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FROM RABBI WEBER

Never. Not in a million years. Well, maybe in a *million* years, but not in my lifetime. No way. No major party is *ever* going to nominate a Jew for the White House.

I really believed that. There are still days when I wake up and shake my head, trying to figure out if I was only dreaming a very strange dream, or if Joseph Lieberman is actually the nominee for Vice-President of the United States. Amazing.

I don't think it is time to start watching the city gates for the Messiah, and I certainly don't think Joe Lieberman *is* the Messiah, but this is a very exciting time to be a Jew in America. In the next two months we will get to see the best — and, I am sure, the worst — of American politics, and having a Jew in the middle of it all should make it a lot more interesting for us, and probably for some others, too.

I remember the 1964 presidential election, when Barry Goldwater ran against Lyndon Johnson. Graffiti on many railroad bridges read, "Goldwater is LBJ," and everyone knew that stood for "little bit Jewish." I don't know if his partially-Jewish ancestry hurt him in the election; evidently it didn't *help* him very much. We have had Jews on the Supreme Court for a long time, but of course, that is not an elected office. We have had a few Jews in Congress, but most were from "Jewish areas," so it was understandable. But when Al Gore announced his running mate and we heard about it in the middle of our Israel trip this summer, I thought someone had gotten it wrong.

Why am I so surprised? Mostly, because I am convinced that anti-Semitism is still alive and well in the United States, and I wonder how many voters will simply not consider voting for a ticket with a Jewish name on it. I do not think of myself as paranoid, just realistic; I read the papers, and more important, I browse the web, where people's opinions are uncensored and where you don't need the resources of a major publisher to state your case. A lot of people out there don't like us; I have no idea how many, but for an election which many say will be exceptionally close, I was surprised that the Democrats feel they can win without the votes of those who will not choose a Jew, no matter what.

I was disappointed to hear that, immediately after the nomination, the *Amsterdam News* ran an editorial claiming "America is being sold to the highest bidder," and that Lieberman was chosen because "Jews from all over the world, especially in Europe, Africa, Israel and South America, will be sending bundles of money." But

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROSH HASHANAH — September 30 - October 2

YOM KIPPUR — October 8-9

SUKKOT — October 13-20

SUKKAH PROMENADE — October 15

No Sukkah of your own? Come eat in the temple's! — October 14-20

SIMCHAT TORAH — October 20-21

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while the *Amsterdam News* has been the loudest anti-Semitic voice, it is certainly not the only one. People are wondering if a Jewish president ("he would be only a heartbeat away...") would work for the good of Americans, or only Jews; they are worried that if a crisis occurred on Shabbat, America would be defenseless until sundown; and such amazing *mishigas* that it is clear their only purpose is to explain why they cannot possibly vote for a Jew. And anti-Semitism is not only in the back alleys; it is in the highest places, too. One highly-placed official remarked, in what I am sure was intended as a show of true liberalism, "His religion is unimportant. I don't care which church he goes to on Sundays, as long as he goes."

If the Democrats feel they can win without the anti-Semite vote, then who am I to argue? More power to them, and to us, too — not *political* power, but spiritual power. If the country can nominate an *observant* Jew — a Jew who keeps kosher, and keeps Shabbat — then we really have to think again about our belief that doing those things doesn't work in "our modern world." If a man can be a United States senator, and be nominated for the Vice-Presidency of the country with those "handicaps," then perhaps it is possible for us to succeed in our businesses and our lives without throwing away every Jewish observance which differentiates us from our neighbors and associates! If Joseph Lieberman can *davven* early on Shabbat morning, then walk to Capitol Hill when there is an important vote, then maybe we could even tell our boss that we're not working on Saturdays, or our neighbors that our kids are not doing scouts or sports or meetings on Friday evening.

The truth is, many Jews don't *want* to keep kosher, or keep Shabbat, or do much of anything Jewish. One of the blessings of the United States is that each of us is basically free to do or not do what we wish, and no one — not the government, not the church, not the temple — can force us to do otherwise. But I think that many Jews have used the excuse that "we can't do that here" as a way of avoiding the question of whether they *should* do it or not. And perhaps the greatest challenge which Lieberman's nomination will present to the American Jewish community is just that: evidently, we *can* do that here. Now the only question is, *will we?*

American political campaigns are not known for their honesty and integrity. We may hope that this one will be different, but I would not hold my breath. But I hope — I *pray* — that the success of the Jewish community in America, as illustrated in the nomination of Joseph Lieberman for the office of Vice-President of the United States, will bring new honesty and integrity to *us*. The majority of this country has accepted us for who we are, and for what we do; now the question for us is, what *are* we, and what are we willing to do?

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

Shalom,
Rabbi Don Weber

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CONGRATULATIONS, and our apologies...

Congratulations to Shelley and Marc Willner on being members of TRT for over 18 years. Their names were inadvertently omitted from the list published in the September/October issue.

Thank you to Neal Perlman for his hard work to enrich our Religious School during the past year. Neal had the honor of having both his first and his last name misspelled in the September/October issue.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Sunday, 10/1 - **ROSH HASHANAH DAY II**
10:00 a.m. - Morning Service**
(2:30 p.m. - Rain Date for *Tashlich* Service)
- Friday, 10/6 - Family Shabbat Service - 8:00 p.m., at Temple Rodeph Torah;
Shabbat Shuva Discussion; Jennifer Kaye, Soloist
Candle Lighting 6:11 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/7 - **Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. - Minyan Group Aleph.**
- Sunday, 10/8 - **8:00 p.m. - EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE / KOL NIDRE****
Candle Lighting 6:08 p.m.
- Monday, 10/9 - **YOM KIPPUR DAY**
Morning Services; consult your ticket for service time.**
1:30 p.m. - Children's Service**
2:30 p.m. - Discussion / Healing Service / Youth Service**
3:45 p.m. - Afternoon Service**
5:15 p.m. - *Yiskor* (Memorial) Service**
6:00 p.m. - *Neilah* (Concluding) Service**
- Friday, 10/13 - **Shabbat / Erev Sukkot Service - 8:30 p.m.**
Richard Herzog, Soloist; Candle Lighting 6:00 p.m.
*If you do not have your own sukkah, please come eat in the temple's sukkah;
it is open all week, and lit at night!*
- Saturday, 10/14 - **Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.**
Bat Mitzvah: Jenna Meyerberg
- Thursday, 10/19 - **Service for the 7th Day of Sukkot / Yiskor - 7:00 p.m.**
- Friday, 10/20 - **Shabbat / Simchat Torah Celebrations:**
7:00 p.m. - Consecration of all new Religious School students
8:00 p.m. - Shabbat & Simchat Torah Service — *come dance with the Torah!*
Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 5:49 p.m.
(NOTE: There will be no "Very Young People's Shabbat" this month)
- Saturday, 10/21 - **Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.**
B'nai Mitzvah: Gregory Hirsch and Rachel Porter
- Friday, 10/27 - **Shabbat Service - 8:30 p.m.**
Sermon: "Remembering the Beginning, to Prevent the End"
☆ **Anniversary Blessings for August**; blessing for Rosh Hodesh Heshvan
Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 5:40 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/28 - **Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.**
B'nai Mitzvah: Devin Ellis and Kimberly Tornberg

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another year begins, I am very excited about the changes and programs taking place at TRT. The temple has been a busy place during the summer months, and you will notice some changes as you walk around the building.

We gave our building a small face-lift during the summer. The coatroom has been converted to an office and meeting room that will eventually be designated for a second clergy person. The religious school office was divided into an outer office for the school's administrative assistant and an inner office for our educator, Mrs. Coleman. This change will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with Mrs. Coleman in a private setting. Come in and take a look at what has been done.

Sisterhood's Judaica showcase is being moved into the main hallway. As soon as the new Judaica shop is up and running, I hope you will turn to Sisterhood whenever you need *kippot*, *tallitot*, *mezzuzot*, and other items for your home, life-cycle events and gifts. In the atrium there will be an information area where you can pick up flyers and brochures about temple and UAHC programs, and keep up with events at TRT and in the community. We have a lot to tell you about, so please take a look whenever you come into the temple. Thanks very much to *Horaiynu* for donating a beautiful painting for our sanctuary. Our design committee is also working on framing several more pieces of artwork for the sanctuary, and that project should be completed in the near future. In the double classroom we now have a showcase which will display the projects and artwork of our nursery school students. I am happy to report that TRT's nursery school is growing each year and already has a great reputation in the community.

The newly formed Technology Committee has been working diligently over the past few months to update the computer systems in the main office and the Religious School office. Their next step is to link the computers together in a network, which will enable us to share data among all the people who work for the congregation and to allow each machine to have access to the Internet.

It was wonderful to have a former TRT student and youth group president, Scott Leader, return with his musical group, *Sof Haderech*. Everyone who attended the concert had a wonderful time and we thank Scott for coming all the way from his new home in Texas to entertain us. The Worship Committee is looking into the possibility of having a professional song leader join us at services several times this year to teach us even more about Jewish music.

I would like to thank all those families in the congregation who have given generously to the High Holiday appeal. If you have not already made a pledge, please consider doing so during the High Holiday season. Your pledge makes it possible for the temple to offer quality programming for everyone. We would love to add your name to the Wall of Honor!

L'shana tova tikkatevu,
Ellen Finkelstein

EDUCATION

"There is no place like home!" How sweet and true are these words. But what is "home?" "Home" is a place where you belong, a place where you feel comfortable; a pillow you love, a comforting smile, a warm hug, a familiar face, a place you fit just right, a place you know, a place you can call your own, a place you love.

On June 26th, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a NATE (National Association of Temple Educators) Conference in Israel. As soon as the coastline of Tel Aviv was visible from my airplane window, I knew I was home. As I stepped into Ben Gurion Airport and heard the clerks, the porters, the bank teller, and the security officers speaking Hebrew, I knew I was home. When I saw the *Egged* buses waiting outside and the relatives waiting to greet their loved ones and calling out loudly "*Tzipi, ahuvah litzik*," I knew I was home again. It was comfortable, it was familiar, and it is a place I belong.

That was the beginning of two intense and emotional weeks of study, travel, prayer, and collegial networking; a time for personal and professional growth. The seminar was based on the realization that Israel is changing so rapidly — culturally, socially, economically, religiously, and educationally — that Reform educational leaders must reexamine their personal and professional relationships to the "new" Israel.

Some of the questions raised by Dr. Sara Lee, Dean of HUC Rhea Hirsh School of Education in Los Angeles, and scholar in residence, were:

- To what degree do we know Israel?
- Which Israel do we educate about?
- What is our own relationship to Israel?
- What is Israel's place in North American Jewish education?
- How can we help Reform Jews understand the complexity of Israel and avoid stereotyping situations that convey the message that most Israelis are hostile to Reform Judaism?

In order to be able to answer these questions, we needed to have a deeper understanding of the Israeli society. We met with extremely dedicated and educated people, many of whom had left comfortable homes, immigrated to Israel, and choose to live and raise their family in the land of their ancestors. I was moved by their dedication, by their modesty, and by their determination. We discussed the divisions within Israeli society. The secular versus the ultra-religious, the wealthy versus the poor, the uncertainties of the peace process, the lack of Jewish religious involvement among the secular, the changing place of the military in the life of Israel, the changing character of the kibbutz, and much more.

We held a dialogue with Israeli (Jewish, Arab, Christian, secular, and non-secular) educators. We compared philosophy, ideology, methodology, and our frustrations. They were extremely willing to share their knowledge and asked for our input. Interestingly, the secular Jewish educators seek ways to bring Jewish identity into their schools with the guidance of the Progressive Movement in Israel. The Israeli educators shared wonderful teaching material with us which I plan to implement at our school once I translate them into English.

We engaged in a deliberative process designed to set the foundation for a new platform on the place of Israel in Reform Jewish education in North America. This platform will be presented at the San Francisco conference and I will share it with you once it is approved.

And then July 26th rolled around and it was time to say goodbye again. Many memories, experiences, thoughts, and uncertainties—for Israel's future, for my family left behind, for the safety of its people, for the safety of the

18 year old young man who was called to serve his country and was blessed by his Reform rabbi at a beautiful Shabbat service — were with me.

Seeing the coast of New Jersey from my airplane window, I knew I was home. A place that feels just right, a place I am needed, a comforting smile, a warm hug, the children of TRT, Starbucks coffee, Federicci's Pizza, a place I love. I knew then that I was blessed. I have two homes I love.

I am grateful to Temple Rodeph Torah for enabling me to have had this extraordinary opportunity to grow Jewishly in our homeland. I would like to wish everyone a good, healthy, and sweet year.

Chag Sameach,
Edna Coleman, RJE

Dates to Remember

Friday, October 20 th	Consecration for new students.
Monday, October 23 rd	<i>MOREHSHa</i> for 8 th and 9 th grades only.
Wednesday, October 25 th	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (by invitation)
Sunday, November 5 th	Grades K-4 Open House.
Monday, November 6 th	7 th Grade Open House for Rabbi Weber's classes only.

HORAIYNU

Here at *Horaiynu*, we would like to welcome everyone back to Hebrew School. We are busy preparing various activities to make this a wonderful school year for your child. We need parental support to run all of the *Horaiynu* functions. Please volunteer your time and show your children that you are performing *mitzvot* by helping out. You can contact Marla Bucher, at 972-7307, or Lori Fishkin, at 972-3594, co-presidents of *Horaiynu*, to volunteer your services. The \$18.00 annual *Horaiynu* dues are used to provide paper goods, beverages and food for various programs not funded by the Hebrew School, such as the Mock Wedding, a Shabbat experience, the Naming Ceremony, etc. We have also purchased equipment such as a computer and a camera to enrich your child's Hebrew School experience. *Horaiynu* would like to extend their wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all! Our Hebrew School students enjoyed apples and honey that were donated by *Horaiynu*, for a sweet and happy New Year. A special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with this event. We would also like to thank all of the parents who volunteered to be Grade Leaders, Class Parents, and/or shoppers for *Horaiynu*. Without this help, *Horaiynu* would not be able to function. Thanks again, and keep checking the Newsletter for other exciting *Horaiynu* updates.

Marla Bucher

A Letter to our 5760 (2000) Confirmands:

Dear Rabbi Weber, Sheryl and Confirmation Class of 2000,

It is with many thanks that I send this note to your young people, for giving to help others. How their God has touched their hearts, and I pray will continue to guide and watch over them throughout their lives. Giving to others is a great gift and I send you my love and thanks.

Lucienne Kennard, Old Brick Reformed Church

(Note: The Confirmation Class worked to raise money to help the Zuppa family, whose home has been condemned due to a toxic mold infestation. The Old Brick Reformed Church coordinated the religious community's response and collected our contributions.)

NURSERY SCHOOL

I want to thank all the women who came to the August 11th pool party fundraiser for our Nursery School. The rain cooperated and held off until after the party. We were lucky enough even to have sunshine part of the time. The raffle sale was a huge success, the lunch was delicious, the pool was a comfortable temperature, and everyone had a great time.

A special thank you to Lori Fishkin without whom the party would have never been so organized or such a success. Another special thank you to Allan and Ellen Bloom. Their very generous contribution was, once again, greatly appreciated.

Our school year has just begun and is already off to a great start. We have nine Mommy and Me classes with Ms. Judy and a 2-½ year old, a 3-year-old, and a 4-year-old Nursery School program. Our playground has been expanded and now offers more fun-filled toys to climb on and play with.

I am looking forward to a year comprised of fun, challenges, surprises, and happiness.

Jo-Ellen Landesman

SISTERHOOD

High Holiday services encourage me to plan to do good things during the upcoming year, especially acts that will make a difference for others and not only for myself. I often start out full of ambition and as the year goes on I loose steam and projects go unfinished. This year I am hoping that by asking for the help of others my plan will be successful.

I always shop with coupons at the supermarket, often saving as much as \$25.00 on an order. The coupons I cut out and do not use I give to one of our members, Jodi Weintraub. When she told me what she does with the coupons she does not use, I was very impressed with, as well as proud of, her generosity. She uses those coupons to purchase items for the food banks. Not just one or two cans of food, but bags of food! Many of these items do not cost her anything! How can that be? I was intrigued.

Jodi has a system — a very simple system that I feel is worth learning and passing on to others. Jodi has offered to show us how it is done at the Sisterhood's Paid-up Membership Brunch. Dues are \$36 and include the brunch. (Watch for details.) For now, keep clipping those coupons! If you do not use coupons, then recycle them with us. We will put them to good use on a regular basis. Imagine the difference it will make in the amount of food that we can donate to local food banks.

Don't forget that our Judaica Shop, run by Marcia Borshof, has many items you need! Giftware for your holiday table, *kippot* and *tallit* for your upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, *mezzuzahs*, jewelry, *yahrzeit* candles, and more. We can even have trees planted in Israel! You can commemorate a happy occasion or send condolences by planting a tree. For information on tree planting, call Sheryl Cooper at the temple office.

A happy and healthy New Year to all.

Ellen Levine, President

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is looking forward to another active and exciting year. We plan on continuing our Sunday morning breakfast meetings, sponsoring a few outings for couples and some for families, and we are looking for ways in which we can help each other and build a stronger temple community. We would love to have men join us at our monthly Tuesday evening planning meetings, or just jump into an activity that interests you. If you would like to receive all of our updates and announcements, please give me your phone number and e-mail address.

Jeff Ball

YOUTH

Junior RTSY

The 7th and 8th graders went to see the show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." We had a great time. If you would like to meet other Jewish 7th and 8th graders and if you would like to participate in many fun activities, then Junior RTSY is the club for you. To become a member, you need to fill out a membership form and pay the \$15 yearly membership dues. There will be four more activities this year. The next event will be eating in the *sukkah* and having a sleepover. Hope to see you at upcoming events!

Fifty-Sixers

The 5th and 6th graders went to Sports 'n' Stuff on September 17th. They played arcade games, laser tag, basketball, and dodge ball. They had a great time. On September 24th, we went to see the show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." It was a great show! If you would like to meet other 5th and 6th graders and if you would like to participate in many fun activities, then the Fifty-Sixers is the club for you. To become a member, you need to fill out a membership form and pay \$18 for the yearly membership. There will be one activity per month. The next event will be bowling. Hope to see you soon!

Thirty-Four Club

The 3rd and 4th graders had a great time at Sports 'n' Stuff. They played laser tag, arcade games, used a two-story high, soft play, jungle gym, and had pizza. They had a great time. If you would like to meet other Jewish kids who are in the 3rd or 4th grade and participate in many fun activities, the Thirty-Four Club is the club for you. To become a member, you need to fill out a membership form and pay the \$15 yearly membership dues. There will be five more activities during the year. The next event is November 12th (the Crayola Factory trip). If you have any questions, please call me.

Greg Benisch, 761-1087

CARING COMMUNITY

Hello from your Caring Community. Well, we had our third successful Temple Talent Show performance. It was at The Manor nursing home a few months ago and did those kids do a fabulous job! We had lots of new faces join us. The residents enjoyed every one of our kids.

Allie and Brooke Cohen performed another great, original choreographed dance. Nicole Landesman danced, performed gymnastics, and shared her beautiful artwork with us. Marissa Wajngold sang wonderfully and entertained us along with Nicole. Jennifer Kaye once again graced us with her talent and terrific singing. Megan Caruso returned to us for this performance and played her clarinet music. She and Noah Stern Weber played a clarinet duet for us. Noah, who was one of our newcomers, played solo clarinet music for us as well.

Scott Kaplin was another newcomer who played several entertaining songs on keyboard. Jamie and Gabrielle Kohn joined us for the first time as well. Jamie did a great job playing the flute, and Gabrielle danced along and sang. Jessica Cooper was a wonderful addition to our troupe, also. Jessica helped organize the music and sang very beautifully. All the kids worked together to create a smooth, fun, and entertaining show. I can honestly say that these kids won the hearts of all the residents.

Thank you all again for taking the time to put some smiles on the faces of the residents of The Manor and on all of our faces as well. We are very proud of you. We will soon be planning another show and would love to have even more of you join us. Contact Fran Cohen if you are interested.

As most of you know, the Caring Community works to help our congregants in times of need by performing small favors, errands, etc., to help get them or their families through a crisis. Please remember we are here for you. As always, we would welcome new members to the Caring Community. If you have a little spare time and are interested, contact Fran Cohen or Lynne Schwitz.

As you may have heard, Janet Caruso has stepped down as co-chairperson of the Caring Community, and we want to thank her for the remarkable, caring job she has done. We also want to thank her for the things she will be continuing to do as a member of the Caring Community. A happy and a healthy New Year to you all!

Fran Cohen and Lynne Schwitz

LIBRARY LINES

Whew! The renovation project is over and we have our library back. It is a little shorter but it feels like there is more room to sit and (guess what?) READ! We have had to move the reference, fiction, and children's sections around, but they are easy to spot. The book borrowing procedures are slightly different now, so check them out on the bulletin board in the library.

Reading Jewishly is our goal and towards that end, be on the lookout for featured books, congregant and student reviews and a "Book Exchange Event." You can also borrow a copy of the latest "Adult Literacy Challenge" book and be prepared to be a part of our great discussions.

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Some new additions to our collection are:

Gifts of the Jews, by Thomas Cahill

God Whispers, by Karyn Kedar (stories of everyday life and inspiration)

Miriam's Well, by Penina Adelman (rituals for Jewish women around the year)

Where Does God Live?, by Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman
(questions and answers for parents and children)

Swimming in the Sea of Talmud, by Michael Katz and Gershon Schwartz (a jumping-off
point for engaging in the study of Talmud)

Lost and Found, by Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman (a child's
book for living through loss)

REMEMBER: Why not browse the library instead of standing in the lobby while you are waiting for your kids?
We are looking forward to your visits.

Maxine Perlman, Library Chair

Viewpoint

Israel Trip Illicits New Perspective

We were leaving for Israel in a few days, so many things to do! Should I update my will? To whom should I leave my worldly possessions? What if? I heard a lot about terrorist activities in Israel. Would this be a safe trip? Those were the first things that went through my mind when I thought about going to Israel. When I got there, I wondered why I ever had those thoughts.

It was an uneventful landing, as landings go. We got our luggage and our first taste of Israeli culture. They have no patience and don't stand on lines. "Excuse me" doesn't fit into an Israeli's vocabulary. The ride to Jerusalem from the airport, seeing the hills of Judea, was fascinating. You only get one chance to make a first impression and Israel made a magnificent first impression on me. The postcards, your friends' pictures, even their videos don't prepare you for what you see. The way they build towns, on the rocky hillsides, so they can cultivate the land! The people for the most part look and dress like you and me. I didn't see many Arabian knights on camel-back. I didn't see many people in *kefiyyahs* (Arab headdress) or robes.

My first view of Jerusalem was from Mt. Scopus, one of the hills opposite the Old City. Our guide, Ronnie, pointed out the walls of the Old City, and all the important sights that we were going to see. Jerusalem at sunset is a scene I will never forget. Our first night in Israel was *Shabbat*. We were going to the Old City, to the Western Wall. If it wasn't too crowded we might get to pray at the Wall. What a way to start our trip — our pilgrimage. Ronnie painted a beautiful picture in our minds of how the Old City and the Wall looked centuries ago. You could imagine what it was like going to pray at the Temple.

One of my many first impressions of Israel is how complicated a country it is. Old borders, new borders, old towns, new settlements. You can't imagine what the politicians are talking about until you see it first-hand. It doesn't register until you see the bullet holes in the walls of the Old City near the Zion Gate or walk the streets of the Jewish quarter.

Since all Israeli 18 year-olds spend time in the army, a lot of the young people you see in and out of uniform are carrying rifles. That is an unnerving sight at first. The impression that you are in an armed camp (country)

lasts about a day. The big difference for me was that there isn't an air of tension. They are carrying their rifles because they are supposed to, not because of imminent hostilities.

During our last night in Israel all I could think about was how wonderful a vacation it was and when could I come back.

Ira Sherman

(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)

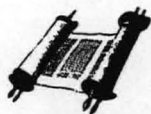
Ask the Rabbi

Question: I understand that Jews are prohibited from kneeling before God because it might appear that they are worshipping idols. On the other hand, they are allowed to bow down before God. Could a Jew kneel if he were not to be kneeling in front of an idol but just in front of God? Isn't bowing down just a lesser form of kneeling?

Response: Regular readers of this column will immediately recognize the concept which holds here, which is *chukkak ha-goyyim*, "the way non-Jews do things." Jews are specifically prohibited from doing anything which is *chukat ha-goyyim*, and I assume that the more-than-two-millenia which we have spent in other people's lands have strengthened this prohibition so Judaism would survive.

We *do* have a tradition of bowing before God; both the small bending of the knee which many do at specific times during prayer, and the ancient customs of bowing toward the Ark upon entering the sanctuary. But we have *no* tradition of kneeling during prayer, and I am certain that the Catholic custom of doing this has prevented Jews from ever experimenting with it in our worship.

Interestingly, we are "okay" on both sides of kneeling: both bowing and prostrating oneself are traditional Jewish acts; only kneeling is "out of bounds." If you are a guest in a Catholic church (which is the only place I can imagine this question arising), it is appropriate — and not at all offensive to Catholics — for you to remain seated while the worshippers kneel.



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 10/6-7

Ha'azinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Summary by Sandy Craig

God has dictated a poem to Moses, who reads it to the Israelites. The poem enjoins the people to honor God and reminds them of God's miracles and punishments in the past. Then God tells Moses to climb the mountain on which Moses will die. From this point Moses will be able to view the promised land.

Note: Intermediate weeks have special readings for Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Shabbat 10/27-28

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.

We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

Sophia Abramson

Gregg and Bonnie Carey and their children, Brooke and Jessica

Steve and Carla Flitter and their children, Scott and Joshua

Leo and Yana Futerman and their children, Michelle and Benjamin

Barry and Lori Goldberg and their children, Jamie, Joshua and Matthew

Jason Goldberg (who grew up at Rodeph Torah, and is now joining on his own)

Greg and Wendye Goldstein and their children, Rachel and Carly

Mitchell and Dona Kleiner and their children, Alex and Jamie

David and Elyse Langner and their children, Erica, Samantha and Jack

Richard and Bonnie Miller and their children, Jordan, Jared and Kerin

Joe Phillips

Brad and Sari Rubin and their children, Corey and Jason

Bruce and Karen Solomon and their children, Sarah and Alli

Steve and Linda Wegweiser and their children, Kyle and Sarit

Michael and Rosa Weiner

Greg and Shari Yolowitz and their children, Rebecca and Sophie

NEWS AND NOTES

NEW HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND AT TRT

The Bolender Family Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund was established in memory of, and in honor of, my parents, Benek and Ruth Bolender. My father was a survivor of Auschwitz and Theresienstadt. My parents believed that educating young people about the horrors of concentration camps and anti-Semitism would keep forever alive in our hearts the six million Jews slaughtered during this period of history. The Endowment Fund will serve to support our temple youth in their pursuit of Holocaust related studies. The funds may be used to subsidize trips to Holocaust museums worldwide, participation in the March of the Living, or attendance at workshops and seminars. Any contributions to this Endowment Fund will further the goals to support Holocaust programs for the youth of TRT.

With appreciation,
Marlene Bolender-Shapiro

COME EAT IN OUR SUKKAH

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

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

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**.

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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. 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!

YOU CAN ATTEND THE REFORM MOVEMENT'S CONVENTION

The Greater York Council of Reform Synagogues and the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council invite you to their Third Joint Biennial: **Renewing our Covenant, Renewing Ourselves**. The Biennial will be held from November 3-5, 2000, at the Rye Town Hilton, in Rye Brook, New York. For further information and registration material contact the Greater York Council of Reform Synagogues at 888-634-8242 or email them at GNYCRS@UAHC.org. Come nourish and refresh your Jewish soul.

SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION

The JAR (Jews, Addiction and Recovery) Task Force of Jewish Family and Children's Services will be presenting an exceptional program on Sunday evening, October 29th, at 7:00 p.m., at Monmouth Reform Temple, Tinton Falls. The program, entitled Jews, Joy and Spirituality: an Evening with Rabbi Daniel I. Schwartz, brings to the area one of the preeminent writers and lecturers on the subject of Judaism and spirituality. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

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. And, if you have not given us your e-mail address, please do so — it is the fastest, easiest way to communicate with you, and we promise — no spam!

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.

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.

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.

"HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

We thank Debbie Curtis, Nicki Klug, Ellen Levine and Rachel Pachter, who graciously offered their help in the office over the summer. We appreciate all your work!

Special thanks to Susan Goldman for her efforts in ensuring that changing tables are now available to parents in both the men's and ladies restrooms. Susan did all the necessary legwork, presented the idea and all research on suppliers and costs to the Board for approval, and followed through on having the changing tables placed appropriately.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Marnie Rotter and Ross Bear, on their marriage. Marnie grew up at TRT, and both she and Ross are current members, as is Marnie's mother, Ann Rotter
to Kami Ruffine, daughter of Joan and Richie Ruffine, on her marriage to Mr. Kent Frazier
to Jennifer Hertrich, on her engagement to Mr. Lyle Aloni
to Rabbi Shira Stern, on the selection of her commentary on *Parashat Vayiggash* for inclusion in the newly published book, *The Women's Torah Commentary*, from Jewish Lights Publishing
Brad Pack, on his induction into the Golden Key National Honor Society at Penn State University
to Jessica Burstein, daughter of Lynn Michaels and Alan Burstein, on her finishing as 4th Runner-Up in the Miss NJ Junior Teen Pageant

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 Beth, Wayne, Matthew and Scott Kamenitz, on the death of Beth's uncle, Harry Snyder
to Judy and Marty Borell, on the death of Judy's mother, Ethel Kargman
to Marsha, Steve, Craig and Lauren Koster, on the death of Marsha's uncle, Maurice Steinberg
to Leslie, Roy, Marcy and Lisa Auerbach, on the death of Leslie's mother, Edith Nuss
to Michele, Henry, Evan and Traci Lazarowitz, on the death of Michele's father, Marvin Tobis
to Warren, Susan, Alex and David Brumel, on the death of Warren's father, Ralph Brumel

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

You are Cordially Invited

With hearts full of joy and pride, we invite you to join us when our son, Gregory Scott, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Barbara and Mark Hirsch

With much love, pride, and joy, we invite you to share in our happiness when our daughter, Rachel Helene, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Phyllis and Craig Porter

With pride and great joy, we invite you to share this wonderful day with us as our son, Devin, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, on Saturday, October 28, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Pasha and Steve Ellis

With much love for our daughter, Kimberly Alyssa, we invite you to celebrate with us as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 28, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Kathy and Ron Tornberg

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Marsha and Steve Koster, in memory of Florence Rubinstein
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Bonnie and Peter Sugarman, in honor of Randy Cranin's service to TRT
in honor of the Confirmation Class of 5760/2000
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Tannenbaum
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Cory Cole
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Diamond

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Dawn Kennedy

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Ellen Hirsch, in honor of the speedy recovery of Jared Hirsch
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- ☐ **BUILDING FUND** (For the construction and maintenance of our home)
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- ☐ **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)

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

Yahrzeits

A Note from the Yahrzeit Committee Chair

Welcome TRT members to a new year. As Chairperson of the Yahrzeit Committee, I keep track of all of our *yahrzeits*. Lately, I have not been doing a great job of it. Our current software is "less than perfect," to put it mildly. I apologize for any mistakes that have occurred and that are likely to occur in the near future. We have ordered new *yahrzeit* software and will be working hard to have it in place as quickly as possible. This is a major undertaking as the current database is not stable and we have to use it to build the new one. Please inform me of any errors that you find. (My grandfather was listed as my friend's mother, at one point!) You can call me at 409-2489 or email me at zimra@bellatlantic.net.

Linda Cranin

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 10/6-10/7		
10/01	Moshe Janover	Grandfather of Gail Davis
10/01	Henze Viesel	Grandmother of Gail Davis
10/01	Irving Hantman	Father of Julius Hantman
10/01	Rose Krauss	Mother of Burt Krauss
10/01	Allen Engleman	Father of Susan Ross
10/02	Bernard Sheppard	Father of Joan Greenberg
10/02	Al Feldman	Uncle of Susan Iorlano
10/02	Pauline Schwartz	Aunt of Gary Shukovsky ז"ל
10/03	Anna Salkin	Grandmother of Karen Goldstein
10/03	Sarah Greenberg	Mother of Barry Greenberg
10/03	Frances Goldman	Mother of Iris Schleifstein
10/04	Gussie Schubert	Mother of Warren Schubert
10/05	Murray Klein	Father of Melanie Klein
10/06	Herman T. Lukow *	Father of Linda Weinberg
10/07	Jules Cooper *	Father of Bruce Cooper
Shabbat Observance 10/13-10/14		
10/09	Bernard Shimmerman	Father of Fran Davis
10/09	Judy Pius *	Wife of Larry Pius
10/09	Gary Shukovsky *	Husband of Rona Shukovsky
10/09	Leon Garelick *	Father of Lynn Sternberg
10/09	Joseph Thaller	Father of Jeffrey Thaller
10/10	Ruth Maslansky	Mother of Edward Maslansky
10/10	Dorothy Hoffman	Mother of Donna Rosenblum
10/10	Laura Amarosa *	Grandmother of Loretta Shapiro
10/10	Irving Kaden *	Father of Randi Sorin
10/10	Louis Weber *	Grandfather of Rabbi Don Weber
10/11	Harry Gilbert *	Father of Janice Feldman
10/11	Lewis Stein	Father of Arlene Forman
10/11	Sydney Freedman *	Father of Mark Freedman
10/11	Barry Speiser	Friend of Robbin Friedell
10/11	Ralph Rogove	Brother of William Rogove

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Shabbat Observance 10/13-10/14, continued...		
10/12	Clarence Brandt	Father of Joel Brandt
10/13	Adam Benjamin Bauer *	Son of Sandra Abramson and Eric Bauer
10/13	Charlotte Feld	Mother of Ellen Block and Nadine Sherman
10/14	Cornel Paltin	Father of Josephine Paltin
10/14	Ruth Silver	Mother of Howard Silver
10/14	Harold Fuchsman	Father of Lori Spett
Shabbat Observance 10/20-10/21		
10/15	Milton Ashendorf	Father of Jane Katz
10/15	Halle Abrams	Uncle of Andrea Kazin
10/16	Lorry Posner	Friend of Ellen and Neal Finkelstein
10/16	Addie Fields	Aunt of Melvin Olshan
10/17	Leona Guttman	Mother of Ro Reibel
10/18	Sam Perl	Grandfather of Ellen Levine
10/18	Sam Litwak *	Grandfather of David Shapiro, Father of Renee Shapiro
10/19	Miriam Reisenfeld	Great-Grandmother of Marlene Shapiro
10/20	Jack Chamoff *	Father of Harvey Chamoff
10/20	Theda Kushel	Mother of Barbara Klein
10/20	Robert A. Schuman	Father of Elaine Safchik
Shabbat Observance 10/27-10/28		
10/22	Seymour Cooper *	Father of Neil Cooper and Lee Cooper ז"ל
10/22	Steven Richard Salti *	Husband of Fern Calascibetta, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
10/23	Max Stummer	Father of Irving Stummer
10/24	Bernard Schaefer *	Father of Toni Cooper
10/24	Hyman Rabinowitz	Father of Cynthia Hess
10/24	Ida Kazin	Grandmother of Alan Kazin
10/26	Mae Stoll	Grandmother of Rona Moskowitz
10/27	Jacqueline F. Eisen *	Mother of Catherine Berkowitz
10/27	Sylvia Berlin	Mother of Ilene Fireman
10/27	Toby Goldberg	Mother of Stacey Goldberg
10/28	Jean Berrol	Mother of Steve Berrol
10/28	Gerry Goldberg *	Husband of Judy Goldberg
10/28	Rose Silkes	Grandmother of Steven Silkes
10/28	Morris Blacker	Grandfather of Bonnie Sugarman
Shabbat Observance 11/3-11/4		
10/29	Sam Kaufman	Grandfather of Arlene Forman
10/30	Adam Douglas Brody	Godbrother of Ross Bear
10/30	Ruth Finkelstein *	Mother of Neal Finkelstein
10/31	Max Kirschenbaum *	Father of Jack Kirschenbaum
10/31	Mary Eterno *	Mother of Loretta Shapiro

* 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

October 2000






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The Sisterhood of Temple Rodeph Torah
cordially invites you to attend its

Annual Paid-up* Membership Luncheon



Sunday, October 29, 2000
at 12:00 Noon

the Chef's Table

Design Center - 345 Route 9 South
Manalapan, New Jersey



RSVP by Monday October 23, 2000
Ellen Levine 446-1794 or Joan Nulman 536-0461

*\$36 annual Sisterhood dues includes cost of luncheon & entertainment
Non-members pay \$25 - which will be applied to your dues if you become a member

YES, i want to come to the Sisterhood Luncheon!

Name

Address and Phone Number

****ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$36.00 PAYABLE TO: TRT SISTERHOOD**_____

PLEASE BILL MY TRT ACCOUNT_____

PLEASE CHARGE MY VISA/MASTERCARD ACCOUNT_____

****Please enclose payment for all guests and list their names on a separate paper.**

MAIL TO: Joan Nulman, 29 Westbrook Drive, Morganville, NJ 07751



TRT'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

PRESENTS

OUR YEAR ROUND *MITZVAH* CRIB

OCTOBER

BABY ITEMS

Food, Pampers, Wipes, etc.

NOVEMBER

TOYS

New unwrapped toys

DECEMBER

COATS

Clean & in good conditions

JANUARY

COLD WEATHER ITEMS

Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, etc.

FEBRUARY

TOILETRIES

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shavers, etc.

MARCH

PASSOVER FOOD

Matzah, soupmix, horseradish, etc.

APRIL

SOCKS

New socks for men, women, & children

MAY

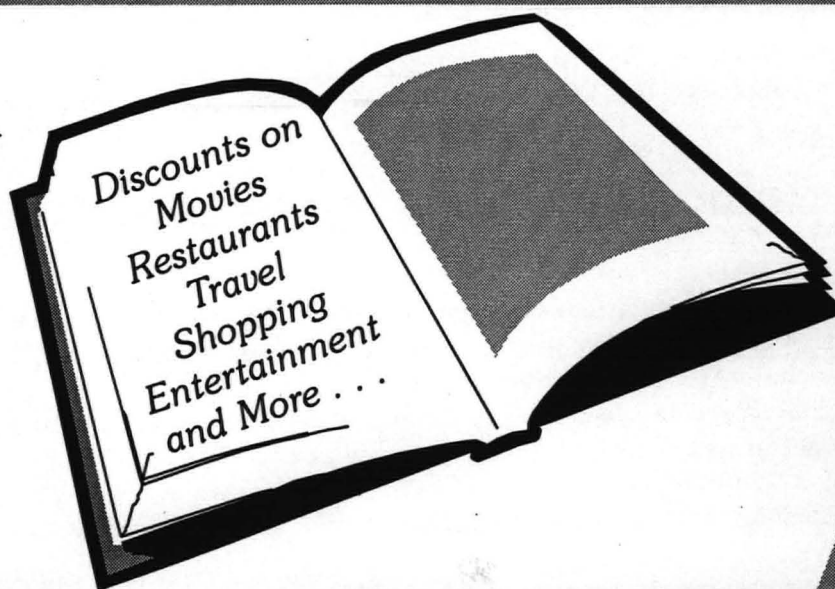
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Canned goods, pasta, rice, etc.

TRT SISTERHOOD HAS 2001 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS!

NEW

**Only
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**GREAT
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**They are bigger, better with lots of
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Buy one today!**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDER FORM

Name _____ Telephone _____

I would like to order _____ Entertainment Books at \$30 each.

I have enclosed a check for _____ to cover the cost.

Please make checks payable to **TRT Sisterhood** and send to:
Bonnie Sugarman, 14 Montreal Square, Marlboro, NJ 07746



TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM 5761 (2000-2001)

Daytime and Evening Classes Now Available!

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

☆ **BEGINNING LEVEL: "LESSONS FROM THE TALMUD FOR EVERYDAY LIVING" - DAYTIME AND EVENING CLASSES.**

Rabbi Don Weber

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

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

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

Members: No fee. Non-Members: \$100. The texts costs \$25, please order your copy on the application form. **Evening** classes will meet on alternate Thursday evenings, from 8:10 to 10:00 p.m., **beginning October 19**; **daytime** classes will meet on alternate Monday afternoons, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

☆ **BEGINNING LEVEL: BEGINNING HEBREW - FIRST SEMESTER**

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

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

Members: \$75. Non-Members: \$100. Books cost approximately \$25. Classes will meet every Tuesday evening, from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m., beginning in mid-October.

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

**TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth
ADULT EDUCATION COURSES, 5761**

☆ **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: THE CHALLENGES OF REFORM JUDAISM - Rabbi Don Weber**

Reform Judaism began as a response to the changes which modernity and emancipation brought to the Jewish world. But every change brings its own challenges. Now, comfortable with our identity as Reform Jews, it is time for us to wrestle with the issues which face us and which often confuse us as we try to live in both the Jewish and the secular worlds.

What do Reform Jews *have to do*? If change is the foundation of Reform Judaism, how can we say that some changes are unacceptable? Do we make decisions out of conscience, or just convenience? What is a Reform Zionist? Which traditions should we embrace, and which reject? And how do we create a community, when we emphasize the rights of the individual? These and other questions will be the topics of study and debate throughout the year.

This course is open to everyone, but a basic Jewish background will be helpful for understanding and participating in the discussions.

Members: No fee. Non-Members: \$100. There will be a small charge for materials. Classes will meet on alternate Thursday evenings, from 8:10 to 10:00 p.m., **beginning October 14.**

☆ **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: CONTINUING HEBREW - SECOND SEMESTER**

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

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

**TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, 5761 (2000-2001)
COURSE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please register me/us for the following course(s):

(Please indicate Monday daytime or Thursday evening for the Talmud class)

Name _____

Course _____

Course _____

Name _____

Course _____

Course _____

Please order books for the following course(s) for me (no books will be ordered without your signature!):

Signed: _____

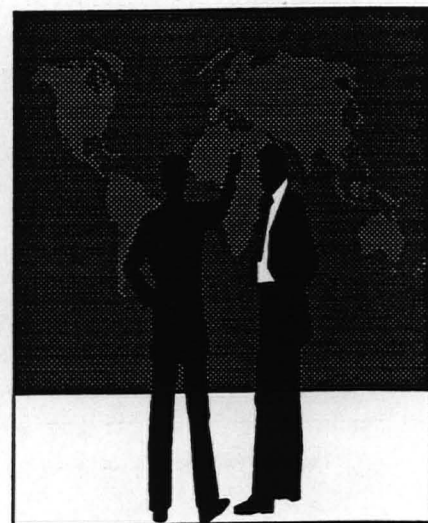
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P.O. Box 125, Marlboro, NJ 07746

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Why Israel Bonds

Since 1951, State of Israel Bonds has been an indispensable partner in the growth of the State of Israel. This partnership has helped fuel virtually every sector of Israel's economy and has helped to cement the relationship between Israel and world Jewry. The principal objective of Israel Bonds - building and developing the economy of the Jewish state - has been embraced by individuals from all walks of life. Through the sale of \$21 billion in securities, Israel Bonds has played a major role in transforming the country into one of the world's leading industrial nations. Now, as we begin the 21st century, Israel Bonds investment funds continue to be an essential component of Israel's economic future.



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With the help of the proceeds of the sale of Bonds, the immigration of new settlers continues. Nearly one million have arrived to date with tens of thousands arriving yearly. Among these new citizens are the engineers, scientists and technicians who are helping to build Israel's high-tech revolution. Money from bond sales helps to create jobs and homes. Investment dollars enable the construction of industrial and technical parks where ongoing research and development produces the innovative technologies making Israel one of the world's leading high-tech exporting nations. Israel Bond capital provides funds for desalination plants and modernization of Israel's National Water Carrier which will help alleviate the water crisis facing Israel. The expansion of Ben Gurion Airport, building of highways and a high speed railroad will also be built with the proceeds of Israel Bonds.

Now, in the year 2000, Israel Bonds are good for you...for your investment portfolio...for future oriented savings plans...for your own current income. With investment vehicles suitable for all portfolios and investment ratings by Standard and Poors "A" and Moody's "A3", they are a secure investment, backed by the full faith and credit of the State of Israel. State of Israel Bonds offers securities from the "Chai" Bond created for gifts at \$136 per unit, maturing at \$180 in 5 years to the Zero Coupon Bond, 10 year savings bond with a current yield to maturity of 7.9% to more sophisticated floating rate bonds with interest based on the international LIBOR Rate.

Becoming a partner with Israel, you share in Israel's future with an investment that's good for you and good for Israel. For more specific information on the securities and current rates, please call the Israel Bond Office at 800-752-5652, or visit the office located at 300 Raritan Avenue, in Highland Park.

Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Group Membership Application
Academic Year 2000 – 2001

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

Child's Full Name: _____ Parent's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Grade as of 9/00 _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____ @ _____

Child's Phone: _____ Parent's Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/00 _____

Are you a member of Temple Rodeph Torah? _____

If not, please indicate who is sponsoring you: _____

Medical Information

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

Date of last tetanus: _____ Date of last MMR: _____

Does the applicant have any emotional problems or physical limitations that the youth group advisor should be aware of?

Please list any allergies, including foods: _____

Medical Release

In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the RTSY Advisor to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Permission

I allow my child _____ permission to become a member of RTSY. I understand that for each event, I will have to sign a permission slip, with the exact details of such event. As a parent of a child in a TRT youth program, I understand that I may be asked to chaperone one event per academic year. I understand that my child may be transported to events in vehicles owned by TRT staff, chaperones, or volunteers. I hold harmless Temple Rodeph Torah, the TRT staff, and volunteers from any harm caused my child.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Child: _____ Date: _____

2000 – 2001 Dues: Grades 9 – 12, RTSY: Temple members \$36, non-Temple members \$50
 Grade 8, Jr. RTSY: (Temple members ONLY, \$25)

Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Group Code of Conduct

Before attending any RTSY event, you must read and sign this form

1. The possession or consumption of alcohol (other than *Shabbat* wine, served at *kiddush*) is strictly prohibited.
2. The possession of tobacco and drugs of any type is strictly prohibited.
3. I will not have any body alterations done. This includes body piercing, tattoos, and any other permanent disfiguration.
4. I will not violate any local, state or federal laws.
5. I will abide by all rules set forth by the Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Advisor, staff, and chaperones.
6. On any overnight trips, I will follow all rules concerning curfews. When the last event of each day is completed, I will return to my host home/room. I will remain there until the following morning. I will also follow rules concerning housing assignments.
7. I will not engage in any inappropriate behavior, including sexual behavior.
8. I will not engage in hazing of any type.
9. I will stay within any boundaries set forth on any trip.
10. I will not do any damage to the temple or any car, bus, building, etc.

Child's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Section

I understand that if my child should break any of these rules, he/she may be sent home immediately from the event at my expense. Any damage my child does, I am responsible for.

Parent's
Signature: _____ Date: _____

ROSH HASHANA 5761 "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* Pledge 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 2001)
- ☐ Food drive at local supermarkets Sunday, Spring 2001
- ☐ Prepare and serve meals at a local soup kitchen on a Sunday
- ☐ Visit shut-ins in their homes. Times are flexible
- ☐ Help distribute food through senior meals and kosher meals-on-wheels on weekdays
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- ☐ Visit a nursing home during Hannukah to sing songs and light candles
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[Isaiah 58]

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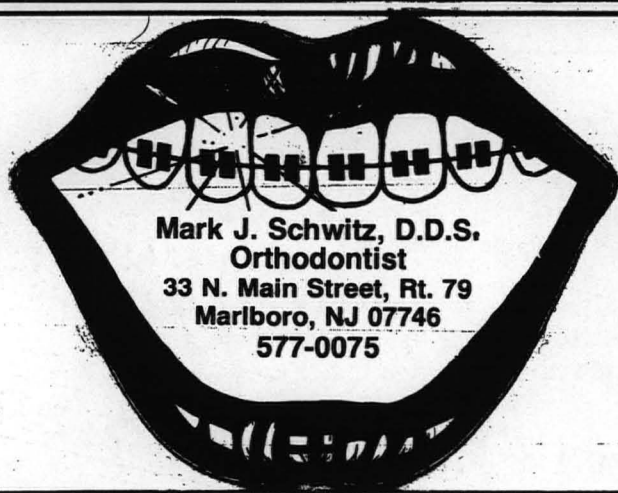
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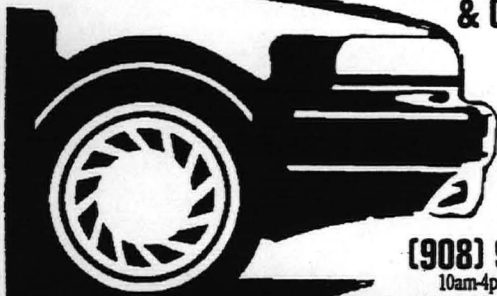
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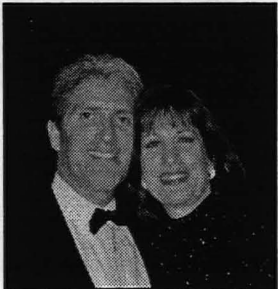
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