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FROM RABBI WEBER

atka Gravas, the great philosopher and repairer of taxis, explained religion thus: "The only thing that separates humans from animals is childish superstition and mindless ritual."

While that may have been true in "his country" (wherever that fictional place was located), it is not true about Judaism. Judaism is complex — so complex that a lifetime of study is nothing more than what is expected of each of us. Rabbis are teachers, not shamans, and Jewish ritual is so loaded with meaning — and with meanings beyond the simple meaning — that even the most learned Jew finds new ideas, new feelings, new insights and new inspiration with every service and every holiday. Our *Haggadah* describes the rabbi who, at age 70, felt like a child because he still had so much to learn!

If there is a single key to Jewish life, it is *understanding*. Traditions are important, piety is admirable, but without understanding these are nothing more than Latka's "childish superstition and mindless ritual." That is why I am introducing a year-long program to teach understanding of our most precious ritual: congregational prayer.

Our *Siddur Project* will take place during Shabbat evening services, in place of the sermon or story. Most weeks we will tackle a prayer or reading which is part of the traditional Shabbat liturgy, exploring the meaning behind the words. Occasionally we will not

SPECIAL EVENTS

UAHC REGIONAL CONVENTION — November 3-5

ELECTION DAY — YOUR VOTE COUNTSI — November 7

TIKKUN OLAM DAY — November 19

New On Our Web Site:

SIGN UP FOR THE LITERACY CHALLENGE — "The Red Tent"

PICTURES FROM THE SUKKAH PROMENADE

RABBI WEBER'S AND RABBI STERN'S HIGH HOLIDAY SERMONS

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deal with a specific prayer, but with an approach to prayer. It is my hope that by the beginning of the year 5762, we will have a stronger understanding of what we are saying, why we are saying it, and what is supposed to happen when we pray.

Did you know that our service is laid out in a specific direction? Yes, it begins on one page and ends later in the *siddur*, but it also has a starting-point, a route and a destination — a "guided tour," as it were, of our relationship with God, with the world and with our Jewish heritage. And just as on a guided tour, where we rely on the guide to point out places of interest and teach us things we would have missed, I would like to guide you through the beautiful, spiritual, mystical world of Jewish prayer.

Will understanding the prayers destroy their magic? Not at all. Hundreds of years ago, Maimonides said that a prayer which we do not understand is not acceptable to God; it is not the words that make the prayer "work," it

is the *meaning*. If anything, the magic of the prayers will increase, as we learn the hidden secrets of the words and the glory which brought them to life.

My teacher, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, told this story:

A man moved into a new community, and went to *shul*. He didn't know anyone, so he sat by himself during the service, observing the customs of this new place. He understood most of it, but noticed one strange thing: Whenever anyone went up to the *bima* or came down from it, they stopped and bowed right at the bottom of the stairs. He had never seen that before but, figuring that he was new, he didn't mention it to anyone.

After a while, he came to feel comfortable there. He talked with the "regulars," and *davvened* along with them. Finally, unable to hold back any longer, he asked one of the old-timers about the bowing which everyone did in front of the stairs.

The old-timer thought for a minute, then he smiled. "Aha, I remember!" he said. "There used to be a chandelier hanging down right there, and you had to duck to get under it!"

Now, I thought that was the punch-line to the story, but it was not. The ending came the following week, when the newcomer was called to the *bima* for an *aliyah*. As he got to that place at the bottom of the stairs, *he bowed*.

You see, understanding does not take away the magic — it adds to it. It adds to our comfort, to our sense of belonging, to our feeling of community with those praying around us.

Please look on the following page, on our Schedule of Services. Every **Siddur Project** service will be listed, along with the prayer or idea which we will study. I hope you will join us on this year-long exploration of the words and ideas which we Jews have created to take us on the most extraordinary journey: across the distance between us and God.

> Shalom, Rabbi Don Weber

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A Note from Rabbi Weber ...

Shira and I are honored by the many requests we have received for copies of our High Holiday sermons. Copies of each of these sermons are available on the temple's web site, or we will mail a copy of any sermon you request by calling the temple office. More than we appreciate the compliments, we appreciate hearing from those of you who said the sermons caused you to think, and perhaps to begin making changes in your life.

We wish you a happy, healthy, peaceful and fulfilling New Year!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, 11/3	-	Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
		Siddur Project I: "Getting Ready to Pray"
		Jennifer Kaye, Soloist
		✤ Birthday Blessings for November; Candle Lighting 4:31 p.m.
Saturday, 11/4	1	Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
		B'nai Mitzvah: Nicole Kramer and Jonathan Wade
Friday, 11/10	-	Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
		Siddur Project II: "Welcoming Shabbat"
		Richard Herzog, Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:24 p.m.
Saturday, 11/11		Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.
		Bat Mitzvah: Lauren Sobel
Friday, 11/17	-	Shabbat Services:
		7:30 p.m. – "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
		8:30 p.m. – Service
		Siddur Project III: "Barchu"
		☆ Anniversary Blessings for August
		Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:18 p.m.
Saturday, 11/18		Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Aleph.
		B'not Mitzvah: Meryl Abramson and Danielle Leimbach
Friday, 11/24	-	Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
		Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:14 p.m.
Saturday, 11/25	-	Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group Bet.

hospital. We want to visit and offer our help, but we cannot help unless we know about them!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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About this time of year, many of us begin to ask ourselves the all-important question: what are the kids going to do next summer? As members of a Reform congregation, we are fortunate to have access to four very special summer programs, all of which come highly recommended by the TRT children and teenagers who have been participants.

Camp Harlam, in the Pocono Mountains, offers a Jewish-oriented camping experience for children entering third grade or higher. A complete camping experience, including athletics, arts, and aquatics is combined with an educational program based on Jewish issues and themes. The arts program includes arts and crafts, theater, dance, music, photography, radio, video, and Israeli scouting. Campers can play tennis, basketball, softball, and soccer. There is a climbing tower, mountain biking, three swimming pools and a lake. When campers enter senior camp at ninth grade, they live in their own community village. In addition to the regular camp program, senior campers are involved in leadership building and community programming. The best recommendation for Camp Harlam is seeing our TRT campers return year after year. They will tell you that Camp Harlam is a very special part of their lives and the friendships they develop at camp are long lasting.

For high school students, the UAHC offers three different summer experiences.

Urban Mitzvah Corps is sponsored by NFTY-GER, our regional youth organization. It is a six-week social justice program for students entering their junior or senior year of high school. Living on the Rutgers University campus, participants spend their time volunteering with the mentally and physically challenged, underprivileged, and elderly. At their job sites, the participants learn how to reach out to people in a variety of situations. Evening activities include guest speakers, educational programs and social activities. TRT students who have participated in Mitzvah Corps have had a chance to make a difference in the lives of others, and they return home with a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.

A second option for high schoolers entering 9th through 12th grades is the Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp, in Warwick, New York. Kutz Camp offers two sessions, each lasting 3½ weeks. The program is designed to develop leadership skills in an informal, college campus style environment. The Leadership Academy attracts teens from across North America, Israel and Europe. Each participant chooses a focus area, among which are leadership tracks in social action, Jewish studies, song leading, youth group leadership, theater arts, and visual arts. Kutz Camp offers teenagers a unique experience during which they will be taught by gifted Jewish leaders, make incredible friendships, and acquire the personal skills to enable them to become leaders in the future.

The NFTY Israel Experience, for high school students who are at least 15 years old, is the third UAHC summer program for teenagers. There are several versions of this program, ranging from 4 to 6¹/₂ weeks in length. Hundreds of teens from all over North America travel to Israel where they visit the sites of ancient and modern Israel. Students spend at least a week in Jerusalem, participate in an archaeological dig, hike through the Galilee and camp in the Negev Desert. Beyond touring, the NFTY Israel Experience includes time with an Israeli family and a five-day program in which each participant selects an in-depth activity such as working on a kibbutz, hiking from sea to sea, or living on an Israeli army base. Students who participate in the Israel experience return home with meaningful memories and a sense of personal connection to the land of Israel.

I cannot speak highly enough about the UAHC summer programs for children and teenagers. If you would like more information, please call Rabbi Weber, or me. We will be happy to put you in touch with the participants from TRT, who can tell you far more than I can about the spirit and excitement that permeates these programs.

And when they talk to you about their UAHC summers, I know that you will see their faces light up with joy and love for what they will tell you was the best summer of their lives.

For more information on these programs, please contact:Camp HarlamNFTY in Israel(215) 563-8184(914) 987-6300campharlam@aol.comNFTYIS@warwick.net

Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp (914) 987-6300 <u>kutzcamp@warwick.net</u> NFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps (201) 722-9090, ext. 213

> Wishing your children a great summer! Ellen Finkelstein

BOARD NOTES

Feasibility Study

The Board of Directors has initiated a feasibility study and planning process that will assist us in defining and achieving our goals, and ensuring the future vitality and financial health of Temple Rodeph Torah. We have enlisted the services of a professional consultant, Innovative Development Services, to help us carry out this project. The firm's president, Barry Judelman, will be meeting with a sampling of our congregation during the coming weeks. If you did not receive a letter asking you to participate in this study but would like to meet with Barry Judelman, please call the temple office and we will be happy to arrange an appointment. Thank you to all the TRT families who will be participating in our Feasibility Study and helping us work toward strengthening the temple's future.

EDUCATION

Wednesday, Nov. 1 Sunday, Nov. 5 Sunday, Nov. 5 Monday, Nov. 6 Tuesday, Nov. 14 Thursday, Nov. 16 Sunday, Nov. 19 Sunday, Nov. 19 Tuesday, Nov. 21 Wednesday, Nov. 29

- Open House 7th Grade
- Open House K-4th Grades
 - Teacher Training Course continues: 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.
 - Open House 7th Grade, Rabbi Weber's classes
- Open House 5th Grade
- Open House 6th Grade
- Tikkun Olam Day
- Teacher Training Course, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.
- 6th Grade Service Mrs. Cohen's class, 8:00-8:30 p.m.; Parents, please join us.
- 7th Grade Service Mrs. Cohen's 1st hour class, 8:00-8:30 p.m.;

Parents, please join us.

HORAIYNU

On behalf of the *Horaiynu* Board, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who help at the *Horaiynu* sponsored Hebrew school functions. Without volunteers, it would not be possible to have these events. Studies indicate that the most important factor in a child's education is parental involvement. Please give us a call and volunteer your time! It will only enhance your child's educational experience.

The honey campaign was very successful, and we would like to continue this tradition every year. A special "thank you" to Ellen Levine for donating the fabric and notecards, and for all her helpful advice. In addition we would like to thank Ariel Bucher, Jerry Mack, and Carlee Fishkin for all their assistance with the honey sale.

On Monday, September 25th, the Hebrew High School students enjoyed a pizza party. Wow, can they eat! We would like to thank Janet Caruso, Laurie Kaufman, and Elaine Safchik for all their help with this event, and all those volunteers who have been shopping for snacks and drinks for the Hebrew High School students.

On Sunday, December 10th, we will be having a *Horaiynu*/Nursery School Hanukkah Boutique with crafts, Judaica and gift items, and food. Come join us for a fun-filled event. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Hanukkah boutique, or are interested in becoming a vendor, please call Marla Bucher, at 972-7307, or Lori Fishkin, at 972-7307.

Our Games/Ladies Night Out will be on December 4th. Please check the Newsletter for more information. We look forward to seeing you there! If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to send in your \$18.00 *Horaiynu* dues. We are grateful to those of you who have already sent in their checks.

Marla Bucher



As the charter of the TRT Men's Club is to foster community and connectivity for the men, couples, and families of TRT, through social and service activities, we had our first fall planning meeting on September 19th. Appointed to the Men's Club Board for 2000-2001 were Jeff Ball, Jay Davis, Neal Finkelstein, Carl Forman, Larry Herman, Matt Jacobson, Barry Kaye, Irwin Kizel, Henry Levenstein and Ken Tedoff.

Some great events are being planned and are under discussion. Watch for dates on upcoming fun and informative Men's Club breakfasts, sporting, theater, couples events, blood drives, CPR courses and more! Men's Club participation is fun and satisfying, and your ideas are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Larry Herman

YOUTH

The Fifty-Sixers

On September 24th, we went on a trip to the Bucks County Playhouse to see *Joseph and the Amazing Techni*color Dreamcoat. It was a great show. Some upcoming events are gym/swim with Temple Shalom, bowling, and mystery movie/Hanukkah games/make your own ice cream sundae night. The Fifty-Sixers is a great program which gives the 11 and 12 year-olds the opportunity to meet others in their age group while

participating in many enjoyable activities. This can produce friendships that last a lifetime. Look for upcoming flyers! Hope to see you soon.

Club Thirty-Four

Club Thirty-Four is off to a flying start. We had a great turnout for Sports "n" Stuff and I have had many inquiries about the trip to the Crayola Factory on November 12th. We also are doing the Crayola Factory trip with the 4th graders from Temple Shalom. This will give the kids the opportunity to meet other Jewish 8 and 9 year-olds from Temple Shalom. Some upcoming events will be a Mad Science party, pizza and making animal balloons, and bowling. Look for upcoming flyers! Hope to see you soon!

Jr. RTSY

The 7th and 8th graders have a new youth group just for them. It is called Jr. RTSY. They have events coming up such as dinner in the Sukkah/outdoor games/and movie late night, dances, Great Adventure, and a Yankee game. These activities give the 7^{th and} 8th graders the opportunity to meet other 13 and 14 year-olds of the Jewish faith. We also do activities with Temple Shalom. Look for upcoming flyers! Hope to see you soon!

Greg Benisch, Youth Advisor, 761-1087

FUNDRAISING

Here's an easy way for you, the congregation, to help raise money for all the programs at Rodeph Torah and it is FREE! It is a new program we have implemented called **SchoolCash.com** which enables you to shop (our favorite thing to do) online and earn cash rebates of up to 20 percent for our programs.

- There are no box tops or labels to collect or count! You do not even have to leave your home!
- It is so easy! You shop for products and services at the SchoolCash.com website. It is a one-click access to over 250 merchants including LL Bean, Gap, Barnes and Noble, Office Max, Oshkosh, JC Penny, and more. There are no hidden markups and nothing for you to calculate!

To participate:

- 1) Go to www.schoolcash.com
- 2) Select Temple Rodeph Torah as your school selection
- 3) Start shopping!

Remember, the more people you tell about this program, the more money we will earn. Please pass the word on to your friends and relatives. Anyone can participate around the country! So, come on and take a moment the next time you are on-line to visit SchoolCash.com. Have fun and help in just a click!

Alyse Gleitman



By now we have "repented" and set our sights on this year's goals. I hope reading Jewishly for fun and spiritual profit is one of your goals. We are looking forward to hearing about your successes. We will even help you report on them! Adults and children are encouraged to read a book, write an opinion, and leave it in the green

plastic envelope (check the Library bulletin board). This month we are featuring God Whispers: Stories of the Soul, Lessons of the Heart, by Karyn D. Kedar. This book might inspire you to take a second look at everything

Maxine Perlman

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

The Women's Spirituality Group begins its second year. It is fun to see how much we did the first year. We began with viewing and discussing the video *A Price above Rubies*. It was a movie that depicted the struggle for individuality of a woman that is part of a religious community. We read the book *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant. The discussion was stimulating and brought about the beginning of our look into our female ancestors. We painted personal journals and pledged to write in them. We read the book *The Busy Soul*, by Rabbi Tern Bookman and discussed morning prayer and meditation. The book gives thought-provoking daily meditations with which to start our day. Meditation and becoming hydrated was next on the agenda. We discussed the part of our spirit that needed to be rehydrated. We made blessing boxes and recounted our individual blessings. At another meeting we explored fertility and for two of our members pregnancy followed. We went on a field trip to a woman's *seder*

Our first meeting this year was a bonding. We freed our spirits of personal stress with food and chitchat and it became obvious that a bonding of friendship and community had grown in one year. This second year is just beginning. We would love for you to bring your spirit once a month and join us.

Janet Crain Klemons

Viewpoint

Reflections

My arms enfold the soft, rich cloth As the weight of *Adonai* rests upon my shoulder. How heavy are the truths of Torah! How gently the velvet caresses my cheek. The rattle of the *k'terim* proceed the shofar blasts. *Tekiah!* Shevarim! Truah!

The shofars' cries resound around me and strengthen me, As does the quiet of companionship beside me. The weight of *Adonai* still rests against my shoulder And yet I am comforted. The rattle of the *k'terim* proceed the shofar blasts.

Tekiah! Shevarim! Truah!

My endless cries to *Adonai* have never gone unanswered. Any still my selfish heart forgets.

The weight of *Adonai* is lifted from my shoulder, And though I let it go, I want to let it settle in my soul.

The rattle of the k'terim proceed the shofar blasts. Tekiah! Shevarim! Truah!

I would like to thank Temple Rodeph Torah, and especially Rabbi Weber, for inspiring me in my continual search for my Jewish identity.

Una M. Tedoff

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



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 10/7-8 Parashat Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32 Summary by Janet Klemons God was mad at the people and prepared to destroy all life, but spared Noah and his family, because he walked with God. He instructed Noah on how to make an ark and whom he should take with him. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights, and God made a covenant with Noah never to destroy humanity and the earth again. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japeth. The whole world branched out from these people. Shem's lineage leads to Nahor, father of Terah, who was the father of Abraham.

Shabbat 10/14-15 Parashat Lech Lecha, Genesis 12:1-17:27 Summary by Sharon Aptaker

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

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

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

Shabbat 10/22-23 Parashat Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24

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

Summary by Sheryl Cooper

Shabbat 10/29

At 10/29 Parashat Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18 Summary by Helene Cooper Sarah dies at 127 years of age. Abraham purchases a cave and lands at Machpelah for her burial place. Abraham later sends a servant to seek a wife for Isaac. In Nahor the servant meets Rebekkah who consents to marry Isaac. Abraham marries Keturah and has six more sons. Abraham dies at the age of 175. Isaac and Ishmael bury him beside Sarah. Ishmael sires 12 sons and lives 137 years.

We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

Barbara Caravella and her children, Ryan, Shay and Alex Michael and Monica Chernow and their children, Annie, Austin and Emily Joel Benjamin Fischer Jason Goldberg Adam and Stacey Gaynor Mark and Linda Glatstian and their children, Danielle, Scott, Carlee and Audra



NEW MEMBERS' SHABBAT

A reminder to all our members, new and old: there will be a New Member Shabbat service on Friday, November 17th, at 8:30 p.m. Please come to services and extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our temple family. For more information, please contact Marsha Diamond, at 536-3738.

TAY-SACHS ALERT

There is currently an advisory about possible incorrect results from Tay-Sachs tests which were conducted by Corning Clinical Laboratories, MetPath, MetWest or Quest Diagnostics between 1992 and 1998. The test *might* have given a false-negative result; that is, you might be a carrier even if the test said you were not.

If you or someone you know were tested during this time, and if you have any thought about having children (even if you have had children, but are considering more), <u>please call Quest Diagnostics, at 1-877-806-8175.</u> They will re-test you for free. It does not matter if you have the original test results, or even if you know which lab did your work, or even if you're not sure it was one of these labs; at this toll-free number, they have a master

Please remember that over 99% of the Jewish population are *not* carriers, and this does not change that fact. But knowing whether your test was accurate is just as important as taking the test itself. *Please call today*, and please contact Rabbi Weber if you have any questions about this test or about Tay-Sachs disease.

WATCH FOR YOUR A.R.Z.A. CHECKOFF

Your December dues bill will include a voluntary \$36 checkoff for dues to A.R.Z.A., the Association of Reform Zionists of America. A.R.Z.A. is now the second largest Zionist organization in the world (after Hadassah), and is the voice for equality and respect for Reform Judaism in Israel. Especially in light of the current extremist tendencies in Israel, your support for this voice of reason and moderation is especially important!

(continued...)

Your dues will help A.R.Z.A. continue its work to guarantee that Israel remains open to all Jews, regardless of our religious affiliation or background. Dues are tax-deductible, and you will automatically be enrolled or re-enrolled by including the \$36 with your temple dues payment. Please help A.R.Z.A. help us all!



PLEASE RESPECT THE RESERVED PARKING SPACES

The parking spaces closest to our building are reserved for people with special needs, represented by "Special Access" license plates and permits. These spaces are placed where they are for a reason, and your cooperation in leaving them available is appreciated. Even in bad weather, even when you are "just going to be a minute," please do not use these spaces without a permit. Thank you.

REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Our Confirmation students each have to complete 18 hours of community service prior to being confirmed. If you have an event, a program, or a job that the students can help you with please contact Una Tedoff, at 946-3492.

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

When scheduling a life-cycle event in which you would like Rabbi Weber to participate (weddings, namings, funerals, unveilings, etc.), please call him first. If you set the time for such events without calling, it may be impossible for him to attend. Though a funeral overrides almost everything else, clearing the time in advance

We understand the stressful nature of such times in our lives, and with your help we can make them a little easier on everyone.

If you have any questions about life-cycle events, please feel free to call Rabbi Weber.

THINKING ABOUT A BAR/BAT MITZVAH IN ISRAEL?

The Reform Movement has an information packet available for anyone considering a Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration in Israel. The arrangements are not complicated, but advance planning — and thought — are required. In addition, Temple Rodeph Torah will help in every way possible to make this occasion special and practical.

For a copy of the packet, call Rabbi Weber.

THE TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life is a symbol of growth and joy. It reminds us of the Torah, which is called "*Etz Chaim*," a tree of life.

The "leaves" of our lobby's tree are designed to be filled with happy memories of our lives — our simchas. As a relatively young congregation, most of the leaves celebrate births and B'nai Mitzvah. Of course, leaves may be purchased for other events such as marriages, anniversaries, and special, important times in our lives. It is truly a wonderful way to commemorate an event! For more information, or to receive a Donor Form, call the temple office.

SHOUT, SHOUT, LET IT ALL OUT!

Do you want to SHOUT OUT your good news to the congregation?

For any special event in your family (birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, new babies, etc.) you can now sponsor an *Oneg Shabbat*. For a minimum of \$18 you can celebrate your *simcha* at any Friday night service. All you have to do is call the temple office at 308-0055, and we'll do the rest! Your donation will help to defray the costs of our weekly *Onegs*.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Sometimes the best way to help yourself is to help others. The Pastoral Care Department at CentraState Medical Center is seeking volunteers to visit patients, especially those with no family, those who are depressed and lonely, and those facing an illness. When you enter a room as a pastoral caregiver you communicate a message of great comfort and strength. Most importantly, you are giving the gift of your presence and your companion-ship to those in need. Training will be offered this fall, for two evening sessions, to help you feel more comfort-able in your new role. For further information please contact Reverend Lisa Lancaster, Director of Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplain, at 294-2744.

"HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

Our thanks to Cathy Karmiller, for organizing and shepherding us through another wonderful Sukkah Promenade. Pictures of all the *sukkot* we visited may be found on the temple web site.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

to Joan and Richie Ruffine, on the birth of their grandson, Jonathan Patrick Elliot

to Bruce Binkowitz, son of Ronda and Joel Binkowitz, on receiving his Doctorate in Clinical Epidemology from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

to Jenna Shapiro, daughter of Marlene and David Shapiro, on her election as Captain of the Marlboro First Aid Squad Cadets

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!

Be a MAZON Partner:

3% of the cost of all your *simchas*, to feed the hungry across the country and around the world!

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger 12401 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 303 Los Angeles, CA 90025 The Board of Directors, Rabbi, Staff and Members of Temple Rodeph Torah mourn the death of our member, Susan Meyerberg and we extend our condolences to her family, Alan, Evan and Jenna.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Andy, Sherry, Jacob and David Kalmus, on the death of Andy's father, Stanley Kalmus to Marc, Meryl, Jennifer and Staci Spritzer, on the death of Marc's grandfather, Herman Farber to Stacey Rasko-Martinis, Stephen Martinis and Garrett and Alixandra, on the death of Stacey's mother, Marcia Rasko

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

You are Cordially Invited

At this very special time in our lives, we invite our family and friends to share in our happiness when our son, Jonathan Wade, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 4, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Susan and Stephen Botnick

With much love and pride, we invite you to be part of a very special day in our lives when our daughter, Nicole Robyn, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 4, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Laurie and Charles Kramer

Please join us on this very special day in our lives when our daughter, Lauren Brooke, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Linda and Charles Sobel

With great pleasure, we invite you to join our family when our daughter, Meryl, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 18, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Lisa, Don, Judd and Cole Abramson

Please join our family, and share in our joy, when our daughter, Danielle Blair, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 18, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services. Joan and Fred Leimbach

CONTRIBUTIONS

Bolender Holocaust Educational Endowment Fund

Marlene, David, Jenna and Sara Shapiro, in memory of Marvin Tobis, father of Michele Lazarowitz in memory of Ralph Brumel, father of Warren Brumel

for the yahrzeit of Sam Litwack

The Mizrachi Family and The Pilcz Family, in memory of Herman Farber, grandfather of Marc Spritzer

Building Fund

Teri and Lou Friedman Debbie Maslansky, in memory of Ralph Brumel

General Fund

Karen Goldstein, for the *yahrzeit* of Anna Salkin Iris, Joel and Daniel Schleifstein, for the *yahrzeit* of Frances Goldman Melanie Belitsky, for the *yahrzeit* of Murray Klein Tamar Earnest and William Earnest

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 Jack Kirschenbaum, in appreciation of the work performed by Richard Herzog, Linda Cranin, and Rabbi Shira Stern, on
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High Holiday Prayerbook Fund

Judy Goldberg, for the *yahrzeit* of Gerry Goldberg Ray Zeltzer, in memory of Irving Zeltzer Colts Neck High School Family, in memory of Edith Nuss, mother of Leslie Auerbach Joan and Richard Ruffine, in honor of the marriage of their daughter Kami, to Kent Frazier

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TRT Sisterhood

Israel Scholarship Fund

Laurie, Steve, Liza and Adam Kaufman, in memory of Marvin Tobis The Gleitman Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Tornberg Ellen, Neal, Rachel and Jill Finkelstein, with best wishes to JoAnn, Steve and Liora Silkes, as they move to Seattle In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Tornberg

Mortgage Fund

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Nursery School Fund

Judy, Lou and Rachel Premselaar, in honor of the marriage of Judy Wiskin's daughter Lara Ellen and Charlie Pearlman, in honor of the wedding of Judy Wiskin's daughter TRT Nursery School Staff, for the speedy recovery of Mary Jacobson, mother of Jo-Ellen Landesman Sindy, Louis, Pam, Aimee and Meri Weiner, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mark Chesler Vivian, Steve and Danielle Feinstein, for the speedy recovery of Mary Jacobson

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Robbin, Neil and Matt Tannenbaum, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Tannenbaum Toni and Sarah Cooper, in appreciation of Rabbi Weber

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jack Kirschenbaum, in celebration of the New Year Ruth and Harry Brachfeld, in celebration of the New Year Helene, Ira, Brett and Chad Kaplan, in honor of Rabbi Weber, Rich Herzog and Rabbi Shira Stern, for helping us and guiding us to return with music, song, spirituality and love Atlene and Ken Kapilow, in honor of the birth of Jacob Lawrence Denner, and in appreciation of Rabbi Weber

Arlene and Ken Kapilow, in honor of the birth of Jacob Lawrence Denner, and in appreciation of Rabbi Weber Carol, Tom and Gordon Franken, in appreciation of our Israel Trip's hospitality on Masada Gloria and Ed Russin Ellen Levine, in memory of her great-aunt, Sadie Sapsovitz, who lived in Israel to the age of 99

Sandy Abramson and Eric Bauer, in memory of their son, Adam Benjamin Bauer

Joel and Andrea Brandt, for the yahrzeit of Clarence Brandt

William, Pat, Jon and Jill Rogove, for the yahrzeit of Ralph Rogove

Rona, Alan, Jason and Cara Shukovsky, for the vahrzeit of Gary Shukovsky

Cynthia and Alfred Hess, for the yahrzeit of Hyman Rabinowitz

Religious School Equipment Fund

Toni and Sarah Cooper, for the *yahrzeit* of Bernard Schaefer For the *yahrzeit* of Seymour Cooper Ellen, Brian, Michael, Corey and Orin Block, for the *yahrzeit* of Charlotte Feld The Berg Family, in honor of Mrs. Haim, for all of her help in preparing Lance for his Bar Mitzvah

Sanctuary Improvement and Beautification Fund

Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, for the *yahrzeit* of Jules Cooper Francine Davis, for the *yahrzeit* of Bernard Shimmerman The Berg Family, in honor of Lance's Bar Mitzvah, and in appreciation of Rabbi Weber for making it so joyous Debbie, Saul, Michael, Brooke and Steven Curtis, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Tornberg

Social Justice Fund

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Temple Beautification Fund

Joan and Richard Ruffine, in honor of the marriage of their daughter Kami, to Kent Frazier Alyse and Gary Gleitman, in memory of Stanley Kalmus, father of Andy Kalmus Nadine, Joel, Lauren, Stephanie and Ryan Sherman, for the *yahrzeit* of Charlotte Feld Kathy, Ron, Ian and Kimberly Tornberg, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Meryl Abramson Sondra, Lewis, Jillian and Marc Wildman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Safchik In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Tornberg

Tree of Life Plaques

Maureen, Joel and Jarrod Dicker, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jacqueline Paige Dicker Ilene, Robert and Jeffrey Horowitz, in honor of the Confirmation of Michael Horowitz Bea and Joseph Adasko, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Chelsea Adasko JoAnn, Steve and Liora Silkes, with love and appreciation for Rabbi Weber and the community of Temple Rodeph Torah

School's future)

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

TEMPLE CONTRIBUTIONS FORM

BOLENDER HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT (For Holocaust education in our temple)
BUILDING FUND (For the construction and maintenance of our home)
CRAIG FISCHER MEMORIAL FUND (To honor Craig's memory with a communal dedication)
GENERAL FUND (For the maintenance of temple programs and activities)
HELENA PROJECT FUND (To provide Shabbat meals for families in times of upset and difficulty)
HERZOG CANTORIAL FUND (For the future cantorial needs of the congregation)
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MORTGAGE FUND
NURSERY SCHOOL (For the development and support of our Nursery School program)
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Administered by the Rabbi for the benefit of the congregation)*
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND (Provides durable equipment for the Religious School)
SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENT and BEAUTIFICATION FUND (To refurbish the Sanctuary)
SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND (To further the work of Sisterhood)
SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND (To support the Committee's work of "repairing the world")
TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND (For the purchase of art and aesthetically pleasing items for our building)
WILLNER/WEINSTEIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND (Provides interest income for the
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*** TREE OF LIFE/MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Life, or to honor the memory of a loved one who has died, please call the Temple office. A Dedication Form will be sent to you.

* Make checks payable to TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund; all other funds payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.

This donation is being made:

In MEMORY of:

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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

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 O	bservance 11/3-11/4	
11/1	Charles J. Cole *	Father of Evan Cole
11/1	Leah Davidowitz	Grandmother of Jay Davis
11/1	Minnie Goldberg	Mother of Sheldon Goldberg
11/1	Rose Katz	Grandmother of Steven Lane Ka
11/1	Milton Guttman	Father of Ro Reibel
11/1	Nat Berland	Grandfather of Sandi Slugh
11/2	Salomon Furer *	Father of Alicia Quint
11/2	Rose Neal *	Godmother of Loretta Shapiro
11/3	George Gross	Father of Fred Gross
11/3	Dora Weber *	Grandmother of Rabbi Don Web
11/4	Max Klein	Father of Ingrid DiFazio
11/4	Sidney Newman	Father of Gerry Newman
Shabbat O	bservance 11/10-11/11	
11/5	Edith Rubin	Mother of Ira Rubin
11/6	Richard C. Loebel *	Brother of Janet Fine
11/6	Marion Rudolph	Mother of Erica Stufsky
11/7	Tamara Litwak	Cousin of Marina Goldberg
11/10	Helen Bogangrand	Mother of Felicia Goldberg
11/10	Jennie Baker Cooper *	Grandmother of Brian Halpern
11/11	Robert R. Singer *	Father of Leslie Rosenstock
11/11	Leon Schubert	Father of Warren Schubert

Shabbat Observance 11/17-11/18

11/12	Leo Geller
11/12	Edward Lewis *
11/13	Thomas Schulman *
11/13	Cecilia Gross
11/13	Leo Goldberg
11/14	Phyllis Sellinger
11/15	Rose Cranin *
11/15	Clara Shukovsky
11/16	Sadie Farber
11/16	Harry Fischer *
11/16	Masha Shulman
11/16	David Rogove
11/17	Charles J. Freilich *
11/18	Abe Sussman
11/18	Samuel Schulman
11/18	Minnie Shapiro

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Father of William Geller Father of Michael Lewis Father of Irene Ash Mother of Fred Gross Father of Elise Sims Stepmother of Laurie Karmel Grandmother of Randy Cranin Mother of Gary Shukovsky 7"1 Mother of Arthur Farber Father of Craig Daniel Fischer 7"1 Grandmother of Steven Kaufman Grandfather of William Rogove Father of Irv Freilich Grandfather of Leslie Auerbach Father of Helena Heitt 5" Grandmother of Randi Sorin

YAHRZE	ITS, continued
Shabbat O	bservance 11/24-11/25
11/19	Dena Goldstein
11/20	Antoinette Arciola
11/20	Jack Geringer
11/20	Janice Laura Seifter *
11/21	Frank Cariello *
11/21	Sylvia Kolodny
11/21	Ida Zeltzer
11/21	Jerry Fogel
11/21	Miriam Kaplan Singer
11/22	Albert Gruenewald
11/22	Sylvia Karmel
11/22	Sara Shraberg
11/22	Jeanne Bohrer
11/22	Phyllis Warshaw
11/22	Harry Shapiro
11/22	Naomi Sugarman
11/23	James E. Mack
11/23	Henry Goutter
11/23	Theresa Amarosa *
11/23	Walter Sundel
11/24	Maxwell Pachman
11/25	Gerald Weiner
Shabbat O	bservance 12/1-12/2
11/26	Jerome Gold
11/26	Hans Michael Rosenow *
11/26	Pauline Seifter *
11/27	Philip Klein
11/28	Morris Zeltzer
11/29	Arthur Gershman
11/29	Tillie Curl
11/29	Rica Zwiebel
11/30	Susan Berger Schack *
11/30	Charles Holtzberg
11/30	Manuel Pollack

Leonard E. Kaufman *

Marcia Kaplan

11/30

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Sister of Goldie Wein Grandmother of Toni Cooper Father of Mark Geringer Niece of Shirley Newman 7", Cousin of Roberta Rafaloff Father of Robert Cariello Mother of Lawrence Kolodny Grandmother of Ellen Levine Uncle of Stacev Rasko-Martinis Mother of Harvey Singer Father of Ernest Grunwald Mother of Arthur Karmel Grandmother of Jon Klein Mother of Patricia Klein Mother of Karen Solomon Father of Irwin Shapiro Mother of Peter Sugarman Grandfather of Marla Bucher Father of Chaim Goutter Aunt of Loretta Shapiro Uncle of Sindy Weiner Father of Shari Schwartz Father of Louis Weiner

Father of Mitchell Gold Stepfather of Ronald Klug Mother of Shirley Newman "", Grandmother of Roberta Rafaloff Father of Jeanette Olshan Grandfather of Ellen Levine Father of Michael Gershman Mother of Steve Korman Grandmother of Steven Silkes Daughter of Samuel Berger, Sister of Judy Goldberg Grandfather of Mark Goldberg Grandfather of Paul Golden Father of Steven Kaufman Sister of Ilene Norber

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

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



TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH

November 2000



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9:30 AM Executive Board No Religious School		7:30 PM Youth Committee 8:30 PM Adult Ed - Beginning Hebrew 8:30 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	6:30 PM RTSY Workshop 8:30 PM Board of Directors	6:45 PM Post-Confirmation 8:10 PM Adult Ed - "Intro to Talmud"	7:30 PM Young People's Shabbat 8:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:00 AM Service B'not Mitzvah of Meryl Abramson & Danielle Leimbach; Minyan Aleph
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October 10, 2000

Temple Rodeph Torah P. O. Box 125 Marlboro, NJ 07746

Dear Congregants:

The Lunch Break pantry received manna from heaven today. The bounty of food which you donated to Lunch Break is astounding!

During the holiday season, Lunch Break prepares "baskets" of holiday foods for approximately 125 families at Thanksgiving, and again at Christmas. In addition, last fall we started an outreach project to low-income senior citizens living at Evergreen Terrace, River Street Commons and Wesleyan Arms housing communities in Red Bank. A grant from the Bonner Foundation allows us to purchase meats for the seniors; and another grant from the United Way of Monmouth County is designated to purchase nonfood items – toiletries and laundry detergent. To "round out" the items provided to the low-income seniors, three times a year we are providing bags of groceries to those same 170 seniors. This outreach is genuinely appreciated by the seniors, but as you may surmise, it uses a great quantity of staple items from the pantry.

The Lunch Break pantry shelves were at nearly an all-time low inventory before your Yom Kippur donation. But with the amazing food drive we received from your congregation today, and the numerous other smaller food drives we will receive over the next few months, we should be able to respond to the upcoming holiday needs.

Thank you very much for the generosity you have shown.

Sincerely,

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Joan M. Benderson Director of Administration, Lunch Break+



TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH OF WESTERN MONMOUTH

So, you got your Driver's License?

Mazal tov!

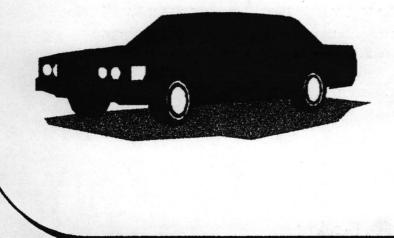
We want to celebrate with you, say a prayer for you (and for your parents, too), and give you a special gift from T.R.T. to mark the occasion.

Please join us at the Shabbat Service on November 17, 2000, at 8:30 p.m., for a special blessing for everyone who has received their license within the past six months.

If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Weber; if not, we'll see you on the 17th!

...and hey — be careful

out there.



Tikkun Olam Day 5761

Sunday, November 19, 2000 Help us start to repair a damaged world Make The Commitment! "Make The Difference"

Tikkun Olam Day is a congregation-wide community service day. This special event <u>WILL NOT CANCEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</u>. Give of yourself to your community while spending quality time with your family members

Rabbi Weber will have a service at 1:00 PM.

You may sign up for more the one event

- I would like to volunteer for the following:
- **Donate blood** (adults only)
- □ Visit a nursing home
- Help clean a beach
- Food drive at local supermarket
- Help Clean Liberty Oak Park
- Help at a local soup kitchen

Name(s):

Phone:

E-mail address:

All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent <u>Children are welcome to all projects except the blood donation</u> Central Jersey Blood will be at the temple from 9 AM to 1PM All other events will be held through out the day. Food will be served through out the day.



TRT'S HANUKKAH PARTY

When: Sunday, December 3rd Time: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food, Judaica, books, costume jewelry, gifts for your family and friends, plus crafts, games and fun activities!

Free Admission!

Religious School students can shop during the following hours: Sun. Dec. 3 - 10:00-12:30 p.m. Mon. Dec. 4 - 4:30-6:15 p.m. Tue. Dec. 5 - 4:30-8:15 p.m.

For further information, call Marla Bucher (972-7307) or Lori Fishkin (972-3594).

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An afternoon of music & tzedakah



I 8th Anniversary Concert TO BENEFIT "MYRIAM'S DREAM"

TRIAM'S DREAM was established in memory of Myriam ndilow, an Israeli schoolteacher disheartened by the lack of pect and understanding her students exhibited toward the erly, especially the elderly poor. Myriam created workshops in usalem employing the elderly and disabled to bind books, create utiful handiwork, and share lessons learned across a lifetime. er Myriam died, **MYRIAM'S DREAM** was founded to further vision, raising funds to support projects worldwide that adice human dignity, promote respect for the elderly and disabled, preserve the valuable heritage of the old teaching the young.

Sunday, Nov. 12 4:00 pm

Reception following concert

Hebrew Union College One West 4th Street, NYC **BEGED KEFET** is a musical tzedakah-collective, donating the proceeds from their performances and recordings to MYRIAM'S DREAM, in order to carry on Myriam Mendilow's dedication to preserving human dignity and promoting understanding, tolerance and respect for all people. **BEGED KEFET** seeks to awaken human hearts and minds to the uniqueness and value of every human being, and to raise funds to support programs which translate this ideal into action. **BEGED KEFET** is: Rabbi Les Bronstein, Rabbi Billy Dreskin, Cantor Ellen Dreskin, Cantor Riki Lippitz, Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller, Beth Sher and Leon Sher.

Admission: \$36 donation

Mail your check (payable to MYRIAM'S DREAM, INC.) to:

Cantor Ellen Dreskin HUC-JIR One West 4th Street New York, NY 10012-1186

Your ticket(s) will be held for you at the door

For additional information, please contact: Cantor Ellen Dreskin (edreskin@huc.edu, 212.824.2217) or Linda Kantor (203.795.4580) or visit the Myriam's Dream website (www.myriamsdream.org)

Temple Rodeph Torah's Third Annual

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JEWISH LITERACY CHALLENGE

Working toward our goal of a literate and educated Jewish Community, we proudly announce our first Literacy Challenge book for the year 5761. The discussion will be held on <u>Sunday, January 7, 2001.</u> This program is open to the entire community, without charge.

The Challenge: The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant

The red tent is the place where women gathered during their cycles of birthing, menses, and even illness. Like the conversations and mysteries held within this feminine tent, this sweeping piece of fiction offers an insider's look at the daily life of a biblical sorority of mothers and wives and their one and only daughter, Dinah. Told in the voice of Jacob's daughter Dinah (who only received a glimpse of recognition in the Book of Genesis), we are privy to the fascinating feminine characters who bled within the red tent. In a confiding and poetic voice, Dinah whispers stories of her four mothers, Rachel, Leah, Zilpah, and Bilhah — all wives to Jacob, and each one embodying unique feminine traits. As she reveals these sensual and emotionally charged stories we learn of birthing miracles, slaves, artisans, household gods, and sisterhood secrets. Eventually Dinah delves into her own saga of betrayals, grief, and a call to midwifery.

Since its publication, *The Red Tent* has been a staple of Jewish feminist reading lists. We believe its message is equally important — and challenging — to men, and so we hope that *everyone* will join in reading and discussing this book.

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

YES, I ACCEPT THE JEWISH LITERACY CHALLENGE!

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This fall's challenge: The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant.

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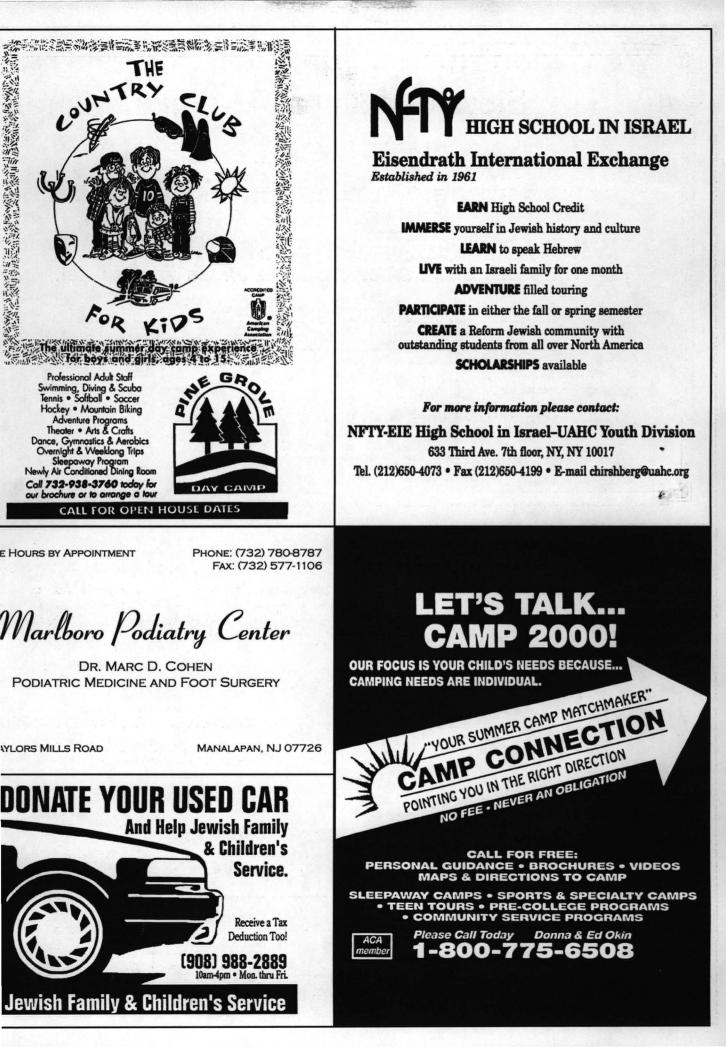
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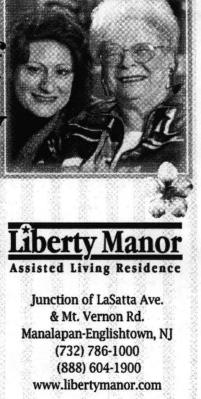


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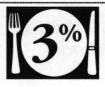
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