postcard from someone interested in meeting you.

For further information, please call Gilda Fier, Singles Coordinator, at the UAHC office in Paramus, at (201) 599-2041.

### **TEMPLE BETH-EL OF JERSEY CITY'S 130 ANNIVERSARY: An Invitation**

Any individuals whose families were once members of Temple Beth-El are invited to our anniversary celebration, which will include a service of rededication on Friday, May 17, 1996 and an anniversary dinner on Saturday, May 18, 1996. Our hope is that many Temple Beth-El alumni will return to Jersey City in May to share in our *simcha*. If anyone would like to receive an invitation to these events, all they need to do is call the Temple office, 201- 333-4229, or drop us a note at 2419 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07304.



NEWS AND NOTES, continued...

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP HADASSAH**

In memory and honor of Prime Minister Rabin, Ocean Township Hadassah has pledged a donation to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem, Israel, so that it may continue its life-saving work of healing, teaching and research. An embossed and painted certificate, titled "Lovers of Peace," will be presented to Mrs. Rabin and family, accompanied by the names of all contributors. All donations of \$18.00 or more will be acknowledged. Please make checks payable to: Ocean Township Hadassah at 5 Jerome Smith Drive, Wayside, NJ 07712.

**JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Young Widows/Widowers** open to people in their 20's-40's; Meets weekly, Tuesday evening in our Morganville Office; Call Ellen Nathanson for more information at 774-6886 or 536-0050.

**Adolescents Who Have Lost A Parent** open to people 15-18; Meets weekly, Tuesday evening in our Morganville Office; Call Susan Lazar for more information at 774-6886 or 536-0050.

**Group for Parents Whose Children Are Getting Divorced** group for older adults who have children going through separation and divorce. The group will explore concerns such as maintaining relationships with sons and daughters in-law and grandchildren and not getting caught in the middle. Call Herb Feldman for more information at 774-6886 or 536-0050.

**Children of Divorce** ages 9-11, activity oriented; Meets Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Morganville Office; Call Susan Lazar for more information at 774-6886 or 536-0050.

**ANNOUNCING THE JF&CS LEADERSHIP SERVICE DIVISION**

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Monmouth County announces the formation of its new Leadership Service Division, for people in their 20's and 30's who would like to be involved in the Jewish community and meet other Jewish people. The Division plans social and communal programs, including preparing holiday food packages for needy families, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, tutoring of new immigrants, fundraising for JF&CS, as well as recreational events such as day boat cruises, dinner/comedy clubs, and after-work cappuccino. For more information call the JF&CS at 536-0050.

*You are Cordially Invited*

Please join me and my family as I am called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 2, 1996.

Neil Cohen

We would also like to extend our invitation to join us for the *Oneg* immediately following services.

Neil Cohen, Karyl and David Asch

With great pleasure and love, we invite you to share in our happiness as our daughter, Sara Jessica, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 9, 1996. Please join us at the *Oneg* following services.

Lynn and Jerry Sternberg

Bess and Richard Witlin invite you to share the Bat Mitzvah celebration of Lauren Witlin on March 9, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

With much pride and love, we invite our Temple family to worship and celebrate with us as our daughter, Jill Allison, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 16, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Ellen and Neal Finkelstein

We invite you to share a very special day the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Stefanie Kaila, on Saturday March 16, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. Afterwards, please join us at the *Oneg Shabbat*.

Carol and Jed Zaitz

With great pleasure we invite you to share in our happiness as Marc is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 23, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Judith and Steven Cohen

We would be delighted to have you share our joy as our son, Andrew Michael, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 23, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following the service.

Barbara and Jonathan Kurnit

With great pleasure we invite you to share in our happiness as Matthew is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 30, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *Oneg* following services.

Beth Lieberman

### CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Douglas Cohen, son of Harvey and Beverly Cohen, on his engagement to Ms. Jill Weinberg

to Joel and Ronda Binkowitz, on the birth of their grandson, Matthew Austin Binkowitz

to Emily Freilich, daughter of Irv and Judy Freilich, on her induction into the National Honor Society, and her election as Vice President of the Society

### OUR CONDOLENCES

to Alan and Rita Margolies, on the death of Alan's grandfather, Joseph Margolies

to Harvey and Beverly Cohen, on the death of Harvey's mother, Ruth Cohen

to Mel, Melanie, Heather and Joyce Belitsky, on the death of Mel's father, Sam Belitsky

to Belinda, Steve, Yvette, Karen, Evelyn and Michelle Konigsberg, on the death of Belinda's grandmother, Clara Padron

"*Zichronam Livracha*" – May their memory be a blessing to all who knew them.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Building Fund

Roslyn and Buddy Rosenblum:

with lots of luck to Steven Gold and his new wife and family

with best wishes to Marvin Gold for a successful healing from his surgery

in memory of Ethel Kaplan

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brown

Ellen Zipkin, for the *yahrzeit* of Gertrude Blank

Ellen, Neal, Rachel and Jill Finkelstein, in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Sari and Scott Placona

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, in memory of Stephen Jacobs, cousin of Henry Levenstein

Jay Kanofsky, for the *yahrzeit* of Benjamin Kanofsky

Gail and Jay Davis, in memory of Anne Sommer, aunt of Gay Klapman

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**CONTRIBUTIONS, continued...**

**General Fund**

Ellen Block, for the *yahrzeit* of Oscar Feld  
Mel Belitsky, for the *yahrzeit* of Gussie Belitsky  
Barbara Hirsch, for the *yahrzeit* of Dorothy Sherman  
Barbara Hirsch, for the *yahrzeit* of Meyer Sherman

**Hirsch/Rosen Memorial Youth Fund**

Evelyn Viselman, in memory of Murray Viselman  
Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Sari and Scott Placona  
Judy Goldberg, for the *yahrzeit* of Ruth Berger  
Kathy and Ron Tornberg, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Guarna

**Israel Scholarship Fund**

Ellen and Neal Finkelstein:  
for the *yahrzeit* of Jennie Rosenhoch  
for the *yahrzeit* of Ida Trencher

**Library Fund**

DeFino Central School PTO, with condolences to Jay Fox on the loss of his father  
Barbara and Ron Sher, for the *yahrzeit* of Sidney Albin

**Mortgage Fund**

Anonymous, in honor of the vision of Temple Rodeph Torah  
Anonymous, in honor of the Board of Directors' vote to set the future path for Rodeph Torah

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Ellen and Robert Levine, in memory of Sari Graber, and with condolences to Bruce and Susan Baron  
Bill and Ilene Fireman, for the *yahrzeit* of Jack Fireman  
Janine and Brian Strauss, for the *yahrzeit* of Josephine Paternostro  
Judy and Marty Borrel, to help

**Prayerbook Fund**

Lynne and Mark Schwitz, for the *yahrzeits* of Jack and Tillie Bayer  
DeFino Central School PTO, in memory of Lorraine Mahler, mother of Robin Schwartz

**Religious School Equipment Fund**

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, in honor of the engagement of Adam Singer and Dana Krauss  
Lisa Quinn, for the *yahrzeit* of Marlene Gartenberg

**Temple Beautification Fund**

Harvey Lieber, for the *yahrzeit* of Fritz Lieber

**Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment Fund**

Leslie, Eric, Bobby and Josh Rosenstock, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Aliza Willner  
Ruth and Benek Bolender, for the *yahrzeit* of Hymie Goldenberg  
Ruth and Benek Bolender, for the *yahrzeit* of the Bolender Family  
Marlene, David, Jenna and Sara Shapiro:  
for the *yahrzeit* of Hymie Goldenberg  
for the *yahrzeit* of the Bolender Family  
in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Sari and Scott Placona  
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jill Finkelstein  
in honor of the births of Cole and Carly Hanft  
in honor of the birth of Li-Don Bolender



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

Arlene and Bruce Agulnick  
Susan and Barry Barber  
Leslie and Steven Berlin  
Ronda and Joel Binkowitz  
Andrea and Ted Block  
Pamela and Jeffrey Brisman  
Sheryl and Bruce Cooper  
Helene and Neil Cooper  
Amy and Alan Farer  
Helaine and Philip Fischer  
Paula and Neil Fox  
Joan and Michael Gershman

Karen and Larry Goldstein  
Ann and Sandy Goldstein  
Stella Guarna  
Judy Kramer and Tom Hegyi  
Paula and Jay Kanofsky  
Sharon and Stuart Katzanek  
Lois and Stephen Korman  
Barbara and Jonathan Kurnit  
Nancy and Ken Lazaroff  
Robbin and Robert Leibowitz  
Phyllis and Henry Levenstein  
Rhonda and Richard Okun

Rachel and Erik Pachter  
Rachel and Lowell Reichman  
Deborah and Phil Ross  
Leslie and Eric Rosenstock  
Gloria and Ed Russin  
Elise and David Schapiro  
Marlene and David Shapiro  
JoAnn and Steven Silkes  
Gale and Ira Sloan  
Roberta and Jay Taffer



**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)
- \_\_\_\_\_ MORTGAGE FUND (Dedicated completely to paying down the principal on our mortgage)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYERBOOK FUND (For the purchase of prayerbooks) Any amount may be donated to this Fund, 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 checks payable to *TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*.  
 All other fund checks payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.

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 SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 3/1-2

3/1	Julius Goldberg
3/1	Anna Siegel *
3/1	Murray Berhang
3/2	Lillian Tasch

## REMEMBERED BY

Sheldon Goldberg
Larry Siegel
Charles Berhang
Brian Tasch

## SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 3/8-9

3/3	Paul Sternberg *
3/3	Marion Shaw
3/4	Eli Cohen
3/4	Max Aidelman
3/4	Nathan Rubel
3/4	Hyman Gelfand
3/4	Claire Grainer
3/4	George a. Hesslein *
3/4	Julius Shapiro *
3/5	Rita Kirschenbaum *
3/6	Martin Franz
3/6	Morris Weissman *
3/7	Sidney Fine
3/7	Dr. Victor Wittert
3/8	Erna Kalberman
3/8	Henry Sdorow

Gerry Sternberg
Judy Spiegel
Rachel Reichman
Debra Maslansky
Craig Rubel
Maxine Liebers
Mark Grainer
Jackie Klug
Susan Ringel
Jack Kirschenbaum
Vicki Berhang
Larry Weissman
Laurie Karmel
Janine Strauss
Ilse Grunwald
Lana Chernick

## SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 3/15-16

3/9	Seymour Smilowitz
3/9	Bessie Rothman
3/10	Lena Siegel
3/10	Helena Heitt *
3/11	Scott Joseph Rafaloff *
3/11	Richard Lazaroff
3/12	Clara Simon *
3/14	Lawrence Galerstein
3/14	Louis Grushka
3/14	Barbara Ringle
3/14	Muriel Zeligson
3/14	Melvin Cohen
3/15	Etta Sprechman
3/16	George Gold *
3/16	Sadie Fine *
3/16	Benjamin Feigenberg

Iris Misshula
Helene Kaplan
Marv Siegel
Maurice, Sean and Ryan Heitt, and Temple Rodeph Torah
The Rafaloff Family
Ken Lazaroff
Ellen Berrol
Debra Salman
Susan Berman
Allen and Loretta Shapiro
Clare Gonick
Michele Nowin
Hal Sprechman
Roberta Taffer
Morton Fine
Janet Caruso



**Yahrzeits, continued...**

**SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 3/22-23**

3/20	Irving Sackheim	Bonnie Kirschenbaum
3/20	Sidney Dorfman	David Dorfman
3/20	Elaine Landberg	Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper
3/21	George Ellis	Steven Ellis
3/23	Beatrice Kosloff	Phyllis Stummer

**SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 3/29-30**

3/25	Howard Schwartz	Cary Schwartz
3/25	Philip Chosak	Fran Cohen
3/26	Sara Stein	Lisa Perlman
3/29	Max Wotman	Ronda Binkowitz
3/29	Reuben Goldberg	Marvin Goldberg
3/29	Jeanne G. Kupchik	Francine Myers

**SHABBAT OBSERVANCE 4/5-6**

3/31	Camille Gleich	Stuart Gleich
3/31	Sol Weber *	Rabbi Don Weber

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



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

**Be a MAZON Partner:  
3% of all your *simchas* to feed the hungry  
across the country and around the world!**



# TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH

## March 1996



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*It's Purim -- Be Happy! It's Happy -- Be Purim!*



# TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH

## April 1996



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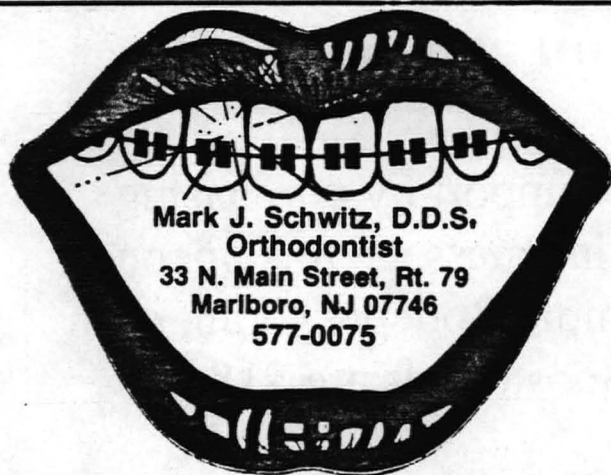
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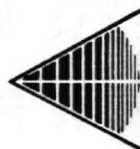
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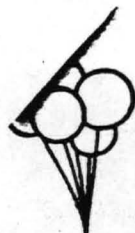
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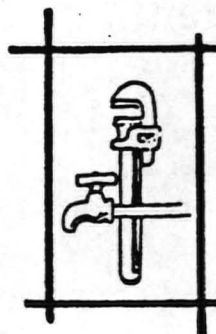


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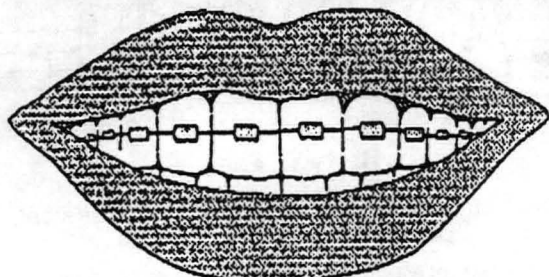
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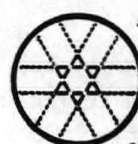
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