

# C<sup>ONNECTIONS</sup>

THE REFORM TEMPLE  
OF ROCKLAND  
*Brighter Together*

OCTOBER 2018  
22 Tishri— 22 Cheshvan 5779





## THE REFORM TEMPLE OF ROCKLAND

*Brighter Together*

RTR is a welcoming beacon in Rockland County where Reform Jews can explore their individual Jewish identity and connectivity, inspiring friendship, spirituality and community service.

### SERVICES

Friday Erev Shabbat 7:30 PM

First Friday-Family Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday Taste of Torah 9:00 AM

Saturday Morning Shabbat 10:30 AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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### OCTOBER DATES AT A GLANCE:

- 1 OFFICE CLOSED: SHMINI ATZERET  
Shmini Atzeret Morning Service & Yizkor
- 2 Pizza Party hosted by WRJ & Men's Club  
Havdallah & Simchat Torah Service
- 3 Men's Club Annual Golf Outing
- 4 Executive Committee
- 5 Erev Shabbat Family Service
- 7 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- 8 OFFICE CLOSED: Columbus Day Observed
- 9 Rosh Chodesh  
Membership & Marketing Committee  
Finance Committee  
Midnight Run Informational Meeting
- 11 Religious School Committee  
Car Club
- 14 K'tanim: Noah's Ark
- 16 Knitting Circle  
Social Action Committee  
Adult B'nei Mitzvah Informational Meeting
- 17 Board of Trustees
- 18 Adult Ed Movie Discussion: Marshall
- 19 WRJ Book Club: Great Alone  
Erev Shabbat Service: Torah Service
- 21 Men's Club Bagels & Business
- 23 Ritual Committee
- 24 WRJ/Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 26-28 Camp Eisner Retreat

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# Welcome

**RTR welcomes our new members:**

Renate Clynes of Pomona

Ellis Gitlin of New City

Peter Schaefer & Margaret Schwartz and Family of Nyack

Joe & Michelle Scull and Family of New City

Miriam Rasiel of West Nyack

### *Peak Inside...*

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## FROM RABBI BENJAMIN SHARFF

In the Essential Kabbalah Daniel Matt writes, “The essence of serving God and of all the mitzvot is to attain the state of humility, that is, to understand that all your physi-

cal and mental powers and your essential being depend on the divine elements within. You are simply a channel for the divine attributes. You attain this humility through the awe of God’s vastness, through realizing that ‘there is no place empty of it.’”

At the end of September and into October, we celebrate the fall festival of Sukkot. And though it is possible we will have concluded our celebrations by the time you are reading this article, I felt it was important to reflect on one of our most important festivals. However, Sukkot often gets the short shaft simply because it falls so closely to the High Holy Days.

Known as *HeChag*, the festival of Sukkot commemorates both the fall harvest and the time our ancestors wandered in the wilderness before attaining the land of Eretz Yisrael. During their travels, they built portable structures, sukkot, which we commemorate with our annual construction projects to this various day. There are numerous guidelines for how to build a proper sukkah. One of the key elements is that it must have a natural covering by which you can see the stars in the night sky.

Another element involves dwelling in our sukkah. In particular we are to dine there and invite guests to join us. Family, friends, and *ushpizin*, sacred guests, including Abraham, Moses, and Aaron, as well as Sarah, Miriam, and Deborah, all join us as we celebrate together.

There is another observance associated with Sukkot, though in truth, it is actually a separate holiday. It is the festival of Hoshana Rabbah. Hoshana Rabbah takes place on the last day of Sukkot, and is consid-

ered to be the day when our fates are sealed in the Book of Life. It includes a service with seven Hakafot with the Torah, lulav, and etrog all while Hoshanot are recited. Five willow branches are also beaten on the ground to help us symbolically remove our sins as the penitential season comes to an end.

But more than that, Hoshana Rabbah is the time where we invite God to join us as we dwell one last time in the Sukkah. In many ways this is akin to the kabbalistic notion that there is no place devoid of God.

Following Hoshana Rabbah we have one more great celebration, Simchat Torah, where we end and begin again our Torah reading cycle with singing, dancing, and of course the full rolling out of one of our Torah scrolls. There are so many opportunities to celebrate these terrific fall holidays. Please join us.

May your sukkahs this year be strong and lasting. May you be joined by wonderful and delightful company. And may you find God’s holy presence in all of your dwelling places, which, in turn, may help you find holiness in yourselves, in your lives, and in the greater world as well.

L’shana Tova,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff  
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org





# Junior Choir

Starts Sunday.  
October 14

## 2-6 Graders

Join Cantor Neff right after Sunday Religious School at 11:30 AM in the Music Room. Contact her with any questions at [CantorNeff@RTRny.org](mailto:CantorNeff@RTRny.org).



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT, ADRIAN MODANSKY

For October's article, I want to share my President's High Holy Day speech. Those of you who could not join us the first day of Rosh Hashanah, this is what I delivered to the congregation:

As I embark on the Presidency of The Reform Temple of Rockland, I have hopes, dreams and expectations for all our congregants and the community. Theodore Herzl said, "If you will it, it is no dream."

We must welcome innovation and experimentation and need to take risks. We have the resources to make small changes that will enhance our spirit and culture, and need to develop a culture of reflection and improvement.

I'm hoping that you all enjoyed apples, honey and challah last night. The apples and honey are for sweetness and blessings in the year ahead. The round challah represents the circle of life. It has been said that if you eat a pomegranate, the number of seeds it has is how many good deeds you will do this coming year, may it be many.

Why do we belong to a temple and pay dues? It's expensive and you can really get most of the benefits for free. You can come to Shabbat services, indulge in our onegs, buy community High Holy Day tickets and rent-a-rabbi or cantor for a simcha or funeral. So why belong? We join because we want to support Jewish institutions. We care about the future of Judaism and future generations to come. The temple becomes a place where we connect to something larger than ourselves, to different ideas. We build relationships, meet new friends and connect with Jewish traditions. Membership dues are a bargain. The benefits I mentioned make membership worth the cost. Our congregants are in many different age groups, our families are different sizes, some were born Jewish, others have converted, and others have married a Jewish partner. We consider you all part of our family. We want to celebrate your birthdays anniversaries, milestones, and other simchas. Some people are here three times a year, others more often. We welcome everyone and greet you with our audacious hospitality. RTR is friendly, inclusive and egalitarian. The congregation is an extension of our family. We invite you to participate in all capacities. Men and women have the same rights here. You will need us one day, and we will be here for you!

Our greatest challenge is to find unaffiliated Jews. There is a large number of Jewish people who don't affiliate. We need to find them and invite them to join us. We are all ambassadors of RTR. Bring a friend along. We need to learn to toot our own horns. Try us out and you will be hooked. Come meet our wonderful clergy, Rabbi Sharff and Cantor Neff. They work harmoniously and are here for us all; we are blessed to have them both. Our Director of Congregational Learning Brad Zicholtz, our Temple Administrator Jolie Levy, our Administrative Assistant Susan Caminez, our Bookkeeper Kama Clark and Michael Schmall and Calvin Evans on Maintenance all work extremely hard for us. We thank them for their visions and their responsiveness to our congregants.

Our sanctuary offers a very peaceful feeling; it's beautiful. Look at the inspiring backdrop! We sit in pews rather than individual seats. We join in singing rather than listening to a performance. We are indeed a

participatory congregation. We are a community and we share. Come to Shabbat services and stay for the onegs. It's a time for friendship, and kibitzing. We are blessed to have you our congregants, and your families.

We come here on the High Holy Days because that's what Jews do. We care about being Jewish and seek God's presence. It's an opportunity for new beginnings, starting a new year. We want to connect with others and community. A time to reflect on the past and renew our spiritual beliefs. We renew our commitments to ourselves, our families and our friends. We need to renew our commitment to RTR. Many of you are here with or without your children, biological families, spouse, or parents. Some are here for the first time and some have experienced this for years.

Think about it, Judaism is joyful. Get involved, join a committee. Volunteerism is very important and the congregation depends on its members for a wide range of services. Do one more thing than you did last year. Our calendars are full of programs, activities, book discussions, educational films, and speakers. Join WRJ or Men's Club; they offer many opportunities to meet and socialize throughout the year.

My expectation is that RTR will build a closer relationship with Israel. We are blessed to live at a time when there is a State of Israel. We must teach our children diligently so when they are confronted by groups challenging Israel's legitimacy they are able to stand up and rally for Israel. Education should not and does not end with a child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It is then that our children become mature enough to begin to appreciate our heritage. Rabbi ran a wonderful trip this past spring to Israel, and we need to encourage more congregants to go. We all travel all over but you will feel at home in Israel.

Giving is at the heart of our tradition, of our obligation and responsibility. Our building is large and has served us for many years. It needs some TLC. As you see we have started construction: a new roof, new doors and painting the classrooms. As you came in today you noticed our front steps are in need of repair. It is now time for us to spruce up so that we and future generations may enjoy our spiritual home. We need to build a culture of giving. Please help support RTR.

Yesterday's tomorrow was an idea looming in people's mind yesterday. Today on the other hand is now. You are far more in control of the present than you are of the past or the future. Make today the best it can be without worrying too much about tomorrow.

As I conclude, a special thank you to my husband Robert, my children Andrew, Matthew, Anna, Erik and Jenna, and my granddaughters Evelyn and Maggie. Your support and patience allows me to be able to do what I do. I'm lucky to have you.

On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed. May it be written and may it be sealed that you have a New Year that brings fulfillment and happiness, peace and prosperity. Hope for sweetness and blessings in the year ahead, all of life's very best things for you and your families!

B'Shalom,

*Adrian Modansky*  
Adrian Modansky, President  
President@RTRny.org

# K'tanim

"Little Ones"



**Sunday, October 14**  
**9:00 AM**

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their "little ones" to our free monthly preschool program. Through interactive play, crafts and music children will learn the basics of Judaism. This month we get a special visit from Noah and get to meet some animals from his ark. We'll learn about the Jewish value of how we treat animals. Don't miss this unforgettable experience together. Contact Brad at [Brad@RTRny.org](mailto:Brad@RTRny.org) for more information.



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# Page Six

## SAVE THE DATE ISRAEL BONDS ROCKLAND

Presents

**#twinsbondwithisrael**

All incoming 6th and 7th grade students are welcome  
(One parent must be in attendance)

Connect with dynamic organizations  
to find your mitzvah project

**OCTOBER 14, 2018 • 9:30AM**

Rockland Jewish Community Center Campus  
450 W Nyack Rd, West Nyack, NY 10994

### Weekend Retreat to Eisner Camp

- \* **Hang out for an entire weekend in a safe environment**
- \* **Make new friends**
- \* **Have Pajama Shabbat**
- \* **Learn about our Judaism and ourselves**
- \* **Create our own prayers**
- \* **Lead services**
- \* **Hike to Lookout Point**
- \* **Play ga-ga**
- \* **Go on the low-ropes course**
- \* **Make lasting memories**
- \* **Sing around a campfire**
- \* **Enjoy Eisner's beautiful 660 acres**

**When? - October 26-28**

**Meet at Temple at 3:45PM on Friday**  
**Arrive back on Sunday at 11:30AM**

**How Much? - \$50**

**Chaperones Needed**

For more info contact Brad

845-358-2248 or [Brad@RTRny.org](mailto:Brad@RTRny.org)

...*Overheard!* Making phone calls to members over the High Holy Days was uplifting and the thanks received helped make the day better.

...*Spotted!* How many members does it take to move all the apple juice, tuna fish and cleaning supplies out of the Youth Lounge from the High Holy Day collection? Answer: 7. Thank you for all of your help!

**Did you see something or hear something you want to share with Page Six? Email [Susan@RTRny.org](mailto:Susan@RTRny.org)**



## FROM BRAD ZICHOLTZ, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

### Find Your Place at RTR Through Education

Rabbi Hillel says ...*do not say 'When I am free I will study', for perhaps you will not become free.* — Pirkei Avot 2:6

Many of you may have heard the Jewish people referred to as the “People of the Book.” Most assume that the book this quote is alluding to is the Torah. However, this is actually in reference to the Jewish tradition of learning itself. For thousands of years, our tradition has encouraged learning, questioning, arguing, and revisiting supposedly settled dogma. It’s even in the name, Israel, which means “one who struggles with God.” We don’t stop learning and wrestling with ideas because nothing in our tradition is meant to be understood at face value. This is why we read the Torah every week because we can always find something new in the text.

With all that being said, how will you find your place and time to learn here at RTR? We all have such busy lives running around going from work to our children’s activities to errands that we must run. How can we find the moments where we can allow ourselves to slow down and learn something about ourselves, our tradition, and our place in the world. For me, learning is spirituality. When I can sit in a Torah study or a Religious School classroom and hear what is being discussed, I feel a connection to everyone there and a closer connection to my Judaism.

We have so many programs and opportunities for you to find small moments of learning whether you are two or 102.

- **K’tanim** - Our monthly Sunday morning program for children 18 months to 4 years old. We learn about different holidays and Jewish values through interactive play, music and crafts.
- **Religious School** - Our cutting-edge program of active and engaging learning inspires our children to continue their journey of creating their Jewish identity.

- **Academy** - Our weekly program for teens in grades 7-9 is a safe respite from the crazy stress of teen life. We learn about issues and values that matter to teens.
- **Confirmation** - Our incredible program for 10th graders guides them on the path, to Confirmation. Confirmation in a Reform Jewish teens life is where they choose to confirm their Jewish identity in front of their community. The class takes a four-day trip to Washington, DC, where they and hundreds of other Jewish teens learn about issues facing our country and then lobby their Senators and Representatives on those issues.
- **Post Confirmation** - A once-a-month program for 11th and 12th graders that allows them to start to focus on what being Jewish means after High School and outside of their parents’ homes.
- **Youth Group** - A fun way to engage our children in grades 3-12 in all sorts of incredible activities, whether it be feeding and clothing the homeless to bowling for a cause.
- **Adult Education** - We have engaging programs for adults of all ages. This year we have several movie and book discussions, a trip to visit the beautiful and historic Central Synagogue, and a live showing of the film “Rock in the Red Zone” with a live Skype session with the filmmaker. There are also two weekly opportunities to study the Torah: Torah Topics on Thursday morning and Taste of Torah on Saturday morning.

- **Adult B’nai Mitzvah** - If you never became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, RTR is now giving you the opportunity to participate in learning and preparing for your own. The program is a two-year commitment with multiple opportunities to learn and engage with our professional staff. It will culminate with a group B’nei Mitzvah in the Spring of 2020. **We will have an informational meeting about this class on October 16th at 7:30PM.**

Brad Zicholtz  
Brad@RTRny.org



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

**Elise and Robin would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!**

It was wonderful to see all of our Religious School families at our Opening Day BBQ – many thanks to Men's Club for a scrumptious meal!

This year the school and youth programs are working together to create fun and educational events, as well as activities inside the temple. The most exciting upcoming Social Action event is a **Midnight Run** on November 10! All three Youth Groups and the Religious School are going to be involved, as well as the total congregation! More information will be forthcoming but **SAVE THE DATE!** There will be an informational meeting on **Tuesday, October 9, at 7:30 PM.**

## ReTRo Grades 9-12

### SAVE THESE DATES FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NFTY EVENTS:

December 27-30, 2018 – NFTY-GER Winter Kallah  
February 15-18, 2019 - NFTY National Convention in Dallas, Texas  
March 10, 2019 - NFTY-GER Regional Elections  
April 12-14, 2019 - NFTY-GER Spring Kallah  
June 1, 2019 – NFTY-GER Gala

ReTRo began their year with some Community Service activities. The RTR High Holy Day apple juice/tuna fish/cleaning supply collection went very well – many thanks to all who donated! ReTRo helped with the High Holy Day Children's Services and handed out High Holiday greetings and honey sticks to congregants as they exited Rosh Hashanah services! A few upcoming events are:

Friday-Sunday, October 5-7, 2018 NFTY-GER Fall Kallah at URJ Kutz Camp  
Tuesday, October 9 – Midnight Run meeting at 7:30 PM

## ReTweens Grades 6-8

### SAVE THESE DATES:

November 30-December 2, 2018 – NFTY-GER Taste of NFTY Kallah  
April 12-14, 2019 - NFTY-GER Spring Kallah  
(8<sup>th</sup> graders invited to attend Spring Kallah!)

ReTweens heard all about the upcoming Youth Group year at their first day of Academy class and also attended our Lower East Side Food Tour! Upcoming events:

Tuesday, October 9 – Midnight Run meeting at 7:30 PM  
October 26-28 – 5-7 grades Retreat at Eisner Camp

## Lil' ReTRo Grades 3-5

Lil'ReTRo had a great time at the Men's Club Opening Day BBQ! Upcoming events:

October 26-28 – Retreat at Eisner Camp (5th Graders invited)

IF YOU HAVE A JEWISH FRIEND WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF RTR AND WOULD LIKE A YOUTH GROUP PACKET, LET US KNOW.

Join our CLOSED Facebook group (Reform Temple of Rockland Youth Groups) for up to the minute information and photos of your children at events!

If you have any questions please contact:

Elise Lehrman (914) 715-9845, Advisor: ReTRo and ReTweens

Robin Condoluci (845) 638-2655, Advisor: Lil' ReTRo

All Youth Group activities are coordinated by the Youth Committee and financially supported by the Men's Club.







## MEN'S CLUB

I hope you all had a happy and festive Rosh Hashanah, and a reflective Yom Kippur. September was a busy start of the year for Men's Club, thanks to all the volunteers (men and women) who assisted Men's Club in

setting up the chairs for the High Holy Days. But we did much more! Besides our monthly breakfast meeting, we ran the Back-to-School BBQ and another BBQ for Sukkot.

As of August 31, we have 54 paid-up members, I'm sure there are many more of you who just haven't gotten around to sending in your dues (see form below). The primary goal of Men's Club is supporting our Youth Group program for all ages, as well as giving assistance to our Religious School. This year's ma-

jor school initiative was to fund free tuition for grades 10, 11, and 12 through the Rabbi Louis Frishman Youth Endowment Fund.

Our next Sunday Business & Bagels Meeting is October 21st. Come join us, see how we are working with our Youth Advisors and our committee to provide a safe social place for our (your) children. Our membership right now is only 15% of temple membership; it should be 100%.

See you at our October Breakfast and get involved.

Thank you.

*David Firstenberg*, President  
DavidFirstenberg@gmail.com

### All Supporters of Temple Youth:

Please consider joining Men's Club. The top five reasons to join:

1. Temple youth
2. Temple youth
3. Temple youth
4. Temple youth
5. And, lastly, Temple youth

I am not trying to be funny. Men's Club's main purpose is to support youth programming. Your dues and the other funds Men's Club raises throughout the year go toward the youth group and other youth-related activities. We also support Jewish education, including the RTR religious school. We also have some fun helping with the Purim carnival, barbecues, and breakfasts. There are enjoyable events during the year such as comedy night, the golf outing, and baseball games. Please be a mensch and use the application form below to join or renew your membership. Thank you for your support! Interested in learning more? Please contact me directly. I would love to hear from you.

*Russell Jay*, Membership Chair  
[russpjay@gmail.com](mailto:russpjay@gmail.com)  
845-368-8695 / 201-538-9872

**Men's Club dues are \$40. Please make checks payable to RTRMC and mail to:  
RTR ATTN: Men's Club, 330 N. Highland Ave, Upper Nyack, NY 10960**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

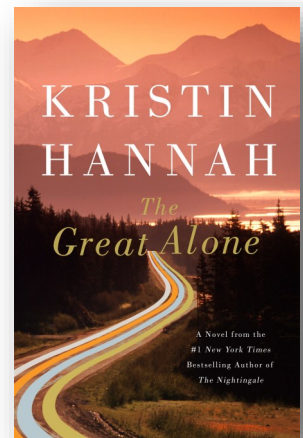


**Adult Ed: Movie Discussion**  
***Marshall***  
**Thurs, Oct 18, at 1:00 PM**

*Marshall* tells the story of a young NAACP lawyer, Thurgood Marshall, in the 1940's, defending people of color wrongly accused of crimes because of their race. Watch it on your own and then come to the lively and engaging discussion group. All opinions are welcome. Bring your dairy lunch!

**WRJ/Sisterhood Book Club**  
***The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah**  
**Fri, Oct 19, at 11:00 AM**

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Read the book on your own and join the discussion. Bring your dairy lunch!



**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:**  
 Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21



**OCT 9 at 7:00 PM**

Rosh Chodesh is a monthly celebration of the new moon, traditionally observed by Jewish women. At RTR, we observe with candlelight, music, some study, and meditation. It is a beautiful and meaningful way to take some time just for you, to reconnect and renew.

ALL women are welcome. Please come and join us as we celebrate the upcoming month of Cheshvan. Feel free to bring a friend! Please RSVP to the RTR Office with the name(s) and number attending.



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Ellen Umansky**  
Author of  
*The Fortunate Ones*  
**Sun, Nov 4**  
**10:00 AM**

*The Fortunate Ones* was named by *Booklist* as one of the best debut novels of 2017. Ellen has published fiction and nonfiction in numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *Slate*, and the short-story anthology *Lost Tribe: Jewish Fiction from the Edge*. She earned a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, an MFA in creative writing from Columbia University, and has worked in the editorial departments of *The Forward*, *Tablet*, and *The New Yorker*. She grew up in Los Angeles and lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two daughters.

*Brought to you by Adult Ed and WRJ/Sisterhood*



**Docent Tour**  
**Thurs, Nov 8**  
**10:00 AM**



Adult Ed joins WRJ/Sisterhood to bring you an incredible opportunity to tour Central Synagogue in New York City. We will carpool from RTR and lunch in the city. More details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for this special event.



**Adult B'nei Mitzvah**  
**Informational Meeting**  
**Thurs, Oct 16**  
**7:30 PM**

If you've never become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and would like the opportunity to enjoy this important Jewish life cycle event, join us for this informational meeting where we will discuss the program and the requirements. Feel free to reach out to Brad Zicholtz with any questions at [Brad@RTRny.org](mailto:Brad@RTRny.org).





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With a beautiful Gift*

*Come Visit*  
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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*







## Selichot: Broadway Reflections

September 1, 2018

(l-r:) David Macfarlane, John Patrick Shutz, Cantor Sally Neff, Susan Caminez and Rob McCaffery



## First Day of Religious School & Back-to-School BBQ hosted by the Men's Club September 16, 2018







  
**Sukkot Dairy Dinner**  
**September 23, 2018**  
**Hosted by**  
**WRJ/Sisterhood**







Thanks to our wonderful and generous congregants, over 500 gallons of apple juice and several hundred cans of tuna were part of the delivery that we made to The Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry after the High Holy Days. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. The Social Action Committee would also like to thank all our VERY GENEROUS congregants who contributed to the recent School Supply Collection. We made two trips to People to People to help them with their collection "Back to School With Dignity". They were very appreciative with our donations.

Thank you ,  
Helayne Pfeffer, Social Action Chairperson



# POSTPONED!

*Stayed tuned for more details*

## DANCE

**November 10, 2018**

**Saturday Evening**

**GREAT MUSIC • GREAT FUN • GREAT FOOD**









*Stay tuned for details...*



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# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 22 Tishri <b>Shmini Atzeret</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30a Festival Morning Service & Yizkor 	2 23 Tishri <b>Simchat Torah</b> 10:00a Food Addicts 4:45p Religious School 6:00p WRJ/MC Pizza Dinner 6:30p Havdallah & Simchat Torah Service w/ Chai Life Band	3 24 Tishri 11:00a Men's Club Annual Golf Outing (offsite) 6:30p AA 8:00p PFLAG 	4 25 Tishri 10:30a Torah Topics 7:30p Exec. Comm.  8-10p 3rd NJC	5 26 Tishri <b>NFTY Fall Kallah at Kutz Camp</b> 6:30p Erev Shabbat Family Service	6 27 Tishri <b>Parashat Bereshit</b> <b>NFTY Fall Kallah at Kutz Camp</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
7 28 Tishri <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>NFTY Fall Kallah at Kutz Camp</b>  6-8:30a 3rd NJC  12-5p 3rd NJC Bible	8 29 Tishri <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	9 30 Tishri 10:00a Food Addicts 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy 7:00p Rosh Chodesh 7:15p Membership & Marketing 7:30p Finance Comm 7:30p Midnight Run Info Meeting	10 1 Cheshvan 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir	11 2 Cheshvan 10:30a Torah Topics 7:15p RS Comm. 7:30p Car Club  8-10p 3rd NJC	12 3 Cheshvan <b>NFTY Popup Shabbat</b> 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	13 4 Cheshvan <b>Parashat Noach</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
14 5 Cheshvan 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Israel Bonds B'fast (6-7 grades offsite) 9:00a K'tanim: Noah's Ark 11:30a Jr. Choir Starts  12-5p 3rd NJC Bible	15 6 Cheshvan	16 7 Cheshvan <b>Yom HaAliyah</b> 10:00a Food Addicts 10:00a Knitting Circle 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy 6:30p Post-Confirm 7:30p Social Action 7:30P Adult B'nei Mitzvah Meeting  8-10p 3rd NJC	17 8 Cheshvan 6:30p AA 6:30p CANDLE 7:00p TransParents 7:30p Board of Trustees	18 9 Cheshvan 10:30a Torah Topics 1:00p Adult Ed: Movie Discussion, "Marshall" 7:30p Choir  8-10p 3rd NJC	19 10 Cheshvan 11:00a Sisterhood Book Discussion, "Great Alone" 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service— <b>Torah Service</b> 	20 11 Cheshvan <b>Parashat Lech-Lecha</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
21 12 Cheshvan 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Men's Club 11:30a Jr. Choir  12-5p 3rd NJC Bible	22 13 Cheshvan	23 14 Cheshvan 10:00a Food Addicts 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy 7:30p Ritual Comm.  8-10p 3rd NJC	24 15 Cheshvan 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir 7:30p Sisterhood Board	25 16 Cheshvan <b>WRJ Biennial</b> 10:30a Torah Topics  8-10p 3rd NJC	26 17 Cheshvan <b>WRJ Biennial Eisner Retreat</b> 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service  11:30p-3a 3rd NJC	27 18 Cheshvan <b>Parashat Vayera</b> <b>WRJ Biennial Eisner Retreat</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
28 19 Cheshvan <b>WRJ Biennial Eisner Retreat</b> 9:00a Religious School 11:30a Jr. Choir 12:30p Band Rehearsal  12-5p 3rd NJC Bible	29 20 Cheshvan	30 21 Cheshvan 10:00a Food Addicts 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy  8-10p 3rd NJC	31 22 Cheshvan <b>Halloween</b> 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir			

For the most up-to-date event information, please visit our online calendar at [www.RTRny.org](http://www.RTRny.org).

## VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH

### The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry



RTR is committed to donate **200 HALF GALLON KOSHER APPLE JUICE CONTAINERS** *each month* to the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry.

**WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW:** *When we don't meet that number... we purchase the difference. Please help us out.*

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. One in six people go hungry.

**WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW:** The Food Pantry doesn't serve only Kosher families, it serves ALL families in our community.



**Upcoming Volunteer Days:**  
**Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 9**

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



**Isn't funny how just one little phone call or text can make your bad day suddenly wonderful?**

### 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](mailto: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.*

### Compassionate Callers 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:  
[Chesed@RTRny.org](mailto:Chesed@RTRny.org)

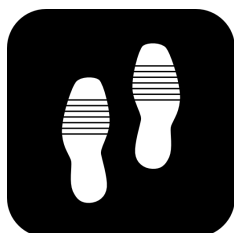
## VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH

**RTR's amazing WRJ/Sisterhood spearheads numerous ways to give and become involved:**



### **Assist Homeless Women**

By donating **sanitary napkins and tampons** for the women who are served by Helping Hands, Rockland's program to aid and shelter homeless Rocklanders. 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.



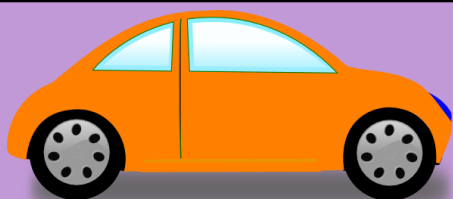
### **Give Your Old Shoes a New Life!**

WRJ/Sisterhood 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.**



### **College Care Packages**

Do you have a child in college? Please email the mailing address to RTR's College Chair, Ruth Schlanger, at [rjs521@aol.com](mailto:rjs521@aol.com). RTR and the WRJ/Sisterhood want our college students to remain part of our family and will send them some surprises while they are away at college.



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](mailto: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!



### **You Might Not Know....**

That we now have spare reading glasses outside our sanctuary in various strengths as a courtesy in case you forget your pair. Simply borrow them and put them back in the basket before you leave.

***Thank you, Larry Beck & Susan Silver!***



**PLEASE NOTE: At this time we are unable to accept book donations for our library. Thanks for your understanding.**



# October Winter Coat Drive

For the month of October, RTR's Social Action Committee will be collecting:

**Gently used child and adult-sized coats & NEW hats, gloves and scarves.**

Items will be collected in bins in both lobbies.

Collected items will be donated to People to People and Rockland Action Partnership.

Thank you in advance for your support.







# The Reform Temple of Rockland

## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM SISTERHOOD

### The Mitzvot of Membership

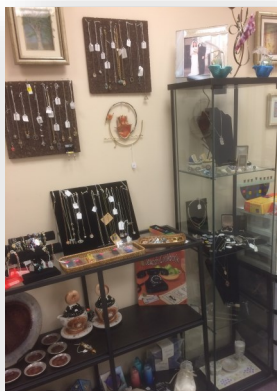


#### What is WRJ?

Our Sisterhood is an organization of women who join together in friendship. We are women of all ages and bonded by many factors. We support the tenets of Reform Judaism and The Reform Temple of Rockland in many ways.

Our programs, activities and fundraising efforts benefit our congregation, our children and our community. We meet for social and spiritual activities. Sisterhood provides the arena for us to expand and grow in a Jewish atmosphere. As a member of Sisterhood, you will join with other Women of Reform Judaism supporting issues affecting women and families around the world.

We are a caring community that strives to put our Jewish ideals into action. As we learn and serve, we share friendship, fun and prayers and gain a sense of belonging. You determine your own level of participation, from financial support through dues and donations to participation in events and programs. **Try us - you'll like us!**



#### A Sampling of What We Do...

- Sponsor, arrange and host Oneg Shabbatot
- Present gifts to Bar & Bat Mitzvah celebrants
- Provide Jewish holiday parties for the Religious School
- Provide scholarships to our Temple youth for NFTY and camp
- Send Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah and Passover packages to our college students
- Decorate the bima for Sukkot
- Support Israel Bonds, The Union of Reform Judaism, Women of Reform Judaism & YES Fund
- Support Community Charities
- Sponsor Broadway Theater Group
- Provide Financial Support for The Reform Temple of Rockland
- Operate the Judaica Shop
- Support the Women of ARC Skokie House
- Support Helping Hands Initiative

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete membership application and make check made payable to WRJ.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please mail to:

**WRJ/Sisterhood Membership**  
**The Reform Temple of Rockland**  
**330 North Highland Avenue**  
**Upper Nyack, NY 10960**

#### Please Select Membership Level:

- ☐ General \$36
- ☐ General & YES contrib. \$41
- ☐ Chai \$54
- ☐ Chai & YES Fund contrib. \$59
- ☐ Golden Chai \$72
- ☐ Golden Chai & YES contrib. \$77

We offer different levels of membership. Members who enroll at either the Chai or Golden Chai levels will receive special recognition at events throughout the year, special privileges at WRJ/Sisterhood events (including free raffle tickets), and the contentment of knowing that you have given our WRJ an 'extra boost.'

WRJ /Sisterhood encourages support of the **Youth, Education and Special Projects (YES) Fund**. This Fund supports youth and education programs throughout the Reform movement. This includes educational and cultural programs for high school and college age youth, as scholarships and grants for future rabbis. Resources are also provided for service and humanitarian causes in the areas of social justice, human rights, early childhood education, human services and world peace. **Please support the YES Fund by adding \$5.00 to your dues check.** You will receive a package of beautifully designed Union Gram cards.

**For additional information please contact our Co-VP's of Membership:**

**Anne Jacobs at (845) 735-3161 or [jbareader@aol.com](mailto:jbareader@aol.com), OR**  
**Jorie Sear at (845) 634-3060 or [jsear1@verizon.net](mailto:jsear1@verizon.net)**



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 Elaine Casper

Meet Elaine Casper! Elaine hails from Brooklyn. When asked how she ended up in Rockland County, Elaine says her husband Arthur, an engineer, “was working here about a year and half before we were married so it was the logical place for us to get an apartment.” They got an apartment in Spring Valley.

Elaine says, “When we first got married somebody suggested, since we didn’t know many people, that there might be a Young Couples Club (a club which she says eventually dropped the word young) at a synagogue. But we didn’t know which synagogue. I opened the Rockland phonebook, which at that time was like a pamphlet, and I looked at a list of synagogues and I said, ‘Okay, I’ll call this one,’ and it happened to be Temple Beth El.” Elaine was honored earlier this year as a Chai Member for 54 years of Membership!

Elaine majored in Biology at NYU. When asked why Biology, she said, “That’s what I like!” Then she got her Masters in Elementary Education. She taught in Blauvelt for a short time, had her children, and then substitute taught in Ramapo for a number of years.

When asked how she connects to her Jewish identity, Elaine says, “I didn’t grow up in a very observant family but a family that had a very, very strong Jewish identity. I still have that strong identity. I can’t think of anything specific, I just have that feeling.” She also said, “I hope I instilled my children with that feeling also. I really think that I did.” Her daughter, Amy Scherl, is also a member of RTR!

Elaine likes RTR very much, is very happy with it and likes being a member. She is a regular attendee at Torah Topics and Shabbat services and loves to go out to lunch with her friends. Next time you see Elaine, be sure to say “hi!” She found her community at RTR, and we’re proud to have her as a loyal longtime member.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Day	Name (up to age 25)
3	Zachary Mendes
4	Morgan Haber
5	Mathew Baldwin
6	Nathaniel Klayman
9	Alec Tucker
10	Nathaniel Kronish
11	Alexander Norton
13	Levy Singleton
14	Dylan Kalender
19	Dara Studnitzer
21	Reese Leader
21	Jennifer Pochter
22	Dianna Juechter
22	Shira Goldmann
24	Adrian Singleton
29	Bradley Studnitzer
30	Jonathan Rizner

Day	Names	Years
4	Joel & Sheila Rosenberg	43
7	Tibor & Karin Baan	52
7	Michael & Catherine Klein	39
8	Martin & Dana Weeks	12
9	Steven & Janice Bergman	30
10	Michael & Fran Keegan	25
11	Daniel & Helene Gelman	26
17	Glenn & Lori Deutsch	25
20	Marvin & Joan Anderman	55
21	David & Jeanne Marks	29
23	Burton & Karen Kreindel	52
24	Richard & Robin Loeb	36
28	Michael & Rita Jacobs	51
29	Richard & Catherine Rothbard	40
30	Timothy & Barbara Domini	30
30	Joel & Renee Slutsky	47

Those of any age with October birthdays are welcome to join us at Family Services at 6:30 PM on October 5 to receive a birthday blessing and get a sweet treat!

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

## GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to **Jeff & Fran Grossman** on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Max, on September 18. Proud parents are Scott & Jessica Grossman.

Mazel Tov to **April & Andrew Solomon** on the marriage of their son, Ross, to Lauren Sugarman on September 15.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to **Ed Steen**. His nephew, Steven Alexander Steen, died August 28.

Our deepest sympathies to **Rivka Kiman-Estroff**. Her mother, Sofia Kiman, died August 30.

Our deepest sympathies to **Eddie Fisher**. His wife, **Raselle Fisher**, died August 31.

Our deepest sympathies to **Todd Askenas**. His father, Walter Askenas, died September 12.

Our deepest sympathies to **Phyllis Hiller**. Her husband, **Jack Hiller**, died September 13.

Our deepest sympathies to **Leonard & Eadie Kanchuger**. Their son-in-law, Joseph Rosario, died September 16.



## DONATIONS (August 11—September 10, 2018)

### Adult & Family Education Fund

Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of David & Susan Klein's grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
 Stanley & Ellen Weiner in honor of David & Susan Klein's grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
 Matthew & Felice Burgay in memory of Alvin Burgay

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Andrew & April Solomon in memory of Alice Sack  
 David & Sheila Silverman in memory of Anne Silverman  
 Larry Beck & Susan Silver in memory of Harry Schadlow  
 William & Estelle Hans in memory of Frank Harry Stein

### Chesed Fund

Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Ed & Eva Steen's daughter's marriage  
 Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Ed & Eva Steen's nephew  
 Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Rudolph Oppenheimer  
 Stephen & Judith Levy in memory of Dorothy Levy



### Family in Crisis Fund

Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 David & Linda Goldstein in memory of Hy & Sylvia Goldstein  
 Linda Goodsmith in memory of Naomi Fleischman  
 Morton & Rhoda Klibonoff in memory of Stanley Fischer

### Karen Ami Social Action Fund

Barbara Caren in memory of Syd Sonken  
 William & Estelle Hans in memory of Murray Hans

### Operating Fund

Anonymous  
 Melvin & Beryl Lamster  
 David & Libbi Rosenblum in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Lauren Kate Rosenblum, to Daniel Mendes on August 18, 2018  
 Andrew & April Solomon in memory of Joseph Solomon  
 Gerald & Joan Lenkowitz in memory of Lorraine Moskowitz  
 Hal & Cecile Deutschman in memory of Maynard Deutschman  
 Howard & Gail Golden in memory of Yale Tauber  
 Marilyn Meltzer in memory of Jack Mahler and Hannah Mahler  
 Michael & Barbara Kalvert in memory of Raselle Fisher  
 Stewart & Suzanne Bader in memory of Meyer Cherkiss  
 Walter & Barbara Fiedler in memory of Yetta Sacknoff

### Phyllis & Morton Simon Prayer Book Fund

Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Robert & Sandy Arenson's daughter's marriage  
 Tina Miller in memory of Rose & Nathan Miller  
 Barbara Gass in memory of Hyman Rubin  
 Bernard & Elaine Berson in memory of Arthur Haffer  
 Cyril & Roberta Ross in memory of Ann Rosofsky and Israel Laib Shenkin  
 Leonard & Edith Kanchuger in memory of Clara & Aaron Shpritzman  
 Michael & Joanna Landau in memory of Pauline Lunnin, Marcus Lunnin, Hanah Landau and Martin Landau  
 Steven & Laurie Becker in memory of Selma Pressman

#### RECENT DONATIONS MADE BY RTR:

Rockland Jewish Family Service/  
 The Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry: \$798.08

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

*(Continued from page 24)***Rabbi Louis Frishman Youth Endowment Fund**

Jay & Marcia Lurch in memory of Maury Weinberg  
 Larry & Sandy Markowitz in memory of Tillie Lifshitz  
 Mario & Lorraine Gagliardi in memory of Harold Gass  
 Martin & Vanessa Greenberg in memory of Irving Gross  
 Michael & Iris Jacobs in memory of Shirley Sterman  
 Mimi Frishman in memory of Rose Mandel and Rabbi L. Frishman  
 Sheila Kleinman in memory of Dr. Norman Kleinman and Louis & Pearl Brenner

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Marc & Caryn Grun  
 Warren & Wendy Witt in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Klein, Susan & David Klein's grandson  
 Barbara Caren in memory of Syd Sonken  
 Gloria Aronson in memory of Michael Aronson, Gertrude Lenkowitz & Hyman Lenkowitz  
 Larry Beck & Susan Silver in memory of Eva Berenyi & Charles Silver  
 Phyllis Wallenstein in memory of Mark Wallenstein  
 Warren & Wendy Witt in memory of Ida Mlotok

**Rose & Moe Aranow Library Fund**

Marjorie Bernstein in memory of Mimi Solomon and Elaine D. Solomon

**Sylvia & Hyman Rosenzweig Scholarship Fund**

Thank you!

**A Special Thank YOU!**

...to all those who carried in  
 apple juice, tuna or cleaning  
 supplies for our Youth Group's  
 annual Yom Kippur Drive!

**High Holy Day Appeal (Aug 11-Sept 10)**

Dave & Pamela Auerbach  
 Brett & Susan Caminez  
 David & Laurie Firstenberg  
 Leonard Gross & Libby Tulin  
 Alexis Kriedman  
 Leonard Kurz  
 Gerald & Joan Lenkowitz  
 Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer  
 Leon & Beatrice Schindel  
 Jason & Hilary Schwartz



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.

**DID YOU  
 KNOW?**

You can sponsor an Oneg after a service to honor a special occasion or person. You can also sponsor an Oneg in memory of a loved one and request his/her favorite treats. Call the office at 845-358-2248 to select a date. Sponsorship is \$250 and can be charged to your account.

## LET'S TALK ART

SERIES X



The TREE OF LIFE (or Simcha Tree) is located in the main entry area outside the Sanctuary. It includes all the leaves of both the Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Torah trees in a redesigned format using the tree base and branches from the original Temple Beth El tree and any leaves purchased since our merger. Leaves are available for purchase in two sizes. More information is available by calling the office.



The YAHRZEIT MEMORIAL BOARD was designed to fit the space in the Simona and Jerome Chazen Sanctuary and is located to the left of the bima near the Choir Box. The original white plaques from Temple Beth El were replaced with brass plaques, and the Hebrew and English lettering above the wall was from the Temple Beth El Memorial Wall. The plaques are arranged in alphabetical order making them easy to locate. On Shabbat when the yahrzeit will be read, it is moved to the center board with the lighted eternal light (Ner Tamid) at the top. Plaques are available for purchase to memorialize family members and other loved ones. For more information, please call the office.

## RTR CREATES COMMUNITY



The RTR Car Club encourages our members to help build friendships through a mutual enjoyment of automobiles. We hold a monthly meeting on the second Thursday of every month and share stories and experiences, and help each other with answers to all questions regarding automobiles. We also attend events off site. If you are interested in joining our Car Club, please contact Barry Fleischman by email at [barrymb@aol.com](mailto:barrymb@aol.com) or phone at 845-494-4023.

**NEXT MEETINGS: OCT 11, NOV 8**

### 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.



### UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

**Oct 16 at 10 AM; Nov 13 at 10 AM**

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.

### TREE OF LIFE & YAHRTZEIT PLAQUES

Honor or memorialize your loved one or an event. Forms are available through our Office by calling 845-358-2248 or by emailing: [Susan@RTRny.org](mailto: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](mailto:Susan@RTRny.org) or call 845-358-2248. **Please remember to let us know when a name can be removed.**

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### Helpful Deadline Information & 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.

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