

# Temple Rodeph Torah **NEWS**

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## FROM RABBI WEBER

**H**ave you ever worn a Jewish star, or a *chai*, or a *mezuzah* around your neck, so others could see it? If you have, thank Israel.

Have you ever put a *mezuzah* on the door of your house – not way up in the top corner, but right at eye level, so everyone who comes into your home sees it? If you have, thank Israel.

Have you ever stood up to an anti-Semitic comment, or taught your children or grandchildren to be proud of who they are as Jews and not to let others speak badly about Judaism? If you have, thank Israel.

Has your heart ever swelled with pride when you saw a blue-and-white flag with a Jewish star standing proudly alongside the flags of the other nations on this planet? If you have, thank Israel.

Even if you have never been to Israel, its existence has changed your life as a Jew and as a Jewish family. Nothing in the past 2,000 years has done more to make us proud of being Jewish. Yes, it is amazing to see Israel represented at the United Nations, or to see Israeli leaders being well received in the White House. But when Israel stands up to its enemies, it teaches us to stand up for what we believe in, too.

Before 1967 – the year of the Six Day War – most American Jews were very private about our Judaism. We went to temple, but even our temples were designed to look more like modern art museums than anything too overtly Jewish. If we wore a *mezuzah*, we wore it inside our clothing; after all, there was no sense being too obvious about it. And the instructions my father was given in school were simple: if someone says something anti-Semitic, walk away. There was no reason to fight over it, and it would be better for everyone if the insult was simply ignored.

Then everything changed. We Jews, who had always identified with the Woody Allen-style *nebbish* who wore thick glasses, could not defend himself and whined about everything, suddenly had a new role model: the Israeli soldier. Young, strong, proud, gorgeous (male and female!) and... victorious. While succeeding years have shown the problems which Israel inherited with its breathtaking conquest of the Golan Heights, the West Bank,

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT – May 2**

**OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS – May 4**

**ISRAEL'S 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SHABBAT – May 9**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY – May 14**

**GUEST SPEAKER: PRESIDENT OF MONMOUTH JEWISH FEDERATION – May 16**

**B'NAI TORAH CEREMONY FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS – May 30**

**JOIN TRT FOR THE ISRAEL DAY PARADE IN NYC. See inside for details – June 1**

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Gaza and the Sinai, the war itself accomplished something which no religious school class or sermon could ever achieve: Jews became proud to be Jewish.

With that pride, we began to ask ourselves a new question: instead of wondering if we would *survive* – an obvious question after the Holocaust – we started thinking about how we could *thrive*. And we began to act like people who *belong* here, rather than like outsiders hoping not to be noticed. Out came the Jewish stars and the *chai* jewelry. Out came the big, colorful, hand-crafted *mezuzot* for our doors. Out came Jon Stewart and Matisyahu. Out came Birthright Israel and JDate. Out came the crowds at the Israel Day Parades in major cities around the country. Like the civil rights movement before us and the gay pride movement after us, we stood up and *demanded* acceptance, thanks to Israel.

Now it is our turn, because Israel needs our help.

As I write this, missiles are falling on Israeli towns. I assume the missiles will be falling on Israeli towns when you read this, too. Much has been made of the inaccuracy of the missiles, and how there have been “only a few casualties” from them; in fact, this has been used to claim that *Israel* is the guilty party when it sends in helicopter gunships to destroy the missile launchers. The argument that Israel has no right to defend itself if the people shooting at its citizens can’t aim well is beyond absurd, yet it is being heard around the world. And since Hamas places its missile launchers in the middle of housing projects, they guarantee a perfect “photo-op” of an injured child whenever Israel tries to stop the attacks on its own children.

It has been said that if the Palestinians laid down their weapons tomorrow, there would be no more war; if Israel laid down its weapons tomorrow, there would be no more Israel. No other nation on the planet has to try to prove that it deserves to exist, sixty years after its birth. Who has the courage to stand up for Israel?

I hope we do. We owe it to her for all she has done for us. We owe it to her for all she has done for the Jewish people, wherever we live. *We* will stand up for Israel.

In Rabbi Stern’s column this month you will find the details about TRT’s participation in the Salute to Israel Parade which takes place on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, in New York City. Tens of thousands of people – Jewish and non-Jewish – will march to show our support for Israel, for Israelis and for the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the only democracy in the Middle East. Please join us: walk if you can walk, or sit in the reviewing area if you cannot walk. Either way, it is time to stand up for Israel.

You will be so proud you did.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Don Weber

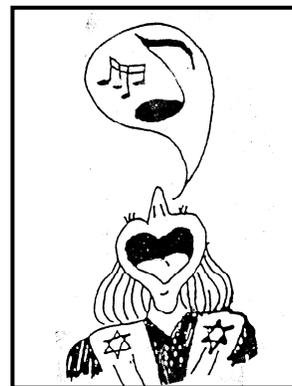
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## Notes from the Cantor

### *Shalom, Chaveirim*

Recently you received a letter with the news that I will not be returning to Temple Rodeph Torah after June 30. Circumstances have made it necessary for the cantorial pulpit to transition from full-time to part-time. When the Executive Board offered the position to me as such, I responded that I love being a cantor and want to continue working full-time. Subsequently I am now in placement to find a full-time pulpit.



Please understand that I am leaving with the deepest of love between myself and TRT. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you as your Cantor, and will continue to do so through June 30 of this year. When that time is past, I will remain TRT's friend and biggest fan. In the meantime, let us continue to make music together, to learn together, to laugh and cry together, and ultimately to praise God together. I love you all.

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



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, 5/2 - Family Shabbat Service – 7:30 p.m.  
**YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT: Our Service will be led by the members of RTSY, our Senior Youth Group**  
 ✧ Birthday Blessings for May; Candle Lighting 7:36 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/3 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 B'nai Mitzvah: Ariel Barter and Aaron Jacobson
- Friday, 5/9 - Shabbat Services:  
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)  
 8:00 p.m. – Service  
**CELEBRATION OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**  
 Candle Lighting 7:43 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/10 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan.  
 Bar Mitzvah: Evan Binder
- Friday, 5/16 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
**GUEST SPEAKER: Bob St. Lifer, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County**  
 Candle Lighting 7:50 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/17 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 B'nai Mitzvah: Erynn Gandelman and Adam Petty
- Friday, 5/23 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
 Sermon: “The Value of Righteous Action”  
 Candle Lighting 7:56 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/24 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 Bat Mitzvah: Carly Goldstein
- Monday, 5/26 - Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.  
 Bar Mitzvah: Jason Golden
- Friday, 5/30 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.  
**B'NAI TORAH CEREMONY, honoring the Confirmation Class of 5769 (2009)**  
 ✧ **Anniversary Blessings for May**; Candle Lighting 8:02 p.m.
- Saturday, 5/31 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. Minyan Group.  
 Bat Mitzvah: Michelle Joseph

*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:**

Ever watch a parade and wonder, “Could I do that?” Nothing matches the pageantry and the excitement of standing in the middle of Fifth Avenue, walking the WRONG WAY up town with flags flying, bands playing, singers singing and dancers in full dress uniforms doing the *hora*. And telling you about it is a little like trying to describe what chocolate tastes like; you really have to experience it for yourself.

This year, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Temple Rodeph Torah is going to be right in the middle of the Salute to the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Israel Parade, in costume around our “Go Green – Go Israel” theme. We will have marchers and an organized spectator area for those who want to cheer us on. We will have banners and posters and hand puppets and streamers (all recyclable or bio-degradable). And of course, we will have T-shirts with the parade logo on the front and our temple name on the back. We will be walking alongside celebrities, artists, diplomats, public officials, world-wide delegations, community leaders and special guests from Israel. And no one group will be more proud than we will be. We will provide buses, snacks, and T-shirts for the nominal price of \$5 per person (see attached). All people eight years old to 80+ can walk – all older and younger can watch and cheer in a designated spot along the parade route.

Connecting to a land far away is difficult for adults, and all the more so for children. We want our students not just to view Israel as a particular accident of geography, but rather as the spiritual resource and focal point for us as Jews. What better way to emphasize the message than by experiencing Israel with all the senses: hear the folk music, see the colors of blue and white on display, taste traditional foods, feel the flags in our hands, smell the spring flowers that will grace the parade route. Looking back on 60 years, six wars and two *intafadas*, it seems incredible that in this short period of time fraught with difficulties we have made the desert bloom, the country grow in every facet of life, the history come alive through tourism and exploration (<http://www.salutetoisrael.org/about>).

But we don’t *only* need your presence; we really need your help. We are planning our “Prop Prep” sessions on three separate days to enable students, families and youth group members to participate in making this a spectacular event.

- April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 All students and families
- May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 (with pizza) All adults and students
- May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 All youth groupers (Junior and Senior)

Talking about Israel always makes me emotional, but nothing brings me to tears more quickly than the song below, which we will sing together as we walk. (Listen to it on our website at [www.trt.org](http://www.trt.org).) Come help us show our true colors, as we stand as one with Israel.

*Kachol v'Lavan, zeh tzevah sheli,* Blue and the white – these are the  
*Kachol v'Lavan, tzvi-ei admati* colors, the colors of my homeland  
*Kachol v'Lavan, kachol v'Lavan* all the days of my life, forever.  
*Zeh tzeva sheli kol yamai l'olam.*

*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 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).

## 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 e-mail list. You will be notified of the dates

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

Suzie Hershman

## MEMBERSHIP

I hope that everyone had a Happy and Healthy Passover! Springtime is here and the Membership Committee is busy getting ready for the Open House for prospective new members. It will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the temple sanctuary. A light *nosh* will be served. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining a temple, please provide me with their name and phone number and I will be happy to contact them. It would be a *mitzvah* for you to attend the Open House and/or a temple service with them.

Don't forget to tell your parents and grandparents about our new membership category! Parents and grandparents of full temple members can join for \$180 per year for a couple and \$90 for a single.

Did you know that if you refer a friend to the temple, you receive one month free of dues? Don't forget to tell your friends that are considering joining our temple that they will be helping you if they join and that they will not be billed until September if they join in the spring. It's a wonderful deal for all involved! Statistics show that people are more likely to join a temple where their friends and family worship, so encourage them to consider Temple Rodeph Torah.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

Marla Bucher

## SOCIAL ACTION

Last year, the Social Action Committee made an effort to alert the congregation to the atrocities in Darfur. While the death tolls continue to climb due to the ongoing violence, there is also an alarming growth in deaths due to disease. April 25<sup>th</sup> was World Malaria Awareness Day. In recognition of that day, our committee sent a contribution to the Union for Reform Judaism's Nothing But Nets campaign. If you are interested, you could participate individually as well. Please read the "Keeping you Informed" article to learn more about Nothing But Nets.

We, as the Social Action Committee, try to offer programs to educate the congregation and outlets to provide an opportunity for you to give time or donations to continue our efforts toward *Tikkun Olam*. There is still so much more to be done. The following are just a few web sites that will provide you with information on additional ways you can contribute. One, [freerice.com](http://freerice.com), will actually cost you nothing while it provides food around the world. Check it out – it's fun! Others, such as [NothingButNets.net](http://NothingButNets.net), [Makeitrightnola.org](http://Makeitrightnola.org), and [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org) require varying degrees of involvement. Take a look to see which is right for you.

Again, we still need your help right here! Please contact Andrea Kazin if you can serve one Sunday in May or June at the Asbury Park soup kitchen. And, don't forget our collection boxes in the temple atrium for the troops and Birthday Party Partners.

Mindy Krull and Shari Canell

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The Social Action Committee believes that the content of this column is important and timely information of which our congregants should be made aware. We bring it to your attention in the hope of garnering your support to continue to make our world a safer, healthier and more peaceful place in which to live. This column should not be construed as an original piece. We have used various, reliable sources to “cut and paste” the facts together in a short, cohesive manner. Please visit the websites we list at the end of the column if you wish to learn more about this issue.

### **Malaria**

Malaria is a disease caused by a blood parasite which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Infected humans experience flu-like symptoms that can result in coma and death. Malaria infects more than 500 million people a year and kills more than a million. One person dies about every 30 seconds. The disease is particularly devastating in Africa, where it is a leading killer of children. In addition to being home to the deadliest strain of malaria and the mosquito best equipped to transmit the disease, many areas in Africa lack the proper infrastructure and resources to fight back.

The disease is a self-perpetuating problem with large-scale impact on societies and economies. Malaria accounts for up to half of all hospital admissions and outpatient visits in Africa. In addition to the burden on the health system, malaria illness and death cost Africa approximately \$12 billion a year in lost productivity. The effects permeate almost every sector. Malaria increases school absenteeism, decreases tourism, inhibits foreign investment, and even affects the type of crops that are grown.

### **Malaria is Both Preventable and Treatable**

Malaria is both a preventable and treatable disease. It can be prevented by giving families and individuals insecticide-treated bed nets to sleep under and taking steps to kill mosquitoes where they breed and when they enter houses to feed at night. At the same time, anti-malarial drugs such as artemisinin and other combination therapies that are widely available can treat malaria before it becomes deadly.

Malaria has been brought under control and even eliminated in many parts of Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Yet in Africa, with increasing drug resistance and struggling health systems, malaria infections have actually increased during the last three decades.

### **Bed Nets**

Despite the magnitude of the problem, there is a simple and cost-effective solution to prevent malaria deaths—the purchase and distribution of bed nets. Bed nets work by creating a protective barrier against mosquitoes at night, when the vast majority of transmissions occur. A family of four can sleep under an insecticide-treated bed net, safe from malaria, for up to four years. The benefits of bed nets extend even further than the family. When enough nets are used, the insecticide used to deter mosquitoes makes entire communities safer—including even those individuals who do not have nets.

For further information, please visit:

[www.nothingbutnets.net](http://www.nothingbutnets.net)

[www.who.int](http://www.who.int) (World Health Organization)



## Torah Today

*A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion*

- Shabbat 5/2-3 Parashat Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27 Summary by Neal Perlman**  
 God gives the Israelites detailed guidelines for moral, ethical and sexual conduct appropriate for living in Israel. God warns them not to conduct themselves in the same manner as the nation God is expelling. God pronounces that just as they are set apart from other peoples, they are to set apart the clean beasts from the unclean.
- Shabbat 5/9-10 Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Summary by Elise Kaye**  
 Adonai tells Moses to speak to Aaron's sons, who are the priests. The priests are given instructions regarding the manner in which they must uphold their priestly duties. Chapter 22 discusses the rules governing the sacred donations, which the Israelites consecrate to God. In chapter 23, God instructs Moses to educate the Israelites on the fixed times of sacred occasions, and the manner in which these occasions should be observed. Also discussed, are the various offerings associated with these occasions or events. In chapter 24, Adonai reveals the rules for lighting and kindling lamps regularly. In addition, the philosophy of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is emphasized.
- Shabbat 5/16-17 Parashat Behar, Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2 Summary by Linda Cranin**  
 This portion deals with the use of property, both the land and slaves. Adonai speaks to Moses, telling him to instruct the Israelite people on how to keep their land productive by allowing it to rest in the seventh year. The rules for keeping, redeeming and freeing both Israelite and gentile slaves are discussed. Two of the Ten Commandments are discussed: do not make idols, and keep the Sabbath.
- Shabbat 5/23-24 Parashat Behukkotai, Leviticus 26:3 – 27:34 Summary by Neal Finkelstein**  
 God tells the Israelites of the good things that will happen if they observe the commandments. The rains will come, the harvest will be bountiful, there will be peace in the land; but if there should be a war, the Israelites will be victorious. God will dwell amongst the people. On the other hand, if the people do not observe the commandments, God will deal harshly with them and there will be disease, famine, and their enemies will defeat them. If the people remain hostile, God will disperse them among all the nations until such time as they atone. When they atone, God will remember the Covenant made with the patriarchs and will again look with favor on the Israelites.
- The second part of the portion concerns the value of gifts people offer to God. When people experienced good fortune or wanted a favor from God, they promised or vowed themselves, part of their land, or other valuable possession. Rather than giving the promised item, it was permissible to give the monetary equivalent. The second part of the Torah reading deals with the way to determine the monetary value.
- Shabbat 5/30-31 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.

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

### 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 lifecycle events, please feel free to call Rabbi Weber, at 732-409-1268, or Cantor Shuchat-Marx, at 732-308-2311.

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## HONORABLE MENSCHEN

Thank you to all RTSY and Men's Club members, and the other volunteers who made the Purim Carnival so successful and so much fun! They were an integral part of our success and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Modell's Sporting Goods for donating a \$10 gift card, and to Chili's for donating 10 free kids' meals. The Chili's donation was facilitated by Marissa Krull of TRT on behalf of the charitable organization which she created, Horses We Care About (<http://horseswecareabout.webs.com/>).

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Thank you to Cantor Jacquie for being such a good sport and taking a pie to the face to raise money for RTSY!

Rachel Klein, RTSY Advisor

*You are Cordially Invited*

We would like to invite our Temple Rodeph Torah family to share our joy as our daughter and sister, Ariel Nicole, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2008. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Rhonda, Bill and Shannon Barter

On this special day of love and tradition, we invite you to share our happiness when our son and brother, Aaron Michael, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Anne, Matt and Leah Jacobson

It is with great pride that we invite you to join us as our daughter and sister, Erynn Samara, leads us in worship and is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Robyn, Howie, and Isaac Gandelman

Memories are created by sharing special moments with family and friends. We invite you to join us as our son and brother, Adam Michael, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Our celebration continues at the *oneg* following services.

Karen, Tim and Allison Petty

With great pride, joy and love we invite you to share in our happiness when our daughter and sister, Carly Nicole, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Wendye, Gregory and Rachel Goldstein

With much love and pride, we invite you to share a special day in our lives when our son and brother, Jason Craig, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Monday, May 26, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Jill, Shelly and Jessica Golden

Please share this special day of love and tradition when our daughter and sister, Michelle Joseph, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Karen, David, Benjamin and Jeremy Joseph

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV**

to Stephanie and Larry Weissman, on the birth of their grandson, Tyler Allan Weissman  
to Mark Borell, son of Judy and Marty Borell, on his marriage to Dr. Emily Halpern  
to Jennifer Perlman, daughter of Lisa and Irv Perlman, on her engagement to Mr. Gary Rosenzweig  
to Allison Goldschlag, daughter of Bonnie and Bob Goldschlag, on her engagement to Mr. Michael Reinking

**Congratulations and *mazel tov* to our 2008 college graduates and their families:**

Judd Abramson – Rutgers University  
 Chelsea Adasko – Ball State University  
 Stephen Alerhand – Brown University  
 Adam Aptaker – Rutgers University  
 Lauren Becker – Penn State University  
 Jeffrey Binder – University of Arizona  
 Joshua Bucher – Rutgers University, premed honor society, political science honor society  
 Brian Burstein – Rutgers University  
 Jessica Burstein – Rutgers University, with honors  
 Julie Castro – Syracuse University, *magna cum laude*  
 David Craig – Arcadia University  
 Michael DiFazio – Neumont University  
 Joshua Gleich – Mannes College, The New School for Music  
 Marissa Gross – Syracuse University  
 Amanda Gross – University of Hartford, with high honor  
 Danyelle Halpern – American University  
 Scott Heitner – Indiana University  
 Benjamin Joseph – University of Connecticut  
 Jacob Kalmus – University of Hartford, Barney School of Business  
 Jenna Karmel – University of Delaware, Dean's List  
 April Katzanek – Indiana University  
 Jennifer Kaye – Rowan University  
 Lauren Kurnit – Ithaca College  
 Adam Levy – Lehigh University  
 Kenny Midoneck – Rowan University  
 Brandon Rosenblum – George Washington University  
 Alyssa Salman – Fairleigh Dickenson University  
 Jessica Schambach – Brandeis University  
 Sara Shapiro – Ryder University  
 Stephanie Sherman – University of Rhode Island  
 Gregory Silverman – Hofstra University  
 Noah Stern Weber – Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory

*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 Stuart, Nancy, Evan and Nyssa Schlem, on the death of Stuart's mother, Evelyn Schlem  
 to Alan, Michelle, Jaclyn and Lauren Suskind, on the death of Alan's father, Herman Suskind  
 to Karen, Tim, Allison and Adam Petty, on the death of Karen's grandmother, Esther Funes  
 to Barbara and Jon Kurnit, on the death of Barbara's mother, Lucille Phillips  
 to Karen, David, Ben, Jeremy and Michelle Joseph, on the death of Karen's father, Aaron Weisberg

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **Bolender Holocaust Educational Endowment**

Marlene and David Shapiro and family  
 Andrea, David, Jennifer and Marissa Wajngold,  
 for the *yahrzeit* of Symek Kirstein  
 Ellen and Allen Bloom, Michele and Robert Wank and  
 Adrienne and Anthony Bellay, Congratulations  
 to Jennifer Wajngold on receiving her doctorate  
 in physical therapy.

### **Building Fund**

The Schwitz family, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Dr. Sydney Schwitz

### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

Sheryl and Bruce Cooper in appreciation of a  
 wonderful Adult Retreat

### **General Fund**

Linda and Stewart Prince and family,  
 in memory of Adrienne Goldberg  
 The Kalmus family, for the *yahrzeit* of Minnie Reiter  
 Ellen, Brian, Michael, Corey and Orin Block,  
 for the *yahrzeit* of Ruth Block  
 Carol and Mike Chasin, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Chana Bereshkovsky  
 Marcia, Ed, Jason and Dana Falk,  
 for the *yahrzeit* of Mildred Falk  
 Lynn Chodos, for the speedy recovery of Linda Evans  
 Ilse and Ernest Grunwald, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Erna Kalberman

### **Helena Project Fund**

Bernice and Bob Gewirtz, in honor of the marriage of  
 Amy Gewirtz and Justin Chodos

### **Herzog Music Fund**

Sheryl and Bruce Cooper, in honor of the  
 Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Zukoff  
 in appreciation of Cantor Jacquie  
 for a wonderful Adult Retreat

### **Hirsch/Rosen Youth Fund**

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper, in honor  
 of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of Kara Borshof  
 in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of Ben  
 Sugarman  
 in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
 Sam Sugarman

### **Israel Scholarship Fund**

Sheryl and Bruce Cooper, in appreciation of  
 Ellen and Neal Finkelstein's hard work to ar-  
 range the Adult Retreat

### **Landscaping Fund**

Nadine, Joel, Lauren, Stephanie and Ryan Sherman for  
 the *yahrzeit* of Barbara Lieber

### **Library Fund**

Ronda Binkowitz for the *yahrzeit* of Max Wotman

### **Nursery School Fund**

The Cutler and the Melzer families, in honor of the  
 marriage of Justin Chodos and Amy Gewirtz

### **Prayerbook Fund**

Sari and Brad Rubin, in memory of Rhoda Cohen

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

Ellen and Neal Finkelstein, in appreciation of  
 Rabbi Weber and Rabbi Stern for leading an  
 inspiring adult retreat  
 Lynn and Steve Chodos, in honor of the *aufwurf* of Justin  
 Chodos and Amy Gewirtz  
 Ellen and Allen Bloom, with thanks to Rabbi Weber  
 Susan and Larry Wien, for the complete and speedy  
 recovery of Marty King  
 Joel and Marcia Borshof, in memory of Beatrice Borshof  
 and with thanks to Rabbi Weber  
 Barbara and Jon Kurnit, in memory of Lucille Phillips  
 Susan and Warren Brumel, in memory of  
 Eleanor Jacobson  
 Ron and Kathy Tornberg, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Ida Kostrinsky  
 Carol and Mike Chasin, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Abraham Friedman  
 The Herman family, for the *yahrzeit* of Max Herman  
 The Feigenbaum family, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Blanche Kirnum  
 Fran Paduano, for the *yahrzeit* of Herbert Buchalter  
 Stacey Levy, for the *yahrzeit* of Louis Duboff

### **Religious School Fund**

Sheryl and Bruce Cooper, in appreciation of  
 Rabbi Weber and Rabbi Stern for a  
 wonderful Adult Retreat  
 Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan and Michelle Cooper,  
 in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of  
 Taylor Derris  
 Susan Stier, for the *yahrzeit* of Arthur Denbaum  
 Sheri and Richard Binder, for the *yahrzeit* of  
 Jerome Binder  
 Laurie Kaufman, for the *yahrzeit* of Ann Mednikoff

### **Temple Improvement and Beautification Fund**

Linda and Stewart Prince and family,  
 in memory of Adrienne Goldberg

**Temple Improvement and Beautification Fund**  
**(cont'd)**

Sheryl, Bruce, Jonathan, and Michelle Cooper,  
for the *yahrzeit* of Minnie Welkin  
in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of Brooke  
Curtis  
in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of  
Adam Klemons  
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
Brett Friedman

**Willner/Weinstein Educational Endowment Fund**  
Pamela Brisman, for the *yahrzeit* of Charles Zanzalari

**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.**

TEMPLE RODEPH TORAH of Western Monmouth
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- BOLENDER HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT, for Holocaust education in our temple
BUILDING FUND, for the construction and maintenance of our home
CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND, administered by the Cantor for the benefit of the congregation\*
GENERAL FUND, for the maintenance of temple programs and activities
HELENA PROJECT FUND, to provide Shabbat meals for families in times of upset and difficulty
HERZOG MUSIC FUND, for the musical needs of the congregation
HIRSCH/ROSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND, provides funding for youth programs
ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, provides financial assistance for youth trips to Israel
LANDSCAPING FUND, for the purchase of trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify our property
LIBRARY FUND, for the purchase of books for our Library
MEN'S CLUB TRIBUTE FUND, to further the work of the Men's Club
MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND, dedicated completely to paying down the principal on our mortgage
NURSERY SCHOOL, for the development and support of our Nursery School program
PRAYERBOOK FUND, for the purchase of prayerbooks. Any amount may be donated to this Fund, but a contribution of \$36 or more is required to dedicate a prayerbook.
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND, administered by the Rabbi for the benefit of the congregation\*
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND, for the Jewish education of our children
SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND, to further the work of Sisterhood
SOCIAL ACTION FUND, to support the Committee's work of "repairing the world"
TEMPLE IMPROVEMENT and BEAUTIFICATION FUND, provides funds for improvements to the temple
WILLNER/WEINSTEIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND, provides interest income for the Religious School's future

\*\*\* 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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## 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 5/2-5/3</b>		
5/1	Sarah Cohen	Mother of Iris Schubert
5/1	Cantor Renee Coleson	Friend of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
5/1	Mario Maravent	Uncle of Miriam Koppel
5/2	Eva Garfield	Grandmother of Saul Curtis
5/2	Anna Perlmutter	Aunt of Rachel Wilder Pachter ז"ל
5/2	Rachel Perlmutter	Grandmother of Rachel Wilder Pachter ז"ל
5/2	Yitzrach Perlmutter	Grandfather of Rachel Wilder Pachter ז"ל
5/2	Doba Wilder	Grandmother of Rachel Wilder Pachter ז"ל
5/2	Sally Wilder	Aunt of Rachel Wilder Pachter ז"ל
5/2	Wolf Hersh Wilder	Grandfather of Rachel Wilder Pachter ז"ל
5/3	Herbert Schulman	Father of Andrea Gutter
<b>Shabbat Observance 5/9-5/10</b>		
5/4	Anna Kaufman *	Aunt of Arthur Kaufman
5/4	Rachel Lustig *	Mother of Marsha Gross
5/4	Irving Margulis	Grandfather of Alan Kazin
5/4	Rosyln Orlofsky *	Mother of Ellen Berrol ז"ל
5/5	Benjamin S. Chancy	Father of Phyllis Solomon
5/5	Alice H. Harris *	Mother of Susan Pack
5/5	Yetta Keshlensky	Grandmother of Barry Kaye
5/5	Meta Kahn Klein	Great-Grandmother of Sharon Solar
5/5	Bella Margulis	Grandmother of Alan Kazin
5/5	Jerry Maron	Father of Valerie Schwab
5/5	Gilbert Shorr *	Grandfather of Jodie Sherer and Father of Brian Shorr
5/5	Florence Solomon	Mother-in-law of Phyllis Solomon
5/5	Ina Zurom	Mother of Isobel Miller
5/6	Jack Bucher *	Father of Marty Bucher
5/6	Ida Slove Friedman	Mother of Carol Chasin
5/6	Max Heidt	Father of Maurice Heitt
5/6	Rose Herzog *	Mother of Richard Herzog and Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
5/6	Irv Klier *	Father of Bonnie Miller
5/7	Julius Abramson	Grandfather of Donald Abramson
5/7	Paul Fischel	Father of Amy Grigos
5/7	Irving Goldberg	Father of Linda Wainick
5/7	Henry Klug *	Father of Ronald Klug
5/7	Joseph Miller	Father of Richard Miller
5/8	Nathan Fine *	Father of Morton Fine
5/8	Charlotte Solomon *	Mother of Sheila Harris
5/8	Morris Wiskin	Father of Jerry Wiskin

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5/9	Stanley Michaelson	Father of Craig Michaelson
5/9	Norman Weinberg *	Brother of Stuart Weinberg
5/10	Minnie Friedland	Mother of Lawrence Friedland

**Shabbat Observance 5/17-5/16**

5/11	Rubin Gale *	Father of Francine Robby
5/11	Ed Rogers	Grandfather of Linda Cranin
5/11	Eleanor Singer *	Mother of Leslie Rosenstock Grandmother of Bobby and Joshua Rosenstock
5/11	Raymond Zwyer *	Father of Beverly Azarchi
5/12	Werner Blankenstein *	Father of Vivian Feinstein
5/12	Martin Klier	Uncle of Bonnie Miller
5/13	Bernard Chodos *	Father of Stephen Chodos
5/13	Florence Davis *	Mother of Jay Davis
5/13	Murray Freilich *	Father of Nancy Gold
5/13	Morris Friedman *	Cousin of Melody Midoneck
5/13	Abraham Goldman *	Father of Iris Schleifstein
5/14	Selma Binkowitz	Mother of Iris Binkowitz
5/14	Mary Kaplan	Grandmother of Michael Kaplan
5/15	Barbara Marilyn Fischer *	Mother of Michael Fischer
5/15	Herbert Horowitz	Father of Robert Horowitz
5/15	Harry Markowitz	Uncle of Phyllis Levenstein
5/15	Phyllis Shapiro	Mother of Eden Tanner
5/16	Miriam Stepner Barber *	Mother of Barry Barber
5/16	Morris Bender	Grandfather of Wendye Goldstein
5/16	Bertram Neustadt *	Brother of Helen Wiskin ז"ל and Uncle of Jerry Wiskin
5/16	Shirley Weber	Grandmother of Lynn Sternberg
5/17	Estela Aidelman	Mother of Debra Aidelman
5/17	Sol Feigenbaum *	Father of Joel Feigenbaum

**Shabbat Observance 5/23-5/24**

5/18	Milton Altman	Father of Judy Wiskin
5/18	Louis Mitosky *	Father of Sophia Abramson
5/18	Sidney Rothman *	Uncle of Marla Bucher
5/19	Roberta Mangel	Mother of Beth Nelson
5/19	Rose Mitchell	Great-Aunt of Louis Weiner
5/19	Sadye Sellinger	Grandmother of Laurie Karmel
5/19	Lorraine Slomka *	Mother of Carl Forman and Mother of Enid Brown ז"ל
5/20	Seymour Kleiner *	Father of Andrea Cariello
5/20	Sally Levine	Mother of Elise Kaye
5/20	Yetta Schulman *	Mother of Irene Ash
5/20	Bertha Wilson *	Aunt of Nina Grossman
5/21	Esther Kizel	Mother of Irwin Kizel
5/21	Louis Reibel	Father of Martin Reibel
5/21	Louis Silverberg	Grandfather of Lisa Reingold
5/22	Betty Colin *	Mother of Barbara Levy and Grandmother of Stacey Levy
5/23	Murray H. Buchalter *	Father of Donna Ponzio
5/24	Anny Marx	Aunt of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx

5/24 Irving Schwartz \* Grandfather of Jodie Sherer and  
Father of Andrea Shorr

**Shabbat Observance 5/30-5/31**

5/25	William Cohen	Father of Iris Schubert
5/25	Morris Joseph Keshlensky	Grandfather of Barry Kaye
5/26	Irving Bizgia	Grandfather of Jeffrey Stevens
5/26	Irma Gelfand	Mother of Maxine Liebers
5/27	Rudi Buri	Student of Cantor Jacquie Shuchat-Marx
5/28	Fannie Quint *	Mother of Michael Quint ז"ל
5/29	Abraham (Alfred) Zurom	Father of Isobel Miller
5/29	Muriel Zweig	Aunt of Karen Goldstein
5/30	Laura Brenner	Sister of Claudia Schreiber
5/30	Leo A. Cranin *	Grandfather of Randy Cranin
5/30	Albert Goldberg *	Father of Gerry Goldberg ז"ל
5/30	Morris Kolodny	Father of Lawrence Kolodny
5/30	Miriam Marcus	Mother of Joan Ho
5/30	Iosef Smilovici	Grandfather of Josephine Paltin
5/30	Ruth Spiegel	Mother of Mitchell Spiegel
5/31	Edith Yetta Silverman *	Mother 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.**

