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#### **FROM RABBI WEBER**

In the song, "Do You Love Me?" from Fiddler on the Roof, Goldie gets Tevye to admit that he loves her. When he finally says the words, she responds, "It doesn't change a thing, but even so, after 25 years it's nice to know." I thought of this in May, when I voted for the new Statement of Principles for Reform Judaism, which was passed by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at our convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It has been 25 years since the last attempt to describe what it means to be Reform Jews. That attempt, called the "Centenary Perspective," was so ambiguous that it would not even call itself a "statement"; it was, in the most innocuous words possible, a "perspective." I have not heard it discussed or referred to in nearly all of those 25 years, so clearly it did not have much of an impact on us or our movement.

The statement that *did* have an impact on Reform Judaism was the first one — the one issued the last time the CCAR met in Pittsburgh, in 1885. That document, called the Pittsburgh Platform, spelled out for the first time what it meant to be a Reform Jew. While it said that we believe in God, the Bible and justice for all, it also declared that we were *modern* people, and as such, we rejected all Jewish rituals and ceremonies which "are not adapted to the views and habits of modern civilization." Reading through it now, I am struck by how often it uses the words, "we reject…" Among the items it rejected are belief in miracles, *kashrut, kippah, tallit*, Israel as a Jewish homeland (remember, this was in the 1800's), and the idea of the Chosen People.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

SELICHOT STORYTELLER & SERVICE — September 4

ROSH HASHANA — September 10-12

YOM KIPPUR — September 19-20

SUKKOT — September 24-October 1

**REMEMBER:** High Holiday Services are at the <u>Colts Neck High School</u>, and you must pick up your tickets at the temple.

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TIKKUN OLAM DAY — October 24; mark your calendarl

With all these statements of rejection, it is not so much what the original Pittsburgh Platform said that had such an effect, but how it said it. The whole document is filled with things we reject — things we do not do. There is hardly a positive statement in the entire platform which is not followed by a "but..." The message was very clear: Reform Judaism is about *not* doing what traditional Judaism does. The results of this can still be felt today, as many Jews believe that Reform means not doing anything which is traditionally Jewish.

Now, over 100 years after the original Pittsburgh Platform, we returned to that city and tried again. Our new Statement of Principles reflects much of what we believe and do, but more important, it is completely *positive*: it speaks of what we *do* and what we *believe*. It is really about time.

The entire text of the Principles is included in this Newsletter. It is about three pages long, and I strongly recommend that every Reform Jew read it at least once. It is not a radical document — certainly not for the members of Rodeph Torah — but it is an important one. It speaks of our relationship with God, Torah and Israel, and makes no apologies for what we believe and what we do.

What, according to this Statement, do we do? We do *mitzvot* — not "good deeds," but *commandments*, both ancient and newly-created. We pray, both publicly and privately. We study — not for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, but to make our lives holy. We celebrate Shabbat and the Festivals. We work with God to repair the world. We give *tzedakah*. We recognize all Jews as part of *k'lal Yisrael*, the community of Israel, and we welcome everyone into that community. We see the State of Israel as part of our lives, and we work to connect with the land and its people. We are proud to be Reform Jews, and we dedicate ourselves to working for the growth and flourishing of our movement.

So much for Reform Jews not doing anything!

I encourage you to read this Statement and to think about what it means. More important, I encourage you to take it to heart: this is what it means to be Reform Jews, and if we are not living up to these standards, it is time to get started. In 1885, the first Pittsburgh Platform declared what we are *not*, and what we do *not* do; now we can finally say what we *are*, and what we *do*. So let's start doing!

Shira, Noah, Ari and Eytan join me in wishing you a happy, healthy, peaceful and challenging New Year.

L'shana tova tikkatevu, Rabbi Don Weber

#### A Special Note to the Members of Temple Rodeph Torah

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful tribute, the touching words and the outpouring of wonderful feelings with which you marked my 15th anniversary in the temple and my 18th year as a rabbi. I am honored to be your rabbi, and I thank God for the gift of this loving, caring, challenging congregation. May we be blessed with many more years together, and I pray we will always share in the gifts of our people, our heritage and our God.

Thank you, thank you.

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#### We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torak:

Jaime and Gail Albert and their children, Scott and Melissa Michael and Susan Goldman and their children, Sara, Matthew and Adam Melvin and Jeanette Olshan Jeff and Joanne Sinsky and their children, Eric, Leanne and Jacob Robert and Harriet Voysey and their children, Rachel and Leah

August/September 1999

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Salation .

Friday, 8/6	-	Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.	
		Birthday Blessings for August; Candle Lighting 7:49 p.m.	
Saturday, 8/7	į	Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.	
Friday, 8/13		Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.	
		Richard Herzog, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:40 p.m.	
Saturday, 8/14	-	Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.	
Friday, 8/20		Shabbat Services:	
		7:30 p.m "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)	)
		8:30 p.m. – Service	
		Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:30 p.m.	
Saturday, 8/21	-	Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.	
Friday, 8/27		Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.	
111duj, 0/2/		Sermon: "Acknowledging our Blessings"	
		☆ Anniversary Blessings for August	
		Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:20 p.m.	
Saturday, 8/28	and the second	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.	
		Bat Mitzvah: Carly Miller	
Friday, 9/3	- 1920	Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Story: "Giving a Voice to the Silent"	
		☆ Birthday Blessings for September; Candle Lighting 7:08 p.m.	T
Saturday, 9/4		Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.	
		Bat Mitzvah: Stephanie Sherman	
	100	SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE - 8:00 p.m.	
		Vered Hankin, Storyteller, followed by the Selichot Service;	
		open to the community.	
Friday, 9/10	-	8:00 p.m. – <i>EREV</i> ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE**	
		Candle Lighting 6:57 p.m.	
Saturday, 9/11		ROSH HASHANAH DAY I	
		Morning Services; consult your ticket for service time.**	
		2:30 p.m Children's Service**	
		4:00 p.m <i>Tashlich</i> Service, at Lake Topanemus in Freehold (Weather Permitting)	
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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, continued...

Sunday, 9/12	-	ROSH HASHANAH DAY II 10:00 a.m Morning Service**
		Rabbi Shira Stern will deliver the sermon
		(2:30 p.m Rain Date for <i>Tashlich</i> Service)
Friday, 9/17	-	Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m.
1		Shabbat Shuva Discussion; Rabbi Shira Stern, soloist
		Candle Lighting 6:45 p.m.
Saturday, 9/18	-	Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m Minyan Group Bet.
Sunday, 9/19		8:00 p.m. – EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE / KOL NIDRE**
		Candle Lighting 6:42 p.m.
Monday, 9/20		YOM KIPPUR DAY
		Morning Services; consult your ticket for service time.**
		1:30 p.m Children's Service**
		2:30 p.m Open Discussion**
		4:15 p.m Afternoon Service**
		5:30 p.m Yiskor (Memorial) Service**
		6:30 p.m Neilah (Concluding) Service**
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Friday, 9/24	-	Shabbat & Erev Sukkot Services – 8:00 p.m. NOTE EARLIER TIME!
•		Anniversary Blessings for September
		Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 6:33 p.m.
Saturday, 9/25	-	Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
Friday, 10/1	-	Shabbat & Simchat Torah Services:
·····,, ····		7:00 - Consecration of All New Religious School Students
		8:00 - Shabbat & Simchat Torah Celebration
		Birthday Blessings for October; Candle Lighting 6:21 p.m.
Saturday, 10/2		Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
,,		B'nai Mitzvah: Lauren Becker and Jeffrey Binder

\*\* - All Services Marked with '\*\*' will be held at the Colts Neck High School, Route 537 and Five Points Road. All other services and programs are held at the temple.

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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!

Temple Rodeph Torah is a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a Partner Congregation of Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Several noteworthy changes have occurred in the last couple of months. Our long-time Administrator, Loretta Shapiro, has retired. She and Allen have relocated to Florida. My heartfelt thanks and good wishes go with them. I am sure you will miss her and Allen as much as I will. Her replacement, I am sure, will do her level best to fill Loretta's shoes. Who am I talking about? Sheryl Cooper, who else? Please join me in wishing her well in her new position at TRT. Geri Kaplan, our office volunteer for the past year, will assume Sheryl's old position.

It was election time, as I have indicated in various mailings over the past few months. We have a new slate of officers, Board members and committee chairs. I want to thank those outgoing folks for all their time and effort on behalf of TRT and wish them well in future endeavors, hopefully in some capacity in TRT. They are: Larry Silverman, Neil Cooper, Sheryl Cooper, and Barbara Klein. And please welcome the new people in their new positions: Saul Curtis as Treasurer, Ron Tornberg as Financial Secretary, Ron Berman as Finance Committee Chair, Lori Fishkin and Marla Bucher as *Horaiynu* co-chairs, Laurie Kaufman as Education Chair, and our newest Board members, Elaine Safchik, Jeff Ball, Alyse Gleitman, and Jo-Ellen Landesman.

We began something new last year, to honor those congregants who put forth the extra effort whenever asked, and usually before it is asked, when we decided to accept nominations for Volunteer of the Year. This year we had six nominees for Volunteer of the Year. They were: Andrea Block, Sheryl Cooper, Linda Cranin, Neal Finkelstein, Jill Friedgood, and Geri Kaplan. I am proud to announce that, after a close vote, Neal Finkelstein was selected as 1999 Volunteer of the Year. To those of you who nominated our six candidates, thank you very much for your time and thought. Next spring, you will receive a mailing asking you to nominate a new Volunteer of the Year. Please begin thinking about it now. Everyone knows someone who does good things for the synagogue and its people. Don't hesitate to let the Board know by submitting your nomination for Volunteer of the Year. Remember that the person cannot be a current board member, nor can the person be a previous recipient.

I think a few words about our Cantor Selection Committee are in order. First, Rich Herzog and JoAnn Silkes have agreed to be co-chairs of this committee. Thank you. We have met a few times and have requested interviews with cantors in our area to see if we can learn about their jobs, before we try to evaluate what we want our cantor to do. It should make writing his/her job description much easier. Those interviews are being conducted now. We have also begun preparation of the application we must present to the American Conference of Cantors (ACC), the cantorial management arm of the UAHC. It needs to be presented to the ACC no later than December 1, 1999, in order to hire a cantor by April, 2000.

The next item is a personal one. I am very proud to note that my eldest daughter was selected to be Scholar-Athlete for May, 1999, at Freehold High School. She was then selected as Scholar-Athlete for 1998-1999 by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. The NJSIAA winners must rank in the top 10 percent of their senior class, have been the recipient of at least two varsity letters, and demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, character and service within school and community. Mazal tov to you, Dani, from your whole family.

Mazal tov to all our young adults who become Confirmands during our Shavout service on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Confirmands spoke quite well as they discussed their lives and their future. Mazal tov to their families, too.

B'shalom, Randy Cranin

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# **BOARD NOTES**

The following actions were taken at the May Congregational meeting:

- 1. A motion was made to suspend the quorum. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- 2. The Board unanimously voted to accept the slate of officers and Board members.
- 3. The Board agreed that at the Congregational meeting to be held in October, a formal, concrete proposal will be presented to change the number of Congregational meetings held each year.

The following actions were taken at the May Board meeting:

- 1. The Board amended the temple's dress code for those people who know in advance that they will be called up to the *bima* to participate in services. The old policy was that men wear jackets and women have their shoulders covered. The new policy was amended to read: "Men will wear jackets and women should wear dress pants, a skirt or dress, and their shoulders should be covered. No denim, please."
- 2. The Board approved a motion to adopt the bima dress code policy for ushers.
- 3. The Board approved three policy changes. They are: (1) the Policy Manual will be changed to use the expression "temple administrator" instead of using the name of the temple administrator; (2) the policy on scrip will be removed; and (3) the youth advisor may now be a member of the temple (the old policy states that the youth advisor cannot be a temple member).
- 4. The Board approved a motion to create a temple policy that students seeking service credit must arrive within 15 minutes of the start of all services. The Worship and Education committees will work together to implement the policy for the next school year.
- 5. The Board approved a motion to authorize the Nursery School Director and the temple President to negotiate a contract with Ms. Judy Wiskin for September 1999-June 2000.
- 6. The Board voted a parsonage amount of \$30,000, for 1999, for Rabbi Weber.

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

This year the Board of Directors selected Neal Finkelstein as Volunteer of the Year. It was a close vote. All six nominees have done such good work for the synagogue and it was a difficult choice.

Here are a few of the reasons cited by our voters on why Neal was selected. He chairs the Worship Committee, acts as a substitute rabbi and is the *minyan* coordinator. He is caring, unselfish, filled with community spirit, has a passion for the synagogue, has a passion for our congregants, has a passion for Judaism, speaks from the heart, and speaks from experience. Last, but not least, Neal is the High Holiday service coordinator.

Please be sure not only to congratulate Neal on this honor, but also thank him for going that extra mile for all of us.

# **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 **Jo-Ellen Landesman**.

Jo-Ellen and her husband, Mark, live in Marlboro with their two children, 10 year-old Nicole and seven yearold Scott. The Landesman family has been living in Marlboro for the past 12 years, and are members of the temple since 1996. Both Jo-Ellen and Mark grew up in Jackson Heights, Queens, but couldn't resist the lure of the suburbs when visiting close friends.

Jo-Ellen spent many years working as a paralegal before she had children. Mark is a business manager for entertainers. Jo-Ellen was instrumental in developing the Nursery School program at TRT, and after a very successful first year, is looking forward to an even more exciting second year, starting in September. Her efforts on behalf of starting the Nursery School program earned her one of the two Volunteer of the Year Awards bestowed by fellow congregants in 1998. Jo-Ellen and Mark enjoy going into the city to see Broadway shows and look forward to special family vacations.

Jo-Ellen decided to accept Board membership because she wanted to find out how the temple worked. "I had questions about how things were run and thought that joining the Board would be one way I could find answers to my questions." She has not been disappointed. "I am learning what I set out to and am enjoying the experience." When asked what she felt was an important issue facing the temple, Jo-Ellen did not hesitate to answer. "I believe we need to focus our attention on fundraising events. The temple cannot run without successful fundraisers. When people participate in fundraisers, not only do they help the temple grow, but feel good about their role in helping out." In closing, Jo-Ellen had some final words of advice for other temple members. "I know it has been said before, but getting involved in some way is so important. If people could just find a little bit of time in their very busy schedules they would find that they would get a lot back. Yes, I am giving to the temple but I feel like I have found an extended family and for me that's nice."

# EDUCATION

We anticipate many new students this year and I would like to welcome our new members and their children to 'our temple. I hope this place of study, of worship, and of community will enhance your life as a Jew and as a person. I am anxious to meet all of you. Please stop by my office and introduce yourself!

The month of September brings to mind many beginnings: a new school year, a new Jewish year, new teachers, new classmates, a new temple for some, a new school building for others, new friends, new hopes, expectations, etc. All these "newness" may bring feelings of anxiety; for children, the anxiety of being in a new school; for adults, the anxiety of working with new adults and building a sense of community. These feelings can strengthen us when we discuss them openly.

We — teachers and parents — need to assure our children that we are interested in their feelings and that we want to listen to them express themselves to us. We must encourage them to **talk** to us. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Recall and share with your child "new" experiences that you had to confront: a new job, boss, first day at school, etc.

2. Have your child respond to your situations, prompting them to ask what you did, or could have done, to more easily make the transition.

- 3. Ask your child to express his/her feelings to you as the new school year begins.
- 4. Ask him/her: What does he/she wish will take place this year, and why?
- 5. Ask him/her: What can he/she do to accomplish these goals? (Ask them to be specific.)
- 6. Reassure your child that you will help him/her.

Many of our returning students are very comfortable in our environment, but they will surely welcome your time. I recommend that you discuss the upcoming new beginnings with them as well.

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#### August/September 1999

All our teachers are planning to begin the year with discussion of "newness." Children will be introduced to one another through a variety of techniques; phone numbers will be exchanged; and an informal discussion is planned, all in order to make our students feel at ease.

I wish you a sweet year, Edna Coleman, RJE

First day of school for K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades is Sunday, September 19th First day of school for 5th, 6th, grades is Thursday, September 9th First day of school for 7th grade is Monday, September 13th

#### HORAIYNU

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and relaxing now that school is over. Here at *Horaiynu*, however, we are busy planning for the fall. We need to fill the following *Horaiynu* Board positions: Secretary, Class Parent Rep (phone-chain liaison), Entertainment Gold C Campaign Chairperson, and we need someone new to write our monthly newsletter columns. These positions only require a minimum amount of time, and can be shared by more than one person. Please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to explain them to you. My phone number is 972-7307. Effective immediately, Lori Fishkin and I are the new co-presidents of *Horaiynu*. Elaine Safchik will remain on board as our Treasurer. We are looking forward to working with everyone here at Temple Rodeph Torah. In last month's Newsletter, we erroneously left out the name of one of our most helpful volunteers. We would like to apologize to Jill Niederman, our co-grade leader for the 5th Grade, whose name we forgot to mention. Thanks so much for a job well done!

Please don't be shy! You can call me at 972-7307, or Lori Fishkin, at 972-3594. *Horaiynu* is always in need of volunteers, and we welcome new ideas.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

#### Marla Bucher

#### **OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS PRACTICE TZEDAKAH**

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

During the 5759 (1998-99) school year, our students contributed a total of \$4,050 for this fund — a tremendous accomplishment! Based on their votes, the money has been sent to the following worthy organizations:

American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI)	258.
Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA)	236.
Canine Companions for Independence	75.
Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI)	249.
Eldridge Street Synagogue	170.
Giraffe Project, The	75.
Habitat for Humanity	232.
Hadassah	415.
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)	125.
Jewish Braille Institute of America (JBI)	135.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - TZEDAKAH, continued		
Jewish Family & Children's Services (JF&CS)	190.	
Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Gentiles	100.	
Jewish National Fund (JNF)	175.	
MAZON	670.	
National Yiddish Book Center	115.	
Project EZRA	155.	
That Kid from Philly	75.	
Yad Sarah	100.	

Plus, based on a poll taken in the spring, the students also voted to allocate \$500 for Kosovo relief, above and beyond the above organizations.

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

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



The summer is going by so quickly! It is almost time to get back to work. Sisterhood has a busy year planned. We are looking for a few good **women** — creative, motivated people to help us move into the next millennium with strength. Strength in numbers!

Your input as to what type of educational lectures or programs you would like to see us present at Temple Rodeph Torah would be appreciated. Don't forget: Sisterhood Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, in the Library. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. All women are welcome to attend. There are still some jobs that need to be filled.

The Sisterhood will hold its Paid-Up Membership activity on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> so that we can get to know one another and have a fun evening. Watch your mail for a flyer with details of this event.

Ellen Levine



#### Bar/Bat Mitzvah Video Ensures Lasting Memories

Every family wants to preserve the joy of these great life-cycle events. One of the best ways to hold the images of your child's day, for years to come, is with a video. And the only way to have a video of the ceremony is through the TRT Video Program, administered by the Men's Club.

We have arranged with Janet Studios to install permanent, remote-controlled cameras in the sanctuary. This eliminates the intrusion of a photographer and equipment on the dignity of the ceremony. As part of this arrangement, please note that temple policy precludes other video or photography during services.

If you have a bar or bat mitzvah coming up this year, please call Henry Levenstein of the Men's Club to confirm your video, at 536-7458, or henry2230@aol.com



What can you do to make this year a great one? Well, if you know someone who is in grades 9 through 12, may I recommend RTSY? Recommend what? Rodeph Torah Senior Youth, or RTSY, is a peer-run group that plans activities all over New Jersey. We go on trips, lead services, perform all manner of social action, and have a great time while doing it. To join is easy, too. The forms you need to fill out to become a member can be found in the Newsletter. Our first event is only weeks away (October 2<sup>nd</sup>). A mailing is on the way and should hit your home by September 1<sup>st</sup>. RTSY is also looking for leadership. Do you think you have what it takes to be a great Jewish leader? We are looking for someone to create our RTSY newsletters, a Hebrew high school representative, and a post-Confirmation representative. For more information on any of these positions, please feel free to contact any member of the RTSY Board. The Board members are:

President Programming VP Social Action VP Religious and Cultural VP Membership VP Community Outreach Jill Finkelstein Sara Levenstein Beth Kanofsky Michelle Cooper Scott Epstein Chad Goutter

So that's it! We are looking forward to a great year for RTSY with you as a part of it. Hope to see you soon.

Ross Bear, RTSY Advisor

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

What a world! How many times have you heard people say that? How many times have you said it? I was reading the newspaper today and it made me think of that saying. The newspaper is full of people who are in need of help. Wouldn't it be nice if we could correct all the problems that people are faced with? We all hope that "someone" will help the people that need help. On Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the temple will hold its first annual *Tikkun Olam* day. This is your chance to start helping to repair a damaged world. We will have many events set up for you and your children. We will have people going to visit nursing homes. We will have trips to soup kitchens. Perhaps you would like to help clean up at the beach. We will also work at area shelters. A few of our events are still being set up. After you come back to the temple we will have food and some surprises, too.

We need your help to make this a success. If you would like to help us in setting up this major event please call me. Remember you are the other "someone." Join and help the Social Justice Committee today.

Ed Russin

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# **EMPTY NESTERS**

The Empty Nesters of Temple Rodeph Torah consists of temple members whose children are no longer at home. We enjoy planning various social events together, forming new friendships, and strengthening old ones. Please come and join us.

In May, the Empty Nesters enjoyed a delightful dinner at the Russian Tea Room in Manalapan. Michele and Marty Miller very ably coordinated the event, which included dancing and singing

Our next get together is scheduled for July 24th. It will be a backyard barbecue/karaoke party at Rachel and Eric Pachter's home. All TRT Empty Nesters are invited and further information will be sent to all of you.

Maxine Herzog

### **ARZA - ISRAEL**

#### **Israel Election Update**

In April, I wrote an article in the Newsletter on recent developments in Israel. I started the article with a quote from Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Executive Director of ARZA/WORLD UNION, who said, "A revolution is underway in Israel." This revolution has continued and has impacted the Israeli elections that were held on May 17, 1999. Ehud Barak (One Israel Party) defeated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (Likud) by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin. By Israeli standards this represents a landslide and completely surprised most pollsters who predicted a close election with Netanyahu the probable victor. Now comes the difficult part: Barak must form a coalition in the Knesset. In Israel, voters vote for Prime Minister and Knesset representatives separately. Thirty-two different political parties ran and 15 different political parties are represented in the newly elected 15th Knesset. By the time you read this the coalition will be in place, but right now it is unclear which political parties will be included in the coalition.

There are many crucial issues that the new government must immediately face. The vast majority of Israelis are in favor of moving forward with the Oslo Mideast peace process. Barak must move forward with the peace process while balancing the necessary security concerns. Hopefully, a peace treaty with Syria can be concluded and the Israeli Defense Force can be withdrawn from Lebanon. The government must continue to move forward in finding a just peace with the Palestinians. Secondly, the new government must move to remove discrimination against non-Orthodox Jews. 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. These rulings must be enforced and there must be recognition of non-Orthodox conversions and marriages. Non-Orthodox Judaism must be given equal rights and there must be true freedom of religion. The Israeli Supreme Court recently charged the Knesset to end the military exemptions of the ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students. The new government must end this and all other unreasonable privileges that have been granted to the Orthodox. Also, Barak will have to come up with the money needed to implement the social programs that he promised.

These are very difficult issues. The new government will be forced to make compromises. The third largest political party after One Israel (26 seats) and Likud (19 seats) is Shas (17 seats). Shas is the political party of the ultra-Orthodox Sefardim. Will the Barak government be forced to compromise non-Orthodox rights for Orthodox votes on peace? It is my hope that a peace seeking coalition can be formed without compromising our

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hopes for religious freedom. Even if there might be some temporary setbacks, the forces for equality are in motion and it is just a matter of time before we secure our full rights in Israel. We must continue to have our voices heard in Israel by supporting groups such as ARZA.

This past year, I was a student in the Basic Judaism course and the History of Israel course. As usual, I learned so much from both courses and I am again grateful to Rabbi Weber for making these learning experiences so much fun. In particular, I would like to thank Rabbi Weber for helping me understand the history of our homeland and I urge all temple members to join the class in the fall as we continue studying Israel's history.

> Shalom, Steve Konigsberg

Viewpoint

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, a ragtag bunch of students sat around the sanctuary slugging back shots of the hard stuff under the unseeing eyes of the teacher. Well, actually it really didn't happen that way at all, except in my mind as I strive to write this column. What actually took place was that a diverse group of TRT congregants, who had attended the Basic Judaism course all year, enjoyed a celebratory half glass of wine and toasted both the accomplishment of completing the course and the rabbi for teaching it.

I personally was very happy that evening (and not just because of the wine). I realized, as I drove to the temple that night, that I had stuck with the course for the whole year. I permitted myself the time to do something just for me. The class was fun and interesting and I learned a lot I did not know before. I even made the effort to listen to the tapes of the classes I missed because I did not want to miss out on what went on in the class. I have taken a few classes over the past eight years, but have too often put off taking classes because I felt that too many conflicts would come up and I would have to miss too many classes, so what would be the point of going? This year I did what I wanted to do and everyone managed to cope just fine without me for four entire hours a month!

Near the end of the course, during one of the classes, the rabbi read out a list of those people who had completed 50 hours of adult education. As he was reading the list I was thinking to myself that it would be nice if I were one of the people whose name he was calling. I was thinking that I should have made more of an effort over these past years to take classes. I was totally shocked when he got down to the "T's" and read my name! Now, I realize that 50 hours of classes over eight years is not a great average at all. It actually is a terrible average, but it is really exciting to me that I have made it to 50 hours at all and it makes me feel really motivated to continue on.

If you find yourself sitting on the fence, trying to decide whether or not to take a class next year, just go for it. I know I am going to make every effort to bring my average up! And thank you, Don, for being such a thought-provoking teacher.

Una Tedoff

(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)

#### A Statement of Principles for Reform Judaism Adopted at the 1999 Pittsburgh Convention Central Conference of American Rabbis

#### Preamble

On three occasions during the last century and a half, the Reform rabbinate has adopted comprehensive statements to help guide the thought and practice of our movement. In 1885, fifteen rabbis issued the Pittsburgh Platform, a set of guidelines that defined Reform Judaism for the next fifty years. A revised statement of principles, the Columbus Platform, was adopted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 1937. A third set of rabbinic guidelines, the Centenary Perspective, appeared in 1976 on the occasion of the centenary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Today, when so many individuals are striving for religious meaning, moral purpose and a sense of community, we believe it is our obligation as rabbis once again to state a set of principles that define Reform Judaism in our own time.

Throughout our history, we Jews have remained firmly rooted in Jewish tradition, even as we have learned much from our encounters with other cultures. The great contribution of Reform Judaism is that it has enabled the Jewish people to introduce innovation while preserving tradition, to embrace diversity while asserting commonality, to affirm beliefs without rejecting those who doubt, and to bring faith to sacred texts without sacrificing critical scholarship.

This "Statement of Principles" affirms the central tenets of Judaism — God, Torah and Israel — even as it acknowledges the diversity of Reform Jewish beliefs and practices. It also invites all Reform Jews to engage in a dialogue with the sources of our tradition, responding out of our knowledge, our experience and our faith. Thus we hope to transform our lives through *kedushah*, holiness.

#### God

We affirm the reality and oneness of God, even as we may differ in our understanding of the Divine presence.

We affirm that the Jewish people is bound to God by an eternal *b'rit*, covenant, as reflected in our varied understandings of Creation, Revelation and Redemption.

We affirm that every human being is created b'tzelem Elohim, in the image of God, and that therefore every human life is sacred.

We regard with reverence all of God's creation and recognize our human responsibility for its preservation and protection.

We encounter God's presence in moments of awe and wonder, in acts of justice and compassion, in loving relationships and in the experiences of everyday life.

We respond to God daily: through public and private prayer, through study and through the performance of other *mitzvot*, sacred obligations — *bein adam la Makom*, to God, and *bein adam la-chaveiro*, to other human beings.

We strive for a faith that fortifies us through the vicissitudes of our lives — illness and healing, transgression and repentance, bereavement and consolation, despair and hope.

We continue to have faith that, in spite of the unspeakable evils committed against our people and the sufferings endured by others, the partnership of God and humanity will ultimately prevail.

We trust in our tradition's promise that, although God created us as finite beings, the spirit within us is eternal.

#### In all these ways and more, God gives meaning and purpose to our lives.

#### Torah

We affirm that Torah is the foundation of Jewish life.

We cherish the truths revealed in Torah, God's ongoing revelation to our people and the record of our people's ongoing relationship with God.

We affirm that Torah is a manifestation of *ahavat olam*, God's eternal love for the Jewish people and for all humanity.

We affirm the importance of studying Hebrew, the language of Torah and Jewish liturgy, that we may draw closer to our people's sacred texts.

We are called by Torah to lifelong study in the home, in the synagogue and in every place where Jews gather to learn and teach. Through Torah study we are called to *mitzvot*, the means by which we make our lives holy.

We are committed to the ongoing study of the whole array of *mitzvot* and to the fulfillment of those that address us as individuals and as a community. Some of these *mitzvot*, sacred obligations, have long been observed by Reform Jews; others, both ancient and modern, demand renewed attention as the result of the unique context of our own times.

We bring Torah into the world when we seek to sanctify the times and places of our lives through regular home and congregational observance. Shabbat calls us to bring the highest moral values to our daily labor and to culminate the workweek with *kedushah*, holiness, *menuchah*, rest and *oneg*, joy. The High Holy Days call us to account for our deeds. The Festivals enable us to celebrate with joy our people's religious journey in the context of the changing seasons. The days of remembrance remind us of the tragedies and the triumphs that have shaped our people's historical experience both in ancient and modern times. And we mark the milestones of our personal journeys with traditional and creative rites that reveal the holiness in each stage of life.

We bring Torah into the world when we strive to fulfill the highest ethical mandates in our relationships with others and with all of God's creation. Partners with God in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, we are called to help bring nearer the messianic age. We seek dialogue and joint action with people of other faiths in the hope that together we can bring peace, freedom and justice to our world. We are obligated to pursue *tzedek*, justice and righteousness, and to narrow the gap between the affluent and the poor, to act against discrimination and oppression, to pursue peace, to welcome the stranger, to protect the earth's biodiversity and natural resources, and to redeem those in physical, economic and spiritual bondage. In so doing, we reaffirm social action and social justice as a central prophetic focus of traditional Reform Jewish belief and practice. We affirm the *mitz-vah* of *tzedakah*, setting aside portions of our earnings and our time to provide for those in need. These acts bring us closer to fulfilling the prophetic call to translate the words of Torah into the works of our hands.

#### In all these ways and more, Torah gives meaning and purpose to our lives.

#### Israel

We are Israel, a people aspiring to holiness, singled out through our ancient covenant and our unique history among the nations to be witnesses to God's presence. We are linked by that covenant and that history to all Jews in every age and place.

We are committed to the *mitzvah* of *ahavat Yisrael*, love for the Jewish people, and to *k'lal Yisrael*, the entirety of the community of Israel. Recognizing that *kol Yisrael arevim zeh ba-zeh*, all Jews are responsible for one another, we reach out to all Jews across ideological and geographical boundaries.

We embrace religious and cultural pluralism as an expression of the vitality of Jewish communal life in Israel and the Diaspora.

We pledge to fulfill Reform Judaism's historic commitment to the complete equality of women and men in Jewish life.

We are an inclusive community, opening doors to Jewish life to people of all ages, to varied kinds of families, to all regardless of their sexual orientation, to *gerim*, those who have converted to Judaism, and to all individuals and families, including the intermarried, who strive to create a Jewish home.

We believe that we must not only open doors for those ready to enter our faith, but also to actively encourage those who are seeking a spiritual home to find it in Judaism.

We are committed to strengthening the people Israel by supporting individuals and families in the creation of homes rich in Jewish learning and observance.

We are committed to strengthening the people Israel by making the synagogue central to Jewish communal life, so that it may elevate the spiritual, intellectual and cultural quality of our lives.

We are committed to *Medinat Yisrael*, the State of Israel, and rejoice in its accomplishments. We affirm the unique qualities of living in *Eretz Yisrael*, the land of Israel, and encourage *aliyah*, immigration to Israel.

We are committed to a vision of the State of Israel that promotes full civil, human and religious rights for all its inhabitants and that strives for a lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors.

We are committed to promoting and strengthening Progressive Judaism in Israel, which will enrich the spiritual life of the Jewish state and its people.

We affirm that both Israeli and Diaspora Jewry should remain vibrant and interdependent communities. As we urge Jews who reside outside Israel to learn Hebrew as a living language and to make periodic visits to Israel in order to study and to deepen their relationship to the Land and its people, so do we affirm that Israeli Jews have much to learn from the religious life of Diaspora Jewish communities.

We are committed to furthering Progressive Judaism throughout the world as a meaningful religious way of life for the Jewish people.

#### In all these ways and more, Israel gives meaning and purpose to our lives.

Baruch she-amar ve-haya ha-olam. Praised be the One through whose word all things came to be. May our words find expression in holy actions. May they raise us up to a life of meaning devoted to God's service And to the redemption of our world.

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

Shabbat 8/6-7 Parashat Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 Summary by Bonnie Sugarman God provides instructions for the Israelites as to how to live their lives once they take possession of Canaan. These rules include destroying the Canaanite idols and their sites of worship, and establishing their own temples only in God's specified places. There is strict prohibition against following prophets of other gods, and even if it is a relative, you are required to put such a person to death, along with his converts, their possessions and their livestock. There are laws regarding the animals that may and may not be eaten (later to be the basis of *kashrut*), as well as rules concerning the remission of debts, prohibition on extending loans to other Israelites, and giving to the needy. Finally, there are instructions for observance of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

#### Shabbat 8/13-14 Parashat Shofetim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Summary by Ken Tedoff

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

Shabbat 8/20-21 Parashat Ki Tetze, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Summary by Peter Sugarman This section contains a series of diverse laws intended to impose a moral fabric on the Jewish society, so Israel may be a worthy people for God and deserve their special status as God's people. For example, laws cover topics including a disloyal and defiant child, burial of a criminal, marriage and sexual behavior, physical hygiene, and helping the weak. Other laws try to preserve the intent of creation by avoiding unnatural mixes, such as a man wearing a woman's clothing.

#### Shabbat 8/27-28 Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

#### Summary by Gloria and Ed Russin

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

\*Shabbat 9/3-4 Parashat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Summary by Helene Cooper In this portion Moses tells all of Israel what will become of them should they turn from the Teachings of Adonai. He assures them that, though the curses are thorough and harsh, Adonai will restore them to God's blessings if they return to God's Teachings. He tells them that these Teachings are right there for them always and available to all of them. With this Moses presents the Israelites with the choice between being blessed and loving Adonai or being cursed for not.

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#### \*Shabbat 9/3-4 Parashat Vavelech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30

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

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

Shabbat 9/17-18 Summary by Sandy Craig Ha'azinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52 God has dictated a poem to Moses, who reads it to the Israelites. The poem enjoins the people to honor God and reminds them of God's miracles and punishments in the past. Then God tells Moses to climb the mountain on which Moses will die. From this point Moses will be able to view the promised land.



#### WILL YOU BE AWAY FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS?

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

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

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT FOR HIGH HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

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

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

#### COME EAT IN OUR SUKKAH

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

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

Sukkot begins on Friday evening, September 24, and continues through Friday evening, October 1.

#### **ATTENTION: PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS (AND OTHERS)**

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

#### **NEWS AND NOTES, continued...**

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT MELANOMA - FREE, AND IMPORTANT!**

The family of Daniel Fine of Peabody, Massachusetts, who died of melanoma last year at age 26, has established an educational website in his memory. Dan was a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Peabody. All members of Temple Rodeph Torah with Internet access are urged to visit the site at www.skincheck.com for lifesaving information.

The site, which emphasizes early detection of melanoma by monthly self-examination of the skin, provides factual information, illustrations, and photographs of early melanomas. When found early, melanoma is curable by simple painless removal in a doctor's office. Over 1500 new cases of melanoma are expected in New Jersey in 1999.

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV to the members of Temple Rodeph Torah who graduated from High School this June:

Jessica Aptaker, to Towson University Ilyssa Berg, to University of Indiana Jon Cooper, to Towson University Janna Craig, to University of Delaware Danielle Cranin, to Earlham College Stacie Croes, to Northern Virginia Community College Matthew Davis, to Brookdale College Evan Fuchs, to Brookdale College Pam Grossman, to New York University Eric Hantman, to University of Maryland Sean Heitt, to University of Maryland Danny Ho, to CW Post - Long Island University Evelyn Konigsberg, to New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology Barry Krakauer, to Brandeis University

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#### to the members of Temple Rodeph Torah who graduated from College this spring: Andrew Baron, West Chester University, PA

Darren Berkowicz, Penn State University Jason Goldberg, Vassar College Melissa Golden, University of Maryland Hallie Grainer, Univ.of Pennsylvania, *Magna Cum Laude*, elected to Mortar Board & Golden Key. Douglas Jaclin, University of Cincinnati Paige Korman, University of Maryland Ari Krakauer, Emanuel College - Cambridge University Rachel Madan, University of Rochester, *Phi Beta Kappa* Shana Nussbaum, Rutgers University, with honors Michael Reinking, Penn State University Scott Rubin, Case Western Reserve University, with High Honors Wendi Silver, Penn State University Rory Singer, University of Georgia Lisa Strousberg, Rutgers University

#### Congratulations and Mazal Tov, continued...

#### To the Adult Education students who completed courses this past year: Beginning Course — Jewish Living:

Sheila Aptaker Mary Sullivan Barbara Becker Heather Borshof Debbie Curtis Gail Davis Jan Feldman # Alyse Gleitman Karen Goldstein Karen Joseph Beth Kamenitz Geri Kaplan Ruth Kaufman Barry Kaye Elise Kaye Irwin Kizel Lisa Kizel Belinda Konigsberg Steve Konigsberg Michele Lazarowitz

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Linda Cranin \*

Randy Cranin

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Neal Finkelstein #

Harvey Lieber Sam Litwack Doreen Mizrachi Sheila Novod Lynn Sternberg Una Tedoff Jodi Weintraub Sindy Weiner Steffie Weissman # David Wilpon

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### Beginning Hebrew:

Pam Brisman Arlene Forman Jill Jones \*

#### Intermediate Hebrew: Pam Brisman Arlene Forman

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Laurie Kaufman

Elisa Snyder Julie Williamsky

Lynn Sternberg \* Julie Williamsky

\* = Perfect Attendance

# = One Absence

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

# "HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

#### From Rabbi Weber:

My special thanks to the students in my 7th grade classes, for your contribution to the Kosovo Relief Fund in honor of our class together. I am touched by your thoughtfulness, and your decision to aid the suffering in honor of what we have studied together makes me feel that I have succeeded as your teacher. Thank you very much.

AND, my deepest appreciation to my two Teaching Assistants for the past year, Lisa Berman and Karyn Seidel. Thank you for your help, your diligence and your care for my (our) students!

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Meryl Krakauer, daughter of Randy and Marcia Krakauer, on her marriage to Mr. Jason Eisenstein to Kami Ruffine, daughter of Joan and Richard Ruffine, on her engagement to Mr. Kent Frazier to Jennifer Borell, daughter of Judy and Marty Borell, on her engagement to Dr. Brad Richman to Chris, Adam and Alyson Glick, on the birth and *brit milah* of Zachary James Glick to Irene and Joe Ash, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Zachary Thomas Appel to Harriet and Ira Madan, on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Claire Madan to Danielle Cranin, daughter of Linda and Randy Cranin, on being named Scholar-Athlete for 1998-1999 by the

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association

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!

# You are Cordially Invited

We invite you to share our joy and celebration as our beautiful daughter, Carly Sara, is called to read and teach Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 28, 1999. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Rhonda Uretsky, Steve Moses, and Zach

With much love and pride we invite you to join our family as our daughter, Stephanie Lynn, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 4, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Nadine and Joel Sherman

#### **OUR CONDOLENCES**

to Toni, Lee and Sarah Cooper, on the death of Toni's mother, Dorothea Schaefer

"Zichrona Livracha" - May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

# CONTRIBUTIONS

#### **Building Fund**

Phyllis, Henry, Rachel and Sara Levenstein, in honor of Jonathan Cooper's graduation from Marlboro High School in honor of Pam Grossman's graduation from Marlboro High School

Jen, Eric and William Neumann, in honor of the birth of Samuel Michael Neumann Teri and Lou Friedman

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in honor of the high school graduation of Liz Klapman

and the rest of TRT's Confirmation Class of 5759/1999

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for the yahrzeit of Sidney Fleigel

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

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

Stephi and Eric Forti, in honor of the Confirmation of Kate Katzanek

Phyllis, Henry, Rachel and Sara Levenstein, in honor of the Confirmation Class of 5759

Ellen, Neal, Rachel and Jill Finkelstein, in honor of the Confirmation Class of 5759/1999

Ellen and Neal Finkelstein, in appreciation of Edna Coleman and the Religious School faculty for their dedication to the education of our daughter, Jill

Paula, Jay, Beth and Scott Kanofsky, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Stefanie Klovsky

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in honor of the graduation of Justin Relkin

in honor of the graduation of Susie Siegel

in honor of the Confirmation Class of Temple Rodeph Torah

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mazal tov to Scott Weiner on his acceptance to Rabbinical School

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

#### **TEMPLE CONTRIBUTIONS FORM**

	BUILDING FUND (For the construction and maintenance of our home)
	CRAIG FISCHER MEMORIAL FUND (To honor Craig's memory with a communal dedication)
	GENERAL FUND (For the maintenance of temple programs and activities)
1	HELENA PROJECT FUND (To provide Shabbat meals for families in times of upset and difficulty)
	HERZOG CANTORIAL FUND (For the future cantorial needs of the congregation)
	HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYERBOOK FUND (For the purchase of prayerbooks) Any amount may be donated to
	this Fund, but a contribution of \$20 or more is required to dedicate a prayerbook.
2 Min	HIRSCH/ROSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND (Provides funding for youth programs)
	ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Provides financial assistance for youth trips to Israel)
	LANDSCAPING FUND (For the purchase of trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify our property)
	LIBRARY FUND (For the purchase of books for our new Library)
Sin	MORTGAGE FUND (Dedicated completely to paying down the principal on our mortgage)
	NURSERY SCHOOL (For the development and support of our Nursery School program)
	RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Administered by the Rabbi for the benefit of the congregation)*
	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND (Provides durable equipment for the Religious School)
	SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENT and BEAUTIFICATION FUND (To refurbish the Sanctuary)
	SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND (To further the work of Sisterhood)
	SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND (To support the Committee's work of "repairing the world")
	TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND (For the purchase of art and aesthetically pleasing items for our building) WILLNER/WEINSTEIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND (Provides interest income for the Religious
1997	School's future)
***	TREE OF LIFE/MEMORIAL PLAQUES: To celebrate a special occasion by purchasing a leaf for the Tree of
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you.	
* Ma	ke checks payable to TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund; all other funds payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.
This	donation is being made:
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# **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.

Please note: The files we use for keeping track of the English/Hebrew yahrzeits are undergoing a conversion from one database program to another. I am hopeful that errors will be kept to a minimum. However, I do apologize in advance for any errors that might occur during this process. If you notice an error, please contact me so that I can correct the database immediately. Thank you for your understanding.

Linda Cranin

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
Shabbat Obs	ervance 8/6-8/7	
8/1	Joseph Jacobson	Evelyn Reich
8/1	Jack Sundel	Sindy Weiner
8/1	Harry Brown *	David Brown
8/4	Michael Prager *	Leonard Prager
8/4	Betty Zolator	Adam Silvan
8/4	Yetta Moskowitz	Bonnie Sugarman
-8/4	Paul Norman Posner	Janice Lori Jacobs
8/4	Brian David Kramer *	Judith A. Kramer
8/5	Chaim Sellinger	Laurie Karmel
`8/5	Anna Rubinowitz	Cynthia Hess
8/6	Etta Borell	Martin Borell
8/7	Morris Abraham Leifer *	Ceil Leifer and Susan Barber
8/7	Ellis Lustig	Marsha Gross
8/7	Stanley Brachfeld	Goldie Wein
Shabbat Obs	servance 8/13-8/14	
8/8	Carl Lytle	Linda Cranin
8/9	Leo Grossman	Jeff Grossman
8/9	Barnett Abrams	Andrea K. Kazin
8/10	Orin L. Rogers *	Linda Cranin
8/11	Rubin Chernick	Steve Chernick
8/11	Leo Maslow	Irene Ash
8/12	Evelyn Ruth Konigsberg *	Steven Konigsberg
8/14	Michael Murphy	Una Tedoff
8/14	Ruth Cohen	Sharon Katzanek
8/14	Mary Ann Lukow *	Linda Weinberg
8/14	Lillian Gavenman *	Myrna Kluger

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Esther Prager \*

Saul Lipman

Gela Janover

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8/15	Sylvia Chazanoff	Leonard Chazanoff	
8/15	Herbert Tedoff	Kenneth Tedoff	
8/15	Samuel Mautner	Phyllis Porter	
8/16	Stanley Schwartz *	Ginny Kotler	
8/16	Florence Newman	Gerry Newman	
8/16	Irving Samuelson *	Susan Berman	
8/16	Henry Bernstein	Rhonda Goodman	
8/16	Ethel Brody	Lori Spett	
8/17	Samuel Brody	Lori Spett	
8/17	Betty Kurland	Gail Friedman	
8/17	Saul Strousberg	Sam Strousberg	
8/18	Louis Magazine	Maxine Herzog	
8/19	Louis Zukoff	Marc L. Zukoff	
8/19	Charles Grossman *	Richard Grossman	
8/19	Sheila Appel	Stacey Goldsholle	
8/19	Lester Porter	Craig Porter	
8/20	Rose Perl	Ellen Levine	
8/20	Dora Rosenkranz	Bill Rogove	
8/20	Nettie Litwak *	David Shapiro and Renee Shapiro	
8/21	Alex Paul Kargman	Judith Borell	
8/21	Abraham Quint *	Michael Quint	
Shabbat (	Observance 8/27-8/28		
8/22	Lillian Shames *	Anita Prager	
8/22	Esther Jacobson	Carolyn Samuels	
8/22	Moe Weissman *	Phyllis Freedman	1416
8/23	Selma Futterman	Marjorie Stevens	
8/23	Ida Gross *	Ruth Kaufman	
8/23	Mildred Engleman	Susan Ross	
8/23	Scott Joseph Kadis *	Steffi Weissman	
8/24	Eileen Mullen	Andrea Block	
8/26	Bella Ash *	Joseph Ash	
8/26	Harry Borell	Martin Borell	
8/27	Jacob Cohen *	Marcia Falk	
8/27	Rose Zipkin	Jack Zipkin	
8/27	Michael Spiegel	Mitch Spiegel	
8/28	Milton Kadis *	Steffi Weissman	
8/28	Avram Shimon Kitay	Marlene Shapiro	
8/28	Dawn Kucera	Fran and Marc Cohen	
Shabbat (	Observance 9/3-9/4		
8/29	Esther Newman	Gerry Newman	
8/29	Samuel Herman	Barry Kaye	
8/31	Diana Fireman	William Fireman	

Leonard Prager

David Lipman Gail Davis

**Roy Agulnick** 

Henry Hegyi

Ella Rosenfeld

Barry Berkowitz

Herman T. Lukow \*

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#### August/September 1999

YAHRZE	ITS, continued	and the second
Shabbat C	Observance 9/3-9/4, continued	
9/1	Baruch Viesel	Gail Davis
9/1	Seymour Ringel *	Susan Ringel and Temple Rodeph Torah
9/1	Irene Lazarus	Marcia Borshof
9/1	Rebecca Shmilovich	Josephine Paltin
9/2	Sam Borell	Martin Borell
9/2	Henry Dercher	Aron Dercher
9/2	Jesse Kamholz	Susan Pack
9/2	Seymour Hilowitz	Andrew Hilowitz
9/3	Robert Forman *	Carl Forman and Enid Brown 5"
9/4	Sara Rozin	Josephine Paltin
9/4	Max Sprechman *	Hal Sprechman
Shabbat (	Observance 9/10-9/11	
9/5	Lita Selsky *	Gerald Selsky
9/7	Rachel Wajngold	David Wajngold
9/7	Violet Tenenzapf *	Donna Chazanoff
9/7	Elaine Steinhardt	Jill Niederman
9/7	Sadie Rosen	Linda Prince
9/8	Martha Nemerov *	Randy Cranin
9/8	Michael Behar	Barbara Chamoff
9/8	Lillian Zaitz *	Jed Zaitz
9/9	Hyman Misshula	Irwin Misshula
9/9	Harvey Abramson	Debra Kullback
9/9	Minnie Rosenberg *	Sheri Binder
9/9	Edgar Hirsch	Jon Hirsch
9/10	Israel "Babe" Gendel *	Lisa Abramson
9/11	Deborah Susan Pfaeffle	Jeff Stevens
Shabbat (	Observance 9/17-9/18	
9/12	Irving Hantman	Julius Hantman
9/12	Rose Krauss	Burt Krauss
9/12	Thedia C. Lytle	Linda Cranin
9/12	Andre Shimone Greenhouse	Cliff and Maria Greenhouse
9/13	Kenneth Gelfand	Maxine Liebers
9/14	Harry Moskowitz	Bonnie Sugarman
9/14	Frances Goldman	Iris Schleifstein
9/15	Gussie Schubert	Warren Schubert
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**Bruce Agulnick** 

Linda Weinberg

Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper

Randy Cranin

Tom Hegyi

YAHRZE	ITS, continued
Shabbat (	<b>Observance 9/24-9/25</b>
9/20	Anna Auerbach
9/20	Leon Garelick *
9/21	Louis Weber *
9/21	Ruth Maslansky
9/21	Irving Kaden *
9/21	Joan Baron
9/22	Norman Schwartz
9/22	Harry Gilbert *
9/22	Jennie Eterno *
9/23	Nathan Madan
9/24	Sarah Greenberg
9/25	Harold Fuchsman
9/25	Cornel Paltin

#### Roy Auerbach Lynn Sternberg Rabbi Don Weber Edward Maslansky Randi Sorin Bruce Baron Fern Calascibetta Janice Feldman Loretta Shapiro Ira Madan Barry Greenberg Lori Spett Josephine Paltin

#### Shabbat Observance 10/1-10/2

9/26	Milton Ashendorf
9/27	Sid Sklar
9/27	Paul Sigman
9/27	Alyson Cohen
9/28	Harold Katcher
9/29	Sam Perl
9/30	Louis Sigman

Jane Katz Arlene Goldberg Lois Korman Caryn Stoner Marcia Krakauer Ellen Levine Lois Korman

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

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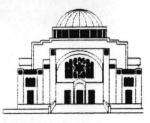
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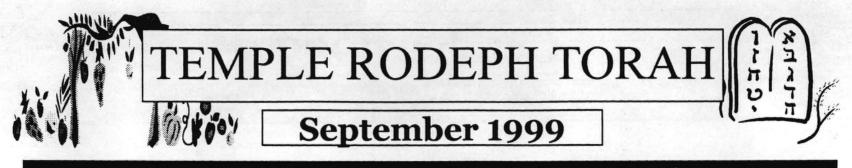


# TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH



# August 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 8:00 P.M. Worship Committee	5	6 8:00 P.M. Family Service	7 10:00 A.M Service Minyan Aleph
8	9	10	11	12	13 8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service	14 10:00 A.M Service Minyan Bet
15	16	17	18 8:30 P.M. Board of Directors	19		21 10:00 A.M Service Minyan Aleph
22	23 8:00 P.M. Education Committee	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Service	2810:00 A.M Service Bat Mitzvah of Carly Miller Minyan Bet
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 8:00 P.M. Worship Committee	2	3 8:00 P.M. Family Service	4 10:00 A.M. Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Sherman Minyan Aleph 8:00 P.M. Slichot Service	
5	6	7	8	9	10 Erev Rosh Hashana	11 Rosh Hashana Day I	
					Services at Colts Neck High School		
12 Rosh Hashana Day II	13	14	15	16	17 8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service	18 10:00 A.M. Shabbat Service Minyan Aleph	
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19 kol nidre	20 YOM KIPPUR	21	<b>22</b> 8:30 P.M. Board of Directors	23	24 8:00 P.M. Shabbat Service Erev Sukkot	<b>25</b> 10:00 A.M. Sukkot Service Minyan Bet	
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#### **TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH** October 1999 Mon Wed Thu Fri Sun Tue Sat 2 10:00 A.M. Simchat 8:00 P.M. Family Service Torah Services - B'Nai Erev Simchat Mitzvah of Lauren Becker Torah & Jeffrey Binder 5 8 8:30 P.M. 3 6 7 8:10 P.M. Adult 4 9 10:00 A.M. Services Shabbat B'Nai Mitzvah of Chase Ed - Beginning Service Prince & Gregory RTSY Class Silverman Board Minyan Bet Installation **10** Sisterhood 11 12 8:30 P.M. 13 15 14 8:10 P.M. 16 10:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M. Young People's Services B'Nai Mitzvah Sisterhood Board Adult Ed -Brunch Shabbat of Scott Heitner & History of Israel 8:30 P.M. Zachary Tedoff Shabbat Service Minvan Aleph 23 10:00 A.M. Services 18 17 7:30 P.M. 19 20 8:30 P.M. Board 21 8:10 P.M. 22 8:30 P.M. **B'Nai Mitzvah of** Candidate's Night of Directors Adult Ed -Shabbat Julie Castro & Steven Service Oved **Beginning Class** Minyan Bet 29 8:30 P.M. 30 10:00 A.M. 24 9:00 A.M 25 26 28 8:10 P.M. 27 8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service Services Minyan Bat Mitzvah of Adult Ed -Mitzvah Education

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# **TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth** ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM 5760 (1999-2000)

> If you are interested in daytime classes — either Monday or Wednesday, noon to 2:00 p.m. — please call Rabbi Weber. We will be happy to plan daytime courses if the interest is sufficient!

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

#### **Rabbi Don Weber**

The Talmud is the source for so much of what we call Judaism, yet it is also so complex that it baffles anyone who cannot devote a lifetime to understanding it. How do we approach this Jewish treasure, so it does not remain the exclusive world of the yeshiva student?

A new book, Swimming in the Sea of Talmud, offers us the opportunity to begin dipping our toes into this work, without fearing that we will drown. Presented as a series of "lessons for everyday living," it offers a Jewish perspective on our lives - the lives we lead, and the lives we would like to lead. The book explores the relevance of ancient lessons to modern life, and will be our pathway to discussion of both the ancient and the modern in our lives.

If you have always said that you are too old to begin Jewish study, this course will prove that you are only too old if you choose not to learn. Join us as we begin to learn together

Members: No fee. Non-Members: \$100. The texts costs \$25, please order your copy on the application form. Classes will meet on alternate Thursday evenings, from 8:10 to 10:00 p.m., beginning October 7.

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

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

Members: \$75. Non-Members: \$100. Books cost approximately \$25. Classes will meet every Tuesday evening, from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m., beginning in mid-October. A minimum of 10 participants is required for this course to be held; starting date will be announced when we receive sufficient registration for the course.

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

#### TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth ADULT EDUCATION COURSES, 5760

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

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

This is the second part of a two-year course, but new students are welcome. We will begin with the time following the War of Independence in 1948, so even those who did not take the first year can start now. While no standards of previous knowledge are set for this course, those with a basic understanding of Jewish history will benefit most. There will be reading assignments which will illustrate each class; try to plan 30 minutes for study per week. Contact Rabbi Weber if you have any questions.

Members: No fee. Non-Members: \$100. The text costs approximately \$35, and may be ordered on the form below. Classes will meet on alternate <u>Thursday</u> evenings, from 8:10 to 10:00 p.m., beginning October 14.

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

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

#### TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, 5760 (1999-2000) COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me/us for the following course(s):	
Name	Course
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Name	Course
	Course
Please order books for the following course(s) for me signature!):	(no books will be ordered without your
Signed:	
RETURN THIS FORM TO: TEMPLE RODEPH ' P.O. Box 125, Marlbo	TORAH of Western Monmouth pro. NJ 07746

# **Rosh Hashanah 5760** Teshuvah, Tefillah and Tzedakah

On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, there is a special late night service called Selichot. For the first time, we hear the familiar prayers and tunes of Rosh Hashanah. Selichot services prepare us for the High Holidays. This is the first step in the process of returning to God.

# Selichot Services

Saturday, September 4, 1999, 8 p.m. at Temple Rodeph Torah

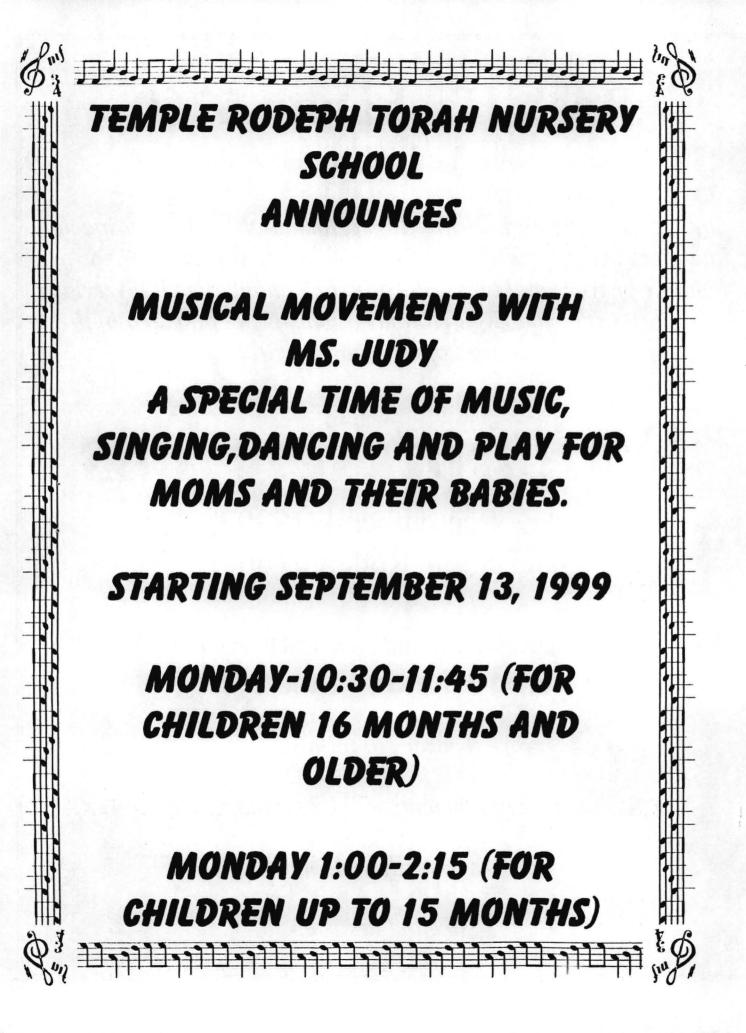
Back again to entertain and teach us will be Vered Hankin - Storyteller

Services to follow

Refreshments will be served

Everybody welcome

Take the first step



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



To be a host at TRT's 3rd Annual Sukkah Promenade, Sept. 26th, all you need to do is call Andrea Block at 536-4647

> or Cathy Karmiller at 972-3522

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

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

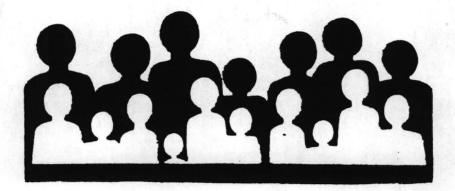
# September Williah Promenade

We'll meet at the TRT Sukkah at 1:00 and caravan to visit our host families in their sukkot. Join the fun as we fulfill the mitzvah of eating in a sukkah.

Have your family join our Family.

If you plan to attend, or need more information, please call Andrea Block 536-4647

> or Cathy Karmiller 972-3522



## Temple Rodeph Torah of Western Monmouth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Return by August 12th to: Temple Rodeph Torah, P.O.Box 125, Marlboro, N.J. 07746







"THE MAN WHO DOES NOT READ GOOD BOOKS HAS NO ADVANTAGE OVER THE MAN WHO CANNOT READ THEM."

# \*\*\*\*\* CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE \*\*\*\*\*

- WHO: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
- WHAT: NEW OR GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS (APPROPRIATE FOR NEWBORN THROUGH AGE 15)
- WHEN: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER
- WHERE: MITZVAH CRIB IN THE ATRIUM
- WHY: ON *TIKKUN OLAM* DAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, TRT AND THE COUNT BASIE LEARNING CENTER IN RED BANK WILL TEAM UP FOR AN AFTERNOON OF READING AND RELATED CRAFT ACTIVITIES.

#### GIVE THE GIFT OF MAGIC AND DONATE A BOOK TODAY!

CHILDREN'S BOOKS ONLY PLEASE!



# Temple Rodeph Torah of Western Monmouth <u>MEMORIAL BOOK</u>

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

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

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

In order to meet our printing deadline for the Book of Life, the information below and your check must be received no later than <u>August 20th.</u>

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

# **Memorial Donation**

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

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nis form can be used to <u>update</u> you	ar family Yahrzeit information.			
Name of Deceased	English Date of Death*	<u>Relationship</u>		

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

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#### Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Programs Membership Application Form Academic Year 1999-2000

In order for your child to take part in any RTSY events, it is necessary to fill out this form!

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1999-2000 Dues: Grades 9-12, RTSY \$36.00 Temple Members, \$50.00 non temple members. Grade 8, JR RTSY Dues (TRT Members ONLY, \$25.00)

#### Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Programs Code of Conduct 1999-2000

# Before attending any RTSY of TRTJYG event, you must have read and signed this form.

This code is modeled after the North American Federation of Temple Youth, (NFTY). All Participant must fill out one of the codes prior to each event. If you have any questions, please contact the RTSY/TRTJYG staff prior to signing this form.

- The possession or consumption of alcohol (other than Shabbat wine, served at kiddish) is strictly prohibited.
- 2 The possession of tobacco and drugs (of any type), is strictly prohibited.
- 3 I will not have any body alterations done, this includes earrings, tattoos, and any other non-temporary disfiguration.
- 4 I will not violate any laws: local, state, or federal, as they are part of this code.
- 5 I will abide by all rules set forth by the Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Director, staff, chaperones, and other trip advisors.
- 6 At any over night trips, I will follow all rules concerning curfews. When the last event of each day is completed, I will return to my host home/room. I will remain there until the following morning. I will also follow rules concerning housing assignments.
- 7 I will not engage in any inappropriate behavior, including sexual behavior.
- 8 I will not engage in any hazing of any type.
- 9 I will stay within any boundaries set forth on any trip.
- 10 I will not do any damage to the temple, or any car, bus building etc. that we travel to.

Child's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent Section

I understand that if my child should break any of these rules, he/she may be sent home immediately from the event at my expense. Any damage my child does, I am also responsible for. I also understand that I may be asked to chaperone one event per year, at the request of the TRT youth director.

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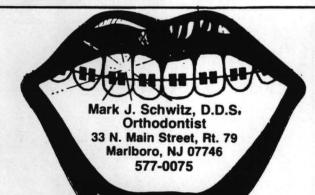
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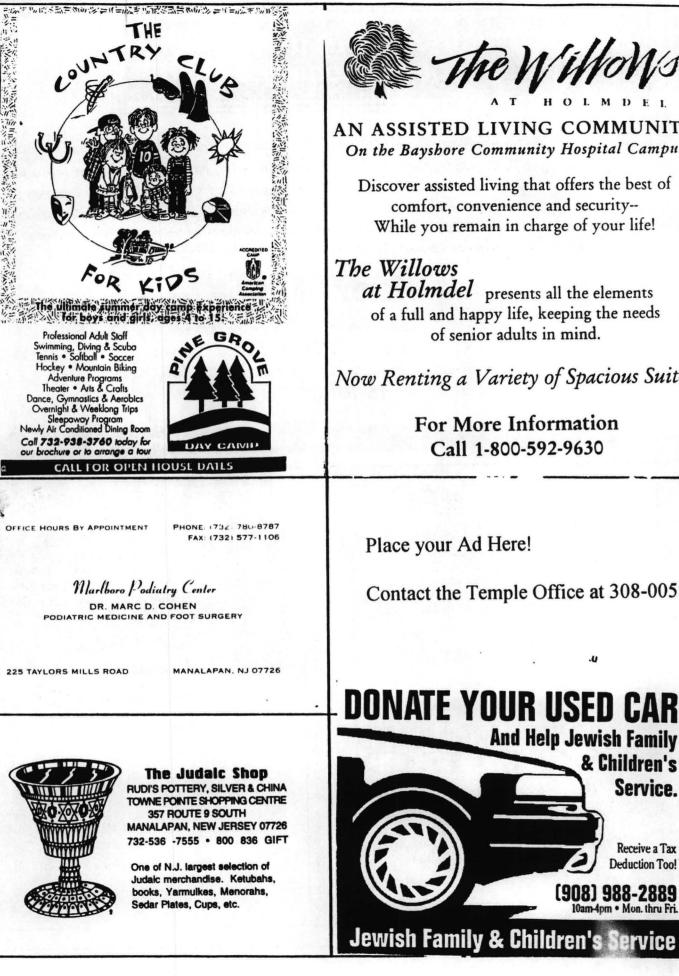
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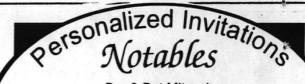
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It, the Union, does many things for us that no individual or small group of congregations could do for themselves.

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.
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