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THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND
Brighter Together

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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 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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**UNION for
REFORM
JUDAISM**

A Proud Member of the URJ

MAY DATES AT A GLANCE:

- 1 Security Meeting
Executive Committee
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Chai, Volunteer, Choir & New Member
Rock Shabbat

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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.



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FROM THE RABBI

During my first year with The Reform Temple of Rockland, the Federation of Rockland began a program entitled: Community Weaving. The goal of this program was to get

the Board of Rabbis affiliated congregations and Jewish organizations to sit down in a room with lay leaders, clergy, and communal leaders to begin conversations on what the future of Progressive Judaism looks like for Rockland County.

There have been a number of meetings since then and some very positive developments. One of these involved a Rockland trip to Israel. Another result was the community supported *Israel at 70* celebration last year hosted by the JCC. RTR provided a booth whereby we welcomed people into a tent and encouraged them to share tea and stories. The goal of Community Weaving is for us to have more communal conversations about collaboration where there are mutual points of interest and opportunity.

Not every conversation or idea that came out of Community Weaving are ones that will come to fruition. However, one idea that did come forth was for the need to create sustainable communities through the establishment of endowments through legacy giving. To this end, congregations and organizations, including RTR, applied for a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to create a Life and Legacy program.

Admittedly, the timing is not ideal for RTR as we are in the middle of our Capital Campaign to offer free Religious School to all of our families with religious school aged children. But we had the choice either to participate or not have our name included in the Life and Legacy program. Needless to say, we made the choice to participate as part of our visioning for the betterment of The Reform Temple of Rockland.

To this end, we are in the process of rolling out the Life and Legacy program. Now bear in mind, it is different from the Capital Campaign. When we reach out, we will not be requesting immediate donations, but instead, we will be encouraging you to think of

RTR in your estate/legacy planning. This can include wills, life insurance policies, IRAs, and the like. What it is really about is helping to ensure our future. Studies show that with the changing nature of progressive Jewish life, in order to thrive in the future, congregations and organizations need to have dedicated funds in place from which they can draw to provide for buildings, schools, clergy, staff, and programming.

I mention all of this because as we start to get this program in full swing, we would love to talk to you about ways to help secure our future as a congregation, as a community, and as a family. If you are interested, or even interested in learning more, please let me know. I'd be honored to sit down with you along with one of the members of our committee.

In the days, weeks, and months ahead, we'll be sending out more materials, and I would encourage you to talk to your spouse/partner/children as well as your financial advisor, accountant, and the like to think about ways you can consider a gift for RTR.

We are honored to have you as members. Just as we supported Jewish life as Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Torah, we look forward to sustaining, educating, and raising up the next generation of proud Reform Jews for generations to come as The Reform Temple of Rockland. We cannot do it without you and without your support. We look forward to continuing to build together a sustainable and thriving Jewish community that can be a beacon of Reform Judaism for all of Rockland county, this day and all days.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org



Sen. Nita Lowey & Rabbi Sharff

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Honoring Our Past...Educating Our Future

Capital Campaign for RTR to offer FREE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL for all grades!

Our 3-year Capital Campaign is seeing impressive results! We continue towards our goal of \$360,000 – and you can follow our progress by checking the “thermometer” in the main lobby. Our goal of providing free religious school for all grades, starting in September 2019, is a program that no other congregation is attempting. Our commitment to educating our children, who will take Reform Judaism into the future, is firm and deliberate.

With everyone’s participation we will succeed in providing tuition free quality Jewish education to the children in our congregation! Together we can do this!

Thank you!

Thank you to the growing list of donators who have made commitments or donations in honor of our children's future:

Anonymous Donor
Eugene Arkin
Bruce Beck & Tama Shor Beck
Steven & Laurie Becker
Steven & Janice Bergman
Phillip & Patricia Beutel
James & Robin Condoluci
Steven & Nancy Dachs
Thomas & Wendy D'Arminio
Ira & Susan Emanuel
Allen & Miriam Fetterman
David & Laurie Firstenberg
Barry & Wendy Fleischman
Mimi Frishman
Barbara Gass
Ellis Gitlin
Eric & Jodi Gischner
Jeffrey Glaser
Marcia Glasser
Marty & Norma Gottlieb
Leonard Gross & Libby Tulin
Jeff & Fran Grossman
Stephen & Sharon Hittman
Ellen Holtzman

Michael & Rita Jacobs
Murray & Edna Kaplowitz
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Myrna Soslowitz
Lillian Spier
Daniel & Heidi Spitzer
Edward & Eva Steen
Peter & Rikke Stone
Jordan & Deborah Turner
Donald & Jo Ann Waldorf
Barry & Laura Weiss
Howard & Barbara Wilen
Warren & Terry Willen



FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the month of May comes many wonderful occasions. There are longer and warmer days of spring, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and graduations; there is lots to celebrate.

May. I am very fortunate to have my mother in my life. She is 93 years old, and has much wisdom, smarts, knowledge and love to share with all. She is a wonderful Nana and GG Nana (great grandmother) to our five children (three sons, a daughter-in-love and a future daughter-in-love) and two granddaughters. Spending time with my mother is very special and meaningful as we bring our four generations together.

Spring is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It's time to get organized, clean out the old and stale and get a fresh start. At The Reform Temple of Rockland we have been doing all of this. We have a new addition to our staff, the upcoming end of our Religious School year, and the beginning of preparations for our new Temple year (budget and elections for our Board of Trustees).

Our Capital Campaign to fund our tuition free Religious School is well underway. Your collective response to the campaign has been tremendously encouraging. This commitment to religious education will fill our classrooms and halls with the hustle and bustle of laughter from our children and it will brighten our Temple. We are getting organized in the temple office, and we are excited to welcome Marcy Camacho to our Temple family.

This month the Board of Trustees will complete the budget process for the upcoming Temple year, 2019/2020. We will also be analyzing any other capital projects that will be presented to the congregation for approval. The Nominating Committee is also finalizing the slate for the upcoming year. This is vitally important as these people guide the future of our congregation.

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mothers' of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is coming up the second Sunday of

Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day is the federal holiday for the remembrance of those who died while surviving in the armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May each year. For some, the holiday is sad due to the passing of a loved one. For others, it is a celebration of life and the benefits for those who gave their lives to protect the American way of life.

Graduations are celebrated at all levels of school. Those moving onto a higher grade and those moving into the workforce. It's a very special time for those families experiencing these times. Mazel tov to all!

You can see the month of May is packed with many events, both at the Reform Temple of Rockland and in your personal lives. Enjoy it!

B'Shalom,

Adrian Modansky, President
President@rtrny.org

Interfaith Dinner & Service



Friday, May 3, 2019

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Service at 7:30 PM

*Congregation Sons of Israel Nyack
300 North Broadway, Nyack, NY*

Join us for an Interfaith Iraqi-themed Dinner hosted
at CSI Nyack and co-sponsored by RTR.

Dinner will be Kosher. Service will follow dinner.

All Nyack faith communities are welcome!

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 19 TO:

**csioffice@optonline.net or call (845) 358-3767
and indicate your house of worship.**





FROM BRAD ZICHOLTZ, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

As the school year is drawing to a close, let's take a look back at this incredible year of learning and connection. In our school, so much

happened. We learned about the Jewish value of caring for animals at our Noah's Ark program. Our children even got to help train young chickens to fly! In November, we raised nearly \$400 for Movember as I grew out my beard. Our 1st graders raised the most money and I had to dye my beard into a rainbow. We sang Chanukah songs for the residents at the Esplanade Nursing Home. Our 10th Grade Confirmation students travelled to Washington, D.C., to meet up with hundreds of other Reform Jewish teens to learn about important issues up for vote in Congress. They learned about the Jewish values intrinsic in those bills, wrote lobbying speeches, and then lobbied Nita Lowey and Charles Schumer's offices on Capitol Hill. They also got to tour the National Holocaust Museum and shared in Havdalah on the steps of The Jefferson Memorial.

In each grade this year, parents shared in family learning activities. We also had several very successful and meaningful grade-led Shabbat services. Families of all different backgrounds had an awesome night at our 2nd Annual Trivia night. This Purim, we collected 90 pounds of Mac and Cheese "groggers" that were donated to People to People. Our learners also created a "Mitzvah Mall" where they raised \$375 for causes that were meaningful to them. Our 6th graders took an Art Walk with Ed Lawner. They were able to learn about some of the beautiful art work around the building and see the Jewish symbolism in them. We had our Chocolate Seder and ate until our bellies were full and we proclaimed, "Next Year in Hershey Park!"

We are in the midst of reshaping our school into one where children can discover their place in the chain of Jewish tradition. We've added Hebrew Through Movement which teaches our students Hebrew by moving and interacting with their environment. It has been wildly successful. Our students' understanding of Hebrew is off the charts from where it was last year. Each week we introduce a new letter and Hebrew word of the week as well. Our children participate in tefilah every time they are here and they are so much more familiar with the liturgy. We added cooking once a month so that they can experience Judaism through their taste buds and learn about the symbolic meanings in our food. We also have an incredible K'tanim program for preschoolers.

Overall, our learners are happy to be here and have learned so much. I want to publicly thank all of our hard working, dedicated teachers: To-be Rebhun, Debbie Erdheim, Eric Berkowitz, Melissa Schlanger, Lisa Jay, Carol Mansdorf, Yaffa Zweig, Ruth Schlanger, Fawn Fleissig, and Cantor Neff. If you know someone who might be interested in our school which is FREE next year, please have them call me.

L'shalom,

Brad Zicholtz
Brad@RTRny.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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 us 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 own 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:

May 24 (Mental Health Awareness), June 14 (Men's Club Service), July 19

Join us to honor their memory

יום הזיכרון

לחללי מערכות ישראל ופעולות איבה

Yom Hazikaron

FOR ISRAELI FALLEN SOLDIERS AND
TERROR VICTIMS

**MAY 7
7:00 PM**

Israelis and members of Rockland synagogues will lead a moving ceremony, connecting our community with our brothers and sisters in Israel.

Rockland Jewish Community Campus
Schwartz Family Social Hall, West Nyack, NY



**Jewish Federation
& Foundation
OF ROCKLAND COUNTY**

www.jewishrockland.org

Adult B'nei Mitzvah & Hebrew Classes



If you've never become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and would like the opportunity to enjoy this important Jewish life cycle event, **classes will be starting THIS FALL, Sun, Sept 8 at 10 AM.** Most classes will fall on the first Sunday of each month. There is a \$180 fee for Adult B'nei Mitzvah. **Adult Hebrew will be offered every Sunday at 10 AM and is open to all members who are interested.** To confirm your interest or if you have any questions, please reach out Brad Zicholtz at Brad@RTRny.org.



MEN'S CLUB

As I write this, today is tax-day and I hope all of you have filed your taxes or at least an extension.

And for those few procrastinators as of this writing you "HAVE A FEW MORE HOURS". But everyone has a few more hours to make reservations for this year's Men's Club Comedy Night. This year we are honoring Steven Dachs as Man of the Year, and Ellen B. Holtzman as Woman of the Year.

The event Saturday night, May 4, is a BYOB & BYOD event. It's going to be a great night of

laughter. And after the show rock on with the band "Grandpa." This is a band made up of Temple members. Please RSVP to Steve Dachs at 845-406-7703.

May 19th is our next breakfast meeting. Any members who are interested in joining the Men's Club Board please send me an e-mail request before the May meeting.

The flyers are out for the Men's Club Golf Outing. Besides golfers we are looking for sponsors and raffle prizes.

David Firstenberg, President
DavidFirstenberg@gmail.com

More thoughts from David...

Each Shabbat we remember those 6 million who perished during the Holocaust. In May we remember those who fought for our nation and lost their lives doing so. In my recent vacation with Laurie to the Netherlands we had occasion to visit the Allied cemetery at ARNHEM. It contains the graves of 1700 Allied service men from France, Britain, America, Poland, Australia, and New Zealand, who tried to capture the bridges there that cross the Rhein. Men (Boys mostly aged 20 to 23 years young) who gave their life to free Europe.

As we walked among the graves several of us bent down and picked up stones and placed them atop the markers of our Jewish brethren.

So on this Memorial Day remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep this nation free.





Men's Club Announces

COMEDY NIGHT

FEATURING



Marion Grodin

Marion has made a name for herself as one of the funniest working stand-up comedians today. In New York City, she is a regular at all the top clubs including The Gotham Comedy Club, Stand Up New York, Carolines on Broadway and The Duplex Cabaret. Marion has also been featured in both the Marshall's Woman's Comedy Festival and the Toyota Comedy Festival. On television, Marion has been seen on NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien, Metro Channel's New Joke City with Robert Klien, Inside Edition, The Charles Grodin Show and ABC's "The View." Don't miss the chance to see this very funny woman in action!



Moody McCarthy

Moody is a quite simply one of America's sharpest young comedy minds. Besides being in constant demand at America and New York's very best clubs including The World Famous Comedy Cellar, Caroline's Comedy Club and Gotham Comedy Club, Moody has appeared on many television shows including CBS' "Star Search," ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live", America's Got Talent, "NBC's "Last Comic Standing", 2 appearances on CBS' "The Late Show with David Letterman" and, most recently, Conan on TBS. Look for more high profile appearances in the near future and beyond from this rising star!

Saturday, May 4th, 2019
at The Reform Temple of Rockland

330 N. Highland Ave., Nyack, NY 10960 • 845-358-2248

**Come Join us for an evening of laughter as we
 Feature Two of the Funnlest Comlcs In the Northeast.**

**Be present as we honor our Woman "Ellen Holtzman" and Man "Steven Dachs"
 of the year- Immediately after the show please stay and enjoy the music of our
 own Temple Familly Rock & Blues Band "Grandpa" It's not your father's band!**

Doors open @6:00 pm - Show is @8:15pm

Tickets - \$36.00 per person

Soda, Water, Coffee, Tea and Parve Dessert are Included

BYOB and Brlng Your Own Dinner

Call Steve Dachs to reserve your table and to purchase tickets 845-406-7703

Check or cash only remember to ask about our Kashrut pollycy

You can make checks payable to RTR Men's Club and mail to:

**The Reform Temple of Rockland, 330 N. Highland Ave., Nyack, NY 10960
 (Attention Men's Club Comedy Night)**

YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

It's hard to believe that this year is quickly drawing to a close! Wow the year sure did fly by! We still have a few more fabulous events coming up!

Lil' ReTRO
(Grades 3-5)

Upcoming events:

Sun, May 5: Bowling at New City Bowl

Sun, June 2: End of Year Pool Party

ReTweens
(Grades 6-8)

Upcoming events:

Sun, May 5: Bowling at New City Bowl

Sat, June 1: NFTY-GER Summer Send-Off (8th Graders) at NJ Shore-TBA

Sun, June 2: End of Year Pool Party

ReTRO
(Grades 9-12)

Upcoming events :

Sun, May 5: Bowling at New City Bowl

Sat, June 1: NFTY-GER Summer Send-Off (9-12th Graders) at NJ Shore-TBA

Sun, June 2: End of Year Pool Party



**CONGRATULATIONS to ReTRO's
MAX AUERBACH on his appointment as
NFTY-GER's Financial Vice President for
the 5779-5780 year!
We are very proud of Max!**



Look for our CLOSED RTR Youth Groups page on Facebook for updates and photos from events.

We wish a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of our fabulous RTR moms!

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
JUNIOR OR SENIOR YOUTH GROUP!**

Elise at leesee54@gmail.com for ReTweens and ReTRO info

Robin at rtriliretro@gmail.com for Lil' ReTRO info

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

TREE OF LIFE & YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

Honor or memorialize your loved one or an event. Forms are available through our Office by calling 845-358-2248 or by emailing: Marcy@RTRny.org.

MI SHEBEIRACH LIST

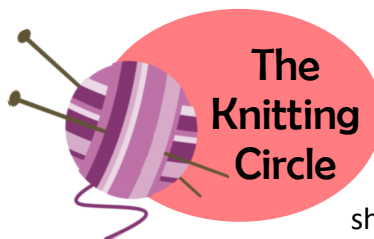
If you have names you would like to add or keep on the list, please email Marcy@RTRny.org or call 845-358-2248. **Please let us know when a name can be removed.**

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 generally 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 or by phone at 845-494-4023.

NEXT MEETINGS: MAY 9, JUNE 13



The 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:

MAY 7 at 7:00 PM, June 11 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.

HOW WILL YOU ASSURE
JEWISH TOMORROWS?



We all have an opportunity to support the continued vitality of the Jewish organizations important to us—including The Reform Temple of Rockland.



To create your Jewish legacy contact:

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org
845-358-2248
www.RTRny.org



WRJ/SISTERHOOD

We hope that you and your dear ones enjoyed the opportunity to tell the story of Passover. To once

again, gather, share history and eat our traditional foods. As with all things, traditions change. There were so many new foods in our markets labeled "Kosher for Passover" products. Did you try any?

Those of us who attended our fabulous Women's Seder on April 7, found spiritual peace and fabulous foods with new recipes contributed by our gifted ladies. We want to thank the whole team for all the time and talent necessary to make this an outstanding joyful event, filled with learning, singing, dancing and eating. What could be more aligned with our tradition? We greatly appreciate the beautiful words of the Women's Haggadah, developed by Shelle Goldstein, the moving religious music led by Cantor Neff and the delicious Seder dinner.

We also need to thank Brad Zicholtz, our Director of Congregational Learning, for inviting the K'tanim pre-school children to the WRJ sponsored Chocolate Seder. The little ones had a wonderful time and loved being with the older children. How clever to include them and their parent(s)/grandparent(s). All had great fun and now know what to expect as they join the RTR school in the coming years.

Our Ladies Lunches continue to be a success

thanks to Michele Lowy and Eadie Kanchuger. We loved the Banchetto Feast!

Our monthly Knitting Circle, led by Helayne Pfeffer, is growing thanks to the related opportunity to dye yarn led by Cantor Neff.

This month is also very busy with Theater Group attending two shows. May 8: *Cher* and May 29: *Kiss me Kate*. Applications to join next year are available early in June. Details will follow in emails and Connections.

Plan to join us on May 10th, as WRJ/Sisterhood leads a service in celebration of Jewish women. On May 13, we will meet at Glaze Art Studio where each attendee can create and take home their very own glazed ceramic piece. On May 19 we look forward to celebrating WRJ women at our Annual Birthday Brunch. More information all on of these events will be in your email or on available flyers.

We are stronger together,
Jane Aronoff & Estelle Hans

Birthday Brunch

Free Event for all
WRJ/Sisterhood Members

Sun, May 19

from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

...more info to come



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



Benefits RTR Youth Groups
TUESDAY, JULY 15th, 2019
11:00am check-in; 1:00pm tee off
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 \$ _____

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Day	Name (up to age 25)
3	Kyle Berkowitz
3	Mitchell Brodsky
4	Arin Deutsch
4	Rian Shapiro
6	Ella Pulley
17	Nicole Askenas
17	Rowyn Fleissig
20	Avi Vinecour
22	Zachary Silverman
23	Hannah Lustig
23	Hayley Norton
23	Noah Shapiro
25	Samantha Keegan
25	Emma Kronish
28	Jacob Dachs
28	Lauren Gerber
29	Ashley Haber
30	Lauren Rothstein
31	Zoe Friedberg

There will be no services at RTR on May 3. Those with May birthdays are welcome to join us at Erev Shabbat at 6:30 PM on June 7 to receive a birthday blessing and get a sweet treat!



Day	Names	Years
7	Barry & Wendy Fleischman	42
8	Leonard Gross & Libby Tulin	37
11	Edward & Marilyn Lawner	50
18	Kenneth & Janet Levitt	39
18	Edward & Ronnie Mallin	45
23	Matthew & Felice Burgay	43
23	Lawrence & Amy Rapoport	43
23	Joseph & Estelle Trachtenberg	68
24	Ira & Susan Emanuel	32
24	Evan & Jeri Newman	32
24	Jeffrey & Sharon Rubin	32
25	Larry & Linda Hecht	50
25	Stephen & Susan Schlusell	44
26	Benjamin & Joy Sharff	17
26	Alan & Deborah Silberberg	18
27	Albert & Jessica Meyer	58
28	John & Harriet Dunkerley	24
28	Marvin & Phyllis Fier	24
28	Steven & Bonnie Kurtz	41
28	Bruce & Sharon Schultz	47
29	David & Leslie Klayman	22
29	James & Judy O'Neill	31
29	Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig	50
29	Barry & Sally Schoenberg	42

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

GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to **Robert & Adrian Modansky** on the engagement of their son, Erik to Jenna Shapiro.

Mazel Tov to **Leonard Kurz** on becoming a Life Member of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE)

Mazel Tov to **Howard and Sima Peckler** on the birth of their grandson, Aiden James. Proud parents are Alexis & Matthew Riello.

Mazel Tov to **Stephen & Kathy Iger** on the birth of grandson, Dylan Frederick Berk.

Mazel Tov to **Dave & Pam Auerbach**. Their son, **Max** was named Financial Vice President of NFTY-GER 5779-5780.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to **Estelle Trachtenberg**. Her brother, Martin Warmbrand, died March 16.

Our deepest sympathies to **Sharon Hittman**. Her father, Morris Scheffler, died April 6.

Our deepest sympathies to **Steven Kurtz**. His mother, Lillian Kurtz, died April 9.

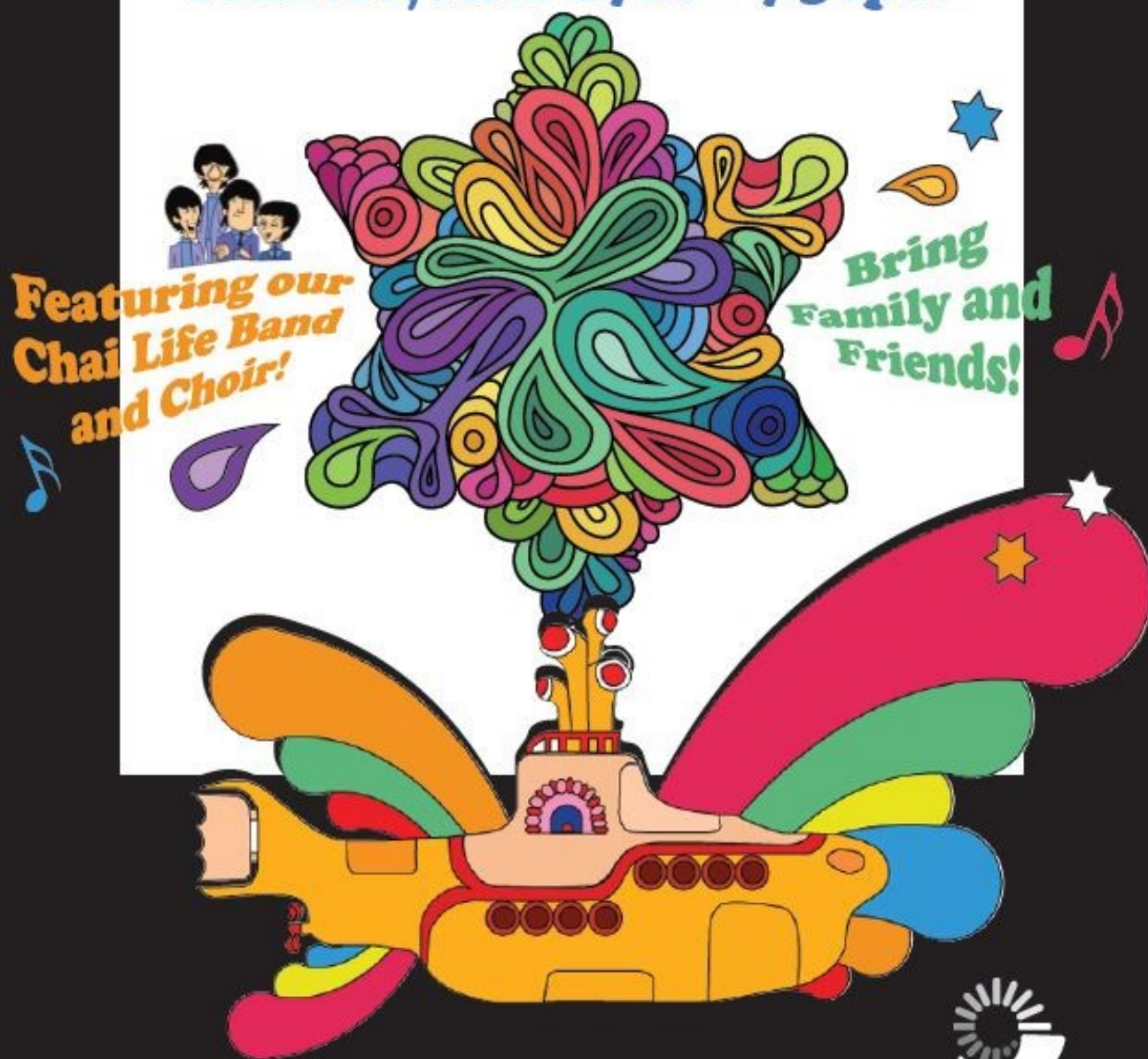
Our deepest sympathies to **Victor Stein**. His wife, **Rochelle Stein**, died April 11.

Our deepest sympathies to **Rita Jacobs** on the death of her brother, Steven Davidowitz.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>MAY IS Mental Health AWARENESS MONTH</p>			<p>1 26 Nisan 5:00p JCC Yom HaShoah Commemoration 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir 7:30p Exec. Comm. 8:00p PFLAG</p>	<p>2 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah 10:30a Torah Topics 12:30p Purim Spiel Writing Lunch & Learn</p>  <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>3 28 Nisan 6:00p Interfaith Dinner 7:30p Interfaith Service at Congregation Sons of Israel</p>  <p>NO SERVICE AT RTR</p>	<p>4 29 Nisan Parashat Achrei Mot 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service 7:30p Men's Club Comedy Night</p> 
<p>5 30 Nisan 6-8:30a Church 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Religious School Open House 11:30a Jr. Choir 12:30p Youth Group Bowling at New City Bowl</p> <p>12-5p Church</p>	<p>6 1 Iyar</p>	<p>7 2 Iyar 10:00a Food Addicts 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy 7:00p Knitting Circle 7:30p Finance Comm.</p> <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>8 3 Iyar Yom HaZikaron 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir & Band Rehearsal</p> 	<p>9 4 Iyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 10:30a Torah Topics 12:30p Purim Spiel Writing Lunch & Learn 7:30p Car Club</p>  <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>10 5 Iyar 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service: Sisterhood Service</p> 	<p>11 6 Iyar Parashat Kedoshim 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service</p>
<p>12 7 Iyar Mother's Day 9:00a Religious School: Last Day of Religious School for (K-3)</p>  <p>12-5p Church</p>	<p>13 8 Iyar 7:00p WRJ/Sisterhood Ceramic Outing at Glaze Art Studio</p>	<p>14 9 Iyar 10:00a Food Addicts 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy: Last Day of Religious School for (4-12) 7:15p Membership & Marketing</p> <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>15 10 Iyar 6:30p AA 6:30p CANDLE 7:00p TransParents 7:30p Choir & Band 7:30p Board of Trustees</p>	<p>16 11 Iyar 10:30a Torah Topics 12:30p Purim Spiel Writing Lunch & Learn</p> <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>17 12 Iyar 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service—Beatles Rock Shabbat</p> 	<p>18 13 Iyar Parashat Emor 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service</p>
<p>19 14 Iyar 9:00a Men's Club 10:00a Sisterhood Bday Brunch</p> <p>12-5p Church</p>	<p>20 15 Iyar</p>	<p>21 16 Iyar 10:00a Food Addicts 7:30p Ritual Comm.</p> <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>22 17 Iyar 6:30p AA</p>	<p>23 18 Iyar Lag BaOmer 10:30a Torah Topics 12:30p Purim Spiel Writing Lunch & Learn</p>  <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>24 19 Iyar 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service: Torah Service & Mental Health Awareness Service</p>  <p>11:30p-3a Church</p>	<p>25 20 Iyar Parashat Behar 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service</p>
<p>26 21 Iyar</p> <p>12-5p Church</p>	<p>27 22 Iyar Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>28 23 Iyar 10:00a Food Addicts 7:30p Adult Ed Comm.</p> <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>29 24 Iyar 6:30p AA 7:30p Sisterhood Board</p>	<p>30 25 Iyar 10:30a Torah Topics 12:30p Purim Spiel Writing Lunch & Learn</p> <p>8-10p Church</p>	<p>31 26 Iyar 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service: Chai, Volunteer, Choir & New Member Rock Shabbat</p> 	

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH

The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry



BARLEY IS THE NEW APPLE JUICE

Starting May 1, RTR is now collecting **bags of Barley** for The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry. While you're welcome to bring in bags of barley, the Social Action Committee encourages members to make donations to the Social Action Fund to help cover the cost of these donations.

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 goes 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:
May 5, June 12, July 14

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



Isn't it 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.

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

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH



Assist Homeless Women

Donate **unopened toiletries, sanitary napkins and tampons and women's sweat-pants (all sizes)** for the women who are served by the Warming Center, Rockland's program to aid and shelter homeless Rocklanders. Kindly bring them to a WRJ/Sisterhood meeting or place 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. 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.



Center for Safety & Change

The Social Action Committee will be collecting **NEW diapers, wipes, new and gently used clothing and SMALL baby items such as bibs**, as well as school supplies for the Center for Safety & Change. Collection bins are available at RTR. This will be an ongoing effort. Please direct any questions to Lisa Fox at otlf@aol.com or 845-304-1669.



Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped at the Rockland Warming Center this year!



A special thank you from the Social Action Committee to everyone who donated new pajamas during the months of March and April. The pajamas were donated to People-to-People and were greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for the next initiative!

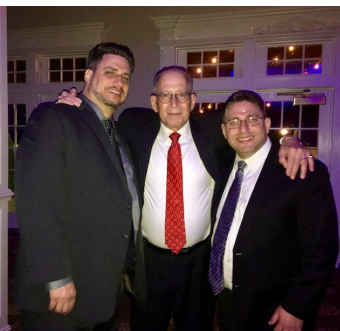


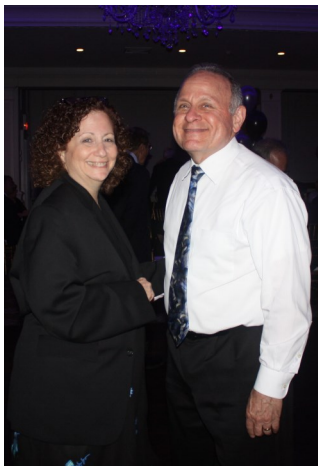


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Allen L. Fetterman & Barry F. Weiss

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APRIL 13, 2019







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Boris & Bella Spektor in memory of Malka Kremenchutskaya

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

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Special Thank You to:

Ellen B. Holtzman and Warren Holtzman for their generous donation of a new AED machine, its supplies and storage cabinet.

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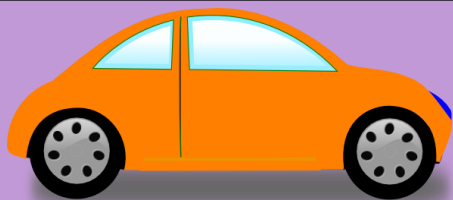
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We look forward to seeing you soon!

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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 Susan Caminez, Executive Director, at (845) 358-2248 or Susan@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 HELP US MAKE A MINYAN! As the temperatures drop, so does the attendance at our Saturday morning Shabbat services. These services take place downstairs and begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday mornings. Please join us and help us make a minyan. *Reminder:* Yahrzeits can be observed on a Saturday morning, not only on a Friday night. All names are read again on Saturday mornings.

RTR's Kashrut Policy:

All Temple-sponsored events held on Temple property shall be either a dairy or a meat event. Meat and dairy are never served together during the same course of a meal.

- Shellfish and pork products are prohibited on the Temple property. (Any party renting or using the Temple facilities must comply with this policy.)
- Fish and eggs are "parve" (considered neutral) and can be served with either meat or dairy.
- Chicken and other poultry are considered meat.
- All products that come from milk are considered dairy (cheese, butter, cream, etc.).

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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 distribution list every Wednesday. This communication is for *upcoming events and important announcements only*. It is intended to be a short (two-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 Shabbat Services handout. If there are any changes/additions to these lists, please notify the RTR Office by 10 AM on Friday. 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!



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