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## FROM RABBI WEBER

**L**ast month, I wrote about the beliefs and practices which differentiate us from our Christian neighbors. This month, I want to talk about the similarities which bind us together, and I hope to encourage you to learn more about them for yourself.

I do not believe that everyone should follow one religion, any more than I believe that everyone sees God in the same way. In my view of the world, there is not only *room* for other religions, but there is a *need*: God gives each of us a task, and only when we each do what God commands us will we reach a perfect world. I know there are those who believe that "a perfect world" is one in which everyone does the same thing and believes the same thing, but I do not agree. First of all, there is *nothing* in the world which speaks of uniformity. God's greatest creations are all examples of amazing diversity, from the millions of species which inhabit the world to the multicolored blaze of autumn foliage right here in our own community. Second, a world in which everyone thought and acted the same would be too boring to endure! Better a world in which each of us recognizes the truth, the importance and the beauty of the other's work. Together we can work for a world of peace.

So, how do we go about recognizing the truth, the importance and the beauty of other religions' work? At Rodeph Torah, one way is through our annual "exchange" with the Wicker Memorial Baptist Church, in Morganville. Every year, we invite the members of Wicker to join us for a Shabbat evening service, and every year our members are invited to come to Wicker for a Sunday morning service. We have a great time whenever we go there, and as we stand around afterward, everyone who has participated wonders aloud about how we can get more of our members to share in this superb experience. This article is my attempt to get you to join us this year.

Oh, I know: you don't feel comfortable going into a church. You won't know anyone there. You won't know the songs, or even if you are supposed to sing them. I really *do* know how you feel, because it was not easy for me to go the first time, either — and they are not going to ask *you* to sit in front! Please believe me when I say that the members of Wicker could not possibly work harder to make us feel comfortable, and if you go, you will relax, you will learn, and you will enjoy yourself more than you can imagine.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED  
"10 PRINCIPLES OF REFORM" —  
January 8 and 15**

**NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION —  
January 10**

**NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME —  
January 15**

**8th and 9th GRADE CONCLAVE —  
January 22-24**

**UAHC SPIRITUALITY KALLAH IN  
SPRING VALLEY, NY — January 23**

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT  
— January 29**

**LITERACY CHALLENGE  
DISCUSSION — January 31**

**HOLD THE DATE: SUNDAY MORN-  
ING AT THE WICKER CHURCH —  
February 21**

(continued...)

First of all, no one will make you pray anything you do not want to pray. In fact, the only thing that is difficult for me is *not* singing some of the songs which mention Jesus, because when the members of Wicker sing, they really *sing*! They have a piano, drums, an electric bass, an organ and both an adult and children's choir which will knock your socks off. They truly make the place rock, and unless you are completely unconscious you will find it irresistible. In addition, their choir has always made the effort to learn a Hebrew song in honor of our visit; it is touching, and heartwarming, to hear them sing *Heveinu Shalom Aleichem*, and I will never forget the look on the faces of the choir members when the Rodeph Torah people began to sing along!

Reverend Pickett, Wicker's Pastor for the past year and a half, is a wonderful, spiritual man. When I say that he *gets into* his preaching, you will have to take my word for it until you see for yourself. I have heard people say that I am animated when I give a sermon, but believe me, you ain't seen nothing yet. I understand that he shortens his sermons when we come to visit; Wicker members tell me he is good for an hour or more on a regular Sunday. (Last year, we were discussing the reaction at TRT if I gave a one-hour sermon; consensus was that, one way or another, it would never happen again.) But do not let this scare you off; he is a riveting speaker, and the (much shorter) sermon will fly by.

Finally, this is an opportunity to meet other members of our community, to see how they pray and how they speak with each other. It is more valuable than a dozen lectures on "comparative religion," and more meaningful than magazine articles or PBS documentaries. No one will try to convert you, no one will insult or demean you, and no one will make you feel uncomfortable. I promise that a morning spent at Wicker will leave you with wonderful feelings, with a song in your heart, and with a genuine understanding of the truth, the importance and the beauty of this Christian denomination.

So bring yourself, your family (my kids *love* going!) and an open mind, and join us on Sunday morning, February 21st, at the Wicker Memorial Baptist Church. In the words of the rabbis, "*lech ul'mad*" — "go and learn."

Shalom,  
Rabbi Don Weber

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

Floyd and Michelle Bookbinder

Bill Grainer, who grew up in TRT and has now joined on his own!

*Reminder to All Who Accepted the Jewish Literacy Challenge:*

*We will meet on Sunday, January 31, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to  
discuss*

*As A Driven Leaf.*

*Bagels, coffee and juice will be provided. See you then!*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 1/1 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
 Story: "Shabbat During School Vacations"  
 ☆ Birthday Blessings for January; Candle Lighting 4:21 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/2 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
- Friday, 1/8 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
**Discussion of "The 10 Principles of Reform Judaism," Part I**  
 Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:28 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/9 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.  
 B'nai Mitzvah: Michael Schwartz and Jennifer Spritzer
- Friday, 1/15 - Shabbat Services:  
 7:30 p.m. – "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
 8:30 p.m. – Service, **New Members' Welcome**  
**Discussion of "The 10 Principles of Reform Judaism," Part II**  
 Candle Lighting 4:35 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/16 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.  
 Bar Mitzvah: Jeff Frommer
- Friday, 1/22 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.  
 Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:43 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/23 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
- Friday, 1/29 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.  
**SERVICE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY OUR SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
 ☆ Anniversary Blessings for January; Candle Lighting 4:52 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/30 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.  
 Bar Mitzvah: Jared Hirsch



*Please remember:*

*Shabbat is a day of rest for all of us, including the people who volunteer their time to help the temple.*

*Please do not make business calls to temple members from Friday evening through Saturday evening, and please do not discuss temple business when you see our volunteers at services. Thank you!*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was with great trepidation that I spoke to the congregation on Erev Yom Kippur and on the following morning. I don't make my living by public speaking. In fact, it terrifies me. I have been assured that most people experience the same fears. That assurance did not help.

The fact that I would be asking for money didn't help either. Nonetheless, I pushed myself into writing something that I thought was pertinent, thought-provoking, and applicable to our congregation. We have always had a problem with paying for Special Circumstances. It was not even discussed at the Board level until a few years ago, when one of my predecessors recommended bringing the budget line into the open. All that was left was to find a source of funding.

I believe we have done that. The President's Appeal at Yom Kippur has been directed to helping pay the synagogue bills for those who are unable to pay their own way. We have already received more than last year — more than we budgeted for, in fact. It was very noticeable that many of you responded to my request to increase your pledge by a notch on the pledge card. If you haven't pledged yet, you may still do so. Please call the temple office at 308-0055 for assistance.

Thank you very much.

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 **Karen Goldstein** and **Bill Fireman**.

**Karen Goldstein** lives in Howell with her husband, Larry, and their son, Jay. The Goldsteins have lived in Howell for the past six years. Prior to that, they spent ten years living in Freehold. Although Karen grew up in the Bronx and Rockland Counties, Larry hails from Hightstown, New Jersey. The Goldsteins have been members of the temple for almost six years.

Karen has an M.A. in Clinical Psychology and works as a Mental Health Counselor for the Horizon South Program of Memorial Medical Center, where she works with their chronic psychiatric population. Larry has a Doctorate in Education and teaches Junior English at Matawan High School. The Goldsteins enjoy tennis, bowling, bridge, reading, and going to the movies. Jay, a 6th grade student at Lakewood Prep, is working toward a Black Belt in karate. Karen is the Membership Chairperson for TRT and has been involved with the Membership Committee for the past four years. Larry has recently joined the Education Committee and taught Hebrew High School in the late 1980's.

When asked why she joined the Board, Karen intimated that it was a way she could give something back to the temple. "We get so much out of belonging here, from Jay's Hebrew school education to the rabbi's wonderful Adult Education classes. I also joined the Board because I did not feel as attuned to what was going on in the temple as I wanted to be." Karen feels it is a way to contribute and learn at the same time. The toughest part of being on the Board is making some of the harder decisions, especially those involving money matters. "Some of the financial aspects are difficult for me as that is not my background. I am also learning to disagree with people in a way that we can still work together." The best thing about being a Board member is working with

these particular members of the Board. "It is also exciting and stimulating to help figure out where the temple is going and growing to, and to be part of bringing it into the year 2000 and beyond." Karen has a message for other temple members. "My family travels 30 minutes to get to TRT. We do not come here because it is convenient for us. We really enjoy attending services and participating here. Read the Newsletter and mailings and find something you like. There are many levels of involvement. Pick one and come and have fun."

**Bill Fireman** resides in Marlboro with his wife, Ilene, their twin sons, Jonathan and Michael, and a miniature schnauzer named Licorice. Bill, a native of Brooklyn, and Ilene, a native of Sharon, Massachusetts, met in New York City when both lived there. They have been living in Marlboro since June of 1987. The Firemans have been members of TRT for eight years.

Bill is a lawyer and works in Manhattan for the law firm Weitz and Luxenberg. Ilene is a Learning Disabilities Consultant and works for the East Brunswick Board of Education. Bill is a big time Broadway musical theater fan, has been going to musicals for years, and owns many original cast CD's going back to the original production of "Oklahoma" in 1943. When not listening to Broadway musicals he enjoys spending time traveling with his family. Bill is presently a member of the Social Justice Committee, and was chairman of that committee for three years. He recently was the coordinator of "Candidates Night," and is the temple's liaison with the Wicker Church. Ilene is a member of the Education Committee. Jonathan and Michael are freshmen at Marlboro High School, where Jonathan is a member of the band. Both are currently enrolled in TRT's Hebrew High School.

When asked why he joined the Board, Bill admitted to joining the temple initially so his sons could get a Jewish education, even though he himself had not attended services for quite some time. Bill had never before been part of a Reform congregation, but found that it offered him a religious life that felt comfortable. He likes being involved in temple activities and finds being on the Board a good way to be an active participant. For Bill, the hardest part is long, late-night meetings. "Commuting takes up three hours of my day. It can be particularly frustrating when meetings drag on for no real purpose and I'm exhausted." The best part of being a Board member is working with people he likes. "I've become very friendly with quite a few people on the Board and really enjoy working with them." Bill also views it as a learning process. "I attended two UAHC seminars recently and found it rewarding to relate what we do here at TRT to other congregations and to learn from them what they are doing." Bill's advice to other TRT members is to get involved. "A large portion of our membership is inert. There is enough going on here for every member to find something to interest him or her. It would benefit us all if more people would get involved."

## EDUCATION

Our sages said, אל תפרוש מן הצבור — "Do not separate yourself from the community" (*Avot* 2.4). What does this mean to you and me? Is it to belong to organizations? Vote during elections? Become a member of a synagogue? No. It means — as I have experienced during this difficult year and with the recent passing of my husband, Marty — that as I give to it, it gives immeasurably to me.

Eighteen years ago, when my youngest son, Glen, became a Bar Mitzvah, some of my friends thought it time to resign from our temple in Aberdeen. "Our children received their Jewish education," they said. Marty and I knew to choose differently. We could not "separate ourselves from the community." Three years later, Glen was confirmed. Again, more of our friends resigned from the temple saying, "Investing in a vacation is more attractive than paying temple dues." Two years later, Glen graduated Hebrew High School. Again, friends "left the community."

Retaining membership in our temple was the best investment we made as a Jewish family. We received so much in return. As our children developed a strong Jewish identity, so, too, did Marty and I. We made lifelong friends that grew into an extended family. Together, we celebrated the blossoming of our children and mourned the passing of our parents, children, and other loved ones. Never did I imagine that what I offered the community would be returned tenfold during Marty's illness. Bringing food into the hospitals and rehabilitation centers; driving Marty to a doctor while I worked; bringing a Shabbat meal to our home and joining us; staying with Marty for hours on end, in the hospital and at home; and on and on. To my fortune, TRT has also become my temple and Rabbi Weber has become my rabbi. How fortunate I am to have two communities.

And then, on November 5th, my soul mate, my dearest friend, my beloved Marty, passed away. A part of me died with him. It was painful. I was frightened and I needed all the love and support I could get. My dearest friends at TRT, I discovered holiness among you. I felt God within you. With the hundreds of you who came to share my sorrow. With dozens upon dozens of donations in memory of Marty, which are still received daily. With the many meals, fruits, and sweets, which you have sent through my door. With your endless pouring of love. With you, the frightened student, who overcame your fear and came to Marty's funeral, or made a *shiva* call. Yes, I felt God within you.

"Thank you" is too ordinary to convey my deepest feelings. I will say to each one of you — the rabbi, the teachers, the members, and the students — you have all touched my heart and helped ease my sorrow. Marty need not fear that he left me alone. I am blessed to be part of you, my friends. And may God always reside in you.

"Do not separate yourself from the community." I am blessed to be part of your community.

*B'veracha,*  
Edna Coleman

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Monday, 1/11	<i>Morehhsha</i> 2nd semester begins. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Temple Shalom (Buses pick up at 6:30 p.m. at TRT)
Sunday, 1/17	Professional Growth Day for teachers. No Religious School.
Friday-Sunday, 1/22-24	8th, 9th grade retreat at Camp Kutz.
Sunday, 1/24	Mrs. Cohen's 4th Grade, 1st hour, service, 10:15 a.m. Parents, please join us.
Tuesday, 1/26	Mrs. Abramowitz' 6th grade service, 8:00 p.m. Parents, please join us.

## NURSERY SCHOOL

We are off to a wonderful start. Our 2½ year-old super students have adjusted well to the back-to-school routine. Our teachers, Ellen Pearlman, Sheila Sokoloff, and Jill Friedgood, have welcomed the children with lots of hugs and everyone is feeling comfy cozy. Some of the highlights have been apple painting, Sukkot making, an "All About Me" book, and a visit from Rabbi Weber.

Our Mommy and Me classes are having a great time as well. Everyone loves finger painting, circle time, bubbles, and playing in our playground. We are all looking forward to more fun and learning throughout the year.

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**NURSERY SCHOOL, continued...**

Birthday wishes to our fall birthday students: Harry Goldstein, Mark Rinder, Jenna Weisbart, Juliana Schreiber, Juliana Lotenzetti, Carly Gugig, and Erica Weinman.

Please note that we still do have some openings in our classes. We will also be holding registration sometime early this month for the following September 1999 programs: Mommy and Me, 2½ year-old half-day, 3½ year-old half-day, and 4 year-old mini-day. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who might be interested, do not hesitate to contact me.

Jo-Ellen Landesman, 577-9045

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Please remember to bring your cold weather items (hats, gloves, mittens, etc.) to the Mitzvah Crib this month. We collected a large number of toys for Hanukkah. These toys were brought to Jewish Family Services. At the November 22nd food drive, we collected the largest amount of food ever, from all the supermarket food drives we have ever conducted. For the first time we were able to collect frozen items, like turkeys. We collected over 70 turkeys which were delivered to the Monmouth County Food Bank.

Well, we did it! Two projects on the same day! On November 29th we had a food drive to aid Central America and helped out in a soup kitchen.

At the food drive, we collected over 2000 pounds of food. However, we were informed the next day, by the International Red Cross, that they can not send any more food to Central America. The ports are congested with food shipments. The large quantities of food from around the world, and the damage to the roads and bridges, have forced the countries to stop accepting food shipments at this time. They have no idea of when they will be able to accept future food deliveries. Based on the information we have at this time, we are boxing the food collected and sending the food to the Monmouth Food Bank, rather than have it sit around. The food will be put to good use there. The Monmouth Food Bank gives food to the local food pantries in Monmouth and Ocean counties. The Social Justice Committee voted to use some of the Social Justice funds to make a contribution to the Jewish American Joint Distribution Committee, which monies will be used for Central American relief.

For the first time, we helped out at the soup kitchen at St. Augustine in Asbury Park. We will be going to this soup kitchen, as well as the one in New Brunswick, because so many people want to go that one soup kitchen is not enough. Everyone who has gone to the soup kitchen has gone home with a great feeling. If you have never helped at a soup kitchen and would like to, call Geri Kaplan, at 972-8197. You can also get that great feeling!

As you can see, November was a busy month. I will report on the December projects next month. We have started calling people who wanted to help with the coat drive for some of our other projects because we have more people than we need for the coat drive. What a problem! Thanks for all the time you have spent helping. Without your help it would be impossible to have the many, successful projects that we have.

Ed Russin

On November 22nd and November 29th, we had two incredibly successful food drives. Members from our temple stood in front of local supermarkets and asked shoppers to purchase extra food to help feed the hungry in our area and for Central American relief. The generosity of TRT members and the local community at both

drives was overwhelming, far exceeding any expectations. Unfortunately, the system of delivery and distribution to the crisis-ridden region of Central America is currently in a state of suspension and disorganization, subject to forces beyond our control, with no immediate resolution in sight. Thus, the decision was made to reroute our bounty to benefit the needy in our immediate vicinity. The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County was grateful to receive our shipment of over two large van loads, which will be used to feed individuals and families throughout these two counties.

In addition to these drives, a special initiative to collect and distribute frozen turkeys was hastily organized just days before Thanksgiving. In less than a week's time, over six dozen turkeys were collected, aided by the "free turkey" giveaway incentive offered by area supermarkets. Imagine what might have been collected with more time to plan and organize! Maybe next year?! Our special thanks to Marlboro A&P and Marlboro Shoprite for donating freezer space to store the turkeys for a brief time.

Speaking of thanks, it would have been impossible to accomplish either of these acts of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) without the quick and generous response of many TRT members, as well as countless residents of our community. In addition, we are especially appreciative of the extra efforts put forth by the **47 individuals** who worked at the food drives. A special note of thanks to non-member Steve Steinberg of Thrifty Resources, Woodbridge, for donating and delivering cartons.

Beverly Azarchi

## CARING COMMUNITY

I recently had the privilege of attending a volunteer event at CentraState Medical Center. At the meeting, Reverend Lisa Lancaster, the hospital's Chaplain, spoke on the art of communicating with the sick at CentraState. She stated how important it is to be a good listener.

The Caring Community would like to visit the Jewish patients at CentraState and are inviting you to join us. We bring a smile and give out a beautiful booklet entitled *Gates of Healing*. If you have ever been sick, or have had a family member who has been hospitalized, you know how important it is to help your loved one get better through a friendly visit.

What can you do? Pick one:

Visit a TRT family member in a local hospital.

Visit Jewish patients at CentraState for one hour, 4 times a year, with other members.

Visit Jewish patients at CentraState for one hour, 2 times a year, with other members.

Visit Jewish patients at CentraState just one time, because I am not sure if I will be comfortable doing it (you get a special *thank you* just for trying).

We go together in a small group. It is painless and it makes you feel so fulfilled when you walk out. If you have any questions, or if you want to volunteer, please contact me.

Janet Caruso, 536-0001

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee will be hosting a New Members' Orientation on January 10th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the temple. Invitations have been sent out to our newest members. However, if you are still relatively new and were unable to attend one of our orientation meetings in the past, you are welcome to join us that night. Please call me and let me know how many from your family will attend.

Three times a year we hold our New Members' Shabbat service. The next one will be on Friday evening, January 15th. Please join us in prayer as we welcome our new members.

Karen Goldstein, 364-8493

## Viewpoint

When you read this newsletter, look for the request on the bottom of the page where staff and volunteer phone numbers are listed. It is a simple request. It says, *"Please call the temple office if you know of any temple member who is ill, or who has been admitted to the hospital. We want to visit and offer our help, but we cannot help unless we know about them!"* A simple request. Make a phone call and someone will help. Until recently, I had never even noticed that request. I had never called anyone asking for help. We "took care of our own," thank you very much.

That was before this past month of November. What a month! First our daughter, Jessica, needed surgery. She was frightened and wanted to talk to someone she could trust, other than a family member. She decided that person was her rabbi. The night before her surgery, Jessica and Rabbi Weber were on the phone, talking and laughing, and having a grand old time. Considering that Jessica had no plans to sleep that night she was in no hurry to get off the phone and Rabbi Weber did not push her to hang up until she was ready. The next day, the rabbi was with us in the waiting room and was there for Jess when she came out of surgery. When Jessica's doctor came to tell us that her tumor was benign, he looked at Don and my husband, Neil, and said, "You two are brothers, right?" Both men smiled in agreement.

The very next day, Neil went for a procedure. We knew he had a growth but were hoping that with this procedure the doctor would be able to remove it. During the procedure the doctor discovered that Neil was bleeding internally and that the tumor was malignant. Neil had to be taken directly to the hospital for further tests and surgery. After calling my children, the next call I made was to the rabbi — on Shabbat no less! Neil did indeed have cancer and the next ten days were grueling for my family and for me, but there were numerous rays of sunshine through that period — many of them coming from members of our own temple. There were visits from the rabbi to the hospital and to our home, as well as phone calls, cards, and e-mail from other temple members. To our aid came the Caring Community, in the person of Janet Caruso, calling to ask what she could do, driving Brad and Jessica to Hebrew High the night Neil came home from the hospital, and showing up at our door with a complete Shabbat dinner the first Friday night that he was home! I insisted I could do fine without any help, especially without someone providing us with dinner. Yet, it was such a wonderful break from all the stress just to warm up that meal and sit down to eat with my family.

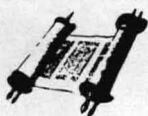
That night when I lit my Shabbat candles, I realized that there are two difficult things to do in life, especially if you are a control freak like me. Number one is to ask for help, and number two is to learn to accept help. That



message on the bottom of the page? It is not there just to fill in space. It is there because these people want you to call just to tell them about someone in need of caring — you don't even have to ask for help.

Helene Kronstadt Cooper

(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](mailto:kdtedoff@worldnet.att.net))



## Torah Today

### *A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion*

**Shabbat 1/9-10**

**Parashat Vayechi, Genesis 47:28-50:26**

**Summary by Jessica Hanan**

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

**Shabbat 1/16-17**

**Parashat Shemot, Exodus 1:1-6:1**

**Summary by Beverly Azarchi**

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

**Shabbat 1/23-24**

**Parashat Va'era, Exodus 6:2-9:35**

**Summary by Lori Spett**

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

**Shabbat 1/6-7**

**Parashat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:26**

**Summary by Bonnie M. Sugarman**

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

**Shabbat 1/13-14**

**Parashat Beshallah, Exodus 13:17-17:16**

**Summary by Cheryl Glasser**

God leads the Israelites out of Egypt. Pharaoh finds out, and goes after them. The Israelites see the Egyptians chasing them and fear for their lives. God instructs Moses to split the sea so the Israelites can cross on dry land; and to turn the bitter water sweet, so they can drink it. God tests the Israelites by providing meat and bread so long as they take enough for one day and not save any. When they disobey, the food becomes infested. On the sixth day, they take double so they have enough for the Sabbath and it doesn't spoil.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### UAHC SPIRITUALITY KALLAH

The annual UAHC Spirituality *Kallah* will take place on Saturday, January 23, 1999, at Temple Beth El in Spring Valley, NY. Entitled "Moses, Myths and Miracles," the *Kallah* will feature a keynote address by HUC-JIR Bible Professor Dr. David Sperling. The day will include a service, Torah study, workshops, meals and song.

The program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is \$25 per person, which includes the program, lunch, all materials and a contribution to MAZON.

To register, or for more information, please call Paul Kaufman at the UAHC New Jersey office, 201-722-9090, extension 201.

### ARE YOU COLLEGE-SHOPPING?

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

This year, our students are at these schools:

Binghamton University	Pratt Institute	University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve	Rider University	University of Rhode Island
Cornell University	Rutgers - Law School (Camden)	University of Rochester
Duke University	Rutgers University	University of South Florida
Emerson College	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Franklin & Marshall	Towson University	Vassar College
George Washington University	Tufts University	West Chester University
Hampshire College	University of Cincinnati	Wharton School of Business
Indiana University	University of Delaware	William Paterson University
New York University	University of Georgia	
Penn State University	University of Maryland	

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

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

You are not alone, but sometimes it feels that way. Caring for a loved one can be stressful and challenging. Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Monmouth County will be running a support group for caregivers. Share your burdens, emotions, experiences, and practical hints with other caregivers. The group will meet for an 8-week period. There will be a nominal fee. For further information contact Kathy Devlin at 774-6886 (Mondays and Fridays), or at 536-0050 (Wednesdays).

### QUALITY PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Reform Movement sponsors a wide range of exciting summer and semester-long programs in Israel for high school and college-age students. These programs are open to all members of Reform congregations throughout the world, and include extensive touring, seminars, archaeological digs, kibbutz life, college credit, and more!

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UAHC/NFTY IN ISRAEL Programs offer unforgettable, creative summers and semesters for young people seeking to explore the miracle of modern Israel. Contact NFTY IN ISRAEL at: (914) 987-6300, or see Rabbi Weber for more information.

### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES THRIFT SHOP**

Jewish Family & Children's Services (JF&CS) operates a Thrift Shop for used furniture, appliances, and decorative items. They depend on donations of these items from members of the community. All proceeds from the sales go to support the JF&CS programs.

Contact the Thrift Shop through Joyce Fisch, at 774-6886. They will arrange to pick up your donations, which are still tax-deductible!

### **WHY YOU SHOULD ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN**

Right now you're reading our temple newsletter. Every day of every month, temple members (and the temple) purchase products and services from non-members when those same products and services are offered by temple members! Why? Because we don't know what business you are in. All things being equal, wouldn't you rather buy from a temple member? So would we! So, let us know who you are and what your product or service is and we'll look forward to doing business with you!

For further information, please contact Ellen Berrol, at 446-6974..

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV**

to Dr. Tom Hegyi, on being named one of the "100 Best Doctors in New Jersey," by *both* New Jersey Magazine and *Best Doctors in America*.

to Neil Cooper, on the publication of the book he co-authored, *Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 Security, Audit and Control*, published by Microsoft Press.

*Do you have a simcha in your family — an engagement, promotion or academic award? Please call the temple office and tell us, so we can tell the world for you!*

### **OUR CONDOLENCES**

to Steve, Cathy, Courtney, Meagan and Eryn Karmiller, on the death of Steve's grandmother, Rose Katz

to Barbara, Hal, Daniel and Lauren Sprechman, on the death of Barbara's uncle, Bill Furlong

to Janet, Larry, Brooke and Megan Caruso, on the death of Janet's aunt, Loretta Arnold

to Melody, Bob, Kenneth and Daniel Midoneck, on the death of Melody's cousin, Brett Jessurun

to Susie and Barry Barber, on the death of Susie's friend, Lynn Lipson

to Donna, Jon, Jessica and Jared Hirsch, on the death of Donna's grandmother, Georgianna Groleau

to Iris, Irwin, Seth and Dana Misshula, on the death of Iris' uncle, Louis Akseizer

to Barbara, Jon, Jason, Michael and Rachel Klein, on the death of Barbara's father, Ely Kushel

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



## *You are Cordially Invited*

We invite our temple members to share in our happiness, and take part in our memories, as our son, Michael Harris, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Robin, Cary, Allyson, and Michael Schwartz

With great love and pride, we invite you to share in our happiness as our daughter, Jennifer Beth, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Meryl and Marc Spritzer

We invite you to share a special moment in our lives when our son, Jared Samuel, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 30, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Donna and Jonathan Hirsch

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **Building Fund**

Gail and Jay Davis, for the *yahrzeits* of Henze Viesel, Moshe Janover and Leah Davidowitz  
David Kaplan, for the *yahrzeit* of Irwin Kaplan  
Nina, Rich, Emily and Pam Grossman, in memory of Theda and Ely Kushel, parents of Barbara Klein

### **Craig Fischer Memorial Fund**

In memory of Theda Kushel, mother of Barbara Klein:

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Pam, Jeff, Alexis and Jared Brisman, with best wishes for the speedy recover of Neil Cooper  
Sheila Aptaker, for the *yahrzeit* of Morris Eisner  
Mitch Gold, for the *yahrzeit* of Jerome Gold

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Helene and Neil Cooper and Family, in appreciation of Janet Caruso who brought "sunshine" to us

**Herzog Cantorial Fund**

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The Cyrulnik-Dercher Family, in appreciation of the beautiful gift Rich Herzog gives to us on the High Holy Days

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for the *yahrzeit* of Milton Trencher

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for the *yahrzeits* of Morris and Clara Shukovsky

Judi and Peter Stern, for the *yahrzeit* of Herbert Smith

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**CONTRIBUTIONS, continued...**

**Religious School Equipment Fund**

In memory of Marty Coleman, husband of Edna Coleman:

TRT Sisterhood

Shelley Gugig and Evan Vitale

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Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Neil Cooper

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Alyse and Gary Gleitman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kalmus

The Sugarman Family, in memory of Charlotte Feld, mother of Nadine Sherman and Ellen Block

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Iris, Irwin, Seth and Dana Misshula, in memory of Louis Akseizer

**Temple Beautification Fund**

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Pat and Bill Rogove

Shelley, Marc, Aliza and Brett Willner

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**Tree of Life Plaques**

Meryl, Marc and Staci Spritzer, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Beth Spritzer



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- ☐ **BUILDING FUND** (For the construction and maintenance of our home)
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- ☐ **LIBRARY FUND** (For the purchase of books for our new Library)
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\* Make checks payable to *TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*; all other funds payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.

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

# Yahrzeits

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
<b>Shabbat Observance 1/1-1/2</b>		
1/1	Haim Goldenberg	Marlene Shapiro
1/1	Stephen T. Jacobs	Henry Levenstein
1/1	David Solomon	Herbert M. Solomon
1/1	Jack Waldman	Ann Goldstein
1/1	Anne Sommer	Gay Klapman
1/2	Michael Marcus	Barbara E. Klein
1/2	Rose Markowitz Nathanson *	Ilene Fireman and Phyllis Levenstein
1/2	Dennis Mack *	Marla Bucher
<b>Shabbat Observance 1/8-1/9</b>		
1/3	Charles M. Goldsmith *	Chuck Kavitsky
1/4	Samuel Selfon *	Mindy Kavitsky
1/4	Abraham William Schenk *	Fran Gottlieb
1/4	The Bolender Family *	Marlene Bolender Shapiro
1/4	Donald Malick *	Myrna Kluger
1/5	Jack Sundelson	Joan Leimbach
1/5	Robert Kahan	David Kahan
1/5	Oscar Feld *	Nadine Sherman and Ellen Block
1/6	Stephen J. Derris *	Sandy Derris
1/6	William Ringer	Arlene Agulnick
1/6	Ruth Pines *	Judy Freilich
1/6	Herbert Hersh	Maureen Herman
1/6	Gussie Nemetz	Sidney Nemetz ז"ל
1/6	Sari Nicole Graber *	Sheryl Harris, Susan and Bruce Baron
1/7	Lester Lazarus Goldberg *	Keith Goldberg
1/7	Samuel Cooper *	Brian Halpern
1/7	Rose Siegel	Andrea Goutter
1/7	David Ebert	Terry Ebert
1/7	Abraham Wolfe	Barbara Sher
1/8	Debra Kreitman	Ilana Silvan
1/9	Abraham Cohen	Marc Cohen
1/9	Jacob Fox	Steven L. Fox
1/9	Edward Botnick	Stephen Botnick
1/9	Morris Korman	Steve Korman
1/9	Joseph Margolies *	Alan Margolies and Bernard Margolies
<b>Shabbat Observance 1/15-1/16</b>		
1/10	Sylvia Madan	Ira Madan
1/10	Jennie Jacobson	Evelyn Reich
1/10	Merle Beatty	Robert Beatty
1/10	Jack Waldman	Ann Goldstein
1/10	Sonya S. Grossman *	Rich Grossman
1/10	Rose Herman	Barry Kaye

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Yahrzeits, continued...

Shabbat Observance 1/15-1/16, continued...

1/11	Ruth Heidt	Maurice Heitt
1/11	Edith Hegyi	Tom Hegyi
1/11	Sam Rubin	Ira Rubin
1/11	Jennie Moskowitz	Josephine Paltin
1/12	Bertha Bienstock	Gloria Russin
1/12	Max Silverman	Larry Silverman
1/12	Edith Brachfeld	Goldie Wein
1/13	Tedi Kenoff	Arlene Agulnick and Ann Rotter
1/13	Mildred Gecht	Deborah Hoffman
1/13	Morris Needle	Robert Needle
1/13	Bessie Perlman	Jessica Kahan
1/14	Abe Brandes	Ronda Binkowitz
1/14	Robert De La Torre	Michelle and Jonathan Cooper
1/15	Herman Leonard Ginsberg	Alan Ginsberg
1/15	Neal Groden	Arthur and Barbara Rosenthal
1/16	Sarah Waldman	Ann Goldstein
1/16	David Dewey Seifter *	Roberta Rafaloff and Shirley Newman ז"ל
1/16	Jack Fireman	William Fireman
1/16	Shelly Kret	Loretta Shapiro

Shabbat Observance 1/22-1/23

1/17	Gerald David Goldsmith *	Chuck Kavitsky
1/18	Dorothy Sherman	Barbara Hirsch
1/18	Philip Lester	Jay Davis
1/19	William Phillips	Barbara Kurnit
1/19	Nettie Douger	Robbin Leibowitz
1/20	Ida Aronowitz	Joan Ruffine
1/20	O. Winslow Owens	Carol W. Zaitz
1/20	Daniel Shephard Goldenberg *	Bess Goldenberg Witlin
1/21	Samuel Gary Giddins	Joan Ruffine
1/22	Simon James Beizer	Suzanne Hershman
1/22	Sally Sundel	Sindy Weiner
1/23	Anna Wotman	Ronda Binkowitz
1/23	Sam Belitsky	Melvin Belitsky
1/23	Harold Jacobson *	Jo-Ellen Landesman

Shabbat Observance 1/29-1/30

1/25	Sarah Waldman	Ann Goldstein
1/25	Samuel Zipkin	Jack Zipkin
1/28	Nathan Singer	Harvey Singer
1/28	Goldie Simon	Esther Nemetz
1/28	Lillian Woodham	Esther Nemetz
1/29	Ruth Berger *	Judy Goldberg and Samuel Berger
1/29	Emanuel Herman	Larry Herman
1/29	Seymour Yockel	Steven Yockel

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**Yahrzeits, continued...**

**Shabbat Observance 1/29-1/30, continued...**

1/29	Ellen Strousberg	Samuel Strousberg
1/29	Sheila Klein	Garry Klein
1/30	Gertrude Blank *	Ellen Zipkin
1/30	Benjamin Kanofsky	Jay Kanofsky

**Shabbat Observance 2/5-2/6**

1/31	Jack Salkin	Karen Goldstein
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**\* Indicates the dedication of a plaque on our Memorial Wall.**



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# Temple Rodeph Torah

January 1999



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**"As a Driven Leaf" Discussion - Sunday, January 31st: Take the Challenge!**



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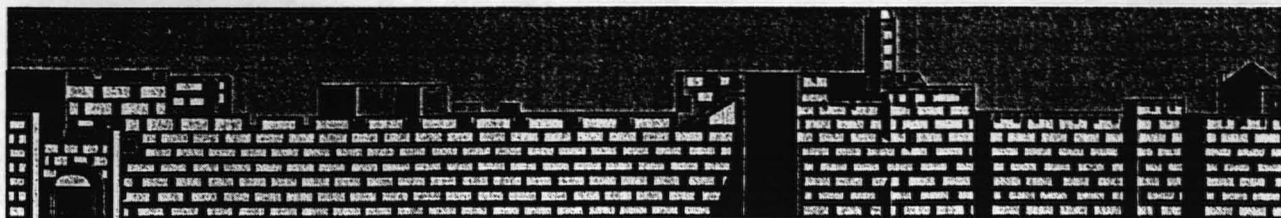
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Advance-Planning Calendar; See February's Newsletter for Details.





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(See the other side of this page for a sample of our itinerary.)*

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# *“Next Year in Jerusalem!”*

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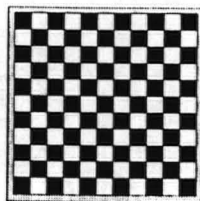
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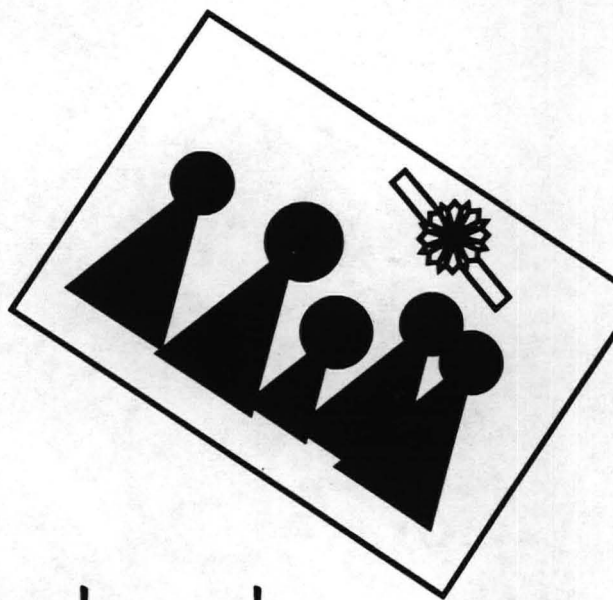
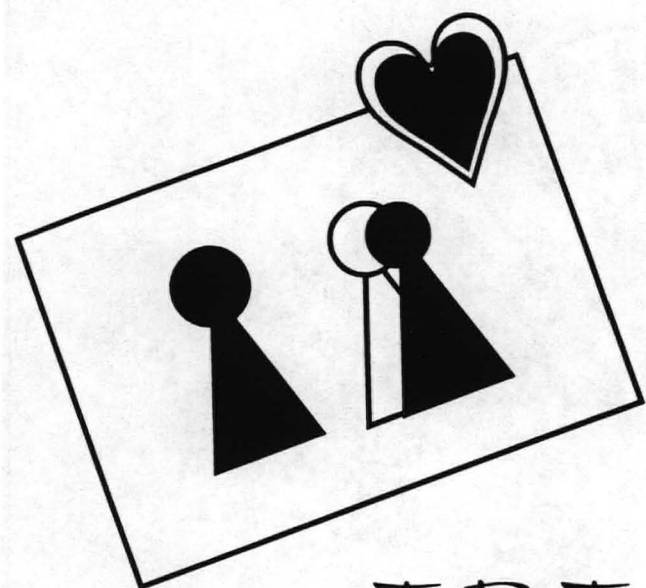






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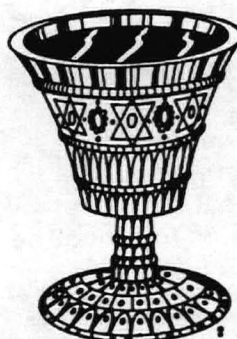
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It links us with other Reform congregations in our area and in North America. Together we find new and effective ways to improve our Temple.

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.

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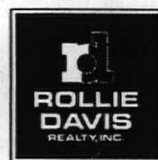


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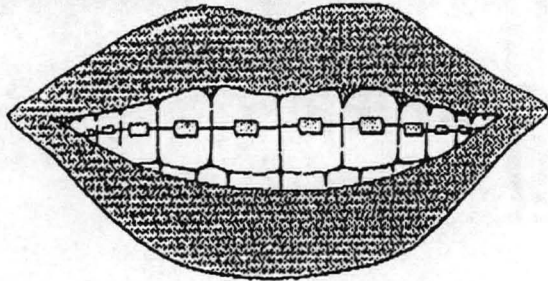
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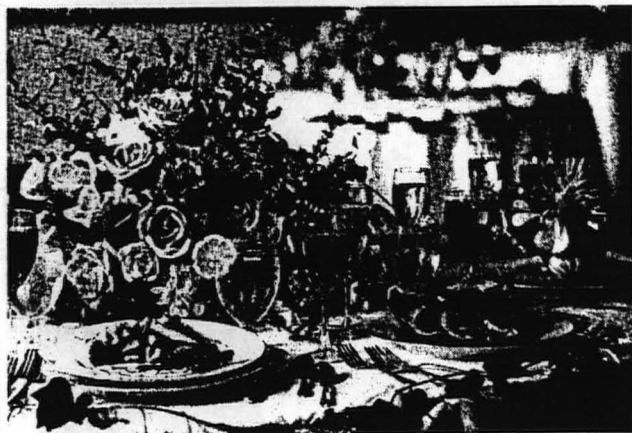
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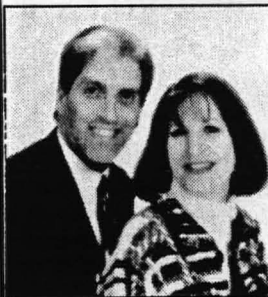
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