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FROM RABBI WEBER

S ummer is a slow, easy time of year, so I thought I would use this space to share some of the best (though not necessarily the cleanest) jokes I've heard recently:

- · He replies, "I'm going to make a Shiva call."
- Upon hearing this, the man immediately handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "I didn't know there was a choice."
- The egg said, "Well.... I guess that answers that question!"
- "Well, it worked this time, but what are we going to do next Yom Tov to get them to come down?"
- Clinton replied: "I really don't know, I can't read Hebrew!"
- The parrot replied, "Idiot! Just think of the odds we'll get on Yom Kippur!"

I really hope you knew all these jokes, because obviously, space prevented me from writing more than just the punch-lines for each one. As I was writing them, I realized that if you *haven't* heard the

jokes, these punch-lines may be interesting, but they won't exactly carry the *punch* that punch-lines are supposed to have. Hearing the end without knowing the setup definitely loses something in the process.

Which leads, not at all coincidentally, from the summer into the fall. The High Holidays — the services which more Jews attend than any other all year — are the "punch-line" to a setup which has lasted throughout the year. Like a really good joke, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur come at us from left field, catch us off guard, and make us sit back, think, and appreciate what we've just experienced.

For example: All year long, we sing the prayer called Avot ve-Imahot — the first prayer of the Amida. But on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, right in the middle of that prayer, we make a sharp turn and insert the words, Zochreinu le-chayyim..." — "Remember us for life, O Monarch who so treasures life! Inscribe us in the Book of Life for Your own sake, O God whose being is life." It is amazing how many of us are thrown by that line: we sing along, happily chanting the words we know by heart, then suddenly we're singing the wrong thing! When that happens, don't feel bad about it; it is supposed to do that to us. On the High Holidays we are supposed to be surprised, and thrown off balance: it is what makes the holidays different from every other day. It is, in a word, the punch-line.

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Another example: *Everyone* knows *Sh'ma Yisrael*. And yet, the melody is completely different on the High Holidays. It is in a minor key, as is almost all of the holiday liturgy; more important, it is just *not* what we do all the rest of the year.

You see, all of you who get upset at the Cantor for not singing the "right" melodies on the High Holidays are perfectly right — but so is he. We are not supposed to sing the "right" melodies; we are supposed to sing the *wrong* ones, the ones that are different, the ones that we are not expecting. We are supposed to mix up all the words, too, changing the endings of prayers, adding things in the middle, and using phrases which we do not hear from the end of one Yom Kippur to the beginning of the next. (Just think: when was the last time you heard the words, "Avinu Malkenu"?) These changes — these surprises — are the High Holidays' punch-lines, and we spend the whole year getting set up for them.

Unless, of course, you *only* attend High Holiday services. In that case, I wouldn't be surprised if the words and the music are like the punch-lines at the beginning of this article: interesting, perhaps a little amusing... but basically meaningless.

If you do not know what the Avot ve-Imahot is; if you do not know what I am talking about when I say we add and change words on the High Holidays; if the Cantor's singing sounds perfectly *right* to you; then you're missing the joke completely. (I would also add that if you feel perfectly comfortable attending services in the High School auditorium or the Middle School gym, you're in the same boat!) High Holiday services will not surprise us, or shock us, or move us, or change us if they are the only prayers we know.

This slow, easy time of year is an opportunity for you to find out what goes on all year, when it is not a holiday. Come to services, or come to *a* service, and listen to the words and the melodies. Learn the pattern, the style, the pacing of our prayers. Get used to the way we *always* do it, so the changes of the High Holidays will sound like... *changes*. In other words, if you want to get the joke, come hear the setup!

We hold services every Friday evening and every Saturday morning, all year long. Come join a wonderful group of people who help us prepare for the new, the different, the unusual words of the New Year. The jokes are a lot funnier when you hear them from the beginning.

Shira, Noah, Ari and Eytan join me in wishing you a joyous and a healthy New Year, and I leave you with my father's all-time favorite joke:

"What's the matter, you don't eat by Moskowitz's no more?"

L'shana tova tikkatevu, Rabbi Don Weber

P.S. My entire family extends its deepest thanks to every member of Temple Rodeph Torah who shared in the celebration of Noah's Bar Mitzvah. Your love, your joy and your genuine warmth made a wonderful day even more special. And we thank each of you who brought food for the food pantry; your gift was truly appreciated by us, as well as by those who are hungry. We are blessed to call you our family.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Friday, July 31: 8:30 p.m. service; Candle Lighting 7:55 p.m. Saturday, August 1: *Minyan* Group *Bet*. Friday, August 7: 8:00 p.m. service; Candle Lighting 7:47 p.m. Saturday, August 8: *Minyan* Group *Aleph*. Friday, July 14: 8:30 p.m. service; Candle Lighting 7:38 p.m. Saturday, August 15: *Minyan* Group *Bet*.

Friday, 8/21	-	Shabbat Services:
		7:30 p.m "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
		8:30 p.m. – Service
		Candle Lighting 7:28 p.m.
Saturday, 8/22	1.1-	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
		Bar Mitzvah: Michael DiFazio
Sunday, 8/23	1	<u>Rosh Hodesh Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.</u>
Friday, 8/28	· · ·	Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
		☆ Anniversary Blessings for August
		Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:17 p.m.
Saturday, 8/29	-	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
		Bat Mitzvah: Lizabeth Goldstein
Friday, 9/4		Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
		Story: "God's Love Song"
		✿ Birthday Blessings for September; Candle Lighting 7:06 p.m.
Saturday, 9/5	21.0	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
		Bar Mitzvah: Daniel Sprechman
Monday, 9/7		Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.
		Bar Mitzvah: Seth Berkowicz
Friday, 9/11	· .	Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
		Sermon: "Nechama: God's Promise for the New Year"
		Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist; Candle Lighting 6:54 p.m.
Saturday, 9/12		Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
		B'nai Mitzvah: Kenneth Midoneck and Eva Mizrachi
	-	SELICHOT SERVICE - 10:00 p.m.
		Evening Program will begin at 8:00 p.m.; refreshments served at 9:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, continued...

Friday, 9/18	1-10	Shabbat Services:
		7:30 p.m "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
		8:30 p.m. – Service
		Sermon: "For God's Sake, Turn Around!"
		Candle Lighting 6:42 p.m.
Saturday, 9/19		Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
		B'nai Mitzvah: Avery Ellis and Andrew Leimbach
Sunday, 9/20	-	8:00 p.m. – ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE**
		Candle Lighting 6:41 p.m.
Monday, 9/21		ROSH HASHANAH DAY I
		Morning Services; consult your ticket for service time.**
		2:30 p.m Children's Service**
		4:00 p.m Tashlich Service, at Lake Topanemus in Freehold (Weather Permitting)
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Tuesday, 9/22		ROSH HASHANAH DAY II
		10:00 a.m Morning Service**
		Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shira Stern
		(2:30 p.m Rain Date for <i>Tashlich</i> Service)
Friday, 9/25		Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m., at Temple Rodeph Torah;
		Shabbat Shuva Discussion
		Anniversary Blessings for September
		Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 6:31 p.m.
Saturday, 9/26	-	Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m Minyan Group Bet.
Tuesday, 9/29	-	8:00 p.m. – EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE / KOL NIDRE**
		Candle Lighting 6:29 p.m.
Wednesday, 9/30	8 E	YOM KIPPUR DAY
		Morning Services; consult your ticket for service time.**
		2:30 p.m Children's Service**
		4:00 p.m Afternoon Service**
		5:00 p.m Yiskor (Memorial) Service**
		6:00 p.m Neilah (Concluding) Service**

There will be two of each Morning Service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; please attend at the time shown on your tickets, as you will not be admitted at other times.

** - All Services Marked with '**' Will Be Held at the Marlboro High School, on Route 79. All other services and programs are held at the Temple.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For our first Voluntee: of the Year contest we had two nominees, Janet Caruso and Jo-Ellen Landesman. It was such a tough decision for the Board to pick only one that they decided to declare both nominees winners!

Janet, as chair of the Caring Community, shows that she knows the meaning of caring. She makes home and hospital visits to those in need. No matter how busy she is, Janet always finds the time to help all those who ask her for help. Janet alwo is involved with our Social Justice Committee and helps out at local food pantries and at Jewish Family and Children's Services. Janet organized the Shabbat Dinner for the Wicker Church, and a Passover Seder with seniors in Deal. Janet always has a smile and a kind word for everybody and sets a fine example for us with her selfless attitude.

Jo-Ellen single-handedly revived the concept of a TRT Nursery School. She had to contact numerous governmental agencies (DYFS, Fire Department, Building Inspectors, etc.) to ascertain that our building met the legal standards and requirements to host a nursery school. Then Jo-Ellen spent hours on the phone talking with other nursery schools in the area, finding out how they operate and applying what she learned to getting it done at TRT. Jo-Ellen has worked tirelessly for the last year on this one project. At the June Congregational meeting it was voted to approve the opening of a nursery school in September. Now Jo-Ellen's work has really just begun.

I would like to thank all those who wrote in to nominate our two candidates this year. Our two winners received their Certificates of Appreciation at the June 12 Shabbat service. They have shown they know the meaning of *menchlikeit*. As such, we are all winners, since Janet and Jo-Ellen are committed and dedicated members of our community.

I look forward to next year's contest and hope we get flooded with nominations. Tough decisions like this one are a pleasure to make. Unsung heroes are everywhere; we just need you to help us find them and then we can "sing" their praises. Please think about whom you will nominate next year when we announce the 1999 contest.

From my family to yours, L'Shana Tovah. May your new year be healthy and sweet.

Randy Cranin

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Who are the people making decisions for us all at TRT? Are they any different than you or me? Find yourself in their stories. This month we meet Rachel Pachter and Larry Silverman.

RACHEL PACHTER resides in Morganville with her husband, Erik, and her son, Ira. The Pachters have lived in Morganville for the past 11 years and have been members of TRT since they moved here from New York. Rachel's husband Erik is a Resource Executive for I.C. Isaacs. His work takes him all over the world and Rachel travels with him whenever she can. They have been fortunate enough to travel all over Europe and Asia, including China, Thailand and the Philippines. Their son, Ira, is a Junior at Rutgers University.

Despite the opportunity to travel, Rachel's life is very hectic. She spends much of her time caring for her two aging parents and working for the temple, and she also belongs to Second Generation, a group for children of Holocaust survivors. When asked why she volunteers her time at TRT, Rachel said "It's my therapy. I'm

grateful for the moral, social, and emotional support the temple provides me. Being at the temple takes me to a safe place. Although I question God a lot, I still feel more peace being here than not being here."

Being a Board member is a way that Rachel feels she can contribute positively to the temple. "The best thing about being a Board member is that I know what's going on at TRT and I learned how a temple survives. Sitting in on Board meetings gives you a different view of how things have to be done to keep the temple operational. On the negative side, it's hard to listen to people who complain, and yet they won't volunteer their help or take advantage of any of the programs or events that we offer."Rachel's advice for her fellow congregants is to get involved. "Meet your temple. Make the effort so your children can see what it takes to be part of something and can learn from it."

LARRY SILVERMAN lives in Old Bridge with his wife, Robin, and their two children, Gregory and David. They have been living in Old Bridge for the past 12 years. Larry grew up in Manhattan and met Robin, who grew up in Maryland, on vacation in Club Med. Larry and his family have been members of TRT for six years.

Larry is the Deputy Budget Director for United Jewish Appeal/Federation and commutes into Manhattan. Robin is an attorney and works for the NY State Mental Hygiene Legal Services. In their spare time (what there is of it), Larry and Robin like to bowl and are on TRT's bowling league. Actually, bowling is an activity the whole family enjoys; Gregory and David are also avid bowlers. Other interests that Larry pursues are listening to classical music and reading sci-fi novels.

Larry is on TRT's Executive Board as Treasurer. He is also Chairman of the Finance Committee and Robin is active in *Horaiynu*. Like most of us today, the Silvermans are always busy running somewhere or doing something. When asked why he volunteers at the temple, Larry responded that without volunteers there would be no temple. "It's not a big corporation with a huge staff. I'll give as much as I can and hopefully other people will get involved, too. It's also more likely that my children will be involved in the temple if I'm involved."

To Larry, the best part of being on the Board is the feeling of making a contribution and being part of a community, particularly when the people in the community respond to you personally in your time of need. The hardest part of being on the Board is the amount of time it takes and being forced, at times, to make choices between family and the temple. "It's hard sometimes when I want to sit down and have dinner with the family but have to run out to attend a meeting."Larry's advice for other congregants is to get involved as much as you can. "Even the most modest thing is helpful. Sometimes it is frustrating and sometimes it is challenging, but it is always rewarding to see that you can make a contribution."

EDUCATION

Shalom! I would like to welcome our many new students, and welcome back all returning students to our religious school. It has been a long and quiet summer at the temple and I am anxiously awaiting the sounds of hundreds of footsteps roaming down the corridors and the sound of learning taking place in the classrooms. I certainly hope that the uncertainty and confusion that a new situation might bring will be short-lived, and that all students will sense the love and caring we offer at our school and temple.

Parents, we encourage you to be in touch with us. You are invited to share your concerns and certainly your praise. Please, always remember that your child's well-being and comfort is most important to us. I am looking forward to meeting all of you at our Parents' Orientation on Sunday, September 27, 1998, at 11:00 a.m., in the

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Sanctuary. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents while sipping a cup of coffee and enjoying a nosh. I would like to wish all of you a sweet and healthy new year. L'Shana Tova Tikataivu V'Techataimu.

	Edna Coleman, RJE
Dates to remember:	
First day for grades K	- 3 - Sunday, September 13, 1998.
First day for 4th & 7th	grades - Wednesday, September 9, 1998.
First day for 5th & 6th	grades - Thursday, September 10, 1998.
First day for Preschool	- Sunday, September 27, 1998 (Preschool parents, please join us for a short orientation, from 9:00 a.m 9:15 a.m.)
Parents' Orientation	- Sunday, September 27, 1998, 11:00 a.m.
1998/1999 Schedule	
Preschool	Sunday, 9:00 a.m 10:40 a.m.
Kindergarten	Sunday, 10:50 a.m 12:35 p.m.
Grade 1	Sunday, 10:50 a.m 12:35 p.m.
Grade 2	Sunday, 9:00 a.m 10:40 a.m.
Grade 3	Sunday, 10:50 a.m 12:35 p.m.
Grade 4	Sunday, 9:00 a.m 10:40 a.m., and Wednesday, 4:30 p.m 6:20 p.m.
Grade 5	Tuesday, 4:30 p.m 6:20 p.m., and Thursday, 4:30 p.m 6:20 p.m.
Grade 6	Tuesday, 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m., and Thursday, 6:30 p.m 7:50 p.m.
Grade 7	Monday, 4:30 p.m 6:20 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.
Grades 8, 9, 10	Monday, 7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.

HORAIYNU

Welcome back! *Horaiynu* (our PTO) is looking forward to a great year. We have many fun and exciting events planned...BUT we can always add a new one, so don't be shy!

Keep your eyes open for the new Gold C book, class photos, and Dad's Night Out just to name a few. We will be busy in the Religious School for all the holidays, too. Apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah, latkes and donuts for Hanukkah, hamentashen for Purim, seders at Passover — the list goes on and on.

If you would like to be involved in the Religious School as a class parent, want to help out from time to time, or would like to run an event, please call me. The more people that get involved the more fun and rewarding it is for everyone. *Horaiynu* affords you the opportunity to meet other parents and grandparents, make new friends, and help our teachers. Have fun and get hands-on experience with Hebrew education at TRT.

Elaine Safchik, 577-1348

SISTERHOOD

Welcome to all our new TRT families. Joining Sisterhood is an easy way for our female members to meet other women. Getting involved with Sisterhood is not only a way to make friends, but helps to make your temple affiliation more meaningful. We enrich our temple community through educational programs, hold fundraisers to support temple projects such as *Chai Five*, and generally have a lot of fun together! Our Judaica shop offers a wide variety of gift items, as well as B'nai Mitzvah needs, so keep us in mind when you're looking for that special item. We look forward to meeting you all at our Sisterhood brunch that will be held in October. Join us! We wish all our temple family a very happy and healthy Rosh Hashanah.

Ellen Levine and Debbie Heitner

CHAI-FIVE PROJECT

We are pleased to report that as of mid-June we have \$155,780 in pledges toward our goal of \$350,000. We hope that the rest of the congregation will consider participating in the temple's expansion project.

We would like to thank the following families who have pledged at the Chai level:

Cindi and Richard Kaplin Rachel and Erik Pachter Josephine Paltin and Dale Skran Barbara and Hal Sprechman

In addition, we would like to thank the congregants who have made other pledges toward the Chai Five expansion project:

Ronit and Sam Litwack

We know that everybody in Temple Rodeph Torah looks forward to the day when there is room in our Sanctuary for all our guests, when there is a place for our *B'nai Mitzvah* tutors to work with our students, and when we have the space to allow us to consider adding a cantor to our staff. Only with everyone's participation in this project can we make these positive changes for our congregation.

If you would like to make a pledge, please contact one of the *Chai Five* chairs. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sheryl Cooper 972-0152 Randy Cranin 409-2489 Ellen Finkelstein 972-8624

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food drives, soup kitchens, and clothing drives are some of the things that we do with your help. We are now planning the Social Justice program for the year. If you would like to help with one of our projects please come to our next meeting, on September 14, at 8:30 p.m., in the Library. If you cannot make it, but are interested in joining us, please give me a call. We hope that you will join us in at least one project.

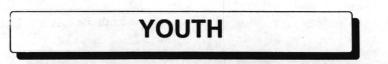
Last year we started a monthly visit to help a soup kitchen in New Brunswick. We plan to continue doing it again this year. We are setting up a training program at a women's shelter. We will visit people living in nursing homes. Please join us and help expand our programs to help others. We promise you will feel that you can make a difference.

I would like to give a special thank-you to the temple members who worked on Sunday, June 28, to restore a home for a needy family here in Marlboro: Bruce, Sheryl and Jon Cooper, Neal, Ellen and Jill Finkelstein,

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Steve and Michelle Konigsberg (on the day after Michelle's Bat Mitzvah!), Annette Rudnick and Bob Kay, JoAnn Silkes, Mary and Paige Singer, Rabbis Shira Stern and Don Weber, Ari and Eytan Weber.

Ed Russin



The summer is over just like that, isn't it? Boy was it hot? Or did it rain much? Or did we get a lot of snow?

It's hard to believe that when I am writing all this, none of it has happened yet. Kind of like a flashback, I suppose. By now, the RTSY pilgrims are back from Israel (and Prague), Kutz, Harlem and Urban Mitzvah Corps, with tons of stories to tell, (and even more that they can never truly explain. Like myself, I hope you are all ready for a great year of programs and new experiences.

Right now, (late June) I am busy putting together the fall calendar for both the JYG and RTSY. Trips that are being planned for this year include: paint ball, Dorney Park, New Hope PA, Liberty Science Center, The Meadowlands, skiing, ice skating, camping, as well as state-wide and national conventions for the SYG. The trips are going to be amazing this year. Of course, you won't know that, unless you join.

I am not going to give all of the information to you now, but an orientation is being planned for both the JYG (grades 7 & 8) and RTSY (grades 9-12) during the first few weeks of religious school. A mailing will inform you of that date, separately.

The calendar is ready. Trips are planned. Events will happen. Will this be the year that you become active in the youth programs at Temple Rodeph Torah? I hope so.

See you at the first event,

B'shalom, Ross Bear

PS: You can find membership forms for both the JYG and for RTSY in this bulletin!

I am happy to announce the members of the 1998-1999 Executive Board of RTSY:

President: Jon Cooper '99 Programming: Jill Finkelstein '01 Religious and Cultural: Rachel Tabakman '99 Membership: Evan Perlman '01 Social Action: Jenna Shapiro '01 NFTY GER REP: Vanessa Sherman '99 Publicity: Scott Epstein '00 Treasurer: Ilyssa Berg '99 Upper Class Rep: Chad Goutter '00

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FINANCE

Money Mavens? NOT!! You do not need an MBA, CPA, or JD to join the Finance Committee. Just an inquisitive mind and a pledge to devote a few hours a month of your time. The Finance Committee prepares the temple budget, oversees its books, and deals with special projects such as insurance. We touch all areas of the temple — from dues to the Religious School. Interested? Call me at 290-1475.

Larry Silverman



It is the responsibility of the Yahrzeit Committee to keep the Yahrzeit database up to date, furnish the list of yahrzeits for the Newsletter, and provide the list of our loved ones for Shabbat announcements. If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me by phone or e-mail. My phone number is 409-2489, and my e-mail address is Zimra@injersey.com. It is my honor to assist our temple in this manner.

Linda Cranin

Viewpoint: Other Opinions

Have you ever noticed, when you go to the movies, how the vast majority of those around you sit glued to their seats even through a 3-hour epic like "Titanic"? And isn't it annoying when someone sitting near you whispers non-stop, or when someone getting up for popcorn or to use the bathroom interferes with your view? It really goes against good movie etiquette to disturb those around you or to interfere with someone's enjoyment of the movie. We know how to act in the movie theater and expect, even demand, the same from those around us.

I wish the same etiquette that we follow at the movie theater could be shown at our Bar and Bat Mitzvah services. Is there some reason that we can't sit quietly for 2 hours and concentrate on the service? If you've had to be an usher at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah service during the past year, or worse yet a Board member responsible for crowd control, you will know what I am talking about.

The problem at our services is not that one person needs to get up and leave, or that one person whispers nonstop. The problem is that way too many people treat our services like a revolving door social hour. As we start a new year of Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations, and strive to meet religious school requirements, let's keep in mind that we could extend at least as much etiquette at our services on Saturday morning as we do in the theater on Saturday night.

Una Tedoff, Newsletter Editor

(Share your views. Guest columnists welcome. All appropriate material will be given consideration. Comments, suggestions, feedback? Drop me a line or e-mail me at kdtedoff@worldnet.att.net)



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 7/31-8/1Parashat Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22Summary by JoAnn SilkesThis portion is the beginning of Deuteronomy. It begins Moses' recap of the Israelites' journey. This
includes God's promise of giving them the land, and a restatement of the division of the Israelites into
manageable subgroups. He gives an accounting of the Israelites' disobeying God, then overtaking
certain peoples under God's guidance and protection.

Shabbat 8/7-8 Parashat Ve'etchanan, Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 Summary by Steven Silkes Moses asks God about going into the land over the Jordan River. God responds by telling Moses to speak of this matter no more. God speaks of preparing Joshua and the Jewish people to inherit the land. In doing so, God tells the people to obey the laws that God has given them; they shall not add or subtract from these laws. Moses then recounts the revelation at Sinai.

Shabbat 8/14-15 Parashat Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Summary by Maxine Perlman God tells the people what will happen if they observe the commandments and laws of the Torah: most important, God will maintain the covenant that was made with our ancestors. God will make the people and their livestock fruitful and healthy, and will protect the people while they dislodge those nations who worship other gods from the land promised to us. God cautions them not to forget the commandments when they are prosperous, so God will not be provoked to anger against them as happened in the desert. "Love, therefore, Adonai your God, and always keep God's charge, God's laws, God's rules and God's commandments."

Shabbat 8/21-22 Parashat Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 Summary by Bonnie Sugarman God provides instructions for the Israelites as to how to live their lives once they take possession of Canaan. These rules include destroying the Canaanite idols and their sites of worship, and establishing their own temples only in God's specified places. There is strict prohibition against following prophets of other gods. and even if it is a relative, you are required to put such a person to death, along with his converts, their possessions and their livestock. There are laws regarding the animals that may and may not be eaten (later to be the basis of *kashrut*), as well as rules concerning the remission of debts, prohibition on extending loans to other Israelites, and giving to the needy. Finally, there are instructions for observance of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Shabbat 8/28-29 Parashat Shofetim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Summary by Ken Tedoff This Torah portion consists of three main themes—justice within the community, election of a King, and behavior during wartime. Its two lesser themes are the coming of a prophet and making a sacrifice for an unresolved murder. A few of the main points are as follows: in relation to justice we should not bear false witness against someone; it takes at least two witnesses to convict a person of a transgression; we should protect a person who accidentally kills but not one who purposely kills; and we should abide by the decision of a judge on any matter put before him. In relation to picking a King it states that the King should be of our brethren, should commit his life to study, and should not consider himself above the community. Before going to war with someone we should offer peace. If we must go to war we should not kill women and children nor destroy the countryside that could provide for us. We should not take the ways of those we conquer but stay true to our laws.

TORAH TODAY, continued...

Shabbat 9/4-5 Parashat Ki Tetze, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Summary by Peter Sugarman

This section contains a series of diverse laws intended to impose a moral fabric on the Jewish society, so Israel may be a worthy people for God and deserve their special status as God's people. For example, laws cover topics including a disloyal and defiant child, burial of a criminal, marriage and sexual behavior, physical hygiene, and helping the weak. Other laws try to preserve the intent of creation by avoiding unnatural mixes, such as a man wearing a woman's clothing.

Shabbat 9/11-12 Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Summary by Gloria and Ed Russin

Prior to the Israelites entering the promised land, Moses reminds the Israelites of how God guided them through 40 years in the wilderness; and of the covenant that they entered into with God. Moses tells the Israelites that they will prosper as long as they observe all of the commandments and laws given to them by God. Should they not observe God's commandments they will suffer many curses and ultimately be destroyed.

Shabbat 9/18-19 Parashat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Summary by Myrna Kluger

All Israelites—men, women and children—have entered into the Covenant with God. It is not too difficult for anyone to understand. If you follow the commandments in the Torah, you will prosper. If you choose not to, there will be plagues, misfortune and disease. The Torah says "Choose life."

Shabbat 9/25-26 Parashat Vayelech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30 Summary by Eric Rosenstock

Moses tells the Israelites he cannot cross the Jordan, since he would die soon. Joshua will lead them and God would wipe out nations in their path.

God foresees that the Israelites would abandon the Torah's teachings and evils would befall them. Therefore, God tells Moses to teach the Israelites a poem so they will remember what would happen if they stray.

NEWS AND NOTES

BOARD NOTES

Actions taken at the May 20th and June 17th Congregational Meetings:

- 1. Slate of nominations for the 1998/1998 Board of Directors was accepted as proposed.
- 2. Authorization to buy new air conditioner compressor up to \$2500.

3. Take \$2350 from Building Maintenance Fund to start the Nursery School. Any profits and donations up to this amount will be put back in this fund to replenish it.

Actions taken by the Board of Directors:

1. New Newsletter ad rates as of May 21, 1998 are: Business-\$150; ¹/₄ page-\$225; ¹/₂ page- \$400; full page-\$700; one time only-\$250. This is a yearly rate. There is a 10% discount for members in good standing.

- 2. Volunteers of the Year will be Janet Caruso and Jo-Ellen Landesman.
- 3. High Holiday ticket ads will run for five weeks.
- 4. Nursery School Fund has been established.

NEWS AND NOTES, continued...

SELICHOT AND TASHLICH: SPECIAL NEW YEAR RITUALS

On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, the formal process of "returning" begins with a beautiful, mystical service called *Selichot*. At this service we first hear the prayers of the High Holidays and the sound of the shofar, as we begin to direct our thoughts and actions toward making the New Year better than last year.

Our Selichot service will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12; due to the late hour of the service, coffee and cake will be served *before* the service, at 9:30 p.m. The service lasts less than one hour; since there is no school the following day, it is most appropriate to bring the children!

Then, on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Jews share in the ritual of *Tashlich*. We are instructed to go to a river or spring, preferably one with fish in it, and recite special prayers for forgiveness. We recall God's promise of forgiveness, "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea, and may You cast all the sins of Your people, the House of Israel, into a place where they shall be no more remembered or visited or ever come to mind."

Tashlich is accompanied by emptying one's pockets of bread crumbs, and casting them into the water — symbolic of our casting off our sins and beginning the new year afresh.

Our *Tashlich* ceremony will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Rosh Hashanah Day: Monday, September 21, at Lake Topanemus on Pond Road in Freehold. If it is raining that day, we will go the next afternoon, on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Everyone is welcome to participate, and by all means, bring the children. And bread.

WILL YOU BE AWAY FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS?

As members of Temple Rodeph Torah, you are entitled to complimentary High Holiday tickets at any Reform congregation which is over 100 miles from your home. However, arrangements *must* be made in advance.

Whether you will be in Florida, California or even overseas, there is a Reform congregation waiting to welcome you and share the New Year. Please call the temple office as soon as possible, to make arrangements for tickets.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT FOR HIGH HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Each year, we purchase decorative baskets for the front of our temporary sanctuary at the Marlboro High School. The Worship Committee and Board of Directors respectfully suggest that individuals wishing to share their celebration of the New Year in a beautiful way consider making a contribution toward the purchase of these baskets.

Contributions may be made by sending your check to the temple, indicating that it is "For the High Holiday Decorations." Your help is most appreciated.

COME EAT IN OUR SUKKAH

The Torah commands us to "dwell" in the sukkah during the week of Sukkot. If you do not build a sukkah of your own (why not? It is not very difficult!) then please accept our invitation to have a meal in the temple's. The temple sukkah is open all week (how would we close it?) and is lit every night. A table and chairs are provided, and decorations are courtesy of our Religious School students.

We do not accept reservations, so you may find others there when you arrive. Say hello, introduce yourselves, and share a meal with another branch of your temple family!



SHARE YOUR SIMCHAS WITH THE HUNGRY

MAZON, the Jewish Response to Hunger, offers a special way for families to celebrate their *simchas* and add meaning to their celebrations. The organization encourages all Jews to contribute 3% of the cost of their parties and receptions, with the money going to provide food for the hungry in America and throughout the world.

To those families who wish to participate, MAZON provides table cards for the party. The cards, which are about the size of a business card, say "We are pleased to share our good fortune with MAZON, a Jewish Response to Hunger," and include a Hebrew blessing. They have been used in many celebrations with considerable pride, and with a very positive response from guests.

We believe a contribution to MAZON serves to enhance and deepen the meaning of this *simcha* in your family's life. Your checks can be sent to MAZON, 12401 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA 90025. To receive table cards for your reception, see Rabbi Weber.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS (AND OTHERS)

If you have a child away at college, or living somewhere other than your home, please give us their address! We try to keep in touch with our whole temple family by sending them this Newsletter and other items throughout the year. Please call the temple office with their address and phone number.

TRANSPORTATION/CARPOOL ASSISTANCE NEEDED

I would like to join an existing carpool, start a new one, or pay someone to transport my child to and from 4th grade Hebrew school classes (Sundays at 9:10 and 10:40; Wednesdays at 4:30 and 6:20). I live near Route 520 and Tennent Road. Please call me at 617-1475 if you are interested. Thank you.

Vivian Feinstein

OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS PRACTICE TZEDAKA

At each session of our Religious School, for children and for adults, we collect money for *Keren Ami* — "the fund for our people." The money we collect each year is distributed to Jewish charities around the world, in amounts decided upon by the students themselves.

August/September 1998

During the 1997-8 school year, our students contributed a total of 3,731 for this fund — a tremendous accomplishment! Based on their votes, the money has been sent to the following worthy organizations (beginning with the ones which will receive the most):

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger Project Ezra Habitat for Humanity, Freehold Hadassah Yad Sarah B'nai B'rith Hillel NFTY-NJ Urban Mitzvah Corps Miriam's Dream Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Eldridge Street Synagogue Restoration Association of Reform Zionists of America Jewish Braille Institute American Red Magen David for Israel Foundation for the Righteous Gentiles Concern for Helping Animals in Israel National Yiddish Book Center

We are proud of our students' understanding of the importance of *tzedaka*, and we commend them and their families for supporting these wonderful causes.

For information about any of these organizations, please feel free to contact Rabbi Weber or Edna Coleman.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Marc Goldberg, on his marriage to Ms. Nicole Chase

- to Ryan Schubert, son of Warren and Iris, on his engagement to Ms. Leslie Bear; Leslie is the sister of Ross Bear, our Youth Advisor
- to Steven Fox, Karen Warner Fox, Alexandra and Brandon, on the birth of Brianna Mackenzie Fox to Gloria Russin, on her promotion to Assistant Vice President of Merrill, Lynch
- to Rebecca Neufeld, daughter of Dan and Heidi, on receiving the Lahava Award for Jewish Achievement from the Brownies, presented to her at our Shabbat Service in June
- to Sharon Aptaker, who received the KEVA award for Adult Education in June, and whose name was inadvertently omitted from the June newsletter

to the members of Temple Rodeph Torah who graduated High School this June: Matthew Aptaker, son of Jeff & Sharon, attending George Washington University Marisa Berhang, daughter of Charles & Vicki, attending Towson State University Randi Brown, daughter of David Brown, attending New York University Shanna Cooper, daughter of Neil & Helene, attending Penn State University Tara Derris, daughter of Sandy & Randye Derris, attending Towson State University Rachel Finkelstein, daughter of Neal & Ellen, attending Tufts University Shari Forman, daughter of Carl & Arlene, attending Indiana University Elizabeth Gleich, daughter of Stuart & Debby, attending Rider University Chad Kaplan. son of Ira & Helene, attending Brookdale College Seth Kaufman, son of Artie & Ruth, attending Brookdale College Evelyn Konigsberg, daughter of Steve & Belinda Marc Korman, son of Steve & Lois Korman Brad Pack, son of Stuart & Susan, attending Penn State University Lauren Rafaloff, daughter of Gary & Bobbi, attending Towson State University Jennifer Reinking, daughter of Richard & Sharon, attending College of New Jersey Rachel Robby, daughter of Michael & Fran, attending Brookdale College Josh Safchik, son of David & Ellie, attending University of Maryland Heather Spett. daughter of Kenneth & Lori, attending Brookdale College Alex Weissman, son of Larry & Stephanie, attending Brookdale College Aaron Witlin, son of Richard Witlin & Bess Goldenberg, attending Franklin & Marshall

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CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV, continued...

to Andrew Baron, son of Susan and Bruce Baron, on being named to the Dean's List at West Chester University

to Sean Gorman, son of Marion Gorman, who was ordained as a rabbi this spring. to the Adult Education students who completed the past year's courses:

Responsa:		
Jeff Aptaker	Sheryl Cooper #	Steve Konigsberg
Sharon Aptaker	Linda Cranin #	JoAnn Silkes
Ted Block	Randy Cranin #	Marjorie Stevens
Bruce Cooper	Ellen Finkelstein *	Bonnie Sugarman
Jonathan Cooper	Neal Finkelstein	

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Intermediate Hebrew: Barry Kaye * Andrea Block Linda Cranin # Randy Cranin * Randye Derris Ellen Finkelstein * Neal Finkelstein # Steve Konigsberg

Pia Cyrulnik Edward Katz Bill Ludlum Susan Meyerberg

Fran Cohen Ed Katz *

Beginning Cooking - A Mini-Course: Sheri Binder Arlene Forman

* = Perfect Attendance

= One Absence

(See later in this Newsletter for Adult Education Enrollment for the Fall)

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Alvin, Abbe, Robert and Taylor Lustgarten, on the death of Alvin's mother, Lillian Lustgarten to Isobel and Jerry Miller, on the death of Isobel's father, Alfred Zurom to Steve, Laurie, Liza and Adam Kaufman, on the death of Steve's grandmother, Eva Kaufman to Phil, Debbie, Richard and Meredith Ross, on the death of Phil's father, Sidney Ross to Steve and Belinda Konigsberg, on the death of their friend, Ruth Schneider to Barbara, Mallory and Cori Tucker, on the death of Barbara's father, Aaron Beloff to Ira, Robin and Vanessa Sherman, on the death of Ira's mother, Ida Sherman

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

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Maxine Perlman Fran Robby Eric Rosenstock Steve Silkes Peter Sugarman

Josephine Paltin Beverly Wilpon

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Laurie Kaufman *

We invite you to share a special moment in our lives when our son, מיכאל מוביה — Michael Todd, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 22, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Ingrid and Anthony DiFazio

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to share this special day with us as our daughter, Lizabeth Alexandra, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 29, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Please joun us for the *oneg* following services.

Ann and Sandy Goldstein

We invite you to share our happiness and joy on September 5, 1998 when our son, Daniel Adam, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Barbara and Hal Sprechman

On this very special day in our lives, we invite you to share in our *simcha* and join us when our son, Seth Brian, is called to the Torab as a Bar Mitzvah on Monday, September 7, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Marta and Fabio Berkowicz

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to share the special moment in our lives when our son, Kenneth Charles, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 12, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Melody and Robert Midoneck

In our lives we are given a few special moments to hold in our hearts forever. We invite you to share in our joy as our daughter, Eva Michelle, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 12, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Doreen and Richard Mizrachi

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to join us when our son, Avery, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 19, 1998, at 10 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Pasha and Steve Ellis

Please join us and share in our *simcha* when our son, Andrew Thomas, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 19, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. We would be honored to have you celebrate with us at the *oneg* following services.

Joan and Fred Leimbach

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Pat Rogove, for the yahrzeit of George Vogt

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The Forman Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Konigsberg

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Donna and Len Chazanoff, with gratitude to Rich Herzog for his beautiful singing at the wedding of Hilary Chazanoff to Jason Appel

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in honor of Bruce Cooper on achieving the Keva Award

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Sheryl, Bruce and Jon Cooper, in appreciation of a great year of Adult Education

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in honor of Rachel Finkelstein on her graduation from Marlboro High School

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Our Special Thanks to the Following People:

to Ted Block, for his donation of the beautiful covers which adorn our new prayerbooks, and for all his work to set up the gold logo on the front of each cover. They are beautiful, and we appreciate your help!

to Pia Cyrulnik, for creating and donating large-print copies of our temple's new *siddur*. We did not have the ability to create this book, yet we truly needed it. For those with visual impairments, this book is a blessing!

to Janet and Paul Goldstein of JANET STUDIOS, for their donation of color portraits of our Confirmation Class, and videotapes of the service for each student. Thank you for the lasting memories!

to Justin Relkin and Rachel Tabakman, who worked so hard as Rabbi Weber's assistants for the past year's seventh grade class. They made it possible for him to keep up to date with the work of over 70 students, and they did it with grace and good humor. Thank you!

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Jeff Grossman Andrea K. Kazin Lewis Wildman Phyllis Krauss Linda Cranin Myrna Kluger

Gerry Newman Susan Berman Rhonda Goodman Lori Spett Lori Spett Sam Strousberg Maxine Herzog Nancy Tsue Craig Link **Ellen** Levine Steven Isaacson **Richard Grossman** Stacey Goldsholle **Bill Rogove** David Shapiro and Renee Shapiro Sindy Weiner **Carolyn Samuels**

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8/1	Joseph Jacobson
8/1	Ida Wolfson
Shabbat Ob	servance 8/7-8/8
8/2	Louis Schleifstein
8/2	David Rosenthal
8/2	Leonard Weintraub
8/4	Yetta Moskowitz
8/4	Paul Norman Posner
8/4	Brian David Kramer *
8/5	Paul Ash *
8/5	Chaim Sellinger
8/5	Anna Rubinowitz
8/6	Bill Feinstein *
8/7	Benjamin Kaufman *
8/7	Stanley Brachfeld
8/8	Carl Lytle
Shabbat Ob	servance 8/14-8/15
8/9	Leo Grossman
8/9	Barnett Abrams
8/9	Milton Wildman
8/10	Mollie Goldberg
8/10	Orin L. Rogers *
8/14	Lillian Gavenman *
Shabbat Ob	servance 8/21-8/22
8/16	Florence Newman
8/16	Irving Samuelson *
8/16	Henry Bernstein
8/16	Ethel Brody
8/17	Samuel Brody
8/17	Saul Strousberg
8/18	Louis Magazine
8/18	Edward Stubbs
8/18	Philip Katz
8/19	Shirley Zeltzer
8/19	Audra Sue Isaacson
8/19	Charles Grossman *
8/19	Sheila Appel
8/20	Dora Rosenkranz
8/20	Nettie Litwak *
8/22	Jack Sundel
8/22	Esther Jacobson

Shabbat Observance 8/28-8/29

8/23	Selma Futterman
8/23	Mildred Engleman

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DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
Shabbat Ob	servance 5/28-8/29, continued	
8/23	Esther Lehrer	Arthur, Jessica and Dat
8/23	Scott Joseph Kadis *	Steffi Weissman
8/24	Dorothy Link	Craig Link
8/24	Eileen Mullen	Andrea Block
8/25	Michael Prager *	Leonard Prager
8/28	Morris Abraham Leifer *	Ceil Leifer and Susan I
8/28	Jack Becker	Roslyn Rosenblum
8/28	Ellis Lustig	Marsha Gross
8/28	Milter Kadis *	Steffi Weissman
8/28	Dawn Kucera	Fran and Marc Cohen
8/29	Esther Newman	Gerry Newman
Shabbat Ob	oservance 9/4-9/5	
8/31	Diana Fireman	William Fireman
8/31	Saul Lipman	David Lipman
9/1	Gela Janover	Gail Davis
9/1	Baruch Viesel	Gail Davis
9/1	Seymour Ringel *	Susan Ringel, Temple
9/1	Irene 1 azarus	Marcia Borshof
9/1	Leo Maslow	Irene Ash
9/2	Evelyn Ruth Konigsberg	Steven Konigsberg
9/2	Henry Dercher	Aron Dercher
9/2	Jesse Kamholz	Susan Pack
9/2	Seymour Hilowitz	Andrew Hilowitz
9/4	Max Sprechman	Hal Sprechman
9/4	Lenora Arnold	Kati Radman
9/4	Michael Murphy	Una Tedoff
9/4	Ruth Cohen	Sharon Katzanek
9/4	Mary Ann Lukow *	Linda Weinberg
9/5	Sylvia Chazanoff	Leonard Chazanoff
9/5	Hert at Tedoff	Kenneth Tedoff
9/5	Samuel Mautner	Phyllis Porter
Shabbat O	bservance 9/11-9/12	
9/6	Stanley Schwartz *	Ginny Kotler
9/7	Betty Kurland	Gail Friedman
9/8	Martha Nemerov *	Randy Cranin
9/8	Michael Behar	Barbara Chamoff
9/9	Minnie Rosenberg *	Sheri Binder
9/9	Edgar Hirsch	Jon Hirsch
9/9	Lester Porter	Craig Porter
9/10	Rose Perl	Ellen Levine
9/10	Israe! "Babe" Gendel *	Lisa Abramson
9/11	Deborah Susan Pfaeffle	Jeff Stevens
9/11	Alex aul Kargman	Judith Borell
9/11	Abrehan Quint *	Michael Quint
9/12	Lillian Shames *	Anita Prager
9/12	Thedia C. Lytle	Linda Cranin
9/12	Andre Shimone Greenhouse	Cliff and Maria Green

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Shabbat O	bservance 9/18-9/19	
9/13	Ida Gross *	Rı
9/13	Kenneth Gelfand	M
9/14	Harry Moskowitz	Bo
9/15	Martha Stubbs	Na
9/16	Roy Agulnick	Br
9/16	Henry Hegyi	To
9/16	Bella Ash *	Jo
9/16	Harry Borell	M
9/17	Jacob Cohen *	Ec
9/17	Rose Zipkin	Ja
9/17	Michael Spiegel	M
9/18	Ella Rosenfeld	Ra
9/18	Barry Berkowitz	El
9/19	Avram Shimon Kitay	М
Shabbat O	bservance 9/25-9/26	
9/20	Anna Auerbach	Ro
9/21	Joan Baron	Br
9/21	Esther Prager *	Le
9/22	Rebecca Shmilovich	Jo
9/22	Jennie Eterno *	Lo
9/23	Nathan Madan	Ira
9/23	Sam Borell	М
9/24	Robert Forman *	Ca
9/24	Sarah Greenberg	Ba
9/26	Lita Selsky *	Ge
Shabbat O	bservance 10/2-10/3	
9/27	Sid Sklar	A
9/28	Tillie Ancel Rosenblum	He
9/28	Rachel Wajngold	Da
9/28	Violet Tenenzapf *	De
9/28	Elaine Steinhardt	Jil
9/29	Lillian Zaitz *	Je

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REMEMBERED BY

Ruth Kaufman Maxine Liebers Bonnie Sugarman Nancy Tsue Bruce Agulnick Tom Hegyi Joseph Ash Martin Borell Ed Falk Jack Zipkin Mitch Spiegel Randy Cranin Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper Marlene Shapiro

Roy Auerbach Bruce Baron Leonard Prager Josephine Paltin Loretta Shapiro Ira Madan Martin Borell Carl Forman and Enid Brown ⁹⁷ Barry Greenberg Gerald Selsky

Arlene Goldberg Herman Rosenblum David Wajngold Donna Chazanoff Jill Niederman Jed Zaitz Irwin Misshula Lois Korman

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

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



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We are looking foward to enhancing young children's academic and creative education





Temple Rodeph Torah

September 1998



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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day 10:00 AM Service: Bar Mitzvah of Seth Berkowicz	8:30 PM Sisterhood Board			8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Ken- neth Midoneck & Eva Mizrachi; Minyan Bet 8:00 PM Erev Selichot - Evening Program & Service
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	8:30 PM Social Justice Committee		8:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting		7:30 PM Young People's Shabbat 8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Avery Ellis & Andrew Leimbach; Minyan Aleph
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Temple Rodeph Torah

October 1998



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EREV SUKKOT 8:00 PM Erev Sukkot Service	SUKKOT DAY I OFFICE CLOSED - No Religious School		8:30 PM Education Committee	8:10 PM Adult Ed Jewish Living	8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Gary Braun & Derel Jacobs; Minyan Bet
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EREV SIMCHAT TORAH 12:30 PM Sukkah Promenade 7:00 PM Consecration Service 8:00 PM Simchat Torah Service	SIMCHAT TORAH DAY OFFICE CLOSED - No Religious School	8:30 PM Sisterhood Board		8:10 PM Adult Ed History of Modern Israel	7:30 PM Young People's Shabbat 8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Justin Schlossberg & Ian Tornberg; Minyan Aleph
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		8:30 PM Adult Ed Beginning Hebrew	8:30 PM Congregatio- nal Meeting9:00 PM Board of Directors' Meeting	8:10 PM Adult Ed Jewish Living	8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Matthew Dorfman & Brodee Ponzo; Minyan Bet
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
7:00 PM Candidates' Night		8:30 PM Adult Ed Beginning Hebrew 8:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting		8:10 PM Adult Ed History of Modern Israel	8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Adam Aptaker & Douglas Leibowitz; Minyan Aleph

Advance-Planning Calendar; See October's Newsletter for Details.

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TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM 5759 (1998-9)

>Note: **BEGINNING COURSES** require <u>no background whatsoever</u>; anything you know about the subject is wonderful, but not necessary. Don't feel you don't know enough to join-that is why these courses are given!

Whether you grew up in a Jewish environment in which questions were not encouraged, or you don't remember the things you were taught a hundred years ago, or you never had any Jewish education whatsoever, this class is for you. If you want to learn more about how Jews live, and how we mark the important days and times in our lives, you've come to the right place!

We will begin with the cycle of the Jewish year: Shabbat, holidays and ordinary days (which really do not exist, if you look at them correctly!). Then we will proceed to the Jewish life cycle: birth, *brit* for boys and girls, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, wedding, divorce (not a required stop on the journey, but Jewish nonetheless), and death. Our learning will be supplemented with "field trips" where appropriate.

Members: No fee. Non-Members: \$100. The texts cost approximately \$25, but you may have some of them at home; books may be ordered at the first class. Classes will meet on alternate <u>Thursday</u> evenings, from 8:10 to 10:00 p.m., beginning October 8.

DEGINNING LEVEL: BEGINNING HEBREW - Ms. Felicia Abramowitz

A gentle, non-threatening introduction to reading Hebrew, with emphasis on the Hebrew of the prayerbook. Students will begin *at the beginning*—learning the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. By the end of the year, given a modest investment of time for practice, students will be able to read from the prayerbook. This fulfills the Hebrew requirement for Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Texts: Alef-Bet La-matchilim, Ktav Publishing; Bechol Levavcha, UAHC.

Members: \$75. Non-Members: \$100. Books cost approximately \$20. Classes will meet <u>every Tuesday</u> <u>evening</u>, from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m., beginning in mid-October. A minimum of 10 participants is required for this course to be held.

* BEGINNING LEVEL: JEWISH HOLIDAY COOKING - Ms. Carol Zaitz

Challah, mandelbread, rugelach, matzo ball soup, knish, kasha varnishka, potato latke with homemade applesauce or one of your favorite family holiday recipes you've always wanted to try... We will make one or two of these specialties in one class period so you can enjoy it that evening. No frozen, canned or prepared items are used. Everything is easy and fun with no sophisticated equipment needed. Get ready for your next Shabbat or holiday with one of your own creations adapted to your particular dietary needs and tastes.

Classes will meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. \$60 per person, 8 sessions.

Intermediate-Level Course Descriptions and Registration Form are on the Back.

TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth ADULT EDUCATION COURSES, 5759

☆ INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: THE HISTORY OF MODERN ISRAEL: FROM HERZL TO THE PRESENT - Rabbi Don Weber

Israel today is a complex being: a combination of ancient tradition, modern class struggle and a poster child for the wisdom of America's separation of Church and State.

Why do Israelis act the way they do? Why is "Israeli politics" an oxymoron? What do Labor and Likud stand for, and how did Bibi Netanyahu get elected as Prime Minister? Most important: why should American Reform Jews care one way or another about Israel's life and fortune? We will *attempt* to answer all these questions, by learning about Israel's road to freedom and the roads which lie ahead.

While no standards of previous knowledge are set for this course, those with a basic understanding of Jewish history will benefit most. There will be reading assignments which will illustrate each class; try to plan 30 minutes for study per week. Contact Rabbi Weber if you have any questions.

Members: No fee. Non-Members: \$100. The text costs approximately \$35, and may be ordered on the form below. Classes will meet on alternate <u>Thursday</u> evenings, from 8:10 to 10:00 p.m., beginning October 15.

☆ INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: CONTINUING HEBREW - Ms. Felicia Abramowitz

For those who have learned the basic skills of reading the Hebrew *aleph-bet* and sounding out words, this course will focus on fluency in reading and increased understanding of the texts. The *siddur* will be used as the basic resource, allowing participants to become more familiar with the prayers of our weekly and High Holiday services.

Text: Temple Rodeph Torah's siddur, plus other materials.

Members: \$75. Non-Members: \$100. Texts will cost approximately \$15. Classes will meet <u>every</u> <u>Tuesday evening</u>, from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m., beginning in February; this will be a continuation of the first semester, beginning class. mid-October. A minimum of 8 participants is required for this course.

TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, 5759 (1998-9) COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me/us for the following course(s):

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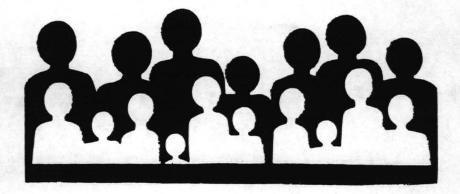
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Please order books for the following course(s) for me (no books will be ordered without your signature!):

Signed:

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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



Temple Rodeph Torah of Western Monmouth

Your family is invited to participate in TRT's Annual Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card.

A specially designed New Year's card will be sent to the entire congregation.

To have your family send a greeting to all your temple friends at once is a unique opportunity and a precedent we look forward to annually.

For those wishing to have their family listed inside the card, the cost is only "CHAI" (\$18.00).

Listing should be one line with family names only. Examples:

- 1) Mr. & Mrs. M. Smith and Family
- 2) Max, Andrea, Steve and Barry Smith
- 3) Gloria & Max Smith and Sons

Yes, I would like to participate. Enclosed is my \$18.00 donation. My listing should read:

Return by August 24th to: Temple Rodeph Torah, P.O.Box 125, Marlboro, N.J. 07746

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Jewish Family & Children's Service NEEDS YOU To be a partner in helping our elderly by Volunteering to deliver Kosher Meals-on-Wheels. PLEASE CALL Susan Diamond at 774-6886 for more information about this Important Volunteer Opportunity TO INQUIRE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY TO Receive a home delivered meal CALL Amy Dorfman at 774-6886

Sending Jewish New Year cards is a nice way to show you care. TRT Sisterhood is selling New Year cards that you would proudly send everywhere. Women of Reform Judaism published the cards, and Marta Hauer is its designer. The cards are very elegant. You won't find many that are finer. The New Year greeting is inscribed in both English and Hebrew. At \$10 per box of ten, they are a great value! Quantities are limited, so place your orders now, please. You can call Pam Brisman at 303-1443 if there are any inquiries.

Jewish New Year Cards Order Form

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I would like to order _____ boxes at \$10.00 per box. I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ to cover the total cost of the cards.

Name

Phone

Please make checks payable to TRT Sisterhood. Send order form and payment to Pam Brisman, 12 Topaz Drive, Freehold, N.J. 07728. You will be contacted as soon as the cards arrive.



Attention Internet Users!!!

TRT is putting together our first directory of e-mail addresses.

We will be using them to get timely information to congregants and for FYIs.

If you would like to be added to the list, please e-mail Danielle Shanes at DaniRae104@aol.com.

As with our regular temple directory, we will not be giving these addresses to anyone who does not belong to the temple.

Temple Rodeph Torah of Western Monmouth MEMORIAL BOOK

The High Holy Days are a time for contemplation and prayer, a time for reflecting on our actions during the past year and for examining our feelings and our hopes for the coming year - a time for repentance and atonement. One of the strongest feelings we experience at this time, especially during Yom Kippur, is that of memory - the memory of those loved ones who have meant so much to us.

The Yiskor Memorial Service is a time to remember our loved ones - a binding together of the generations. We remember what they have done for us and consider what we can do in their honor.

Each year, we print a Memorial Book in which we provide space for congregants to remember their loved ones. We urge you to all participate in the Memorial Book.

In order to meet our printing deadline for the Book of Life, the information below and your check must be received no later than <u>September 1st.</u>

MAIL TO: TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH, P.O. BOX 125, MARLBORO, NJ 07746

Memorial Donation

Name of Loved Ones to be remembered: (Please Print)

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

Remembered by:

DONATION: \$10 per name

This form can be used to update your family Yahrzeit information.

Name of Deceased

English Date of Death*

Relationship

*If you want your *Yahrzeit* remembered by the Hebrew Calendar, you must add whether the death occurred before or after sundown.

PLANNING TO BUILD A SUKKAH? Need more information? Call Rabbi Weber at 308-0055



To be a host at TRT's 2nd Annual Sukkah Promenade, October 11th, all you need to do is call Andrea Block at 536-4647

> or Cathy Karmiller at 972-3522

Each host will provide a light nosh, drink, or sweet, coordinated through us.

Call today and have your family join the fun with our families!

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Does it matter if your funeral home is independent & locally owned?

Lt should. At most corporately-owned firms, costs are substantially higher...than the local independent firms, and the large corporations have begun to buy funeral homes right here in our area. At Mount Sinai, we are proud to be independent and locally owned. We believe that <u>every family</u> we serve should receive the same careful and efficient professional service, at a fair and reasonable cost We know that compared to the corporate-owned firms, our costs are substantially less, and our services are far superior. We guarantee it..



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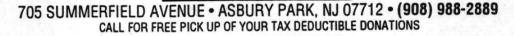
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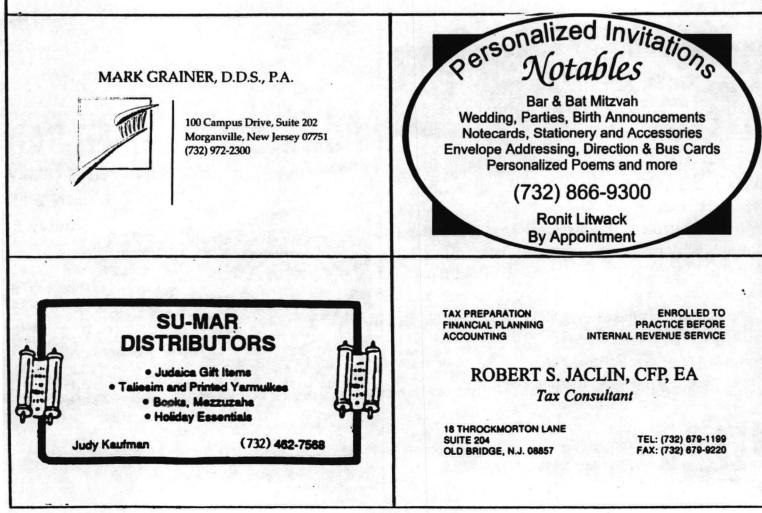
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It, the Union, does many things for us that no individual or small group of congregations could do for themselves.

It links us with other Reform congregations in our area and in North America. Together we find new and effective ways to improve our Temple.

It provides valuable tools and materials about everything from social action programs to synagogue management, from attracting new members to youth programming, from outreach to dues structure.

It provides mechanisms through which we may access our Movement's rabbis, educators, and administrators when we need to hire new staff or get information.

It is responsible for many of the books and curricula we use in our religious school, as well as for a wealth of books, tapes, and videos about Judaism in the synagogue and Judaism in our homes.

It created and now funds the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. through which the collective voice of Reform Jews is heard on issues of conscience.

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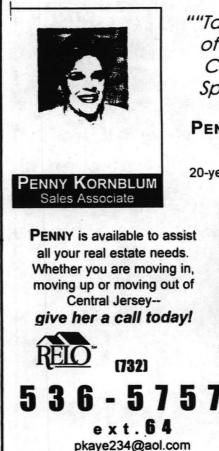
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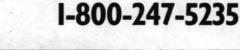


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