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TEMPLE RODERF TORAH of Western Monmouth

invite you to join us

on Thursday, May 20, 1999, at 8:00 p.m.

as we celebrate the Festival of Shavuot
and Confirm the graduates of our Tenth Grade:

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We congratulate them and their families,
and we share in their simcha and in their pride!

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FROM RABBI WEBER

“Ethnic Cleansing.” The phrase sounds so... so... so *healthy*. Clean is good, isn’t it? We are a nation obsessed with clean, from clean sheets to clean water; what could be wrong with clean ethnics, too?

In German, the word for “clean” is *rein*. Our parents and grandparents heard this word all the time, since Adolph Hitler pledged to make first Germany, then the whole world *Judenrein* — “clean of Jews.” The Holocaust was “ethnic cleansing,” too.

What is going on in Kosovo right now (as I write this, it is the beginning of April) is not “cleansing” anything; it is genocide.

There is no question that the remains of Yugoslavia are a mess. The animosities between people there have existed for hundreds of years, and we are not going to make everyone love each other in a month, a year, or probably even a century. But with the breakdown of law in the shambles of that country, there is no one to enforce decency, and the result is chaos. Would we fare better in the United States, if the rule of law disappeared? Would we all continue to work together, just because it was the right thing to do, or would our country shatter into fragments, too? Would Californians and Floridians try to “cleanse” the Mexicans and Cubans from their state? Would the militias and the white supremacists take over the Midwest? Would New York City become a city which admitted only blacks, or Hispanics... or Jews? It is comforting to look across the ocean and think of this as “their problem,” but we would be fooling ourselves. It could just as easily be *our* problem one day, and we Americans would do well to lose our smug sense of superiority when we see the tragedy unfolding before our eyes.

As Jews, we have even more at stake than most Americans. Every time I participate in a discussion about the Holocaust, whether with children or with adults, the same question arises: How could the world sit back and watch, as six million of our people were exterminated? Specifically, how could the *United States* — the world’s champion of freedom, the symbol of “liberty and justice for all” — do nothing, as its own reconnaissance photos showed Jews being marched from the trains to the gas chambers? Well, now we have the answer. Now that we are not on the receiving end of the “ethnic cleansing,” we find ourselves engaging in intellectual discussions about “appropriate risks” and “unacceptable losses,” just as American military and political leaders did when discussing whether or not to risk our soldiers’ lives by attacking the extermination camps. The Serbs have made it clear that they plan to kill or drive out every single ethnic Albanian from Kosovo; not because they are a military obstacle, or a threat to their nation’s security, but simply because they are *different*. How can we Jews sit back and watch this, as if it does not involve us at all?

SPECIAL EVENTS

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There are two things which we must do. First, we must reach out to the refugees — the ones who have not yet been killed, the ones who have not yet died of disease or starvation — and *help them*, just as we wish the world had helped our people during the Holocaust. At the end of this column are the addresses of two organizations which have established special programs to get relief to the refugees. Both have promised that every dollar will go directly to aid; no overhead, no salaries, no administrative expenses. I have already sent my check, and I call upon you to send yours — *now*. Don't wait for the next time you sit down to pay bills, or for when you have some "extra money" lying around. Think about how you, a Jew living in an overwhelmingly Christian country, have the freedom to live as you wish, where you wish; then write a check to help those whom the Serbs are trying to murder for daring to live in "their" country.

Second, write to your congresspeople and to President Clinton. Tell them you believe that the United States should do more than just talk about preventing genocide. Encourage them to do everything possible to stop the slaughter of innocents, whose only crime is that their existence is annoying to a hate-filled leader of a sadistic minority. I know it is hard for many of us who grew up during Vietnam to encourage our country to go to war, but this is not Vietnam. In Vietnam, we did not even know who the enemy was; in Kosovo, it is clear: the enemy is the one forcing people out of their homes and out of their country at gunpoint. If we dare to say that we should not get involved, then we may never again dare to question why the nations of the world stood silent as our people was turned to ash.

Please, do it now. Right now.

Shalom,
Rabbi Don Weber

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A Special Invitation from Rabbi Weber:

The weekend of May 28th, 1999, is the 18th anniversary of my ordination as a rabbi. This June also marks the end of my 15th year as rabbi of Temple Rodeph Torah. My family and I invite you to join us for the Shabbat evening service and *Oneg Shabbat* on the 28th, as we share our *simcha* with you, our temple family.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Saturday, 5/1 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
B'nai Mitzvah: Stephen Alerhand and Adam Kaufman
- Friday, 5/7 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
Story: "Hearing the Earth Celebrate"
✧ Birthday Blessings for May; Candle Lighting 7:40 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/8 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*
B'nai Mitzvah: Jordan Friedman and Eric Teisch
- Friday, 5/14 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
B'nai Torah Ceremony, welcoming next year's Confirmation Class
Richard Herzog, Cantorial Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:47 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/15 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
B'nai Mitzvah: Michael Dodkowitz and Benjamin Joseph
- Thursday, 5/20** - **Erev Shavuot: Confirmation & Yiskor Service – 7:30 p.m.**
Candle Lighting 7:53 p.m.
- Friday, 5/21 - Shabbat Services:
7:30 p.m. – "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
8:30 p.m. – Service
NEW TEMPLE MEMBERS' WELCOME
Blessing for New Drivers
Candle Lighting 7:54 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/22 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*
Bar Mitzvah: Brandon Rosenblum
- Friday, 5/28 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
Sermon: "Chai"
✧ **Anniversary Blessings for May**
Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:59 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/29 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
B'nai Mitzvah: Joshua Bucher and Alyssa Salman
- Monday, 5/31 - Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah: Jessica Burstein

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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A number of months ago, the Board received a proposal from the Worship Committee to eliminate the service leader's reading of the *yahrzeits* during the service. Instead, the names would be printed in our weekly announcement sheet, and the service leader would ask all who were there to mourn, to stand and say the name(s) they were there to honor. The Board passed this proposal in January, a notice was placed in the March newsletter, and the service leader no longer reads the whole list of names. I apologize for the lack of clarity of this announcement and for any upset it may have caused. Nonetheless, the Board reaffirmed its action at the March meeting. I hope you will look at this development in a positive light. Although the service leader will not be reading the names aloud anymore, more members of your family may remember (out loud) your loved one. You may recall that the Board, some years ago, restricted the number of names of remembrance to one. Although we will only print that name on the announcement sheet, your family may all rise and honor the deceased.

In my last newsletter article (March 1999), I thought I was being crystal clear; I stand corrected. Being a mover and a shaker in our congregation is something anyone can become. All you have to do is participate. By joining a committee, by becoming a voting member of that committee, you put yourself on the path to mover/shaker. Committee membership for one year is the main eligibility requirement for Board membership. We have positions open, as I type this note. Even if none were open, we are always looking for people to fill spots as they become open during the course of the year. Does a small group of people "run" the temple? Yes! But only because you have not volunteered! Call me, or e-mail me at my new address: rcranin@worldnet.att.net.

I proposed a new traffic pattern a few months ago; it was approved by the Board of Directors, along with the expenditure to cover the cost of signage. Very shortly — well before you actually read this — new "Do Not Enter" signs will dot the property. The signs will direct traffic around the front of the building, in a one-way direction. We are doing this to reduce the possibility of accidents, both to people and to property. The driveway at the front of the temple is just not wide enough for two-way traffic at peak times, such as when school lets out, especially when the high school bus is there. Please pay attention to the signs, and to the people you see out front directing traffic. It is for the safety of our children.

Randy Cranin

BOARD NOTES

The following actions were taken at the March Board meeting:

1. The 1999/2000 budget, as presented by the Finance Committee, was accepted by the Board of Directors with the following change: reduce the President's Appeal by \$5,000 and add a budget line for \$5,000 for Bar/Bat Mitzvah video income.
2. The Board voted to approve the Worship Committee's dress code requirements for the Confirmation ceremony. The new dress code will include the wearing of white robes for all Confirmands and will disallow sneakers and denim.

3. The Board will present to the congregation a change to the constitutional wording in Article 5, Section 8. This section currently reads: "The Board of Directors shall be authorized to expend on any extra budgetary project up to \$1,500 per transaction, such transactions, in the aggregate, not to exceed 5% of the operating budget per year. Any appropriation in excess of this amount shall be approved by both the Board and the congregation." The proposed change would substitute the underlined \$1,500 with "...one half of 1% (0.5%) of the current budget's projected revenues...."
4. The Board approved the following recommendations of the Education committee: (a) to change the ending time of the second session of Sunday religious school from 12:35 to 12:50, thereby adding 15 minutes of needed class time to the 3rd grade; and (b) to make attendance at the Camp Kutz weekend mandatory for 8th grade *MOREHSHa* students, and optional only for those 9th grade students who attended Camp Kutz during 8th grade.
5. The Board voted to participate in the Stranger in the Synagogue Program sponsored by our regional UAHC. This program would send a representative from the UAHC, unknown to us, to attend our Friday night service. This representative would report back on how they were treated by the congregation, i.e., are we rude or welcoming.

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 **Randy Cranin**, our temple president.

Randy Cranin lives in Freehold with his wife, Linda, and their two daughters, Danielle and Rachel. Danielle is a senior at Freehold Boro High School and will be attending Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, in the fall. Rachel is a freshman at Freehold Boro High School and is a member of TRT's *MOREHSHa*. Randy and Linda met while in college in Potsdam, New York. After living for many years on Staten Island, the Cranins settled in Freehold in 1989. They have been members of the temple since that time.

Randy works for Pru Securities managing branch technical support. Linda teaches Special Ed music to children at the Harbor School in Eatontown. Prior to his term as President of the temple, Randy fulfilled the roles of Vice President and Secretary, and was a Director on the Board for an additional four years. Randy has also served on the Men's Club, was in charge of *Yahrzeits*, and is currently on the Special Circumstances Committee. Linda is currently in charge of the *Yahrzeit* Committee, and also leads our congregation as a cantorial soloist once a month at Shabbat services.

It was a small issue that first got Randy involved in temple life. "I attended a congregational meeting, was interested in whatever was going on at the time, and showed up for the next four or five meetings. Suddenly, I was asked to take over a position someone had vacated. It has just gone on from there." Randy feels most frustrated by the apathy of so many congregants. "People complain all the time about things but are rarely willing to get actively involved to solve problems. The *Chai Five* project was our most successful, voluntary fundraiser ever and yet it failed because only 47 families stepped forward to contribute." Randy prefers to focus on the positive. "There are so many people here who give wholeheartedly, and I don't just mean monetarily, but who give of themselves. They are here to perpetuate Judaism and put time and effort into making our congregation work."

Randy graciously acquiesced to answer a host of other questions put to him in an effort to give us a better understanding of the role of the President of the temple.

Q: What do you see as the most important role of the president of our congregation?

A: I believe it is really important to be a good facilitator. There may be times when that means being a facilitator between the rabbi and the Board, or the Board and the congregation, but mostly it means being the facilitator of synagogue policies and making sure that things run smoothly.

Q: How much influence do you feel you have, as president, on Board decisions?

A: One really important thing I have learned over the years is that the president, as much as possible, should be an impartial mediator whose role it is to help the synagogue move forward. If an issue comes up that I feel I have to address, I won't hesitate to do so, but I will always state my position last. Quite honestly, I never envisioned myself in this role, and I have no desire to influence how other people will decide on issues.

Q: How do issues get placed on the agenda for Board meetings and do you ever shelve ideas that are unpopular or controversial to keep them from the Board?

A: I usually create the agenda for Board meetings from input from committee chairs and from issues that arise in discussions with the Executive Board, which meets 10 days before regular Board meetings take place. It is not the president's role to keep issues from the Board. A major role of the president is to be able to mediate discussions fairly on all issues, especially on difficult or unpopular issues.

Q: How can we achieve more participation from our congregation?

A: I think we need to create more programs that will attract those people we have not been able to draw in. The problem is, we really need those people to come forward and help us create the programs, help us run the programs. Anyone with ideas is welcomed but they have to be willing to help get their idea off the ground.

Q: What are some of the biggest challenges facing the temple?

A: I believe that retaining membership is of major concern. We lose too many members once the youngest child has become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We also have a hard time keeping seniors. It is not just here at TRT, either. It is endemic to most congregations today. We need people to see their congregation as more than Bar/Bat Mitzvah mills.

Q: What would you hope would never change about TRT?

A: It's too late. The days of us being a small congregation are gone.

Q: What changes would you like to see?

A: I would definitely like to see a change in the feelings of our congregants. I would like more people to help us become the congregation that they envision, rather than complain that the leadership is to blame for things no one else is willing to get involved in.

Q: Do you have a vision of TRT as we approach the next century, or a vision of where you are leading us?

A: Well, it is not our [the Jewish] century! We have about 250 years to go! I have no agenda that I want to see in place. However, I would like to see TRT members pull together as one, answering yes when asked. I am pleased that so many people do participate when asked, but sometimes the numbers seem low when compared with our total membership.

Q: Why do you not write a monthly Newsletter column?

A: It is not that I don't think it is important, but there are two things I am really not good at. One of them is writing. I am not a creative writer and have a lot of difficulty trying to get my thoughts on paper. The second thing I am not good at is public speaking. Getting up in front of the congregation on *Yom Kippur* was very hard for me. I do the best I can but I have to admit my limitations in these two areas.

Q: What one piece of advice, or what one message, would you like to get out to the congregation?

A: Stop *kvetching* and start participating!

SISTERHOOD

Thanks to everyone who was involved with the *Shaloch Manos* baskets. They were beautiful and their success this year will ensure that they will continue to be a project in our future. A lot of work went into making the baskets, from shopping to assembling to delivery. We truly appreciate everyone who supported this project by purchasing the baskets for friends and family. I look forward to needing a bigger committee for next year's baskets!

Andrea Block

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Tikkun Olam day is taking shape for Sunday, October 24, 1999. I know this sounds a long way off, but it takes a long time to plan events for the whole temple. So far we have four events planned for the day and others will be planned in the near future. We will hold events at two nursing homes in the area, have a clean up at a local park, and have a clean up at the beach. We are working on setting up a project with the League of Women voters. We will provide food as the volunteers come back to the temple. We hope to have a special program later in the afternoon at the temple. I will have more on that as we get closer to the date. Remember "WE" can be "YOU" if you come to our next meeting or call to get involved. We can use everyone who wants to be involved with this huge and rewarding project.

Ed Russin

On March 28, we held a very successful food drive. We raised a lot of food and money for our local food pantries. It is a joy to be a part of this important *mitzvah* and most people are very appreciative of our efforts and joyfully donate to the drive. We look forward to our next food drive in the fall.

Steve Konigsberg

We recently received the following letter from the FoodBank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties:

Dear Friends,

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude to you and the other participants whose willingness to hold a food drive benefited the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Your very generous collection of 1,511 pounds of assorted food will be distributed to several of our 285 member charities, which include soup kitchens, homeless shelters, homes for abused or disabled children, church and synagogue pantries and other emergency feeding programs throughout our two counties.

Last year, the foodbank distributed over two million pounds of food to the needy in the communities we serve. It is because of people like you, that we are able to continue to grow and to make a difference in the fight to end hunger in our time.

We are truly grateful to you and the other participants who support the foodbank and its programs. Your commitment to those less fortunate serves as an example for us all.

Sincerely,
Nichele Hostler

YOUTH

It has been really busy here for us at Rodeph Torah Senior Youth Group. In March, we hosted many events, including elections for the National Federation of Temple Youth, the first time we have hosted an event like this in over six years! In April, we attended the spring Conclave and many other different and fun events. Also remember, next year is closer than you think. Sign up to become a member of the Senior Youth Group if you are going to be in grades 9 to 12 as of September, or the Junior Youth Group if you are going to be in grades 7 or 8. Make sure to visit our web site at www.trt.org/youth. We hope to see you soon at an event. For more information, visit our website, e-mail us at trtyouth@aol.com, or call 609-936-0116.

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WORSHIP

The Worship Committee is looking for new members. This is a wonderful committee to join if you are looking to get involved in TRT without having to make a large time commitment. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. We are responsible for supervision and development of policies for Shabbat services, holiday services, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. We also arrange *Shiva minyans*. Our busiest time of the year is just before and during the High Holy Days. Otherwise, approximately two hours a month is all we ask of you. After you attend three consecutive meetings, you will become a voting member of the committee. For more information, please call Pam Brisman at 303-1443, or Neal Finkelstein at 972-8624.

Viewpoints

Religious Education Has Impact on Youth

I am a fifth grade teacher in Marlboro. Recently, I learned a great deal about our Temple Rodeph Torah students. One of the children in my class lost his nineteen year-old brother in a tragic auto accident. On the Monday morning after the accident, I went into the classroom and told my students about the accident. Some of them knew, some were shocked, all were sad and concerned about their classmate.

On Wednesday morning, I left school to go to the funeral. When I returned to my class the children wanted to know how their friend was, if he was doing okay. I have a diverse group of students in my class and there were many, many questions about the funeral. The students wanted to know if there was a wake. The TRT students in my class explained that in a Jewish family the person is buried immediately and that we sit *shiva* for our loved ones. A student wanted to know what sitting *shiva* is and one of my TRT students explained. They explained why those sitting *shiva* wear a cut ribbon, why they sit on a low box, and why the mirrors are covered. The discussion was incredible and the knowledge they shared was wonderful. These kids, that seem to only know about Playstation and soccer, knew so much.

My students asked where their friend's brother was being buried and I told them in Woodbridge. The TRT kids explained to their classmates that they were going on a trip there as part of Hebrew School. When asked why, our kids said that they wanted to go to a Jewish cemetery because it was important to learn about everything.

I am so proud of how much they knew, of the learning that went on, of the mature discussion and patient explanation of Jewish traditions. With all my heart, I wish I never found out how much our students knew, but their understanding, compassion, ability to explain, and their knowledge makes me so proud of them.

Sincerely,
Myrna Levine Nussbaum

Student Reaches NFTY New Heights

I climbed a mountain. It was around four hours of tough rock climbing. It reached 117 degrees by 11:00 a.m., after only two hours of climbing. I was covered with sweat and dirt, and was extremely thirsty. We talked and made jokes to pass the time, but it was tough work. It was steep, and at times one couldn't even see the top. Once we were about halfway up, the height became dizzying, and you had to place each foot carefully. Sometimes the only way I knew where to land my next step was by watching the person in front of me. After quite a long hike, the top had grown close enough for me to grab and I pulled myself to the top.

As I stood on the flat area on top of the mountain, peanut butter and chocolate spread sandwich in hand, and gazed across the Israeli desert and on to Eilat and the Red Sea, I didn't think about how much my six-week tour through Israel, with 40 Jewish teens, had changed my perception of life. I didn't think about the leadership skills and historical knowledge I had gained. I didn't realize the ways in which my first real trip out of America, which included stops in the Czech Republic and Turkey, had transformed my view of the world and my home country. I didn't notice the maturity, self-pride, and experience which had become a part of me. I did appreciate the view and the ice-cold lemonade I was drinking.

It was when I walked out of baggage claim at Kennedy Airport, hugged my parents, and dragged my bags into the car for the long ride home that I realized how much I was going to miss Israel. It was during that ride, as I recited stories of my summer to my mom, that it came to me that I had made the strongest and most intense relationships of my life on that trip. It was in the next days and weeks that I noticed the profound ways in which I had changed and grown internally. It took some time back in my normal existence to recognize this new perception with which I was viewing my old routine world. I liked what I saw.

There are a few people I have to thank for helping me experience this wonderful program. Most importantly, my cousin Rachel Finkelstein, for convincing me that this was one of the best ways I could spend my summer. Also, to my parents for some extra encouragement. Finally, I owe a huge thank you to Temple Rodeph Torah, who, through the Israel Scholarship Fund, provided me with scholarship money to help pay for this program. I also must recommend that any high school student who has the chance to go with NFTY to Israel seize the opportunity. It really will be the best summer of your life.

Jon Cooper

Editor's Note: Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles to this column. It is wonderfully enlightening when we share our views. To date, everything received has been published. My goal of 100 viewpoints still has a long way to go. I need your immediate help. I have no new articles. Please write.



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 4/30-5/1

Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Summary by Esther Nemetz and Sidney Nemetz ז"ל

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.

Shabbat 5/7-8

Parashat Behar, Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2

Summary by Linda Cranin

This portion deals with the use of property, both the land and slaves. Adonai speaks to Moses, telling him to instruct the Israelite people on how to keep their land productive by allowing it to rest in the seventh year. The rules for keeping, redeeming and freeing both Israelite and gentile slaves are discussed.

Two of the top ten commandments are presented: don't make idols, and keep the Sabbath.

Shabbat 5/14-15

Parashat Behukkotai, Leviticus 26:3 – 27:34

Summary by Neal Finkelstein

God tells the Israelites of the good things that will happen if they observe the commandments. The rains will come, the harvest will be bountiful, there will be peace in the land; but if there should be a war, the Israelites will be victorious. God will dwell amongst the people. On the other hand, if the people do not observe the commandments, God will deal harshly with them and there will be disease, famine, and their enemies will defeat them. If the people remain hostile, God will disperse them among all the nations until such time as they atone. When they atone, God will remember the Covenant He made with the patriarchs and will again look with favor on the Israelites.

The second part of the portion concerns the value of gifts people offer to God. When people experienced good fortune or wanted a favor from God, they promised or vowed themselves, part of their land, or other valuable possession. Rather than giving the promised item, it was permissible to give the monetary equivalent. The second part of the Torah reading deals with the way to determine the monetary value.

Shabbat 5/21-22

Parashat Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

Summary by Neil Cooper

Adonai tells Moses to take a census of the Israelites to determine how many men over the age of 20 could serve in the army. All tribes except the Levites were counted. Adonai told Moses to place the Levites in charge of the Tabernacle. Over 600,000 men were counted.

Shabbat 5/28-29

Parashat Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89

Summary by Rachel Levenstein

God gives Moses instructions to take a census of the Gershonites and Merarites. Aaron is to inform them of their duties to the Tent of Meeting. Moses is to remove any "unclean" members of the camp. God tells Moses the punishments for violations of certain laws. Finally, Moses and Aaron are given a prayer to bless the Israelites.

NEWS AND NOTES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD A SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICE?

During Rabbi Weber's vacation this summer, members of the congregation will lead our Shabbat evening and morning services. The Worship Committee asks that any member interested in leading a service — or in learning what it requires — please call either Rabbi Weber or Steve Konigsberg, at 536-8404. Guidance and materials will be provided for all interested members.

The dates are July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6. If you have not led services before, do not worry. It is fun and easy. A basic knowledge of Hebrew reading is required, plus the desire to share a unique Shabbat worship experience with members of Temple Rodeph Torah. Thank you!

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

When scheduling a life-cycle event in which you would like Rabbi Weber to participate (weddings, namings, funerals, unveilings, etc.), please call him first. If you set the time for such events without calling, it may be impossible for him to attend. Though a funeral overrides almost everything else, clearing the time in advance may save us from disrupting classes or programs already scheduled.

We understand the stressful nature of such times in our lives, and with your help we can make them a little easier on everyone.

If you have any questions about life-cycle events, please feel free to call Rabbi Weber, at 972-2595.

MITZVAH CORPS SEEKS ALUMNI

The NFTY-GER Urban Mitzvah Corps (formerly JFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps) is forming an Alumni Association. If you or someone you know has some connection to the Mitzvah Corps Program, and would like to reconnect with other participants, you can contact Alumni Association Chairperson, Grace Gurman, at 201-791-4486. Check out their website at www.nfty-ger.org.

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WANTED: OLD FURNITURE

The Jewish Family and Children's Service (JF&CS) of Monmouth County runs a thrift shop for used furniture, appliances, bric-a-brac, and decorative items. Your old furniture and household items can be sold to underwrite the JF&CS services throughout the county. They will pick up the merchandise at your house, and all donations still can be used as a tax deduction.

The thrift shop is a major fund raiser for the Agency, and it helps them help all of us. For prompt service, call Joyce Fisch, at 988-2889 or 774-6886.

GENETIC STUDY OF SCHIZOPHRENIA SEEKS ASHKENAZI JEWS

Dr. Ann E. Pulver of Johns Hopkins University is conducting genetic studies of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. She is seeking Ashkenazi Jewish individuals and their families coping with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder to participate in the study. While there is no evidence that these disorders occur more frequently among the Jewish population, Ashkenazi Jewish individuals provide unique opportunities for genetic studies because they tend to marry within their faith and therefore have evolved from a limited number of ancestors. If you can help with the study, or would like more information, please call Gail Ullrich, M.S.W., or Melissa Carswell, M.A., toll free at 1-800-289-4095, or send an e-mail to: gullrich@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu.

We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

Chad and Robyn Henderson, and their child, Brooke

George and Phyllis Lagary, and their children, Jason and Erica

Jeff and Marni Levine and their children, Alexander, Mack and Cassidy

TEMPLE HELP WANTED!

The Worship Committee is looking for new members. Call Pam Brisman (303-1443) or Neal Finkelstein (972-8624) for further information.

The Social Justice Committee is looking for people to help make October 24, *Tikkun Olam* Day, a smashing success. Call Ed Russin (536-5498) for further information.

The Fundraising Committee seeks volunteers to work on next year's projects. Please call Randy Cranin, at 409-2489, to offer your help.

"HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

Thanks to everyone who helped make our *Shaloch Manos* project a success: Cathy Karmiller, Sheryl Cooper, Bonnie Sugarman, Lauren Diamond, Ellen Levine, Cindi Kaplin, Geri Kaplan, Jo-Ellen Landesman, and Sharon Solar.

Andrea Block

Thanks to everyone who helped make our food drive a success: Karen Goldstein; Irwin Kizel; Peter, Bonnie, Daniel, Benjamin and Samuel Sugarman; Ken, Amy and Zachary Tedoff; Henry, Michele and Traci Lazarowitz; Bill and Jonathan Fireman; Melissa Mancini; Joshua Bucher; Jordan Friedman; Carly Miller; Nancy and David Rinder; and Ron, Ian and Kimberly Tornberg. Thanks to David Levy, of David Michael Motor Cars, for providing us with the van used to transport the food, and to Larry Siegel for supplying the flyers.

Steve Konigsberg

Our thanks to Janet Studios, for making copies of our "Megillah According to Broadway" video for all the participants. (If you missed this show, now you know who has a copy for you to watch!)

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Marnie Rotter, daughter of Ann Rotter, on her engagement to Ross Bear, our Youth Group Advisor.
to Scott Weiner, son of Judy Goldberg, on his acceptance into the Rabbinic Program of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
to Rachel Finkelstein, daughter of Neal and Ellen Finkelstein, on her election as Co-Chair of the Reform Movement's Keshet Connection at Hillel of Tufts University
to Corey Schwitz, son of Mark and Lynne, whose drawing won first prize in the contest run by CHAI - Concern for Helping Animals in Israel. Corey's drawing will be printed on stickers distributed around the world by CHAI.

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 Susan and Stephen Botnick, and Jonathan and Jamie Wade, on the death of Susan's grandmother, Florence Levenberg
to Lisa and Irwin Kizel, on the death of Lisa's uncle, Benjamin Weyuker
to Denise, Jerry, Lindsay and Gregory Silberman, on the death of Denise's father, Russell Eller
to Irving, Lisa, Jennifer, Paul and Erica Perlman, on the death of Irving's mother, Sylvia Perlman
to Michael, Joan and Russell Gershman, on the death of Michael's mother, Arlyne Gershman

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

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You are Cordially Invited

We invite you to share in our happiness when our son, Stephen, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, the first of May, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Fanny and Oscar Alerhand

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

Please join our family and friends and share a special time in our lives as our son, Jordan Scott, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 8, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please enjoy the *oneg* following services.

Rochelle and Alan Friedman

We invite you to share a special moment in our lives when our son, Eric Jordan, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 8, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Lorelei and Jeff Teisch

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to join our family as Michael Evan is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Doris, Mark and Alan Dodkowitz

With great pride and love, we invite you to share in our special day when our son, Benjamin Lewis, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Karen and David Joseph

Please join us and share in a beautiful tradition as Brandon Rosenblum is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 22, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Donna, Stuart and Lindsay Rosenblum

It is with great pride and happiness that we invite you to share this special day, when our son, Joshua Thomas, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 29, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Marla and Marty Bucher

Please share in our joy when our daughter, Alyssa Lauren, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 29, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Debra and Richard Salman

With hearts full of joy and pride, we invite you to join us in ceremony and celebration when our daughter, Jessica Megan, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Monday, May 31, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Lynn Michaels and Alan Burstein

CONTRIBUTIONS

Building Fund

Bertha Kaplan, in honor of Jamie Kaplan
The Schwitz family, for the *yahrzeit* of Dr. Sydney Schwitz
Teri and Lou Friedman

General Fund

Goldie Wein, for the *yahrzeit* of Samuel Brachfeld
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Wendy, Mario, Staci and Sam Recchia, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Josh Rosenstock

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Karen Joseph, with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Aaron Weisberg

Prayerbook Fund

Loretta and Allen Shapiro, in memory of Seymour Bernstein
Sue, Ron, Tracy and Lisa Berman, for the *yahrzeit* of Esther Samuelson
Leslie and Eric Rosenstock, in honor of the B'not Mitzvah of Marissa Gross and Stefanie Klovsky

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Elise and Barry Kaye, in appreciation of Rabbi Weber's profoundly positive impact on our family and friends
Stephen Alerhand, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah
The Teisch Family, with thanks for Rabbi Weber's support
In memory of Mildred Seegman:
 Karyl Jessica Denner
 Cheryl Hersch
 Evan Denner
 David Kahn
 Rona Kahn
 Arlene Kapilow

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in appreciation of those who came to lead the *minyan*

Steve Cohen

Alyse and Gary Gleitman

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Religious School Equipment Fund

Michele and Henry Lazarowitz, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Traci Lazarowitz

Sanctuary Improvement and Beautification Fund

Elaine Newman, for the *yahrzeit* of June Siegel

Marlene, David, Jenna and Sara Shapiro, with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Mark Bolender
with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Rachel Pachter

Stephen Alerhand, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

Social Justice Fund

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Temple Beautification Fund

Alan Friedgood, for the *yahrzeit* of Harvey Friedgood

Abbie, Mitchell, Lance and Amanda Rosenthal, in memory of Vivian Salti, aunt of Andrea Wajngold and grandmother of
Brooke and Jeri Salti

Carl, Arlene, Shari and Robin Forman, for the *yahrzeit* of Lorraine Slomka

Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment Fund

Eric Teisch, in honor of all the wonderful teachers he had at TRT!

David Brown, for the *yahrzeit* of Lorraine Slomka

Tree of Life Plaques

Lynn Michaels and Alan Burstein, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Megan Burstein

The Confirmation Class of 5759/1999, with love and thanks to TRT for guiding us along the path of Jewish learning

Laurie and Arthur Karmel, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Helene Karmel

Marlene, David and Sara Shapiro, in honor of the Confirmation of Jenna Elizabeth Shapiro

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Ellen, Neal and Rachel Finkelstein, in honor of the Confirmation of Jill Allison Finkelstein

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* Make checks payable to *TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*; all other funds payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.

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

Yahrzeits

These names will be included in the list of *yahrzeits* on the Shabbat indicated. In addition, at our Friday evening service and Shabbat morning *minyan*, we will invite all those who wish to rise and say the name of the one(s) for whom they are saying *Kaddish*.

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
Shabbat Observance 4/30-5/1		
5/1	Raymond Zwyer *	Beverly Azarchi
5/1	Yetta Schulman *	Irene Ash
5/1	Sylvia Einbinder	Randi Cole
Shabbat Observance 5/7-5/8		
5/2	Louis Silverberg	Lisa Reingold
5/2	Sylvia Rose	Andrea Shorr
5/3	Herbert Schulman	Andrea Goutter
5/3	Frieda Nusenfress	Leslie Auerbach
5/3	Freda Plavin	Stan Plavin
5/4	Sol Kaplan	Ilene Norber
5/5	Gilbert Shorr *	Brian Shorr
5/5	Yetta Keshlensky	Barry Kaye
5/5	Benjamin S. Chancy	Phyllis Solomon
5/5	Florence Solomon	Herbert M. Solomon
5/5	Sam Tabakman	Mark Tabakman
5/6	William Cohen	Iris Schubert
5/6	Max Heidt	Maurice Heitt
5/7	Henry Klug *	Ronald Klug
Shabbat Observance 5/14-5/15		
5/9	Stanley Michaelson	Craig Michaelson
5/9	Fannie Quint *	Michael Quint
5/10	Eva Glick	Ronald Glick
5/11	Ruth Spiegel	Mitch Spiegel
5/12	Lillian Lipson	Harriet Madan
5/12	Beatrice Hartman	Lois Korman
5/13	Murray Freilich *	Nancy Gold
5/13	Morris Friedman *	Alan Friedman
5/14	Melvin Aptaker	Jeffrey Aptaker and Sheila Aptaker
5/14	Selma Binkowitz	Joel Binkowitz
5/15	Herbert Horowitz	Robert Horowitz
5/15	Phyllis Shapiro	Eden Tanner
5/15	Barbara Marilyn Fischer *	Michael Fischer

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Yahrzeits, continued...

Shabbat Observance 5/21-5/22

5/16	Nathan Shenkman	Lois Korman
5/16	Silda Kaufman *	Arthur Kaufman
5/17	Bella Gilbert *	Janice Feldman
5/17	David Greenberg	Barry Greenberg
5/17	Harry Jacobson	Carolyn Samuels
5/18	Sidney Rothman *	The Bucher-Mack Family
5/18	William Mednick	Helene Gershman
5/19	Alma Loebel *	Janet Fine
5/19	Samuel Markowitz	Ilene Fireman and Phyllis Levenstein
5/20	Seymour Kleiner *	Andrea Cariello
5/20	Max Nusenfress	Leslie Auerbach
5/20	Bertha Wilson *	Nina Grossman
5/20	Anna Rosenthal	Arthur Rosenthal
5/20	Sally Levine	Elise Kaye
5/21	Harriet White	Eileen Kornbluh
5/21	Louis Reibel	Marty Reibel
5/21	Gussie Marks	Beverly Azarchi
5/22	Betty Colin *	Adam, Sarah and Rebecca Levy, and Barbara Levy

Shabbat Observance 5/28-5/29

5/23	Murray H. Buchalter *	Donna Ponzo
5/23	Hilda Fleigel *	Helene Kaplan
5/24	Julius Siedel	Jonathan Siedel
5/24	David Goldberg	Phyllis Krauss
5/25	Rose Ashendorf	Jane Katz
5/25	Morris Joseph Keshlensky	Barry Kaye
5/26	Irving Bizgia	Jeff Stevens
5/26	Irma Gelfand	Maxine Liebers
5/27	Sam Tenenzapf *	Donna Chazanoff
5/27	Eddie Guarna	Stella, Jon and David Guarna, and Temple Rodeph Torah
5/28	Edna Herman	Marilyn Jaclin

Shabbat Observance 6/4-6/5

5/29	Alfred Zurom	Isobel Miller
5/30	Albert Goldberg *	Gerry Goldberg ז"ל
5/30	Leo A. Cranin *	Randy Cranin
5/30	Muriel Marks	Jason Klein
5/30	Morris Kolodny	Larry Kolodny
5/30	Amy Goodman	Barbara Hirsch
5/30	Arthur Eisner	Sheila Aptaker
5/30	Ethel Ehrman	Stanley Ehrman




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



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

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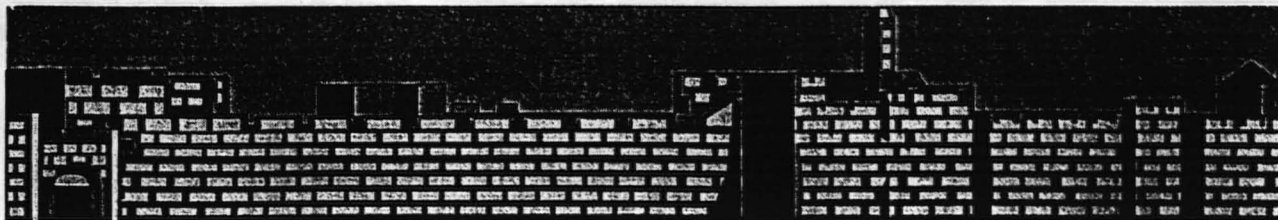
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Advance-Planning Calendar, See June's Newsletter for Details.



“Next Year in Jerusalem!”

TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH'S *THIRD* PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL — *for First-Time Visitors, and for “Veterans”!*

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- ☆ *For this trip, we are offering two programs: One for first-timers to Israel, and one for “veterans” who have already been, and want to see more!*

*The two programs will run in parallel; we will stay at the same hotels, and we will all share in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration, but each day's experiences will be tailored to the different groups.
(See the other side of this page for a sample of our itinerary.)*

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

For information, to make reservations, or if you have any questions, please call Rabbi Weber, at 308-0055.

"Next Year in Jerusalem!"

Late June to Early July, 2000

Both Tours will Include:

*7 days, 6 nights, in Jerusalem; 2 days in Haifa; 3 days in the Galilee; 1 day at the Dead Sea and Masada
9 full days of touring
Full Israeli Breakfast each day
7 dinners, including Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration dinner
Round-trip airfare on El Al Israel Airlines; all transfers and portorage*

First-Timers' Itinerary will Include:

*Tours of Jerusalem: the Wall, the Old City, Yad VaShem, Chagall Windows, Special Walking Tour of
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The ancient cities of Jaffa, Caesaria, and the magnificent restoration of Beit Shean
Swimming in the Jordan River
The Northern Border, and an introduction to the political climate of Israel
Kibbutz life, meeting with kibbutz residents
Swimming in (actually, on) the Dead Sea, and The Fortress of Masada
Meeting with Israeli Reform Leaders
The mountain city of Sefat
The Israel Air Force Museum
...and so much more!*

Veteran Travelers' Itinerary will Include

*Night Jeep Tour through the Judean Desert
Zebenberg House in the Old City
Re-enactment of the "Break of the 1948 Siege of Jerusalem" in a Safari truck
Visit to the Gush Etzion settlement
Hike through Wadi Kelt
Visit to a Druze village
The "Good Fence" at Metulla
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...and so much more!*

Financial Information:

*Quoted cost does not include tips for driver and guide; US and Israeli taxes (approx. \$53 per person);
other meals; personal expenses.*

*For every child under 18 sharing a triple with two adults, subtract \$550; for each Bar/Bat Mitzvah,
subtract \$525.*

Airfare reductions are available for children under 12 and for B'nai Mitzvah; ask for details.

**For information, to make reservations, or if you have any questions,
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Kosovo Refugee Aid Kits

Over 1,000,000 people in Kosovo need your immediate assistance.

RTSY (Rodeph Torah Senior Youth) needs each family to make one Kosovo Emergency Kit:

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1 Cloth Hand Towel

1 Bar Bath Size Soap

Please include \$5.00 cash with each kit.

This amount covers shipment to Europe, emergency medicine, and other vital sustenance items these victims desperately need.

We will be collecting these kits through May 9th. There will be baskets in the atrium specifically for this cause.

You can also make a donation to RTSY that will go towards the construction of these kits as well. A check for \$20.00 is all that is needed. (Please make checks payable to RTSY.)

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO DIRECTLY TO AID FOR THESE VICTIMS OF THIS MODERN GENOCIDE.

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Nomination Form

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I would like to nominate _____ for consideration as “Volunteer of the Year.”

Please describe why you feel this person has earned this honor:

Nomination submitted by (please print clearly): _____

Date: _____

Completed Nominations must be submitted to the temple office by May 14, 1999.

You may bring it in person, or mail to: PO Box 125
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How do I become an organ donor?

The completion of a donor card from the UAHC Committees on Older Adults and Bio-Ethics will allow you to become an organ donor. The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act of 1969 (USA) gives you the right to sign such a card. Patients who receive organs are chosen based upon many factors and are matched via need through a computerized system.



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Before you sign, please discuss this with your family. Share this decision with them as they are an important part of the process. Discuss the decision with your rabbi. Make sure that your health care providers are informed. Carry the signed and witnessed donor card with you.

*For further information,
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The UAHC Committee on Older Adults and Bio-Ethics
Rabbi Richard F. Address
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Philadelphia, PA 19102
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**TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH
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URGENT NOTICE: KOSOVO RELIEF EFFORT

I appeal to you to respond, as quickly and as generously as possible, to the plight of the refugees from Kosovo.

We Jews, especially, should be alarmed whenever anyone speaks of "ethnic cleansing"; we who have lived through it must commit ourselves to the cry, "Never Again" — for Jews, or for anyone.

Please make a contribution to either of the organizations listed below. Both are working very hard to provide basic relief for those who are suffering the most.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

I thank you for your compassion and your generosity.

Rabbi Don Weber

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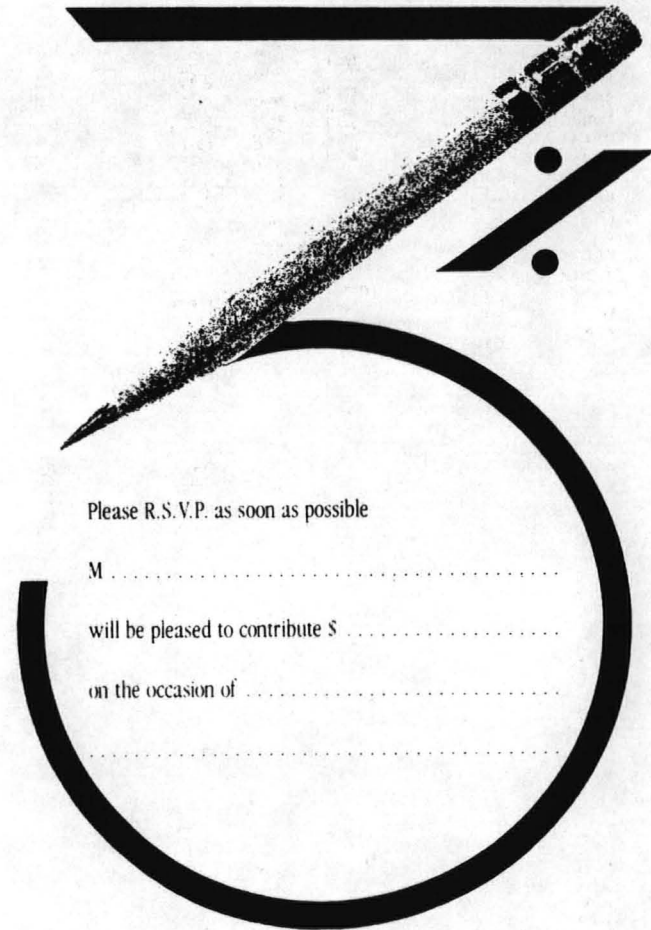
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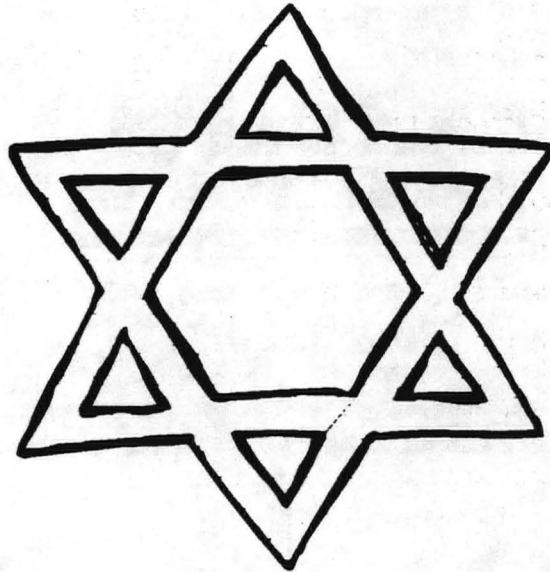
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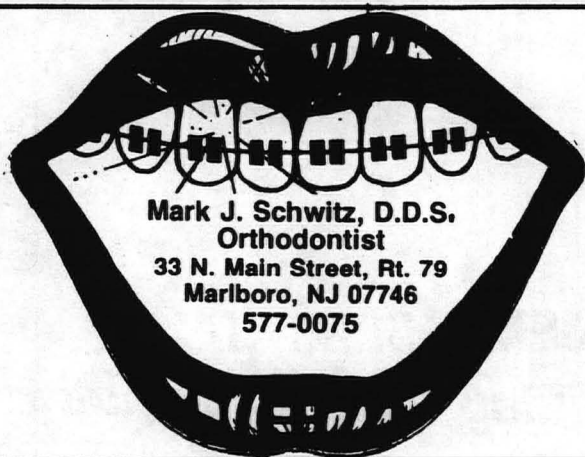
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It, the Union, does many things for us that no individual or small group of congregations could do for themselves.

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

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

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

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

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

It runs nine camps across the country that provide a fantastic Jewish camping experience for our children.

It sponsors summer educational experiences for adults.

It provides a rabbinic aide training program for congregations too small to have a full time rabbi or for larger congregations where the rabbi needs assistance.

The UAHC is funded by its member congregations. Part of our UAHC dues goes to fund the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). At the HUC-JIR campus, future Reform rabbis, cantors, educators, social workers, communal workers, and administrators are trained. HUC-JIR also offers programs, lectures, and concerts which are open to all.

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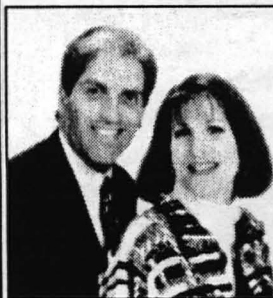
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