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#### FROM RABBI WEBER

Maybe we made a mistake. We could just say, as my children always remind me, that "pobody's nerfect," but that would not teach us anything. I think the best thing we can do is look at what happened, try to understand what (if anything) we did wrong, and then look to the future.

It all began with the Torah. Over and over, Torah reminds us that "the stranger in your midst shall be to you as the native-born, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Knowing how it feels to be turned away, to be ignored, to be persecuted, we Jews have made it our heritage to treat others better than we were treated. And I guess that's where we went wrong this time.

About six years ago, a new church began in our area. The Monmouth Worship Center's early years mirrored ours, as they wandered from one public school to another and searched for a place to build their own home. When their pastor told me that they had no place to meet on Christmas Eve, since the public schools would not be open for them, I asked our Board if we could help.

And help we did. Every Christmas Eve since then, members of our

Board volunteered to open our building and stay there while the Monmouth Worship Center held their services, and every year since then, the Worship Center expressed its thanks for our help.

This year, after many years of "wandering," the Monmouth Worship Center moved into its own home, on Route 79 in Morganville. We wished them well, and congratulated them on their accomplishment. Shortly afterward, the problem started.

Everyone in Morganville — Christian, Jew, Moslem, atheist — began receiving "The Monmouth Messenger," a professionally published newspaper distributed by the Worship Center. When I got one issue I assumed it was a publicity effort to support the church's opening, but I soon found out that everyone in Morganville was now going to be receiving this newspaper every month. Here are a few excerpts from this new arrival in my mailbox:

"The widely held concept that God will make allowances for the rejection of his Son and take a person to Heaven so long as he's sincere in what he believes, is false. When, pray tell, did God decide sincerity is more important than truth?

### SPECIAL EVENTS

THE MEGILLAH ACCORDING TO BROADWAY (Our *PURIM* Celebration!) — March 1

SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS — March 30

PESACH FIRST SEDER - March 31

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We can't have it both ways. If God is a God of truth and the Bible which we have is correct, then the widely held concept that there are many ways to heaven is false...

"Christ didn't say if you're sincere in what you believe your salvation will be assured whether you're a Christian, a Hindu, a Muslim or an atheist. He said, 'He that believeth on the Son (on himself) hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."" (November issue.)

"There are only two classes of people as far as God is concerned: those who are his and those who are not... Jesus Christ came into the world to die for our sins and to win back the love and allegiance of our hearts. Those who say yes to him — who voluntarily embrace him as their Savior and Lord — are his. Those who don't are not. It's similar to getting married. The ones who have said 'I do' are married. The ones who haven't are not...

"Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.' (Matthew 25)" (December issue)

Now, I am not surprised to hear that Christians (at least some Christians) believe this way. Personally, I don't care what they believe; this is a free country. But I was disturbed that they would send this, unsolicited, into *every home in Morganville*, and that, in fact, they do not even allow a way for a family to be removed from their mailing list if they so chose. I thought it was hurtful — hurtful to the individuals singled out for criticism, and hurtful to our community, in which people of many religious traditions live together in peace.

Thinking that we had, over the years, established a level of friendship, I expressed my feelings to Pastor Jasko of the Monmouth Worship Center. He responded, "I feel the presentation is up-front and honest. The reason we have sent it out is that we see part of our mission as a Christian church to spread the Gospel. 'Gospel,' as I am sure you know, means good news, and we want to spread the good news of God's love for us." With that, he refused to stop sending the publication. After another conversation with him — which was less friendly in tone than my letter had been — I was invited to speak to the church's Board of Directors. There I explained, gently but firmly, that while their message was *meant* well, it would not be *taken* well in the community; that their expression of God's love would be heard as condemnation of all who did not agree. I asked them to reconsider, *for the sake of our community*. They refused.

So, where does that leave us? Imagine our temple Board of Directors, voting year after year to open our doors (without charge, of course) to people who feel it is "good news" that we Jews are not God's people. Imagine the Board *members* who gave up an evening off (even Jews don't work on Christmas Eve) to welcome these people who now send us mail telling us that "God's wrath abideth" on us. Imagine...

Did we make a mistake? Despite the result, I say no. We did what was right, and the fact that they have responded so badly does not change the goodness of what we did. I hope the next time someone asks us to help, we will still reach out and help — without remembering the pain of being burned by those whom we helped last time. I hope the next time we are called on to work together as a community, we will not think of those who would divide our community and call us names in our own homes.

I hope we will always remember, both at our seders and in our community, that "we were strangers in the land of Egypt." And I *still* hope that the Monmouth Worship Center will remember the kindness done to them; it's never too late.

> Shalom, and a zisen Pesach, Rabbi Don Weber

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MONDAY, 3/1	1. S. A.	TRT'S ANNUAL PURIM CELEBRATION - 7:30 P.M.
		"THE MEGILLAH ACCORDING TO BROADWAY"
		COME IN COSTUME! PRIZES, FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL!
Friday, 3/5	-	Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
		☆ Birthday Blessings for March; Candle Lighting 5:34 p.m.
Saturday, 3/6		Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
Friday, 3/12	5.	Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
		Sermon: "What Moves our Hearts?"
		Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist; Candle Lighting 5:41 p.m.
Saturday, 3/13	•	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
		B'nai Mitzvah: Judd Abramson and April Katzanek
Friday, 3/19	1.1	Shabbat Services:
		7:30 p.m "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
		8:30 p.m. – Service
		TEACHER APPRECIATION SHABBAT
		Candle Lighting 5:49 p.m.
Saturday, 3/20		Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
		Bat Mitzvah: Traci Lazarowitz
Friday, 3/26		Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.
		Sermon: "Keep the Fire Burning"
		Torah Reader: Barry Kaye
		☆ Anniversary Blessings for March
		Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 5:56 p.m.
Saturday, 3/27	1.1	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minvan Group Bet

B'nai Mitzvah: Andrew Freedman and Joshua Rosenstock

# HAPPY PURIM,

and a Zisen Pesach!

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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!

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#### **Temple Rodeph Torah NEWS**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Committees form the basis for most of what happens at TRT. What does that mean to you? It means that, if you want something done, you need to join the committee that is responsible for that particular job in the synagogue.

There is no "them" at TRT. There is only "us." We are the makeup of TRT. We do not have a large, paid staff. We have a very small staff, actually. Volunteers make up for that.

Our committees are always in need of assistance, especially Worship (the committee formerly known as Ritual), *Horaiynu* (our school's Parent-Teacher auxiliary), and Youth (responsible for overseeing our Youth Group). If you are interested in attending meetings for these committees (or any other committee) all you have to do is take the first step. Call the committee chair, find out when the next meeting is, and then go to the meeting. Want to be a "big shot" on a committee (another term for voting member)? The only rule is that you attend three meetings in a row!

How do you find out who the committee chair is? I could suggest you look in this newsletter for the names, but I will make it even easier for you. Neal Finkelstein (972-8624) leads our Worship committee, Elaine Safchik (577-1348) chairs *Horaiynu*, and Peter Sugarman (972-8990) directs Youth.

What comes next? A synagogue that reflects what you want of it, not what some faceless stranger wants it to be.

Randy Cranin

## **CHAI-FIVE PROJECT**

It is with disappointment and regret that we must announce that the Board of Directors has terminated the *Chai* Five Project. The project has been underway for eighteen months, and unfortunately, we have not come close to achieving our goal of \$350,000. We have received pledges of \$160,000 without prospect of receiving any more.

We would like to thank all those families who responded by making a financial commitment to the growth and expansion of the synagogue. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### **Chai-Five** Level Participants

Carol and Lee Adasko Marla and Marty Bucher Janet Crain Klemons and Ira Klemons Stacey and David Levy Leslie and Eric Rosenstock Sandra and Lewis Wildman Steven Cohen Laurie and Steve Kaufman Jackie Hesslein Klug and Ron Klug Donna and Stuart Rosenblum Kathy and Ron Tornberg

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#### CHAI-FIVE REPORT, continued...

**Chai** Level Participants

Susan and Ron Berman Pam and Jeff Brisman Randi and Evan Cole Linda and Randy Cranin Ellen and Neal Finkelstein Amy and Michael Fischer Jill and Alan Friedgood Cindi and Richard Kaplin Jo-Ellen and Mark Landesman Barbara and Daniel Morabito Rodeph Torah Senior Youth Group Lynne and Mark Schwitz Josephine Paltin and Dale Skran Bonnie and Peter Sugarman Julie and Aaron Williamsky

Shari and Bruce Canell Sheryl and Bruce Cooper Deborah and Saul Curtis Ilene and Bill Fireman Kathy Shaw Fischer Karen and Larry Goldstein Belinda and Steve Konigsberg Gail and Bill Ludlum Rachel and Erik Pachter Iris and Joel Schleifstein Marlene and David Shapiro Barbara and Hal Sprechman Sindy and Louis Weiner

Wendy and Lenny Braun

#### **Other Participants**

Alyse and Gary Gleitman Karen and Brian Halpern Ronit and Sam Litwack Ilse and Ernest Grunwald Anne and Matt Jacobson JoAnn and Steve Silkes

It is with further regret that we must remind you that the space problems that motivated the creation of this project still remain. We are without adequate storage space and have been forced to use the coatroom as a storeroom. We do not have enough office space to accommodate our current secretarial and tutorial staff, which may necessitate holding Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons in the kitchen. Although it is our desire to hire a cantor, we have no office space for her/him to work. Our sanctuary has a seating limit of 300 people, yet we often have close to 400 guests attending a double Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This means there will be many Saturdays when some of your guests will not have seats, let alone a place to hang their coats.

We hope that some day we will be able to accomplish our expansion goals with the help of the entire congregation.

Sheryl Cooper

The Chai-Five Committee Chairs Randy Cranin

**Ellen Finkelstein** 

## **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 Laurie Kaufman and Steve Konigsberg.

Laurie Kaufman and her husband, Steve, reside in Marlboro with their two children, Liza, 16, and Adam, 13. They have lived in Marlboro for 11 years and have been members of TRT for the past decade. Laurie was born and raised in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, and Steve grew up in Rochester, New York.

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Laurie currently works part-time as an office manager for an accounting firm. Before she had children, Laurie, who is a fine artist, worked in New York City as a textile and fabric designer. Steve is the vice president of sales for a family-owned firm, Heller Construction Company, in Edison. Laurie and her family enjoy spending their summers on Long Beach Island, where Steve and Adam love to fish. Laurie and Liza enjoy spending weekends going to art museums and attending craft shows. Laurie is a member of the Education Committee and is also involved with *Horaiynu* and Adult Education.

Laurie joined the Board this past July. She had been asked to join at other times and admits she finally "ran out of reasons not to join. I got involved at the temple because I did not want to ask my children to do things that I would not do myself. I got my feet wet a little at a time and was ready to do something more." For Laurie, the biggest drawback, at this point, is the newness of being a Board member. "I am still in the listening and learning stage. I find the money issues difficult to decide upon. Is what we ask of the congregation fair?" On the flip side, Laurie finds it very interesting. "You certainly have a much more total understanding of what it takes to run a synagogue. It opens your eyes a lot." Laurie asks one thing of the rest of us. "Don't complain unless you are willing to personally get involved and help fix the problem. Let your actions speak louder than your words."

Steve Konigsberg lives with his wife, Belinda, in Marlboro. Steve and Belinda have four daughters, Michelle, 14, Evelyn, 18, and 21 year-old twins, Yvette and Karen. They also have a granddaughter, 19 month old Sky. The Konigsbergs have lived in Marlboro for the past five years and have been members of the temple since they moved here. Prior to living in Marlboro, they lived in Brooklyn, where Steve grew up. He met Belinda in New York City, after her arrival here from Mariel, Cuba.

Steve teaches math at New Dorp High School in Staten Island, and is also an Adjunct Lecturer at New York City Technical College in Brooklyn. Belinda is both a part-time elementary school guidance counselor, and a massage therapist at Ocean Place Resort and Conference Center in Long Branch. The Konigsbergs enjoy reading, yoga, sports and traveling, and had a tremendous time when they went to Israel this past summer with other TRT members. Steve is currently a member of the Worship, Social Justice and Membership committees, and is chairperson of ARZA.

Steve decided to join the Board because he wanted to give something back to the Jewish community and because he feels it is important to help out. "In my old temple, I really was not involved. When we joined Rodeph Torah, I decided to change and begin a more meaningful Jewish life." With his busy Wednesday schedule, Steve often gets to Board meetings after a 14-hour day. "It is the worst day for me to have to go to meetings. However, it is well worth the effort it takes. Working with, and learning from other people who have the temple's best interests at heart is a wonderful experience." Steve wishes everyone could find at the temple what he has found. "It is not just a place to go to as an obligation. It has become, for me, a place where I can learn and grow. When I enter, I leave all my baggage at the door and get to experience a sense of peace."

## EDUCATION

How would you like to get only 3 to 4 hours of sleep a night, for two nights in a row? To be on-call for 48 hours straight? To be on your best behavior for an entire weekend? To act as an educator, program facilitator, art director, bunk inspector, actress, watchman, night owl, listener, and "gofer"? To take a shower and find out that only *cold* water is available? To eat camp food? Etc., etc., etc.

Most likely, your answer would be "NO, I would not like it!" Who would? No, I did not enjoy the cold shower, the lack of sleep, etc., but being involved with 60 wonderful Jewish teenagers this past January, at Camp Kutz,

and seeing them in a social and intellectual setting, made it seem a small price to pay. Oh, yes, I loved being with them!

The yearly retreat to Camp Kutz for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders took place during the weekend of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's topic was "God Talk." We tried to help our students open up and discuss this most difficult subject. Students shared with one another what type of God they believe in: God the commander, God who makes things happen, God who works in partnership with us, God of our conscience, etc. We sent our kids on a scavenger hunt to come back with an object that, to them, represents God's existence. Some brought a special pillow, some brought snow, others brought a picture of a beloved family member. How touching it was.

We exchanged the many ways of reaching out to God. Students wrote their own prayers and created an object depicting this prayer to God. They found out that they can also reach God through song, dance, and meditation. I was especially impressed with the level of their intellectual ability to ask questions, often to disagree, as they all contributed to a fabulous weekend. I was extremely moved, and I know they were, too, during their singing sessions. I felt God when I saw them so very engrossed with the ecstasy of singing all together. What a beautiful sight to see Jewish teens become so exhilarated by Jewish music!

I knew we had reached them when some of our 9<sup>th</sup> graders approached me with sadness and said, "Why can't we do it again, next year?" (Tenth graders go on a retreat to Washington, D.C.) I knew we had reached them when they exchanged phone numbers with one another and when the 8<sup>th</sup> graders said, "We'll be back next year." Yes, it was worthwhile to deal with some of the inconveniences to feel the presence of God.

B'veracha, Edna Coleman, RJE

#### Dates to Remember:

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Thursday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.	<ul> <li>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Program: Eastern Europe—The World That Was.</li> <li>Families, please join us.</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 7, 10:10 a.m.	- Mrs. Abramowitz' and Mrs. Haim's 4th Grade Service.
Sunday, March 14, 8:15 a.m.	- 4th Grade trip to Yeshiva University Museum.
Sunday, March 21	- 7th Grade Tallit Workshops, 9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 25	- 5th & 6th Grade Seder.
Sunday, March 28	- 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Passover Family Program.
Monday, March 29	- 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Passover Program.
Monday, March 29	- 10th Graders work at a Soup Kitchen, 3:30 p.m 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30 through	
Thursday, April 8	- Passover vacation.

#### HORAIYNU

On behalf of all the members of *Horaiynu*, I would like to thank everyone who has participated in all of our fundraising projects. The Entertainment Gold C campaign was a huge success. The Hanukkah party in December went very smoothly, and a good time was had by all. Thanks very much for all the hard work. Everyone who has participated in fundraising events is not only helping the temple, but they are performing *mitzvot*, which are acts of kindness and goodness.

The fifth grade recently had their Naming Ceremony, which is part of the life-cycle curriculum. In addition, the fourth grade will be having a *siddur* service on April 18, 1999. The Hebrew School students will be enjoying *Hamentashen*, which will be distributed by *Horaiynu*, in conjunction with the Purim assembly. There will be a Model Seder for the fifth and sixth grades on March 25 and for preschool through fourth grade on March 28. If anyone is interested in helping to plan or help out at a seder, please call me at 972-7307. As you can see,

*Horaiynu* has been very busy planning events, as well as assisting in Hebrew School activities. Don't be shy. Please volunteer to help. We look forward to meeting new people who would like to volunteer their time.

Marla Bucher

## SISTERHOOD

TRT member and psychologist, Dr. Judy Kramer, led a discussion on "Parents Really Do Matter." She is a wonderful speaker and we thank her for sharing her knowledge with us once again. Throughout the year, Sister-hood presents several informative programs. They are all free and open to the public. Many of you are missing out by not joining us. It really is an embarrassment when a speaker arrives and we only have a handful of people in the audience. There are almost 500 women in our Temple family — WHERE IS EVERYBODY? Come and participate.

Don't forget to make your appointments for your artistic photo makeover session on Tuesday, March 23. You will have your hair and make-up done before posing for photographs. The cost is \$30 per person. You will receive one 8x10 photo. This is a fundraiser and is open to all women and teenage girls. Tell a friend! The more people who sign up, the more money we earn! Call Debbie or Ellen for more information and watch for our flyers.

Joan Nulman has agreed to take on the huge task of coordinating and collecting recipes for a joint venture with *Horaiynu* — a COOKBOOK! If you would like to be a part of this project, call Joan at 536-0461. Check your children's book bags for upcoming information.

Remember, the Sisterhood Board meets the second Tuesday of each month. Come see what we do. Maybe you have hidden leadership qualities anxious to emerge. You don't know what you can do until you try. We also have programs on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Details are in the temple flyers that come to your homes.

**MEN'S CLUB** 

Ellen Levine and Debbie Heitner

Spring is coming! We have a few events left on our agenda. Look for the following:

March 20	Atlantic City bus trip
April 18	Golf driving range afternoon
May 16	Softball game against the youth group
June 6	Breakfast with a guest speaker
July 24	Tennis Mixer party

I want to thank all those who came out to save a life, in December, by participating in our annual blood drive. Fifteen units were collected out of the 21 people who came to donate. It was our largest amount ever. I would also like to thank Rabbi Weber for the very interesting question and answer Sunday brunch last month. We should do that again!

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It is almost time to think about running, throwing, catching, and hitting balls again, and now that I am thinking about it, we are going to need some people who *can* run, throw, catch, and hit! Call Jon Hirsch, at 577-1270. Sunday softball is a great way to get moving, to meet a great bunch of guys, and to have a lot of fun.

More active members would be of great help to lead Men's Club in the coming years. We need new ideas, new programs, and new events. We meet the first Sunday of each month at 10:45 a.m. at the temple.

Ted Block

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

One Friday night, as services were ending, I listened to the temple announcements. They were mostly about joining Social Justice in one of the many projects we were running during the year. It sounded great listening to all of the upcoming plans of our Social Justice committee. The support of temple members going to a nursing home, to a soup kitchen, to the shore and other projects has been great. This was the first year when we had two projects on the same day. We have had so many people wanting to go to a soup kitchen that we now go to two soup kitchens. It started me thinking. How about getting three or four hundred people involved in starting a *Tikkun Olam* day — a day where the temple could start and/or continue repairing a damaged world? Imagine how much three or four hundred people could do together. On Sunday, October 24, we will do just that. We will have our first *Tikkun Olam* day at Temple Rodeph Torah. We have just started planning this event. Some of the things we are looking for are people to help set up projects, create plans for feeding the volunteers, assign volunteers to the projects, and prepare our program guide. We need your help to make this happen. This is a huge undertaking.

If you would like to help, please come to our next meeting on March 9, at 8:30 p.m. We meet in classroom 6. If you can not make it, but would like to help us organize this event, please call me at 536-5498. We will give you updates on this project over the next few months.

**Ed Russin** 

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

Wow! Who would have thought everything we did this year would be so awesome? When I look back on some of our accomplishments, I am totally shocked. Six RTSYites accompanied me to the North American Federation of Temple Youth Convention in Los Angeles. We learned so much, and hope to share our experiences with you in future issues. We also went skiing, had a great time at the Purim Carnival (if you didn't go you missed a great day), had a blast on game show night **and** we still have three months left. Our next trip is to a Broadway show. Check out the youth packet (yellow or blue) that will be in your mail.

A special thanks to Rachel Tabakman for a great job she did in editing our creative service. God will reign for ever and ever, Amen. Congrats "RRT-W"

Ross Bear

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P.S. Do you have summer plans? If you are entering your freshman through senior year, may I suggest you e-mail me (<u>trtyouth@aol.com</u>) to get some information on the UAHC programs? Or, give me a call at 609-936-0116.

## JUDAICA SHOP

Any members interested in purchasing *Haggadahs* for Passover, please call me as soon as possible with your order. The Judaica Shop also has many beautiful items appropriate for life's many *simchas*. Please stop by the showcase and take a look at what we have. Your purchases will not only make someone happy, they will help our temple.

Marcia Borshof 972-1906

## EMPTY NESTERS

You are invited to brunch at TRT! The newly-formed "Empty Nesters" group will be having our first, official meeting on Sunday, March 14, at 11:00 a.m. If your commitments are no longer to carpools but to college tuition bills, this is the group for you! Stop by and join us as we plan future programs. Come hungry! For further information, or if you have any questions, give me a call. Hope to see you there.

Maxine Herzog 536-2417

## MEMBERSHIP

Remember when you were searching for a temple, made that all-important call asking about TRT, and someone kind and interested called you back? The person who returned your call was a member of the Membership Committee. Spring and summer is the time we most need your help answering those important, first inquiry calls. If you are interested in sharing your love of TRT with prospective members, and like talking on the telephone, become part of the Membership Committee. Call me at 364-8493. I look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Goldstein

## Viewpoint

#### VIEWPOINT #1: THE CHAI-FIVE PROJECT

I was deeply saddened when I learned that the *Chai Five* Project was likely going to be canceled. So, at the January Board meeting, when I cast a symbolic dissenting vote not to cancel this project, it was because I did not want to believe it really had not succeeded.

When I was invited to attend a *Chai Five* meeting early last year, I was admittedly a little skeptical. I did not understand why "they" didn't just assess us in our dues. Upon hearing several people who strongly believed in the project, and Rabbi Weber, who, for fear of sounding patronizing, poured his time, effort and energy, not to mention his love, into the project, it immediately became clear that I had to participate. For those of you who never saw the plans, you missed seeing ones that were very well conceived both architecturally and financially.

While I love the cantorial skills of Rich Herzog and Linda Cranin, it is clear that we have reached the size where we must have a full-time cantor. Rabbi Weber is one person, although I know we often think he can be in multiple places at the same time. Wouldn't it have been worthwhile to pledge to this project, if even only to get a full-time cantor so we wouldn't have to listen to the rabbi's singing any longer? And I never gave much thought to our awkward *bima* until I sat in the front row at my own child's Bar Mitzvah (my neck has never been the same), or when I saw the difficulty my father-in-law had negotiating the steps.

The cantor and the *bima* changes were only a few of the many wonderful improvements that would have taken place. Finally, I did not understand, and I was posed this question by many TRT members, why each of those modules (I'll call them modules for lack of a better word) could not be completed separately. Well, for practical purposes, they really could not have been done separately. After all, we clearly can not have a cantor without having an office for her/him, and we don't have an office now, so how about using the coat closet, but then where do we put our coats, and so on and so on. It is more complicated than it all initially seemed to me.

Sure it may sound corny, but TRT has become a very comfortable place for my family and me. When the vote was cast to cancel this project, I felt as though I had failed, or maybe it was more like a sadness that I had lost a friend. Maybe this friend was the cantor that was going to fill the great void in our congregation; or maybe it is the friend that we might not be able to fit into the sanctuary for Shabbat service because there isn't enough seating; or maybe it is the sadness that a handicapped Jew might not be able to stand on the *bima* before the Torah because it isn't handicap accessible.

Whatever the feeling is, suffice it to say that it is not a good one. We need to figure out where we went wrong. The reaction from my friends at TRT has been uniform disbelief that the *Chai Five* project failed. We have to look for something positive here. Maybe the positive is that the next time a *Chai* Five type project is initiated, and believe me this type of project <u>must</u> be resurrected for the long-term health of the temple, we will all listen a little harder. Perhaps have one less piece in the orchestra at our child's Bat/Bar Mitzvah. Drive to your family vacation in the Catskills, like years ago, instead of flying to Disney World (our children will still grow up just fine). Perhaps we will all take this project as "our" project and not as "their" project.

As you can now figure out, it is not happening without "us." There is no Manischewitz, like in the congregation where I grew up; no Fortunoff, like in the congregation where the rabbi grew up; not even a single Bronfman. So until I hit Powerball, there is only "us." Please keep that in mind when we try this again, and we must try again!

I look forward to your comments, and suggestions for the future. Please feel free to call me at 780-6860 or contact any temple member with whom you feel comfortable speaking.

Respectfully yours, Ron C. Tornberg

#### **VIEWPOINT #2: THE "JOSHUA GENERATION"**

Having been raised by parents who survived Hitler, and who made it to America with nothing more than their wishes and prayers, always made me feel somewhat different as a boy growing up. Mom kept a kosher home and Dad kind of went along with whatever Mom wanted to do. Tradition was always very important in my parents' home, but visiting the synagogue, on a regular basis, was not in their plan.

My attachment with two neighborhood temples amounted to six years in religious school and services we attended on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After six years of religious school, I could not wait to get as far away from temple as possible, and the thought of attending High Holiday services made me feel very uncomfortable. Belonging to an orthodox temple was not my cup of tea.

Listening to Rabbi Weber's sermon this past Rosh Hashanah, concerning the need for the next generation (the Joshua generation) to take on more of the responsibilities of keeping Judaism alive and well, really struck a chord within me. Having lost my last parent this year drove me to a greater degree of introspection than ever before in my life. I felt as though it was really time to give myself the chance to get into closer touch with being a Jew than ever before.

I am in the middle of reading "As a Driven Leaf," and I thank Rabbi Weber for introducing it to me, for it is truly a wonderful book. I believe it is a book that every Jew should consider reading.

Lastly, I made a commitment to myself to attend every Saturday morning *minyan* that I could. Not Aleph or Bet, but both. Since I started going regularly, Deb is now joining me. We truly enjoy praying together, singing together, learning with our newly found Saturday morning friends and leaders, discussing Torah and enjoying the refreshments after the service is done. Attending these *minyans* has become a very important part of my existence. The hour we all spend together is something I truly look forward to and somehow I can not imagine starting my Saturday morning in any other way. It is one hour to detach from the outside world with all of its distractions and concentrate on being at peace with myself. Most times we do not have the ten adults necessary to conduct the full *minyan*, and we are always looking for more of our temple family to join us. I surprised myself and so might each and every one of you. It feels great so why not give it a try?

#### Stu Gleich

(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 Rivkat1@aol.com)

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

Ross Bear, our Youth Group Advisor



## Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Jorah Portion

#### Shabbat 3/5-6 Parashat Ki Tissa, Exodus 30:11-34:35 Summary by Gloria and Ed Russin

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

#### \*Shabbat 3/12/13 Parashat Vayakhel, Exodus 35:1-38:20 Summary by Linda Cranin

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

#### \*Shabbat 3/12-13 Parashat Pikudei, Exodus 38:21-40:38 Summary by Jeff Ball

The story of the construction of the Tabernacle concludes with details about the amount of gold and copper used in the building, and a description of the clothing that was made for Aaron and his sons. The sacred vestments were colorful and ornate. Much fine fabric and woven gold, as well as many gemstones were made into robes, headdresses, and sashes. In one example, the names of the sons of Israel were inscribed on a robe, and then surrounded by a border of lazuli stones set in gold. They made a frontlet of pure gold with the inscription "Holy to Adonai" and attached it to a headdress as God had commanded Moses.

When Moses saw that all the work was nearly done he blessed the Israelites. A cloud then covered the Tabernacle with the "Presence of Adonai." Moses could not enter this tent of meeting. When the cloud lifted, the Israelites would set out on their various journeys.

#### Shabbat 3/19-20 Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1–5:26 Summary by Ellen Finkelstein

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

#### Shabbat 3/26-27 Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36 Summary by Steven Konigsberg

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

\* This week has a double Torah portion, as shown.

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

#### TRT'S ADULT EDUCATION COURSES NOW AVAILABLE ON TAPE

If you cannot attend our Adult Education courses on Thursday evenings, or if you missed courses which were offered in past years, you can still study! With the assistance of the Adult Education fund, many of the courses which Rabbi Weber has taught over the years are now available on audio cassette, and may be borrowed at no cost for temple members.

You may choose from any of the following courses:

#### **Beginning Courses**

Responsa - 2 years Basic Jewish Living: the Calendar & Life-Cycle Bible: Torah

Prophets Ketuvim (Writings) Jewish Prayer Intermediate Courses Midrash - 2 years Jewish History History of Modern Israel ( 2 years)

Tapes may be borrowed two at a time; new ones will be provided when you return the old. Please call Betty in Rabbi Weber's office, at 409-1268, to order the tapes you want.

#### **BOARD NOTES**

Actions taken by the Board of Directors during the months of December and January are as follows:

1. We will have a bulletin at each service with announcements and details of all *Yahrzeits* for that week's Shabbat service, including the relationship to the congregant. In addition, we will ask all mourners to rise and to state the name of the person they are remembering.

2. Those in financial need who cannot afford a copy of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah videotape should apply for relief to the Special Circumstances Committee. This committee will determine need. Funds to pay for this will come from the Men's Club profits from the video sales.

3. We will spend \$500 on a deposit for use of the Greystone Manor (formerly Van's) in Freehold for our dinner dance to be held on Saturday, February 5, 2000, to celebrate TRT's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with the caveat that we negotiate a date of three months prior cancellation with no penalties.

4. We must establish a safer traffic pattern for the parking lot through the use of signs and arrows. Incoming traffic will only be able to turn left at the very end of the parking lot. All traffic leaving the temple must use the lane directly in front of the entrance, or go around the back of the building. To gain access to the small parking lot, congregants will have to drive around the back of the building. The township will put up the signs.

5. For youth seeking financial assistance to attend UAHC events, relief should be sought through the Special Circumstances Committee, via application to the financial secretary. The committee will decide whether financial aid will be given and, if so, how much aid will be given. Sisterhood and Men's Club will be asked to make a yearly donation, such amount to be independently determined by each of these committees. The rabbi will be informed of the Special Circumstances Committee's decision. The rabbi will independently and confidentially decide whether to give financial aid from the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

6. The fund balance and budget line formerly known as "Renaissance" will be changed to "Empty Nesters."

7. We will formally recognize families when they have been members of our congregation for 18 years and, thus, have given *chai* into our congregation.

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#### Temple Rodeph Torah NEWS

#### **BOARD ACTIONS, continued...**

8. With regret, the *Chai* Five Project is canceled. *Chai* Five funds will be returned to all participants. Should a participant return their donation to the temple without designating a specific fund to place the donation in, the monies will be placed in the General fund.

#### **COLLEGE STUDENTS: WORK IN ISRAEL FOR THE SUMMER!**

The Kefiada program for Partnership 2000 in Arad grows more successful each year. College students have the opportunity to spend part of their summer in Israel working as counselors in an English-speaking day camp for Israeli children. They work with Israeli counselors as well as other New Jersey/Delaware students. They will live "dorm" style but with a host family to watch over them and provide a true Israel experience. They will have free time for traveling on their own or as a group. Airfare, room and board are covered as part of the Partnership 2000 program with the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County.

Candidates should apply as soon as possible as there are only ten spots available for all of New Jersey and Delaware.

Departure date is June 20, 1999 followed by a five-day seminar and a three-day orientation. Camp runs for three weeks. For applications, members of the community are encouraged to call Angie Henschel at the Deal office, 531-6200, or Shelly at the Morganville office, 972-3005.

#### SUPPORT NETWORK FOR JEWISH ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Stars of David International, Inc., is a national, nonprofit, information, social, and support network for Jewish and partly Jewish adoptive families. It is composed of parents, grandparents, prospective parents, adult adoptees, clergy, and adoption professionals. The organization is not tied to any one branch of Judaism; rather, the common bond of the organization is an interest in adoption and the desire to raise children with a knowledge of and commitment to Judaism. There are currently 40 chapters around the country, and the organization puts out a national newsletter entitled *Star Tracks*. For further information you can contact Susan M. Katz, National Chapter Coordinator, at 847-509-9929. You can also contact Stars of David by writing to 3175 Commercial Ave, Suite 100, Northbrook, IL, 60062-1915, or visit their web site at <u>http://www.starsofdavid.org</u>, or e-mail them at <u>StarsDavid@aol.com</u>.

#### **ISRAEL BONDS FOR B'NAI MITZVAH**

State of Israel Bonds announced the development of a new bond issue designed as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift. The cost of the bond is \$136 and matures at \$180 five years from the issue date. The "Chai Bond" is expected to be available for purchase in March 1999. For further information contact Anita Fray at 732-828-0200.

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 Harry, Debby, Rachel, Scott and Melanie Heitner, on the death of Harry's father, Sheldon Heitner to Ingrid, Tony and Michael DiFazio, on the death of Ingrid's uncle, Fred Morgan

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

### You are Cordially Invited

We invite you to share in our family's happiness when Judd Michael is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 13, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Don, Lisa, Meryl and Cole Abrams

Special occasions are meant to be shared with family and friends. With great joy, we invite you to celebrate when April Beth is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 13, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Sharon, Stuart and Kate Katzanek

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to join our family as Traci Beth is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 20, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Michele, Henry and Evan Lazarowitz

With great pride and love, we invite you to join us as our son, Andrew Robert, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 27, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Phyllis and Mark Freedman

With love, pride and happiness, we invite you to share a tradition of our ancestors as our son, Joshua Adam, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, on March 27, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Leslie and Eric Rosenstock

## CONTRIBUTIONS

#### **Building Fund**

The Schwitz Family, for the *yahrzeits* of Jack Bayer and Tillie Bayer in memory of Theda and Ely Kushel, parents of Barbara Klein Barbara Hirsch, for the *yahrzeit* of Meyer Sherman Teri and Lou Friedman Leslie, Eric and Bobby Rosenstock, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Rosenstock

#### **General Fund**

Mae and Irving Osher, for the *yahrzeit* of Jack Sundelson Alan Ginsberg, for the *yahrzeit* of Herman Leonard Ginsberg Maxine and Richard Herzog, in memory of Sylvia Levine, mother of Michele Miller Barbara, Mark, Matt and Greg Hirsch, in memory of Gladys Moskowitz with condolences to Craig Stolow, on the loss of his grandmother Alyse and Gary Gleitman, in memory of Sheldon Heitner, father of Harry Heitner Melody Midoneck, for the *yahrzeit* of Michael Jay Santaly Stu Gleich, for the *yahrzeit* of Hugo Gleich Melvin Belitsky, for the *yahrzeit* of Gussie Belitsky Karen Goldstein, for the *yahrzeit* of Ruth Horn Arlene and Ken Kapilow, for the *yahrzeits* of Lee Kapilow, Isidore Fight and Sophie Fight Ellen and Neal Finkelstein

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#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**, continued...

#### Helena Project Fund

Robin and Barry Smulofsky and Family, in memory of Sheldon Heitner, father of Harry Heitner Teri and Lou Friedman

#### Hirsch/Rosen Memorial Youth Fund

TRT Sisterhood TRT Men's Club Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jared Hirsch Shirley and Larry Zinstein, in memory of Sheldon Heitner, father of Harry Heitner Karen and Larry Goldstein, with thanks to TRT's Senior Youth Group Ellen and Neal Finkelstein

#### **Israel Scholarship Fund**

Jay Kanofsky, for the *yahrzeit* of Benjamin Kanofsky Rachel Pachter, in honor of Bill Grainer - You take my breath away! Your "number" is etched in my heart! Ellen and Neal Finkelstein

#### Landscaping Fund

Leslie, Eric and Bobby Rosenstock, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Rosenstock

Mortgage Fund

Teri and Lou Friedman

#### Nursery School Fund

Michelle and Don Weiss, in memory of Sheldon Heitner, father of Harry Heitner Bonnie, Larry and Susie Siegel:

> in memory of Marty Coleman, husband of Edna Coleman in memory of Ely Kushel, father of Barbara Klein in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Jared Hirsch and Mallory Tucker with thanks to Rabbi Weber

Jo-Ellen Landesman, for the yahrzeit of Harold Jacobson

#### **Prayerbook Fund**

Robin and Barry Smulofsky and Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Spritzer

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Gloria and Ed Russin Evelyn and Gary Reich, for the *yahrzeit* of Jennie Jacobson Jerry and Isobel Miller, for the *yahrzeit* of Rose Miller Phyllis and Burt Krauss, for the *yahrzeit* of Sarah Wechter

#### **Religious School Equipment Fund**

The Rasko-Martinis and Klein Families, in memory of Cecyle Marsh, grandmother of Jon Radin Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, in memory of Sheldon Heitner, father of Harry Heitner David Brown, for the *yahrzeits* of Michelle S. Friedman and Hy Slomka Linda and Charles Sobel, in memory of Lester Marshak, uncle of Charles Sobel

#### Sanctuary Improvement and Beautification Fund

Leslie, Eric and Bobby Rosenstock, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Rosenstock

#### Sisterhood Tribute Fund

Gail and Jay Davis, in memory of Sheldon Heitner, father of Harry Heitner

#### **Temple Rodeph Torah NEWS**

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**, continued...

Social Justice Fund

Carolyn and Jon Radin, in memory of Cecyle Marsh, grandmother of Jon Radin

#### **Temple Beautification Fund**

Harvey Lieber, for the *yahrzeit* of Fritz Lieber Leslie, Eric and Bobby Rosenstock, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Rosenstock

#### Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment Fund

Ronit Litwack, for the *yahrzeit* of Ida Robins The Chodos Family, in memory of Marty Coleman, husband of Edna Coleman Ellen Block, for the *yahrzeit* of Oscar Feld The Schwitz Family, in memory of Marty Coleman, husband of Edna Coleman

#### Tree of Life Plaques

Cathy, Michael, Meredith and Noah Berkowitz, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Brandon Berkowitz Sharon, Stuart and Kate Katzanek, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of April Beth Katzanek Don, Lisa, Meryl and Cole Abramson, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Judd Michael Abramson Leslie, Eric and Bobby Rosenstock, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Rosenstock Elise and Barry Kaye, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Lauren Kaye Ronnie, Mark, Andrew and Justin Geringer, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Ashley Geringer

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Larry Pius, owner of Colonia Bagels, for providing the bagels for our "Literacy Challenge" discussion on January 31st. They were delicious!

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

#### **TEMPLE CONTRIBUTIONS FORM**

BUILDING FUND (For the construction and maintenance of our home)	
CRAIG FISCHER MEMORIAL FUND (To honor Craig's memory with a communal dedication)	
GENERAL FUND (For the maintenance of temple programs and activities)	
HELENA PROJECT FUND (To provide Shabbat meals for families in times of upset and difficulty)	
HERZOG CANTORIAL FUND (For the future cantorial needs of the congregation)	
HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYERBOOK FUND (For the purchase of prayerbooks) Any amount may be donated	to
this Fund, but a contribution of \$20 or more is required to dedicate a prayerbook.	
HIRSCH/ROSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND (Provides funding for youth programs)	
ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Provides financial assistance for youth trips to Israel)	
LANDSCAPING FUND (For the purchase of trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify our property)	
LIBRARY FUND (For the purchase of books for our new Library)	
MORTGAGE FUND (Dedicated completely to paying down the principal on our mortgage)	
NURSERY SCHOOL (For the development and support of our Nursery School program)	
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Administered by the Rabbi for the benefit of the congregation)*	
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND (Provides durable equipment for the Religious School)	
SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENT and BEAUTIFICATION FUND (To refurbish the Sanctuary)	
SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND (To further the work of Sisterhood)	
SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND (To support the Committee's work of "repairing the world")	
TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND (For the purchase of art and aesthetically pleasing items for our buildin WILLNER/WEINSTEIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND (Provides interest income for the Religio School's future)	
*** TREE OF LIFE/MEMORIAL PLAQUES: To celebrate a special occasion by purchasing a leaf for the Tree of	f
Life, or to honor the memory of a loved one who has died, please call the Temple office. A Dedication Form will be sent	
you.	
* Make checks payable to TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund; all other funds payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.	
This donation is being made:	
In MEMORY of:	
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Contributions of any amount are welcomed, but there is a \$10 minimum for each acknowledgement you wish sent. Please refer all questions to our temple office, 308-0055.

## YAHRZEITS

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
	bservance 3/5-3/6	
3/1	Julius Goldberg	Sheldon Goldberg
3/1	Anna Siegel *	Larry Siegel
3/1	Gertrude Falk *	Ruth Kaufman
3/1	Sidney Albin	Barbara Sher
3/2	Lillian Tasch	Brian Tasch
3/4	Hyman Gelfand	Maxine Lieber
3/4	Claire Grainer	Mark Grainer
3/4	George A. Hesslein *	Jackie Klug
3/4	Julius Shapiro *	Susan Ringel
3/4	Stanley Schwalbe	Sandy Craig
3/5	Sally Chamoff *	Harvey Chamoff
3/5	Henry Himmerstein	Robbie Himmelstein
3/6	Morris Weissman *	Larry Weissman
3/6	Meyer Sherman	Barbara Hirsch
3/6	Jeanne G. Kupchik	Francine Myers
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Shabbat O	bservance 3/12-3/13	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1
3/7	Herman Sills *	Rabbi Don Weber
3/7	Sidney Fine	Laurie Carmel
3/8	Era Kalberman	Ilse Grunwald
3/8	Murray Berhang	Charles Berhang
3/8	Charles Kasden	Rochelle Handwerker
3/9	Bessie Rothman	Helene Kaplan
3/9	Philip Seegman	Arlene Kapilow
3/10	Helena Heitt *	Maurice, Sean and Ryan Heitt, and Temple
		Rodeph Torah
3/10	Rhea Dolly Cohen	Steven Azarchi
3/10	Paul Sternberg *	Gerry Sternberg
3/10	Marion Shaw	Judy Spiegel
3/11	Eli Cohen	Rachel Reichman
3/11	Max Aidelman	Debra Maslansky
3/11	Nathan Rubel	Craig Rubel
3/11	Scott Joseph Rafaloff *	Rafaloff Family
3/12	Rita Kirschenbaum *	Jack Kirschenbaum
3/13	Martin Franz	Vicki Berhang
Shabbat O	bservance 3/19-3/20	
3/14	Louis Grushka	Susan Berman
3/14	Barbara Ringler	Allen and Loretta Shapiro
3/14	Melvin Cohen	Michele Nowin
3/15	Etta Sprechman *	Hal Sprechman
3/15	Henry Sdorow	Lana Chernick
3/16	Seymour Smilowitz	Iris Misshula

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#### YAHRZEITS, continued...

#### Shabbat Observance 3/19-3/20, continued... 3/16 George Gold \* Roberta Taffer Ronit Litwack 3/17 Barbara Greenberg 3/18 **Philip Pearlstein** Arthur Pearlstein Clara Simon \* Ellen Berrol 3/19 3/19 Samuel Molen Barbara Ostfeld-Hegyi Sidney Dorfman David Dorfman 3/20 Elaine Landberg Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper 3/20 Daniel Eric Ostfeld \* Barbara Ostfeld-Hegyi 3/20 3/20 Rona Wasserman Paul Saks

#### Shabbat Observance 3/26-3/27

3/21	Lawrence Galerstein	Debra Salman
3/22	Max Modeck *	Gail Ludlum
3/22	Henry Krakauer *	Randy Krakauer
3/23	Sadie Fine *	Morton Fine
3/23*	Benjamin Feigenberg	Janet Caruso
3/25	Morris Treibitz	Lisa Reingold
3/25.	Philip Chosak	Fran Cohen
3/26	Meyer Perlman	Jessica Kahan
3/27	Irving Sackheim	Bonnie Kirschenbaum

#### Shabbat Observance 4/2-4/3

3/28	George Ellis	Steven Ellis
3/29	Kenneth Siegel	David Kahan
3/29	Max Wotman	Ronda Binkowitz
3/29	Jeanne G. Kupchik	Francine Myers
3/30	Charles Zanzalari	Pamela Brisman
3/30	Beatrice Kosloff	Phyllis Stummer

#### \* 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.



# Temple Rodeph Torah

March 1999



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	EREV PURIM!! 7:30 PM Erev Purim Service	PURIM DAY 8:15 PM Finance Committee 8:30 PM Adult Ed Intermediate Hebrew	7:30 PM RTSY Board Meeting 8:30 PM Worship Committee	No Adult Education	8:00 PM Family Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: Minyan Aleph
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:45 AM Men's Club		<ul> <li>8:30 PM Adult Ed Intermediate Hebrew</li> <li>8:30 PM Finance Committee</li> <li>8:30 PM Sisterhood Board</li> <li>8:30 PM Social Justice</li> </ul>	7:00 PM RTSY Meeting	8:10 PM Adult Ed Jewish Living	8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Judd Abramson & April Katzanek; Minyan Bet
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:00 AM Empty Nester's Brunch		8:30 PM Adult Ed Intermediate Hebrew 8:30 PM Youth Committee	8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting	8:10 PM Adult Ed History of Modern Israel	7:30 PM Young People's Shabbat 8:30 PM Shabbat Service - Wicker Church Visits TRT	10:00 AM Services: Bat Mitzvah of Traci Lazarowitz; Minyan Aleph 6:00 PM Men's Club Trip to Atlantic City
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		<ul><li>8:30 PM Adult Ed Intermediate Hebrew</li><li>8:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting</li></ul>	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 Andrew Freedman & Joshua Rosen-stock; Minyan Bet 7:30 PM Bowling League
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We Wish You a Happy Purim and a Sweet Pesach!

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		8:00 PM Yiskor Service	7:30 PM RTSY Board Meeting 8:30 PM Worship Committee	Israel Pesach ends at sundown for Orthodox	11 Service	Brooke Geringer; Minyan Bet
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<ul><li>11:00 AM Literacy Challenge</li><li>1:00 PM Men's Club Golf Range/Party</li></ul>		8:30 PM Adult Ed Intermediate Hebrew 8:30 PM Youth Committee	<ul><li>8:30 PM Congregatio- nal Meeting</li><li>9:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting</li></ul>	8:10 PM Adult Ed History of Modern Israel	8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Stefanie Klovsky & Jared Newman; Minyan Bet 7:30 PM Bowling League
25	26	27	28	29	30	
1:00 PM Beach Clean-up		<ul><li>8:30 PM Adult Ed Intermediate Hebrew</li><li>8:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting</li></ul>		8:10 PM Adult Ed Jewish Living	8:30 PM Shabbat Service	

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



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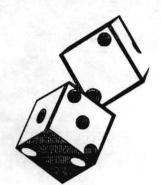
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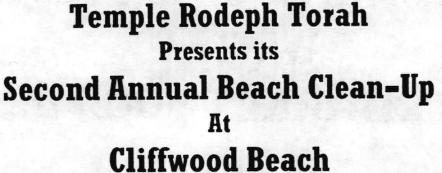
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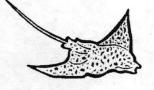


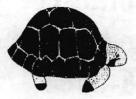


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The cost will be <u>no more than</u> \$3,199 per person (double occupancy); it may well be less, but this is a safe projection for the summer of 2000.

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# "Next Year in Jerusalem!"

Late June to Early July, 2000

### Both Tours will Include:

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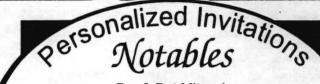
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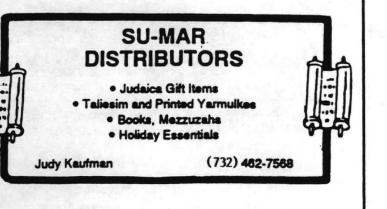
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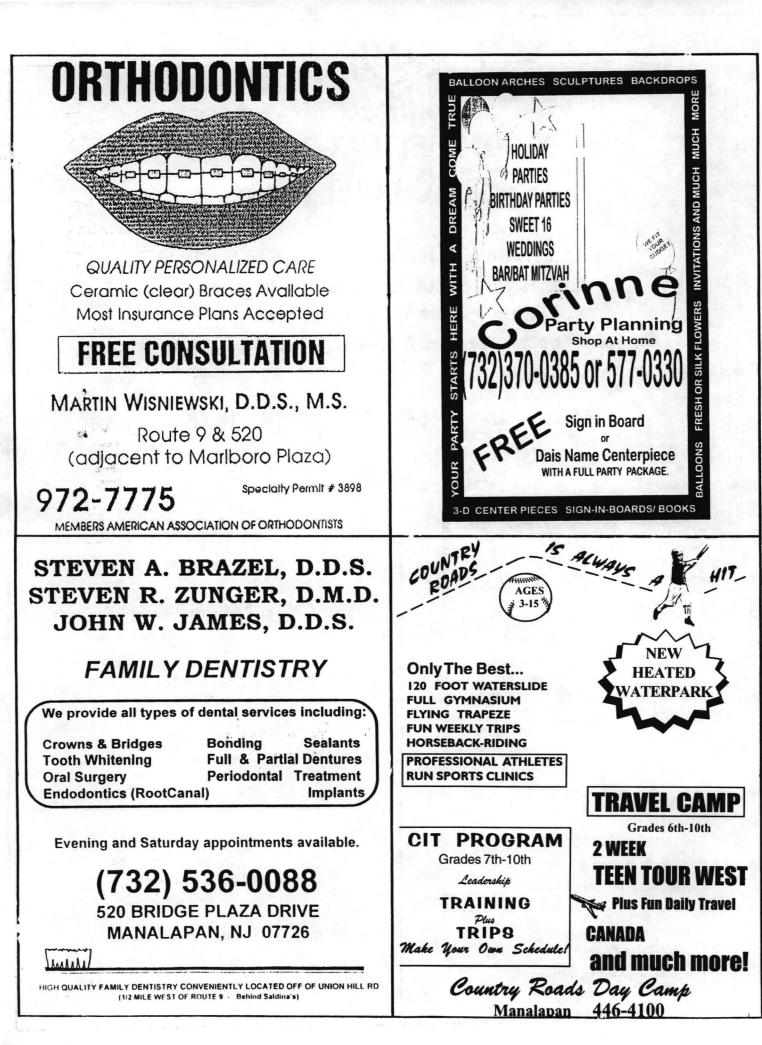
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