

# Temple Rodeph Torah **NEWS**

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## FROM RABBI WEBER

**W**hen Shira and I offered our JDate Gift Subscriptions, we never expected the response we got. Not only did many of you take us up on our offer; we also received more strange phone calls from more strange people than you can imagine, all of whom asked us to find a mate for their son or daughter. According to these unbiased Jewish mothers (only mothers called, not a single father), their son/daughter is a corporate lawyer/hospital physician/business executive/undiscovered jewel who looks exactly like Brad Pitt/Angelina Jolie/her mother/his father and who is unmarried only due to incredible focus on career/incredible love for parents/incredible bad luck in dating. Each caller offered actual cash rewards to us if we found their child a spouse, and our continued protestations that we are not in the matchmaking business was taken as a negotiating ploy, resulting in higher offers!

Had we gotten these calls on Purim, we would have felt better – or at least less weirded out. But in the spirit of the genuinely bizarre nature of those calls, we have developed several new matchmaking concepts which we are sure will catch on very soon.

**JClean:** The premier matchmaking service for people who think that “clean” is a four-letter word. If you are looking for that special someone who will find the original floor in your apartment or locate the source of “that funny smell” that’s been bugging you for months, we have your match! Subscriptions are available on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis; rates determined by how long it has been since a cleaning product was last seen at your address. Photo a must; please identify which room you have photographed if the walls are not visible.

**JShop:** Do you think of shopping as the worst punishment since high school math homework? We can help you find your perfect match: someone who will do all your shopping for you and never ask you to set foot in a mall! Clothing, household appliances, gifts for co-workers: we do it all. Available in “Responsible,” “Edgy” and “I Can’t Believe You Bought That, That’s SO Cool!” Be sure to specify your age to avoid tank-top and plasma screen disasters. Photo of your credit card gets immediate response.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT & GUEST SPEAKER – FEBRUARY 29**

**MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST – MARCH 2**

**WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP AT CLUB MUD – MARCH 3**

**ADULT CONCLAVE (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED) – MARCH 14-15**

**PURIM CARNIVAL FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY – MARCH 15**

**PURIM SERVICE, CELEBRATION & SHPIEL: “THE ADVENTURE OF MINYAN MAN” – MARCH 20 (COME IN COSTUME!)**

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL VACATION – MARCH 20-27**

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**JDon'tShop:** Does the phrase, “Retail Therapy” send a cold shiver down your spine? Do you share a credit card with someone who thinks a shopping trip is not a success unless the total cost is greater than your phone number (including area code)? Hook them up with a JDon'tShop partner, and your worries are over! Our matches can make any trip to the mall a misery, and they will have the most dedicated shopper lunging for the nearest exit in minutes. Choose from thousands of eligible candidates, but please remember that most have to be home in time for their afternoon nap.

**JDrive:** For our older subscribers, we offer this unique matchmaking service. Let us help you find that “special someone” who not only drives, but is willing to make left turns! Choose from a wide range of vehicles, from compact (Grand Marquis) to full-size (Queen Mary). You will not have any choice about where you go, but hey— they drive! (It may take you longer to find your match if you insist they drive at night.)

**JWorry:** For busy parents everywhere, a revolutionary new service which connects you with people who will worry about your children when you cannot. Let's face it – our lives are busy, and often there just isn't time to let our children know everything we worry about them doing wrong. Specialists are available to worry about your children's careers, spouses, leisure-time activities and bad choices they made decades ago. At no extra charge, the children of JWorry participants will receive three weekly phone calls to remind them of how much their parents worry when they don't call.

**JJew:** Who has time for 613 Commandments? Shabbat, holidays, study, *tzedakah*, not eating cheeseburgers – let the wonderful people at JJew handle it all for you! Search our online database of available Jews to find the one that's right for you. Available in Orthodox, Conservative and Reformed, as well as “religious” and “I'm not religious, I just believe in the Ten Commandments.” Extra charge for observing Yom Kippur for you, and for attending the Bar Mitzvah services of your boss' kids.

And finally...

**JPurim:** Here's a way to meet other people who realize that all of the above is a joke! No fees, no applications; just come to celebrate Purim on Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Rodeph Torah. We will have our world-famous Purim *shpiel*, jokes, *groggers* and *hamentaschen* for everyone. Come in a costume – yes, even you grownups – and show everyone that JPurim is THE place to be!

*A freilichen Purim,*  
Rabbi Don Weber

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

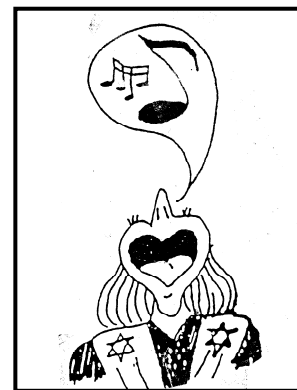
Arjun and Amanda Roy and their son, Dylan

## Notes from the Cantor

*Mi she-Nich-nas Adar, marbim l'simcha* – When the month of Adar arrives, laughter begins!

### Who's in a Name?

Rumors of my lineage have been greatly exaggerated. It's all the more mysterious ever since my grandmother put a kibosh on family trees because of some traveling salesman in the Middle Ages who forever changed the course of my pedigree (and unwittingly bestowed his last name upon our family well before Napoleon instigated the same custom for Jews). So here are the legends of my *yichus* as presented to you during this double month of Adar (yep, the Jewish calendar has Leap Year too, and it occurs nine times out of every seventeen years). Enjoy the suspense, savor twice the laughs, and draw your own conclusions!



**The Rabbi of Bratislav/Breslau/Bratislav again** – True. Unfortunately, we don't know which one. Supposedly he was my great-great grandfather and his last name was Guthmann. That's all we know. If anyone out there has any further information, please holler.

**Karl Marx** – Highly unlikely. First of all, I'm way too spoiled. Secondly, I'm no philosopher; I nearly flunked a class on Modern Jewish Thought. All I have in common with good old Karl is a lot of bad hair days.

**“So are you related to the Marx Brothers?”** I've gotten this question constantly since I was five and can't figure out why since I have absolutely no sense of humor whatsoever. However, I do love the aroma of a good cigar after dinner at Taco Bell. And once after a bad perm I went around looking like Harpo for the better part of six months.

**The Marx Toy™ company** - Okay, you've got me on this one. It was my sworn duty to protect the family honor and never purchase toys from competitors – so much for Mattel, Hasbro, Kenner, Parker Brothers or Milton Bradley. Please don't tell anyone I snuck Monopoly into the house. But you should see my collection of Johnny West memorabilia and Tinykins figurines.

**Cantor Avrum Shukhat** – the *hazzan* of Talnoye, Ukraine. He was Mark's great-great-grandfather and wrote a sizzling *Av HaRachamim*, the prayer before taking the Torah out of the Ark.

**Cantor Rogerio Marx** – I heard about this guy while I was still a first-year cantorial student living in Israel and he was a third-year student in New York. I informed Hebrew Union College that their school wasn't big enough for two Marxes. They informed me that, since our fathers were from the same small town in Hesse, Germany, we were probably related. They were right. More than sixty years after a pair of third-cousins-once-removed last saw each other in Frankenberg-an-der-Eder, they were reunited between their New World homes in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Knoxville, USA when their children accidentally bumped into each other while studying to become cantors. Rogerio and I later co-officiated at each other's weddings.

**Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat** – According to my father-in-law, this Toronto-based rabbi is a fourth-or-so cousin-in-law. Pronounces his last name “shoo-shat” instead of “shoo-cat.” We don't hold it against him.

**Debbie Shuchat, clothing designer** – Another of the Toronto “shoo-shats.” Check out her clothes at [www.debbieshuchat.com](http://www.debbieshuchat.com). I model all the clothes on the website... HA! HA! MADE YOU LOOK! Ok, that tale was a bit too tall even for me ... However, the rest of it is true – there is a Debbie Shuchat, she is a distant in-law on Mark's side, she is a very good fashion designer, and that is her actual website. If I sewed three of her skirts together I can wear them as long as I don't sit down.

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**Monica Lewinsky** – The aforementioned Cantor Marx has been bragging about this one and trying to drag me into it as well. Apparently her father’s butcher’s baker’s poodle groomer was briefly married to her step-cousin’s wife’s auto-mechanic’s cocker spaniel’s veterinarian and Rogerio tripped over them.

**Dr. Ruth Westheimer** – No, I’m not related to her, but I’ve run into her twice – once in Central Park (she was wearing a pink jogging suit) and another time at her synagogue (where her cantor invited me to sing as his guest). She said the concert was TerrRRRRRRIFFIC!

**Queen Vashti** – I’ve tried to be humble and not lose my head over this one.

**Queen Esther** – Hey, why not? We can all claim her, and at Purim she reminds us that we should all carry ourselves like royalty. Who else is going to believe it if we don’t?

Being royal doesn’t mean we expect others to wait on us hand and foot. It means we have to own that inner crown and stand tall in respect for our family banner. Kings and queens should be able to do almost anything within reason, right? If that is so, let’s use our royal power to offer the best we have in terms of time, love, treatment and dedication to God and to each other. It’ll be almost enough to make anyone want to claim to be related to you all year round. Happy Purim from my castle to yours!

*B’shalom u-v’shir,*  
Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 2/29 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
**SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT**  
**Guest Speaker: Paul Kaufman, Assistant Regional Director,**  
**Union for Reform Judaism, New Jersey**  
 ✧ **Anniversary Blessings for February**; Candle Lighting 5:29 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/1 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.  
 Bar Mitzvah: Justin Feld
- Friday, 3/7 - **Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:30 p.m. (Note Early Time)**  
 ✧ Birthday Blessings for March; Candle Lighting 5:37 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/8 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.  
 Bat Mitzvah: Chloe Turai
- Friday, 3/14 - Shabbat Services:  
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
 8:00 p.m. – Service  
 Sermon: “The Way to a Jew’s Heart”  
 Candle Lighting 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/15 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- THURSDAY, 3/20** - **RODEPH TORAH’S GALA PURIM CELEBRATION – 7:30 p.m.!**  
**Purim *shpiel* by the Not Ready for the Bima Players**  
**Groggers for everyone in costume**  
***Hamantaschen* for everyone in clothing**
- Friday, 3/21 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
 Sermon: “Is Nothing Offensive Anymore?”  
 Candle Lighting 6:52 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/22 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.  
 B’nai Mitzvah: Jason Brofsky and Parker Hoch
- Friday, 3/28 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
 Sermon: “Playing with Fire”  
 ✧ **Anniversary Blessings for March**; Candle Lighting 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 3/29 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.

*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:**

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES

It has come to my attention that there are *some* students who have *some* complaints about the quality and variety of the afternoon snack that we so generously provide EVERY child EVERY day that they're in Hebrew School. Our snack maven, Rona Shukovsky, braves snow, sleet, rain and gorgeous weather to supply our students with nourishment for the grueling hours of study they have to face. And yet, and yet, they complain.

At Rodeph Torah, we believe every moment is a teaching moment, so looking for a Jewish theme was crucial to us. We thought about giving them "Mashuga Nuts" but by New Jersey law we couldn't because of allergy risks. I *was* toying with the idea of offering a really Jewish snack like gefilte fish ("Real Men Prefer Gefilte Fish" – no joke; you can order it at [www.popjudaica.com](http://www.popjudaica.com).) but what would I do about the fishy smell that would permeate my office? I pretty much figured that "forbidden fruit" - lovely sour apple candy - was off limits for obvious reasons, and the thought of Hebrew Bazooka gave me visions of sticky floors and raging teachers.

I spent HOURS, HOURS I tell you, pouring over "Kosher for the Clueless but Curious" – same website as above – but none of my choices were in stock. Jewish fortune cookies sounded promising, until I read a few fortunes from [www.kosherman.com](http://www.kosherman.com). This you call funny?

1. "Your mother? She's sitting in the dark, starving and waiting for your call while you eat this cookie. Call your mother already."
2. "You will meet a real *mensch* - tall, dark, and calls his mother every day!"
3. "From your mouth into God's ears!"
4. "So, you were expecting a Dead Sea Scroll maybe?"

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5. "May your pastrami never have mayonnaise on it."
6. "Some day you'll be a Jewish mother... then you'll always be right!"

And my current favorite: "You should only be happy – I worked my fingers to the bone so you could go to medical/dental/chiropractic/beauty/business/accounting/music – you could play Bar/Bat Mitzvahs! school.

Undaunted by this trouble to find a perfect snack, I decided to start a company of my own, and will launch my online site right before Passover. I'll be offering the following delish and delectable treats: "Fig-Shmig – don't slouch –Newtons" for the nebbishes in your life; "You-act-like-an-animal" Crackers for the *vilde chayas* you encounter and my most special creation, "Mini-orientahs – a tiny, tasty way to know everyone's business."

While you're waiting for cookies to crumble, go directly to our Purim shpiel on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

And don't worry, we'll feed you, too.

*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 of our Confirmands who participate 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 Confirmand, up through and including the summer after 12<sup>th</sup> grade, can receive assistance from the Israel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is not need-based; it is a merit scholarship awarded to any student who has been confirmed and 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 Confirmands 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](mailto:ellenstf@gmail.com).



## NURSERY SCHOOL

We made many projects to finish our Book of Colors – purple, green, orange, black, white, pink and brown. Each day we made a colorful project to take home and we ate some colorful foods as well. We made cherry trees and log cabins and learned about Presidents Washington and Lincoln. We practiced brushing our teeth and took home a tooth brushing chart that reminds us to take care of our teeth.

We decorated flower pots and planted parsley seeds, which will grow in time to be eaten at our Passover seders. We are learning new songs for our Purim Parade.

Ms. Ellen and Ms. Randi

## HORAIYNU

As usual, our *Horaiynu* volunteers have been very busy with our many exciting Religious School programs. Our 5th and 6th graders enjoyed tasting varied fruits and nuts at the beautiful new program in celebration of *TuBish'vat*. Our 3rd graders and their families enjoyed a symbolic Shabbat dinner at their Shabbaton program. A delicious "birthday" cake was shared by parents and students at the 5th grade Naming Ceremony while our K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students had a yummy bagel breakfast at their Pajama Party! Finally, our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Shtetl program was a big success. Parents, grandparents, students and teachers enjoyed the wonderful presentation, food and clothing reminiscent of "The World That Was."

Our Passover Candy Sale is now underway. Order forms were sent home with each student. That can only mean that spring is just around the corner! Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!

Jodi Zukoff and Michelle Bookbinder

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is busy planning our next Open House which will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you know people who are interested in joining the temple, please provide me with their names and phone numbers or e-mail addresses and I will be happy to contact them and invite them to the Open House. Remember that if you refer a new member to the temple and they join, you receive one month free dues!

On February 8th, the Membership Committee sponsored a dinner for toddlers prior to the Very Young Peoples' Shabbat Service. The children enjoyed pasta and chicken nuggets. Cantor Jacquie did the *Hamotzi* and blessings. A good time was had by all. I'd like to thank Jeanne Ruffine, Gabrielle Eichel, and Ellen Pearlman for their help with this function. Nicole Katz was kind enough to help with the press release, and deserves a thank you as well.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mara Parish who worked for years on the Membership Committee. We appreciated all her help and support. Thanks again!

Let's hope for some beautiful spring weather!

Marla Bucher

## SOCIAL ACTION

We hope that after attending the Social Action Shabbat, you are inspired to help this committee continue to make a difference. We've had a tremendous response in the past, but there is an ongoing need for our collections. Let's not forget that one small item donated to our troops or birthday party boxes can help to make a huge impact on the life of someone in need. If more immediate gratification is appealing to you, we offer the opportunity to serve a Sunday meal at the Soup Kitchen in Asbury Park. By giving just a few hours of your time, you can help many. Being there allows you to see for yourself just how necessary and appreciated our volunteering has become. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrea Kazin, at [sumbodynnj@aol.com](mailto:sumbodynnj@aol.com), or 732-946-3535.

As always, we would love to hear from you with ideas for future programs and projects. Contact us for more information and dates for our upcoming meeting.

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 2/29-3/1**      **Parashat Vayakhel, Exodus 35:1-38:20**      **Summary by Linda Cranin**

This Torah portion describes, in detail, how Moses acquires the necessary goods — gold, silver, fine cloth, wood, etc. — to make the Tabernacle, and how he is blessed by God with the skills needed to complete the task.

**Shabbat 3/7-8**      **Parashat Pikudei, Exodus 38:21-40:38**      **Summary by Jeff Ball**

The story of the construction of the Tabernacle concludes with details about the amount of gold and copper used in the building, and a description of the clothing that was made for Aaron and his sons. The sacred vestments were colorful and ornate. Much fine fabric and woven gold, as well as many gemstones were made into robes, headdresses, and sashes. In one example, the names of the sons of Israel were inscribed on a robe, and then surrounded by a border of lazuli stones set in gold. They made a frontlet of pure gold with the inscription “Holy to Adonai” and attached it to a headdress as God had commanded Moses.

When Moses saw that all the work was nearly done he blessed the Israelites. A cloud then covered the Tabernacle with the “Presence of Adonai.” Moses could not enter this tent of meeting. When the cloud lifted, the Israelites would set out on their various journeys.

**Shabbat 3/14-15**      **Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1–5:26**      **Summary by Ellen Finkelstein**

Rules and procedures for sacrifices are described in great detail. Sacrifices, or offerings, are made for different purposes. There are voluntary sacrifices and sacrifices of wellbeing. A sin offering is to be made by someone who has unintentionally incurred guilt. Rules are spelled out for priests, the entire community, and individual members of the community. Finally, a guilt offering must be given by any person who has committed any one of a variety of wrongful acts.

**Shabbat 3/21-22**      **Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36**      **Summary by Marla Bucher**

In this Torah portion, God explains to Moses the details of the following rituals: burnt offering, meal offering, sin offering, guilt offering, offering of ordination, and the sacrifice of wellbeing. The Israelites were commanded by God to bring the offerings to the priests. In addition, God instructs Moses on how to ordain Aaron and his sons into priesthood. The offerings were then performed by Aaron and his sons inside the Tent of Meeting.

**Shabbat 3/28-29**      **Parashat Shemini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47**      **Summary by Aron Dercher**

Moses conveys to Aaron God's requirements for preparing offerings to atone for the sins of Aaron and the Jews. When the offering was made, a mystical fire consumed the burnt offering which amazed the people. Two of Aaron's sons are destroyed because they did not follow God's instructions. The rules of what living things are kosher are described.

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

### **ORDERING PASSOVER HAGGADOT**

The Reform Movement publishes a beautiful *Haggadah* for Passover. It is large, easy to read, liberal in its perspective, and magnificently illustrated. If you are still suffering through the Maxwell House version (or if you never seem to get through it), you owe it to yourself to see how wonderful a seder can be!

Rabbi Weber has copies of the book for your inspection. If you would like to order them for your family's seder, you must place your order with Sisterhood's Judaica shop by March 1. The cost is \$15.95 per book, including shipping. We suggest that you purchase enough for *half* your guests the first year, and let everyone share. In succeeding years you can add a few more each year, so the expense is not so great.

If you wouldn't want to use an Orthodox prayerbook at Shabbat services when there is a rabbi to lead you, why would you use an Orthodox *Haggadah* when you have to do it by yourself? Ask Rabbi Weber to show you this beautiful book.

### **WHAT IF IT SNOWS?**

If we have to cancel Religious School due to snow on a Sunday morning, a telephone chain will notify everyone. Please do not call the temple unless you have not heard by 8:00 a.m., and you seriously doubt that school will be held.

For afternoon and evening classes, services, meetings, and all other temple functions, you may call the temple (732-308-0055) for information, or call the chairperson of the activity directly.

Please do not assume programs are canceled!

### **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*

With love and pride in our hearts, we invite you to share our happiness when our son and brother, Justin, Ross, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at 10 a.m.. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Louis, Jodi, Brittany, and Corey Feld

With love and great pride, we invite you to share our happiness when our daughter and sister Chloe Taylor is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 10:00 AM. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Ruthy, Peter, and Arielle Turai

With much love and pride, we invite you to share a special day in our lives, as our son and brother, Parker Jake, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Meryl, Stuart and Mandi Hoch

With great pride and joy, we invite you to share in our happiness when our son and brother, Jason Scott is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Cheryl, Ira and Andrew Brofsky

It is with great pride and pleasure that we invite you, our temple family, to join us at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2008, when our son and brother, Brett Gregory, leads us all in prayer. Please join us for an *oneg* after the service.

Barbara, Jeff and Michelle Friedman

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV**

To Ruth and Artie Kaufman, on the birth of their grandson, Cole Chodorcoff Kaufman

To Erica Brown, daughter of David and Susan Brown and the late Enid Brown, on her engagement to Mr.

Joshua Rosenson

To Nicole Glasser, daughter of Cheryl and David Glasser, on being named to the Dean's List at the University of Maryland

To Judy Wiskin and Jerry Wiskin, on the birth of their granddaughter, Goldie Micah Cohen

*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 Sandy, Randye, Tara, Hayley, Shane and Taylor Derris, on the death of Sandy's mother, Regina Derris  
to Steven, Barrie, Sarah, Emily and Leah Cotter, on the death of Steven's grandmother, Claire Cotter  
to Bill, Ilene, Jonathan and Michael Fireman, on the death of Bill's aunt, Betty Bilick  
to Linda, Stewart, Chase and Lauren Prince, on the death of Linda's sister, Adrienne Goldberg  
to Cantor Jacquie, Mark, Harry and Miriam Shuchat-Marx, on the death of Jacquie's cousin, Jeffrey Marx

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



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Sindy, Lou, Pam, Aimee and Meri Weiner,  
in blessed memory of Betty Weisberg,  
mother of Karen Joseph  
in honor of Cantor Jacquie and Mark's  
new daughter: Xiao-Ling, we welcome  
you!  
Artie and Ruth Kaufman, in honor of the arrival  
of Miriam Xiao-Ling Leora  
Laurie, Liza and Adam Kaufman, Welcome  
Xiao-Ling!  
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The Bucher and Mack families,  
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receiving her Masters Degree

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TRT Board of Directors, with best wishes for the  
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Karen Goldstein, for the *yahrzeit* of Jack Salkin  
for the *yahrzeit* of Chester Horn

The Wiskin family, in honor of Cantor Jacquie  
and Mark's addition of daughter  
Xiao-Ling to their family

Phyllis and Henry Levenstein and family,  
in memory of George Bilick

Ruth and Artie Kaufman, in honor of the birth of  
their grandson, Cole Chodorcoff Kauf-  
man

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper,  
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in memory of Betty Bilick

Sheila Aptaker, in memory of Beatrice Borshof  
Phyllis and Henry Levenstein and family,

in memory of Betty Bilick



**Temple Improvement and Beautification Fund**

Ellie, Larry, Julie, Aaron and Sam Golden,  
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\* 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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## 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
<b>Shabbat Observance 2/29-3/1</b>		
3/2	Benjamin Feigenberg	Father of Janet Caruso
3/2	Sadie Fine *	Mother of Morton Fine
3/2	Samuel Kugler *	Father of Joel Kugler
3/3	Rose Brody	Great Aunt of Geri Anne Kaplan
3/3	Martin Goldman	Father of Michael Goldman
3/3	Richard Lippman	Father of Wendye Goldstein
3/4	Gertrude Fingerman	Mother of Marsha Diamond
3/4	Hyman Gelfand	Father of Maxine Liebers
3/4	Claire Grainer	Mother of Mark Grainer
3/4	Stanley Schwalbe	Uncle of Sandra Craig
3/4	Julius Shapiro *	Father of Susan Ringel
3/5	Dr. Max Aaron *	Father of Bernard Aaron
3/5	Sally Chamoff *	Mother of Harvey Chamoff ז"ל
3/5	George A. Hesslein *	Father of Jackie Hesslein-Klug
3/6	Fred Gandelman	Father of Howard Gandelman
3/6	Minnie Reiter	Grandmother of Sherry Kalmus
3/6	Irving Sackheim	Father of Bonnie Kirschenbaum
3/6	Joseph Solar	Grandfather of Sharon Solar
3/6	Morris Weissman *	Father of Larry Weissman
3/8	Erna Kalberman	Mother of Ilse Grunwald
<b>Shabbat Observance 3/14-3/15</b>		
3/9	Philip Seegman *	Father of Arlene Kapilow
3/10	Gertrude Falk *	Mother of Ruth Kaufman
3/10	Helena Heitt *	Wife of Maurice Heitt, Mother of Ryan and Sean Heitt, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
3/11	Scott Joseph Rafaloff *	Nephew of Gary and Roberta Rafaloff and Cousin of Chelsea and Lauren Rafaloff
3/12	Joseph Meyer	Father of Michael Meyer
3/13	Mildred Seegman *	Mother of Arlene Kapilow
3/14	Andy Amarosa	Uncle of Loretta Shapiro
3/14	Herbert Buchalter	Father of Frances Paduano
3/14	Barbara Ringler	Sister-In-Law of Allen and Loretta Shapiro
3/15	Wendy Skammer Curtis	Sister-In-Law of Saul Curtis
3/15	Meyer Sherman	Father of Barbara Hirsch
3/15	Etta Sprechman *	Mother of Harold Sprechman
<b>Shabbat Observance 3/21-3/22</b>		
3/17	Charles Connor *	Father of Meryl Hope Spritzer and Lauren Vandenabeele
3/17	Barbara Domiano	Friend of Ellen Levine

3/17	Abe Friedman	Father of Carol Chasin, Grandfather of Tod Chasin
3/17	Barbara Lieber *	Wife of Harvey Lieber, Mother of Jennifer and Alyssa Lieber, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
3/17	Jack Solomon *	Father of Sheila Harris
3/19	Sarah Nagler	Aunt of Lior Koppel
3/20	Sidney Dorfman	Father of David Dorfman
3/20	Louis Duboff *	Father of Stacey Levy and Grandfather of Adam, Sarah and Rebecca Levy,
3/20	Abraham Kaplan	Grandfather of Ellen Feinberg
3/20	Elaine Landberg	Aunt of Sheryl Cooper and Ellen Finkelstein

**Shabbat Observance 3/28-3/29**

3/23	Ruth Block *	Mother of Brian Block, Grandmother of Michael, Corey and Orin Block
3/24	Cheryl Diamond	Sister of Bruce Diamond
3/24	Max Herman	Father of Joel Herman
3/25	Sylvia Freilich *	Mother of Irvin Freilich
3/26	Norman Gecht	Father of Deborah Hoffman
3/27	Estrella Masson	Aunt of Miriam Koppel
3/28	Ida Kostrinsky *	Grandmother of Ron Tornberg
3/29	Chana Bereshkovsky	Grandmother of Carol Chasin
3/29	Max Wotman	Grandfather of Ronda Binkowitz

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

3/30	Charles Zanzalari	Cousin of Pamela Brisman
3/31	Helen Goldstein *	Mother of Larry Goldstein
3/31	Barry Schoengood	Father of Bonnie Russo

**\* 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.**

