



Temple Rodeph Torah

N E W S

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Dear Senator McCain and Senator Obama,
Since I have not had the opportunity to meet with either of you personally, I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you what you need to do to win the upcoming election.

Obviously, the most important thing is to tell us you can fix the economy. We need to believe you can solve the mortgage crisis, rescuing homeowners, the banks and the dollar without raising taxes or penalizing those who bought homes they could actually afford.

After that, tell us you either know how to win the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan or how to end them. In either case, make us believe that you can do it with no loss of life, no loss of pride and no loss of American influence in the world.

Then you need to tell us you know how to solve the oil crisis. Tell us we will see \$1 gasoline again, and you have a way to get it without relying on unstable Mideast regimes. Whether it is a secret oil reserve in Kansas or a new way to extract gasoline from used soda cans, help us believe you can bring back the Good Old Days of filling our tanks without a second thought.

You both know that many of these problems exist because right now the dollar is barely worth the paper it is printed on. That happened because our government did just what millions of homeowners did: we spent way, way more than we earn. Of course, no one forecloses on a government; instead, other countries start treating our money like confetti. So, Senators, you need to convince us that you know how to pay off the \$9,610,010,748,400.65 national debt we have run up since 2000, stop adding to it at a rate of over \$1,800,000,000 every day, and not cut any government programs while you balance the budget.

If you absolutely *have* to cut programs, you need to make sure you don't cut the ones *I* care about. This is where it gets tricky for you, because you are going to need to promise this to *everyone*, and we don't all care about the same things. To get elected you will need some excellent speech writers – people who can help you tell farmers you won't cut subsidies, tell the hungry you won't cut food stamps, tell employers you won't increase the minimum wage and tell workers you won't let any more of their jobs go overseas.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW MEMBER SHABBAT – October 3

YOM KIPPUR – October 8-9

EREV SUKKOT SERVICE – October 13

SUKKOT – October 13-20; Come eat in our *sukkah* if you do not have one!

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION – October 20

NEW STUDENT CONSECRATION – October 24

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - October 26

REFORM MOVEMENT REGIONAL CONVENTION – October 31- November 1

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It comes down to this: Tell us what we want to hear, and we will elect you. It doesn't matter if you can actually *do* it, because once you are elected we will forget all about your promises. In 1999, *candidate* George Bush said the reason oil cost \$30 a barrel was because President Clinton didn't have a plan, but Bush did. See how well that worked out... for *President* Bush?

Tell us you can fix the crisis in healthcare – that we will be able to go to any doctor for any procedure and get any medicine for any ailment *and*, while you are at it, that you have a way to cover the 47 million Americans who have no health insurance at all. We *know* it's not possible, but as long as you tell us you have a way, we'll vote for you. The same goes for inner-city violence, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and the decline in national SAT scores. And, if possible, help us out on the nightmare which airline travel has become.

Whatever you do, gentlemen, there is one place you cannot go. Do *not* tell us it is *our* responsibility. We will turn on you instantly if you say *we* need to do something to solve our problems. If we want self-help we can go to Dr. Phil or Oprah; that's not why we vote for a President. We want you to make it go away, and we want you to tell us you know *how* to make it go away. Whether you have a secret plan to solve the problem (best) or whether you say that *some* people will have to sacrifice, but not *us* (still okay), we want to know that a vote for you will not be wasted on someone who will tell us we have to make changes and even sacrifices to make things better.

Remember when Senator Lloyd Bentsen said to Senator Dan Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy"? It was quite a put-down, except we elected Quayle as Vice-President that year. That's because we don't *want* another Jack Kennedy. Kennedy is the man who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Today, we *do* want to know what our country can do for us, and we want *you* to do it. And if you can't actually do it, then at least promise you can.

Senators, my request is simple: lie to us. But lie really well, so we can believe you for at least a little while. Give us faith in you: faith that you know the answers, faith that you can fix the problems, faith that you will make it all right again. Because without faith in you we would have to face a terrible choice: either to believe that our problems can never be fixed, or to accept that we have to fix them ourselves.

If you promise not to make us choose one of those, we will vote for you.

Good luck in November.

Very truly yours,
Rabbi Don Weber

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Notes from the Cantor

From Cantor Alexander:

What is my task as your *Shaliach Tzibur*, your service leader? Am I a representative for the public as the Hebrew implies? Am I there to sing at you? Am I there just to start you off and have you sing everything? Many of these questions are really more about you, the community than me, the Cantor. What do you come to services for? Do you come to sing everything? To listen? To learn? To grow? To have comfort? To be stretched? To speak with friends? To be seen? **Why are you there?** Is the person sitting next to you there for the same reason? Does the same thing make them happy? Will the same action connect them to God as connects you to God? **Why are you there?**



As the prayer leader my job is to balance all the possible different people at once. Some of you will have trudged in here after a very hard week of work, desperate to turn your brain off and just try to relax in the company of trusted friends. Some of you may have had the same hard week, but look to services as a way to put your brain to a different sort of use, not to turn it off, but to turn it on to things you do not have the luxury of thinking about during the week. Some of you only want things – music and prayers and ideas – that make you comfortable; while others revel in learning new things even if it makes you uncomfortable for a short while. You are all individuals with individual needs, hopes, desires, and fears. You are all in a different state of relationship with each other, with the rest of the Jewish people and with God. So what am I, your worship leader, supposed to do? How can I help each of you with your different needs and different desires, to feel Shabbat, deepen your relationship with God and with community? What should I do to balance these tall orders?

Balance is the answer I have discovered. I have to try to balance the different needs. I have to find a place for those who want to sing everything, and a place for those who want to listen and be inspired. I have to find a place that is familiar, while providing a place of learning and growth for others. Balance is what I strive for.

There are many ways to reach out to those of you who want to stretch your comfort and learn new things about prayers. Sometimes I will speak about the meaning of a prayer, sometimes I will bring in a new melody for an old familiar text, and over the course of this year, one of the things I'm going to experiment with is bringing in another musical expert to accompany our services. During 10 services, about once per month, we will have the gift of musical diversity afforded by the use of a keyboard. Often what you will experience is the same melodies you have come to know and love being played and sung and prayed, but they may feel a little different. The use of the piano adds a new interpretation, it gives us the ability to have the same repeating melody feel different and new each time we return to the chorus. It reminds us that there is always a new interpretation, a new way to connect. This same concept will be demonstrated with the introduction of new melodies. There are many musical styles I hope to share with this community: Maybe some people will connect well with a rock style, some with a jazz style or with a different style all together; but much of the diversity which music has to offer is only successful with instrumental help. So I hope you will open your hearts to this possibility and be open to the styles and prayers I offer with my accompanist.

We joke that for every two Jews there are three opinions, and I think this is very apt. I feel my job as your *Shaliach Tzibur* is to help balance those opinions; make sure that over the course of a worship year, and as much as possible during a worship service, I try to reach the needs and desires of as many as I can. One way for me to do this is to offer you the diversity of musical options available. For every prayer we can have an infinite number of interpretations (or opinions) as well, and the different musical settings can help us find an interpretation which is personally meaningful and allows you, as an individual, to connect within our community.

VIEWPOINT

The Trip That Changed My Life: Israel 2008, by Bruce Neufeld

On June 30, I embarked upon a journey that I had no idea would affect me the way it did. I went to Israel. Millions have gone before me and millions will go after me, but what was important was what it meant to me. The camp I have attended for 10 years, the New Jersey “Y” camp, T.A.C. (a teenage camp) sent 37 boys and girls to our homeland for five weeks. Forty hours of this trip was spent as a counselor at the Koby Mandell Foundation, which is a camp run on a kibbutz for children that live on the border, which is greatly affected by terrorism. This camp gives these children the opportunity to get away from their fears and enjoy being just a kid. This camp would not function without American teenagers who work as their counselors throughout the summer. I was paired with another T.A.C. friend who spoke Hebrew. We were assigned to five first grade Ethiopian boys, who were quite a handful. Thank goodness that my friend spoke Hebrew, as I did not, and the boys spoke no English. This was quite a learning experience and a lot of fun as well as a lot of work. We also had an opportunity to visit a local hospital and bring gifts for the children who were there.

We were in Israel for four Shabbats. The first was spent at the Bat Yam, two were “free Shabbats” where many of us spent time with extended families, and the remaining was spent as a group outside Tel Aviv. I cannot put into words the magnificent country that is Israel. The people are welcoming and the food (I’m obsessed with falafel now) is great. Of course, it is weird to have a kosher McDonalds and Burger King (no cheeseburgers there).

Of course we went to all the major attractions such as the Kotel, Masada, five bodies of water (we swam in all five), Rosh Hanikra, Shlomi and Yad Vashem. We saw tanks, trenches, caves and underground passageways. We shopped, ate, clubbed and sang karaoke. Incidentally, I ran into four previous Israeli camp counselors at a club, as well as two kids I know from Marlboro High School.

I will go back, some way, somehow.

I want to thank Temple Rodeph Torah and the “Israel Scholarship Fund” for helping me financially to make this trip. I am very fortunate to have had this trip of a lifetime, one with memories (and blisters) that I will remember for the rest of my life.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 10/3 - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:30 p.m.
New Member Shabbat
Shabbat Shuva: The Shabbat of Returning
 ✧ Birthday Blessings for October; Candle Lighting 6:16 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/4 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Wednesday, 10/8 - **8:00 p.m. – EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE / KOL NIDRE****
 Candle Lighting 6:08 p.m.
- Thursday, 10/9 - **YOM KIPPUR DAY**
 Morning Services; consult your ticket for service time.**
 1:30 p.m. - Children's Service**
 2:30 p.m. - Healing Service **
 2:30 p.m. - Open Discussion **
 4:00 p.m. - Afternoon Service**
 5:15 p.m. - *Yiskor* (Memorial) Service**
 5:45 p.m. - *Neilah* (Concluding) Service**
- ** - All Services marked with '**' will be held at the **Marlboro High School, on Route 79**. All other services and programs are held at the temple. ***Please remember that photo identification is required for every ticket holder.***
- Friday, 10/10 - Shabbat Services:
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:00 p.m. – Service
 Sermon: “A Guilt-Free Shabbat”
 Candle Lighting 6:04 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/11 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
 Bar Mitzvah: Will Tanner
- Monday, 10/13 - ***Erev Sukkot Service -7:30 p.m.***
Please bring canned fruits and vegetables for the food pantry as your Sukkot offering, and join us in the temple sukkah for our oneg under the stars!
- Friday, 10/17 - Shabbat / Sukkot Service – 8:00 p.m.
 Sermon: “What A Sukkah Teaches”
 Candle Lighting 5:54 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/18 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
 B’nai Mitzvah: Drew Loeser and Michael Rabinowitz
- Monday, 10/20 - ***Erev Simchat Torah Service – 7:30 p.m.***
Come dance with the Torah! Flags and fun for everyone!

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- Friday, 10/24 - Shabbat Services – 8:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – *Consecration of New Religious School Students –
Bring your whole family*
8:00 p.m. – Service
Sermon: “Where Are You?”
Blessing for New Drivers
Candle Lighting 5:44 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/25 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
Bat Mitzvah: Brenna Levy
- Friday, 10/31 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
Sermon: “Boo... Who?”
✧ **Anniversary Blessings for October**; Candle Lighting 5:35 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/1 - 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:

A thousand years ago, when I was a sophomore in college, I got the best gift from my parents: my Junior year would be spent in Israel at Hebrew University. On a clear day, if you stood in the middle of the campus on Mt. Scopus, you could see all the way to the Dead Sea on one side, and from the other, the classic view of Jerusalem, both the new city and the Old.

It was on this mountain, not far from where Abraham bound his son Isaac, that I discovered I *loved* studying this material: Jewish history, modern Hebrew, biblical Hebrew and archeology. What I loved most, though, was struggling, tearing apart and reinterpreting the biblical texts. Who knew? Even a lowly American 20-something could find an insight or two her professors had missed. I began to understand the power of the books I read when I could put the texts into context, when I could see the places where our history happened, and though it may sound corny – I was hooked.

And I realized that what I really wanted most for my 21st birthday was to become a Bat Mitzvah.

At 13, there was no great push to do this, as this was not in my family's tradition (for a girl). At 21, it became the most important thing I could do. So I found a friend who taught me how to chant my portion, a synagogue in town that would welcome this foreign student, and a bakery to deliver the *oneg* party to celebrate. And my gift to my parents was to invite them to attend, with no responsibilities before, during or after.

This doesn't mean that becoming a *Bar* or *Bat mitzvah* at 13 isn't life changing – it certainly can be. But it is not the *only* way to mark this rite of passage. "Passage" is the operative word here, because "*Bar/Bat Mitzvah*" is not a ceremony. Nor is it a day or just a number: it is a person who has mastered the basic Jewish life skills and can therefore lead a service and understand what it means to stand up and chant liturgy and read from the Torah scroll and give a sermon. In other words, becoming *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* means to be a *shaliah tzibur* – a messenger on behalf of a congregation.

When our *B'nai Mitzvah* get up in front of us, they become leaders not for a day, but for a lifetime. They know what they are doing, and that is because we give them the training they need to do the job well. We try to teach

them who they are in the spectrum of the Jewish people, where they come from and most important, where they are going. And all that teaching and learning takes time.

For me, it took seven years after 13. For some of our students, this ritual will occur a little while after they turn 13. For others it might take longer, if they started to study later than their peers. But know this: Whether they are 13 or 15 or 17 or 54 (adults too can do this), they will be prepared to lead.

Being a messenger – a *shaliah tzibur* – is a huge responsibility. But it means being ready to lead us now, and the next generation, and the one after that.

B'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 12th 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.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Welcome back to our 11th year at Temple Rodeph Torah's Nursery School. The children had an easy transition into the three-year-old program. We've prepared for Rosh Hashanah by dipping apples in honey and learning new songs and prayers. We made a beautiful placemat for September and a New Year's card for our family.

Every Friday we light the Shabbat candles, say the blessings over the *challah* and grape juice and sing Shabbat songs.

We're so happy to have our beautiful new playground named "Poppa's Playground," in memory of Claudia Schreiber's father, Alvin Brenner. There are so many great activities on the playset for the preschoolers. Thank you again to Claudia, Julie and Alex for their very generous donation. Many children will enjoy this playground for a long, long time. Come and see us play and grow!

Ms. Ellen and Ms. Randi

COLLEGE OUTREACH

The Temple Rodeph Torah College Outreach program has been in existence for a number of years. The purpose of College Outreach is to keep our kids connected to TRT and to their heritage. Through the years, our college students have received packages from us at Purim, Menorahs at Hanukkah and gift cards as well. Most recently, they were sent a Dunkin' Donuts gift card in May. This was our way of wishing them good luck on their finals and letting them know that their TRT family is thinking of them. We have set up a College Outreach Fund in the newsletter to which contributions may be made.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas on how to keep our kids connected, and we sincerely welcome volunteers.

Marcia Borshof
732-972-1906

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is planning many great events for this year. Our first three events are as follows: October 12, *Sukkah* to be built at 10 a.m.; October 26, *Sukkah* to be dismantled at 10 a.m.; and November 16, Men's Club Paid Members' breakfast. Please remember to check here and the TRT calendar for updates on all our upcoming events.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Brion Feinberg for all his hard work in leading the Men's Club last year.

Phil Fischer and Matt Jacobson

MEMBERSHIP

I'd like to welcome our newest members to Temple Rodeph Torah. We are having a New Member Shabbat Service on Friday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. Please check in with someone from the Membership Committee at

6:15 p.m. to let them know that you are at the temple as you will be called up to the *bima* to receive a very special gift.

We are having a New Member Orientation on Sunday, October 26, from 10-11 a.m. Be sure to look for your invitation in the mail. Anyone who has joined the temple in the last year is welcome to attend. Please mark your calendars for this important event. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet Rabbi Weber, Cantor Alexander, members of the Board of Directors, and other new temple members. Perhaps you will find a religious school carpool or make a new friend! A light nosh will be served. If you are unable to make this orientation, please contact me at 732-972-7307 or mmack59@aol.com, and I'd be happy to suggest a committee that you may be interested in joining or an activity that you might be interested in attending. We have Sisterhood, Women's Spirituality, Adult Education, Men's Club, and Social Action committee, just to name a few. Here at Temple Rodeph Torah, we have a large range of activities, so there is something for everyone. I encourage you to get involved with your Temple Rodeph Torah family. It will enhance your membership at the temple as well as the quality of your life.

Best wishes to all for a sweet and peaceful New Year!

Marla Bucher

SOCIAL ACTION

We hope everyone has begun a sweet and healthy new year. The committee asks for your continued support in making it a good year for those less fortunate as well. You will see that our collection containers remain in the temple Atrium. Any contribution to Birthday Party Partners or items for our troops overseas is greatly appreciated.

This year, we will again be joining Monmouth County temples to participate in *Mitzvah Day*. Please look for flyers at the back of this newsletter. On October 26, we ask for your support by donating blood, being part of our talent show at Sunrise Assisted Living, and contributing to our collection for the troops and our new "one time" collection for families at the Ronald McDonald House. While our troop collection is an ongoing project for Temple Rodeph Torah, it is also a "highlighted" project for *Mitzvah Day*. We also encourage your participation as individuals in any and all of the community-wide events sponsored by other temples. Together, we can make a positive impact on many lives.

Please be sure to consider participating in one of the many volunteer possibilities listed on the Mitzvah Pledge Sheet. In addition to our traditional programs, we want to offer the opportunity for you to receive CPR certification. In order to plan appropriately, we would appreciate having a response from all of those who have an interest in participating.

As always, we thank you for your support and welcome any ideas and suggestions. Please call the temple office for the date and time so that you can join us at our October Social Action Committee meeting.

Mindy Krull and Shari Canell



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

- *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.
- *Shabbat 10/3-10/4 Parashat Vayelech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30 Summary by Eric Rosenstock**
 Moses tells the Israelites he cannot cross the Jordan, since he would die soon. Joshua will lead them and God would wipe out nations in their path.
 God foresees that the Israelites would abandon the Torah's teachings and evils would befall them. Therefore, God tells Moses to teach the Israelites a poem so they will remember what would happen if they stray.
- Shabbat 10/10-10/11 Ha'azinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Summary by Sandy Craig**
 God has dictated a poem to Moses, who reads it to the Israelites. The poem enjoins the people to honor God and reminds them of God's miracles and punishments in the past. Then God tells Moses to climb the mountain on which Moses will die. From this point Moses will be able to view the promised land.
- Shabbat 10/17-10/18 Chol Hamoed Sukkot**
- Shabbat 10/24-10/25 Parashat Beresheit, Genesis 1:1-6:8 Summary by Henry Levenstein**
 God creates the world in six days, rests the seventh day, making it Shabbat. God gives life to Adam and Eve, who eat from the Tree of Knowledge, and are expelled from Eden. Their first son Cain kills his brother Abel. God sees later generations as wicked, except for Noah, and considers destroying this creation.

**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

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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!

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 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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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 great pride and joy, we invite you to join us in celebrating our fourth and final B'nai Mitzvah as our son and brother, Will, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Eden, Howard, Jamie, Perri, and Drew Tanner

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On this proud day in our lives, we invite you to share in our happiness when our son and brother, Drew Evan, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Alene, Brett, Danielle and Rachel Loeser

We invite you to share the tradition when our son, Michael Adam, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Jaclyn and Jeffrey Rabinowitz

Please share in our happiness when our daughter, Brenna Michelle, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for the *oneg* following the service.

Elizabeth and Scott Levy

The Goldstein Family invites you to share in our joy when our son, Harrison Joseph, becomes a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Helen and Steven Goldstein

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!

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZEL TOV

to Seth Misshula, son of Iris and Irwin Misshula, on his engagement to Ms. Elzana Salik
to Chad Kaplan, son of Helene and Ira Kaplan, on his marriage to Ms. Melissa Chill
to Allison Silver, daughter of Reita and Allan, on her marriage to Mr. Adam Teitelbaum
to Marlene and David Shapiro, on the birth and *brit milah* of their grandson, Ryan Benjamin Ruditsky
to Judy and Marty Borell, on the birth of their grandson, Dylan London
to Lynn and Steve Chodos, on the birth of their granddaughter, Lucy Maura Chodos
to Dave Glasser, on becoming the new owner of Eli's Hot Bagels, in the Strathmore Shopping Center in Aberdeen

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.**

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Evan, Maria, Deena and Mark Chesler, on the death of Evan's father, Philip Chesler

to Susan, Eric, Kayla and Julie Alter, on the death of Susan's mother, Anita White

to Anthony, Allison, Arielle, Alaina and Ashley Galiano, on the death of Anthony's brother, Vincent Anthony Galiano

to Michael, Geri, Jared and Dana Kaplan, on the death of Michael's father, William Kaplan

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



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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
Shabbat Observance 10/3-10/4		
10/1	Moshe Janover	Grandfather of Gail Davis
10/1	Rose Krauss	Mother of Burt Krauss
10/1	Henze Viesel	Grandmother of Jay Davis
10/2	Bessie Gavronsky	Great-Aunt of Geri Anne Kaplan
10/2	Pauline Schwartz	Aunt of Gary Shukovsky ל"ה
10/3	Max Feuerman	Grandfather of Scott Levy
10/3	Frances Goldman *	Mother of Iris Schleifstein
10/3	Anna Salkin	Grandmother of Karen Goldstein
10/4	Gussie Schubert	Mother of Warren Schubert
Shabbat Observance 10/10-10/11		
10/5	Leo Feinstein	Father of Steven Feinstein
10/5	Isaac Stern	Father of Rabbi Shira Stern
10/6	Benjamin Levy	Father of Scott Levy
10/6	Herman T. Lukow *	Father of Linda Weinberg
10/7	Harry Chasin	Grandfather of Tod Chasin, Father of Michael Chasin
10/7	Jules Cooper *	Father of Bruce Cooper
10/8	Rose Sherman	Mother of Joel Sherman
10/9	Leon Garelick *	Father of Lynn Sternberg
10/9	Harry M. Levenstein *	Father of Henry Levenstein
10/9	Bernard Shimmerman	Father of Francine Davis
10/9	Gary Shukovsky *	Husband of Rona Shukovsky, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
10/10	Laura Amarosa *	Grandmother of Loretta Shapiro
10/10	Dorothy Hoffman	Mother of Donna Rosenblum
10/10	Irving Kaden *	Father of Randi Sorin
10/10	Susan Meyerberg *	Wife of Alan Meyerberg, Mother of Evan and Jenna Meyerberg, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
10/10	Louis Weber *	Grandfather of Rabbi Don Weber
10/11	Sydney Freedman *	Father of Mark Freedman
10/11	Harry Gilbert *	Father of Janice Feldman
10/11	Ralph Rogove	Brother of William Rogove
10/11	William Scheck	Husband of Hedda Scheck
10/11	Barry Speiser	Special Friend of Robbin Friedell
10/11	Lewis Stein *	Grandfather of Arlene Forman
Shabbat Observance 10/17-10/18		
10/12	Simon Alpert	Father of Zalma Gelber, Grandfather of Geri Anne Kaplan
10/12	Clarence Brandt	Father of Joel Brandt

10/13 Adam Benjamin Bauer *	Son of Sandra Abramson and Eric Bauer
10/13 Charlotte Feld *	Mother of Louis Feld, Ellen Block and Nadine Sherman
10/13 Tina Marcus Mosteiro	Cousin of Elyse Langner
10/14 Murray Kravitz *	Grandfather of David Sorin
10/14 Cornel Paltin *	Father of Josephine Paltin
10/15 Halle Abrams	Uncle of Andrea Kazin
10/15 Liba bat Iosef	Great-Grandmother of Josephine Paltin
10/15 Gloria Brenner	Mother of Claudia Schreiber
10/16 Sylvia R. Krull	Mother of David Krull
10/16 Lorry Posner	Friend of Ellen Finkelstein
10/17 Leona Guttman	Mother of Ro Reibel
10/17 Sam Perl	Grandfather of Ellen Levine
10/18 Sam Litwak *	Grandfather of David Shapiro

Shabbat Observance 10/24-10/25

10/19 Arnold Eigen	Father of Wendie Eigen-Weinstein
10/19 Miriam Reisenfeld	Great-Grandmother of Marlene Shapiro
10/20 Jack Chamoff *	Father of Harvey Chamoff ב"ר
10/20 Theda Kushel	Mother of Barbara Klein
10/21 Judy Pius *	Wife of Larry Pius, Mother of Craig and Jaimee Pius, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
10/22 Seymour Cooper *	Father of Lee Cooper ב"ר , Grandfather of Sarah Cooper
10/22 Anne Nessonson	Aunt of Jerri Kasakove
10/22 Steven Salti *	Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
10/24 Ida Kazin	Grandmother of Alan Kazin
10/24 Bernard Schaefer *	Father of Toni Cooper, Grandfather of Sarah Cooper
10/25 Arthur Fleischman	Father of Jeff Fleischman

Shabbat Observance 10/31-11/1

10/26 Abraham Russo *	Father of Joel Russo
10/27 Sylvia Berlin	Mother of Ilene Fireman
10/27 Jacqueline F. Eisen *	Mother of Cathy Berkowitz
10/28 Jean Berrol	Mother of Steven Berrol
10/28 Morris Blacker	Grandfather of Bonnie Sugarman
10/28 Gerry Goldberg *	Husband of Judy Goldberg, Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
10/29 Benek Bolender *	Father of Marlene Shapiro
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10/31 Max Kirschenbaum *	Father of Jack Kirschenbaum

* 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.