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FROM RABBI WEBER

One of the great debates of Jewish life is, "What will we name the baby?" There are not many decisions we make in life which carry such powerful forces of tradition, love and memory, and when we add in the pressure from grandparents and other "interested parties," the stress can be awesome.

The Ashkenazi tradition from which many of us hail encourages us to name our children after dear family members who have died. By doing this, something of their life, their essence, is carried on in those who bear their name. For many of us — if we dare to think that far in advance — there is comfort in the thought that we, too, will live on one day through the life of a grandchild or great-grandchild.

But what if we could *know* that we will live on, whether we have children or grandchildren, or not? What if we could *know* that something of our essence will be carried on, even after we die? What if we could *know* that we will live on through another, even after our own time on earth is completed?

We can. Today. All we have to do is sign an Organ Donor Card.

There are few things available to us in the world which are as Godlike as being an organ donor. As a donor, we can bring sight to the blind, healing to the sick, and even restore to life those who are facing almost certain death. In every morning service, we thank God for doing all of these things; how awesome, how sacred, to have the opportunity to do them ourselves!

For many years, Jews have shied away from organ donation (though seldom from *receiving* organs) because of a feeling that it is "un-Jewish." After all, aren't bodies supposed to be buried whole, without removing anything? This idea is based on two Jewish principles, and once we understand them, we may see that it is more "un-Jewish" to *refuse* to be a donor than it is to be one.

The first guiding principle for dealing with the dead is *kevod ha-met*, respect for the dead. To show respect, we strive to treat the body with dignity, not like some unpleasant thing. We treat it as the vessel which held a sacred soul, and which, therefore, is sacred itself. Thus, the rules which are followed by the *chevra kadisha*, the

SPECIAL EVENTS

PESACH — March 31-April 7
(Orthodox observe until April 8)

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE
— April 13

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —
April 21

TEACHER APPRECIATION SHABBAT
— April 23

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ACCORDING TO BROADWAY"?
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Jewish burial societies, serve to honor and care for the body. But organ donation takes away nothing from this honor: organs are removed quickly, the body is restored to a proper appearance for burial, and no insult or indignity is suffered either by the deceased or by the family. Those who work with organ donors understand how precious their gift is, and they treat the body with both respect and with admiration.

The second principle is based on the belief that when the Messiah comes, all the righteous will be restored to life. According to Jewish folklore, if an organ has been removed, then the body will not be able to return to life. As Reform Jews, we have rejected a belief in the physical resurrection of the dead. Perhaps more important, in recent years even the Orthodox have come to approve of and support organ donation. In 1992, the Rabbinical Council of America, the largest association of Orthodox rabbis in this country, *endorsed* organ donation. So have the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform). Rabbis of every denomination have made their judgment clear: there is nothing in Judaism which should prevent each of us from being an organ donor.

Finally, there is the fact of human nature. No one wants to think of their own death, and even fewer of us want to think of someone doing something to us or taking something from us after we die. This cannot be addressed with facts, or with quotes from rabbis. That is something each of us must deal with, and we must deal with it in the light of the people whose lives hang in the balance.

Right now, there are thousands of people waiting all around this country for... for what? The records indicate that they are waiting for a heart, or a liver, or a kidney, or a cornea, but that is not what they are really waiting for. *They are waiting for a chance to live*, for without a transplant they will surely die — and sooner, rather than later. When it comes to Judaism, there is one tradition we should consider above all the others: *pikuach nefesh*, the commandment to preserve life. Even if you believe in every detail of *halacha*, there is at least an equal claim in Jewish law that we are *commanded* to be organ donors, for saving a life overrides nearly every other *mitzvah*. There is no contribution, no volunteer work, which can do what these thousands of people need. The only thing which can help them — which can *save* them — is our signature on a Universal Donor Card.

Your next temple bill will have one of these Universal Donor Cards enclosed with it. Please do not throw it away. I know it is uncomfortable to think of our own death, and it is much easier to file the card away with all the other things which we might do one day than it is to check the boxes and sign on the bottom line. But with our signature we give the gift of life, and with it, we gain a chance to live on even after we die — in more than just a name.

I carry this card. Please do it, too.

Shalom,
Rabbi Don Weber

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PS - Additional cards are available; just call me and I will send as many as you need.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 4/2 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
 Story: "Who Leads the Jewish People?"
 ✧ Birthday Blessings for April; Candle Lighting 6:03 p.m.

- Saturday, 4/3 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.

- Tuesday, 4/6 - Service for 7th Day Pesach / Yiskor Service – 7:30 p.m.

- Friday, 4/9 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
 Sermon: "Kavvanah — What It Really Means to Pray"
 Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:10 p.m.

- Saturday, 4/10 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
 Bat Mitzvah: Brooke Geringer

- Tuesday, 4/13 - Service for Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day - 7:45 p.m.
 Service will be led by RTSY, our Senior Youth Group

- Friday, 4/16 - Shabbat Services:
 7:30 p.m. – "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:30 p.m. – Service
 Sermon: "The Humanity of Lepers"
 Candle Lighting 7:18 p.m.

- Saturday, 4/17 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Marissa Gross and Stephanie Reinking

- Friday, 4/23 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.
TEACHER APPRECIATION SHABBAT
Aufruf of Ryan Schubert and Leslie Bear
 Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:25 p.m.

- Saturday, 4/24 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Stefanie Klovsky and Jared Newman

- Friday, 4/30 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.
 Sermon: "Your Role in Confirmation"
 ✧ Anniversary Blessings for April
 Candle Lighting 7:32 p.m.

- Saturday, 5/1 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Stephen Alerhand and Adam Kaufman

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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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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 **Ron Tornberg** and **Robbin Leibowitz**.

Ron Tornberg lives with his wife, Kathy, in Marlboro, along with their children, Ian and Kimberly. The Tornbergs have lived in Marlboro for the past 15 years and have been members of the temple for the past six years. Ron was born in the Bronx but was raised in New Jersey, and Kathy is a true New Jerseyan, having been born and raised in this lovely Garden State.

Ron owns a Prudential Insurance Agency in Manalapan. Kathy is his silent partner and manages the office. Ron and Kathy are kept busy with their children's involvement in athletics. Kimberly participates in soccer, and Ian is very involved in gymnastics. The whole family travels extensively throughout the east with Ian, while he competes in gymnastics competitions. Ron and Kathy run a statewide gymnastics meet every year to help raise money for local gymnastics programs. If they happen to find themselves with a free weekend, the Tornbergs like to spend time either skiing or swimming, depending on the season.

Ron has been a member of the Social Justice Committee for many years, and is always involved with TRT's yearly food drives. He is also a novice member of the Finance Committee. Ron agreed to join the Board because he felt the time was right. "I have declined in the past because I did not feel I was able to give it the commitment. This time, when asked, I felt the temple had a real need for new people to participate and I felt ready to get more involved." Ron feels that there is no downside to being on the Board. He looks forward to the meetings and working with other temple members toward the same end. "I did not realize how much thought and caring goes into every decision that must be made. Everything is thoroughly discussed. Running the temple is much more complicated than I had realized." Ron has found a comfortable home at TRT. "I am at peace with myself when I walk through the doors. When I go to *Shabbat* services I feel like a different person for the rest of the week. The more you enter the temple, and the more you participate, even in a small way, the more like home this place becomes."

Robbin Leibowitz lives in Marlboro with her three sons, Douglas, Marc and Craig, who are in eighth, fifth, and second grade, respectively. Robbin, who grew up in Brooklyn, and her family have lived in Marlboro for the past eight years and have been members of the temple for the past six years.

Robbin currently works for the corporate division of Greater Media in East Brunswick. She loves the diversity and action of her job, but the real action first starts when she returns home to her three active sons and her involvement in the hobby she loves. Robbin is a member of the Marlboro Players and also shares her talents with us here at TRT. She recently gave a spectacular performance as Vashti at our annual Purim *Shpiel*! Robbin's son, Douglas, seems to be following in her artistic footsteps with the formation of his own band and recording abilities.

Besides being a Board member, Robbin is on the Special Circumstances Committee and was formerly in charge of the Building and Grounds Committee. "I joined the Board because I was asked to. I love learning how the temple works and I love having a say in the decision-making. I feel that I have the opportunity to make a difference." Robbin admits that the temple has filled a void that existed in her life. "I had absolutely no religious upbringing, whatsoever. The first services I ever attended, I was up on the *bima* as a member of the choir. I got involved here because it was something I really wanted to do." For Robbin, the most important aspect of the temple is the rabbi. "If you ever need someone to talk to, or someone to listen to you, the rabbi is someone you

can reach out to. If you just want some words of comfort, or inspiration, or wisdom, come to services and really listen to what he has to say. Our rabbi is a cut above anyone else I've ever met."

EDUCATION

To instill a feeling of community, of tradition, and of holiness is a huge responsibility. Only together can we accomplish this task. Reading through some of our student's writing about *Shabbat* and our Torah, certainly gives me the great satisfaction of achieving our goals. I would like to share some of these writings with you.

High School: Jewish Holiday Course (Barbara Cohen, teacher)

Shabbat is a very special time.

All of our problems get released from our mind.

It is a very special day of the week.

We light candles as a sign of peace.

Of the *challah* we take a bite,

And pray to God with all our might.

Jen Wajngold

Jen Lieber

The time has come,

It is finally here.

The tension has gone

And so has the fear.

For the week is over

And *Shabbat* has come.

The time to rest,

For everyone.

As we watch the candles be lit,

The children calm down and choose to sit.

And as we watch the candles burn so bright,

We feel the warmth of this great light.

So let us sit and enjoy this time,

And let the parents finish their wine.

Josh Gleich

Have a zisen Pesach,

Fifth Grade Hebrew Classes:

"When I held the Torah, I felt blessed. I felt this way because I was doing something that some Jews never do. When I held the Torah, I thought of my family. I thought of my brother, how nice he is, and it made me think of all my Jewish ancestors."

"What I have been learning about was basically in my own arms. I felt like a real true Jew."

"It was an amazing feeling. Also, I thought of my parents and all the nice things they help me with."

"When I held the Torah, I felt strong, lucky, powerful, responsible, and special. Holding the Torah reminded me of my ancestors, like Abraham and Moses. It also reminded me of family members, especially the ones that have passed away."

"I felt very special and I had a piece of God in me."

"I felt like I was holding the best thing in the world. I felt like I was holding the history of the Jewish people."

"This was probably the best thing that ever happened to me in my life."

Edna Coleman, RJE

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EDUCATION, continued...

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, April 11	School resumes
Wednesday, April 14	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshop, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 18	4th Grade <i>Kabbalat Hasiddurim</i> Service, 9:30 – 10:40 a.m.
	Bake Sale; Preschool in Session
Monday, April 19	Last session of <i>MOREHSHa</i> , 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20	6 th Grade Art Project, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21	4 th Grade Tel Aviv Café, 4:30 – 6:20 p.m.
Friday, April 23	Teachers' Recognition Service, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 25	5 th Grade Cemetery Trip, 8:15 – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 29	5 th Grade Inter-Generational Day, 4:30 – 6:20 p.m.

HORAIYNU

On behalf of *Horaiynu*, I would like to wish everyone a Happy *Pesach*. This is a special holiday because it reminds us of a time when our ancestors were slaves of the Pharaoh in Egypt. Luckily, we are free now and able to worship as we see fit, but to remind us of this time we eat *matzah* and all the other delicious Passover foods. Our Hebrew School students enjoyed eating some of the Passover foods, as well as learning about the holiday, at the various Passover programs held in late March. The fourth grade students had their *siddur* service on Sunday, March 21st. Students and their families were invited to attend this rite of passage, and a light breakfast was served.

Please keep checking the Newsletter for updates on other exciting *Horaiynu* events. We hope that everyone enjoys the school spring break.

Marla Bucher

YOUTH GROUPS

Were you one of the many families that went to the Purim carnival? It was awesome. Carnival chairs Scott Epstein, Vanessa Sherman and Jill Finkelstein pulled together a memorable day for all. This carnival would have not been the success it was without the support of many wonderful people. I would especially like to thank *Horaiynu* for working the phone chains, and a special thanks to the 60 families that attended and helped make the day a success.

Later that same day, the Junior and Senior Youth Groups got together for Game Show night. Sara Levenstein put together a great event, assisted by Phyllis Levenstein's knowledge of silly questions! We all refreshed our memory in Hebrew Bingo, Jewish Jewpardy, and "Who da Jew?" It was a lot of fun and everyone left with some rare and valuable prizes.

So what is coming up in April? Club 34 and 56ers will each be having an event. Keep an eye out for a special mailing and for the information that will be given out in Hebrew school. The Youth Group will be going to Broadway in April. Please keep an eye out for information about this special day in New York. This event will be limited to 40 tickets, and will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment in full will be required in advance.

In May, the Seniors will be having their annual Mother's Day flower sale (this event will take place on Mother's Day). Order forms will be available in the lobby. Please order in advance to ensure a good selection.

Wow, I can't believe all of the great events taking place in the upcoming weeks. As always, please feel free to call me, if you have any questions, at 609-936-0116. You can e-mail me at TRTyouth@aol.com.

B'shalom,
Ross Bear
Youth Director

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please remember that our next Social Justice Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, in classroom six. Please come and help us work on the *Tikkun Olam* day. We have had some calls from people who want to work on this huge undertaking but more volunteers are needed. If you have any questions about how you can help, please call me or come to our next meeting. In the May issue I will outline some of the things we are planning for October 24, 1999.

Thank you all so much for donating items to our *Mitzvah* Crib. Please continue to do so and help us continue to help those less fortunate than we are.

Ed Russin

LIBRARY

For your information, copies of the four books recommended for the Reform Jewish Literacy Challenge are available for borrowing from the library. If you have any questions, or need further information on the Literacy Challenge, please call me. The Library has recently acquired the following books: *For Kids: Putting God on the Guest List*; *Israel: A Spiritual Travel Guide*; and *Wandering Stars: An Anthology of Jewish Fantasy and Science Fiction*. The library also has a nice selection of children's books, appropriate for all age levels. Please come in and browse.

Bonnie Sugarman

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community wishes to remind all of our congregants that we are here for you. We are happy to assist during any time of need. Our committee members volunteer to provide a meal, do an errand, or just pay a visit to you or any temple member you know of who needs help.

At our February meeting we spoke about our upcoming visits to Jewish patients at CentraState Hospital, came up with some creative ideas for nursing home visits, and discussed our role in making *shiva* calls, etc. We had a very productive meeting and traded lots of ideas on reaching out to help others in our Jewish community.

One of the ideas we would like to implement is bringing a small gift item to the Jewish hospital patients that we visit. If any temple member has a business that could provide a small gift item to those in need, we would truly appreciate your contacting us, either through the temple office, or by calling Janet Caruso, at 536-0001.

We would love to hear from you. And, remember, we are here for you if you need us.

Fran Cohen

ARZA

First, I want to thank everyone who joined ARZA this year. As of the end of February, our temple has 87 members, which is one less than last year. I am disappointed with these numbers and if you have not yet sent back your membership application, please do so. There is never a deadline on joining.

Much has happened in Israel these past few months and it is important that I update you on it. According to Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Executive Director of ARZA/WORLD UNION, "A revolution is underway in Israel." The non-Orthodox have been going through the courts in an attempt to overturn the Orthodox monopoly in religious affairs in Israel. The Israeli Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled in favor of equal rights for the Reform and Conservative movements. They ruled that Reform and Conservative representatives could not be prevented from serving on religious councils. The ultra-Orthodox, the *Haredim*, have consistently ignored these decisions and have attempted to circumvent them by passing new laws in the Knesset. The Jerusalem District Court, in a decision expected to be upheld by the Israeli Supreme Court, ruled that Reform and Conservative converts, converted in Israel, must be registered as Jews by the state. The Israeli Supreme Court also recently charged the Knesset to end the military exemptions of the ultra-Orthodox. Recognition of marriages performed in Israel by Reform and Conservative rabbis and official recognition of the Reform and Conservative movements seems only a matter of time.

On February 14, one quarter of a million *Haredim* demonstrated in Jerusalem against the Supreme Court rulings. This represents about half the country's *Haredim* and they were instructed by their rabbis and by the leaders of their yeshivas to attend. The rhetoric was particularly sharp and hateful. The Supreme Court was called the modern-day Haman. One ultra-Orthodox spokesman said, "We will undermine the legitimacy of the Supreme Court." Said another, "If the High Court is not convinced to cease involvement in religion/state issues, there will be war." That same day, 50,000 non-Orthodox Jews held a counter-demonstration in support of the Supreme Court and the democratic rule of law. Two of the most acclaimed Israeli writers, A.B. Yehoshua and Amos Oz, joined by many other leading intellectuals, urged all Israelis to register en masse with the Reform and Conservative movements. Thousands of Israelis, many secular Jews who have rarely set foot in a synagogue, have made inquiries about joining. Many are fed up with the ultra-Orthodox and want to express their belief in equality by supporting the Reform and Conservative movements. Most Israelis consider themselves secular, or non-affiliated, Jews. The Reform and Conservative movements together represent less than one percent of the Israeli population. Our problem now is to be able to expand fast enough to bring a real, spiritually rewarding, alternative to Orthodoxy. We must be able to engage these new members in a religiously and spiritually meaningful way. A window of opportunity has been opened that we must take advantage of.

This past summer I went to Israel with Rabbi Weber and the TRT group. It was one of the most fantastic and memorable experiences of my life. The highlights of the trip included visits to Reform temples in Israel. My daughter celebrated her Bat Mitzvah, together with four other TRT members at Kehillat Kol HaNeshama, a Reform temple in Jerusalem. The ceremony was beautiful and especially meaningful to my family and to all

who attended. It was so nice to have a Reform temple in the midst of Jerusalem where our children could be welcome and our own Rabbis Weber and Stern could lead such a beautiful service. It is so ironic to hear about the suffering and extreme effort needed to establish these Reform temples. There is no question that Reform and Conservative Judaism has been persecuted and discriminated against. However, despite this, Reform and Conservative Judaism are alive and vibrant forces in Israel. They must exist to give a religious alternative to Orthodoxy. Reform and Conservative Judaism are needed for the soul of Israel.

I believe that we have made, and are continuing to make, progress for our rights in Israel. We must try to get all of our friends to join ARZA and we should pray that our Orthodox brothers and sisters will see us as brothers and sisters.

Steve Konigsberg

OUR A.R.Z.A. MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING!

The following Temple members have joined or renewed their membership in A.R.Z.A., the Association of Reform Zionists of America. We thank you for your support of our movement and our rights in Israel.

Lee and Carol Adasko	Rich and Nina Grossman	Gerry Newman and Susan Ringel
Joe and Irene Ash	Brian and Karen Halpern	Dan and Ilene Norber
Roy and Leslie Auerbach	Gil and Suzie Hershman	Daniel and Randi Orchant
Steve and Beverly Azarchi	Rich and Maxine Herzog	Stan and Lisa Plavin
Mel and Melanie Belitsky	Al and Cynthia Hess	Rich and Sharon Reinking
Ron and Susan Berman	Andy and Liz Hilowitz	Stuart and Donna Rosenblum
Richard and Sheri Binder	Jon and Donna Hirsch	Phil and Debbie Ross
Allen and Ellen Bloom	Eric and Deborah Hoffman	Richard and Joan Ruffine
Marty and Judy Borell	Douglas and Valerie Inglima	Ed and Gloria Russin
Jeffrey and Pam Brisman	Tony and Susan Iorlano	Joel and Iris Schleifstein
David Brown	Matt and Anne Jacobson	Mark and Susan Schneid
Marc and Fran Cohen	Wayne and Beth Kamenitz	Mitchell and Lisa Schwartz
Evan and Randi Cole	Steven and Laurie Kaufman	Ron and Barbara Sher
Bruce and Sheryl Cooper	Barry and Elise Kaye	Allen and Sylvia Sigler
Neil and Helene Cooper	Jack and Bonnie Kirschenbaum	Steve and JoAnn Silkes
Randy and Linda Cranin	Ron and Jackie Klug	Howard and Nan Silver
Jay and Gail Davis	Stuart and Robin Koenig	Harvey and Mary Singer
Kevin and Fran Davis	Stan and Bibi Kohn	Marsha Singer
Tony and Ingrid DiFazio	Steve and Belinda Konigsberg	Dale Skran and Jo Paltin
Mark and Doris Dodkowitz	Randy and Miki Krakauer	Marc and Meryl Spritzer
Bill and Karen Doria	Mark and Jo-Ellen Landesman	Jeff and Marge Stevens
Michael and Cyndie Ducore	Henry and Phyllis Levenstein	Peter and Bonnie Sugarman
Neal and Ellen Finkelstein	David and Judi Lipman	Don Weber and Shira Stern
Jeff and Gail Finowitz	Sam and Ronit Litwack	Bill and Hinda Weinberger
Bill and Ilene Fireman	Alan and Susan Meyerberg	Lewis and Sandra Wildman
Kathy Fischer	Marty and Michele Miller	Rich Witlin and Bess Goldenberg
Michael and Amy Fischer	Irwin and Iris Misshula	Marty and Betty Wolfson
Sy and Suzanne Goldberg	Michael and Roxanne Moskowitz	Sam and Cindy Wolkoff
Larry and Karen Goldstein	Dan and Heidi Neufeld	Jed and Carol Zaitz

And it is not too late to add your voice! To join ARZA, send your check for \$36, payable to Temple Rodeph Torah, to the office. Mark it "ARZA Membership," and you will be part of this important movement.

Viewpoint

Viewpoint No. 1: *Bet Ahava*

Four years ago, in her Confirmation speech, my daughter, Rachel, spoke eloquently of her feelings about Temple Rodeph Torah. I listened, with a mixture of pride and envy, as she described how comfortable, secure, and loved she had always felt within the walls of her temple. She described her temple as a *bet ahava*, a house of love. How proud I was of her and of the temple that her parents and her parents' friends had helped create! And how envious I was that she could have those feelings when my involvement in the leadership and business end of the temple had robbed me of that secure belief that we are a family.

On October 20, my mother passed away after a five-year battle against Alzheimer's. Six weeks later, on the day before their 59th wedding anniversary, my father died. While nothing can lessen the magnitude of this loss, the outpouring of concern from my temple family has eased the pain and brought me true comfort. Phone calls to Florida (thanks Don and Edna), numerous meals (thanks to my fellow teachers, Board members, and Janet Caruso), countless donations, last-minute coverage for my classes (thanks to Helene Cooper), and just the simple smiles and incredible hugs (thanks Shira) have all made this ordeal bearable.

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you for being there for me and for allowing me to reside in my daughter's *bet ahava*. With love,

Barbara Klein

Viewpoint No. 2: Youth Group Shines

On Friday night, January 29, 1999, my family and I went to *Shabbat* services. We were expecting to greet *Shabbat* with our friends and neighbors in the usual manner. Since we didn't read our Newsletter all that carefully, we did not know that the Senior Youth Group, headed by Ross Bear, would be leading the service.

What a pleasant surprise it was, is all I can say! This group of young adults wrote, sang, prayed, and led a most inspiring *Shabbat* service. It was beautiful! My children sat mesmerized. I am so pleased to have been a participant that night.

I would like to thank you, the Senior Youth Group, for showing my children and our community that: (1) teenagers do pray Jewishly; (2) it's cool to be a Jew, no matter what your age; and (3) there are young adults in this generation who are positive, energetic, motivated, and very productive.

For all of you who missed it, keep your eyes open for the next opportunity to participate in a service led by our Senior Youth Group. You, as I was, can be inspired too.

Elaine Safchik

(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)

GUEST COLUMN

Note from Rabbi Weber: This column was written by Michael Riley, a Baptist minister and columnist for the Home News-Tribune. It is reprinted with the gracious permission of the author and the paper.

It turns out that the homosexuals are smarter than anybody thought. Heck, they're almost as wily as your basic Jew.

We know these things because, once again, the world has been given a peek into the mind of the Rev. Jerry Falwell. It's a scary place: a cold, empty, dark wasteland. If you listen very carefully, you can make out the sounds of leather-winged bats flying overhead and, off in the distance, the mournful cry of the loon.

First came word that, in a jaw-dropping display of exegesis, Falwell had come to the conclusion the Antichrist would pretty much have to be a Jew. Stands to reason. Christ was Jewish, after all. Besides, when it comes to ushering in the end of the world, you need a smooth-talking, entertaining, slick sort of guy. Judgment Day is all about rivers of blood, pestilence, war and famine. The sort of stuff the crafty Jew has been known for throughout history.

Put aside for a minute Falwell's wooden, know-nothing interpretations, his attempt to put flesh and blood on visions and dreams. Leave behind the nearly total agreement of biblical scholars that the beastly Antichrist in the book of Revelation is a symbolic depiction of the spirit of the mad emperor Nero — a gentile if ever there was one.

The Antichrist doesn't need to be a living, breathing human being. But if he is, it seems to me he would be the exact opposite of Jesus. Somebody, like say, oh, maybe a white, Southern, fundamentalist preacher with blow-dried hair.

Most guys would be satisfied with narrowing down the list of candidates for Satan's end-of-the world bagman to one rather small portion of the world's population. But not Jerry. This guy's on a roll, and he's blown the cover on the insidious gay cabal in this country.

See, lately there's been a lot of hand-wringing down at the Gay and Lesbian World Headquarters, particularly in the Recruitment and Indoctrination Office. Jerry knows this. He knows that the homosexuals haven't been getting enough 2- and 3-year-olds to disavow heterosexuality.

"What to do? What to Do?" they cry out. Suddenly, one of them has a brilliant idea: "We'll make one of the Teletubbies gay."

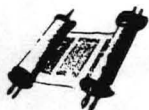
This is as plain as the nose on the Antichrist's face to Jerry Falwell. For God's sake, all you have to do is look at Tinky-Winky. In the first place, he's purple. And we all know what that means. (And isn't it just like the gays to change the rules? When I was in high school, wearing green on Thursday meant you were gay.) In the second place, he's got a triangle on his head. They've even corrupted geometry. Plus, Tinky-Winky carries a big purse. Lord only knows what he's got in there. Bette Midler CD's probably.

It's all a plot. Jerry knows this.

The total tonnage of what Falwell doesn't know is astounding. He's a black hole of ignorance. Does he really believe my 2-year-old boy, Sam, is going to turn gay because he plays with Tinky-Winky? I think Jerry needs to remember the Teletubbies aren't human, and let's face it, they're NOT REAL! Even if we heard from Tinky-Winky's own lips that he was attracted to other guy Teletubbies, I wouldn't worry. Maybe Sam will learn to love and respect all life and every person he meets. I know this: They'll take Sam's Teletubby away only when they pry it from his sweet little fingers.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell's head is full of fear and dread. He gives the devil too much power. I pray that someday the light and peace of the Jesus I know will fill the cold and dark places in him.

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Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 4/9-10

Parashat Shemini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Summary by Aron Dercher

Moses conveys to Aaron God's requirements for preparing offerings to atone for the sins of Aaron and the Jews. When the offering was made, a mystical fire consumed the burnt offering which amazed the people. Two of Aaron's sons are destroyed because they did not follow God's instructions. The rules of what living things are kosher are described.

***Shabbat 4/16-17**

Parashat Tazria, Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Summary by Arthur Rosenthal

God tells Moses about the rituals of bearing a child. When a male is born, the child shall be circumcised on the eighth day. The mother cannot enter a sanctuary for 33 days if she bears a male, or 66 days if she bears a female. After this period of purification, the mother shall bring a lamb or a burnt offering and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering.

God tells Moses and Aaron that if a person has a swelling, a rash or a discoloration of the skin, it shall be reported to Aaron or one of his sons, because it may be leprosy. A person having leprosy shall be considered unclean so long as they have the disease, and they shall live outside the community.

***Shabbat 4/16/17**

Parashat Metzora, Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Summary by Fran Robby

Rituals of cleansing, to be performed on lepers and on houses afflicted by a plague, are described in great detail. For lepers, these rituals involve bathing, shaving of hair, and slaughtering and sacrificing of animals. For afflicted homes these rituals involve the closing of the home, scraping and replastering of its walls, and finally, if necessary, the dismantling of the house.

Also described are the ritual cleansing for a man with an unclean discharge from his male organ, and for a woman when she is menstruating, or having some other discharge.

***Shabbat 4/23-24**

Parashat Aharei Mot, Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Summary by Andrea Block

God tells Moses how Aaron and the Israelites must purge and cleanse themselves. This sets the rules for the day of atonement. Moses tells Aaron of God's prescribed method of killing animals for consumption. Then God reaffirms the first commandment and begins to list abhorrent actions which defiled Egypt and Canaan, and warns the Israelites not to practice them.

***Shabbat 4/23-24**

Parashat Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27

Summary by Neal Perlman

God gives the Israelites detailed guidelines for moral, ethical and sexual conduct appropriate for living in Israel. God warns them not to conduct themselves in the same manner as the nation God is expelling. God pronounces that just as they are set apart from other peoples, they are to set apart the clean beasts from the unclean.

Shabbat 4/30-5/1 Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Summary by Esther Nemetz and Sidney Nemetz 5 1

God has told Moses that he expects priests to act in the following manner: They must not enter a room that contains a dead body. They must marry a virgin. The priest must be clean to offer food or should cleanse himself after sunset. The food must not be blemished. The priests work six days and rest on the seventh. If a priest kills a man he must be put to death.

NEWS AND NOTES

BOARD NOTES

Actions taken by the Board of Directors during the month of March are as follows:

1. We will purchase a Y2K compliant computer for the office. Up to \$2500 may be spent on the purchase, such funds to be taken from the building supplies and maintenance funds.
2. Twice a year, TRT clergy will be given time to attend Friday night *Shabbat* services at other Reform congregations to learn how other congregations *davven*, and to report back to this congregation about what was learned. This was suggested by the UAHC of NJ and brought to our attention by Rabbi Weber.
3. We will buy a black-and-white, full-page ad in the journal honoring Rabbi Weiner of Temple Shalom on his retirement. The cost will be \$300. This will be taken from the Sunshine Fund.
4. The following policy was adopted to allow a family the option to have a *Havdalah* Bar/Bat Mitzvah service at TRT: (a) the service leader must be either an ordained or invested Reform clergy person, or a person who has been employed by a Reform congregation in an official capacity in a clergy role, on a weekly basis, for at least two years; (b) the service leader will use the liturgy and observe the customs practiced at TRT Bar/Bat Mitzvahs; (c) TRT will not be responsible for providing a substitute clergy person under any circumstances; (d) TRT will provide for ushers and a custodian; and (e) TRT will not be responsible for the cost of hiring the service leader.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS – NOTE THE DATES!

On Wednesday, April 21, and Wednesday, May 19, Temple Rodeph Torah will hold Congregational Meetings. The main task of the April meeting is to discuss and approve the temple budget for next year; the May meeting is to elect our congregation's new Officers and Directors. Every temple family is entitled to a voice and a vote, and we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to make your feelings known and your voice heard.

We have always said that there is no "they" at TRT — the congregation is run by every member who cares enough to work, to help, and to vote. Come learn about our plans for the coming year, meet and talk with the Board members who will make the day-to-day decisions which affect us all, and be a part of the "we" that run the temple!

A Board of Directors meeting will follow each of the Congregational meetings. As always, they, too, are open to every member of the temple. We invite you to remain, to learn more about our congregation, and to express your opinion on topics of interest and concern to you.

PLEASE TELL US YOUR BLOOD TYPE

Temple Rodeph Torah keeps a voluntary listing of the blood types of our members. This project was begun specifically because we needed donors for a congregant preparing for surgery, but it has a larger purpose. If (God forbid) anyone in our congregation needs blood, it is good to know who in the temple family is a compatible donor. Especially in this day and age, it helps to know from whence comes the blood.

If you have not told us your blood type, please call Rabbi Weber and let him know! We are keeping records for adults only at this time, and of course, all information is confidential.

Remember, this works two ways. If at any time a member needs donors on very short notice, we will have their blood type on file to locate suitable donors. Please help us help!

ISRAEL REFORM KIBBUTZ SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Kibbutz Lotan, the second Reform kibbutz in Israel, is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in spending at least a month living in a full-time Reform community in one of the most starkly beautiful areas in Israel (if not the world) then maybe Lotan is for you. If you are healthy, in good physical condition, willing to work and over 18 then maybe Lotan is for you.

Interested? Contact Daniel by e-mail: danielbu@hotmail.com or by fax: 972-7-635-6827 (attention: Daniel, volunteer coordinator)

"HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

Everyone who shared the fun of our "Megillah According to Broadway" joins in thanking the participants:

Lana Chernick, Rachel Chernick, Bill Grainer, Jeremy Joseph, Karen Joseph, Cathy Karmiller, Kate Katzanek, Michele Lazarowitz, Robbin Leibowitz, Debbie Maslansky, Evan Meyerberg, Art Pearlstein, Evan Perlman, Judy Spiegel, Michelle Spiegel and Barbara Sprechman.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Michelle and Floyd Bookbinder, on the birth and *brit milah* of their son, Brett Lewis Bookbinder
to Rabbi Shira Stern, on her invitation to be Alumna in Residence at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York City, and her election as co-chair of the Women's Rabbinic Network

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 Alan, Jill, Adam and Brooke Friedgood, on the death of Alan's grandfather, Morris Garfinkel
to Joan, Michael and Russell Gershman, on the death of Joan's father, Harold Statinsky
to Andrea, David, Jennifer and Marissa Wajngold, on the death of Andrea's aunt, Vivian Falti
to Arlene and Ken Kapilow, on the death of Arlene's mother, Mildred Seegman

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

You are Cordially Invited

We invite you to share in our happiness when our daughter, Brooke Ashley, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 10, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Ronnie, Mark, Andrew and Justin Geringer

With much love and pride, we invite you to join our family as our daughter, Marissa Eryn, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on her birthday, Saturday, April 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Jennifer and Fred Gross

Memories are created by sharing special occasions with family and friends. Please share our joy when our daughter, Stephanie Lauren, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. We would be honored to have you join us for the *oneg* following services.

Sharon and Rich Reinking

Special occasions are meant to be shared with family and friends. With great joy, we invite you to the *aufruf* celebration of the upcoming marriage of our son, Ryan Keith Schubert, to Leslie Beth Bear, on Friday, April 23, 1999, at 8:30 p.m.

Iris and Warren Schubert

With much love and pride, we invite you to share a special moment in our lives when our daughter, Stefanie Faith, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 24, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Karen and Steven Klovsky

With great pride and joy we invite you to join us as our son, Jared David, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 24, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Elaine and Andy Newman

With great love and pride, we invite you to join our family as Adam Scott is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 1, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Laurie, Steve and Liza Kaufman

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YAHREZEITS

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
Shabbat Observance 4/5 – 4/6		
4/1	Esther Samuelson *	Susan Berman
4/1	Sadie Reich	Gary Reich
4/3	Rebecca Behar *	Barbara Chamoff
4/4	Gussie Fischer *	Craig Fischer ז"ל
4/4	Susie S. Morin *	Bonnie Siegel
4/4	Dorothy M. Markowitz *	Judith Croes and Milton Markowitz
4/4	Sebastian John DiFazio	Tony DiFazio
4/4	Samuel Brachfeld	Goldie Wein
4/4	Philip Glasser	David Glasser
4/4	Barbara Greenblatt *	Ed Russin
4/5	Irving Brenner	Brian Reingold
4/5	Sidney Sobel	Charles Sobel
4/5	Sydney Schwitz *	Mark Schwitz
Shabbat Observance 4/12 – 4/13		
4/7	Molly Gerber	Irwin Misshula
4/7	Bernard Elmowitz	Julie Williamsky
4/9	Aaron Lester Moskowitz	Michael Moskowitz
4/9	Lorraine A. Rosenberg *	Barbara Sher, Marc and Jay Rosenberg, and Michael Rosenberg
4/9	Stuart Gothelf	Rabbi Don Weber
4/10	Basha Falk	Ruth Kaufman
4/10	Minnie Shenkman	Lois Korman
4/10	Morty Bohrer	Patricia Klein
4/11	Sara Stein	Lisa Perlman
4/11	Irving Falk *	Ruth Kaufman
4/12	Sarah Cohen	Iris Schubert
4/12	Minnie Welkin *	Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper
4/12	Charlotte Goldberg *	Gerry Goldberg ז"ל
4/12	Charlotte Deutsch	Beth Kamenitz
4/13	Ceil Sigman	Lois Korman
4/13	Blanche Kirnum *	Jodi Feigenbaum
4/13	Wolf Hersh Wilder	Rachel Pachter
4/13	Doba Wilder	Rachel Pachter
4/13	Rachel Perlmutter	Rachel Pachter
4/13	Yitzrach Perlmutter	Rachel Pachter
4/13	Eva Garfield	Saul Curtis
Shabbat Observance 4/19 – 4/20		
4/14	Sete Cohen	Rachel Reichman
4/14	Harvey Friedgood	Alan Friedgood
4/15	Annette Levine	Michele Miller
4/15	Norman Weinberg *	Stuart Weinberg

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Yahrzeits, continued

Shabbat Observance 4/19 – 4/20, continued

4/15	Roslyn Orlofsky *	Ellen Berrol
4/15	Irving Margulis	Alan Kazin
4/16	Louis Ewen	Jessica Kahan
4/16	Bella Margulis	Alan Kazin
4/16	Benjamin Forleiter	Steven Forleiter
4/17	Esther Asch	David Asch
4/17	Bertha Hess	Alfred Hess
4/18	Ida Layman	David Layman
4/18	Sophie Lester	Jay Davis
4/18	Stephen Friedland	Larry Friedland
4/19	Nathan Fine *	Morton Fine
4/19	Nancy Lytle	Linda Cranin
4/20	Manuel Rajlin	Marta Berkowicz

Shabbat Observance 4/26 – 4/27

4/21	Col. David "Mickey" Marcus	Barbara E. Klein
4/22	Rubin Gale *	Fran Robby
4/22	Molly Levey	Ginny Kotler
4/23	Michael Notorgiacomo	Tony Iorlano
4/23	Leah Aaron Beizer	Suzanne Hershman
4/24	Janette Kaufman Shindel *	Steven Kaufman
4/24	Abraham Goldman	Iris Schleifstein
4/25	Charles E. Shaw *	Kathy Shaw Fischer
4/26	Harry Markowitz	Phyllis Levenstein and Ilene Fireman
4/26	David Siegel	Ilana Silvan
4/27	Miriam Stepner Barber *	Barry Barber

Shabbat Observance 4/30 – 5/1

4/28	Jeffrey Greenberg	Randy Greenberg
4/28	Lucille Waldman	Marc Waldman
4/28	Hyman Trencher	Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper
4/28	June Siegel *	Elaine Newman
4/29	Felice Preeshagul	Jessica and David Kahan
4/30	Paul Dvorkin	Meryl Stoffer
4/30	C. Norbert Smalling	Linda Cranin
4/30	Lorraine Slomka *	Carl Forman and Enid Brown ז"ל
4/30	Rose Mitchell	Louis Weiner
4/30	Sadye Sellinger	Laurie Karmel

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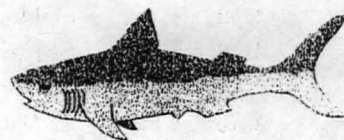
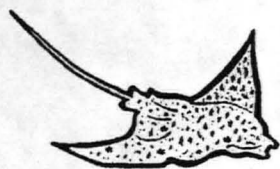
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Date: April 25, 1999
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Clean-up will be held rain or shine.

Please remember to:

- Wear hard-soled shoes**
- Bring gloves**
- Wear sunscreen**
- Dress appropriately**
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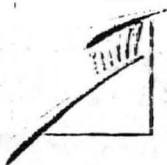
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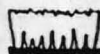
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