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The Board of Directors, Rabbi, Religious School and Members of  
TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth  
invite you to join us

on Thursday, June 8, 2000, at 8:00 p.m.  
as we celebrate the Festival of Shavuot  
and Confirm the graduates of our Tenth Grade:

Jonathan Alerhand, son of Oscar & Fanny Alerhand  
Rachel Melissa Chernick, daughter of Steven & Lana  
Chernick

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Feldman

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Fireman

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Fireman

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Andrea Wajngold

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

**TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH**  
of Western Monmouth

☆ **Continuing Education Awards** ☆

*On Friday Evening, June 16, 2000*

*we honor*

*The Graduates of our Post-Confirmation Program:*

Heather Belitsky  
Hayley Derris  
Chad Goutter

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Karyn Seidel  
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## FROM RABBI WEBER

When I began 12th grade in Religious School, a new Educator came to my temple. Dr. Dorothy Axelroth was the first female Jewish educator I had ever heard of, and had she known what she was in for, I probably never would have heard of her.

The year was 1970, and the spirit of protest was alive and well not only in the streets and on college campuses, but also in the halls of the Religious School of Temple Sinai of Roslyn Heights, NY. Hardly a week went by when the post-Confirmation students were not in Dr. Axelroth's office, telling her what a terrible school she ran. (Of course, as 16 and 17 year-olds, we knew *everything* about what was wrong!) We truly made her life miserable that year.

Five years later, as a new student rabbi, I wrote to my rabbi to ask if there was a teaching position available at Temple Sinai. He said he would love to have me on the faculty, but I had to write to... Dr. Axelroth.

Writing to her, I hoped she did not remember how I had behaved a few years earlier. She wrote back to welcome me to the teaching staff, and said I would be teaching fourth and seventh grades: "The fourth grade is your reward, and the seventh grade is your punishment." She remembered.

That summer, I met with her to go over my lesson plans. When she finished with the business at hand, she asked me what I planned on having the students call me. My answer, of course, was "Don"; after all, I wanted to be their friend.

"No," she said firmly, "they are going to call you Mr. Weber." I protested, recalling all the terrible things we thought about her in 12th grade, and thinking that most of them were, obviously, true. Then she said something which I have never forgotten, and which helped me to close my mouth and open my mind. She said, "Don, your students have enough friends. What they need is a teacher who cares about them. Don't be their friend, be their *teacher*, and then care about them as if they were your best friends."

That was the beginning of more than 25 years of learning from Dorothy.

To this day, I do not know what motivated her to give up two to four hours every week to sit and talk with me before my classes began. Only years later, when I came to understand how much work she left sitting on her

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**B'NAI TORAH CEREMONY — June 2**

**INSTALLATION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS — June 9**

**12th GRADE GRADUATION & ADULT EDUCATION SHABBAT — June 16**

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desk while we talked, did I truly appreciate this gift she gave me. But what I did appreciate at the time was her wisdom, her insight, her (dry) sense of humor and her accomplishments, which she never spoke of, but which slowly came to light as I learned from her and about her.

Dorothy had not been allowed to read from the Torah as a teenager, but her rabbi was smart enough to make her the tutor for all the boys her age, as *they* prepared for Bar Mitzvah. When she was 16, she petitioned the temple Board of Trustees to overturn that rule, and she became the first girl in her temple's history to read Torah during a service. Later, her love of language brought her to a Doctorate in Ancient Semitic Languages — at a time when many women did not even attend college. Dorothy spoke languages I have barely heard of, and which no one has spoken in thousands of years. She was asked to write scholarly reviews of books in Arabic — a rare invitation for a Jew! For many years she tape recorded books for the blind, and over time she became known as the one to ask when a professor or scholar needed to hear a tape of an ancient text. She often joked that she recorded books that only one other person would ever read, and she hoped that person would be less bored with them than she was. (She was not shy about offering her opinion; I did not learn that from her, but it is a quality we share.)

Once I was ordained, we ended our weekly meetings and began a sporadic but intense correspondence. Two or three times a year we would write multi-page letters, bringing each other up to date on family, on professional accomplishments and on our overall impression of the state of the world. Of all the topics she covered, her favorite — and the one she wrote about with the greatest passion — was her recent studies. Dorothy was an insatiable learner, and when she found a new interpretation of a Biblical text, or a new way of looking at something that everyone had overlooked, she was ecstatic. Sharing that with her through her letters, I again felt like a student rabbi sitting in her office, being amazed and instructed by her wealth of knowledge.

I guess Dorothy was born a generation too early. Had she been born later, she would not have had to struggle for every accomplishment because she was a woman. Instead of being one of the first female Jewish educators, I think she would have been a university professor or a world-class Jewish scholar. But, selfishly, I am glad she was born when she was, because she taught me more about teaching than anyone before or since.

Many years ago, Dorothy's teacher gave her a gift: a small, silver desk piece which says, "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its cunning." When he died at a very advanced age, Dorothy wrote that his death was "sad, but not bad," and she kept that gift to remember him.

Recently, Dorothy gave that desk piece to me, just a few months before she died. I polished it up and I keep it on the desk in my office. I am looking at it as I write these words. Her death, at the end of a long illness, was also sad, but not bad, and she died knowing she will never be forgotten. *Zichrona livrachta* — whenever I teach, whatever I teach, she is teaching alongside me, and her presence is, truly, a blessing to me.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Don Weber

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#### **We missed honoring 18-year member families...**

Due to an error in our records, we did not include **Marty and Ro Reibel**, and **Susan Ringel**, in the list of 18-year member families which was published in our Journal. We apologize to them, and thank them — along with all the other longtime member families — for their devotion and commitment to Temple Rodeph Torah!



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 6/2 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
**B'nai Torah Ceremony**; Jennifer Kaye, Soloist  
 ☆ Birthday Blessings for June; Candle Lighting 8:04 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/3 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet*  
 B'nai Mitzvah: Brian Sokal and Michelle Spiegel
- Thursday, 6/8 - Shavuot / Confirmation / Yiskor Service - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, 6/9 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
**INSTALLATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
 Richard Herzog, Soloist; Candle Lighting 8:09 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/10 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*  
 B'not Mitzvah: Lauren Braun and Lauren Sarna
- Friday, 6/16 - Shabbat Services:  
 7:30 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
 8:30 p.m. – Service  
**ADULT EDUCATION SHABBAT; RODEPH TORAH, KEVA AND  
 CHAVER KEVA AWARDS; 12th GRADE GRADUATION**  
 Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 8:12 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/17 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*  
 B'nai Mitzvah: Joshua Doria and Joshua Relkin
- Friday, 6/23 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
 Sermon: “Exclusion by Choice, Exclusion by Circumstance”  
*Aufruf* of Ross Bear and Marnie Rotter  
 Torah Readers: Peter and Bonnie Sugarman  
 Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 8:13 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/24 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*  
 B'nai Mitzvah: Stephen Rudnick and Lauren Sprechman
- Friday, 6/30 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.  
 ☆ **Anniversary Blessings for June**; Candle Lighting 8:13 p.m.



### SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE (& CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES):

Friday, 7/7 (8:12 p.m.)	8:00 p.m.
Friday, 7/14 (8:08 p.m.), 21 (8:03 p.m.), 28 (7:57 p.m.)	8:30 p.m.
Morning <i>Minyan</i> every Saturday	10:00 a.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my final Newsletter article as President. I have not bored you with a lot of articles during my tenure since I dislike writing them, but I do like — no, *love* — this synagogue. I hope you like what we do here, too. Over the last 11 years my family has come to know and care for a good number of temple members. We want to thank you for your friendship. It is not easy to give up precious time and energy to work for the good of our temple. Let me say that the rewards far outnumber any of the negative aspects. I hope you will all find it in your hearts and lives to become active in our temple, not just for the education of our children, but for fulfilling our lives. Join a committee, try adult education, give of yourself and watch for the wonderful returns you will receive.

I have been President for more than two and one half years. I can safely say that it has been a rewarding time (mostly). It has been a productive time (mostly). It has been a fulfilling time (mostly). Those “mostly’s” will get you every time! One of those relates to a parking lot “mostly.” I was entering the parking lot one evening, a couple of weeks ago, and was almost struck, head-on, by a congregant going out the entrance. I reminded her of what direction she was traveling and was greeted with a “So? Move, so I can leave.” Please consider, really consider, the signs in our parking lot. They make each roadway, except the main driveway, one-way. If we all follow these signs, it will be much safer for us and for our children.

I appreciate and would like to thank all those congregants and Board members who put forth the extra effort to make this synagogue what it is — a friendly place, good for families, good for singles, especially good for Jews who are interested in their Judaism.

Extra thanks are also due my family for all the time I did not spend with them when I was at TRT.

B’shalom,

Randy Cranin

## BOARD NOTES

The following actions were taken at the February Board meeting:

1. The Board voted to join the Western Monmouth Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$103 per year, with a one-time membership fee of \$25.
2. The Board voted to change the Membership Application to include a statement that resignation from TRT must be done in writing and acknowledged by the TRT office to be recognized as official.

The following action was taken at the March Board meeting:

1. The Board voted to accept the budget proposal for fiscal year 2000/2001.

The following actions were taken at the April Board meeting:

1. The Board voted to move the balance from the ARZA Fund to the Israel Scholarship Fund.
2. The Board voted to establish a group, within the temple, for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).
3. The Board voted to contribute \$300 from this year’s UAHC Biennial Meetings Fund toward funding the Worship Committee chairperson’s attendance at this summer’s *Kallah*.



## EDUCATION

### **HORAIYNU**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the *Horaiynu* Board members, grade leaders, class parents, shoppers, and all the other volunteers who helped with the various Religious School functions this year. Without cooperative volunteers, these events would not be possible. The school year is over but here at *Horaiynu*, we are busy planning for next year. We welcome new ideas. Set a good example for your child by volunteering your time and helping out through *Horaiynu*. Not only are you performing a *mitzvah*, but also you are teaching your child that helping others is an important part of Judaism. Children learn by example and often copy what their parents are doing. Soon they will want to help also! Please call me, at 972-7307, or Lori Fishkin, at 972-3594, to volunteer your time. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Marla Bucher

## MEN'S CLUB

### **Calendar of Events**

- June 11<sup>th</sup> The Men's Club presents a Breakfast and Discussion Group on "Caring for Aging Parents." Topics to include:
- The Emotional Challenges
  - Long Term Care
  - Estate Planning
- Join us on Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an important discussion, featuring Rabbi Weber and local professionals, in planning for elder care. Bagels, *shmears*, and beverages will be served.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Somerset Patriots baseball game. Exciting NJ minor league action coached by Sparky Lyle. Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Last chance to reserve tickets for an afternoon of family fun. Call Ken Tedoff, at 946-3492. \$7.00 per ticket for members, \$10.00 for non-members. Deadline: June 12.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are now planning our Social Justice program for next year. Ron Klug will co-chair the Committee with me. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact either Ron or myself for information about our projects. Next month we will outline the various projects we hope to start next year. Join us as we continue to repair a damaged world. Enjoy your summer.

Ed Russin

## RTSY

Welcome to summer 2000! Wow! Only six more months of Y2K jokes. Well, it is summer and this year we have a few special things to plan for the year 2000. First is the High Holiday Service that RTSY will be leading this coming new year. We need anyone in Hebrew High School who would like to be part of this *mitzvah* to contact Michelle Cooper, at 972-2242. Second, we need to fill Chair positions. Would you like to help RTSY grow next year? Please call us.

The year ended on a high note. I don't know where to begin. Jill Finkelstein was elected to the NFTY-GER Regional Board. We are so proud of her! Jill has been an active member of RTSY since her freshman year. Scott Epstein and Chad Gutter are going off to college and we wish them well. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, RTSY held its annual *Yom HaShoah* service. The final events of the year will be a "Chill Night" and a trip to Six Flags.

RTSY will be dedicating a plaque honoring its past presidents. The plaque, which will be placed near the Sisterhood, Men's Club, and TRT Presidents' plaques, will be hung during the summer. We are still trying to find out the names of the RTSY leaders in the very early years of TRT. Please contact the temple office if you can help us out with the names.

Well, that's it for now. Beth and Michelle, enjoy your journey to the Holy Land. See you all later in the summer at Camp Kutz. Bye for now.

Ross

## FUNDRAISING

The TRT Art Auction, held on May 6th, turned out to be a big success thanks to Ross Galleries, all our sponsors, and YOU, the congregation! Everyone walked away with something — a Tarkay, a Rembrandt, a Neiman, an Agam, a Disney Cell, a Mickey Mantle photograph, a Balloon Package for the next Bar Mitzvah, some nosh, some wine, some laughs, and an extra inch on the waistline thanks to the baking talents of Janet Caruso. The Soup Kitchen even made out with our leftovers and the temple was able to make some gelt for our future programs!

Special thanks go to Laurie and Steve Kaufman, Marla Bucher, Marcy Comerchero, Beth Kamenitz, Denise and Jerry Silberman, Debbie and Saul Curtis, and Randy Cranin for all their help and support. Extra special thanks to Ellen Levine and Rachel Pachter for their extraordinary efforts in soliciting donations. Most of all, congratulations to the congregation for having a great turnout! We hope to see you all at the next one.

If you have any ideas for fundraising events that you would like to see at TRT, please email me at MOP614@aol.com and put TRT somewhere in the subject line.

Alyse Gleitman

## Viewpoint

### Israeli Identity is Unique and Powerful for Diaspora Jews

Over the past winter break, I had the opportunity of a lifetime. While many college kids my age were hanging out in the fabulously entertaining New Jersey malls or chasing after tropical paradises in order to escape the winter, I was able to spend 10 days in the Holy Land, in Israel. I was involved in a program called Birthright Israel, which was funded almost entirely by two philanthropists: Charles R. Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt. Essentially, the program boils down to the fact that these two men believe that it is every Jew's right to go to Israel. Over winter break they sent around 6,000 high school and college students to the Holy Land. Most of us had never been there before, and none of us had to pay a dime!

We hit all the typical tourist spots. We floated in the Dead Sea, we climbed Masada and watched the sun rise over the desert, and we stuffed ourselves full of falafel. We also went on programs with Israeli college students where we talked about the differences and similarities between living as a Jew in America and as a Jew in Israel. We went on an archaeological dig where one of my fellow students found a totally intact oil lamp from the time of Greek rule, in other words, the time of the Hanukkah story. Our 10 days were scheduled full from the beginning to the end, and it was all incredibly rewarding.

I brought some misconceptions with me to Israel. Primarily, I assumed that Israel was sort of the 51st state. I figured that due to some terrific dependence on America, Israel was this bastion of Western thought and culture in the middle of the desert. I expected English to be on all the signs, I expected to find the New York Times at every newsstand, I expected to find people concerned about the NFL playoffs. I think I envisioned Israel as a little Jewish Canada. Proud of its heritage and all, but not really separate in any real way. What I learned was that Israelis have a culture all their own that separates them from their neighbors and from us. On Saturday morning, streets that were too crowded to walk through the day before were now barren for Shabbat. Soldiers walk around with very frightening guns out in the open. Everyone accepts that the army will be part of their lives. The marketplaces are swamped with haggling Jews screaming at each other in Hebrew. While we were there, the Israeli government gave some more land to the Palestinians according to previously signed agreements. The actual map changed and nobody seemed to wince. Things went on as normal. That is like if we gave back the southern tip of Texas to Mexico! The ways of living are different out there, and it has all amounted to the creation of an individual Israeli identity.

The recognition of that culture is what ended up making the trip so special for me. While standing by the Western Wall was powerful and visiting the grave of Rabin was quite moving, it was this concept of a distinct nationality that was the most important thing I came away with. And, yes, as an American, I can never understand what it is like to grow up as an Israeli, but as a Jew I feel incredibly linked to the land and to the people in a way that goes beyond oceans. As a typical Ashkenazi Jew, I am a mixed breed of basically every Eastern European country, and yet I identify with none of them. After spending a little more than a week in Israel, I consider it my second home country. That is the true magic of Israel for every Jew around the globe. The Irish have their Ireland, the Italians have their Italy, but the millions of scattered Jews around the world have this tiny little speck in the middle of the desert called Israel, and we wouldn't trade it for anything.

Adam Herzog

**(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 Rivkatl@aol.com)**



## Ask the Rabbi

**Question:** Can a person be considered an “observant” Jew if they don’t keep a kosher home or if they don’t go to services on Shabbat or on the High Holy Days, provided they observe other commandments? Are there certain observances of Judaism that take priority over making one person more “observant” than another person, or does this depend on your outlook from what type of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, Reform) you follow?

**Response:** If there is one thing we Jews are good at, it is telling other Jews what they are doing wrong. If we spent half as much time evaluating our own practices as we do judging others, we would *all* be better Jews! I always suggest to my students that they take a drive down the main avenue in Boro Park, NY; there they will see a butcher shop with a sign prominently displayed in the window: “We serve only Satmar kosher meat.” Why is that sign there? Because to a Satmar Chasid, even a *Lubavitcher Chasid* is not kosher! So, if you are looking to find the “right ritual” which will get you recognized as a religious Jew, I promise you will be disappointed.

The dictionary defines “observant” as “careful in observing rites, laws and customs.” What commandments — which ones, and how many — does it take to make an “observant” Jew? I cannot answer that for anyone other than myself. Anyone can *call* themselves an observant Jew; the phrase is not copyrighted, and no one can sue you for misusing it, but there probably is a basic level that *most* Jews would agree upon. That basic level would be Shabbat (for I cannot imagine any Jew being considered observant if s/he did not keep Shabbat in some form), regular prayer (either personal or communal, but preferably both), Jewish study on a regular basis, and *tzedakah*, the regular, generous sharing of God’s blessing with others. Certainly, Jewish holiday observance is important, but I would put these four above all the rest.

At the same time, I return to the only definition of a “good Jew” which has ever satisfied me: Elie Wiesel said that “a good Jew is any Jew who is trying to be a better Jew.” No mention of holidays, of *kashrut*, or any other specific ritual; just the total, lifelong commitment to becoming better at being Jewish. Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or non-denominational, Judaism will be blessed when more Jews spend their lives trying to become better Jews, and leave the judgment of our success to God!

(If you wish to submit a question for this column please email it to me at [Rivkat1@aol.com](mailto:Rivkat1@aol.com) or drop it off in the temple office.)

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

Jeff and Eve Lesnoy and their children, Jenna and Jessica

Elyse Simon and her child, Jonathan

Sandy and Marsha Vosk and their children, Daniel and Nicole



## Torah Today

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

**Shabbat 6/2-3      Parashat Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20      Summary by Neil Cooper**

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

**Shabbat 6/16-17      Parashat Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89      Summary by Rachel Levenstein**

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

**Shabbat 6/23-24      Parashat BeHa'alotcha, Numbers 8:1-12:16      Summary by Alyse Gleitman**

God tells Moses to set the Levites apart from the Israelites. They are cleansed and purified so that they may do the service in the tabernacle. They are to be assigned to Aaron and are in God's service in exchange for the firstborn of Israel.

God continues to lead Israel through the desert. A cloud appears over the tabernacle when the people should camp. When the cloud lifts, they are commanded to go forth.

The people of Israel began to voice discontent and ungratefulness at God's gift of manna and demanded meat. Moses began to grow weary of the burden of responsibility for so many. God tells Moses to gather 70 elders of Israel and inspires their spirit in the tent so that they may share the spiritual charge with him. God then provides a bounty of quail to the people of Israel to satisfy their cries, but then inflicts a terrible plague in anger over their greed.

**Shabbat 6/30-7/1      Parashat Shelach Lecha, Numbers 13:1-15:41      Summary by Judy Borell**

God commands Moses to send the chiefs of the 12 tribes to check out the Land of Canaan, which God has given to the Israelites. After 40 days, they return and report that the land is filled with "milk and honey," but it is also inhabited by powerful people. Dissidence occurs, and the community rebels against Moses (God's spokesperson). God establishes the laws of retribution.

**Shabbat 7/7-8      Parashat Korah, Numbers 16:1-18:32      Summary by Ruth Kaufman**

Toward the end of the 40 years of wanderings through the desert, Moses and Aaron are faced with a rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram. The leadership, power and privilege of Moses and Aaron are questioned. God squelches the revolt by having the earth open to swallow the rebellious leaders and a plague takes the lives of their followers.

Next, the authority, duties and privileges of the priests and Levites are firmly established.

**\*Shabbat 7/14-15      Parashat Hukkat, Numbers 19:1-22:1      Summary by Randy Derris**

This *Parashah* is actually comprised of two entirely different parts. In the first one, Adonai speaks to Moses and Aaron and tells them the ritual laws. Basically, they are codes of holiness and cleanliness for the priests and the general population, mostly in respect to handling the deceased.

Next we see the Israelites in the wilderness and hear of their discontent with Aaron and Moses. The congregation blames them for taking them out of Egypt and bringing them to this wretched land, lacking fruit and water. Adonai commands them to assemble the community; they exhibit the "rod," and before their very eyes, water is produced from the rod. Then the people are appeased. Because the

Israelites showed lack of faith in God, Adonai retaliates by making Moses strip Aaron of his vestments and position and transfer them to his son, Eleazar. It was here Aaron took his final breath and all of Israel cried for 30 days.

**\*Shabbat 7/14-15      *Parashat Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9*****Summary by Pam Brisman**

Balak, King of Moab, asks Balaam to put a curse on Israel. God tells Balaam not to curse Israel because they are blessed. Balaam agrees to go with Balak's officials to see the Israelites, but says he will only speak the words that God puts in his mouth. Balak takes Balaam to view the Israelites at three different sites, each time sacrificing seven bulls and seven rams on seven altars, and each time Balaam *blesses* Israel. Balak is enraged and sends Balaam away, but not before Balaam tells him that Israel will destroy Moab.

While staying at Shittim, the Israelites profane themselves by consorting with Moabite women and worshipping Baal-peor. God orders Moses to kill the leaders. Phineas kills an Israelite and a Midianite woman, and the plague against the Israelites is checked, but not before 24,000 people die of the plague.

**Shabbat 7/21-22      *Parashat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1*****Summary by Steven Koster**

God shows that Divine anger can be controlled by deciding not to wipe out the Israelite people. Phinehas and his passion for God soften God's heart. God decrees that Phinehas' descendants will become priests for all time.

After the plague is over, God orders Moses to take a census of the Israelite community from the age of 20 years and up, to find out how many people would be able to bear arms.

God determines an orderly succession of property to relatives. When a man dies his property goes to his son. If there is no son, then a daughter inherits the property. No daughter, then to the man's brothers. No brothers, then to his father's brothers. If there are no father's brothers, then to the nearest relative.

God sets up a series of sacrificial times and offerings so that people do not forget to worship God on a regular basis. Rituals are established concerning the sacrifices.

**\*Shabbat 7/28-29      *Parashat Mattot, Numbers 30:2-32:42*****Summary by Jan Feldman**

Moses tells the heads of the Israelite tribes the laws Adonai commanded regarding oaths and vows taken by men and women.

Adonai commands Moses to declare war on the Midianites. Every Midianite male is to be killed; all male children, and every woman who has been with a man, is to be killed as well. The surviving women are taken captive and brought to Moses, with all the spoils and booty which is divided among the community.

Moses agrees to allow the Reubenites and Gadites to settle east of the Jordan River. However, they must agree to cross the Jordan and help to conquer the lands promised to the Israelites.

**\*Shabbat 7/28-29      *Parashat Masa'ei, Numbers 33:1-36:13*****Summary by Bruce Cooper**

On the day after the Passover offering, the Israelites set out boldly in full view of the Egyptians, who were burying their dead first-born. Moses records, and the text recounts, each leg of the Israelite's wanderings. In the fortieth year, shortly after the death of Aaron, Adonai instructs Moses to tell the people to enter Canaan and take possession of it. They are to destroy all of the Canaanites' molten images and cult places.

Adonai then describes to Moses the boundaries of the land given to the Israelites, and explains that it is to be divided among the tribes by lot in proportion to their size. Moses resolves certain questions on the inheritance of lands, so that the lands assigned to each tribe will remain intact. From their apportionment the tribes are to cede land for 48 towns in which the Levites will reside. Of these 48 towns, six are to be specially designated as towns of refuge, where a person who inadvertently causes the death of another will be protected from vengeance until they are judged.



## "HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

Our thanks to Ed Russin, who single-handedly made the strongest, most influential *maror* most of us have ever tasted, and who sold it to benefit the TRT Social Justice Fund. For many of us, the bitterness of slavery will never be forgotten!

Deepest thanks to Mary Sullivan, who coordinated our public forum on Gun Violence and spearheaded the drive to bring temple members to the Million Mom March Against Gun Violence. We appreciate her work for us, for our community and especially for our children!

Special thanks to the following members of the Senior Youth Group who led a very beautiful service on Holocaust Memorial Day: Rachel Chernick, Michelle Cooper, Jill Finkelstein, Chad Goutter, Beth Kanofsky, Liza Kaufman, Sara Levenstein, and Noah Stern Weber. Thanks also to Marni Rotter.

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to Fran Paduano, on her marriage to Mr. Len Morris

to Hayley Derris, daughter of Randy and Sandy Derris, on receiving the Monmouth County Guidance Directors' 2000 Caring Award

to Barbara Chamoff, on receiving her Masters Degree in Social Work from Monmouth University

#### *to our students who are graduating from college this year:*

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to Ann, Sandy and Lizabeth Goldstein, on the death of Ann's brother, Alan Waldman  
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Marcia and Bernie Sokal

It is with pride and joy that we invite you to join us as our daughter, Michelle Blair, leads us in prayer and Torah as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Judy and Mitch Spiegel

With love and pride, we invite you to join us as we celebrate our daughter, Jaime, becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Sunday, June 4, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Mindi and Craig Michaelson

It is with great pride and joy that we invite you to share a special day in our lives when our son, David Evan, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sunday, June 4, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

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Please join us on this very special day in our lives when our daughter, Lauren Renee, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 10, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Wendy and Lenny Braun

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Karen Doria, Lou and Annette

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Maxine and Barry Relkin

With great pride and delight, we invite you to share our happiness when our son, Stephen, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 24, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the services.

Annette and Robert Kay

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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 6/2 - 6/3</b>		
6/1	Morris Friedman *	Alan Friedman
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6/3	Leonard Dombroff	Susan Wien
<b>Shabbat Observance 6/9 - 6/10</b>		
6/4	Anna Wolinsky	Harvey Chamoff
6/4	Silda Kaufman *	Arthur Kaufman
6/4	Lila Samuels	Michelle Suskind
6/5	Anna Sussman	Leslie Auerbach
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6/9	Anna Cohen	Joyce Kaplan
<b>Shabbat Observance 6/16 - 6/17</b>		
6/11	Shirley Kirzner	Randy Derris
6/11	Philip Feldman *	Neil Feldman
6/11	Hilda Fleigel *	Helene Kaplan
6/12	Charlotte Trencher *	Sheryl Cooper and Ellen Finkelstein
6/12	Nathan Gootzeit	Susan Ebert
6/12	David Goldberg	Phyllis Krauss
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6/13	Meyer Binkowitz	Joel Binkowitz
6/13	Bertha Gruenewald	Ernest Grunwald
6/13	Herman Hoffman	Eric Hoffman

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**Yahrzeits, continued...**

**Shabbat Observance 6/16 - 6/17, continued...**

6/13	Rose Ashendorf	Jane Katz
6/14	Arnold Kishner	Joel Binkowitz
6/14	Herman Gutterson	Elise Sims
6/15	Sam Tenenzapf *	Donna Chazanoff
6/15	Eva Kaufman	Steven Kaufman
6/15	Celia Chancy	Phyllis Solomon
6/16	Edna Herman	Marilyn Jaclin
6/16	Sidney Ross	Phil Ross

**Shabbat Observance 6/23 - 6/24**

6/18	Arthur Eisner	Sheila Aptaker
6/18	Amy Goodman	Barbara Hirsch
6/19	Sam Ross	Allan Ross
6/19	Naomi Wien	Lawrence Wien
6/20	David Alan Sawyer *	Warren Sawyer
6/20	Ruth Ellen Sigler	Dorothy, Lenny and Allen Sigler
6/21	Hyman Lipson	Harriet Madan
6/22	Sylvia Brenner	Brian Reingold
6/22	Barbara Miller Saxe *	Andrew Saxe
6/22	Aaron Beloff	Barbara Tucker
6/24	Pearl Berlow	JoAnn Silkes
6/24	Victor Tasch	Brian Tasch

**Shabbat Observance 6/30 - 7/1**

6/25	Joseph Agulnick	Bruce Agulnick
6/26	Irving H. Pines *	Judy Freilich
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6/30	Natalie J. Chancy	Phyllis Solomon
7/1	Jeffrey Baron	Bruce Baron
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7/2	Shirley Newman *	Roberta Rafaloff
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7/8	Wayne Wolfson	Martin Wolfson



**YAHREZITS, continued...**

**Shabbat Observance 7/14 - 7/15**

7/9	David Alan Sawyer *	Lana Chernick
7/10	Irving Chazanoff	Leonard Chazanoff
7/10	Edythe Brown	Sindy Weiner
7/11	Louis H. Jacobson	Matthew Jacobson
7/11	Dorothy Reibel	Marty Reibel
7/12	Sarah Malick Glazer *	Myrna Kluger
7/13	Zira Kaplan	Pasha Ellis
7/14	Albert Barber *	Barry Barber
7/14	Barnet Rosen	Ronnie Geringer
7/14	Lawrence Seifter *	Shirley Newman ז"ל
7/15	Selma Goldstein	Barbara Becker
7/15	Ronald Franz	Vicki Berhang
7/15	Sheila Herman	Larry Herman
7/15	Benjamin Weinstein	Helene Kaplan
7/15	William Shapiro *	Allen Shapiro

**Shabbat Observance 7/21 - 7/22**

7/16	Wilfred Lytle	Linda Cranin
7/16	Arthur Hess	Alfred Hess
7/16	Victor Sherman	Ira Sherman
7/17	Lawrence Kirsh *	Lynn Kirsh and Ellen Ringer
7/18	Enid Brown *	David Brown, Carl Forman and Temple Rodeph Torah
7/18	Morris Horn	Karen Goldstein
7/18	Edward Carrier	Donna Hirsch
7/18	Sidney Fleigel *	Helene Kaplan
7/18	David Krauss	Burt Krauss
7/18	Benjamin Glassberg	Sanford Werther
7/19	Julia Fritz	Susan Baron
7/19	Abraham Welkin *	Sheryl Cooper and Ellen Finkelstein
7/19	Harry Gross *	Ruth Kaufman
7/20	Louis Rosenstock *	Randy Derris
7/20	Sylvan G. Sharenow *	Paula Kanofsky
7/20	Robert Kazin	Alan Kazin
7/20	Max K. Schlem	Stuart Schlem
7/22	Claire Feldman	Judith Feldman Cyrulnik
7/22	Rose Homler	Irene Farber
7/22	Bettie T. Kramer	Judy Kramer
7/22	Sydelle Donnell *	Alan Meyerberg
7/22	Jennie Weinstein	Marlene Shapiro

**Shabbat Observance 7/28 - 7/29**

7/23	Dorothea Schaefer *	Gail Friedman
7/23	Judel Kotler	Charles Kotler
7/25	William T. Nemerov *	Randy Cranin
7/25	Paul Kazin	Alan Kazin
7/26	Dora Schachter	Rachel Pachter
7/27	Howard Berkowitz	Sheryl Cooper and Ellen Finkelstein

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**YAHIRZEITS, continued...**

**Shabbat Observance 7/28-29, continued...**

7/27	Rose Berg *	Evelyn Saks
7/28	Milton Wildman	Karyl Asch
7/28	Augusta Sills *	Rabbi Don Weber
7/29	Anna Rogove	William Rogove
7/29	Jerry Schuler	Gary Schuler

**Shabbat Observance 8/4 - 8/5**

7/30	Maureen Friedman *	David Brown
7/30	Samuel Wein	Barbara Kaplan
7/30	Edna Klapholz	Andrea Kazin
7/30	Ida Wolfson	Martin Wolfson
7/31	Jacob Unterberger *	Jeff Ball and Philip Ball
7/31	Dorothy Chesler	Evan Chesler
7/31	Nettie Troyansky Schulman	Helena Heitt ז"ל
7/31	David Rosenthal	David Kahan
7/31	Louis Schleifstein	Joel Schleifstein
7/31	Leonard Weintraub	Steven Weintraub

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





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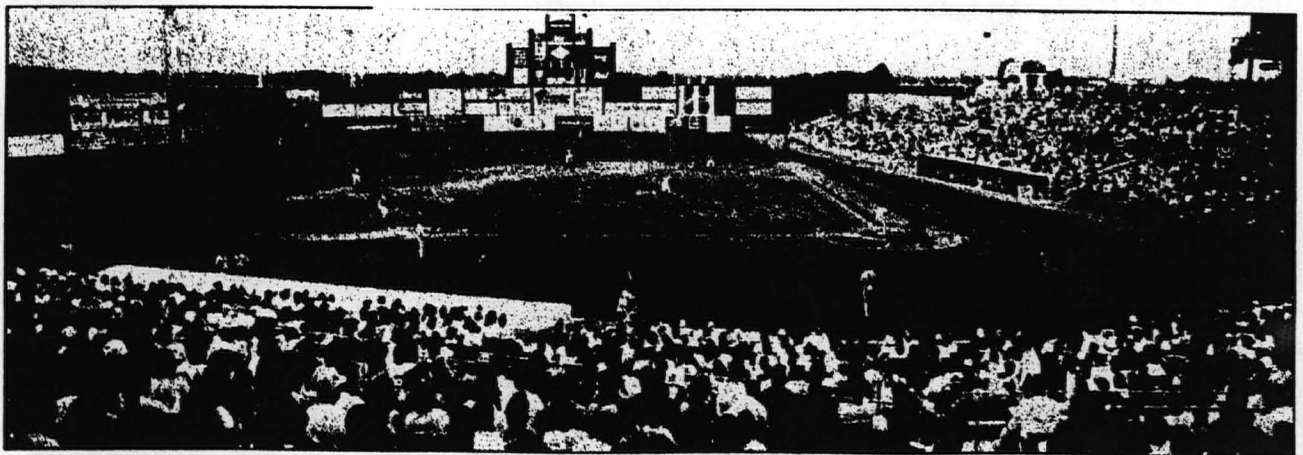
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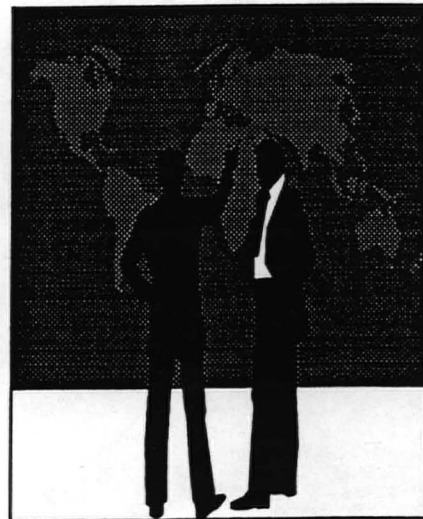
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It provides valuable tools and materials about everything from social action programs to synagogue management, from attracting new members to youth programming, from outreach to dues structure.

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