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Torah **NEWS**  
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Dear Rabbi Weber,

*I was wondering why TRT has religious school two days a week for 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Another Reform congregation in our area advertises “1-Day Religious School.” Are we doing something that cannot be done in one day a week?*

*A Curious Congregant*

Dear C.C.,

I was trying to figure out the best way to answer your question, and I decided to let others do it for me. I sent an email to the TRT college kids – students who went through our religious school years ago, and still keep in touch while they are away. I asked them what they remember from their religious school experience at TRT, and here are some of their responses.

*I loved the mock wedding in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*The best was learning Hatikvah and being able to sing it by heart, as well as being able to make friends and keeping those friends as the years went by.*

*The imaginary trip to Israel.*

*The trip to the Lower East Side, back in the good old days of Gus’ Pickles.*

*My best memories of religious school were leading class services for our parents.*

*I probably sat in my last class with Mrs. Klein more than ten years ago, but I still remember the way she left us thinking and wanting to form our own opinions on what we learned.*

*7<sup>th</sup> grade class with Rabbi Weber. The class was probably the first time I can remember being treated truly as an adult in an academic setting, where we were actually trusted to maintain a discussion instead of just being quiet and listening.*

*Painting the tiles that were hung on the wall of the sanctuary.*

*The make-your-own tallit workshop.*

*The “shetel” program.*

*The aleph-bet play.*

*The trip to the Jewish cemetery*

*The 6<sup>th</sup> grade play. It was a lot of fun, and while I didn’t understand all the Yiddish jokes, I remember all the parents in the audience laughing a lot.*

*My best memory is my “Shema Yisrael” pillow. It’s here on my bed at school.*

*I think our 7<sup>th</sup> grade discussions with Rabbi Weber were a great way to prepare for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. And having the ice cream party at the end was a nice way to wrap up the year.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**SHAVUOT / CONFIRMATION / YISKOR  
– June 8**

**THANK-YOU AND FAREWELL  
SERVICE FOR CANTOR SHUCHAT-  
MARX – June 13**

**INSTALLATION OF TEMPLE BOARD,  
ADULT EDUCATION AWARDS – June 20**

**SERVICE IN HONOR OF OUR  
SANCTUARY, IN PREPARATION FOR  
THE RENOVATION – June 20**

**SERVICES CONTINUE THROUGH THE  
SUMMER AND THROUGH THE  
RENOVATION.**

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*My best memories from religious school are shtetl night when we were all dressed up and singing, and I believe it was 6<sup>th</sup> grade when we studied our families and made a family tree and then went to the Jewish museum in New York. Music with Billy Grainer and Mrs. Joseph*

C.C., do you notice what is *not* on this list? Not one student wrote, “I loved Chapter Five in my 4<sup>th</sup> grade textbook,” or “The best part was learning how to pronounce the Hebrew letters.” That is because no one *remembers* Chapter Five, and no one reminisces about the weekly work of learning Hebrew letters and turning them into Hebrew words. I have always said we could teach a parrot to recite a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Torah portion, and kids know that, too. What they learn in TRT’s religious school is that Judaism is made up of Jewish *experiences*, not just Jewish words. And it takes time to give them Jewish experiences that are worth remembering.

I could teach any child the entire service for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in a couple of months. If that were our only goal, or our primary goal, we could easily offer one-day-a-week religious school. But our goal – and I know I speak for Rabbi Stern, our Education Committee, our Board and most of the people who have raised their children in our school – is to give kids the experiences that will form the foundation of their Jewish lives.

C.C., your children will be in college faster than you can possibly imagine. When they are there, people will approach them with all kinds of alternatives to being Jewish. One of the first questions they will ask your kids is, “Remember what a waste of time religious school was? Let me show you something better.” What we do with the time your kids spend at TRT is give them the ability to say, “Actually, I had a lot of great experiences in religious school. Thanks anyway.”

If the religious school you went to as a child did not give you these kinds of experiences, then you know what you missed. If it *did* leave you with the kinds of memories our college students still talk about, then you went to a great religious school. When TRT’s children grow up, I want them to be able to say that that they went to a great religious school, too. And that takes time.

Thanks for asking, and have a wonderful summer!

*Shalom,*  
Rabbi Don Weber

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***We warmly welcome the newest members of Temple Rodeph Torah:***

Joe Adasko  
Herb and Trudy Beeber  
Ari and Amy Camin and their children, Noah and Ethan  
Bunny Hammer  
Michael and Susan Klass and their children, Marissa and Liam  
Shirley Salkin  
Fred and Roz Scheidt

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 6/6 - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:30 p.m. NOTE EARLY TIME  
 ☆ **Birthdays Blessings for June**; Candle Lighting 8:07 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/7 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 Bar Mitzvah: Jason Rubin
- SUNDAY, 6/8** - **EREV SHAVUOT / CONFIRMATION / YISKOR SERVICE – 7:30 p.m.**
- Friday, 6/13 - Shabbat Services:  
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
 8:00 p.m. – Service  
**FAREWELL SERVICE FOR CANTOR SHUCHAT-MARX; everyone, please join us to say thank you!**  
 Candle Lighting 8:11 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/14 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 B’nai Mitzvah: Jake Feigenbaum and Jason Kaplin
- Friday, 6/20 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
**Special Service in Honor of Our Sanctuary, in preparation for this summer’s renovation. Everyone who has celebrated a simcha in our sanctuary is invited**  
**PRESENTATION OF ADULT EDUCATION AWARDS**  
**INSTALLATION OF THE TEMPLE BOARD AND OFFICERS**  
 Candle Lighting 8:13 p.m.
- Saturday, 6/21 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 B’nai Mitzvah: Jessica Bloom and Aaron Golden
- Friday, 6/27 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
 Sermon: “How NOT to Survive Construction”  
 ☆ **Anniversary Blessings for June**; Candle Lighting p.m.
- Saturday, 6/28 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.

### **SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- Friday evening, July 4 – Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m. NOTE EARLY TIME  
 Candle Lighting 8:12 p.m. **Birthdays blessings for July**
- Friday evening, July 11 – Very Young People’s Shabbat Service, 7:00 p.m.  
 Shabbat Service, 8:00 p.m. Candle Lighting 8:10 p.m.
- Friday evening, July 18 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 p.m. Candle Lighting 8:06 p.m.
- Friday evening, July 25 – Shabbat Service, 8:00 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting 8:00 p.m. **Anniversary blessings for July**

Every Saturday morning, our Shabbat *minyan* begins at 10:00 a.m.

***Services continue throughout the sanctuary renovation project!***

Students may submit service scrip for next year’s class requirements, beginning on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## EDUCATION

### From the Desk of Rabbi Shira Stern:

Thirty years ago I flew to Israel two weeks after my college graduation, to join my rabbinic First Year Program in Jerusalem. There were 61 of us at the start: student rabbis, educators and cantors. Some of us were fluent in Hebrew, others novices, but even for those of us who had been to Israel many times before, this was different: we were becoming Jewish professionals.

By mid-year, one man had joined an ultra-orthodox *yeshiva* and another had stayed on at an *ashram* in the Himalayas during winter break. Four people didn't pass the battery of tests at the end of second semester and two decided to pursue other vocations.

When we were ordained five years later, there were just 22 of us in New York and 20 in Cincinnati.

Sharing our ordination in 1983 were all the rabbis who had survived 25 years in the rabbinate, and who were awarded their Doctor of Divinity degrees, *honoris causa*. We joked that the DD stood for "Didn't Die," and none of us could imagine being that old.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, I became one of those "old guys," but not one of my friends and colleagues joked about getting our "Didn't Die" award, because one of us had. Just 10 months ago, and barely two months after a diagnosis of undifferentiated cancer, Rabbi Carole Meyers, *zichrona livracha*, died surrounded by friends and family. Her husband, Ralph Zarefsky, addressed us personally as he accepted her diploma posthumously. Carole, he said, was so excited about the prospect of coming to New York in April and sharing this milestone with classmates, some of whom had become life-long friends as well as colleagues. And though she missed that opportunity, Ralph acknowledged that her life had been dedicated to preserving and enriching the Jewish community. She had been a beloved and devoted pulpit rabbi, and a great many people felt a profound sense of loss after she died.

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Once, after a particularly harrowing airplane flight, Carole had written a note to her family about contemplating her own death. "When I die," she said, "I hope that those at the funeral will know how much I loved and was touched by every one of them. And that I knew just how much they loved me." Whether she was clairvoyant or just insightful, her words struck a chord. Listening to Carole's husband speak reinforced how much my own life-partner has made it possible to do what I do: when I looked to the next challenge, Don encouraged me; when I struggled with a problem, he listened to me; when I came home flying about a program, he shared my joy. Most of all, he loves me and I know it.

What does it mean to have survived 25 years in the rabbinate? For me, it means I have had the incredible opportunities to reinvent myself six times: as a pulpit rabbi, a Jewish organizational director, a community and hospice chaplain, as a Director of the Jewish Institute for Pastoral Care, as a pastoral counselor and now as an educator once again. I have learned that I love what I have done, but mostly, I love best what I am doing at the moment. This is incredible work, if you can get it. And it is also incredibly difficult work, for working with Jews in their most vulnerable moments challenges my heart, soul, strength and psyche. I have felt exhilarated, saddened, inspired, frustrated, anxious, touched and awed by those I have served and with whom I have worked.

No, it wasn't always easy but it was, almost always, fulfilling and humbling and extraordinary. And while it made me proud to receive my Doctor of Ministry degree four years ago, this DD degree made me realize how much being a rabbi has defined and shaped my life.

I pray that God grants me the resilience and the vision and the desire to keep doing it a while longer.

*L'Shalom,*  
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.

## NURSERY SCHOOL

The Rabbi and the Cantor led us in a beautiful seder in April. There was lots of singing and eating. The table was set with all the Passover projects that the children made over the course of a few weeks. Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the seder and for all of your help. Thanks to the following vendors for their generous donations to our seder: Wegman's, Foodtown, Shoprite and Fred & Murray's Kosher Deli for the delicious potato pudding.

We cast the children's hands in plaster for a very special Mother's Day gift. We made a shape book for each child to take home.

Applications are available in the temple office for our summer program and for September. You do not need to be a temple member to attend our Nursery School. Tell your friends and bring them along!

Spring is here, the flowers and trees are blooming and we love spending time outside!

Have a safe and happy summer. See you in September!

Ms. Ellen and Ms. Randi

## HORAIYNU

As usual, April and May were very busy months for our Religious School students and our *Horaiynu* volunteers. Passover seders were held for each grade. Our students munched on matzoh, macaroons, charoset and hard boiled eggs. They drank grape juice and dipped parsley into salt water. Some even tasted the horseradish!

Our fifth graders and their grandparents had a wonderful time at their Intergenerational Day. Israeli Independence Day was celebrated by grades four through seven with a delicious falafel meal. During the Aleph Bet Program, our third graders celebrated their successful completion of learning the entire aleph bet. Finally, parents experienced the pride of acknowledging their student's accomplishments at the Seventh Grade Promotion Ceremony. *Mazel Tov!*

As another year of Religious School comes to an end, we would like to thank all of the many volunteers who have helped out during the year - making phone calls, setting up events, helping with fundraisers, and making all of our special programs possible...THANK YOU ALL!

Jodi Zukoff and Michelle Bookbinder

## MEMBERSHIP

The famous sage Hillel once said, "Do not separate yourself from the community." These famous words are a reminder that as a Jew, we have an obligation to be part of a community. When you joined Temple Rodeph Torah, you became part of our temple community.

Albert Einstein once said, "A life lived for others is a life worth living." How true that statement is. Here at Temple Rodeph Torah we have many wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy to the congregation. I'd like to thank Shari Cannell, Gabrielle Eichel, and Jeanne Ruffine who give their time and energy to the temple and the Membership Committee. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to the office and custodial staff who are always available to assist the Membership Committee in all our endeavors.

Please be part of our "community" and volunteer your time to make your life and the lives of others worthwhile. The Membership Committee is responsible for the recruitment, integration, and retention of temple members. This committee is vital to the future of our congregation. If you care about our wonderful Temple Rodeph Torah community, then volunteer your time and join the Membership Committee. We welcome new faces and ideas. Why not call me today, at 732-972-7307, to volunteer your time?

Be sure to check the August newsletter for information about our upcoming Open House dates.

On behalf of the entire Membership Committee, we wish you a beautiful and peaceful summer!

Marla Bucher

## SISTERHOOD

Once again, we had a very wonderful, fun, successful evening of Bunco! Thank you to everyone who showed their support. Thank you to Marcia Borshof, Gabrielle Eichel and Robin Persily for all your help.

Thank you also to the following businesses for their donations: Friendly's of Old Bridge, Fresh City, Shoprite, Turning Point in Manalapan, Cornerstone Cafe, Romeo's Pizza and Restaurant, White Lamb Cleaners, Metromemories, and Susan McCann.

I would also like to remind you that TRT Sisterhood is always looking for new members and we would love for you to join us. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. for our meetings, but if you can't make the meeting, you can still be active. If you would like to be added to the Sisterhood email list for future meetings, functions, and updates, please e-mail me at [qponcutter@aol.com](mailto:qponcutter@aol.com). We are always looking for a few more friends.

Shalom,  
Jodi Weintraub

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Women's Spirituality is going to start next year's theme of "wine" early. Come join us in making our own wine at Grape Beginnings in Freehold. It will be a several part process beginning in May and continuing throughout the year. The cost is \$10 per bottle, no limit. It is okay if you cannot attend all the meetings required to make the wine. Please send your checks to TRT, payable to "TRT Women's Spirituality," as soon as possible. Please enclose your e-mail address if you are not on the Women's Spirituality email list. You will be notified of



the dates as they become known. If you have any questions please contact Suzie Hershman, at [suziehershman@yahoo.com](mailto:suziehershman@yahoo.com), or 732-933-1562.

NOTE: ONLY 18 BOTTLES LEFT!

Suzie Hershman

## SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action committee has had a busy year and while we will not have formal meetings over the summer our work will continue. **The next Food Drive will be Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Shop Rite and A&P in Marlboro.** If you are available to aid in our collection efforts, please contact Bill Fireman. Our support to the soup kitchen in Asbury Park will continue throughout the summer and we can use volunteers. Remember if you are entering tenth grade next year, you can start earning volunteer hours in the summer. Adults and children (who must attend with at least one adult) interested in volunteering at the soup kitchen should contact Andrea Kazin, at 732-946-3535.

As a new project in the fall we will be collecting new and gently used book bags as well as other school supplies. So as the school year comes to an end, please save your children's book bags to be donated to those in need.

We appreciate everyone who has assisted in our efforts throughout the year and look forward to hearing any ideas for future projects. Please feel free to contact us and we hope that you will consider joining us for a meeting in the fall or various social action events throughout the year.

Mindy Krull and Shari Canell

### Reminder –

**All newsletter submissions should be sent to:  
[trtnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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 6/6-7**      **Parashat Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20**      **Summary by Neil Cooper**  
 Adonai tells Moses to take a census of the Israelites to determine how many men over the age of 20 could serve in the army. All tribes except the Levites were counted. Adonai told Moses to place the Levites in charge of the Tabernacle. Over 600,000 men were counted.
- Shabbat 6/13-14**      **Parashat Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89**      **Summary by Rachel Levenstein**  
 God gives Moses instructions to take a census of the Gershonites and Merarites. Aaron is to inform them of their duties to the Tent of Meeting. Moses is to remove any "unclean" members of the camp. God tells Moses the punishments for violations of certain laws. Finally, Moses and Aaron are given a prayer to bless the Israelites.
- Shabbat 6/20-21**      **Parashat BeHa'alotcha, Numbers 8:1-12:16**      **Summary by Alyse Gleitman**  
 God tells Moses to set the Levites apart from the Israelites. They are cleansed and purified so that they may do the service in the tabernacle. They are to be assigned to Aaron and are in God's service in exchange for the firstborn of Israel.  
 God continues to lead the people of Israel through the desert. A cloud appears over the tabernacle when the people should camp. When the cloud lifts, they are commanded to go forth.  
 The people of Israel began to voice discontent and ungratefulness at God's gift of manna and demanded meat. Moses began to grow weary of the burden of responsibility for so many. God tells Moses to gather 70 elders of Israel and inspires their spirit in the tent so that they may share the spiritual charge with him. God then provides a bounty of quail to the people of Israel to satisfy their cries, but then inflicts a terrible plague in anger over their greed.
- Shabbat 6/27-28**      **Parashat Shelach Lecha, Numbers 13:1-15:41**      **Summary by Judy Borell**  
 God commands Moses to send the chiefs of the 12 tribes to check out the Land of Canaan, which God has given to the Israelites. After 40 days, they return and report that the land is filled with "milk and honey," but it is also inhabited by powerful people. Dissidence occurs, and the community rebels against Moses (God's spokesperson). God establishes the laws of retribution.
- Shabbat 7/4-5**      **Parashat Korah, Numbers 16:1-18:32**      **Summary by Ruth Kaufman**  
 Toward the end of the 40 years of wanderings through the desert, Moses and Aaron are faced with a rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram. The leadership, power and privilege of Moses and Aaron are questioned. God squelches the revolt by having the earth open to swallow the rebellious leaders and a plague takes the lives of their followers.  
 Next, the authority, duties and privileges of the priests and Levites are firmly established.
- Shabbat 7/11-12**      **Parashat Hukkat, Numbers 19:1-22:1**      **Summary by Randy Derris**  
 This *Parasha* is actually comprised of two entirely different parts. In the first one, Adonai speaks to Moses and Aaron and tells them the ritual laws. Basically, they are codes of holiness and cleanliness for the priests and the general population, mostly in respect to handling the deceased.  
 Next we see the Israelites in the wilderness and hear of their discontent with Aaron and Moses. The congregation blames them for taking them out of Egypt and bringing them to this wretched land, lacking fruit and water. Adonai commands them to assemble the community; they exhibit the "rod," and before their very eyes, water is produced from the rod. Then the people are appeased. Because the Israelites showed lack of faith in God, Adonai retaliates by making Moses strip Aaron of his vestments and position and transfer them to his son, Eleazar. It was here Aaron took his final breath and all of Israel cried for 30 days.

**Shabbat 7/18-19      *Parashat Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9*      Summary by Pam Brisman**

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

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

**Shabbat 7/25-26      *Parashat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1*      Summary by Steven Koster**

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

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

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

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

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](http://www.charitynavigator.org)) has given a four-star rating, their highest. Charity Watch ([www.charitywatch.org](http://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!

### SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS WAITING TO JOIN TRT

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 Shuchat-Marx 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 Shuchat-Marx, at 732-308-2311.

### WHY YOU SHOULD ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER

Right now you are reading our temple newsletter. Every day of every month, temple members (and the temple) purchase products and services from non-temple members when those same products and services are offered by temple members! Why? Because we don't know what business you are in. All things being equal, wouldn't you rather buy from a temple member? So would we! So, let us know who you are and what your product or service is, and we'll look forward to doing business with you! For further information, please contact the office, at 732-308-0055.

*You are Cordially Invited*

We invite loving family and friends to share in our joy, as our son and brother Jason Tyler is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Sari, Brad, and Corey Rubin

With much pride and love we invite you to share our happiness when our son, Jake, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 14, 2008. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Jody and Joel Feigenbaum

As his father and brothers before him the tradition continues...Please join us as our son and brother, Jason Michael, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Cindi, Richard, Daniel and Scott Kaplin

With love and great pride, we invite you to share our happiness when our daughter and sister, Jessica Zoe is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday June, 21 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Ellen, Allen, and Alexandra Bloom

Please share our happiness when our son and our brother, Aaron, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Ellie, Larry, Julie and Sam Golden

**HONORABLE MENSCHEN**

Rabbi Weber thanks Kayla Cyrulnik, who has served as his Teaching Assistant for this year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Kayla has worked diligently to grade, decipher and understand our students' assignments, and she has been a tremendous help to Rabbi Weber. Thank you, Kayla!

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV**

To Laura and Rick Grossman, on the birth of their daughter, Alyson Brooke Grossman  
To Evan Perlman, son of Maxine and Neal Perlman, on receiving a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland Baltimore County  
to Amanda, Arjun and Dylan Roy, on the birth of Salina Alessandra Roy  
to Sarah and Ira Rubin, on the birth of their granddaughter, Natalie Rose Rubin  
to Pat and Bill Rogove, on the birth of their grandson, Paxton Doughlin Rogove  
to Lauren Rafaloff, daughter of Bobbi and Gary Rafaloff, on her engagement to Mr. Ryan Lowe  
to Evan Perlman, son of Maxine and Neal Perlman, on his engagement to Ms. Amanda Cohn  
to Barrie Nulman, daughter of Joan and Phil Nulman, who has earned her MBA from Rutgers, with honors

**to our students who are graduating high school this month (we have listed the college they will be attending if they had decided by the Newsletter deadline):**

Chandler Adasko – Rutgers University  
Adam Blaier – Penn State University  
Kara Borshof – Rutgers University  
Sarah Cooper – American University  
Brooke Curtis – University of Connecticut  
Alison DeCicco – Towson University  
Taylor Derris  
Michael Fox – Brookdale Community College  
Adam Friedgood – Indiana University  
Brian Friedland – Penn State University  
Jennifer Goldberg  
Rachel Hoffman – Northwestern University  
Eric Jurgens – Cornell University  
Adam Kolodny – Temple University  
Sarah Levy – Brown University  
Dana Misshula – Hampshire College  
Alexander Moskowitz  
Samuel Nulman  
Lauren Prince – Montclair State University  
Lindsay Rosenblum – George Washington University  
Ryan Sherman – University of Connecticut  
Daniel Silver  
Benjamin Sugarman – Rutgers University  
Jason Vandenabeele – University of Miami  
Adam Weinberger  
Heather Weintraub – Brookdale Community College

**CORRECTION:**

Alyssa Salman is graduating from Dickinson College with honors and as member of the Political Science Honor Society.

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

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

to Steffie and Larry Weissman, on the death of Steffie's aunt, Sylvia Ivry  
to Mindy, David and Marissa Krull, on the death of Mindy's mother, Gloria Bell

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



## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **Bolender Holocaust Educational Endowment**

Marlene and David Shapiro and family

### **Building Fund**

Donna and Stuart Rosenblum and family

Iris and Warren Schubert, for the *yahrzeit* of Sarah Cohen

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The Ginsberg family, for the *yahrzeit* of Fay Ginsberg

Gail, Jay, Matt, Shane and Alli Davis, for the *yahrzeit* of Florence Davis

Susan Baron, for the *yahrzeit* of Reuben Zweifler

Eden and Howard Tanner, for the *yahrzeit* of Phyllis Shapiro

Karen Joseph's colleagues in Spotswood High School, in memory of Aaron Weisberg, father of Karen Joseph

Lisa and Irving Perlman, for the *yahrzeit* of Sylvia Perlman for the *yahrzeit* of Sara Stein

Linda and Jerry Wainick, for the *yahrzeit* of Irving Goldberg

### **Herzog Music Fund**

Lynn and Jerry Sternberg and family, in memory of Aaron Weisberg

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### **Israel Scholarship Fund**

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### **Library Fund**

Carol and Mike Chasin, for the *yahrzeit* of Ida Friedman

### **Mortgage Reduction Fund**

Jill and Alan Friedgood and family, for the *yahrzeit* of Harvey Friedgood

### **Nursery School Fund**

Ellen, Allen and Alexandra Bloom, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Bloom

The Finkelstein and The Wolman families, for the speedy recovery of Sheryl Cooper Diane and Mark Goodman, in honor of their grandson, Brandon Lereah

### **Prayerbook Fund**

Susan and Bruce Baron, in memory of Lillian Scharf

Amy and Dave, Barbara and Bruce, Ruth and Marc, Sandy and Bernie, Andy and Joel and Barbara and Jeff, in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Lynn and Stephen Chodos

Sheila, Elissa and Craig Harris, for the *yahrzeit* of Charlotte Solomon

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Pat and Bill Rogove, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Paxton Doughlin Rogove

The Tornberg family, in honor of the *MOREHSHa* graduation of Brooke Curtis, Taylor Derris and Ben Sugarman

Milton Teitelbaum, in honor of *Pesach* at the home of Rabbis Stern and Weber

Karen Joseph and family, in memory of Aaron Weisberg and with thanks to Rabbi Weber



**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund cont'd**

The Suskind family, in memory of Herman  
Suskind and with thanks to Rabbi  
Weber  
Jerry and Isobel Miller, for the *yahrzeit* of Sam  
Miller  
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Norman Levison  
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Benjamin S. Chancy  
for the *yahrzeit* of Florence Solomon  
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Rosen  
Steve, Liza and Adam Kaufman, for the *yahrzeit*  
of Janette Kaufman Shindel  
Jodie, Jason, Matthew and Ilyssa Sherer, for the  
*yahrzeit* of Gilbert Shorr  
for the *yahrzeit* of Betty Shorr  
Les and Joann Friedeman, for the *yahrzeit* of  
Erich Friedeman  
Linda and Jerry Wainick, for the *yahrzeit* of  
Lillian Wainick  
for the *yahrzeit* of Roberta Pollack  
The Gleich family, for the *yahrzeit* of Camille  
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Andrea, Chad and Sara Goutter, for the *yahrzeit*  
of Herbert Schulman

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Susan and David Brown, in memory of  
Aaron Weisberg  
David Dorfman, for the *yahrzeit* of  
Sidney Dorfman  
TRT Board of Directors, in honor of  
the Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Zukoff  
Susan Stier, in memory of Aaron Weisberg  
Maxine and Neal Perlman, in honor of the  
engagement of Evan Perlman  
and Amanda Cohn  
The Kurz family, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
Evan Binder  
Susan Stier, in honor of the engagement of  
Evan Perlman and Amanda Cohn

**Religious School Fund cont'd**

Ellen and Neal Finkelstein and family,  
in honor of Rabbi Shira Stern on  
receiving her Doctorate Degree  
Suzie, Gil, Aaron and Hope Hershman, in honor  
of the engagement of Evan Perlman  
and Amanda Cohn

**Social Action Fund**

Gabrielle, Richard, Joshua and Matthew Eichel,  
for the *yahrzeit* of George Johnson  
in memory of Gloria Bell, mother of  
Mindy Krull  
Una and Ken Tedoff, in memory of Gloria Bell  
Geri, Mike, Jared and Dana Kaplan,  
in memory of Gloria Bell  
With best wishes for the speedy  
recovery of Sheryl Cooper  
for the *yahrzeit* of Mary Kaplan  
Marla and Marty Bucher and family,  
in memory of Gloria Bell  
for the *yahrzeit* of Jack Bucher  
Ann and Dan Harris, in memory of Gloria Bell  
Una, Ken, Amy and Zack Tedoff, in memory of  
Aaron Weisberg  
Sheryl and Bruce Cooper, in memory of  
Gloria Bell  
The Klug family, for the *yahrzeit* of Henry Klug

**Temple Improvement and Beautification  
Fund**

Lynn and Jerry Sternberg and family, in honor of  
the marriage of Justin Chodos  
and Amy Gewirtz

**Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment  
Fund**

Shelley and Marc Willner and family,  
in memory of Aaron Weisberg  
in memory of Louis Gilman  
in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of:  
Kara Danielle Borshof  
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SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND, to further the work of Sisterhood
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\*\*\* TREE OF LIFE/MEMORIAL PLAQUES: To celebrate a special occasion by purchasing a leaf for the Tree of Life, or to honor the memory of a loved one who has died, please call the temple office. A Dedication Form will be sent to you.

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

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Contributions of any amount are welcomed, but there is an \$18 minimum for each acknowledgment you wish sent. Please refer all questions to our temple office, 732-308-0055.

## YAHREZEITS

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

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
<b>Shabbat Observance 6/6-6/7</b>		
6/1/08	Morris Friedman *	Father of Alan Friedman
6/1/08	Sidney Grainer	Father of Mark Grainer
6/1/08	Marty Yoskowitz	Brother of Amy Cohen
6/2/08	Melvin Aptaker	Husband of Sheila Aptaker, Father of Jeffrey Aptaker
6/2/08	Harry Cohen	Father of Rochelle Grainer
6/2/08	Craig Daniel Fischer *	Husband of Kathy Fischer, Father of Cari Luna and Joel Fischer, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
6/2/08	Rose B. Freeman	Aunt of Roberta Rosen
6/3/08	Hal Berman	Father of Michael Berman
6/4/08	Louise Eisman	Mother of Randi Krantz
6/4/08	Silda Kaufman *	Mother of Arthur Kaufman
6/4/08	Lila Samuels	Mother of Michelle Suskind
6/5/08	Bella Gilbert *	Mother of Janice Feldman
6/6/08	Edwin R. Stevens	Father of Jeffrey Stevens
6/6/08	Blanche Tave	Mother of Dennis Tave
6/6/08	George Vogt	Father of Pat Rogove
6/6/08	Abraham Weinstein *	Father of Shelley Willner
6/7/08	Chaim Goutter *	Husband of Andrea Goutter, Father of Chad and Sara Goutter, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
6/7/08	Alma Loebel *	Mother of Janet Fine
6/7/08	Samuel Markowitz	Grandfather of Ilene Fireman and Phyllis Levenstein
6/7/08	James Raimonda	Father of Luci Baum
<b>Shabbat Observance 6/13-6/14</b>		
6/8/08	Julius Kalberman	Father of Ilse Grunwald
6/8/08	William S. Morin *	Grandfather of Bonnie Siegel
6/8/08	Glenn Siegel *	Son of Marv and Barbara Siegel, Brother of Alison Siegel
6/9/08	Jakob Marx	Grandfather of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
6/10/08	Leonard Dombroff	Father of Susan Wien
6/10/08	Janet Kerber Richman	Mother of Joel Richman
6/10/08	Katharina Wacker	Friend of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
6/11/08	Philip Feldman *	Father of Neil Feldman
6/11/08	Hilda Fleigel *	Mother of Helene Kaplan
6/11/08	Shirley Kirzner	Aunt of Randy Derris
6/12/08	Saul Anker	Father of Arlene Mayer
6/12/08	Tillie Gelber	Mother of Bernard Gelber, Grandmother of Geri Anne Kaplan
6/12/08	David Goldberg	Father of Phyllis Krauss
6/12/08	Julius Seidel	Father of Jonathan Seidel

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6/12/08	Charlotte Trencher *	Mother of Sheryl Cooper and Ellen Finkelstein
6/13/08	Meyer Binkowitz	Father of Joel Binkowitz
6/13/08	Bertha Gruenewald	Mother of Ernest Grunwald
6/13/08	Sybil Handwerker	Mother of Deborah Ross
6/13/08	Herman Hoffman	Father of Eric Hoffman
6/14/08	Shirley Wachtel Chasin	Mother of Michael Chasin, Grandmother of Tod Chasin
6/14/08	Arnold Keshner	Nephew of Ronda Binkowitz
6/14/08	Evelyn Prince	Mother of Stew Prince

**Shabbat Observance 6/20-6/21**

6/15/08	Celia Chancy	Mother of Phyllis Solomon
6/15/08	Eva Kaufman	Grandmother of Steven Kaufman
6/15/08	Sam Tenenzapf *	Father of Donna Chazanoff
6/16/08	Sidney Ross	Father of Phil Ross
6/17/08	Al Diamond	Father of Bruce Diamond
6/18/08	Arthur Eisner	Brother of Sheila Aptaker
6/18/08	Amy Goodman	Sister of Barbara Hirsch
6/18/08	Alan Jessurun	Uncle of Melody Midoneck
6/18/08	Frieda Levinson	Great-Grandmother of Jerri Kasakove
6/20/08	David Alan Sawyer *	Father of Warren Sawyer
6/20/08	Ruth Ellen Sigler	Sister of Allen Sigler, Daughter of Dorothy Sigler

**Shabbat Observance 6/27-6/28**

6/22/08	Barbara Miller Saxe *	Mother of Andrew Saxe
6/25/08	Daniel Kullback *	Son of Richard and Debra Kullback, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
6/25/08	Sheila Neugass	Mother of Robert Neugass
6/25/08	Kurt Rosenthal	Uncle of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
6/26/08	Rosita Gratman *	Grandmother of Chuck Kavitsky
6/26/08	Harry G. Marx	Father of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
6/26/08	Irving H. Pines *	Father of Judy Freilich
6/26/08	Leonie Rosenthal	Aunt of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
6/27/08	William Herschkowitz	Father of Leslie Seidel
6/27/08	Charles Weber	Grandfather of Lynn Sternberg
6/28/08	Zvi ben Ionah	Great-Grandfather of Josephine Paltin
6/28/08	Steven Herschkowitz	Brother of Leslie Seidel
6/28/08	Matthew E. Silverman *	Father of Robert Silverman

\* 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.

