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FROM RABBI WEBER

On Rosh Hashanah the Jewish calendar will change from 5768 to 5769. That much we know for sure. But whether *we* will change is something which only *we* can decide.

If we decide not to change, then the New Year will be the Old Year lived over again. And again. And again. Our High Holiday liturgy is filled with prayers asking God to help us *renew* ourselves, rather than simply rerunning old episodes of our lives. But prayers cannot make us change. Our loved ones cannot make us change. Even God cannot make us change. Only *we* can choose to change.

At Temple Rodeph Torah you will see exciting new things this fall. But whether they will affect us and *change* us will depend on our choices. No one else's.

When you come to temple in September you will enter our beautiful new sanctuary. The goal of our new sanctuary is to embrace: to embrace our worshippers, to embrace our tradition and to embrace God. It removes barriers to those in wheelchairs or walkers who will now be able to come to the *bima*, and barriers between worshippers and those leading the service. But whether it will also make it possible for us to embrace each other, our tradition and God is not up to the designers or the contractors. It is up to us.

People say they feel alienated from God, so they don't pray. But praying – communicating with God – is the way to decrease our alienation; it doesn't happen by itself. People say they don't feel connected to Judaism, but to be connected we need to be where Judaism can connect with us. People say they don't come to temple because they don't know anyone, yet all it takes is coming a few times to start recognizing your fellow congregants and having them recognize you. Our new sanctuary invites us to see Judaism differently,

SPECIAL EVENTS
OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS – August 17 & 25
DEDICATION OF OUR NEW SANCTUARY: Watch for your special invitation! – September 12
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEGINS – Week of September 7
“A TASTE OF JUDAISM – ARE YOU CURIOUS?” SESSION 1 – September 14. Registration information inside
FAMILY SELICHOT BAR-B-QUE & SERVICE – September 20
ADULT EDUCATION BEGINS - September 22 & 25. Course information inside
ROSH HASHANAH – September 29-October 1
PICTURES FROM THE 10th GRADE WASHINGTON TRIP ARE ONLINE AT trt.org/dc2008
LEARN FROM OUR CONFIRMANDS THROUGH THEIR ESSAYS AT trt.org/confirmation5768

but only *we* can choose to accept this invitation.

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Some of you have already met Cantor Alexander. She is new, too – new to TRT and new to being a cantor. During months of meeting with her and planning our services for the coming year I have seen that she is very excited about being part of our community. She is also very interested in learning our traditions and our melodies as we pray and grow together. But whether she will actually change our way of praying and increase our joy in spiritual expression is not up to her. It is up to us.

Cantor Alexander brings her own ideas and experiences to us, and offers us the opportunity to rethink what our prayers mean. She has a lot to teach us, but that will only happen if we choose to listen to what she is saying to us. While it is warm and reassuring to hear songs sung just the way they were sung for the past 50 years, “reassuring” does not always help us to change. New melodies, new ideas, new approaches... these are the building-blocks of new ways of praying and new ways of thinking. New – like a New Year.

The first formal Jewish prayers were written when Greek philosophy taught that humans were merely playthings for the gods. Our radical idea that we control our own destiny – that our choices, not fate, determine our future – changed the way the whole world relates to God. Sometimes we wish it were not so: it would be easier to say, “the devil made me do it” than to accept responsibility for our behavior. But if we give up our responsibility to choose, we also give up the ability to change: to improve our lives, and to believe that we can make ourselves and our world better next year than it is today.

From our High Holiday liturgy:

Now is the time for turning. The leaves are beginning to turn from green to red to orange. The birds are beginning to turn and are heading once more toward the south. The animals are beginning to turn to storing their food for the winter.

For leaves, birds and animals, turning comes instinctively. But for us, turning does not come so easily. It takes an act of will for us to make a turn. It means breaking old habits. It means admitting that we have been wrong, and this is never easy. It means losing face. It means starting all over again, and this is always painful. It means saying, 'I am sorry.' It means recognizing that we have the ability to change.

These things are terribly hard to do. But unless we turn, we will be trapped forever in yesterday's ways. God, help us to turn from callousness to sensitivity; from hostility to love; from pettiness to purpose; from envy to contentment; from carelessness to discipline; from fear to faith.

Temple Rodeph Torah is filled with changes this fall. May we see each of them as an inspiration; a sign that we, too, can change.

Shira, Noah, Ari, Eytan and I wish you a happy year. A *new* year.

Shalom,
Rabbi Don Weber

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We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

David and Tracy Beck and their children, Rachel and Matthew
Eva Blankenstein
Norm and Judy Ferber
Ellie Garelick
Kenneth and Kim Glazier and their children, Emily and Joshua
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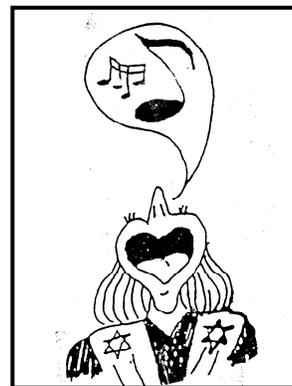
Dear Temple Rodeph Torah,

Thank you so much for my special evening last June 13. I will always treasure the love in your words, both written and spoken. I also want to thank you for my beautiful yad - I will think of TRT every time I read Torah - and for the gorgeous home blessing which is hanging on my wall. My family and I will always be FOTRT - Friends of Temple Rodeph Torah.

All my love,

Cantor Jacqueline Shuchat-Marx

Notes from the Cantor



Shalom, I am so excited to have been welcomed into the TRT community, and I hope that you will all make an appointment, or stop by my office or drop me an e-mail so I can get to know you. Since I am asking to learn about you, let me tell you a bit about myself. I grew up in Chicago, where my family was, and still are, members of KAM Isaiah Israel congregation. People often ask me if I always wanted to be a cantor and I tell them no, because when I was growing up we did not have a cantor and I did not know what one was. I grew up with the music director and composer Max Janowski, most famously known for his compositions of *Avinu Malkeinu* and *Sim Shalom*. He served KAM Isaiah Israel for over 50 years, until he died when I was 11 years old. It was not until my confirmation service, when I was 16, that I met a cantor. Cantor Deborah Bard quickly learned that I enjoyed singing and was familiar with prayers and the musical traditions of the synagogue, and she started putting me on the *bima*, and I guess they say the rest is history.

Along with the musical traditions of my synagogue, mainly the compositions of Max Janowski, I spent nine summers at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute, the URJ camp in Wisconsin. This combination of musical styles instilled in me a desire for diversity and balance in worship, and a comfort with very diverse styles of music. During cantorial school I learned that there is often a clash between those who want fancy “performance” music, written with complex arrangements, and those who prefer simpler participatory melodies; and often I was baffled. Both styles were like home for me, and it seemed a clear compromise to provide for both aesthetic desires during worship. Generally, this is my philosophy and the balance I try to find when planning worship ceremonies.

Before attending cantorial school I graduated from New York University, where I studied comparative religion. I have always been interested in religion; it seems like so much of history has been written by different religious struggles, and I was very interested in learning about the similarities and differences between faiths; how people act because of their faith, and what the faith seems to say about practice. This is a continual study and I welcome discussions and look forward to hearing your opinions or experiences with faith, with other faiths, or with choices of action.

As summer is coming to a close and the holidays are upon us, we often reflect over the year or years. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to gather family to us and celebrate our new year together with old thoughts, prayers and music. This year it will be the same and it will be different. I look forward to becoming part of your community, and learning of the traditions close to Temple Rodeph Torah’s heart, but I will also be putting my own stamp on things. I hope you will be open enough to try me out, for even old tunes may sound different in my voice. And I hope, along with sharing a bit of your stories with me, that you will feel open to sharing your feelings about my innovations.

There is one main philosophy I hope to use to guide my cantorate, and that is service to the community. Who are you? Why are you members of this community? What does it give to you? What do you share with it? What are the traditions of this community? Are they still meaningful today? I want to know who you are as individuals, and how you fit into the group of individuals that calls itself the Temple Rodeph Torah community.

Thank you,
Cantor Joanna M. Alexander

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 8/1 - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:30 p.m.
 ✦ **Birthday Blessings for August**; Candle Lighting 7:53 p.m.
- Saturday, 8/2 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Friday, 8/8 - Shabbat Services:
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:00 p.m. – Service
 Candle Lighting 7:44 p.m.
- Saturday, 8/9 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Friday, 8/15 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
 Conversion ceremony for Carissa Schlesinger
 Sermon: “The Origin of Jewish Guilt”
 Candle Lighting 7:35 p.m.
- Saturday, 8/16 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Friday, 8/22 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
 Sermon: “Chosen People Snobbery”
 Candle Lighting 7:25 p.m.
- Saturday, 8/23 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Friday, 8/29 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
Aufruf for Chad Kaplan and Melissa Chill
 Sermon: “The Commandment to Teach Our Children”
 ✦ **Anniversary Blessings for August**; Candle Lighting 7:14 p.m.
- Saturday, 8/30 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Friday, 9/5 - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:30 p.m.
 Sermon: “Making the New Year New”
 ✦ **Birthday Blessings for September**; Candle Lighting 7:03 p.m.
- Saturday, 9/6 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
 B’nai Mitzvah: Melissa Albert and Justin Menasse
- Friday, 9/12 - Shabbat Services:
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:00 p.m. – **SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY**
 Candle Lighting 6:51 p.m.
- Saturday, 9/13 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.

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- Friday, 9/19 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
Sermon: “Accepting God’s Blessings”
Candle Lighting 6:36 p.m.

- Saturday, 9/20 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.

- **SELICHOT BAR-B-QUE AND SERVICE**
6:00 – FAMILY BAR-B-QUE
Open to the whole temple community, without charge; RSVP to the office to attend!
8:00 – SELICHOT SERVICE
You are invited to join us for the first High Holiday service, filled with music and “warm up” for Rosh HaShanah.

- Friday, 9/26 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
Sermon: “Why would we come to services today, when Rosh Hashanah is Monday night?”
✦ **Anniversary Blessings for September**; Candle Lighting 6:27 p.m.

- Saturday, 9/27 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.

- Monday, 9/29** - **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**
Service at Marlboro High School. Consult your ticket for time.

- Tuesday, 9/30** - **ROSH HASHANAH DAY I**
Services at Marlboro High School. Consult your ticket for times.

- Wednesday 10/1** - **ROSH HASHANAH DAY II**
Service at Temple Rodeph Torah. Consult your ticket for times.

**** Please note: High Holiday services will be held at Marlboro High School this year. Photo ID is required for entry to all High Holiday services except Children’s Services.**

Please call the temple office if you know of any temple member who is ill, or who has been admitted to the hospital. We want to visit and offer our help, but we cannot help unless we know about them!

Effective immediately, our Family Services will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday night of every month.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The spirit of renewal and reinvigoration is permeating the halls of TRT this summer as I prepare my first communiqué to you, our members and friends, as the new president of our temple. The voices of students trekking through the corridors on their way to Religious School have been temporarily replaced by hammers, drills and saws as our new sanctuary takes shape.

The new *bima* and ark, clad in Jerusalem limestone, is looking just like its designers envisioned, as are the walls of the sanctuary, with its new millwork, soft accent lighting, and fresh wall covering. On the exterior, our custodial staff has teamed up to power wash the building walls, spruce up our landscaping, and clear up the parking lot from winter debris. When our children return, they will find that a new, modern playground, donated by a temple family, has replaced our timeworn playground that has served its purpose for many years.

Physical improvements are only the beginning. Cantor Joanna Alexander joined us on July 1 and has been participating in services since July 4. She has a beautiful voice, and all who have met her agree that she is warm, friendly, and a wonderful addition to our temple community. She is working hard to learn about who we are both individually and as a temple, so if you have not already done so, please join us for services, or just introduce yourselves to her when you are around the temple.

Next is our new logo, which you may have observed on our letterhead, new membership package, and other printed material that leaves our offices. This logo is symbolic of our efforts, as a reform congregation, to communicate that the many programs and services offered by our organization are constantly evolving with our changing world, to better serve you our members and the community at large.

Our newly constituted Board of Directors, consisting of a fair number of new members and returning “veterans”, is hard at work, collaborating with our clergy, membership and staff to make TRT an even better place to learn and pray. Please think about joining one of our committees, and putting yourselves on a track toward temple leadership.

Please call me, or any one of our directors, to learn how you can give back to our temple community as we prepare for a new year of health and happiness.

B' Shalom
 Irwin H. Kizel

EDUCATION

From the Desk of Rabbi Shira Stern:

In my most comforting daydream I see a group of women sitting around a comfortable kitchen table, with oatmeal cookies and tea at hand, fire in the background, catching up on all the latest news or advice as they sit knitting and crocheting their hearts out.

I like when things you dream about actually come to fruition, so it makes me happy to describe our nascent Temple Rodeph Torah Knitting Group. Some of us are veteran knitters, others just beginning, but we provide patterns for all skills levels, wool and needles, all you would need to join in the fun. This wonderful group meets regularly at irregular times, for the purpose of good conversation, fabulous cookies, great guidance and... acts of social justice.

Acts of social justice? For years and years, women have been getting together to quilt wedding blankets for friends, or a baby layette or clothes for a family in dire need. And so we have taken on a similar task, to knit for the needy and create caps for those undergoing chemotherapy. There is a new basket in our TRT entryway: along with birthday supplies for children in Monmouth County and food for the Asbury Park Soup Kitchen, we now have one overflowing with mittens, scarves and caps to share with the Hebrew Union College soup kitchen in New York and the Cancer Center of New Jersey at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Being a part of this knitting group is much like envisioning a great religious school. Ideally, a temple's religious school should be a place where students come for good conversation about all things Jewish, fabulous snacks, great guidance from teachers, clergy and other students, all the while doing acts of social justice. This past year we introduced a new principal, some new teachers, a year-long "Go Green" theme and snacks to keep up energy levels. We emphasized the connection between just book learning and acting justly, between *knowing* Jewish and *doing* Jewish. To reinforce the message, 75 of us marched together up Fifth Avenue in June's Israel Day Parade.

This year we will continue the theme of *tzedakah*: literally, acts that bring justice and righteousness in the world. *Tzedakah* is not only about bringing in change for class, but changing the world we live in. Most important, it is about empowering our children with the "how-to" to make a real difference in *their* world, so they can begin to feel responsible as educated, moral and ethical human beings. We need to prepare them to know what it will take to become a Jew in the 21st century.

We hope you will partner with us as we start the new school year. Continue to be a role model for your kids: join us when we study - see the newsletter for information about Adult Education. Join us when we act justly when we volunteer at the soup kitchen, remind your children to bring in weekly *keren ami* donations and food and toys for our holiday charity drives.

Do you knit? Join us when we knit in the evening (check the office and TRT Flash for details), or join us on selected Sunday mornings when you carpool your kids.

My real fantasy is a dream that we all do this together. Help make my dream come true.

I am looking forward to seeing you as we begin a New Year at TRT.

We wish you a healthy, meaningful and happy New Year.

Rabbi Shira Stern

ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Education Committee believes it is important that our Jewish teenagers have the opportunity to experience a trip to Israel. A trip to Israel is one of the best ways for teens to explore their Jewish heritage, strengthen their Jewish identity, and make a permanent connection to Judaism.

We would like to remind the congregation about the Israel Scholarship Fund. The money that accumulates in this fund is used to provide financial support to any student either in the confirmation program or who has been confirmed, for participation in an approved youth trip to Israel. Contributions to the Israel Scholarship Fund can be for any amount, and are a wonderful way to remember a birthday, graduation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, or any other special occasion.

Who is eligible for an Israel Scholarship?

Any student presently in the confirmation program or any student who has been confirmed, up through and including the summer after 12th grade, can receive assistance from the Israel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is not need-based; it is a merit scholarship awarded to any eligible student who is going on an approved youth trip to Israel.

When should you make your request for a scholarship?

A minimum of two months before the student's departure to Israel, a request should be made in writing to the Education Committee. Please provide documentation of the student's enrollment in an Israel trip program.

How much money is awarded?

Money in the Israel Scholarship Fund will be equally divided among all eligible students traveling to Israel that year. The amount of money will not exceed \$1,000 per student. The amount given to each student is based on the amount of money in the fund as of May 31 and will be distributed in June.

The Education Committee looks forward to the time when many of our confirmation students travel to Israel with the help of the Israel Scholarship Fund. We appreciate the congregation's generosity in considering the Israel Scholarship Fund when making a donation to the temple.

If you have any further questions about the Israel Scholarship Fund, please contact Ellen Finkelstein at 732-972-8624 or at ellenstf@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Rodeph Torah participates in Reform Judaism's nationwide Adult Education Program, *KEVA*. This program recognizes individuals who show a dedication to Jewish study and learning through their participation in Adult Education courses.

Three milestones mark the path to a *KEVA* award: at 50 hours of study, our congregation will present a certificate honoring each student. At 100 hours of study, a certificate will be presented to the students by the Union for Reform Judaism, and the students will be recognized nationwide for their achievement. And when an Adult Education student completes 365 hours of study they receive the URJ's highest award, *CHAVER KEVA*. To date, more than 100 members of Temple Rodeph Torah have received the *KEVA* award, and 16 have been granted the *CHAVER KEVA* award.

In June we honored our adults who have reached or surpassed the 50-hour Adult Education mark, and who received the **RODEPH TORAH Award**:

**Bernard Aaron
Debbie Aidelman
Michael Chasin**

**Richard Eichel
Sherri Hiller
Lewis Levison**

**Juli Mercado
Richard Ruffine
Nancy Schlem**

In addition, three more students joined those who have already received the **KEVA Award**, for completing 100 hours of study:

Wendy Marks

Bonnie Miller

Susan Stier

And this year, we honored three of our members for the extraordinary achievement of completing 365 hours of study, and receiving the **CHAVER KEVA Award**:

Pam Brisman

Nina Grossman

Shelley Willner

The following students in our Adult Education program successfully completed courses last year. (A * by the name indicates perfect attendance for the entire year:

Hasidic Tales, Daytime Course

Susan Baron	Ann Goldstein	Ellen Levine	Reva Shapiro
Judy Borell	Suzie Hershman	Wendy Marks	Phyllis Solomon
Pam Brisman *	Janet Crain Klemons	Juli Mercado	Susan Stier *
Vivian Feinstein	Judy Kramer	Maxine Perlman *	Shelley Willner

Hasidic Tales, Evening Course

Sheila Aptaker	Steve Chodos	Marsha Koster
Jeff Aptaker	Randye Derris	Henry Levenstein
Bernie Aaron	Richard Eichel	Phyllis Levenstein
Rhonda Barter	Bill Fireman	Lynn Michaels
Carol Chasin	Ilene Fireman	Charlie Pearlman
Sheryl Cooper *	Ellen Finkelstein	Irv Perlman
Bruce Cooper *	Neal Finkelstein	Lisa Perlman
Sandy Craig	Bob Goldschlag	Stuart Schlem
Lynn Chodos	Bonnie Goldschlag	Lynn Sternberg

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Judaism

Debbie Aidelman	Nancy Schlem
Bonnie Miller	Wendy Eigen-Weinstein

Mazal tov to all our students, and especially to these students who honor us through their devotion to Jewish learning.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is having an Open House on Sunday, August 17th, from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Monday, August 25th, from 7-8:30 p.m. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family that are interested in joining a temple. Did you know that if you refer a friend to the temple, you receive one month free dues? Why not recommend Temple Rodeph Torah and benefit from this wonderful incentive! It would be a great idea to join them at the Open House to make them feel more comfortable in our congregation. Do you remember the first time you walked into the temple? Perhaps you felt a little uncomfortable. By joining your friend at the Open House they will avoid this moment and you will have done a mitzvah!

If you see someone you don't recognize at services or at Religious School carpool, why not say hello and introduce yourself to them? They are probably a new member and are feeling a little out of place. Imagine how much

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better they would feel if people at the temple were warm and friendly to them!

If you know someone who is interested in joining the temple, I would be happy to contact them. Please call me at 732-972-7307 or e-mail me at mmack59@aol.com. Don't forget to tell your parents and/or grandparents that they can join the temple for \$180 for a couple and \$90 for a single if you are a full member. Now you can all worship and study together and enjoy the benefits of being a member of our Temple Rodeph Torah family.

School will be here before you know it, so continue to enjoy the lazy, hazy, hot days of summer!

Marla Bucher

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee welcomes you all back from what we hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Now, once again, it is time to begin our work towards *Tikkun Olam*. We look forward to the return of our old committee members and strongly encourage those who have considered participation in the past to make this the year to give us your support!

We plan to start off the year with a school supply collection for needy children in our area. In June, we asked you to save your "gently used" backpacks. Now, we ask you to watch for the August school supply sales...and stock up! We will accept any school related items. The Social Action Committee will have a one-day collection scheduled for Sunday, September 14th, from 10 a.m. to noon in the temple lobby. Please call the office if you would like to donate but cannot make it to the temple at that time.

In addition, look for the return of our collection bins for our ongoing programs. We will again partner with Freehold Open Door to provide Birthday Bags for needy children. Also, we will resume contact with a troop overseas. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

Remember to look for the *mitzvah* pledge sheet in your High Holiday bags. This will allow us to contact you regarding your specific interests. A flier will also include special needs for our annual food drive. As in the past, we will be collecting for the Monmouth County Food Bank with a pick up at our *Yom Kippur* services.

We truly appreciate the past support given to the Social Action Committee. Without you, we cannot be effective. We depend on your continued participation in our current projects, and of course, we urge you to share ideas for additional future endeavors. Please join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10th at 7 p.m. We expect to hold future meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

Mindy Krull and Shari Canell

Reminder –

**All newsletter submissions should be sent to:
trtnewsletter@gmail.com**

Any questions concerning the newsletter should be directed to Sara Levenstein at the above e-mail address or to the temple office. Please remember that all **articles must be sent in by the first of the preceding month.**



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 8/1-2

Parashat Masa'ei, Numbers 33:1-36:13

Summary by Bruce Cooper

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

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

Shabbat 8/8-9

Parashat Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Summary by Jill Finkelstein

Moses tells the Israelites that God has decided that they have done enough wandering, and it is now time to enter the land of Israel which God promised them. Moses reminds the people of their history: because there were too many of them to handle, he had picked chiefs of each tribe. He then sent 12 men to seek out the best route to the land before the others were to enter. However, when they returned, the Israelites did not want to enter the land because they feared the Amorites. God became angry that the people did not have faith, and so God punished them and would not let the older generation, including Moses, enter the land of Israel. So the Israelites wandered around some more until the older generation died out. They had to pass through the territories of some other tribes. When they reached Israel, Moses divided up the land for the Israelite tribes and explained to Joshua how to handle strangers passing through the land.

Shabbat 8/15-16

Parashat Ve'etchanan, Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Summary by Marge Stevens

God would not let Moses cross the Jordan but told him to give Joshua instructions to lead the Jews to the promised land. Moses, commanded by God, instructed the Jews to observe, study and abide by the Covenant with God, recognize there is only one God and teach these rules to their children. Failure to abide by the rules would cause destruction while observing them would bring lasting good and survival.

Shabbat 8/22-23

Parashat Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Summary by Maxine Perlman

God tells the people what will happen if they observe the commandments and laws of the Torah: most important, God will maintain the covenant that was made with our ancestors. God will make the people and their livestock fruitful and healthy, and will protect the people while they dislodge those nations who worship other gods from the land promised to us. God cautions them not to forget the commandments when they are prosperous, so God will not be provoked to anger against them as happened in the desert. "Love, therefore, Adonai your God, and always keep God's charge, God's laws, God's rules and God's commandments."

Shabbat 8/29-30

Parashat Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Summary by Bonnie Sugarman

God provides instructions for the Israelites as to how to live their lives once they take possession of Canaan. These rules include destroying the Canaanite idols and their sites of worship, and establishing

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their own temples only in God's specified places. There is strict prohibition against following prophets of other gods, and even if it is a relative, you are required to put such a person to death, along with his converts, their possessions and their livestock. There are laws regarding the animals that may and may not be eaten (later to be the basis of *kashrut*), as well as rules concerning the remission of debts, prohibition on extending loans to other Israelites, and giving to the needy. Finally, there are instructions for observance of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Shabbat 9/5-6 *Parashat Shofetim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9* Summary by Ken Tedoff

This Torah portion consists of three main themes — justice within the community, election of a King, and behavior during wartime. Its two lesser themes are the coming of a prophet and making a sacrifice for an unresolved murder. A few of the main points are as follows: in relation to justice we should not bear false witness against someone; it takes at least two witnesses to convict a person of a transgression; we should protect a person who accidentally kills but not one who purposely kills; and we should abide by the decision of a judge on any matter put before him. In relation to picking a King it states that the King should be of our brethren, should commit his life to study, and should not consider himself above the community. Before going to war with someone we should offer peace. If we must go to war we should not kill women and children nor destroy the countryside that could provide for us. We should not take the ways of those we conquer but stay true to our laws.

Shabbat 9/12-13 *Parashat Ki Tetze, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19* Summary by Peter Sugarman

This section contains a series of diverse laws intended to impose a moral fabric on the Jewish society, so Israel may be a worthy people for God and deserve their special status as God's people. For example, laws cover topics including a disloyal and defiant child, burial of a criminal, marriage and sexual behavior, physical hygiene, and helping the weak. Other laws try to preserve the intent of creation by avoiding unnatural mixes, such as a man wearing a woman's clothing.

Shabbat 9/19-20 *Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8* Summary by Gloria and Ed Russin

Prior to the Israelites entering the promised land, Moses reminds the Israelites of how God guided them through 40 years in the wilderness, and of the covenant that they entered into with God. Moses tells the Israelites that they will prosper so long as they observe all of the commandments and laws given to them by God. Should they not observe God's commandments they will suffer many curses and ultimately be destroyed.

Shabbat 9/26-27 *Parashat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20* Summary by Helene Cooper

In this portion Moses tells all of Israel what will become of them should they turn from the Teachings of Adonai. He assures them that, though the curses are thorough and harsh, Adonai will restore them to God's blessings if they return to God's Teachings. He tells them that these Teachings are right there for them always and available to all of them. With this Moses presents the Israelites with the choice between being blessed and loving Adonai or being cursed for not.

Please come and help us make a minyan every
Saturday morning
10:00 A.M. in the Youth Lounge.
We pray, sing, learn and nosh together in a warm,
casual atmosphere. All ages are wanted and welcome.

NEWS AND NOTES

EGG-FREE CHALLAH RECIPE AVAILABLE

A temple member has developed a number of recipes for egg-free cooking, including a delicious *challah*. If you would like this recipe or a list of the other recipes available, just ask Rabbi Weber.

CHECK OUT MAZON'S REPORT CARDS

Temple Rodeph Torah has been a Partner Congregation of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger for more than two decades. We are pleased to advise you that, in three independent evaluations, MAZON has again received the highest grades possible for charitable organizations. Charitynavigator (www.charitynavigator.org) has given a four-star rating, their highest. Charity Watch (www.charitywatch.org) gives MAZON an A. And MAZON is included in the Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau, in full compliance with their stringent Standards of Accountability. We applaud MAZON for its commitment to keeping its expenses low and the quality of its work very high. We are proud to be partners!

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Did you know that most of our members joined because they knew someone who already belonged? Your invitation to a neighbor or friend to join you at a service is the best advertising we have. We are also happy to send our Newsletter to any interested family, but we can't do it until you tell us who they are. Call Marla Bucher, our Membership Chairperson, at 732-972-7307, and give her the names; she will take it from there. Think about what your belonging to Rodeph Torah means to you, and help us reach out to others. (Besides, you can always use another driver for the carpool...)

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

When scheduling a life-cycle event in which you would like either Rabbi Weber or Cantor Alexander to participate (weddings, namings, funerals, unveilings, etc.), *please call them first*. If you set the time for such events without calling, it may be impossible for them to attend. Though a funeral overrides almost everything else, clearing the time in advance may save us from disrupting classes or programs already scheduled.

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, at 732-409-1268, or Cantor Alexander, at 732-308-2311.

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You are Cordially Invited

With much love and pride we invite you to share our joy when our son, Justin, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Dina, Michael, Erica and Alexa Menasse

Throughout our lives we are given a few special moments to hold in our hearts forever...Please share our happiness when our daughter and sister, Melissa Ashley, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah in our new sanctuary on Saturday September 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Gail, Jaime, and Scott Albert

HONORABLE MENSCHEN

The Social Action Committee would like to recognize all who participated in our Food Drive on June 29th, 2008. The response was tremendous and truly appreciated by the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Special thanks goes out to the following people who collected at two supermarkets that day: Marla Bucher, Shari and Lindsay Canell, Blake Corrao, Rich, Gabrielle, Josh and Matthew Eichel, Ilene and Bill Fireman, Larry and Karen Goldstein, Kylie and Larry Hall, Geri Kaplan, Andrea Kazin, Lisa and Irwin Kizel, Bonnie and Rich Miller, Sue Stier, and Shelley and Marc Willner. We would also like to send a special thank you to Bill Fireman for coordinating our efforts.

Temple Rodeph Torah extends its deepest thanks to David Joseph, who volunteered to archive all of our Confirmation pictures, going back to the first ones. David gently removed each picture from the wall, scanned and cleaned them up and provided us with a disk which we can save forever.

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to Nicole Glasser, on being named to the Dean's List, with a 4.0 GPA, for the spring semester at
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to Josh Eichel, on winning first place for the 6th grade at Marlboro Memorial Middle School, in a
community safety awareness poster contest on the dangers of texting while driving

to Josh Bucher, on his acceptance to Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia

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!



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

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These names will be included in the list of *yahrzeits* on the Shabbat indicated. In addition, at our Friday evening service and Shabbat morning *minyan*, we will invite all those who wish to rise and say the name of the one(s) for whom they are saying *Kaddish*.

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
Shabbat Observance 8/1-8/2		
8/1	Gladys Cohen	Mother of Marcia Falk
8/2	Samuel Morris Merwitz	Father of Robin Silverman
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8/3	Paul Ash *	Father of Joseph Ash
8/3	Jonah Pollack	Brother-in-Law of Jerome Wainick
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8/15	Libby R. Willner	Mother of Marc Willner
8/16	Henry Bernstein	Father of Rhonda Goodman
8/16	Nathan Samuels	Father of Bernice Levison

8/16	Irving Samuelson *	Father of Susan Berman
8/16	Frances Stein	Mother of Doreen Mizrachi
8/16	Helen Wiskin	Mother of Jerry Wiskin
8/16	Shirley Zeltzer	Aunt of Ellen Levine

Shabbat Observance 8/22-8/23

8/18	Stephen Chasin	Brother of Michael Chasin and Uncle of Tod Chasin
8/18	Ethel Kargman *	Mother of Judith Borell
8/18	Louis Magazine	Father of Maxine Herzog
8/18	Louis Zukoff	Father of David and Marc Zukoff
8/19	Charles Grossman *	Father of Richard Grossman
8/20	Harry Brown *	Father of David Brown
8/20	Nettie Litwak *	Grandmother of David Shapiro
8/20	Dora Rosenkranz	Grandmother of William Rogove
8/20	Jack Sundel	Grandfather of Sindy Weiner
8/21	Barnett Abrams	Grandfather of Andrea Kazin
8/21	Louis Glazer *	Father of Myrna Kluger
8/21	Leo Rozany	Father of Jeff Rozany
8/21	Irving Yoskowitz *	Father of Audrey R. Goldberg
8/22	Maurice Steinberg	Uncle of Marsha Koster
8/22	Moe Weissman *	Father of Phyllis Freedman
8/23	Rubin Chernick	Father of Steven Chernick
8/23	Albert Fastow	Grandfather of Michael Klass
8/23	Selma Futterman	Mother of Marjorie Stevens
8/23	Scott Joseph Kadis *	Brother of Stephanie Weissman
8/23	Michael Prager *	Father of Leonard Prager

Shabbat Observance 8/29-8/30

8/24	Chaim Sellinger	Grandfather of Laurie Karmel
8/25	Etta Borell *	Mother of Martin Borell
8/25	Ruth Galland	Mother of Debra Gleich
8/26	Morris Abraham Leifer *	Husband of Ceil Leifer and Father of Susan Barber
8/26	Ellis Lustig *	Father of Marsha Gross
8/26	Sylvia Salgonic Solar	Grandmother of Sharon Solar
8/26	Irving Wainick	Father of Jerome Wainick
8/27	Lena Levison	Mother of Lewis Levison
8/27	Marion Feuerman Vaccarella *	Mother of Rosemary Calman
8/28	Milton Kadis *	Father of Stephanie Weissman

Shabbat Observance 9/5-9/6

8/31	Diana Fireman	Mother of William Fireman
9/1	Gela Janover	Grandmother of Gail Davis
9/1	Evelyn Ruth Konigsberg *	Mother of Steve Konigsberg
9/1	Irene Lazarus	Mother of Marcia Borshof
9/1	Seymour Ringel *	Husband of Susan Ringel and Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
9/1	Myron Silberman	Father of Jerry Silberman
9/1	Baruch Viesel	Grandfather of Gail Davis
9/2	Ruth Cohen	Aunt of Sharon Katzanek

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9/2	Henry Dercher	Father of Aron Dercher
9/2	Mary Ann Lukow *	Mother of Linda Weinberg
9/2	Michael Murphy	Father of Una Tedoff
9/2	Matthew Paduano	Son of Frances Paduano
9/3	Sylvia Chazanoff	Mother of Leonard Chazanoff
9/3	Samuel Mautner	Father of Phyllis Porter
9/4	Stanley Schwartz *	Father of Ginny Kotler
9/4	Max Sprechman *	Father of Harold Sprechman
9/5	Abraham Szmulewicz	Grandfather of Evan and Jenna Meyerberg
9/6	Gussie Blacker	Grandmother of Bonnie Sugarman
9/6	David Goldstein	Father of Sanford Goldstein

Shabbat Observance 9/12-9/13

9/7	Bernard Carpman	Father of Shari Carpman-Goldberg
9/7	Rose Perl	Grandmother of Ellen Levine
9/7	Lester Porter	Father of Craig Porter
9/7	Sadie Rosen	Mother of Linda Prince
9/7	Milton Yoskowitz	Father of Amy Cohen
9/8	Martha Nemerov *	Grandmother of Randy Cranin
9/9	Alex Paul Kargman *	Father of Judith Borell
9/9	Abraham Quint *	Father of Michael Quint ז"ל
9/9	Minnie Rosenberg *	Mother of Sheri Binder
9/10	Israel "Babe" Gendel *	Father of Lisa Abramson
9/10	Lillian Shames *	Mother of Anita Prager
9/11	Gerald Brown	Father of Sindy Weiner
9/11	Brian F. Goldberg *	Husband of Jodie Sherer, Son-in-Law of Brian and Andrea Shorr and Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
9/11	Ida Gross *	Grandmother of Ruth Kaufman
9/11	Stewart D. Harris *	Husband of Sheila Harris, Father of Elisa and Craig Harris and Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
9/11	Ruth Korkes *	Great-Aunt of Randy Cranin
9/11	Deborah Susan Pfaeffle	Sister of Jeffrey Stevens
9/11	Murray D. Ross *	Father of Lynn Chodos
9/12	Andre Shimone Greenhouse	Son of Cliff Greenhouse
9/12	Thedia Lytle	Grandmother of Linda Cranin
9/13	Kenneth Gelfand	Brother of Maxine Liebers

Shabbat Observance 9/19-9/20

9/14	Bella Ash *	Mother of Joseph Ash
9/14	Harry Borell	Uncle of Martin Borell
9/14	Aaron Goldapper	Grandfather of Judith Borell
9/14	Harry Moskowitz	Grandfather of Bonnie Sugarman
9/15	Ralph R. Brumel	Father of Warren Brumel
9/15	Reyna Cielak	Mother of Fanny Alerhand
9/15	Jacob Cohen *	Father of Marcia Falk
9/15	Judith Lake	Mother of Edward Lake
9/15	Michael Spiegel	Father of Mitchell Spiegel
9/16	Avram Shimon Kitay	Cousin of Marlene Shapiro
9/18	Barry Berkowitz	Cousin of Sheryl Cooper and Ellen Finkelstein
9/18	Harry Finkelstein	Father of Neal Finkelstein

9/18	Etta Rosenfeld	Great-Grandmother of Randy Cranin
9/19	Stanley Kalmus	Father of Andrew Kalmus
9/19	Esther Prager *	Mother of Leonard Prager
9/19	Rebecca "Muttu" Smilovici	Grandmother of Josephine Paltin

Shabbat Observance 9/26-9/27

9/21	Joan Baron	Mother of Bruce Baron
9/21	Sam Borell *	Father of Martin Borell
9/21	Sharon Frankenberg	Sister of Lana Chernick
9/22	Jennie Eterno *	Grandmother of Loretta Shapiro
9/22	Robert Forman *	Father of Carl Forman and Enid Brown ז"ל
9/23	Charles Eichel *	Father of Richard Eichel
9/23	Sara Rozin	Mother of Mina Paltin and Grandmother of Josephine Paltin
9/23	Steven Russin *	Son of Ed and Gloria Russin
9/23	Morris Jacob "Joe" Schwitz *	Grandfather of Mark Schwitz
9/23	Herbert Tedoff	Father of Ken Tedoff
9/24	Arnold Krupin	Father of Shari Rosen
9/24	Lita Selsky *	Wife of Gerald Selsky
9/24	Sylvia Weinstein	Grandmother of Helene Kaplan
9/26	Violet Tenenzapf *	Mother of Donna Chazanoff
9/26	Rachel Wajngold	Mother of David Wajngold
9/27	Sid Sklar	Father of Arlene Goldberg
9/27	Lillian Zaitz *	Mother of Jed Zaitz

Shabbat Observance 10/3-10/4

9/28	Hyman Misshula	Father of Irwin Misshula
9/29	Harvey Abramson *	Husband of Sophia Abramson and Father of Debra Kullback
9/30	Anna Amster Mandelbaum	Grandmother of Elyse Langner

* 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.

