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FROM RABBI WEBER

Nuclear power plants. High tension power lines. Factories. Six-lane highways. When it comes to these things, I am one of the biggest NIMBYs ("Not In My Back Yard") around. They weren't here when I moved in, they were not what I want for my neighborhood or my children, and I will fight as hard as I can to keep them away.

But schools?

The recent — and continuing — furor over the location for new schools in Marlboro Township is very disappointing, and a little scary. The name-calling and "dirty tricks" which are usually reserved for our mayoral elections are now being employed against our school board, our school administration and anyone who dares to say that we need new schools *now*.

But the fact is, we need new schools *now*. And whether you live in Marlboro Township or not, this issue will not go away.

When you thought about moving to this area, what was the very first thing you asked about? I would guess that over 90% of us asked first about the schools; even the question of how high the property taxes would be came later. If the schools were not good, we weren't moving here. So, look at us now: class sizes are being increased because we do not have enough classrooms to go around, and the school board has again applied to the State Department of Education for permission to use "substandard classrooms" — that means *trailers* — in almost every school in the district. Is this what we wanted when we moved here? There is no question that larger class sizes make it more difficult to teach and to learn; do we really want to re-create the New York City school system here in Western Monmouth? As for trailers, it is not just a matter of whether trailer-classrooms are conducive to learning (which they are not); it is also the fact that the students will have to put on coats and gloves, and walk through rain and cold, to get to and from these "temporary" accommodations. Would *you* like to finish gym and have to walk outside in January to get to your next class?

I know that most everyone agrees on the need for new schools, but agreement does not mean very much when every proposed location is opposed so aggressively that the plan is abandoned. Politicians are, by nature, cowards; the responsibility for the Township's continued inaction lies squarely on the shoulders of the citizens who have railed against every proposal and, more important, upon that great majority of us who have simply sat by and said absolutely nothing as the debate rages on.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION OF NEW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS — October 1

ADULT EDUCATION BEGINS — October 7

CONGRESSMAN RUSH HOLT SPEAKS AT SHABBAT SERVICES — October 8

CAMP HARLAM SHABBAT — October 15

CANDIDATES' NIGHT — October 17

TIKKUN OLAM DAY — October 24

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Would a new school bring increased traffic? Of course it would. But traffic is increasing in all our neighborhoods, and I don't see anyone trying to stop it. In my development, the number of college kids with cars is breathtaking — and the speed at which they drive is terrifying. Would I prefer a dozen busses, driven by professional drivers, over the 50 college kids zooming down our block? Any day.

In the 15 years I have lived here, I remember two accidents involving busses in Marlboro Township. In one tragic case, a child got off the bus and walked in front of it; in the other, a bus skidded on ice and hit a tree at slow speed. Where is the great danger which school bus traffic poses to us and our children?

As Jews, we have always had a special devotion to schools of any sort. In fact, one of the only things which Jews can do with a temple they no longer need, is to turn it into a school. In Jewish tradition, schools are of even greater value than synagogues, and helping to build a school is a *mitzvah* of the highest order. Even if a school would be inconvenient, or create more traffic, it is the Jewish response to welcome it into our community, as a sign of our devotion to learning. To Jews, a school is an *honor*, not a burden.

Finally, we should consider our own pocketbooks. If the children in our district keep learning in trailers and overcrowded classrooms, and more and more special programs are cancelled because there is no room to hold them, the reputation of our schools will become "substandard," just like the trailers. What will prospective home buyers think about a district that will not allow schools to be built? What will realtors say, when asked about the education which children receive here? Building new schools is also the right thing to do if we are to maintain the investment we have made in our homes.

Two thousand years ago, Rabbi Hillel challenged us: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now, when?" For ourselves and our children, for *other* families and *their* children, and for the children of the future, the time is *now*. Please support the school board's efforts to build for the present and for the future. As citizens, as homeowners and as Jews, we can do no less.

Shalom,
Rabbi Don Weber

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We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

Michael and Michele Cohen and their children, Lauren, Matthew and Melanie

Art and Irene Farber

Gary and Irene Franklin and their children, Brian and Jordan

Rebecca Golden

Guy and Jill Goldfarb and their children, Alex, Peyton and Reid

Larry and Donna Hall and their child, Kylie

Brian and Barb Kaplan and their child, Justin

Roy and Jerri Kasakove and their children, Evan and Jay

Marc and Barbara Kramer and their child, Erica

Tom and Rise Lake and their children, Andrew and Ryane

Allen and Diane Rothman and their children, Chelsea and Aaron

Allen and Loretta Shapiro (Founding members, who have joined as Associates from their new home in Florida)

Scott and Tammy Wolkowitz and their children, Hayli and Chelsea

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 10/1 - Family Shabbat & Simchat Torah Services
Come Join in Our Celebration of the Torah!
 7:00 p.m. - Consecration of New Religious School Students
 8:00 p.m. - Simchat Torah Celebration, with Birthday Blessings for October
 Candle Lighting 6:20 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/2 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Lauren Becker and Jeffrey Binder
- Friday, 10/8 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
CONGRESSMAN RUSH HOLT WILL SPEAK
Installation of the RTSY Board
 Richard Herzog, Soloist; Candle Lighting 6:18 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/9 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Chase Prince and Gregory Silverman
- Friday, 10/15 - Shabbat Services:
 7:30 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:30 p.m. – Service
CAMP HARLAM REUNION AND PRESENTATION
All Campers and Prospective Campers are Invited!
 Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 5:59 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/16 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Scott Heitner and Zachary Tedoff
- Friday, 10/22 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.
 Sermon: “318”
 Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 5:48 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/23 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
 B'nai Mitzvah: Julie Castro and Steven Oved
- Friday, 10/29 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Doreen Mizrachi
Anniversary Blessings for October; Candle Lighting 5:38 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/30 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
 Bar Mitzvah: Evan Zawatsky

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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

As I circled my Sopwith Camel over the aerodrome, the Red Baron shot at me with his twin machine guns... oops! Wrong story. It was a dark and stormy night... bad second try. A *Ziesen Pesah*. Oh, wrong holiday! How about *L'shana tova tikkatevu*? Have a healthy and happy New Year, from my family to yours!

Another year has begun. By the time you read this I will have already given my Kol Nidre appeal speeches, always a troubling point for me, my public-speaking fear being what it is. Please remember that the whole point of the President's Appeal is to assist the special circumstances family members, those who are in need of our assistance. It is our *tzedakah* to ourselves.

Thank you to those people who made their annual pledges early. Quite a few people made their pledges when they picked up their High Holiday tickets.

Our new pledge board has been mounted on the wall in the temple. It is on the left wall as you enter the building, next to the green plaques honoring those who gave in the original capital campaign. By the end of October, or the beginning of November, when the pledges have stopped coming in, we will have the glass etched with this year's names. The Board of Directors feels that this will be a good way to honor those who give each year. We will still list the names of every contributor in the Newsletter as well.

We have a new traffic pattern at TRT. Please notice the new signs and street line painting. I believe that, if we all follow them all of the time, not just when children are present, we will be able to drop off and pick up our children in a much safer manner.

The Cantor Search Committee has met several times since last March. We are close to being able to fill in the "congregational identity" questions on the application for hiring a cantor that the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) requires of us. Our cantor's job description is almost completed as well. I want to thank the two co-chairs, JoAnn Silkes and Rich Herzog, for all their efforts so far. I look forward to the near future when we are ready to begin reading resumes and interviewing possible cantors. Our goal is to have a cantor begin working at TRT by July 1, 2000.

L'shana tova tikkatevu,
Randy, Linda, Danielle and Rachel Cranin

Coming Soon! Simplify your monthly check writing! Pay your TRT bill with a monthly debit to your Mastercard or VISA account. Details to follow, or call the temple office for more information.

BOARD NOTES

The following actions were taken at the August Board meeting:

1. The Board voted to take the necessary steps to accept credit card payments for temple bills.
2. The Board voted to authorize the Worship Committee to spend funds, not to exceed \$2000, to provide security for the High Holidays.
3. The Board voted to give the Nursery School space in the back of the sanctuary, to set up a non-permanent gym of soft climbing toys, to be used during Nursery School hours.

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 **Jeff Ball**.

Jeff Ball and his wife, Mary Sullivan, live in Freehold with their two daughters, six year-old Alicia and two year-old Melanie. Jeff, who is a native of New Jersey, grew up in Englewood. Mary grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts. Prior to settling in Freehold, Jeff and Mary lived for nine years in Jackson, New Jersey. They have been members of the temple for the past eight years.

Jeff works as a Certified Financial Planner with Merrill Lynch in Freehold. Mary is a third-grade teacher at Indian Hill Elementary School in Holmdel. The family loves to spend time outdoors together. Alicia and Jeff both play soccer. As a first-grader, Alicia is enjoying her second season and loves having her dad as a coach. Jeff plays in a 35-and-over Men's League, encompassing towns from Toms River to Sayreville, and plays both defensive and offensive positions. The family also enjoys spending time skiing in the winter and going to the ocean in the summer.

Jeff has been an active member of the temple for the past eight years. He has spent time on different committees, including the Finance Committee and an ad hoc committee that studied temple membership growth. Jeff and Mary are both active participants in the causes spearheaded by the Social Justice Committee and find the social action of the temple to be a great part of the attractiveness of TRT. The family enjoys attending the Very Young People's Shabbat services held on the third Friday of each month, and are excited to see how attendance at this service has grown. Jeff was happy to become a Board member and be able to further participate in helping the temple to thrive. "Mary and I appreciate the goodness of the rabbi, care about the temple, and I find this to be a way that I can reciprocate for what the temple has given us." Jeff hopes to be intimately involved with issues facing the Men's Club in the coming months. "I would like to see the Men's Club create a forum for men to share their insights and feelings with other men." Jeff would like to see other families benefit the way his has through participation in temple life. "My family and I are in an exciting partnership with the temple, blending our lives with the temple's to make a strong Jewish family." Jeff encourages members to get involved in temple life. "It is a truly rewarding experience."

EDUCATION

On behalf of *Horaiynu*, I would like to welcome everyone back to Religious School. As usual, we are busy preparing for various activities to make this a wonderful school year for your child. We need parental support to run all of the *Horaiynu* functions. We supply paper goods, beverages, food, etc., for many activities. These events require planning and organization, and we need your help to make them run smoothly. Please volunteer to help by calling Marla Bucher, at 972-7307, or Lori Fishkin, at 972-3594. We welcome new ideas and new faces.

Our Religious School students enjoyed apples and honey for the New Year, which were donated by *Horaiynu*. We are grateful to all the volunteers who assisted with this event. *Horaiynu* would like to extend their wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to all.

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Please be on the lookout for information on the GOLD C Entertainment Books. This is an important fundraiser for our temple. I would like to remind everyone to send in their \$18.00 checks for *Horaiynu* dues. These monies are used to fund many school programs which are not covered by the Religious School.

Marla Bucher

SISTERHOOD

Our paid-up membership brunch, with entertainment, will be held on Sunday, October 10th, at the Greystone Manor in Freehold. If you have friends who are interested in attending, please bring them along! If they decide to join Sisterhood, the cost of the brunch (\$20) will be credited to their Sisterhood dues (\$36). **Please note the date change on the paid-up brunch!** Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further details on the brunch.

Sisterhood is selling Entertainment Books at the cost of \$30.00. Bonnie Sugarman, 972-8990, will be handling all orders. The following is a schedule of Sisterhood meetings. They will all be held on Tuesday evenings, at 8:30 p.m., in the temple library.

September 28	February 8
October 12	March 14
November 9	April 11
December 14	May 9
January 11	June 13

MEN'S CLUB

Are men less spiritual than women? What role does spirituality play in your life? Do you pray? What is your belief in God? What do you get out of attending services? The Men's Club is hosting a breakfast with Rabbi Weber on Sunday morning, October 31st, from 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to discuss "Men and Spirituality." Please join us for what will be the first in a series of Men's Club breakfasts. If you cannot attend but would like to help plan future events, please contact Jeff Ball, at 462-2336.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Club Thirty-Four/The Fifty-Sixers

Hi! My name is Greg Benisch and I am the new Junior Youth Advisor for grades three and four (Club Thirty-Four), and for grades five and six (Fifty-Sixers). I will be planning fun activities for each youth group. This will give your child a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other Jewish kids. The opening event for each youth group will be a trip to "Sports 'N' Stuff" in East Brunswick. There will be arcade games, basketball, batting cages, and laser tag. We will first meet at the temple at 4:00 p.m. for pizza and soda. The kids will be ready to be picked up by 7:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$15.00 (transportation included). Club Thirty-Four will hold this event on October 3rd, and the Fifty-Sixers will hold the event on October 10th. Hope to see you there!

Greg Benisch, Junior Youth Group Advisor
732-761-1087

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee is Sunday, October 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Weber will be at this meeting to discuss our plans and projects for the year. If you are thinking of joining our committee, come to this meeting. We will be finalizing *Tikkun Olam* day, which will be held on Sunday, October 24th. If you have not filled out your *mitzvot* form, why not do it now? This is your chance to set an example for your children. Most of the projects can be done with your family. We strongly encourage you to go to one of the projects as a family. Also, when you come to temple, please bring a baby item for our *Mitzvah* Crib.

The Social Justice Fund has sent a donation to Turkey and Kosovo relief. We are also sponsoring a Kosovo and Turkey Relief concert with other Reform temples in Monmouth County. The date is Sunday, November 14th. Please watch for more details.

L'Shana Tovah
Ed Russin

CARING COMMUNITY

A traveling talent show is the newest endeavor of the Caring Community at TRT. Six of our young temple members and one adult performed at The Manor Nursing Home in Freehold on Friday, June 11th. The children, who volunteered to entertain the nursing home residents, shared their diverse talents. Allie and Brooke Cohen, ages 10 and seven, respectively, performed their own dance. Megan Caruso, 14, played songs on her clarinet. Nine-year-old Danielle Feinstein sang and led sing-alongs. Jennifer Kaye, 13, accompanied by her mother Elise on keyboard, sang beautiful songs, and Stephen Rudnick, 12, provided comedy with wonderful jokes.

Janet Caruso asked Allie Cohen to write about the performance for the Newsletter. Here is Allie's account:

I had a dream and it came true! On June 11th, six kids performed dances, jokes, and songs at the Manor Nursing Home. I thought of it when my dancing class performed for a nursing home. I said to myself, "Wait! My temple loves to help people, so at the next Caring Community meeting I shall ask my mom to bring up the idea that we should have a talent show." My mom brought it up to Janet Caruso. Janet thought it was an amazing idea. So here I am, on June 11th, just back from the performance. It was great. We are all looking forward to the next performance. Hope you are too!

This experience was one the kids will never forget and they cannot wait to do it again. Another talent show is in the works. We feel that this is in keeping with the teaching of Rabbi Weber who believes that our children are so valuable and can never be too young to be taught about doing kind deeds. We are all so proud of our performers and hope that at future shows even more of our members will join us. Any special talents that you have are welcome. If you are interested in participating, call me at 446-2886.

Fran Cohen

LIBRARY

Hi! My name is Bonnie Sugarman and I am the "keeper" of the temple library. For those who do not know where the library is, it is between the coatroom and the Religious School office, on the right-hand side as you walk to the rear of the temple. The door may be locked, but you can always ask for it to be opened if there is no meeting going on. Feel free to relax with a book or browse the shelves. The library has a great collection of Jewish books on such topics as spirituality, intermarriage, life-cycle issues, and of course, old favorites such as Biblical commentary, Israel, Jewish history, and Holocaust literature. Copies of *Reform Judaism* and *Moment* magazines, as well as the weekly *Jewish Forward* are also available. The kid's section is pretty good too, with both fiction and non-fiction selections, including books for pre-readers. Please encourage your kids to browse or use a book for a report. Instructions for borrowing are posted on the bulletin board.

Some recent acquisitions are: *How Do You Spell God?* by Rabbi Marc Gellman (children's book); *Life Cycles - Jewish Women on Life Passages and Personal Milestones*, by Rabbi Debra Orenstein; *Parenting as a Spiritual Journey*, by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreiner; *Eyes Remade to Wonder*, a Lawrence Kushner reader; and *The Harlot by the Side of the Road: Forbidden Tales of the Bible*, by Jonathan Kirsch.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

For the past three months, as the new moon has waxed, an exciting phenomenon has occurred! Approximately 15 enthusiastic women have gathered together at the temple for a common purpose. Taking a respite from the hectic pace of our daily lives, we have created a nurturing and friendly place to redefine our identities as Jewish women. We have shared our individual Jewish backgrounds and experiences, and we have voiced our desires to reconnect with our Jewish roots. Our hope is to refresh ourselves with a renewed sense of spiritual well-being.

We have also expressed our goal to study and learn together in a community of women, instilling into our lives a deeper and more personal connection with God. Thus far, we have read and discussed *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant, and we have viewed and discussed the film *A Price Above Rubies*.

I am pleased to introduce the new Women's Spirituality Group at Temple Rodeph Torah, a modified *Rosh Chodesh* group, which meets at or near the new moon each month. New members are **always** welcome! If you are interested in learning more about our group, or to find out when we will next meet, please call me at 972-5758. A happy and a healthy New Year to everyone!

With best wishes,
Jessica Kahan

DINNER DANCE COMMITTEE

We would like to enhance our 18th Anniversary Dinner Dance celebration party by holding a spectacular raffle of merchandise and services. We are in need of your generous donations (sporting-event tickets, memorabilia, appliances, clothing, jewelry, dinners, etc.). All funds raised will be our gift to our temple. Please call Rachel Pachter, at 536-5653 with your pledge. Thank you.

Viewpoint

God Knows!

God knows I *hate* going to temple for services!

God knows what a struggle it is to get dinner ready early. Make sure everyone gets home on time. Showered and dressed in *presentable* clothing. God knows I have teenagers and they and I have very different interpretations of what "presentable clothing" means! And God knows what a struggle it is to coordinate everyone's schedules so that we can go to services with as many members of the family that we can unite in the effort at one time. To think that a family of five could actually do this in the name of religion and in an attempt to share a "quality" experience! What are we? *Nuts*? For God's sake, it is the *weekend* you know! And God knows weekends when all of us are together, at the same place, at the same time, are few and far between!

So, I rush them through dinner—God knows I don't have the time to make one of those full Shabbat dinners *every* week! Get with it, it's the 90's! Sometimes, God knows, pizza will just have to pass as a Shabbat dinner! Half the time, with our crazy lives, we don't get to have dessert even because we are rushing to be out of the house to try to be on time.

There's my husband telling me he got home early to do this so why can't we all be ready to leave when we are supposed to? God knows I try to stick to the clock, but I would like *just* five minutes to put on some make-up! Once we are in the car, I have to check to see that the interpretation of the mode of dress for the teenage contingent is the same as the one I shared with them prior to leaving the house. (Like it is going to matter? We're in the car already!) But, God knows, we are going out in public and I want them to look decent. Of course, God knows, it is just my luck that I'm the one with the spot on my shirt that won't rub off while my husband is darting too fast through the stop signs. My kids laugh and tell me that they will never let me live it down that *I'm* the one who got food on my shirt! And, God knows, *they* won't forget!

But once we get there—in one piece, thank God—things are different. I don't know how or why, but I feel *calm* for the first time all night. God knows I can't recall too many times during the week that I feel the kind of calm I feel in temple. When the rabbi begins to talk to the congregation about the simplest things—the weather, the drive to temple, the season—I sit back and take a slow, deep breath and begin to relax. God knows I could sit at home and talk about the weather and I wouldn't feel this calm. I don't know why this moment makes a difference from all the other times I've heard comments about the subject all week. Then I look around and I see something striking! There are other people here who also seem to share this calm. I know it because I can see it in their faces, in the way they are sitting, in the way that a mother hugs her teenager and the teenager doesn't pull away in embarrassment, in the way a couple reaches out, without thinking, to hold hands.

When the rabbi asks us to join him in welcoming the Sabbath, God knows it is an amazing thing because there is this sense of belonging to the community around me that I haven't felt anywhere else the entire week! When the congregation begins to sing, I sing. God knows that sometimes I fake the tune and, sometimes, I mangle the words. But I sing out loud here because I can't sing worth a damn at home. God knows my ability to carry a tune is so bad that I've been booed out of the shower! But in temple, nobody can tell me to shut up and spare the rest of them. God knows the way *I* sing, even the rabbi begins to sound in tune! Every now and then, I have to poke one of the teenagers to get them to join me by pointing out that God knows I have paid enough for them to go to Hebrew School so let me hear that I got my money's worth! And, God knows they roll their eyes heavenward in silent complaint before they move their lips.

And how does God know all these things? Because I tell God all this—and more. Silently, just between the two of us, while I am in temple praying. The prayers are more than just a few words between the Holy One and the congregation. God knows that sometimes it is the only time all week that no one interrupts me when I have something to say! Okay, so I say it silently, but never to myself! I get it all off of my chest here, with all those people around me, and God knows I feel a sense of peace that I pray will sustain me for the rest of the week.

God does know that I *hate* going to temple for services, but God knows I *love* it once I get there!

Helene Kronstadt Cooper

(Share your views. Guest columnists welcome. All appropriate material will be given consideration. Comments, suggestions, feedback? Drop me a line or e-mail me at Rivkat1@aol.com)



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 10/8-9

Parashat Beresheit, Genesis 1:1-6:8

Summary by Henry Levenstein

God creates the world in six days, rests the seventh day, making it Shabbat. God gives life to Adam and Eve, who eat from the Tree of Knowledge, and are expelled from Eden. Their first son Cain kills his brother Abel. God sees later generations as wicked, except for Noah, and considers destroying this creation.

Shabbat 10/15-16

Parashat Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32

Summary by Janet Klemons

God was mad at the people and prepared to destroy all life, but spared Noah and his family, because he walked with God. He instructed Noah on how to make an ark and whom he should take with him. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights, and God made a covenant with Noah never to destroy humanity and the earth again. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. The whole world branched out from these people. Shem's lineage leads to Nahor, father of Terah, who was the father of Abraham.

Shabbat 10/22-23

Parashat Lech Lecha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

Summary by Sharon Aptaker

God tells Abram to leave his homeland and travel to the land of Canaan. He promises to make of Abram a great nation. Abram obeys and settles in Hebron. His nephew Lot settles further east near Sodom. During a rebellion in the region, Lot is taken captive by King Chedorlaomer. Abram and a few hundred men defeat Chedorlaomer and rescue Lot, earning respect for the power of Abram's God.

Abram wonders how he will continue to possess the land since he is childless. God promises Abram that his seed will be as numerous as the stars in heaven and Abram believes him. God also foretells a period of enslavement before Abram's seed returns to possess the land of Canaan. A flaming torch appears out of the darkness to seal the covenant between God and Abram.

Abram's wife, Sarai, doubting she will ever bear children, offers her maid Hagar to Abram. Hagar conceives and bears a son, Ishmael. God reaffirms his promises to Abram, who he renames Abraham, meaning, "father of a multitude"; within the year Sarah will bear him a son, to be named Isaac. Isaac's descendants will possess the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession. They will be God's chosen people and they will follow God. God instructs Abraham to circumcise every male in his household as a token of this covenant.

Shabbat 10/29-30

Parashat Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24

Summary by Sheryl Cooper

God promises a son to Abraham and Sarah. God plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham convinces God not to destroy it if there are at least 10 innocent people there. God destroys the city but saves Lot and his family. Lot's wife is turned into a pillar of salt because she disobeys God. Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah. God tests Abraham by telling him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. He obeys, but an angel stops him. Since Abraham obeys God he is blessed and told his descendants will be as numerous as the stars of the heavens and sands on the seashore.

NEWS AND NOTES

WHY MUST WE PARK TO PICK UP RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS?

Our primary concern is for our children's safety and well-being. Over the years, we have tried many methods for guaranteeing their safety as they arrive and depart our Religious School. Our current system is the best we have found: it is only minimally inconvenient, and it is **safe**.

When you drop off your kids, please drive around to the back of the temple (by the orange cones). Children can exit safely from both sides of the car, as we restrict traffic to a single file. *Please note that, at the recommendation of the Marlboro Police Department, the back door of the temple will be locked when each school session begins. All students who arrive late should use the front door of the temple.* When you pick up, please park, come in to get your children from their classrooms, and walk with them to your car.

Thank you for helping us to help your children!

A NOTE FROM THE Yahrzeit COORDINATOR

My name is Linda Cranin and I am responsible for the temple's *yahrzeit* database. Temple Rodeph Torah is very proud of our commitment to properly remember those who have died. As our congregation has grown, so has the *yahrzeit* database. We keep track of all *yahrzeits* in either English date format or Hebrew date format. To have a name entered into the database, which generates the weekly list for the service announcements, just call, e-mail or mail me the pertinent information. If you call the office they can take down the information, but I prefer to get it first-hand. I have an answering machine and check my e-mail daily. By listing your *yahrzeit* in the database, it will generate a reminder card to be sent before each *yahrzeit*. This is especially important in keeping the Hebrew date since that date changes each year.

Please feel free to contact me on any *yahrzeit* question. If I don't know the answer, I will get it for you. My home address is 800 Waterworks Road, Freehold. My telephone number is 409-2489. My e-mail address is Zimra@att.net.

Sincerely,
Linda Cranin

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A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

We have worked very hard to create a membership list which acknowledges the existence of women as well as men, and which addresses all our members by their correct name and title. However, we cannot know the name or title you prefer unless you tell us!

It is our practice to address all men as "Mr." or "Dr." and all women as "Ms." or "Dr." If you would prefer "Mrs." or if we do not have your correct title, please call the temple office. We will be happy to make the correction.

WANTED: HOMES NEAR RODEPH TORAH

From time to time, relatives of our members who are *shomrei Shabbat* (they will not drive on Shabbat) want to attend Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations at the temple. If you live within walking distance of the temple (even a long walking distance!) and would be willing to host a person or a family for a night from time to time, please call the temple office and let us know. This does not happen often, but when it does, you would make it possible for loved ones to share in their family's *simchas*. Thank you very much!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ TORAH FOR A SHABBAT SERVICE?

Torah is the possession of the whole Jewish people—not just rabbis! If you are already Bar/Bat Mitzvah (regardless of how long ago that was) and would like to prepare a Torah reading for a Shabbat Evening Service, we invite you to do so! Just call Rabbi Weber; we will give you as much time to practice as you wish, and all the assistance you need. The only requirements are the ability to read Hebrew and a desire to participate.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED!

The Administrative and Religious School Offices are both in need of temple members who can give four or more hours per week to help. Whether you are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., we have a job for you! We need you to answer the phone, make photocopies, meet people when they come to the office and—if you are so inclined—do some typing.

The pay is terrible (none), but you work with nice people! If you are interested, or would like more information, please call Sheryl Cooper at the office. Thank you.

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.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING AN UNVEILING

The ritual of "unveiling" a gravestone or memorial plaque is relatively new to Judaism. As such, it offers many options about when to do it, who should be involved, and what rituals to perform. In fact, many Jews choose to do the unveiling themselves, with the rabbi's guidance. This allows for a uniquely intimate and personal experience, and emphasizes the personal nature of remembering our loved ones who have died.

If you would like information about unveilings—either scheduling for Rabbi Weber to officiate, or learning what is involved in doing it yourself, please call the temple office. We will be happy to help.

SUNDAY S.A.T. DATES AVAILABLE

A Sunday testing center has been established for students who do not wish to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.) on Shabbat. Dates correspond to the regular, Saturday dates, and the filing deadlines are the same. There is no additional charge for these alternative dates, but a letter from Rabbi Weber *must* accompany any application. For dates and information, call the temple office.

NEWS AND NOTES, continued...

WHY YOU SHOULD ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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

TEMPLE HELP WANTED!**Sisterhood Secretary**

The Sisterhood Board still needs to fill the position of Secretary. The person who takes on this job needs to take notes at each meeting, and type and copy them for distribution at the next meeting. On very, very rare occasions, a letter might need to be sent out to the Sisterhood membership or to the congregation.

Newsletter Advertising Person

The advertisements in this Newsletter help to cover the expenses of creating, printing and mailing to over 700 recipients. If you would be willing to coordinate the renewals for current advertisers, and give advertising information to new businesses, we would appreciate your help. Please call the temple office to volunteer.

"HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

The Worship Committee thanks the following people who led Friday evening services in July and August: Jill Finkelstein, Jon Cooper, Shira Fernbach, Sheryl Cooper, Steve Konigsberg, Linda Cranin, Randy Cranin, Neal Finkelstein, and Jennifer Kaye. Our whole congregation appreciates the time and devotion you gave to leading us in prayer.

The Caring Community thanks the following people for putting on a talent show at the Manor Nursing Home: Allie Cohen, Brooke Cohen, Megan Caruso, Danielle Feinstein, Jennifer Kaye, Stephen Rudnick, and Elise Kaye.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Stacey and Gary Schuler, on the birth and *brit milah* of their son, Jordan Ari Schuler

to Michele and Marty Miller, on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Mr. Bob McMakin

to Iris Haim, daughter of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutor, Ruth Haim and her husband, Abraham, on her marriage to Mr. Jacob Steinberg

to Stefanie Olshan, daughter of Mel and Jeanie Olshan, on her engagement to Mr. David Shaw

to Rabbi Don Weber, on his appointment as a full member of the Conversion Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis

to Rabbis Don Weber and Shira Stern, on being asked to lead the Shabbat service at EAA Airventure '99, the world's largest airshow, this past July

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!

The Board of Directors, Rabbi, Staff
and Members of Temple Rodeph Torah
mourn the death of our member,
Esther Aemetz
and we extend our condolences to her family.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Toni, Lee and Sarah Cooper, on the death of Toni's mother, Dorothea Schaefer
to Randy and Linda Cranin, on the death of their friend, Milton Ames
to Judi, Josh and Stacie Croes, on the death of Judi's grandmother, Thelma Graf
to Helene, Ira, Brett and Chad Kaplan, on the death of Helene's grandmother, Sylvia Weinstein

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

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You are Cordially Invited

With great pride and joy, we invite you to join us as our daughter, Lauren Nicole, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 2, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Barbara and Kevin Becker

With much love and pride, we invite you to join our family as our son, Jeffrey Evan, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 2, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Sheri and Richard Binder

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to join our family as our son, Chase Arel, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Linda and Stewart Prince

With much love and pride, we invite you to join our family as our son, Scott David, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 16, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Debbie, Harry, Rachel and Melanie Heitner

With great joy, we invite you to share in our blessing as our son, Zachary Michael, follows in the path of his ancestors and is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 16, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please celebrate with us at the *oneg* following services.

Una and Kenneth Tedoff

With much love and pride, we invite you to share our family's happiness when our daughter, Julie, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 23, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Carol, Jim and Melissa Castro

With much love and pride, we invite you to share a special moment in our lives when Steven Michael is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 23, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Fern, Steven and Samantha Oved

With great pride and much love, we invite you to share in our special day when our son, Evan Marc, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 30, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Adria and Bob Zawatsky

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Building Fund

Sindy, Louis, Pam, Aimee and Meri Weiner, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Sherman
Teri and Lou Friedman
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Debra, Richard, Rebecca and Jonathan Salman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Salman
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Doreen Mark, with thanks to God for Michael's health and well-being

Phyllis and Burt Krauss, in appreciation of Burt's recovery and Rabbi Weber's help

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Bill and Ilene Fireman, for the *yahrzeit* of Diana Fireman

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TRT teachers, to Marcia Dorfman, for the speedy recovery of her daughter, Carly

to Ruth Haim, on the marriage of her daughter Iris to Jacob Steinberg

Gail Friedman, for the *yahrzeit* of Betty Kurland

Nadine, Joel, Lauren and Ryan Sherman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Sherman

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Brandon Rosenblum, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah
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for the *yahrzeit* Harry Moskowitz

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Ed Russin, in appreciation of Geri Kaplan's hard work for Social Justice
in honor of the engagement of Jennifer Borell to Dr. Brad Richman

Temple Beautification Fund

The Curtis Family, to Lee, Toni and Sarah Cooper, in memory of Toni's mother, Dorothea Schaefer
Nadine, Joel, Lauren, Stephanie and Ryan Sherman, for the *yahrzeit* of Charlotte Feld

Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment Fund

Sandy and Randye Derris and Family, with congratulations to Rabbi Weber on your tremendous milestones
Shane Derris, to Rabbi Stern, in appreciation of your wonderful class
David Brown, for the *yahrzeit* of Harry Brown

Tree of Life Plaques

Rhonda Uretzky, Steve and Zachary Moses, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Carly Sara
Carol, James and Melissa Castro, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julie Castro
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Una, Ken and Amy Tedoff, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Michael Tedoff

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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)

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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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Contributions of any amount are welcomed, but there is a \$10 minimum for each acknowledgement you wish sent.
 Please refer all questions to our temple office, 308-0055.

Yahrzeits

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 10/1-10/2		
10/1	Moshe Janover	Gail Davis
10/1	Henze Viesel	Gail Davis
10/1	Allen Engleman	Susan Ross
10/1	Melvin White	Eileen Kornbluh
10/2	Bernard Sheppard	Joan Greenberg
Shabbat Observance 10/8-10/9		
10/3	Robert Cohen	Amy Farer
10/3	Anna Salkin	Karen Goldstein
10/3	Steven Richard Salti *	Fern Calascibetta, Brooke and Jeri Salti, and Temple Rodeph Torah
10/4	Max Stummer	Irving Stummer
10/5	Ida Kazin	Alan Kazin
10/5	Murray Klein	Melanie Belitsky
10/7	Jules Cooper *	Bruce Cooper
10/8	Toby Goldberg	Stacey Goldberg and Temple Rodeph Torah
10/9	Jean Berrol	Steve Berrol
10/9	Gary Shukovsky *	Rona, Alan, Jason and Cara Shukovsky, and Temple Rodeph Torah
10/9	Bernard Shimmerman	Fran Davis
10/9	Judy Pius *	Larry, Craig and Jaimee Pius, and Temple Rodeph Torah
Shabbat Observance 10/15-10/16		
10/10	Laura Amarosa *	Loretta Shapiro
10/10	Dorothy Hoffman	Donna Rosenblum
10/11	Barry Speiser	Robbin Leibowitz
10/11	Sydney Freedman *	Mark Freedman
10/11	Ruth Finkelstein *	Neal Finkelstein
10/12	Max Kirschenbaum *	Jack Kirschenbaum
10/12	Clarence Brandt	Joel Brandt
10/13	Charlotte Feld *	Nadine Sherman and Ellen Block
10/13	Adam Benjamin Bauer *	Sandra Abramson and Eric Bauer
10/13	Minnie Goldberg	Sheldon Goldberg
10/13	Charles J. Cole *	Evan Cole
10/14	Salomon Furer *	Alicia Quint
10/14	Ruth Silver	Howard Silver
10/15	Halle Abrams	Andrea K. Kazin
10/15	Dora Weber *	Rabbi Don Weber
10/16	Max Klein	Ingrid DiFazio
10/16	Lorry Posner	Ellen, Neal, Rachel and Jill Finkelstein

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Yahrzeits, continued...

Shabbat Observance 10/22-10/23

10/17	Leona Guttman	Ro Reibel
10/18	Marion Rudolph	Erica Stufsky
10/18	Richard C. Loebel *	Janet Fine
10/18	Sam Litwak *	Renee Shapiro and David Shapiro
10/19	Miriam Reisenfeld	Marlene Shapiro
10/20	Jack Chamoff *	Harvey Chamoff
10/20	Robert A. Schuman	Elaine Safchik
10/20	Theda Kushel	Barbara E. Klein
10/21	Dave Diamond	Stella Guarna
10/21	Wolf Ehrman	Stanley Ehrman
10/22	Seymour Cooper *	Lee and Neil Cooper
10/23	Pauline Schwartz	Gary Shukovsky ז"ל
10/23	Leon Schubert	Warren Schubert

Shabbat Observance 10/29-10/30

10/24	Edward Lewis *	Michael Lewis
10/24	Bernard Schaefer	Toni Cooper
10/24	Hyman Rabinowitz	Cynthia Hess
10/25	Thomas Schulman *	Irene Ash
10/26	Phyllis Sellinger	Laurie Karmel
10/27	Clara Shukovsky	Gary Shukovsky ז"ל
10/27	Sylvia Berlin	Ilene Fireman
10/27	Jacqueline F. Eisen	Catherine E. Berkowitz
10/28	Gerry Goldberg *	Judy Goldberg and Temple Rodeph Torah
10/28	Morris Blacker	Bonnie Sugarman
10/30	Adam Douglas Brody	Ross Bear
10/30	Dora Eisner	Sheila Aptaker
10/30	Minnie Shapiro	Randi Sorin

Shabbat Observance 11/5-11/6

10/31	Mary Eterno *	Loretta Shapiro
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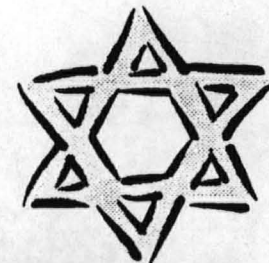
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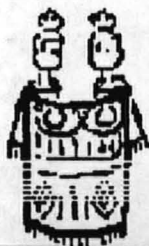


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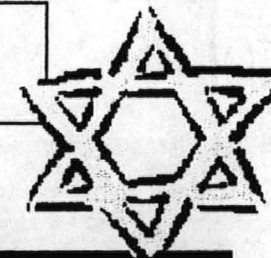


October 1999





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  7 P.M. Consecration 8 P.M. Family Service Erev Simchat Torah <div>Simchat Torah</div>	2 10 A.M. Simchat Torah Services - B'Nai Mitzvah of Lauren Becker & Jeffrey Binder Minyan Aleph
3 Club 34 Sports & Stuff 1 P.M. RTSY Apple Picking 6:30 P.M. Intermarrieds	4 Hebrew High School begins at Temple Shalom	5 8:30 P.M. Youth Committee	6 6:30 P.M. RTSY Board 6:30 B'Nai Mitzvah Orientation 8:30 P.M. Worship Committee	7 8:10 P.M. Adult Ed - Talmud for beginners	8  8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service RTSY Board Installation	9 10 A.M. Services B'Nai Mitzvah of Chase Prince & Gregory Silverman Minyan Bet
10 9:30 A.M. Exec Bd. 11 A.M. Sisterhood Brunch at Van's 4 P.M. 5-6er's Sports & Stuff 7 PM Social Justice Comm.	11 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	12 8:30 P.M. Sisterhood Board	13	14 8:10 P.M. Adult Ed - History of Israel	15  7:30 P.M. Young People's Shabbat 8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service Camp Harlam Shabbat	16 10 A.M. Services B'Nai Mitzvah of Scott Heitner & Zachary Tedoff Minyan Aleph
17 7:30 P.M. Candidates' Night	18	19	20 6:45 P.M. Post Confirmation 8:30 P.M. Board of Directors	21 No Adult Ed.	22  8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service	23 10 A.M. Services B'Nai Mitzvah of Julie Castro & Steven Oved Minyan Bet 7:15 P.M. Bowling
24 Preschool 9 A.M. Tikkun Olam Day	25	26	27 6:30 P.M. RTSY Workshop 8:30 P.M. Education Committee	28 8:10 P.M. Adult Ed - Talmud for beginners	29  8:30 P.M. Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Doreen Mizrachi	30 10 A.M. Services Bar Mitzvah of Evan Zawatsky Minyan Aleph
31 10:30 A.M. Men's Club Breakfast						



TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH



November 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	2	3 6:30 PM RTSY Board 6:30 PM B'Nai Mitzvah Workshop 8:30 PM Worship Committee	4 8:10 PM Adult Ed. Talmud for Beginners	5 8 PM Shabbat  Family Service	6 10 AM Services Bat Mitzvah of Lindsay Klein Minyan Bet
7 9:30 AM Executive Board 7 PM Social Justice Committee	8	9 8:30 PM Sisterhood Board	10 6:45 PM Post Confirmation	11 8:10 PM Adult Ed. History of Israel NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	12 8:30 PM  Shabbat Service	13 10 AM Services B'Nai Mitzvah of Jesse Feigenbaum & Ari Rubel Minyan Aleph
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Itinerary

Day 1: Thurs., July 27th: Depart the U.S. for overnight flight to Israel.

Day 2, Fri., July 28th: Arrive in Israel. Transfer to Jerusalem. Sh'hekienu on Mount Scopus. Welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall. Shabbat dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Day 3, Sat., July 29th: Morning services at local synagogue. Old City walking tour. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 4, Sun., July 30th: Caesarea, Akko, Rosh Hanikra, Haifa. Overnight Haifa.

Day 5, Mon., July 31st: Bahai Shrine, Visit to Druze Village, Safed – dinner and overnight Galilee.

Day 6, Tues., Aug. 1st: Golan Heights, Tel Dan Nature Reserve, Katzrin. Dinner and overnight Galilee.

Day 7, Wed., Aug. 2nd: Sachne, Bet Alpha, Bet Shean, Pass Jericho. Return to Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 8, Thurs., Aug. 3rd: Morning Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at Kehillat Kol Haneshama. Yad VaShem, Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery. Scavenger hunt in Jerusalem. Gala Bar/Bat Mitzvah dinner at the Cardo. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 9, Fri., Aug. 4th: Israel Museum, Gosh Etzyon Settlement, Mea Shearim, Shabbat services at local synagogue. Shabbat dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Day 10, Sat., Aug. 5th: At leisure. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 11, Sun., Aug. 6th: Depart for Dead Sea region, Qumran, Flour caves, Dead Sea "swim". Dinner and overnight Dead Sea.

Day 12, Mon., Aug. 7th: Massada, Be'er Sheva, Airforce Museum, Tel Aviv. Overnight Tel Aviv.

Day 13, Tues., Aug. 8th: At leisure in Tel Aviv. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner in Jaffa. Late night departure for the airport.

Day 14, Wed., Aug. 9th: We arrive in the U.S. in the early morning. *The memories last forever!!*

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This event will be a very special evening for all in attendance. It is a historical stepping stone for Temple Rodeph Torah. Whether you are a recent or original member, we want everyone to be a part of the festivities. Mark the date on your calendars now, and plan on attending this gala event which is open to non-temple members, at the same cost of \$100 per person. For your convenience, payments can be made in installments.

At this time the planning committee is looking for additional volunteers. Help is needed in the areas of invitation mailing, publicity, ad Journal, raffle gift solicitation and reservation coordination. This is a major undertaking and the more people involved the more successful this function will be.

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Second Session Time: 12:45 in the sanctuary

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Sunday, October 10, 1999
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TRT Men's Club
Breakfast with Rabbi Weber
Sunday Morning, October 31st, 10:50 to 12:15

Men and Spirituality

What role does spirituality play in your life? Do you pray? What is your belief in God? Are men less spiritual than women? Do we become more spiritual as we get older?

Please join us for the first in a series of Men's Club breakfasts. If you cannot attend but would like to help plan future events, please contact Jeff Ball at 462-2336.

ROSH HASHANA 5760 "MITZVAH PLEDGE"

Temple Rodeph Torah's Social Justice Committee invites you and your family to join us in participating in a variety of Projects during the year. This *Mitzvah* Project is an opportunity for you to give of your time and energy to fulfill the Talmudic dictum of *tikkun olam*, repairing a damaged world. Help us as we start to rebuild the world. You can make a difference!

"And If I am for myself alone, what am I?" Hillel

Yes, please sign me up as a *Mitzvah* Volunteer for the following:

- ☐ Blood drive at Temple Rodeph Torah. Volunteers needed to help set up and/or give blood (Spring 2000)
- ☐ Food drive at local supermarkets Sunday, November 21, 1999 & Spring 2000
- ☐ Prepare and serve meals at a local soup kitchen on a Sunday
- ☐ Visit shut-ins in their homes. Times are flexible
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- ☐ Help clean a park, date to be announced
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- ☐ I would like to join a committee: ___ Caring Community ___ College Outreach ___ Education ___ Empty Nest Group ___ Finance ___ Horaiynu ___ Membership ___ Men's Club ___ Sisterhood ___ Social Justice ___ Worship ___ Youth
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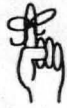
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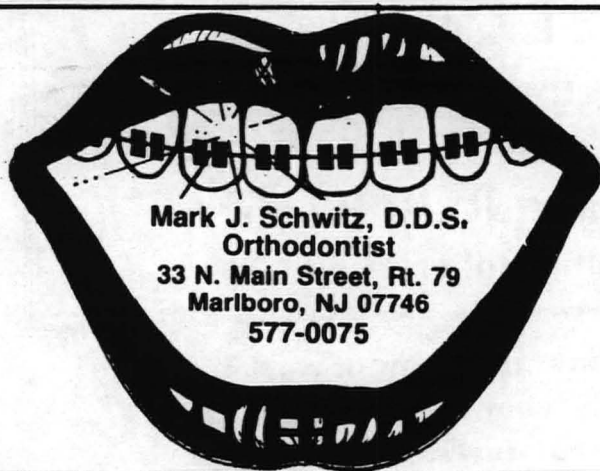
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The UAHC is funded by its member congregations. Part of our UAHC dues goes to fund the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC—JIR). At the HUC—JIR campus, future Reform rabbis, cantors, educators, social workers, communal workers, and administrators are trained. HUC—JIR also offers programs, lectures, and concerts which are open to all.

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Reform Movement Biennial Convention Is December 15-19 in Orlando, FL

Wouldn't you like to be part of the largest gathering of Reform Jews this century? You can be one of the 5,000 people who will gather in Orlando, FL, Wednesday through Sunday, December 15-19 for the Reform Movement's Biennial convention.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregation's five-day convention includes the announcement of major initiatives for the 21st century by President Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, more than 160 workshops on all aspects of synagogue life, major addresses by political, religious and international leaders, the opportunity to worship in a wide variety of styles, late-night songfests, and study with leading scholars.

Delegates to the 65th General Assembly will be making decisions that affect the lives of Reform Jews throughout North America. In past years the General Assembly has voted on policies determining the role of the non-Jew in synagogue life and has taken stands on issues such as economic and welfare reform and the separation of church and state.

And, not to be overlooked, the Biennial features the works of artists and crafts people in the largest collection of Judaica ever assembled in North America.

As might be expected, the Biennial program focuses on Reform Judaism in the 21st Century. Four keynote sessions, designed to spur debate on major issues facing Jews in the coming century, will focus on *Raising Ethical Children*, *A Vision for Synagogue Transformation*, *Lessons from Twenty Years of Outreach*, and *Baby Boomers, Older Adults, and Our Congregations*.

In addition, for the first time Biennial participants will be able to focus on a particular area of concern over the course of the convention by following tracks devoted to issues such as the CCAR's Statement of Principles, conversion and Outreach issues, adult learning, building a synagogue leadership team, social action and social justice, and formal and informal education.

Concurrent with the UAHC's Biennial, the Women of Reform Judaism will hold its 42nd Assembly and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods will hold its convention, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of NFTB.

For a full program, visit the UAHC Web site at <http://uahc.org/orlando/schedule.html>. If you are interested in attending, please speak to the president of your congregation.



Free Israel Trips for College Students Apply Now for December 29 - January 9 Trip

Has your college-age child visited Israel yet? If not, the UAHC College Education Department has a special gift—a free, ten-day trip to Israel! That's right. . . **FREE!!!**

Space is limited on the KESHER Israel Connection (KIC) trip to Israel, December 29-January 9, 2000. All costs, including airfare, housing, tours and food are included. To apply, please

visit <http://www.uahc.org/keshernet/Israel.htm> or call (212) 650-4070.

The KIC program is sponsored by Birthright Israel, KESHER and the UAHC. "Birthright" implies that every Jewish person has a right to experience the beauty and culture of Israel.

WRJ's Assembly: Women Approaching Torah, Tradition and Tomorrow

The Women of Reform Judaism's 42nd Assembly, held concurrently with the UAHC's Biennial, gives every woman from every affiliated Sisterhood the opportunity to celebrate Sisterhood's achievements and to study, learn, and worship together.

Some highlights planned for this year's assembly, December 15-19 in Orlando, are:

Workshops: "Empowered Women Speak Out," with women leaders from Israel; "Women Approaching Torah," Torah study with Rabbi Rachel Adler; and "Choice or Chore? An Objective Look at Sisterhood and You" by WRJ Executive Director Ellen Y. Rosenberg.

Workshops: "Words on Fire: Women's Hidden Voices" and "Tomorrow is Today: Now What?" addressing the challenge of preparing and adapting Sisterhoods for the new millennium.

Symposium: "The Chosen People: Make Your Choice," about searching for answers to burning issues of self, family and Judaism.

Speakers: Dr. Ruth Westheimer, author Anita Diamant, Rabbi David Saperstein, researcher Shulamit Reinharz of Brandeis University, and Rabbi Na'mah Kelman, the first sabra ordained at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem.

Part of NFTB's 75th Anniversary Celebration

The 37th Biennial Convention of the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, December 15-19 at Orlando's Hilton Hotel, offers delegates the opportunity to learn and grow and to celebrate NFTB's 75th anniversary!

The theme for the convention, "Voices of the Past, Visions of the Future," expresses the special connection that NFTB has created through its years of service to our brotherhoods, congregations, and the Reform Movement. Our theme also serves as a springboard for moving us forward into the 21st century with a renewed and revised spirit of brotherhood.

In Orlando, delegates will address brotherhood concerns, including questions of membership, involvement, and planning. In workshops and general sessions, we will provide solid solutions and creative strategies for these concerns.

A special 75th Diamond Jubilee dinner has been planned where we have invited and will honor the 'oldest member' of NFTB and all men who have over 40 years of membership in their brotherhood. A video commemorating NFTB's 75 years of service will be shown at both a UAHC plenary and the NFTB convention.

Delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy the sacred through text study with a prominent HUC-JIR faculty member, daily Tefillah services, and NFTB's "Men and Shabbat" observance modules.

If you are interested in being part of the NFTB convention, please speak with the president of the brotherhood.

***clickonJudaism* Web Site Attracts Young Jews**

Young Jews in their 20s and 30s, many of whom are not currently members of a congregation, are discovering **clickonJudaism**, a Web site created by the UAHC almost a year ago.

Written both by lay people and professionals, the Web site at <http://clickonJudaism.org> is aimed at inviting the unaffiliated to learn more about Judaism and to engage in Jewish life.

ClickonJudaism's information is organized around five themes: facing today's world (media and culture); making a difference (ethics and *tikkun olam*); searching for God (spirituality, prayer, and healing); finding a place (for unaffiliated Jews, intermarried couples, and those seeking conversion); and doing Jewish (parenting, life-cycle celebrations, and holidays).

Essays titled "Jewish Masculinity," "The Jewish Teletubby," "Getting My Shabbat Fix," "Reflections of a Stuttering Rabbi,"

and "Brushes with the Sacred" are part of the eclectic mix currently posted. New essays are posted each month, and previously posted articles can be accessed through the site's archives.

ClickonJudaism is a Web site where seekers can ask questions and get personal answers from rabbis and other scholars in a non-threatening or intrusive manner. Many of the questions involve interfaith issues, such as "What are the major differences between Jews and Christians?" and "In an interfaith marriage, can there be a ketubah?"

A project of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis Commission on Synagogue Affiliation, **clickonJudaism** is funded by a two-year grant from the Feld Family Foundation, which supports projects of national scope that change the face of the Jewish community.

ARZA/World Union News:

Progressive Congregation Given Synagogue Building Despite Ukraine Chief Rabbi's Protest

Local authorities in Yivpratoria recently handed over a pre-Soviet-era synagogue to the city's Progressive congregation, one of almost two dozen World Union sponsored congregations in the Ukraine. Ukraine chief rabbi Ya'acov Bleich had sought to prevent the building's transfer by calling Progressive Judaism an "undemanding religion" whose members worship in "luxurious temples" in a letter to Crimean officials.

ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America Executive Director Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch asked the leaders of the Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and the United Jewish Communities to "convey to Rabbi Bleich our movement's deep pain and disappointment."

"We find it particularly offensive, and contrary to the Jewish spirit," Hirsch wrote, "that a Jew—let alone someone who pre-

sumes to represent the wider Jewish community—would speak so ill of fellow Jews to a foreign government."

The synagogue building had been used as a warehouse during Communist rule. A 1992 Ukrainian law provides for the restitution of religious community property that had been seized by the Soviets.

Join ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America and learn more about our programs in the former Soviet Union where Jewish life is being revitalized after 70 years of Communism.

For more information contact your synagogue ARZA/WORLD UNION chapter chairperson, the national office at (212) 650-4280, or visit the Web site at <http://www.rj.org/arzawuna>.

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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*For further information,
or to receive a copy of the brochure on organ donation, please contact:*



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