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FROM RABBI WEBER

**G**arlic matzah. Whole wheat matzah. Egg matzah. White grape matzah. Thin tea matzah.

...Is *this* “the bread of affliction”?

Last year, working at the Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick, I was given the job of setting out bread on each plate. I picked up a giant-sized loaf, started to open it and saw that one end had turned quite green with mold. I tossed the loaf into the garbage, and was surprised to see it caught in midair by the supervisor.

“What are you *doing*?” he shouted.

I showed him the mold. It wasn’t just a little green spot; it covered at least a quarter of the loaf.

“So, pull out the moldy pieces,” he said, as if speaking to a four year-old, “and use the rest. We can’t waste food around here.”

I felt about two inches tall. How foolish of me, how insensitive, to treat the food of hungry people with the same casual sense of “there’s always more” that I use at home. For these people, there *isn’t* always more.

As I went through the loaf, examining each piece to see if it was still edible, I remembered the opening words of the Haggadah: *This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.*

It was true: I was holding the bread of affliction. And I have not been able to look at matzah the same way since.

When we bring “designer matzah” to our seder, we miss the whole point. Matzah was not meant to be delicious, or appetizing, or the gourmet’s delight. There is time for that, and other food for that, after we have relived the experience of slavery; after we have tasted the bitterness of affliction. Matzah teaches us what it was like to eat “poor bread” — not only the bread baked hurriedly as we left Egypt, but all the bread we have baked

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**TRT’S FIRST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BREAKFAST — April 9**

**COMMUNITY FORUM: “HELPING OUR CHILDREN DEAL WITH VIOLENCE” — April 9**

**WICKER CHURCH COMES TO TRT — April 14**

**CLEANING OUT YOUR PANTRY FOR PESACH? All *chametz* due to the temple for the food bank by April 17!**

**PESACH FIRST SEDER — April 19**

**YISKOR FOR PESACH — April 25**

**PESACH ENDS AT SUNDOWN — April 26 (Orthodox observe until April 27)**

**NEW PARENTS’ WORKSHOP — April 28**

**ASK THE RABBI: Keeping Kids in Religious School after Bar/Bat Mitzvah — Page 10**

or begged for over all the centuries when it was very, very hard to be Jewish. Matzah is *supposed* to taste like cardboard!

Not only is matzah supposed to taste like cardboard; it is also supposed to be *boring*. The real lesson of Pesach does not come at the seder — then, matzah and matzah balls and matzah farfel and matzah kugel are great fun, a change of pace, and a delightful reminder of seders long ago. No, Pesach and its partner, the matzah, teach us their real lesson on the *fifth* day, on the *sixth* day, and on the *seventh* day. By then, we are sick to death of matzah: we have had it with matzah sandwiches, with matzah crackers, with matzah fried and with matzah *brei*-ed. We are so damn sick of matzah... that we begin to understand.

Matzah is about people who are poor. It is about people who long for *food*, no matter what form or flavor. It is about something of which most of us have no memory: being really, truly *hungry*. Matzah is the bread that we eat because it is bread, and we need to eat bread — no matter what flavor, or even if it has no flavor at all.

Never mind the jokes about the “bread of affliction” referring to what it does to our digestion; that is humor which is available only to those who can choose their menu from day to day. Matzah is the “bread of affliction” because it teaches us to feel what those who are afflicted really feel. More than the seder, more than hiding the *Afkioman*, more than the soup or the table overflowing with wine and food, more than the family gathering for the single most-observed Jewish ritual in the world; more than all of this, the essence of Pesach is matzah. Plain, hard, nearly-tasteless matzah.

Whether you have never done much for Pesach or you have always gone all-out, I give you this holiday suggestion: See if you and your family can eat matzah instead of bread for seven days this year. Whether or not you change dishes, or make it all the way through the Haggadah, or go to temple for Pesach services, this one act will give more meaning and holiness to your celebration than everything else combined. If you can hear the whining of children faced with the horrible cereals and the sandwiches that fragment into a thousand pieces; if you can resist their anguished cries for McDonalds’ and pizza; if you can put that same old matzah in front of your family for *seven days*, you will understand...

“This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. *Let all who are hungry come and eat.*”

Shira, Noah, Ari, Eytan and I wish you a happy, healthy and kosher Pesach. May you never know the pain of hunger in your belly, and may you always understand it in your heart.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Don Weber

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*We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:*

Jennifer Hertrich

Stephen and Leslie Drake, and their children, Stephen III and Samantha

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Saturday, 4/1 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*  
B'nai Mitzvah: Samantha Hlowitz and Jeffrey Weintraub
- Shabbat Afternoon Service – 6:00 p.m.  
Bar Mitzvah: Jeffrey Horowitz
- Friday, 4/7 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
Story: "A Pesach Fable"  
✧ Birthday Blessings for April; Candle Lighting 7:10 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/8 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*  
B'nai Mitzvah: Meredith Ross and Brandon Sher
- Friday, 4/14 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
Sermon: "The Responsibility of Freedom"  
*Wicker Church Members join us this evening*  
Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:17 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/15 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*  
Bat Mitzvah: Beth Schpiro
- Thursday, 4/20 - Pesach Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, 4/21 - Shabbat Services:  
7:30 p.m. – "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
8:30 p.m. – Service  
Sermon: "What Will the Goyyim Say?"  
Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 7:25 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/22 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
- Tuesday, 4/25 - Service for 7th Day Pesach / Yiskor – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, 4/28 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bat Mitzvah of Maxine Perlman*  
✧ Anniversary Blessings for April Candle Lighting 7:32 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/29 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*
- WORKSHOP FOR NEW & PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – 11:00 a.m.

*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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## EDUCATION

To be a teacher in a Jewish school is a calling.

*A commission of the foremost rabbis was once sent to encourage education and to establish schools. They came to a town where there was no trace of instruction or any teachers. They addressed the inhabitants and asked them to bring the guardians of the town. The heads of the municipality appeared "These are not the guardians of the city," the rabbis exclaimed.*

*"Who are the guardians then?" asked the citizens with astonishment.*

*"The guardians of the town are the teachers."*

There are certainly many reasons you may, or may not, want to be a Jewish teacher. Let us look into it a little further:

### **Reasons that hold me back from being a Jewish teacher:**

1. I do not know how to teach.
2. I do not know enough about Judaism.
3. I do not observe Jewish practice as I should.
4. I have questions about God.
5. I do not want my students to hate me the way I hated my Hebrew school teachers.
6. I am not comfortable teaching my friends' children.

### **Reasons for being a Jewish teacher:**

1. I would like to leave an impact on someone's life.
2. I want to share my knowledge.
3. I want to give something back to the Jewish community.
4. I want Judaism to survive.
5. Being with children is a challenge.
6. I would love to try it.
7. It is an honor.
8. The religious school needs me.
9. My kids will be proud of me.
10. I will grow Jewishly.

If you have a desire to become a teacher, but are hesitant, we understand — and please accept our congratulations. It is a very honorable and rewarding job. Your indecisiveness is normal and the reasons are probably reflected in the list above. You will be pleased to know that Temple Rodeph Torah will begin a 10 session Teacher Training Course in which many of the needs of a new teacher will be addressed. The course will include the following areas of training:

- ✧ How to design a lesson plan.
- ✧ How to assess a student's learning; observation of a student's work; and how to administer and evaluate a test.
- ✧ Interpersonal/social skills between student and teacher, student and student, teacher and parent, and teacher and teacher.
- ✧ Teaching techniques and child development.
- ✧ Classroom management.

The course will consist of ten, one and a half hour sessions that will begin in late spring this year. Dates and times will be announced soon.

Making a commitment is always difficult at first but the rewards outweigh the difficulties. If you have had a "calling," we will help you on your journey to become a guardian of our town.

**Please remember that we need you!** If you are a new teacher, or are interested in becoming one, please fill out the form below and leave it at the religious school office as soon as possible.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ would like to have more information regarding the Teacher Training Course. I can be available for the training class on:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Monday evening    | 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday evening   | 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday evening | 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |
| Thursday evening  | 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  |
| Sunday            | Early afternoon        |
| Sunday            | Evening                |

*B'veracha*  
Edna Coleman, RJE

**Dates to Remember**

- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>      *Kabbalat HaSiddur* Service. 9:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> graders receive their own *siddur*. Parents please join us.
- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>      6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Lower East Side, NYC. 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>      1<sup>st</sup> grade *Shabbaton*. 10:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Parents please join us.
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>      5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Beth Israel Cemetery. 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>      4<sup>th</sup> grade Passover Family Education. 9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
- Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Passover Vacation.
- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>      School is in session.**

***HORAIYNU***

Our Hebrew School students have been very busy. They enjoyed *hamentaschen* and a Purim Assembly as well as a *tallit* workshop during the month of March. During April they will be celebrating Passover. *Horaiynu* needs help planning and setting up for this special holiday. If you have a child in Hebrew School, why not come and help out! Volunteering your time sets an excellent example for our children, and it is a *mitzvah*! We appreciate any time you may want to give. Please call Marla Bucher, at 972-7307, or Lori Fishkin, at 972-3594, to help.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped during the month of March with various *Horaiynu* activities. A special thank you to all those who assisted with the *shalach manot* baskets. Preparing the baskets was both enjoyable and successful. A happy and healthy *Pesach* to all!

Marla Bucher

## SISTERHOOD

Dr. Steven Gordon's lecture on "Parenting Without Power Struggles" was a most informative evening. He gave the small group in attendance wonderful advice on how to deal with our children's temper flare-ups and attitudes. He taught us how to put our "meltdown priorities in baskets" (which fights to have and which to pass on) as a means of maintaining sanity and peace in our households.

Thank you to Carol Zaitz. Passover cooking will never be the same! Cajun matzah ball soup, matzah lasagna, and chocolate-covered matzah are the recipes that we spent an evening preparing and tasting. They were delicious.

Sisterhood needs new blood. Nominations for next year's slate of officers will be held at our Board meeting on Tuesday, May 9th.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Penny Auction and Pool Party at the home of Debbie Heitner. Save the date!

Ellen Levine

## MEN'S CLUB

Get more out of your temple experience by participating in the Men's Club! Our goal is to enrich temple life through stimulating and fun activities, like our monthly breakfasts and family outings. Your friendship, input, ideas, and assistance are always welcome. Annual dues are \$36. Please make checks payable to TRT Men's Club.

### TRT Men's Club Calendar of Events

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Sunday, April 16              | George Street Playhouse - "Loot." Family Comedy. A bank robber needs to stash his loot during a family funeral. Matinee, 2:00 p.m. To reserve tickets call Henry Levenstein, at 536-7458. \$22 per ticket for members; \$27 for non-members. |
| April thru September          | TRT Men's Softball Team. League plays on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, call Jon Hirsch, at 577-1270. Fee to be announced.  |
| Monday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>   | TRT Blood Drive. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For information call Jay Davis, at 972-1338.   |
| Tuesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Monthly Planning Meeting. 8:30 p.m. in the temple library.   |
| Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> | Somerset Patriots baseball game. Exciting NJ Minor League action coached by Sparky Lyle. 2:00 p.m. To reserve tickets call Ken Tedoff, at 946-3492. \$7 per ticket for members; \$10 for non-members.  |

## YOUTH GROUPS

The Fifty-Sixers did a great job helping out during the Purim carnival. The Fifty-Sixers helped out the senior youth group by running a booth. It was a huge success! Two upcoming events are *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* on April 16<sup>th</sup> and the NY Yankees vs. Oakland game on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Look for flyers detailing these events.

Club Thirty-Four seemed to really enjoy the Purim carnival. They won a lot of tickets! Two upcoming events for Club Thirty-Four are the Liberty Science Center trip on April 9<sup>th</sup> and a bowling activity on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Hope to see you there!

Greg Benisch  
761-1087

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

It's that time of year again. Spring is here and Mother Nature needs a little help. Pack a picnic lunch, a Frisbee, a blanket, and hop into the car along with the kids, the family dog, your mother, and if you want to score some points, your mother-in-law! Drive over to Cliffwood Beach and pass away a couple of hours in the bright sunshine, play with the kids, let the dog chase a stick into the ocean, and while you're there, spend a little time cleaning up the beach. TRT's twice-a-year beach cleanup takes place on Sunday, April 30, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. The beach cleanup takes place rain or shine. (If it rains you might want to leave your mother-in-law at home!) For further information, look for the flyer in this Newsletter, or call Ken Tedoff, at 946-3492. Please come out and help beautify one little piece of the Earth.

## CARING COMMUNITY

Hello from the Caring Community. We want to remind all of our TRT members that we are **your** caring community. Please remember we are just a phone call away if you find yourself, or know of another temple member, in need of assistance.

In addition, we are always looking for new members to join us. If you have just a little spare time you can make a big difference. We help our members through times of need and/or illness. We lend a helping hand by preparing a meal, running an errand, or making phone calls to check on someone who is ill. If you want to help out in any way, just call Janet Caruso or Fran Cohen.

Don't forget that we also have a "Traveling Talent Show." We try to visit nursing homes or assisted living facilities several times during the year. Our TRT kids entertain the residents by performing any act or talent they wish to. Adult talent is welcome, too! Some people tell jokes. You can even tell a story or show some artwork. The residents really do appreciate it. If you join us we promise you will have fun and make lots of people happy. Call us for more information!

Fran Cohen and Janet Caruso



## GUN CONTROL COMMITTEE

**Million Mom March, Washington, DC** Mobilize for common sense gun laws! A staggering 86 percent of children killed by guns worldwide live in the United States. The National Coalition to Stop Gun Violence reports that 13 children are killed each day by gunfire.

Two buses will depart from the TRT parking lot, for this all day event, on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2000. Join us and make a difference. Please save the date! Details to follow, or call Mary Sullivan, at 462-2336, for more information.

## Viewpoint

### **Isn't there always a *minyan* available?**

We read that scientists can tell us, at any given moment of the day or night, that there are so many people having heart attacks, or being born, throughout the world. Surely, if researchers know that then they can confidently confirm the same about a mere ten people in need of each other. Just ten people in need of the comfort of prayer and the security of knowing they are not alone.

There are prayers, and even words within prayers, that cannot be recited without sharing the experience of *davening* with nine others. I can see that *Adonai* may be leading us to each other for a communal joining in asking us to pray thus. In my family we find such comfort in a "group hug," but there are times, sometimes lonely, painful times, when words of prayer are needed and no actual community of ten is gathered to offer support and strength in their numbers.

Crying in bed last night, over recent losses in my life, I began to wonder if the data collectors missed a category of interest: the *minyan*. Could they not support the idea that, at any given time, there are ten individuals experiencing the same need for communal acceptance in the comfort of prayer and each other?

Think on it. At any given moment, of any given day or night, a teenager feels the need to reach out to her father, taken too soon from her young life. A new mother feels the urge to hold, just one more time, a child she has lost. A husband longs to give breath to his wife. A sister feels the void left by a sibling who no longer shares her secrets. A wife lifts the pillow to her nose to recapture the scent left behind after 30 years of sharing the same bed with her husband who no longer warms it. A daughter cries into the night for the mother who isn't there to pass on some family history that keeps them connected. A man aches to ease the pain of his brother who is now beyond easing. A spouse, now alone, needs to feel the comfort of the body that once fit her own so perfectly. A partner needs to hear the laughter of a companion over some inside joke that no one else understands. A grandparent, so lucky to have reached some awesome milestone of age, wants to touch a grandchild who will no longer be going forward into the future as a link to immortality.

I feel pretty confident that these ten, a *minyan* spread across boundaries and time zones, are never so alone that they cannot be assured that they are securely part of some great communal experience. That, despite some ancient rules and restrictions, God hears their prayers and that every word brings honor and comfort, both to those in this place and those who sit at the side of *Adonai*.

Research says that I am not the only one who cries out in prayer in the dark. I am merely the tenth person.

Dedicated to Lee Cooper and Roberta Kronstadt. May they be of blessed memory to all who knew and loved them.

Helene Kronstadt Cooper

### **Lunch Program Rewarding Experience**

Lucky for me, Geri Kaplan called me shortly after I expressed a willingness to participate in the soup kitchen, at the church in Asbury Park, which is on the list of projects for our Social Justice Committee. I have been there now on two Sundays and both times it has been a most enriching and affecting experience. The church members who actually run the program have been incredibly warm and welcoming. They work hard setting up and serving between 50 and 150 hot lunches every Sunday to men, women, and children, and they do it with good humor and grace and a spirit of communal generosity that is not easy to find — at least not in my everyday life. Nor is it easy for me to find opportunities to work closely, even for an hour and a half, with people of color from a very different religious background. The next time I go I will be there at 10:00 a.m. to join them for a worship service, too.

The fact that our temple has this relationship is impressive. It is much like our bond with Wicker Baptist Church in Morganville. Have you been there? Do NOT wait as long as I did to finally go! Boy, is that service fun! I want to thank the Social Justice Committee and Rabbi Weber for helping to create places that offer a chance to have a little bit of diversity in my mostly white, professional, suburban life.

Please consider finding time to work one Sunday at the Asbury Park church. It is only from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Marie, Art, Eddie or Velma will gladly give you an apron, instructions, and guidance so that you will be able to butter bread, serve soup, pour juice, mix noodles and sauce, wash dishes, and generally be part of an important service for the community. You can bring any clothes that might be useful, too, for their “giveaway” table. And it is really easy to reach Geri because she works in the temple office part-time. Enjoy.

Judy Kramer

**(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)

## **Ask the Rabbi**

**Question:** My 13 year-old son, who is already a Bar Mitzvah, constantly gripes about going to Hebrew School. I absolutely want him to attend Hebrew High School but I don't know if I will survive the next three years listening to him complain about how much of an intrusion Hebrew School is in his life. Is there any way to make the next three years less of a fight? At what point, if any, does being confirmed have to come from the student and not from the parents?

**Rabbi Weber Responds:** Just as surely as there have always been Four Questions for the Pesach table, yours (or rather, your child's) is the eternal Fifth Question! I will give two responses: one *why*, and one *how*. I hope that, between the two, you can find something that works.

Joel Lurie Grishaver, one of Reform Judaism's leading educators, proposed his First Law of Jewish Survival: “Every year of Jewish education which takes place after Bat or Bar Mitzvah is worth three or more years of

anything which takes place earlier. Only as teenagers do we begin to understand and integrate philosophical and theological notions into our identities." I have found this to be absolutely true, both in the positive and the negative: not only do those who continue through Confirmation have a more mature, well-rounded and inclusive understanding of how Judaism fits into their lives, but those who did *not* continue are the ones most likely to declare that "Judaism is for children," and restrict their Jewish activities to bringing their own children to religious school and services. *Of course* Judaism will seem childish, if you stopped learning about it when you were a child!

What I tell my children (who ask the same questions, believe me) is that we cannot afford ignorant Jews; there just aren't enough of us to waste. Judaism provides them with wonderful experiences and joyous celebrations (including Bar/Bat Mitzvah), and in return asks of them, at their age, only that they continue to learn. That is their Jewish job, and I hope they will take it seriously.

Now, as to how to make this happen with a minimum of angst: Children — especially teenagers — are constantly testing limits. It is how they learn their own abilities and limitations, and how they drive their parents up the wall. *So long as your child senses any weakness or ambivalence on your part, s/he will continue to drive you crazy until you give in.* But kids are not only persistent; they are also very bright. They know when a cause is hopeless, and they move on to something more promising. Therefore, I suggest that you make it absolutely, perfectly clear that *s/he will continue in Religious School*, and all their complaining will just waste energy they could be using to try to talk you into something else you've said no to. You will be surprised how quickly the fight ends when your child realizes it is truly a lost cause.

So, at what point does being Confirmed have to come from the student, not the parents? I cannot tell you exactly when it happens, but with the hundreds of students I have Confirmed, I have known only three who still came under duress by 10th grade. Most often — and you can see this in the speeches of our Confirmands, year after year — the parents make them do it, and the children admit, grudgingly, that they are grateful.

I wish you good luck in your efforts. Educating children is our most important task as parents.



## Torah Today

*A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion*

- Shabbat 3/31-4/1**      **Parashat Shemini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47**      **Summary by Aron Dercher**  
 Moses conveys to Aaron God's requirements for preparing offerings to atone for the sins of Aaron and the Jews. When the offering was made, a mystical fire consumed the burnt offering which amazed the people. Two of Aaron's sons are destroyed because they did not follow God's instructions.  
 The rules of what living things are kosher are described.
- Shabbat 4/7-8**      **Parashat Tazria, Leviticus 12:1-13:59**      **Summary by Lynn Sternberg**  
 New mothers are considered ritually unclean and must undergo certain sacrifices of purification. If a male is born, the mother is unclean for seven days; for a female child, 14 days. After purification — 33 days for a male, 66 days for a female — a sacrifice is made and the woman is clean once again.  
 Priests have the responsibility to diagnose various skin ailments including leprosy, burns and baldness, to determine if a person is ritually clean or unclean. They can also examine a person's clothing to see if

the person is “clean.” If a person or piece of clothing is unclean they are isolated for seven days and then reexamined by the priest.

**Shabbat 4/14-15      *Parashat Metzora*, Leviticus 14:1-15:33      Summary by Fran Robby**

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

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

**Shabbat 4/28-29      *Parashat Aharei Mot*, Leviticus 16:1-18:30      Summary by Andrea Block**

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

### **DO YOU HAVE A SEDER TO ATTEND? CAN YOU INVITE A FAMILY TO YOURS?**

“Let all who are hungry come and eat...” are more than words in the “script” of the Haggadah. We hope that every Jew will have a place to go for a seder, and that those who have seders will open their doors not only to Elijah, but to people who have no seder to attend.

Sometimes, families have no seder because relatives moved away; sometimes, it is just because no one knows how to make a seder. In either case, after sharing a seder with temple members, most people come to see how easy it is to do it on their own. Then they can invite others to their seder!

If you are having a seder, either first or second night of Pesach, and can invite one or more people to join you, please let us know the number you can accommodate. If you do not have a seder to attend, let us know that, too! Call Rabbi Weber as soon as possible, and let Temple Rodeph Torah do a little Pesach matchmaking.

### **“LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND EAT”—PART II**

MAZON, the Jewish Response to Hunger, requests that every family fortunate enough to have food on their seder table remember these words from the Haggadah. Many across the country and around the world will have neither a seder nor a meal of any kind on Passover evening, and we are called to respond to their plight. MAZON respectfully suggests that we send a check for *chai* or double-*chai*—\$18 or \$36 per family—as we eat “the poor bread our ancestors ate,” and remember the taste of slavery and poverty.

Please make your check out to MAZON, and send it to Rabbi Weber at the temple. All checks will be forwarded immediately, and will be used to purchase food even before the matzah’s effects have worn off!

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS – NOTE THE DATES!**

On Sunday, April 9, and Wednesday, May 17, Temple Rodeph Torah will hold Congregational Meetings. The main task of the April meeting is to discuss and approve the temple budget for next year; the May meeting is to elect our congregation's new Officers and Directors. Every temple family is entitled to a voice and a vote, and we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to make your feelings known and your voice heard.

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

The April meeting is being held on a Sunday morning; breakfast and *schmoozing* will be part of the agenda. A Board of Directors meeting will follow the May meeting. As always, these are open to every member of the temple. We invite you to remain, to learn more about our congregation, and to express your opinion on topics of interest and concern to you.

**PLEASE TELL US YOUR BLOOD TYPE**

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

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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV**

to Annette Rudnick, and to Heather and Stephen, on Annette's marriage to Mr. Robert Kay  
to Jennifer Borell, daughter of Marty and Judy, on her marriage to Dr. Brad Richman  
to Eric Bauer, Sandy Abramson and Lauren, on the birth of Mark Philip Bauer  
to Ira Sherman, on earning his Black Belt in *Aikido Kokikai*

*Do you have a simcha in your family — an engagement, promotion or academic award? Please call the temple office and tell us, so we can tell the world for you!*

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

to Barry, Maxine, Justin and Josh Relkin, on the death of Barry's father, Murray Relkin  
to Steve, Lois, Paige, Marc and David Korman, on the death of Steve's brother, Howard Korman  
to Marlene, David, Jenna and Sara Shapiro, on the death of Marlene's mother, Ruth Bolender

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

*You are Cordially Invited*

We invite you to share a special day in our lives as we celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Samantha, on Saturday, April 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Liz and Andy Hilowitz

We invite you to share a special day in our lives when our son, Brian Craig, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Jodi and Steven Weintraub

With love and pride, we invite you to share our happiness when our son, Jeffrey, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 1, 2000, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Ilene and Robert Horowitz

With great pleasure, we invite our temple family to share our happiness as our favorite son, Brandon Reed, proudly takes his place in the chain that binds one generation to the next as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah on April 8, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Barbara and Ron Sher

With great pride and delight, we invite you to join us in ceremony and celebration as our daughter, Meredith Gwen, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 8, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Debbie and Phil Ross

We invite you to share a special day in our lives when our daughter, Beth Ivy, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 15, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Lise and David Schapiro

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Nina and Rich Grossman, in memory of the grandmother of Ted Block

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in memory of Lee Cooper

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in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jay Goldstein

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Shane Davis

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Brian Weintraub

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jared Brisman

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in memory of Anne Miller

in memory of Benek Bolender

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in memory of Philip Seegman  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ **BOLENDER HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT** (For Holocaust education in our temple)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **BUILDING FUND** (For the construction and maintenance of our home)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ **GENERAL FUND** (For the maintenance of temple programs and activities)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ **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.
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- \_\_\_\_\_ **LIBRARY FUND** (For the purchase of books for our new Library)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ **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 School's future)

\*\*\* **TREE OF LIFE/MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** To celebrate a special occasion by purchasing a leaf for the Tree of Life, or to honor the memory of a loved one who has died, please call the Temple office. A Dedication Form will be sent to you.

\* 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
<b>Shabbat Observance 3/31 - 4/1</b>		
4/1	Esther Samuelson *	Susan Berman
4/1	Sadie Reich	Gary Reich
<b>Shabbat Observance 4/7 - 4/8</b>		
4/3	Rebecca Behar *	Barbara Chamoff
4/4	Gussie Fischer *	Craig Fischer ז"ל
4/4	Susie S. Morin *	Bonnie Siegel
4/4	Dorothy M. Markowitz *	Judith Croes, Milton Markowitz
4/4	Sebastian John DiFazio	Tony DiFazio
4/4	Samuel Brachfeld	Goldie Wein
4/5	Sydney Schwitz *	Mark Schwitz
4/5	Irving Sackheim	Bonnie Kirschenbaum
4/6	Sarah Kaufman	Arlene Forman
4/7	Kenneth Siegel	David Kahan
4/8	Beatrice Kosloff	Phyllis Stummer
<b>Shabbat Observance 4/14 - 4/15</b>		
4/10	Minnie Shenkman	Lois Korman
4/10	Morty Bohrer	Patricia Klein
4/10	Coleman Treibitz	Lisa Reingold
4/11	Sara Stein	Lisa Perlman
4/12	Minnie Welkin *	Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper
4/12	Charlotte Goldberg *	Gerry Goldberg ז"ל
4/13	Ceil Sigman	Lois Korman
4/13	Blanche Kirnum *	Jodi Feigenbaum
4/14	Harvey Friedgood	Alan Friedgood
4/15	Annette Levine	Michele Miller
4/15	Norman Weinberg *	Stuart Weinberg
<b>Shabbat Observance 4/21 - 4/22</b>		
4/16	Benjamin Forleiter	Steven Forleiter
4/16	Sol Weber *	Rabbi Don Weber
4/17	Camille Gleich	Stuart Gleich
4/17	Esther Asch	David Asch
4/17	Bertha Hess	Alfred Hess
4/18	Sophie Lester	Jay Davis
4/19	Nancy Lytle	Linda Cranin
4/20	Manuel Rajlin	Marta Berkowicz

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YAHREZITS, continued...

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
<b>Shabbat Observance 4/28 - 4/29</b>		
4/23	Leah Aaron Beizer	Suzanne Hershman
4/23	Philip Glasser	David Glasser
4/23	Barbara Greenblatt *	Ed Russin
4/24	Irving Brenner	Brian Reingold
4/24	Sidney Sobel	Charles Sobel
4/24	Janette Kaufinan Shindel *	Steven Kaufman
4/25	Charles E. Shaw *	Kathy Shaw Fischer
4/26	Molly Gerber	Irwin Misshula
4/26	Bernard Elmowitz	Julie Williamsky
4/28	Hyman Trencher	Ellen Finkelstein and Sheryl Cooper
4/28	June Siegel *	Elaine Newman
4/28	Aaron Lester Moskowitz	Michael Moskowitz
4/28	Lorraine A. Rosenberg *	Barbara Sher, Marc and Jay Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg
4/28	Stuart Gothelf	Rabbi Don Weber
4/29	Basha Falk	Ruth Kaufman
<b>Shabbat Observance 5/5 - 5/6</b>		
4/30	Paul Dvorkin	Meryl Stoffer
4/30	C. Norbert Smalling	Linda Cranin
4/30	Irving Falk *	Ruth Kaufman

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



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



# TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH

## April 2000



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May 2000						
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10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Samantha Hilowitz & Brian Weintraub; Minyan Bet  
6:00 PM Service: Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Horowitz



2 9:30 AM Executive Board	3 12:30 PM Adult Ed - Talmud for Beginners	4 8:30 PM Youth Committee	5 6:30 PM RTSY Board 8:30 PM Worship Committee	6 6:00 PM Post-Confirmation 8:10 PM Adult Ed. - History of Israel	7 8:00 PM Family Shabbat Service	8 10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Meredith Ross & Brandon Sher; Minyan Aleph
9 11:00 AM Club 34 to Liberty Science Ctr 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting & Breakfast 2:00 PM Gun Control Forum	10 Last Day of MOREHSHa	11 8:30 PM Sisterhood Board	12 8:30 PM Board of Directors	13 8:10 PM Adult Ed. - Talmud for Beginners	14 8:30 PM Shabbat Service	15 10:00 AM Services: Bat Mitzvah of Beth Schapiro; Minyan Bet
16 2:00 PM Men's Club Trip to George St. Playhouse	17 12:30 PM Adult Ed - Talmud for Beginners	18 8:30 PM Social Justice Committee	19 <b>Erev Pesach - First Seder</b>	20 10:00 AM Pesach Service <b>Pesach Day I</b> No Religious School	21 7:30 PM Young People's Shabbat 8:30 PM Shabbat Service	22 10:00 AM Service: Minyan Aleph
23	24 12:30 PM Adult Ed - Talmud for Beginners	25 7:30 PM Yiskor Service for Pesach No Religious School	26 <b>Pesach 7th Day - Office Closed</b>	27 8:10 PM Adult Ed. - History of Israel	28 8:30 PM Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Maxine Periman	29 10:00 AM Service: Minyan Bet 11:00 AM New Parents' Workshop 7:15 PM Bowling
30 11:00 AM Beach Clean-Up Religious School Resumes						



# TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH

## May 2000




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																										
	<b>1</b> 8:00 PM Service for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)	<b>2</b> Yom Hashoah	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM RTSY Board 8:30 PM Caring Community 8:30 PM Worship Committee	<b>4</b> 8:10 PM Adult Ed. - Talmud for Beginners	<b>5</b>  8:00 PM Family Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Jamie Greenberg & Seth Yockel; Minyan Aleph  <b>8:00 PM ART AUCTION</b>																																																																																										
<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Executive Board	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 PM Men's Club 8:30 PM Sisterhood Board  <i>Yom Hazikaron</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</i>	<b>11</b> 8:10 PM Adult Ed. - History of Israel	<b>12</b> 8:30 PM Shabbat Service  <i>Teacher Appreciation Shabbat</i>	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Service: Bar Mitzvah of Ari Stern Weber, at Colts Neck High School																																																																																										
<b>14</b> 9:00 AM RTSY Mothers Day Flower Sale	<b>15</b> 12:30 PM Adult Ed - Talmud for Beginners  5:00 PM Men's Club Blood Drive	<b>16</b> 8:30 PM Social Justice Committee	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM RTSY Elections  <b>8:30 PM Congregationa Meeting &amp; Board of Directors</b>	<b>18</b> 8:10 PM Adult Ed. - Talmud for Beginners	<b>19</b> 7:30 PM Young People's Shabbat  8:30 PM Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM Services: B'nai Mitzvah of Brian Hart & Lauren Katz; Minyan Bet																																																																																										
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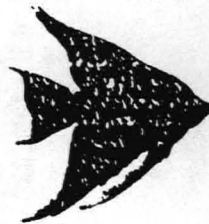
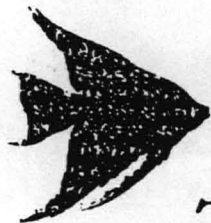
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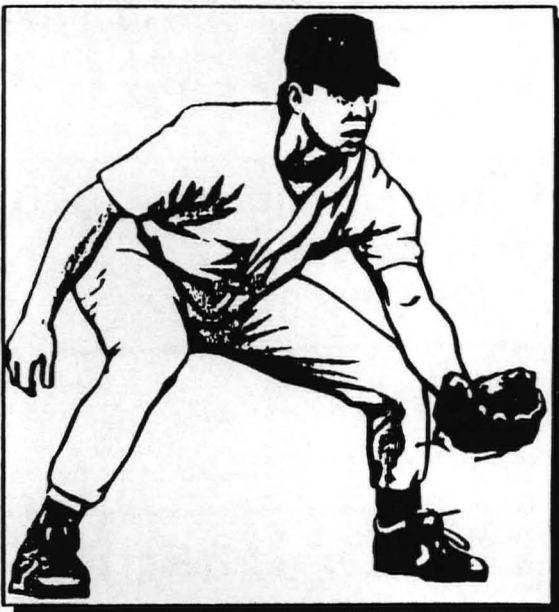
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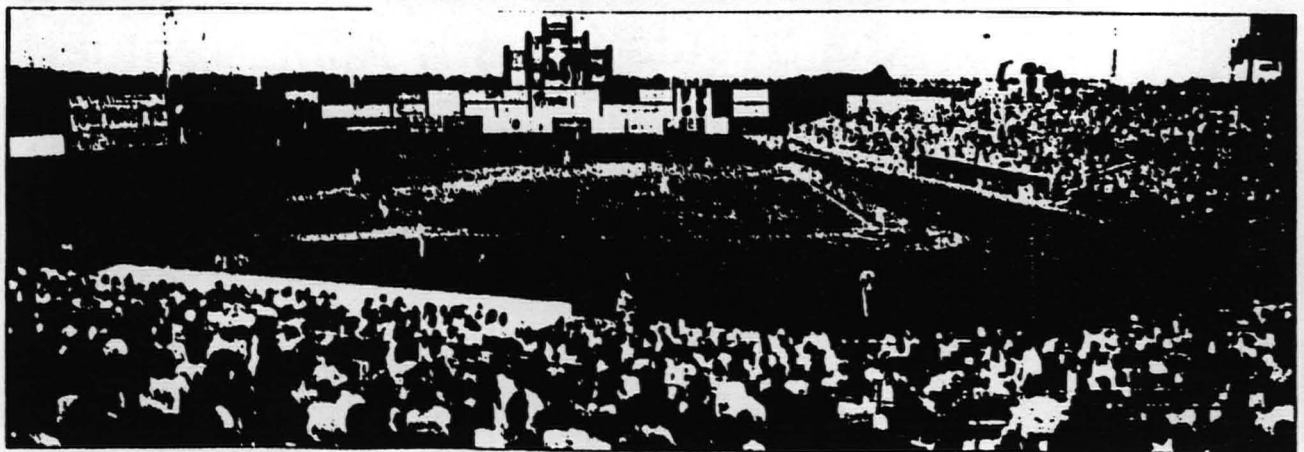
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## JEWISH LITERACY CHALLENGE - Part II

Following our very successful discussion of *The Chosen*, we announce our second Literacy Challenge book for the year 5760.

The discussion will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2000.

This program is open to the entire community, without charge.

### The Challenge: *Turbulent Souls*, by Stephen Dubner

While Stephen Dubner's book is a fascinating memoir, the telling of a son's individuation and journey, it is also our story -- *Turbulent Souls* is, in many ways, the story of American Jewishness in the twentieth century. The social contract between America and her Jews has changed dramatically in the last 100 years, and *Turbulent Souls* is a record of that change, as seen through the generations of the author's family. Jewishness has been both a source of deep shame and exultant pride, something to flee from as well as to embrace. With Mr. Dubner, we walk the tightrope of the American-Jewish hyphen.

*To accept the Literacy Challenge, please complete the attached form and return it to the temple. To order the book, please visit the temple web site at [www.trt.org](http://www.trt.org). Click on the Literacy Challenge link, and you will be connected to Amazon.com. When you do this, the temple receives a commission, and you still get Amazon's low price! (You may get together with others and order several copies, to save shipping costs, too.) Of course, you may also order it from your local bookstore.*

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**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. Herz Military Cemetary. Scavenger hunt in Jerusalem. Gala Bar/Bat Mitzvah dinner at the Cardo. Overnight Jerusalem.

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

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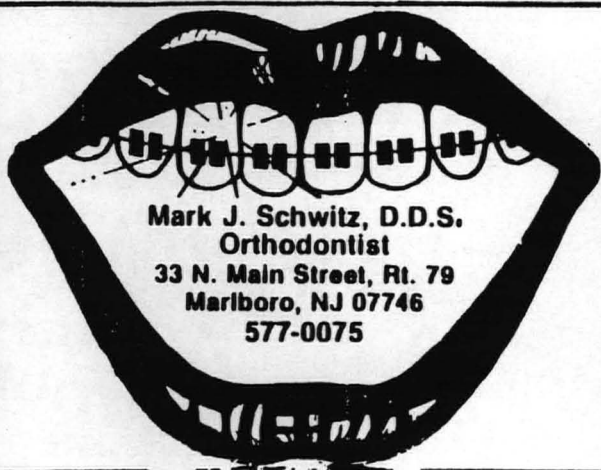
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