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On a Sunday in September, 33 ministers defied Internal Revenue Service law by publicly endorsing a political candidate from the pulpit. In stating publicly that they believed that Senator McCain should be elected president (all 33 supported his candidacy; none supported Senator Obama's), they purposely risked their churches' tax-exempt status to challenge the law.

According to the Alliance Defense Fund, which organized the action, "pastors have the right to speak about Biblical truths from the pulpit without fear of punishment."

I agree completely. Pastors – and rabbis and priests and imams and every other religious leader – *should* be free to speak about Biblical truths without fear of punishment. But endorsing political candidates from the pulpit endangers our political system, and our country. What should be even more important to the "rebel" ministers is that it endangers the churches (and synagogues and mosques) themselves.

Over the years I have spoken about many issues which affect our country, and I have done my best to base my sermons on Biblical and other Jewish religious ideals. I have spoken about hunger, homelessness, war, health insurance, political corruption, global warming, Israel and the Palestinians and our election process itself. What I have *never* done is to say that a certain candidate is the right one to elect because he or she is the embodiment of Biblical truth. Part of that is because of the IRS prohibition, and part is because I have not yet heard of *any* candidate, for *any* election, who embodies "Biblical truth." Nor, for that matter, have I met anyone *else* who completely embodies Biblical truth. Religious leaders, more than anyone, should know that.

Our country lives up to the ideal of separation of church and state by exempting houses of worship from any form of taxation. Our founders understood that the power to tax is the power to destroy, so federal law prohibits taxing "church" land, property or purchases. Recognizing that houses of worship contribute to the common good, the government goes further and allows citizens to contribute to religious causes and to deduct those contributions from their income tax. All the government asks in return is that churches, along with all other tax-

SPECIAL EVENTS

NO RELIGIOUS / NURSERY SCHOOL – November 3-9

ELECTION DAY; BE SURE TO VOTE! – November 4

18-YEAR MEMBER SHABBAT – November 14

PRE-THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE – November 16

BAR/BAT MITZVAH WORKSHOP – November 19

THANKSGIVING VACATION – November 26-30

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT OLD BRICK REFORMED CHURCH, MARLBORO – November 26

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exempt organizations, not use their funds to promote specific candidates running for public office. That is not too much to ask.

Beyond the legal issues, I am surprised that the ministers who disobeyed the law do not understand how their actions endanger their own churches and their own ministries. Right now, those who support a religious organization financially do so because they believe in its principles. But imagine how political organizations could pump *tax free* contributions into churches where the ministers support their candidates: they could purchase tax-free television time, or even help the churches to create broadcast studios for their pastors to “spread the word” to a larger audience. But what happens in the *next* election, when the pastor wants to endorse someone not to the liking of the big-money supporters? By October 1st of this year, over \$1 billion had been spent on the Presidential primaries and elections. Do the ministers truly believe that they and their leadership can maintain complete integrity when such huge sums of money are being thrown around?

Pastors of every religion still have the right to support political candidates – on their own time, and with their own money. My colleagues and I pay income tax just like everyone else, and we can say what we want as citizens of the United States. In fact, a recent newspaper article pointed out that Rabbi Stern is a member of “Rabbis for” a presidential candidate. (I belong to the same organization.) The story explained that each of the rabbis listed used our home address, since we speak as individuals, not as congregational representatives. Our right to speak out and to work for candidates we believe in is not affected by our congregations’ tax-exempt status, but it is our responsibility to preserve the separation which gives all of us the freedom to live, to preach and to teach as we believe.

When I first read about “Pulpit Freedom Sunday,” I did not actually think about the constitutional issues involved. Instead, I thought about all of you. You are Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals. You are thoughtful, intelligent people who care deeply about our country *and* about Judaism. You listen when I speak about issues that confront us, and you take the time to read these articles I write each month, and I am honored that you do. Why, then, would I think you need me to tell you whom God has chosen to be our president?

On November 4th, please be sure to vote. And on Thanksgiving Day, as you gather with family and friends, please take a minute to ask God to bless whomever has just been elected to be our next president. Whether it is President McCain or President Obama, I pray God will smile on the person chosen by the collective wisdom of our people.

Shalom,

Rabbi Don Weber

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Notes from the Cantor

From Cantor Alexander:

What does it mean to be a community?

The dictionary states community is:

- 1: a unified body of individuals.
- a: state, commonwealth
- b: the people with common interests living in a particular area
- c: an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (as species) in a common location
- d: a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger group
- e: a group linked by a common policy
- f: a body of persons or nations having a common history or common social, economic, and political interests
- g: a body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered through a larger society.



So which definition do we fall under?

I think we probably are all of the above. Temple Rodeph Torah is made up of individuals, most of whom live in a geographic common area. We as Jewish families have a “common history”; we have chosen to group ourselves together in this temple and in the Reform movement. But what does that mean about us? What is any individual’s role in the creation and maintenance of this community? What is the community’s responsibility to the individual?

Most people, though not all, joined this temple to give their children a Jewish education. Some stay only long enough to see their youngest child become *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*; others want more from their membership and continue meaningful relationships with the temple long after their original reason for joining has ended. This continued membership does not, however, mean that they have fully integrated into the TRT community, or that all their needs are being met by the community.

This is what I believe is ultimately the goal of a community. We come together because of common interests and common goals; our purpose is to care for each other. To accomplish this we must take our skills, our interests and even our money, and offer them up for the common good. Not because it is the right thing to do, but because we feel compelled by our own interest, compelled to help people we care about. And because we know others care about us and therefore will care for us as well.

How do we turn a group of individuals into a community with the common goal of caring for each other? In my opinion there is only one way, and that is to speak with each other. The only way to begin caring for each other enough to incorporate other’s interests into our own, and our own interests into theirs, is to speak with them. Get to know them. And not just what is their job and what do their kids do, but to get at the stories of who we all are. What keeps us up at nights with worry? What wakes us in the morning with excitement? What drives us to be the people we are? If we can know this about ourselves and others, we can start to care about them. We can start to act in their interest, but we can also ask them to act in ours. Then a group of individuals becomes a community, and that community can act for the welfare of individuals and can also ask individuals to act for the good of the whole community. We cannot know why any individual joined this congregation (whether yesterday or 20 years ago) without asking them. We cannot know if the congregation has lived up to their expectations

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without asking. Maybe what is missing for someone else is your particular skill, your gift. And maybe what you need, you can find in someone else who calls TRT their community. To be a community we first have to know the individuals who make it up, and what brings us together. Then, only with knowledge, can we try to mold into a common purpose and act with responsibility towards each other.

On *Rosh Hashanah* Rabbi Weber asked Temple Rodeph Torah to become a community as we never had before, and create a program to help all of us, members and non-members, in this time of financial uncertainty. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will hopefully be well on our way to making this unique program a reality. But, if we do not take the time to get to know each other in the process of this program, when our financial reality changes, we will return to what we were: individuals with individual knowledge and interest, who, in a crisis, were able to come together. But what if we could be together for so much more than just a crisis? What if we knew each other well enough to care for all the ups and downs of individual's lives, and in return we, the community, cared about your ups and downs as well?

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.**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Saturday, 11/1 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
- Friday, 11/7 - Family *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service – 6:30 p.m.
 Story: “Spreading the Sweetness”
 ✦ Birthday Blessings for November; Candle Lighting 4:27 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/8 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
 Bat Mitzvah: Amanda Koppel
- Friday, 11/14 - Shabbat Services:
 7:00 p.m. – “Very Young People’s Shabbat” (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:00 p.m. – Service
SHABBAT SERVICE IN HONOR OF OUR 18-YEAR MEMBERS
 Candle Lighting 4:20 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/15 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
 Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Goldman
- Friday, 11/21 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
Featuring musical accompaniment and *Kolot Yafim*, our choir
 Cantor Alexander will give a “Sermon in Song”
 Candle Lighting 4:15 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/22 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan* Group.
 Bar Mitzvah: Harrison Goldstein
- Friday, 11/28 - Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
 Sermon: “Psalms of Thanksgiving”
 ✦ **Anniversary Blessings for November**; Candle Lighting 4:12 p.m.
- Saturday, 11/29 - 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:

In our efforts to build a world at peace, may we see the potential in every stone. (Psalm 11:22)

Living with construction all summer long – both at home and here at TRT – got me thinking about building blocks, like the ones our children played with when they were little. Each day I'd look for the newest thing in the room, the most recent addition to our physical and spiritual home. Sometimes, I could visualize what the final product would look like ("Oh, that's the ark," or "Wow, a real fireplace mantel!"); sometimes, I wouldn't be able to see through the dust and the debris, nor distinguish between the assorted building materials and the bare-bones of my plumbing gaping through the holes in the kitchen ceiling.

Building blocks are more manageable, more easily understood than the big picture. Building blocks are tools we can use to figure out where each piece fits into the bigger picture.

Words are building blocks for students, and Hebrew words are building blocks for sacred language and sacred conversations. That's why we've started, "*Milah Yomi*" or "Word of the Day," each session at Religious School. I make an announcement over the loudspeaker, reinforce it when I go into classes and then post it on the door of the Religious School office. Then, three times a year, we will hold a contest to determine who remembers the most Hebrew "Words of the Day." The top three students in each grade will earn a \$10 gift certificate to Borders Bookstore, and every other participant will receive a bookmark with a star for each word successfully remembered. At the end of the year, the student with the most stars in each grade will be given a special prize.

Will our students be fluent in Hebrew by the end of the year? No, but they will have thirty five to sixty words – new building blocks to add to their very own Jewish structure.

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What can you do to help your children learn?

- ▶ After each Religious School session, ask your child for the “Word of the Day.”
- ▶ Ask what the word means.
- ▶ Ask them to teach it to you, so that you become a tag team reinforcing the learning taking place at school.

And the word for today is: “*Limud*” – Study!”

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 student either in the confirmation program or who has been confirmed, for participation in an approved youth trip to Israel. Contributions to the Israel Scholarship Fund can be for any amount, and are a wonderful way to remember a birthday, graduation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, or any other special occasion.

Who is eligible for an Israel Scholarship?

Any student presently in the confirmation program or any student who has been confirmed, up through and including the summer after 12th grade, can receive assistance from the Israel Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is not need-based; it is a merit scholarship awarded to any eligible student who is going on an approved youth trip to Israel.

When should you make your request for a scholarship?

A minimum of two months before the student's departure to Israel, a request should be made in writing to the Education Committee. Please provide documentation of the student's enrollment in an Israel trip program.

How much money is awarded?

Money in the Israel Scholarship Fund will be equally divided among all eligible students traveling to Israel that year. The amount of money will not exceed \$1,000 per student. The amount given to each student is based on the amount of money in the fund as of May 31 and will be distributed in June.

The Education Committee looks forward to the time when many of our confirmation students travel to Israel with the help of the Israel Scholarship Fund. We appreciate the congregation's generosity in considering the Israel Scholarship Fund when making a donation to the temple.

If you have any further questions about the Israel Scholarship Fund, please contact Ellen Finkelstein at 732-972-8624 or at ellenstf@gmail.com.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The weather has been beautiful and we've been able to spend a lot of time on the new playground. The children are really enjoying themselves as they climb, jump, try the tic tac toe and use their imaginations as they "drive" the steering wheels. They practice their numbers on the big yellow clock.

The children made their own *shofars* and practiced blowing them at school and at home.

For *Sukkot*, they made their own *lulavs* and *etrogs* and decorated their own mini *sukkahs*. We also ate snack in the temple *sukkah*.

Each child is making a color chart, which will go home next month. We carved a pumpkin and planted pumpkin seeds in dirt. We also baked the seeds and tasted them.

Ms. Ellen and Ms. Randi

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Women's Spirituality is excited to announce the 2008-2009 calendar. There are no dues and you may come to any number of events you choose. TRT women members and non-members are invited. All events are held on Monday evenings unless otherwise noted. We are concluding our 3-year Shabbat theme with "wine." If you have any questions, please contact Suzie Hershman at suziehershman@yahoo.com or 732-933-1562.

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| Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. | Movie: "To Die in Jerusalem" and discussion at Vivian Feinstein's home in Morganville |
| Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m. | Decorate kiddush cups at Club Mudd |
| Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. | Hanukkah party and "white elephant" swap |
| Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. | Make wine glass charms |
| Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. | Create wine bottle decorations |
| Mar. 30, 7:00 p.m. | Women's seder at Fred and Murray's |
| Apr. TBA | Book (TBA) discussion |
| May TBA | |

We will continue our wine making as Grape Beginnings notifies us of the next process.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club paid-up member's breakfast is on November 16, at 10:00 a.m. The location will be finalized in the coming weeks. If you haven't paid your membership dues, you can pay your membership on the day of the event.

A breakfast session with Rabbi Weber at the temple will be held on December 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Phil Fischer and Matt Jacobson

SISTERHOOD

Temple Rodeph Torah Sisterhood would love for you to join us. We are a group of women who volunteer to help our temple, our children, and our community. We are always looking to welcome new members and new friends. Our first event this year will be our paid-up membership dinner on November 11th, at the Park Avenue Seafood Bistro in Freehold. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information. We hope you can attend!

Our monthly meetings and upcoming events are posted in the TRT calendar.

For more information about sisterhood, please e-mail me at qponcutter@aol.com or feel free to call me at 732-972-2194.

Jodi Weintraub
Sisterhood President

SOCIAL ACTION

This month we will be sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. On Sunday, November 16th, we will need your help at a local supermarket. We will be asking shoppers to make an extra purchase to donate to the Food Bank of Monmouth County. If you are available to “work” a two-hour shift at the entrance of the store, please contact Bill Fireman at 732-972-2572.

You may have noticed the absence of the Birthday collection basket. We will no longer be involved with this project. After our initial collection on Mitzvah Day for the Ronald McDonald House, we hope to change our focus to another worthwhile organization. Be sure to watch for upcoming events and details as we learn more about their needs and how we can be of service to them.

We ask that you continue to bring contributions to support our troops. We are in the process of establishing a relationship with a new troop, and will provide you with details and updates as we receive them. Also, as always, we need your time on any Sunday afternoon to assist with the serving of lunch at the St. Augustine Soup Kitchen in Asbury Park. Please contact Andrea Kazin at SUMBODYNNJ@aol.com or (732) 946-3535 to schedule a date.

Please join the Social Action Committee on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. for our next meeting. We need your help to plan spring projects.

Mindy Krull and Shari Canell



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 10/31-11/1 *Parashat Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32* Summary by Janet Klemons

God was mad at the people and prepared to destroy all life, but spared Noah and his family, because he walked with God. He instructed Noah on how to make an ark and whom he should take with him. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights, and God made a covenant with Noah never to destroy humanity and the earth again. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japeth. The whole world branched out from these people. Shem's lineage leads to Nahor, father of Terah, who was the father of Abraham.

Shabbat 11/8-9 *Parashat Lech Lecha, Genesis 12:1-17:27* Summary by Sharon Aptaker

God tells Abram to leave his homeland and travel to the land of Canaan. He promises to make of Abram a great nation. Abram obeys and settles in Hebron. His nephew Lot settles further east near Sodom. During a rebellion in the region, Lot is taken captive by King Chedarlaomer. Abram and a few hundred men defeat Chedarlaomer and rescue Lot, earning respect for the power of Abram's God.

Abram wonders how he will continue to possess the land since he is childless. God promises Abram that his seed will be as numerous as the stars in heaven and Abram believes Him. God also foretells a period of enslavement before Abram's seed returns to possess the land of Canaan. A flaming torch appears out of the darkness to seal the covenant between God and Abram.

Abram's wife, Sarai, doubting she will ever bear children, offers her maid Hagar to Abram. Hagar conceives and bears a son, Ishmael. God reaffirms His promises to Abram, whom He renames Abraham, meaning, "father of a multitude"; within the year Sarah will bear him a son, to be named Isaac. Isaac's descendants will possess the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession. They will be God's chosen people and they will follow God. God instructs Abraham to circumcise every male in his household as a token of this covenant.

Shabbat 11/15-11/16 *Parashat Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24* Summary by Sheryl Cooper

God promises a son to Abraham and Sarah. God plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham convinces God not to destroy it if there are at least 10 innocent people there. God destroys the city but saves Lot and his family. Lot's wife is turned into a pillar of salt because she disobeys God. Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah. God tests Abraham by telling him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. He obeys, but an angel stops him. Since Abraham obeys God he is blessed and told his descendants will be as numerous as the stars of the heavens and sands on the seashore.

Shabbat 11/22-23 *Parashat Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18* Summary by Helene Cooper

Sarah dies at 127 years of age. Abraham purchases a cave and lands at Machpelah for her burial place. Abraham later sends a servant to seek a wife for Isaac. In Nahor the servant meets Rebekkah who consents to marry Isaac. Abraham marries Keturah and has six more sons. Abraham dies at the age of 175. Isaac and Ishmael bury him beside Sarah. Ishmael sires 12 sons and lives 137 years.

Shabbat 11/29-30 *Parashat Toledot, Genesis 25:19-28:9* Summary by Mark J. Schwitz

Isaac, at age 40, marries Rebekkah. When Isaac is 60, Rebekkah conceives twins, who struggle in her womb. Esau, the other brother, is an outdoorsman. Jacob, the younger brother, stays more at home. Esau, returning desperately hungry from the outdoors, trades his birthright to Jacob for some lentil stew. Later, Jacob, disguised as Esau, receives his father's blessing. Esau, angry at Jacob, leaves home to marry a Hittite woman. Jacob, having both the birthright and his father's blessing, is sent to find a wife.

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) 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.

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.

MENSCHEN

The Social Action Committee would like to thank Jessica Bloom, Nicole Dickerman, Paige Friedland, Michelle Friedman, Amanda Goldberg, Jacob Persily and Meri Weiner for their help in filling the bags we distribute to the congregation at the High Holiday Services.

The Worship Committee thanks Phil Fischer, Jacob Persily, Stu Schlem, Les Schubert, and Bill Weinberger for their help in setting up the sound system and the *bima* for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

You are Cordially Invited

With great joy we invite you to share a proud and precious moment with us as our daughter and sister, Amanda Rachel, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Lior Koppel
Miriam Koppel
Jen Koppel

There are moments you wish for and dream about all your life. We invite you to share one of those moments with us as our son and brother, Matthew Ryan, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Susan, Michael, Sara and Adam Goldman

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 Silver, 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

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

to Steven and Stephanie Pepper, and Jennifer and Bradley, on the death of Steven's mother, Sheila Pepper

"Zichrona Livracha" – May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

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Pam Brisman, in honor of the conversion of
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A New Plaque On Our Tree Of Life Has Been Dedicated By:

Susan, Michael, Sara and Adam Goldman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Ryan Goldman
Susan, Michael, Matthew and Adam Goldman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sara Nicole Goldman
Elizabeth and Scott Levy, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Brenna Michelle Levy

**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.**

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

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 10/31-11/1		
11/1	Charles J. Cole *	Father of Evan Cole
11/1	Leah Davidowitz	Grandmother of Jay Davis
11/1	Murray Fingerman	Father of Marsha Diamond
11/1	Milton Guttman	Father of Ro Reibel
11/1	Paula Kaufman	Sister of Zalma Gelber, Aunt of Geri Anne Kaplan
Shabbat Observance 11/7-11/8		
11/2	Rose Neal *	Godmother of Loretta Shapiro
11/3	Dora Weber *	Grandmother of Rabbi Don Weber
11/4	Chet Ambler	Friend of Larry & Karen Goldstein
11/4	Esther Herzog Klein	Great-Great Grandmother of Sharon Solar
11/4	Max Klein	Father of Ingrid DiFazio
11/4	Edgar Pearlman	Father of Charles Pearlman
11/5	Louis Deckelboim	Father of Sandra Esquenazi
11/5	Caryn Katz	Wife of Edward Adam Katz Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
11/5	Edith Rubin	Mother of Ira Rubin
11/6	Richard C. Loebel *	Brother of Janet Fine
11/7	Rachel Wilder Pachter *	Wife of Erik Pachter Mother of Ira Pachter Member of Temple Rodeph Torah
11/7	Morris Reigrod	Grandfather of Marsha Koster
11/7	Samuel Morris Ritt	Grandfather of Sharon Solar
11/8	Irene Tedoff	Mother of Ken Tedoff
Shabbat Observance 11/14-11/15		
11/9	Yaffa Aharonov	Mother of David Aronoff
11/9	Joseph Klein	Great-Grandfather of Sharon Solar
11/9	Jacob Korkes	Great-Uncle of Randy Cranin
11/10	Jennie Baker Cooper *	Grandmother of Brian Halpern and Lisa Halpern-Wicks
11/10	Rose Katz	Grandmother of Steve Karmiller
11/11	Gertrude Feldman *	Mother of Neil Feldman
11/11	Leon Schubert	Father of Warren Schubert
11/11	Robert R. Singer *	Father of Leslie Rosenstock
11/12	Ruth Agress	Mother of Sandra Craig
11/12	Frank Klapper	Father of Marilyn Beutel
11/12	Edward Lewis *	Father of Michael Lewis
11/12	Elissa Salame	Mother of Allison Galiano
11/13	Thomas Schulman *	Father of Irene Ash

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11/14	Phyllis Sellinger	Stepmother of Laurie Karmel
11/15	Rose Cranin *	Grandmother of Randy Cranin
11/15	George Gross	Father of Fred Gross
11/15	Gussie Schwalbe	Grandmother of Sandra Craig
11/15	Clara Shukovsky	Mother of Gary Shukovsky ל"ה

Shabbat Observance 11/21-11/22

11/16	Harry Fischer *	Father of Craig Fischer ל"ה
11/16	David Rogove	Grandfather of William Rogove
11/16	Masha Shulman	Grandmother of Steven Kaufman
11/17	Malvina Bat Abraham	Sister of Mina Paltin
11/17	Charles J. Freilich *	Father of Irvin Freilich
11/17	Morris Nessenson	Uncle of Jerri Kasakove
11/17	Jeanne Tremaine	Grandmother of Laurie Karmel
11/18	Dora Eisner	Mother of Sheila Aptaker
11/18	Samuel Schulman	Father of Helena Heitt ל"ה
11/18	Mollie Silberbush Schwitz *	Grandmother of Mark Schwitz
11/18	Minnie Shapiro	Grandmother of Randi Sorin
11/19	Moshe Lev Lechowitsky	Great-Grandfather of Carol Chasin
11/19	Selma Levy *	Grandmother of David Levy
11/19	Ida Zeltzer	Grandmother of Ellen Levine
11/20	Antoinette Arciola	Grandmother of Toni Cooper
11/20	Jack Geringer	Father of Ronnie Geringer
11/20	Janice Laura Seifter *	Cousin of Roberta Rafaloff Niece of Shirley Newman ל"ה
11/21	Regina Stylman	Aunt of Rachel Wilder Pachter ל"ה
11/21	Chava Weichenberg	Aunt of Lior Koppel
11/22	Jack Ducore	Brother of Michael Ducore
11/22	Albert Gruenewald	Father of Ernest Grunwald
11/22	Sylvia Karmel	Mother of Arthur Karmel
11/22	Hyman Krull	Father of David Krull
11/22	Sara Shraberg	Grandmother of Jon Klein
11/22	Naomi Sugarman	Mother of Peter Sugarman

Shabbat Observance 11/28-11/29

11/23	Theresa Amarosa *	Aunt of Loretta Shapiro
11/23	Henry Goutter	Father of Chaim Goutter ל"ה
11/23	Helene Hershman *	Mother of Gil Hershman
11/23	James E. Mack	Grandfather of Marla Bucher
11/23	Walter Sundel	Uncle of Sindy Weiner
11/24	Helen Fireison	Mother of Barbara Schambach
11/25	Leonard Chernick *	Father of Pamela Mizrahi
11/25	Cecilia Gross	Mother of Fred Gross
11/25	Gerald Weiner	Father of Louis Weiner
11/26	Jerome Gold	Father of Mitch Gold
11/26	Samuel Reigrod	Uncle of Marsha Koster
11/26	Hans Michael Rosenow *	Stepfather of Ronald Klug
11/26	Pauline Seifter *	Grandmother of Roberta Rafaloff Mother of Shirley Newman ל"ה
11/26	Arnold Workman *	Father of Robin Persily
11/27	Lloyd Machlovitz	Father of Neil Machlovitz
11/29	Mitch Eisenstadt	Uncle of Timothy and Karen Petty

11/29 Nicole Heather Levison	Daughter of Lewis and Bernice Levison
11/29 Virginia Maravent	Grandmother of Miriam Koppel
11/29 Louis Steinberg	Grandfather of Marsha Koster
11/29 Naomi Wilder *	Mother of Rachel Wilder Pachter ה"ר
11/29 Morris Zeltzer	Grandfather of Ellen Levine

Shabbat Observance 12/5-12/6

11/30 Leonard E. Kaufman *	Father of Steven Kaufman
11/30 Susan Berger Schack *	Sister of Judy Goldberg
	Daughter of Samuel Berger ה"ר
11/30 Zahava Siegel	Sister of Miriam Koppel
11/30 Harry Slove	Grandfather of Carol Chasin

*** 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.