



## From Rabbi Weber

Getting ready for Purim, I've been thinking... and that's always dangerous.

For your entertainment and enlightenment, here's what I've been thinking.

- ✧ I wonder why people at services wait until the Torah reaches their aisle before deciding that they absolutely have to kiss it, and then knock down everyone in the row to reach it.
- ✧ I recently saw a "McDonald's Express." Is that for people who don't have time to savor the slow-cooked goodness of a regular McDonald's meal?
- ✧ When my kids went to Marlboro High School, they received an offer for Student Accident Insurance. It included this line (I am not making this up!): "This policy does not cover any loss as a result of ...flying in a space craft or any craft designed for navigation above or beyond the earth's atmosphere..." Is that a common activity for MHS students?
- ✧ Why they sell DVD's of movies and advertise that they "contain deleted scenes"? Personally, I appreciate their deleting that stuff before it gets to me.
- ✧ A local catering hall advertised that they were holding a fair, and one lucky family will "Win a Bar/Bat Mitzvah." As all my students know, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is not a party, it is a 13 year-old boy or girl, and I find it a little creepy that they are giving one away.
- ✧ I'm not proud of this, but it usually takes me three tries to insert a plug into a USB port.
- ✧ When a person who was taught Ashkenazi Hebrew pronunciation tries to read from a transliteration that is Sephardi Hebrew, the result is Ashkefardi.
- ✧ Back when my son, Ari, was in religious school, he walked outside to wait for me and saw a woman park in my space and get out of her car. He gently said, "That's the rabbi's parking space," and the woman said, "Don't worry, I'm the rabbi's wife." Without missing a beat, Ari opened his eyes really wide and said, "YOU'RE my MOMMY???" She moved her car.

- ✧ "Rabbi Weber" is really hard to say. It either comes out as Rabbi Reber or Wabbi Weber.
- ✧ "Wabbi Weber" sounds like Elmer Fudd is speaking. ("Be vewwy qwiet... we're hunting wabbis.")
- ✧ Think about this: on December 10th we started using our new prayerbook, and in one prayer we added the part thanking God for giving us wind and rain. Then we got more snow than ever before. I'm just sayin'.
- ✧ Rabbis' kids are withering in their critique of rabbis. Including their parents.
- ✧ I wish wedding musicians could add something to their repertoire other than Pachelbel's Canon. In a long procession they will play it 10 times, and by the 7th time I want to break their instruments.
- ✧ "Co-Mingled Recyclables" sounds much racier than it actually is.
- ✧ Beds in fancy hotels now have a sheet and an 11,000 pound "comforter" on them. Every time we stay at a hotel I wake up with nightmares of having 6 hours of X-rays in the dentist's office.
- ✧ Dear President Obama: forget Gitmo. Just put the suspected terrorists in seat 40B on a Continental flight. Within an hour they'll be giving up their mothers.
- ✧ Manhattan is a very special place in the summer... on garbage night.
- ✧ You know you won't find many Jews in any town which has live bait vending machines

### What TRT Really Needs:

*a good sushi chef, valet parking, announcements that come to your house and read themselves to you, and a corporate jet*

One thing TRT needs that it DOES have is a GREAT way to celebrate PURIM. Come for our Pre-Purim Pizza Party, then stay for our very funny Purim celebration featuring the Not Ready for the Bima Players in an all-new, original Purim shpiel. Then bring children and grandchildren to the Purim Carnival, and have fun!

Be happy, it's Purim!

Shawom,  
Wabbi Weber

Comments?

Sign on to the rabbi's blog at [www.rabbi.trt.org](http://www.rabbi.trt.org).

# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Wicker Memorial Baptist Church Shabbat Dinner & Service

**Shabbat Dinner: Friday, March 11, 2011, 6PM**  
Temple Rodeph Torah

**Shabbat Service: Friday, March 11, 2011, 8PM**  
Temple Rodeph Torah



Join us for an evening of song, prayer, and fellowship!

\$18 per adult/ \$12 per child under age 13, children under 5 eat for free! Families with more than 2 children between ages 5 and 13 can attend for the price of \$60.

**Please RSVP to TRT office by March 4, 2011**



## Purim Pizza Party & Shpiel

**Pizza Party: Saturday, March 19, 2011, 6PM**  
Temple Rodeph Torah

\$3.00 per person payable in advance.  
Please RSVP to the temple office by March 15, 2011:  
732-308-0055 or trtmain@optonline.net

**Shpiel: Saturday, March 19, 2011, 7PM**  
Temple Rodeph Torah



## Purim Carnival

**Sunday, March 20, 2011, 12PM to 2PM**  
Temple Rodeph Torah

Inflatable Bounce, Games, Prizes, Food,  
Music, Face Painting, Raffle Prizes

**Game tickets on sale March 6 through March 13.**

30 tickets for \$3.00 in advance  
or 30 tickets for \$5.00 at the door

## Women's Health Day

Sponsored by the Sisterhood's of Temple Shaari Emeth,  
Temple Rodeph Torah, and Temple Shalom



**March 27, 2011, 12:30PM to 4:30PM**  
Temple Shaari Emeth

Guest speakers from a variety of health fields  
will discuss health topics concerning women

Please contact Temple Shaari Emeth's office  
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