

C^{ONNECTIONS}

THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND
Brighter Together

JUNE 2018

18 Sivan — 17 Tammuz 5778



THE REFORM TEMPLE OF ROCKLAND

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org

Cantor Sally Neff
CantorNeff@RTRny.org

Brad Zicholtz
Director of Congregational Learning
Brad@RTRny.org

Jolie Levy, Temple Administrator
Jolie@RTRny.org

Susan Caminez, Administrative Assistant
Susan@RTRny.org

Kama Clark, Bookkeeper
Kama@RTRny.org

Tel.: 845-358-2248 ♦ Fax: 845-358-3450
www.RTRny.org ♦ info@RTRny.org

Board of Trustees

Co-President	Allen Fetterman
Co-President	Barry Weiss
Co-First Vice President	Ellen Holtzman
Co-First Vice President	Adrian Modansky
Vice President	Steve Dachs
Treasurer	Stephen Hittman
Financial Secretary	Jeri Newman
Secretary	Elise Lehrman
Men's Club President	Seth Schlanger
Sisterhood Co-President	Jane Aronoff
Trustee	David Firstenberg
Trustee	Mitch Glanzrock
Trustee	Fran Grossman
Trustee	Jeff Grossman
Trustee	Estelle Hans
Trustee	Eadie Kanchuger
Trustee	Cathy Klein
Trustee	Joanna Landau
Trustee	Sean Levin
Trustee	Robert Modansky
Trustee	Cathy Rothbard
Trustee	Barry Schoenberg
Trustee	Hilary Schwartz
Trustee	Eva Steen

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1 Erev Shabbat Family Services: Shabbat in the Park
- 3 Israel Day Parade
- 6 Executive Committee
Board of Trustees
- 10 Men's Club
Sisterhood/WRJ Board
Art Talk Walk
- 12 Membership & Marketing Committee
Finance Committee
- 13 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 14 Car Club
- 15 Erev Shabbat Service: Men's Club & Torah Service
- 17 Father's Day
- 19 Knitting Circle
- 21 Religious School Committee
- 22 Erev Shabbat Service: Installation of Board & Officers
- 26 Ritual Committee

SEE PAGE 17 FOR OUR COMPLETE CALENDAR



Do you shop at DeCicco's in New City?
If you do, just let the cashier know you belong to The Reform Temple of Rockland in Nyack and a percentage of your purchase will be given to RTR.

**Shabbat and holiday services may be
seen live at www.RTRny.org/live**

**SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY CONNECTIONS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 10.
PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO SUSAN@RTRNY.ORG.**



A Proud Member of the URJ

From The Rabbi	page 3	Men's Club	page 9	Calendar	page 17
June Bat Mitzvah	page 4	Annual Golf Outing Info	page 10	Recent Tributes	page 18
From the Co-Presidents	page 5	Educational Opportunities	page 11	Let's Talk Art	page 20
School Registration	page 6	Chai Shabbat Pictures	page 12	Israel Trip Pictures	page 23
From the Dir. Cong. Learn.	page 7	Sisterhood/WRJ	page 13	Volunteering & Outreach	page 24
Youth Group News	page 8	Humans of RTR	page 15	Judaica Shop	page 27



FROM RABBI BENJAMIN SHARFF

I, along with 27 fellow weary travelers, recently returned from our travels to the Land of Israel. Many of you followed along with my posts regarding

our trip. For those of you who would like to learn more, you can read my blog posts at: <http://rhythmguitar Rabbi.blogspot.com>.

It was an amazing journey. The trip also concluded right before a very controversial time in the history of modern Israel. Shortly after our return, the United States began the process of moving its Embassy to Jerusalem. Technically speaking though, the U.S. basically made one of its two consulates in Jerusalem into an embassy. The process of actually building a new embassy is one that could take years and cost millions of dollars. Thus, the move in many ways is symbolic more than anything else.

However, in a land filled with history, as we learned on our trip, symbols mean everything. For example, we visited the site of King David's tomb as well as the location of the Last Supper. Whether or not either of these are historically accurate is not relevant to those seeking out the power and meaning of those locations. It is a strange contradiction in a land filled with contradictions. Or, as we often found ourselves repeating: it's complicated.

What is clear is that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. It was established as its capital in 1948, and no other nation in the world has not had its capital accepted by the world community. All of Israel's major governmental organizations, including the Office of the Prime Minister, the Knesset and the Supreme Court, are all located in Jerusalem. Every ambassador who lives in Tel Aviv has to travel to Jerusalem if they wish to do governmental business with Israeli officials.

In this way, the moving of the embassy is a formal acknowledgment of what is already in place on the ground. But as we mentioned, it's complicated. Due

to the lack of a current negotiated peace settlement, every decision has ramifications for the greater region. This helps to explain why so many were in favor and why there were also many against this decision.

But let's not kid ourselves, the violence in Gaza had little to do with the moving of the embassy. That is a whole other story for another time.

What I can tell you is that by traveling to the land and meeting with Israelis, we learned how skewed perceptions are towards Israel. Even Israelis are very much conflicted over the decisions their government makes. We also were reminded that most Israelis are primarily focused on getting by each day. Much of Israel is safe and calm, and it continues to be an amazing and fascinating country to visit.

Upon our return, I have heard people tell me that they are thankful we got out before everything ratcheted up in intensity. I, for one, already miss being there. Being in a country that embodies Jewish time is reinvigorating for the soul. Walking the paths that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua, and so many more tread, elevated my footsteps. Yes, Israel lives in a dangerous neighborhood in complicated times, but I wouldn't hesitate to go back.

I am so grateful to everyone who joined in the journey, and if you are interested in a future trip to Israel, or any other part of the Jewish world like Spain, Eastern Europe, the Caribbean or the like, just let me know. We are ready to plan our next trip. It won't be the same without you.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff

June Bat Mitzvah

Alina Levin

June 9, 2018



Hi, I'm Alina. I am being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 9th. I am in 7th grade at Fieldstone Middle School. In my spare time, I enjoy performing in Shakespeare plays, debating, discussing literature, and playing chess (which is a sport). I am also currently trying to learn guitar.



Adult Education and the Religious School hosted an Earth Day "Chaika."
Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the beautiful morning on April 22!



FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS, ALLEN FETTERMAN & BARRY WEISS

A Farwell Message

Well, the end of our co-presidency is upon us. We want to use this last article as your presidents to reflect on the past four years. First, let us say that it has been our honor, privilege and pleasure to serve the congregation. You put your collective trust in us, and we

hope that we have met your expectations. We both realize that we have gotten so much more from our years of service to RTR than we have given. We have made many new friends during our time as co-presidents.

Looking back at the past four years, our Board of Trustees and our many committees and task forces have accomplished the following:

- Merging the two congregations, Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Torah, into one congregation: The Reform Temple of Rockland.
- Merging cultures, policies, processes and procedures into one cohesive entity. We are extremely proud of our members to have accomplished this in such a brief period. We think that it is fair to say that we are now one united congregation.
- Deciding on our clergy team, from the two rabbis and two cantors from our legacy congregations, which was a very difficult and emotional process.
- Hiring Rabbi Benjamin Sharff, RTR's first rabbi (not from one of our two legacy congregations). We all agree that Rabbi Sharff and Cantor Neff make a wonderful team who will serve us for many years into the future.
- Hiring our Administrator, Jolie Levy. Jolie has brought her experience and dedicated professionalism to our administrative staff, resulting in the smooth operation of our office and building.
- Creating the new position of Director of Congregational Learning and hiring Brad Zicholtz to fill that position. Brad has brought some wonderful new ideas to our Religious School, Youth Group and Adult Education programs.
- Determining which building would be our home for the foreseeable future and then selling the Spring Valley campus for an amount significantly in excess of our expectations.

- Creating an Investment Task Force to oversee the investment of the proceeds from the sale of the Spring Valley campus and to determine an investment policy that will maximize return and minimize risk.
- Creating a Long-Range Financial Planning Task Force charged with developing plans to ensure our financial viability into the future. To date, this task force has come up with some very thought-provoking ideas. We expect their work will continue into the near future.
- Asking the Building Committee to come up with a plan to repair and renovate our building, making it safer and more aesthetically pleasing. The congregation has recently approved the expenditure of approximately \$700 thousand for this project.

As you can tell from the above (which is certainly not an all-inclusive list), the past four years have been very busy. The two of us played a role in leading RTR, but nothing would have been accomplished without our Board of Trustees and our committees. Our board is made up of 25 hard-working individuals, whose dedication to RTR made our job much easier. We thank each and every one of you. The congregation owes each of you a debt of gratitude. In addition to the board, our committee chairs, committee members and all other volunteers are the backbone of RTR. Without those people, RTR would not be what, nor where, it is today.

We also need to thank Rabbi Sharff and Cantor Neff for their guidance and counsel. Their steady hands at the helm convince us that we have a bright future together, indeed.

Last, but certainly not least, we wish to thank our wives, Mimi and Laura. There is no doubt that we could not have done this without their unwavering support and guidance.

To our incoming president, Adrian Modansky, and the officers and trustees who will work alongside her (assuming the congregations approves the slate), we wish the greatest of success. We know that RTR will be in competent hands and will continue to thrive. We hope that Adrian enjoys her new position as much as we have.

Allen L. Fetterman

Allen Fetterman

Barry Weiss

Barry Weiss



THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND

Religious School Online Registration is Open!

Fly now to register at:
<https://bit.ly/2lbkB3f>



Guess what else the little birdie told us?



NEW this year
(2018-2019): Children
in Kindergarten
through 3rd Grades*
can attend Religious
School for **FREE!**

Spread the word and

REGISTER NOW!

This offer is made possible through the generosity of the
Sylvia & Hyman Rosenzweig Memorial Youth Fund.

** 3rd grade registration requires family membership.*



FROM BRAD ZICHOLTZ, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Closing Time

This past month saw the end of our Religious School year and my first year at RTR. I believe it was a very successful year, but how exactly do we measure success in a supplementary Jewish school? It cannot be simply measured by how well our learners know their prayers or can recognize Hebrew letters. There is more to Judaism than that. It cannot be simply measured by knowing Torah stories or memorizing facts about Jewish history. There is more to Judaism than that. It cannot be simply measured by how many mitzvot one has performed. There is more to Judaism than that. As HUC professor Michael Meyer states, *"An educated Jew may still be an uncommitted Jew. It also implies the end of a process. Jewish knowledge deepens Jewish commitment but it doesn't create it. It is inefficient. Jewish experiences, especially those during early childhood, create the emotional matrix within which cognitive learning*

can be lodged." Successful Jewish education happens when you affect the heart and the mind.

This year I saw a lot of smiles, I saw educational projects done with pride, I saw connections made between learners, teachers, our community. I saw learners make progress in their Hebrew and their understanding of our shared history. I heard beautiful singing. I saw curiosity. I saw success.

Please don't forget to register your child for our fabulous Religious School! The flyer has all the information. If you know of someone who might be looking to start their child on the path of Jewish learning, please let them know they can contact me at anytime.

Brad Zicholtz

Brad@RTRny.org



YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

Could it be that time of year again when we are counting the days until the end of school and the beginning of summer vacation? You bet it is!! While this time of year is a start to many great events to come, it also marks the end of others. One in particular is the end of the second year of RTR's Youth Groups! From a visit to Jill's Ceramics to bowling, from celebrating Earth Day to pumpkin picking, from 5 Wits and Buffalo Wild Wings to NFTY-GER Regional events, ***What a Year it's Been!!!*** There were many more activities as well. Many friendships were made and will hopefully be continued during the summer and into next year.



The final event of this year will be our *end-of-year pool party on June 10!*

Thanks so much to the Jay family for once again opening their backyard to us! Our Youth Groupers will swim from 1:00-3:00PM! Pizza and snacks will be served! Please bring a gallon of apple juice to be donated to the Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry.

The success of all of our Youth Groups is realized for many reasons. The primary reason is the children. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of children who have responded to the activities in a positive manner. The parents are major contributors to the program's success. Their willingness to chaperone has added to the enjoyment and safety of the children at every event. We are grateful to RTR's clergy and staff for their support!

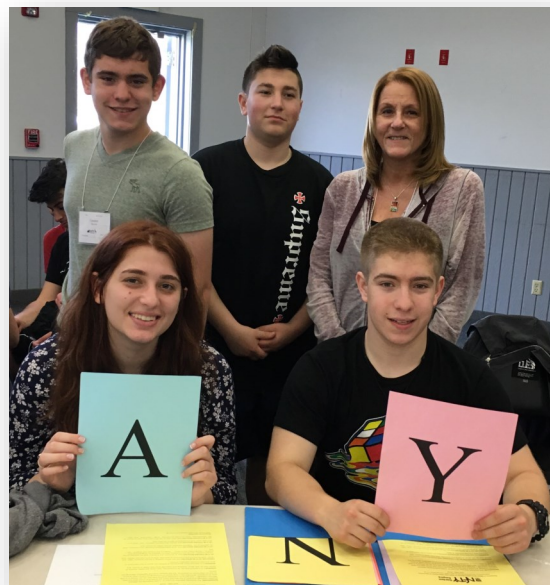
Our final thanks go to RTR's Men's Club and our very dedicated Youth Committee! Our Youth Groups would not exist without their guidance and financial support. Their programs and fundraisers are planned for the purpose of supporting our Temple's youth programs.

Registration information for next year will be coming your way soon! If you know of a Jewish child or teen who might be interested in joining us, please contact us and we will send them information! (They do not have to be RTR members or members of any temple – they simply have to be Jewish!)

We wish all of you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing old and new faces next year in Youth Group. As always, if you have any questions, please call us at the numbers below.

Elise Lehrman 914-715-9845 or Leese54@gmail.com
Robin Condoluci 845-638-2655 or rtrlilretro@gmail.com
 Youth Group Advisors

All youth group activities coordinated by RTR Youth Committee and financially supported by RTR Men's Club.



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will hold their Business & Bagels meeting on Sun, June 10, at 9:30 AM. We recently voted on the 2018-19 Men's Club budget and Slate of Officers among other things. Please see the Slate below.

A special thank you to Mike Rutter for arranging our guest speaker, Brett Topel. It was an incredible event that was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all who attended on Sun, May 6 as we talked all things baseball.

A special Shabbat in honor of Father's Day will be led by our Men's Club on Friday night, June 15. Men's Club members are asked to participate and help lead the service. Please be there to show your support of the Men's Club.

We look forward to the upcoming year starting July 1. Please give our incoming President, David Firstenberg, your full support and cooperation.

Our 21st Annual Golf Outing will be Tues, Jul 17. Please find more information in this month's bulletin on how you can support and attend this great event. This year the Golf Committee will be honoring Barry Rosenblum.

Then join us as we attend the Rockland Boulders game on Sat, August 18. This is a fireworks game. Details on how to get your tickets will be forthcoming.

I personally would like to thank you all for your incredible support during my tenure as Men's Club President. A special thank you to the members of the Men's Club for your support, cooperation, and assistance during my term. Thank you!

Seth H. Schlanger, President

The Men's Club of RTR is proud to announce the 2018-19 Board:

President: David Firstenberg
VP Youth: Seth Schlanger
VP Membership: Russell Jay
VP Programming: Cliff Malat
VP Ways and Means: Bernie Perry
Treasurer: Mitch Glanzrock
Trustees:
 Steve Dachs
 Ira Emanuel
 Steve Forman
 Eric Gischner
 Marty Gottlieb
 Michael Klein
 Barry Rosenblum
 Alan Sandler
 Barry Schoenberg
 Barry Weiss



Mazel Tov to David Greenberg and Tama Shor Beck!
 Man and Woman of the Year!





Sponsorship Opportunities

Event Sponsor includes 6 golfer fees with lunch and dinner, recognition at multiple event locations and listing in event day program. \$4,000

Golf Cart Sponsor includes 4 golfer fees with lunch and dinner, a sign on every cart for the entire day, and listing in event day program. \$3,000

Gift Sponsor includes 4 golfer fees with lunch and dinner, a recognition note with each gift and listing in event day program. \$3,000

Dinner Sponsor includes 4 golfer fees with lunch and dinner, banner display at dinner, listing in event day program and your name on each dinner ticket. \$3,000

Lunch Sponsor includes 2 golfer fees with lunch and dinner, banner display at lunch, listing in event day program and your name on each lunch ticket. \$1,500

Hole-in-one Sponsor includes 1 golfer fee and banner display at hole. \$1,000

Practice Facility Sponsor includes a sign on the driving range and listing in event day program. \$ 600

Entire Hole Sponsor includes tee, fairway and green dedicated by a sign and listing in event day program. \$ 300

Tee, or Fairway, or Green Sponsor display sign at a designated hole and listing in event day program. \$ 180

Golf and Dinner Fees

Golf Package includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, cocktails, and dinner. \$395

Dinner and cocktail hour \$ 90

Raffle Tickets 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25



HONORING
BARRY ROSENBLUM

Benefits RTR Youth Groups

TUESDAY, JULY 17th, 2018
11:00am check-in; 1:00pm

**Checks payable to RTR Men's Club and
this form must be received by July 5th:**

330 North Highland Avenue
Nyack, NY 10960
Attn: Golf Committee

Company name and contact with address:

Please list the golfers in your party:

1. Name _____ = \$395

e-mail _____

2. Name _____ = \$395

e-mail _____

3. Name _____ = \$395

e-mail _____

4. Name _____ = \$395

e-mail _____

Foursome Discount (\$100)

Sponsorship amount _____

Dinner & Cocktail Hour _____ x \$90 = _____

With 3 Raffles _____ x \$105 = _____

Extra raffles purchased _____

Total \$ _____

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Are you interested in becoming a part of RTR's *FIRST* ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS?

If you never had the experience of a meaningful Bar or Bat Mitzvah, this is your opportunity! Please send an email to Debbie Silberberg at dgrower@aol.com to let us know if you are interested in attending an informational meeting. We'll contact you with further information.

"Moving, vivid, important...What's so good about 'GI Jews' are the stories, but what's so stirring are the men and women telling them." - Newsday

"...the story is told movingly and with great sensitivity..." - The Jewish Week

"The documentary is timely as anti-Semitism is on the rise throughout the world..."
Forward/Times of Israel/JTA

GI JEW

JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II

JCC Rockland Presents
A Screening and Special Guest Q&A
 with Director Lisa Ades and Local Veteran and Interviewee Alan Moskin
Sunday, June 3rd, 10:30 am at the Lafayette Theater, Suffern
tickets available at www.jccrockland.org

TORAH TOPICS

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Torah Topics is an informal discussion group. Elements of the Torah are related to today's life through readings and personal narratives. The group freely shares observations and opinions and welcomes drop-ins and regular participants. Coffee, tea, and a small nosh are provided.



TASTE OF TORAH

Saturdays at 9:00 AM

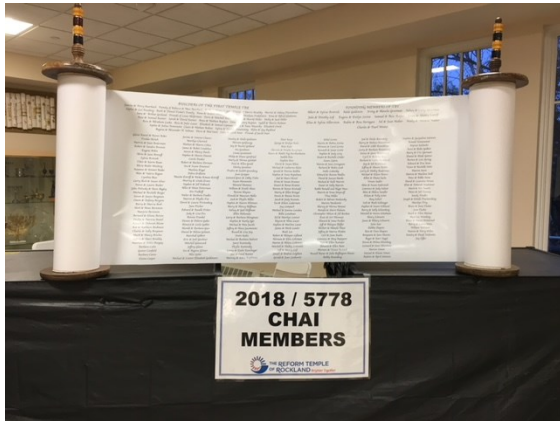
Join in as we make sense of each week's (English translated) Torah portion and find out what meaning it has in our lives today. Listen to the discussion or put in your two cents and let our commentators put in theirs. Great fun and learning! Facilitated by our Clergy. Bagels at 9 AM. Study 9:15-10:15 AM.

Torah Services at RTR

Clergy will read from the Torah at Erev Shabbat Services on the following dates:

June 15, July 20, August 17, September 28

Chai, Volunteer & New Member Shabbat April, 27, 2018



*A special **Thank You** to Steve Iger and David Strauss for designing and printing the beautiful Chai Scroll!*



SISTERHOOD/WRJ

Women of Reform Judaism of RTR is proud to announce the 2018-19 Board:

Co-Presidents: Jane Aronoff and Estelle Hans

VP Ways and Means: Sally Marvin

VP Programming: Wendy Fleischman

VP Religious and Cultural Affairs: Laurie Firstenberg

Treasurer: Michelle Lowy

Co-VPs of Membership: Jorie Sear and Anne Jacobs

Recording Secretary: Jill Tanney

Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Rothbard



Sisterhood/WRJ Installation on May 11 at the Sisterhood Shabbat.



Handing out flowers on Mother's Day.



Sisterhood/WRJ painting at Pinot's Palette on May 14.



Get to know your RTR family one story at a time. Names will be randomly selected so, yes... **YOU** may be our next call!



Meet Steve & Judy Levy

Psychologist (Steve) meets nurse (Judy) – sparks fly and marriage with two children (Meryl and Dan) follows. The growing family moves to Nanuet from Manhattan in 1975. Small school, trees and grass – we love it. Then Steve does a reverse commute to the old neighborhood for four years (who knew?).

Judy has always been helping people. Not only in her nursing career as a catastrophic case manager, but in her personal life by volunteering at the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry, Grace Episcopal Church and People to People.

Steve takes up rock drumming at age 45. Judy increases her volunteering hours by escaping the house when Steve's band named GRANDPA rehearses in their family room. RTR members Steve Iger and Mike Rutter are also in the six-man band.

* * * * *

RTR is where we both connect to our Jewish identity. In both practical and spiritual ways, we have both drawn from service to the temple, prayer and music. Our children have continued in the Reform tradition and our oldest grandson (we have three and they are brothers) became a Bar Mitzvah last year. Judy is co-chair of the Chesed committee and is a member of fundraising as well. We both volunteer at Helping Hands each winter.

We have been hosting seders on Passover for family and friends since the kids were born. It is the happiest holiday for us and we follow ritual as well as eating a fabulous meal.

Thanks for sharing your story Judy and Steve! Your RTR family would like to extend a Mazel Tov to you both for being one of this year's Rockland Jewish Family Service honorees who exemplify leadership in our community!



MAZEL TOV

...to **Rabbi Peg Kershenbaum**. Rabbi Kershenbaum is celebrating her 10th Anniversary as Rabbi at Congregation B'nai Harim in Pennsylvania. The weekend celebration is taking place June 2-3.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Day	Name (up to age 25)
1	Zachary Newman
2	Corinne Norton
4	Emily Bookman
4	Gregory Dachs
6	Craig Berkowitz
10	Jeremy Straus
11	Aaron Golland
15	Carter Weeks
16	Brian Shapiro
16	Cole Warren
17	Zachary Gischner
19	Emily Deutsch
19	Jordan Weeks
20	Willa Gambale
21	Brendan Klayman
24	Sofia Alvir
24	Max Alvir
26	Zoe Nelson-Barkan

Those of any age with June birthdays are welcome to join us at Family Services at 6:30 PM on June 1 (at Rockland Lake State Park!) to receive a birthday blessing and get a sweet treat!



Day	Names	Years
3	Kendol & Kristy Leader	11
8	Bruce & Meryl Fern	43
9	Stephen & Sharon Dannis	50
10	Marty & Ellen Kriegel	45
10	Stephen & Jill Feibusch	40
12	Morton & Marlene Stoll	38
12	Bruce & Sara Tucker	30
14	Robert & Sandra Arenson	41
15	Nathan & Sharon Cohen	44
16	Harold & Barbara Gass	35
16	Adam & Jen Kalender	17
19	Donald & Maureen Heller	47
19	Jack & Phyllis Hiller	69
21	Jason & Hilary Schwartz	48
21	Guy & Reba Buonocore	32
21	Sherwin & Amelia Kaufman	59
23	Roger & Esther Siegel	44
23	Howard & Leslie Gabler	55
24	George & Evelyn Katz	57
25	Stuart & Sally Marvin	57
26	Jerome & Simona Chazen	69
26	Steven & Nancy Dachs	30
29	Alvin & Jane Aronoff	49
29	Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer	43
30	James & Micki Leader	50
30	Norman & Carol Levine	50

If you are celebrating a big anniversary and would like a special blessing, please let us know.

GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to **Michelle Lowy** on the birth of her grandson, Asher Cane Lowy, born on April 26.

Mazel Tov to **David & Libbi Rosenblum** on the marriage of their son Evan Cassidy to Wendi Silver on April 29.

Mazel Tov to **Jeffrey & Robin Lubatkin** on the marriage of their daughter, Samantha, to Alex Tatarsky on May 12.

Mazel Tov to **Harriet Dunkerley** on receiving her Master of Sacred Music degree from Hebrew Union College.

Mazel Tov to **Brad Zicholtz** on receiving his Master of Arts in Religious Education from Hebrew Union College.

Mazel Tov to **Sean & Susan Levin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alina, on June 9.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to **Iris Swartz**. Her father, Jules Breslow, died April 25.

Shabbat in the Park

Rockland Lake State Park

Friday, June 1








Picnic at 5:30 PM & Service at 6:30 PM



Bring your dinner, a sweet treat to share and folding chairs as we picnic and then worship together.
No alcohol please.



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 18 Sivan 6:30p Erev Shabbat Family Service— Shabbat in the Park 	2 19 Sivan Parashat Beha'alotcha NFTY-GER Summit/Gala 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
3 20 Sivan Israel Day Parade 6-8:30a 3rd NJC  12-5p 3rd NJC Bible Study	4 21 Sivan	5 22 Sivan	6 23 Sivan 6:30p AA 7:00p Exec. Comm. 8:00p Board of Trustees	7 24 Sivan 10:30a Torah Topics 8-10p 3rd NJC	8 25 Sivan 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	9 26 Sivan Parashat Sh'lach 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Alina Levin 
10 27 Sivan 9:30a Men's Club 10:00a Sisterhood/WRJ 10:00a Art Talk Walk 12-5p 3rd NJC Bible	11 28 Sivan	12 29 Sivan 7:00p Mem & Marketing 7:30p Finance Comm.	13 30 Sivan 6:30p AA 7:30 PM Annual Congregational Meeting	14 1 Tamuz 10:30a Torah Topics 7:30p Car Club 8-10p 3rd NJC	15 2 Tamuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service— Men's Club & Torah Service 	16 3 Tamuz Parashat Korach 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
17 4 Tamuz Father's Day HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 12-5p 3rd NJC Bible Study	18 5 Tamuz	19 6 Tamuz 7:00p Knitting Circle	20 7 Tamuz 6:30p AA 7:30p CANDLE	21 8 Tamuz Summit Graduation 10:30a Torah Topics 7:00p RS Comm  8-10p 3rd NJC	22 9 Tamuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service— Installation of Board & Officers  11:30p-3a 3rd NJC	23 10 Tamuz Parashat Chukat 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
24 11 Tamuz 12-5p 3rd NJC Bible Study	25 12 Tamuz	26 13 Tamuz 7:30p Ritual Comm.	27 14 Tamuz 6:30p AA	28 15 Tamuz 10:30a Torah Topics	29 16 Tamuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	30 17 Tamuz Parashat Balak 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service

For the most up-to-date event information, please visit our online calendar at www.RTRny.org.

DONATIONS (April 11—May 10, 2018)

Adult & Family Education Fund

Russell Rizner & Julie Buffington-Rizner in honor of Tama Shor Beck
Tina Miller in memory of Rose Miller

Beverly Gilbert Scholarship Fund

Dorothy Steinberg in memory of Sherwin Steinberg

Building Fund

Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of the birth of Michele Lowy's grandson, Asher.
Samuel & Elaine Simon in memory of Irwin Kahn

Cantor George Weinflash Music Fund

Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Dr. David Greenberg
David & Susan Klein in memory of Ann Scheffler
Fredric & Judith Greenberg in memory of Ruth Greenberg
Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Ann Scheffler, Irwin Kahn, Jules Breslow & Philip Lawner
Harold & Barbara Gass in memory of Nettie Gass
Leonard & Edith Kanchuger in memory of Irwin Kahn
Martin & Helene Leibowitz in memory of Helen Leibowitz

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Andy Gordon in honor of Cantor Neff helping to lead services at Emmet's Bar Mitzvah
Charles & Eve Freeman in honor of Judith Kiss
Russell Rizner & Julie Buffington-Rizner in honor of David Greenberg
Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Harriet Dunkerley's graduation from Hebrew Union College
Alan & Corinne Pochter in memory of Samuel Levy
Anne Jacobs in memory of Murray Sanders
Carl & Joan Radin in memory of Rose Goodman
Enid Gross in memory of Bertha Weiner
Janet Kaminsky in memory of Dr. Steve Kaminsky
Mark & Iris Swartz in memory of Jules Breslow
Martin & Helene Leibowitz in memory of Carol Epstein
Martin & Pamela Winter in memory of Charles Winter
Paul & Ellen Ratisher in memory of Louis Levine
Russell Rizner & Julie Buffington-Rizner in memory of Ruth Buffington
Stephen & Judith Levy in memory of Ann Scheffler
Tina Miller in memory of Marcia Monaco
Phillip & Patricia Beutel with appreciation for Cantor Neff

Chesed Fund

Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Stephen & Judy Levy
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Jules Breslow
Jeffrey & Robin Lubatkin in memory of Ann Scheffler
Jolie Levy in memory of Ann Scheffler
Stephen & Irene Kopelman in memory of Ann Scheffler

Family in Crisis Fund

Paul & Judy Melter
Brett & Susan Caminez in memory of Kiley E. Jean
Donald & Sheila Lazar in memory of Herbert Langstein
Gail Kerin in memory of Lewis Schwartz
Gail Mandel in memory of Charles Mandel
Joseph & Estelle Trachtenberg in memory of Dee Spatt and Meyer Warmbrand
Phillip & Patricia Beutel in memory of Dorothy Polirer

RTR greatly appreciates all donations. If any have been overlooked or improperly allocated, please call the office and let us know.



(Continued from page 18)

Family in Crisis Fund (*continued*)

Robert & Susan Heiferman in memory of Louis Heiferman
Stuart & Renee Kratter in memory of Morris L. Newman

Karen Ami Social Action Fund

Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Larry Rapoport's retirement. Wishing you the best!
Barbara Caren in memory of Mac Sonken & Harvey Caren
William & Estelle Hans in memory of Eva Reich and Carl Reich

Operating Fund

David & Libbi Rosenblum in honor of their son Evan Cassidy's marriage to Wendy Silver on April 29, 2018
Mark & Ingrid Sheiman in honor of Stephen & Judy Levy's honor at Rockland Jewish Family Service
David & Susan Klein in memory of Jules Breslow
Gerald & Joan Lenkowitz in memory of Hyman Lenkowitz
Lawrence & Amy Rapoport in memory of Raymond Rapoport
Lewis & Judith Fishlin in memory of Harry Simons
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Wolf in memory of Henry Wolf
Norman & Vivian Resnick in memory of Meyer Heffes & Len Rosenblatt
Richard & Catherine Rothbard in memory of Marion Loeb, Harry O. Loeb & Herbert Rothbard
Samuel & Elaine Simon in memory of Morris Simon & Larry Cohan

Phyllis & Morton Simon Prayer Book Fund

Denis & Jill Tanney in memory of Morris Goldman

Rabbi Louis Frishman Youth Endowment Fund

Dave & Pamela Auerbach
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Harriet Dunkerley's graduation from Hebrew Union College
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Brad Zicholtz's graduation from Hebrew Union College
Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Tama Shor Beck
Iris Fialkoff in memory of William Silverberg
Jay & Marcia Lurch in memory of Rose Goldstein
Joseph & Andrea Leighton in memory of Elsie Zweifler
Larry & Rebecca Keyser in memory of David Baker
Lee & Anne Ostroff in memory of Manuel Schenker
Martin & Charlene Furman in memory of Matthew Belgar
Mitchell Glanzrock in memory of Gwen Tenenbaum

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jorie Sear in honor of Stephen Hittman and Elaine & Bernard Berson
Myrna Soslowitz in honor of Walter Fiedler's surgery recovery
Alvin & Jane Aronoff in memory of Ann Scheffler
Barbara Caren in memory of Mac Sonken & Harvey Caren
Barbara Gross in memory of Michael Gross
Janice Baker in memory of David Baker
Jorie Sear in memory of Ann Scheffler
Martin & Charlene Furman in memory of Marion Belgar
Michele Lowy in memory of Ann Scheffler
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Wolf in memory of Leo Cooper
Phyllis Wallenstein in memory of Mark Wallenstein & Clara Drucker
Sima Zisman in memory of Louis Zisman
Steven & Laurie Becker in memory of Harry Pressman
Stewart & Suzanne Bader in memory of Jules Breslow
Tina Miller in memory of Sol Willman
Marvin & Adele Salzman with appreciation for Rabbi Sharff's graciousness on the Israel Trip
Phillip & Patricia Beutel with appreciation for Rabbi Sharff



THANK YOU from Steve & Judy Levy for the journal and for the lovely wishes on their honor at the RJFS Gala.



thank you!

**...to all of the
volunteers who helped
at the Rhoda Bloom
Food Pantry on RTR's
day, April 15!**

LET'S TALK ART

SERIES V



The display located on the wall of the lower level opposite the Tucker Lounge is pictures (some by well-known artists) and photos acquired over the 70 year history of Temple Beth El.

The pictures and photos are framed by colorful tapestries that were the inserts in the center of the Ark Doors in the Sanctuary at the second Temple of TBE. The story of these inserts is that the Sisterhood women of the first Temple on Jackson Street in Spring Valley wanted the memories of their participation there to be preserved. Rabbi Frishman knew just the person to accomplish this task! Feige Aronoff, an artist extraordinaire and a member of Temple, agreed to undertake this commission. Her ideas, in conjunction with the building architect, Alden Dow, were the basis for the design. The women were asked to donate swatches of the clothing they had worn for memorable occasions, weddings, b'nai mitzvah, etc. These were then sewn together as a patchwork creating an everlasting memory.

To view this display in full color go to our website and click on NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2018 on the HOME page.

The Reform Temple of Rockland Invites you to

Art Walk



JUNE 10, 2018

SUNDAY MORNING • 10:00 AM

Learn about the history behind some of RTR's great artwork throughout the building - a wonderful collection of both our previous synagogues' pasts.

Grab a cup of coffee and cake after the walk and catch up with old friends or make new friends.



**THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND**

For more information call 845.358.2248 • 330 North Highland Ave. (9W) • Upper Nyack, New York 10960

RTR CREATES COMMUNITY



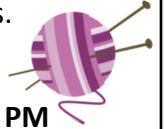
Car enthusiasts of all ages who share a common interest in all things automotive are now meeting regularly on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING: JUN 14

If you are interested in joining our Car Club, please contact Barry Fleischman by email at barrymb@aol.com or phone at 845-494-4023.

RTR'S KNITTING CIRCLE

Do you crochet, knit, or want to learn how? Bring what you're working on or just show up and we'll get you started. Come join us and schmooze, craft and enjoy refreshments with fellow congregants.

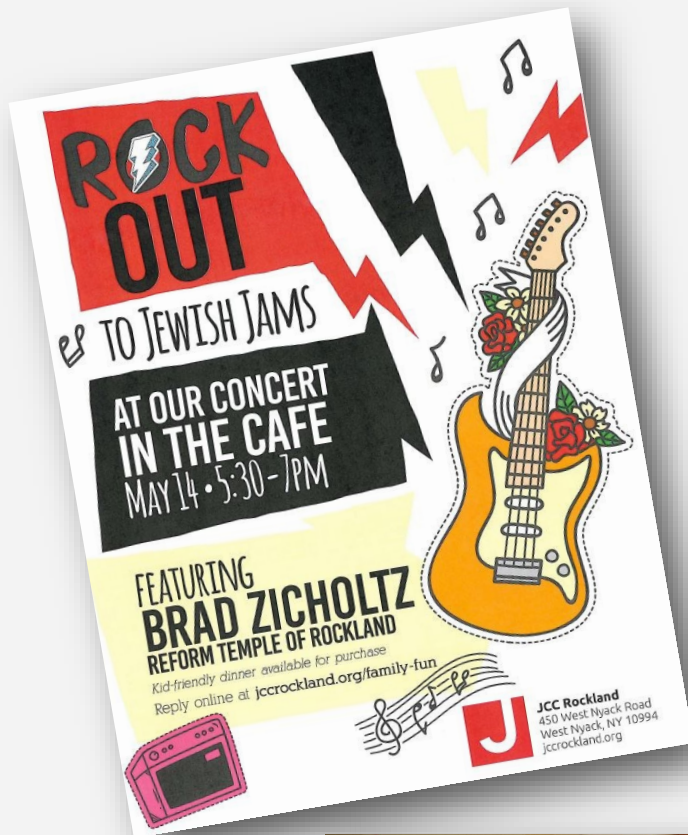


MEETING DATES:

Jun 19 at 7 PM; Jul 9 at 10 AM; Aug 7 at 7 PM

If you know of a temple member who is in need of some comfort, please do not hesitate to let us know so we can provide one of our handmade Mi Shebeirach bears or comfort shawls. Contact Helayne Pfeffer at 845-429-2939.

All names will be kept confidential.



Brad had a wonderful time entertaining the children in our community at the JCC and helping them promote their new café on May 14.





A great time was had by all!

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH

Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed monthly.
The shift starts at 8:45 AM and ends
before noon.

**Upcoming Volunteer Days:
Jun 10, Jul 15, Aug 19**

ONE OF THE
GREATEST GIFTS
YOU CAN GIVE IS
YOUR TIME

One in six Americans is affected by “food insecurity” – the lack of consistent, dependable access to food due to limited money or resources. Rockland Jewish Family Service works to alleviate hunger in our community through the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry, which delivers kosher food to anyone in Rockland who is in need.

The Food Pantry currently feeds approximately 200 families in our community. RTR has been asked to donate **200 HALF GALLON KOSHER APPLE JUICE CONTAINERS** *each month* to the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry. Please drop off juice donations in the bins downstairs in front of the office or in the upstairs lobby.

**RTR needs a volunteer to coordinate monthly juice orders. Please call the office if you can help!
It only requires a few phone calls each month.**

Can You Make a Phone Call?

Compassionate RTR Congregants Needed

Some in our RTR family would love an occasional friendly phone call or visit. Let's do a mitzvah and show that we care for each other!

To volunteer, email Eva Steen:
eesteen@optonline.net

Can You Drive a Car?

RTR is seeking volunteer drivers (21 or older) to provide transportation for congregants who are unable to drive themselves. If you will be coming to Friday or Saturday services or any events and have room in your car, please contact Jolie Levy,

Temple Administrator, at (845) 358-2248 or Jolie@RTRny.org to get matched up with someone in your area who might be in need of a ride.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

LIFE'S MOST
PERSISTENT
AND URGENT
QUESTION IS:
*WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
FOR OTHERS?*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH



Yahrzeit Callers Needed

Callers are needed to make a few (3-4) brief, weekly calls to remind people of the service schedule for their loved one's Yahrzeit. Names, relevant information and the script are provided weekly via email.

You must have access to email to help with this project.

If interested in helping, please email Jorie Sear at volunteer@RTRny.org. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Please Note: Any request for changes to Yahrzeit name readings made with the office will not be reflected in the reminder calls.

Do you have a steamer and an hour or two to spare? We're looking for a volunteer to help keep our building warm and welcoming. Call the office if you're available at 845-358-2248.

Sisterhood/WRJ Assists Homeless Women

As part of our community outreach, we are collecting feminine hygiene products for the women who are served by Helping Hands, Rockland's program to aid and shelter homeless Rocklanders.

**We are accepting
sanitary napkins and tampons ONLY.**

Kindly donate these products by bringing them to a Sisterhood meeting or by placing them in either the collection bin outside the temple office or the one in the upstairs lobby.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Give Your Old Shoes a New Life!

Sisterhood/WRJ continues their fundraiser collecting used shoes, which are "worn, but definitely not worn out!" Used shoes are in great demand in developing countries. Recycled shoes create jobs and fuel local economies. Please drop off pairs of men's, women's or children's shoes. **Look for donation boxes in the upstairs lobby and downstairs entrance.**

Do you have a child in college?

Please email the mailing address to Ruth Schlanger at rjs521@aol.com. RTR and the Sisterhood/WRJ want our college students to remain part of our family and will send them some surprises while they are away at college.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The white yahrzeit plaques displayed in Spring Valley will be available for members **through June 30, 2018**. If you or someone you know is interested in collecting the plaques, please call the office with the names at 845-358-2248.

The names will be pulled monthly and will be available for pick-up or mailing to out-of-state families.



It's never too late to honor a simcha on our new and beautiful Tree of Life in our Main Lobby. Honor a birth, celebration, Bar or Bat Mitzvah or accomplishment on a permanent leaf. Two sizes are available.

It's also never too late to memorialize the death of a loved one on our stunning Yahrzeit Plaque wall.

Forms are available through our Office by calling 845-358-2248 or by emailing: Susan@RTRny.org.

MI SHEBEIRACH LIST

If you have names you would like to add or keep on the list, please email susan@RTRny.org or call [845-358-2248](tel:845-358-2248). **Please remember to let us know when a name can be removed.**

Turn off Your Cell and Make a Date with The Reform Temple of Rockland Every Friday Evening.

Come Experience

JOYFUL JUDAISM!



THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND



Come Visit
The RTR Sisterhood/WRJ
JUDAICA SHOP
For ALL your Wedding Needs

Give a gift they'll remember!

Select from a tremendous assortment of Michael Aram!

Give a gift they'll use!

We have picture frames, salad bowls, serving platters, and more beautiful items.

To make an appointment:

Email JudaicaShop@RTRNY.org or call

Lisa Jay at 914-572-0200

Renee Kratter at 845-357-6715

Helayne Pfeffer at 845-429-2939

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*A portion of all sales go to support our
Temple and Religious School*

The Reform Temple of Rockland Committees

Adult Education	Susan Klein rsdsk@aol.com Wendy Fleischman wendysue55@aol.com	Membership	Adrian Modansky adrianmodansky@gmail.com Michael Rutter shotime@aol.com
Building and Grounds	Jeff Grossman jeffgrossman@gmail.com Barry Schoenberg BJSDOC@aol.com	Outreach	Aaron & Michelle Kleinman amrockland@msn.com
Caring & Inclusion Initiative	Eva Steen eeestein@optonline.net Helayne Pfeffer hayne1954@gmail.com	Pulpit	Joanna Landau yona180@optonline.net
College	Ruth Schlanger rjs521@aol.com	Religious School	Tama Shor Beck shorbeck@verizon.net Cathy Klein kleincb@gmail.com
Communications & Marketing	Fran Grossman franzgrossman@gmail.com Adrian Modansky adrianmodansky@gmail.com	Ritual	Jodi Gischner ritualcommittee@RTRny.org Judith Kiss ritualcommittee@RTRny.org
Finance	Stephen Hittman stephen.hittman@gmail.com	Sisterhood/WRJ	Jane Aronoff aronoff@aol.com Estelle Hans estelleh1@verizon.net
Fundraising	Adrian Modansky adrianmodansky@gmail.com Barry Schoenberg BJSDOC@aol.com	Social Action	Michelle Kleinman amrockland@msn.com
Men's Club	Seth Schlanger sethschlangerlaw@aol.com	Youth Group	Russell Jay ripjay@optonline.net Sally Schoenberg carrot1060@aol.com

Helpful Deadline Information & Guidelines

Please help us notify our members of important information and events by using these guidelines:

• **WEEKLY (Wednesdays): e-Connections** **Deadline: 3:00 PM Tuesday**

Our weekly email, "e-Connections," goes out to our congregation every Wednesday. This communication is for *upcoming events and important announcements only*. It is intended to be a short (2-page max.) newsletter; it is not intended to run repetitive flyers or announcements (i.e., Soul Mates shoe collection). Text will be limited and graphics will be small. Flyers will be linked. **Please note:** stand-alone e-blasts are primarily for life cycle events.

• **WEEKLY (Fridays): Erev Shabbat Services Handout** **Deadline: 10:00 AM Friday**

Each Friday, we prepare the Yahrzeit and Mi Shebeirach lists for the Erev Shabbat Services handout. If there are any changes/additions to these lists, please notify the RTR Office by 10 AM. Changes/additions made after the deadline will be communicated to clergy and appropriately read, but the handout will not be changed.

• **MONTHLY: Connections** **Deadline: 10th of the Prior Month (Ex: Dec 10th for Jan)**

Each month, we produce a bulletin that is mailed to homes and businesses. Entries are due in the Office by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the following month's bulletin. This communication is intended for ongoing events, flyers, news, articles, and announcements.

Submission Guidelines: Please submit your own flyers. Be sure to include a date, time, location, description and contact person. We accept all formats. All of the above information can be emailed to Susan@RTRny.org.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE IN KEEPING OUR MEMBERS APPRISED OF RTR HAPPENINGS!



THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND

Brighter Together.

330 N. Highland Avenue
Upper Nyack, NY 10960
www.RTRNY.org

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Monsey, New York

Permit No. 7009

Current Resident Or:

HHD Information will be
arriving in your mailbox soon!
Order your tickets for 5779
before the summer begins!



*RTR is planning a
Sukkah-Around. Do you
have a sukkah you'd like
to invite members to
visit on Sept 29? Let us
know by calling the
office at 845-358-2248.*