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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

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Finance Committee
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Welcome

RTR welcomes our new members:
Harvey & Barbara Erdsneker of Nyack!

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FROM THE RABBI

I've got a story to tell, and it is certainly not a *bubbe-myseh*. It is about four amazing teenagers who joined together not just to *schmooze* and *nosh*, but really to get to the *tachlis* of what it means to be a

Jew. I am proud to say that this year's class truly is quite *haimish*. That is something to certainly *kvell* about! What is even more amazing is the four of them have known each other, some since preschool at our legacy congregation Temple Beth Torah.

All four of them are certainly *mensch*es and not *yentes*. Yet, no matter the lesson or the materials we prepared, this group of energetic enthusiastic young people, who were joined by our 8th and 9th grade, would often put the *kibosh* on our plans. This simply meant that we had to constantly change my *shtick* when it came to presenting topics for conversation because they wanted to always be learning more.

Now these students were certainly not *schnuks* or *schlumps* nor *shlemiels* or *shlimazels*, though they do have an appreciation for alliteration. At times they were all *mavens* to one degree or another, while at other times; they would simply be *nudnicks* or *letzes*.

The topics we covered were certainly not what we would consider *drek*, though when presented to them, they were never inclined to say "*feh!*" or "*oy!*" They diligently put away their *chotchkees* during the sessions and did not text each other or their friends because they loved to engage in the conversation. There was not a *kvetch* among them.

Now this may all just sound like *mishugas*, but there was an actual method to our madness. Through this course we hoped to raise up a group of *Talmud hachams*, all knowledgeable, wise and learned and not *eingeshparht*.

Thus, it is certainly a *mechaieh* to announce there is not a *klutz* or *schlub* among them. They all demonstrated tremendous *sachel* and would often make me want to proclaim, "That's my *boychick* (or *girlchick*)!" I am certainly not one to *shep naches*, though in retrospect maybe I am, but it has certainly been a pleasure teaching and learning with this year's Confirmation Class.

Nothing we discussed would anyone consider *narrishkeit*. This is because we covered such diverse topics as what Judaism has to say about sexual assault, antisemitism, the

prevention of gun violence, Israel, Judaism and Christianity, Jewish values and transgender rights, the separation of church and state and where Judaism stands, and Judaism – culture and identity. Then of course there were the occasional reviews and introductions of the "Yiddish Words of the Day."

However, the most popular highlight of the year was our Confirmation trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Religious Action Center's program: L'taken. This program is focused on the idea of advocacy through the lens of Jewish values. Our students studied with nearly three-hundred fellow 10th graders along with a few 11th and 12th graders from around the country on topics like the prevention of gun violence, immigration, LGBTQ rights, minimum wage, and the like. Our students had a wonderful time meeting so many like-minded students from all over the country, and they may have even learned a thing or two about how Jews live outside of the state of New York.

Our group chose to speak about the prevention of gun violence. Our students wrote up their presentations and went and advocated to the Legislative Assistants of our representatives: Senator Charles Schumer and Congresswoman Nita Lowey. It was a powerful experience for them as they found they have a voice that can influence not just local issues, but also national issues, and that as Jews, they have a tradition to help guide them moving forward.

Please plan on joining us in celebration of this year's Confirmation Class at their Confirmation Service on **Saturday, June 8, at 7 PM** where Max Auerbach, Grace Beck, Hannah Lustig, and Ethan Miller will all confirm their continued commitment to their Jewish heritage and give us all something to *kvell* about. I can assure you they will all be dressed in their Shabbat-finest, with nary a *shmatte* to be found among them. Ethan, Hannah, Grace, and Max will not only be leading the service, but they have also picked out the musical selections as well. It will truly be their celebration and ours as well.

We look forward to seeing you there.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org

**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:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe a year has passed since I took office. There have been so many ups and downs this year (more ups than downs), at The Reform Temple of Rockland.

At RTR we face the same challenges that other synagogues across North America face. "Jewish continuity" from one generation to the next has been a serious concern. While our youth are our future, our past, the generations that came before us, gave us the foundation that we continue to build on for the future. The names listed on our yahrzeit wall were the ones who built our congregation and contributed to our future. We would not have this beautiful building without them. We have an obligation to respect both generations. We need to bridge the gap between them and celebrate all.

With the recent violent attacks on our fellow congregations across our country, security has been a major concern of ours. We want you to come to temple and feel safe and be comfortable. In response to this, we now have professional security personnel on site at RTR. We have made changes within our building to also enhance our collective security.

We are well on our way to rebuilding our facility. The work on the roof has been completed as has the replacement of the air conditioners. We have replaced numerous external doors and installed shades on all of the windows and glass doors. Several of the other projects that were approved at last years congregational meeting are in the planning stage.

We continue to move forward in many aspects of Temple life. Our younger families are our future. Their children comprise our religious school, and fill our halls with laughter. We have thirteen new member families this year, many of whom have young children.

Another step we have taken to build for the future, beginning next year we will be providing free religious school tuition for all grades. Your help would be appreciated with your contribution to our Capital Campaign.

The families who have children in religious school enjoy programming and events for children. Our Oy Vey cafe is there for you to socialize with fellow parents while the children are attending religious school.

Those that enjoy music, want more incorporated into services. Congregants that come to Shabbat services on Saturday want a Minyan. Please join them. Come support RTR and attend something new and try it. We all need to do our share in participating as this is what family does for one another to survive.

Our members participate in what they enjoy. Examples are attending and participating at services, joining WRJ and Men's Club, or enjoying programs of Adult Ed, Social Action or any of the many other committees of RTR. We can only survive and thrive if you participate. We want to offer programs that you want and maintain community. We welcome you and hope to see you at both services and events.

Our future depends on your involvement. Get involved! On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees, I encourage all of you to share your ideas and suggestions. As President I am the point of contact. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask them. That shows you care about what's going on. RTR belongs to all of us!

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Congregational Meeting June 19, at 7:30 PM. The Board of Trustees will share our annual report and budget. I hope you will want to invest in our community's growth, education and spirituality. My heartfelt thanks for making this year a successful one. I look forward to the next year, and accomplishing that much more for you and our fellow congregants.

B'Shalom,

Adrian Modansky, President
President@rtrny.org

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FROM BRAD ZICHOLTZ, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

On our penultimate Sunday, the whole school got to take a “tour” of Israel. They got to travel to Jerusalem where we showed a live feed from the Kotel.

Our learners were able to see in real time how people pray at the wall, learned why people walk backwards from the wall, and how the wall is broken into two separate sections for men and women (and how there is now a section where men and women can pray together). We then typed out prayers on the Western Wall Foundation’s website. Those prayers were printed and placed in the wall that very day. Afterwards, we feasted on hummus, pita, and Israeli snacks.

Then it was onto the Dead Sea. They got to try a science experiment to see how much salt it would take for an egg to float in the Dead Sea. After that, they traveled to Haifa (Technion University) where they played a match game for all things that were invented or created in Israel. Things like Waze, Mobile Eye (prevents car accidents), the Pill Cam, cherry tomatoes, and drip irrigation, which has helped an estimated 1 billion people worldwide.

Our last stop was Tel Aviv where they played the simple but popular Israeli children’s game, *shalosh maklot*. The game involves 3 sticks placed apart from each other on the ground. The person must step or jump between them without touching the sticks or stepping more than once. As the game goes on the sticks are moved further apart until the last person can make it.

The whole idea behind this experience was to show our students that Israel is not everything we hear on the news. It is not a war zone but a thriving and beautiful country with people living their lives. However, the question arises, why should we learn about Israel? What is our connection to a country thousands of miles away? I once watched a video of

a rabbi who was asked, What does it mean to be Jewish? He struggled with the answer. He started with the idea that we are a religion but that didn’t quite fit as some Jews are not religious or even believe in God. He then thought about us as a nation or a race but those didn’t fit as well. He finally settled on the idea that the Jewish people is one big family. Sometimes we might not always get along or agree but we are still family and Israel is that home where it all started. We may not always agree with what is happening in Israel but it is the place where our family can always come home. Israel is a complicated place but one we should explore and wrestle with.

I hope that one day all of our students will get a chance to visit and see for themselves.

L’shalom,

Brad Zicholtz
Brad@RTRny.org





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: JULY 11, AUGUST 8



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:

July 23 at 10 AM; August 20 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.



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.

Times for Torah...

TORAH TOPICS: Thursdays at 10:30 AM

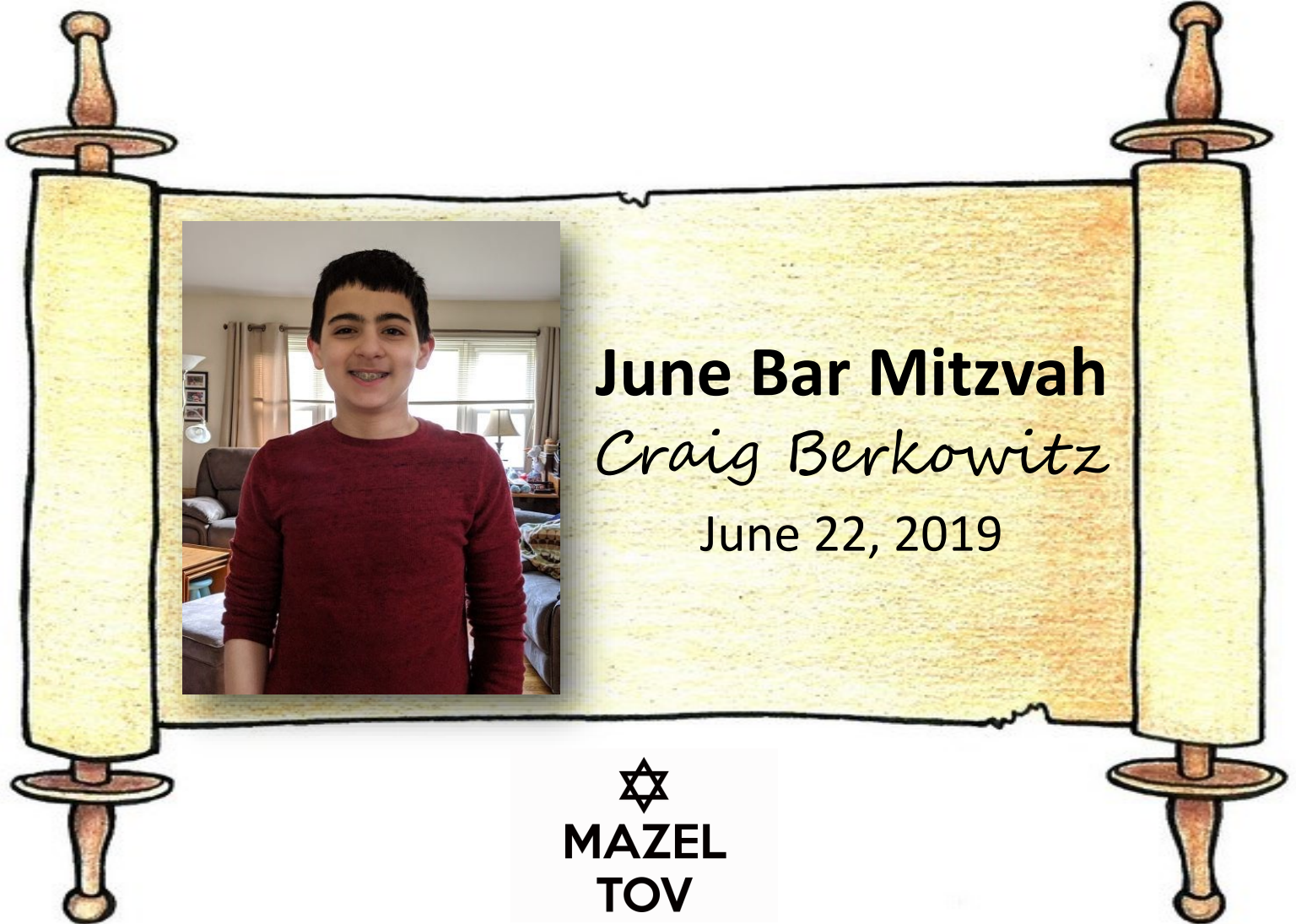
Torah Topics is an informal discussion group. Elements of the Torah are related to today's life through readings and personal narratives. The group freely shares observations and opinions and welcomes drop-ins and regular participants. Coffee, tea, and a small nosh are provided.

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.

Clergy will read from the Torah at Erev Shabbat Services on the following dates:
July 19, August 16, September 20



Craig Lloyd Berkowitz will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 22, 2019. Craig is a 7th grade student at Felix Festa Middle School, whose favorite subjects are Science and Spanish. Outside of school, he enjoys learning languages, swimming, drawing dinosaurs and hanging out with his family.

Volunteering at The Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry — Craig's mitzvah project — has been a source of pride and accomplishment over the last year. Craig also enjoyed his time away at URJ Six Points Sci-Tech camp in Byfield, MA and is really excited to return this coming summer. And of course, Craig has also spent a lot of time studying and preparing for his special day.

Craig loves spending time with his brother, Kyle — making him laugh and teaching him all about dinosaur word meanings, Hebrew, Spanish and everything else he is learning and is eager to share! His parents, Eric and Lisa, are extremely proud of him and have really enjoyed watching him grow up into the kind and funny kid he is today. His grandparents, Marty and Norma Gottlieb, and Joe and Judy Berkowitz, are equally proud and are looking forward to June 22.

The entire family would like to thank Rabbi Sharff and Cantor Neff, all of the teachers and the Youth Group Advisors Robin and Elise for all of their guidance and supporting his Jewish education. Craig would like to thank the Rabbi and Cantor, and his Hebrew school teachers, including Ruth Schlanger, Carol Mansdorf, Yaffa Zweig, his dad Eric, and Tobe Rebhun for all of their dedication to teaching him and helping him reach this special milestone in his Jewish life.

2019 Confirmands: Sat, June 8, 2019

Max Auerbach



Max is finishing up his sophomore year at Clarkstown South High School and he is a part of South's mock trial team. Max has spent his past two summers at URJ Camp Harlam, and last summer he attended URJ Kutz Camp as well. This coming summer, Max will be participating in URJ's Urban Mitzvah Corps in New Brunswick, working with community organizations that help the underprivileged. This past year, Max was a songleader in NFTY's Garden Empire Region (GER) and got to put his guitar skills to use. In the year ahead, he will serve on NFTY-GER's Regional Board as Financial Vice President. Max loves NFTY-GER events, hanging out with friends, and jamming out to some Jewish music. Max has great memories of his early years at what was then Temple Beth Torah and appreciates the clergy, teachers and youth leaders who have helped him get to this point. Finally, Max would like to thank his mom and dad for helping him study for his Bar Mitzvah, and for getting him up at 8AM on a Sunday for the last 10 years.

Grace Beck

Grace is just finishing her Sophomore year at Nyack High School where she plays on the Volleyball team. She's been part of the community of RTR and the former Temple Beth Torah since she was 4 years old when she first followed Morah Ruth's nursery school class while dropping her brother Sam off for 1st grade. She's also been a madrachim (teen aid) volunteer at the Religious School for the past 2 years. As a big animal lover and equestrian, she's looking forward to next year where part of her daily curriculum will include an animal science program. She's looking forward to her upcoming summer trip where she'll be immersed in behind the scenes, hands-on work with animals at a zoological center, veterinary clinic and marine mammal lab. Grace would like to thank Rabbi Sharff, Cantor Neff and Brad Zicholtz for all their support, patience and sense of humor with she and her fellow confirmands.

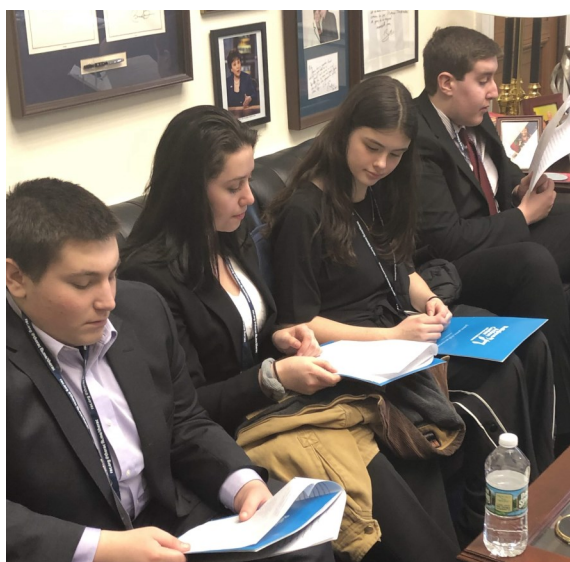


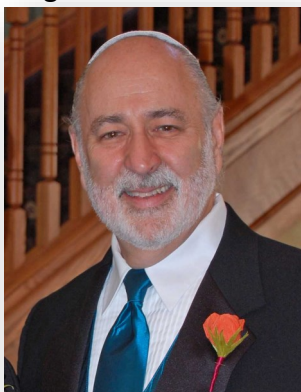
Hannah Lustig

Hannah is a 10th grade honors student at Tappan Zee High School where she participates in many extra curricular activities including Social Justice Club, Science Olympiad, Leo Club, Italian Club, Stage Crew and Student Organization. Hannah is proud to be an active member of RTR where she happily spends her Sunday mornings as a Madrachim. Hannah is a hard worker and very passionate about what she believes in. Hannah is very serious about trying to make the world a better place for everyone and everything that lives in it. During her free time (which she doesn't have much of) she enjoys hanging out with friends, watching Disney movies and 80s movies, taking photographs and jamming out to music. She would like to thank her mom, dad, brother, and family for helping her throughout her religious education, and the entire RTR community for being so amazing.

Ethan Miller

On Saturday, June 8th, with much love and great pride, our family and friends will join together as Ethan Kyle Miller joyfully celebrates his confirmation at RTR. Ethan is a well-rounded 10th grade student at Clarkstown High School South where he continually maintains "Principal's Honor Roll" status. Ethan was recently honored at South's *Celebration of Academic Excellence* (an award given to students holding a GPA of 95 or above) and was inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, the mathematics honor society. Ethan has a love of singing and musical theatre. He has earned the honor of being the only student at South High School chosen to perform in the mixed chorus in this year's Area All-State Music Festival and has been chosen to perform in the All-County mixed chorus for the past six years. His incredible singing talent has also landed him lead roles in the high school's drama club performances as well as at the Helen Hayes Youth Theatre where he has been performing for the past 8 years. Ethan enjoys performing with the Troubadours, South's select vocal ensemble. This group is by audition only and Ethan enjoys performing at various events throughout the county. Ethan is passionate about social justice and holds a seat on the Superintendent's Advisory Council where he acts as liaison between the student body and the educators and administrators of the Clarkstown School District. He interns at a law firm that advocates for immigrant rights and he thoroughly enjoyed lobbying on Capitol Hill during L'Taken. Ethan holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in karate and of course, loves video games and listening to music! We would like to thank the Rabbi and the Cantor for helping Ethan prepare for his special day.





MEN'S CLUB

We had a wonderful evening at the Men's Club Comedy night honoring our Man and Woman of the Year: Steven Dachs & Ellen B. Holtzman. Here is Steve's great speech:

David Firstenberg,

Men's Club President

DavidFirstenberg@gmail.com

When I was asked to accept this honor the first thing that went through my mind is, "What do I say?" As a member for over two decades, the legacy Temple Beth El people have heard my stories over the years. One example is my parents founded the New City Jewish center; my father hired Rabbi Sossland so from the time I was 7 to 17, I mowed the rabbi's lawn as well as the temples - so I needed to come up with another story. As you can see, I was raised in a temple and being a member of a temple is woven into my DNA so I closed my eyes and thought what can I possibly say. It took all of 30 seconds for me to come up with an interesting story as how being a member of first Temple Beth El and now The Reform Temple of Rockland, has shown me a side of membership I had never thought about.

When I joined Temple Beth El, the first thing I did was join the Men's Club. I attended a few meetings in our library and met some of the most passionate men I have ever encountered. Each had his own ideas on how to accomplish what they were working on and these meetings to say the least were extremely lively, as each man wanted the best for our children. One day I received a phone call from the then current Men's Club President, he told me the next day was Installation for WRJ and we needed a Men's Club member to attend to support WRJ. I informed our President that I had a commitment to help a friend that evening, I couldn't make it to the services, but I could possibly make it to the oneg. However, I would be dressed in jeans and t-shirt, not acceptable in the sanctuary. He said that is was alright please go to the oneg and let people know you are there with the Men's Club supporting WRJ. I finished early and went over to temple and services were still going on. I looked into the sanctuary but felt uncomfortable entering in my casual attire. I noticed a man that I recognized from the Men's Club, he looked back at me with a stern look. When the services were over, he walked over to me, put his arm around my shoulder and asked why I hadn't come into services. I explained how I was dressed and how I really didn't know anyone. He said in an authoritative voice that is no excuse, you can attend

a Shabbat services no matter how you are dressed. As far as not knowing anyone, if you see me or my wife Laura, you come and sit with us as you are now part of our family. I thought to myself, he used the word *family*. This wasn't the last time "you are family" was said to me.

I am going to jump ahead many years, my mom passed away in the winter of 2010 and as an observant Jew who had the Jewish guilt down before she passed, as her only son she put many requirements on what she wanted when she passed. She wanted me to have a Shiva minyan for a minimum of 3 days, wanted me to rip a shirt, pin on the black ribbon, cover mirrors in the house, don't shave, keep the candle lit, and say Kaddish for a year every morning. The funeral took place and afterwards people came back to my house, so many people came over to my house - my sisters asked me if I knew all these people, and I replied no I didn't. My two sisters and I were extremely moved and after the first minyan as people were leaving, they came up to me to give me a hug and to let me know their thoughts were with me. I thanked them and they all replied with the same words, *we are family*, this is what we do for each other in a time of need, there was that word again *family*. I remember my sisters saying, "This is so sweet, even people you don't know reached out to you and considered you family." Day two came and again so many people came over, and everyone was saying the same thing, "We are family and this is what we do for each other in times of need." Well it was February, there was a snow storm dropping two additional feet of snow on the two feet we already had. Not really knowing how I would be able to have a third minyan I was distraught. Around 4 PM, I received a call from my neighbor, our current President Adrian asking me my plans for the current night. I explained I would like to have a third Shiva minyan but can't see it happening. She asked me, "How many do you have?" (that is Jewish speak for how many people you have over 13 who can partake in a minyan). I replied, "I have myself, Nancy, my sister, and my oldest son Charles and my middle son Greg," as my other son was under 13. She told me, "I will make a few phone calls to people in the neighborhood and get a few more." My response was, "That is



great but I still don't have anybody to lead," to which she responded, "No problem my son will lead." So, we made it to ten and were able to fulfill my mother's wishes. As Adrian was leaving, I thanked her for her help and she said, "That's what family does for family." Again, *family*.

As we all know, in 2007 the mortgage market crashed, as I owned my own mortgage company and was not a broker but a mortgage banker, I lost my company. Things were pretty bleak, it was so comforting to receive so many calls from temple members asking what they could do or how they could help out and this went on for a long time, people asking if our family needed anything. Each call using the same words - *we're family and we're here for your family*. This extended family started in the first few months I joined the temple, and has never stopped. A special thank you to Barry and Melissa Rosenblum who called so often asking if they could do anything.

My last example is when our two temples merged. I started to meet new people from the legacy Temple Beth Torah congregation and I found myself in a new building, with a new Rabbi, and a new cantor, but something wasn't new, the feeling again of family. I met so many sweet people, thru the temple Board, Men's Club, and different committees. Last fall, I arrived for a Men's Club meeting and as

I walked in, I was approached by both David Firstenberg and Dr. Barry Schoenberg, who both asked me what was wrong, I explained I was having a medical problem, saying I was a bit scared. They asked me to share, saying *we're family and we're here for you - again family*. Barry had a close friend who was a doctor in this field and if I wanted, he would arrange for me to see him within 24 hours, I informed him I'm seeing someone who I felt comfortable with and thanked him. But he checked with his friend to get a second opinion and few months of emails, texts and phone calls began between us, him checking in with me, till I was well again.

We always say being a temple member gets you High Holy day tickets, use of the clergy for life cycle events, use of the clergy during the year when you need the guidance, (thank you Rabbi as I know I took more than my allotted time talking with you). **Most important I would like to add that temple membership gets us a family you never knew you had - for the good, the not so good, and everything in between. Being a member of temple has hidden benefits that until you need your extended family; you never knew they existed; they are a true family.**





WRJ/SISTERHOOD

It is very difficult to believe that we are coming to the end of our three year experience as Co-Presidents of WRJ/Sisterhood.

Like all leadership positions there were many days spent in planning, organizing and creating events that brought fulfillment to ourselves and others. We are delighted to share that although there were some frustrations and failures, there were many more successes and joys.

The credit goes to our fabulous team of women who served on our Board of Directors. They were creative, inventive, and selfless in giving time to make things happen. Thank you ladies for making us look good!

A special thank you to Rabbi Sharff for supporting new ideas, to Cantor Neff for creating both craft classes and spiritual events, and to Susan Caminez for disseminating our information with remarkable accuracy and speed. Their support gave us the ability to keep moving forward.

We were delighted to share our Legacy Temple Sisterhood activities with the NEW RTR and excited to incorporate the activities created by our new sisters. Together we are the best example of the WRJ creed, "We are stronger together."

We are very proud of WRJ/Sisterhood of RTR! Listed are a few of the ways we contribute to making RTR a welcoming and joyful place to be:

- Financial Contributions to RTR
- Responsible for Onegs
- Fund Scholarships for Adults and Youth
- Create and host a Women's Seder
- Run our Judaica Shop
- Create and host Temple dinners
- Organize the Broadway Theater Group
- Decorate our Temple home for the holidays
- Create holiday gifts for our College Students
- Create a Women's Shabbat Service
- Provide Free Yearly WRJ member events
- Support planned events with other Temple arms: guest speakers and trips
- Create "fun activities" for afternoon or evenings such as: luncheons and craft events
- Pay for school events and school needs
- Create a WRJ Book Club
- Distribute Shaloch Manot boxes to congregation

We wish our successor, Jill Tanney, the joys we experienced and thank her to her taking the reigns.

Thank you to all for supporting us.

Your Sisters,
Jane Aronoff and Estelle Hans





WRJ/Sisterhood Ceramics Night Out May 13, 2019

Sisterhood also enjoyed some
afternoons out on the
town to see,
Cher and Kiss Me, Kate!





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

MONDAY, 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 \$ _____

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 27 Iyar Parashat Bechukotai NFTY Gala 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
2 28 Iyar Yom Yerushalayim 6-8:30a Church  12-5p Church	3 29 Iyar	4 1 Sivan 10:00a Food Addicts 7:00p Rosh Chodesh 7:00p Adult Ed Comm. 7:30p Exec. Comm. 8-10p Church	5 2 Sivan 6:30p AA 7:30p Exec. Comm. 8:00p PFLAG	6 3 Sivan 10:30a Torah Topics 7:15p Religious School Comm. 8-10p Church	7 4 Sivan 6:30p Erev Shabbat Family Service	8 5 Sivan Parashat Bamidbar Erev Shavuot 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service 7:00p Erev Shavuot Service & Confirmation
9 6 Sivan Shavuot I 10:30a Morning Service & Yizkor Service  1-5p Church	10 7 Sivan Shavuot II 	11 8 Sivan 10:00a Food Addicts 10:00a Knitting Circle 7:15p Membership & Marketing Comm. 7:30p Finance Comm. 8-10p Church	12 9 Sivan 6:30p AA	13 10 Sivan 10:30a Torah Topics 7:30p Car Club 8-10p Church	14 11 Sivan 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service: Men's Club Service & Torah Service 	15 12 Sivan Parashat Nasso 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
16 13 Sivan Father's Day  12-5p Church	17 14 Sivan	18 15 Sivan 10:00a Food Addicts 7:30p Social Action Comm. 8-10p Church	19 16 Sivan 6:30p AA 6:30p CANDLE 7:00p TransParents 6:30p Board of Trustees <div> Annual Congregational Meeting 7:30 PM </div>	20 17 Sivan 10:30a Torah Topics 8-10p Church	21 18 Sivan 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service: Installation of Board & Officers	22 19 Sivan Parashat Beha'alotcha 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service: Bar Mitzvah: Craig Berkowitz 
23 20 Sivan 9:30a Men's Club 12-5p Church	24 21 Sivan	25 22 Sivan 10:00a Food Addicts 7:30p Ritual Comm. 8-10p Church	26 23 Sivan 6:30p AA 7:30p WRJ/Sisterhood Board	27 24 Sivan 10:30a Torah Topics 8-10p Church	28 25 Sivan 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service 11:30p-3a Church	29 26 Sivan Parashat Sh'lach 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
30 27 Sivan 12-5p Church						

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH

The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry



BARLEY IS THE NEW APPLE JUICE

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:
July 14, Aug 18, Sept 15

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!

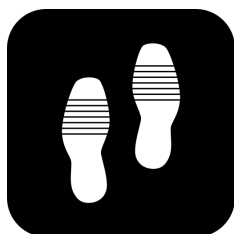
To volunteer, email Eva Steen:
Chesed@RTRny.org

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.**



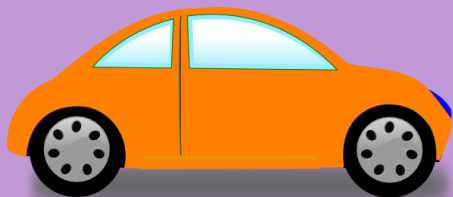
College Care Packages

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.



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!

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.**

HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?



We are all responsible for the continued vitality of the Jewish organizations important to us.

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

Could it be that time of year again when we are counting the days until the end of school and the beginning of summer vacation? You bet it is!! While this time of year is a start to many great events to come, it also marks the end of others. One in particular is the end of the Youth Group year! From a Lower East Side Food Tour to bowling and from RTR Food Drive to Midnight Run and Helping Hands, to NFTY-GER Regional events, ***What a Year it's Been!!!*** There were many more activities as well. Many friendships were made and will hopefully be continued during the summer and into next year.

**Lil' ReTRo
(Grades 3-5)**

Upcoming events:

Sun, June 9: End-of-Year Pool Party

**ReTweens
(Grades 6-8)**

Upcoming events:

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

Sun, June 9: End-of-Year Pool Party

**ReTRo
(Grades 9-12)**

Upcoming events :

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

Sun, June 9: End-of-Year Pool Party

Our final event of this year will be our ***End-of-Year Pool Party*** on June 9!

Thanks so much to the Jay family for once again opening their backyard to us! Our 3rd-6th graders will swim from 12:00-2:00 and our 7th-12th graders will swim from 2:00-4:00! Pizza and snacks will be served!

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

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

Information for next year will be coming your way soon! If you know of a Jewish child or teen who might be interested in joining us, please contact us and we will send them information! (They do not have to be RTR members or members of any temple – they simply have to be Jewish!). Membership in our Youth Groups is free for RTR members! A nominal registration rate is available for non-RTR members.

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

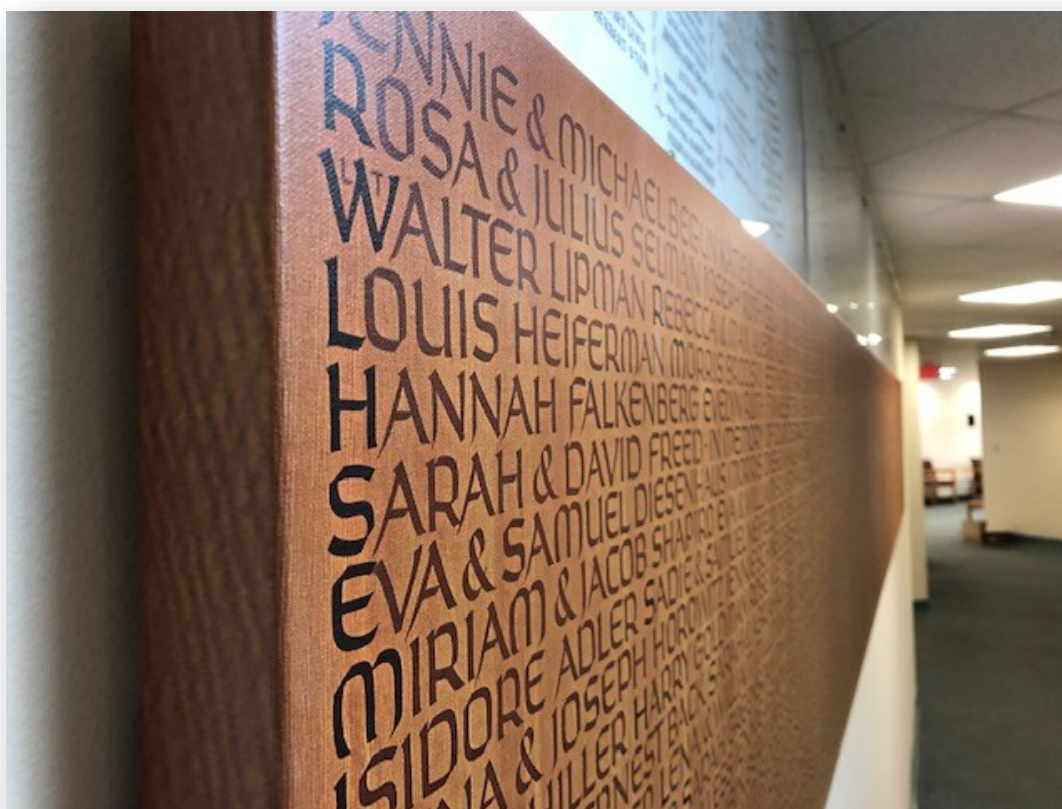
Elise at leesee54@gmail.com for ReTweens and ReTRo info

Robin at rtrlilretro@gmail.com for Lil' ReTRo info

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

LET'S TALK ART

Located on the lower level and opposite the School Office we have added the original Parchment displays honoring the Builders of TBE's First and Second Temples to the TBE Donor Wall display that originally consisted of 14 wood panels 4' wide by 7' high totaling 56' long and now is a photographic depiction of that wall. We have also included a picture of how those Parchments were on display at TBE.



As displayed originally at TBE.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary

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

Those with June 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
3	Kendol & Kristy Leader	12
8	Bruce & Meryl Fern	44
9	Mitchell Kahn & Anna Kupracz-Kahn	2
10	Stephen & Jill Feibusch	41
10	Marty & Ellen Kriegel	46
12	Morton & Marlene Stoll	39
12	Bruce & Sara Tucker	31
14	Robert & Sandra Arenson	42
15	Nathan & Sharon Cohen	45
16	Adam & Jenn Kalender	18
19	Donald & Maureen Heller	48
21	Guy & Reba Buonocore	33
21	Jason & Hilary Schwartz	49
23	Howard & Leslie Gabler	56
23	Roger & Esther Siegel	45
24	George & Evelyn Katz	58
25	Stuart & Sally Marvin	58
26	Jerome & Simona Chazen	70
26	Steven & Nancy Dachs	31
29	Alvin & Jane Aronoff	50
29	Arthur Leibowitz & Victoria Ficco-Panzer	5
29	Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer	44
30	James & Micki Leader	51
30	Norman & Carol Levine	51

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

GOOD & WELFARE



Mazel Tov to **CANTOR Harriet Dunkerley!**

Mazel Tov to **Eric & Lisa Berkowitz** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Craig.

Mazel Tov to **Seth & Ruth Schlanger**. Their daughter, Jillian, was hired as the Director of Hillel at The University of Syracuse.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to Shara Churgel. Her mother, Kristine Newman, died April 21.

Our deepest sympathies to **Sheryl Santi**. Her husband, Max Wernick, died April 21.

Our deepest sympathies to **Ruth Schlanger**. Her uncle, Albert A. Keller, died April 23.

Our deepest sympathies to **Eric Berkowitz**. His grandmother, Anne Berkowitz, died May 1.

Our deepest sympathies to **Eileen Laderman**. Her mother, Frieda Savin, died May 9.

DONATIONS (May 11, 2019—June 9 2019)

Adult & Family Education Fund

Iris Fialkoff in memory of Max Wernick
Joseph & Estelle Trachtenberg in memory of Meyer Warmbrand
Joseph & Estelle Trachtenberg in memory of Dee Spatt

Art Fund

Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Max Wernick
Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Philip Lawner
Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Rochelle Stein
Michael & Barbara Kalvert in memory of Sophie Kalvert

Cantor George Weinflash Music Fund

Dorothy Steinberg in memory of Sherwin Steinberg

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Joel & Renee Slutsky
Jorie Sear in honor of Stephen Hittman
Michele Lowy in honor of the engagement of Gwen Canfield's son, Kenny
Michele Lowy in honor of Adrian and Robert Modansky's son, Erik's engagement to Jenna Shapiro
Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Cantor Harriet Dunkerley
Enid Gross in memory of Bertha Weiner
Leonard & June Silverman in memory of Mollie Silverman
Martin & Helene Leibowitz in memory of Arthur Leibowitz
Martin & Helene Leibowitz in memory of Carol Epstein
Martin & Pamela Winter in memory of Charles Winter
Michele Lowy in memory of Max Wernick
Paul & Ellen Ratisher in memory of Irving Ratisher and Louis Levine

Chesed Fund

Lewis & Carole-Beth Goldberg in honor of Mimi Fetterman
Gary & Scott Langstein in memory of Herbert Langstein
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Kristine Newman
Jorie Sear in memory of Frances Alpert
Stephen & Irene Kopelman in memory of Morris Scheffler

Family in Crisis Fund

Alice Berman in memory of Anne Berman
Jay & Marcia Lurch in memory of Rose Goldstein
Joseph & Estelle Trachtenberg in memory of Dorothy Spatt

Karen Ami Social Action Fund

Leonard & Edith Kanchuger
Michele Lowy
Ira & Susan Emanuel in honor of Steven Dachs
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Max Wernick
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Morris Scheffler
Robert Greenfield in memory of Ruth and Abraham Greenfield
William & Estelle Hans in memory of Eva Reich and Carl Reich

Oneg Fund

Boris & Bella Spektor in memory of Haim-Gersh Kremenichutsky



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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Operating Fund

Lee & Anne Ostroff in honor of Mimi Fetterman
 Norman & Vivian Resnick in honor of Mimi Fetterman
 David & Libbi Rosenblum in memory of Bernard Rosenblum
 Gerald & Joan Lenkowitz in memory of Judith and Hyman Lenkowitz
 Jesse Hackell & Judith Esterow in memory of Morris and Anne Scheffler
 Larry & Judith Greenberg in memory of Ruth Greenberg
 Larry & Judith Greenberg in memory of Frances Lipton Shulman
 Lewis & Judith Fishlin in memory of Harry Simons
 Mark & Elizabeth Hittman in memory of Ann and Morris Scheffler
 Michele Lowy in memory of Jerome Allen
 Michele Lowy in memory of Morris Scheffler
 Norman & Carole Nudelman in memory of Florence Poliner
 Norman & Vivian Resnick in memory of Steven Davidowitz
 Norman & Vivian Resnick in memory of Morris Scheffler
 Norman & Vivian Resnick in memory of Meyer Heffes
 Paul & Ellen Gould in memory of Martha Weinstein
 Phillip & Patricia Beutel in memory of Wallace Polirer



Phyllis & Morton Simon Prayer Book Fund

Martin & Charlene Furman in memory of Matthew Belgar
 Barry Ilberman in memory of Franklyn B. Mellon

Rabbi Louis Frishman Youth Endowment Fund

Bernie Perry in honor of Barry Weiss
 Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Steve Dachs
 Bernie Perry in memory of Anna Perry
 Larry & Rebecca Keyser in memory of David Baker
 Mitchell Glanzrock in memory of Stan Glanzrock

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Cantor Harriet Dunkerley
 Alvin & Jane Aronoff in memory of Morris Scheffler
 Barry & Marcia Berk in memory of Melvin Berk
 David & Susan Klein in memory of Morris Scheffler
 Elaine Casper in memory of Arthur Casper
 Leonard & June Silverman in memory of Joseph Frankel
 Madeline Weinberg in memory of Joel Victor Weinberg
 Marvin & Joan Anderman in memory of Lucie Friedman
 Michele Lowy in memory of Harriet Brownfeld
 Murray & Edna Kaplowitz in memory of Bernard Kaplowitz
 Russell Rizner & Julie Buffington-Rizner in memory of Ruth Bluffington
 Sima Zisman in memory of Louis Zisman
 Stewart & Suzanne Bader in memory of Kristine Newman

Sylvia & Hyman Rosenzweig Scholarship Fund

Anonymous
 Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig in memory of Kristine Newman
 Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig in memory of Max Wernick
 Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig in memory of Morris Scheffler

It's Wedding Season!



Come Visit
The RTR WRJ/Sisterhood
JUDAICA SHOP
For Your All your Wedding Needs
Give a gift they will remember!



Select from a tremendous assortment of Michael Aram! We have picture frames, salad bowls, serving platters, and more beautiful items for the bride and groom. Wonderful keepsakes for the wedding and for the mother-of-the-bride.

Make your appointments now!

Email JudaicaShop@RTRny.org or call:

Lisa Jay at 914-572-0200

Renee Kratter at 845-357-6715

Helayne Pfeffer at 845-429-2939

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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

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.

DID YOU KNOW?



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

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A MINYAN! Saturday morning Shabbat 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.

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.

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