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OF ROCKLAND  
*Brighter Together*

JULY 2019  
28 Sivan—28 Tammuz 5779

## Happy Summer



## Happy Camping



# THE REFORM TEMPLE OF ROCKLAND

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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.

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## SERVICES

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Friday Erev Shabbat 7:30 PM

No Family Shabbat in July & August

Saturday Taste of Torah 9:00 AM

Saturday Morning Shabbat 10:30 AM

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## OFFICE HOURS

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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### JULY DATES AT A GLANCE:

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You can help fill this area with new members by spreading the word about our FREE Religious School, inviting friends to services to meet our incredible clergy, or convincing your friends, “Isn’t it about time?”  
There is value in membership—an RTR Family!

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## FROM THE RABBI

In the words of Jane S. Gerber in her book, *The Jews of Spain: A History of the Sephardic Experience*, “For more than a thousand years, Sepharad (the Hebrew word for Spain) was home to a large Jew-

ish community noted for its richness and virtuosity. Summarily expelled in 1492 and forced into exile, their tragedy of expulsion marked the end of one critical phase of their history and the beginning of another...” Beginning April 26 and concluding on May 6, 2020, RTR will be going to Spain to explore the lives, legacies, traditions of that Jewish community. We will also be encountering the small but vibrant resurgent Jewish communities re-established in Spain while also exploring some of the cultural offerings of the Spanish community.

To start with, we will have a dedicated tour guide fluent in both English and Spanish for the entirety of the trip. We will also be using local guides as well for each city. And though the focus will be on the Jewish experience, we will be looking at the beauty of Spain today including its culture, art such as dancing, music, flamenco, food, and the like.

Our tour will start in Madrid where we will have a panoramic tour of the city along with stops at the monument to Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra and Plaza Mayor, site of multiple ‘acts of faith’ (kiddush haShem) – the infamous ‘auto-da-fe’ of the Spanish inquisition. We have opportunities to enjoy tapas, visit the Prado, the Palacio Real (Royal Palace) as well as opportunities to explore all that Madrid has to offer.

During this time there will also be a tour of Toledo with a focus on the Jewish quarter along with a tour of the Grand Toledo Cathedral and El Greco Museum.

We will travel by AVE (high-speed rail) to Seville, a city shaped by both Renaissance and Arabic influences. Ancient texts place Jews in Seville at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the First Temple in 586 B.C.E. We will also visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Alcazar Palace as well as the Great Cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus.

We will spend Shabbat with a local progressive Jewish

community in Seville where yours truly may even participate in the Shabbat evening service, as the congregation does not have a full-time Rabbi.

Our trip will continue to Cordoba home of Moses Maimonides, one of the most important and significant rabbis in all of Jewish history. We will continue with a visit to Grenada and the Palace of the Forgotten, a newly-opened museum focused on the Jewish history of Grenada. We will then fly out to our second to last city stop of Barcelona which will include a visit to the Gothic Quarter and the Ancient Synagogue, which dates back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century.

Our final city to visit will be Girona, one of the great Kabbalistic Cities just like Tzvat in Israel. Though there are no Jews left living in Girona, we will visit the home of Nachmanides, who defended Judaism in the 13<sup>th</sup> – Century Disputation of Barcelona. We will also take a side tour of Figueras, home of Salvador Dali and the Teatre Museu Dali, which houses the best and most complete collections of one of my favorite painters and artists.

This is just a sampling of everything that we will be doing along our journey. Included below is a link for more information about our upcoming tour. Please email me [RabbiSharff@RTRny.org](mailto:RabbiSharff@RTRny.org) to add yourself to the list of interested travelers. Then in the fall, we will schedule an informational meeting to learn more about our trip to Spain.

Sephardic Jewry was and continues to be a major part of Jewish life. It has had a profound impact both on the earliest Jews in our nation as well as in the State of Israel. Their lives and their journeys are very much our lives and our journeys as well. We hope you can join us to explore the world and the land they came from.

B’Shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff  
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org

**Shabbat and holiday services may be seen live at  
[www.RTRny.org/live](http://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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Howard & Barbara Wilen  
Warren & Terry Willen



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here I am starting my second year as President. I am looking forward to it as much as I did the first. Serving our congregation and making a difference is what I hope to continue to accomplish. I am just like you, but I have a title in front of my name. But

the title does not change the person. There are still so many ideas and thoughts going through my mind that I want to implement for The Reform Temple of Rockland. I hope that my contributions to date have strengthened our Temple, and will continue to do so.

I have just returned from vacation in South Dakota, what a beautiful country we have. Highlights being Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower and the Badlands. Traveling with wonderful friends of 30 years, who we also share membership at RTR with (before at TBE). We all need to open our eyes and see the beauty around us. Our temple building has so much wonderful artwork, and a beautiful sanctuary with a gorgeous view of the Hudson. Our Tree of Life in the lobby and the Memorial board in our sanctuary, are both wonderful additions since our merge. Take time to look around and appreciate what RTR has to offer. Our building is going through changes with construction in front and behind the scenes. The people at RTR are a very friendly group. Take time to get to know your fellow congregants, each has something different to offer you.

There are so many people on both the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Trustees we need to thank. They devote their time, expertise and ideas, and RTR would not be the same without them. We work as a team, and that's what makes us who we are. This is not a one woman show.

When I think about what can help RTR more, people or money you might be surprised with my answer. I choose people. Money can't buy your presence and we are nothing without Jewish souls gathered together. You are needed for us to survive, grow and

move forward! If we have your participation then I believe your financial support will follow. Our future in the Jewish community depends on your participation. Your suggestions and feedback show you care about RTR. Please share your thoughts with myself or anyone on the Board of Trustees. We want to provide you with a comfortable and inviting building that you want to come to. Also, we want you to bring your children and family too.

Your security in the building is of utmost importance. We have taken the proper steps to make this happen. Our committees are working diligently to provide wonderful programs, events, spiritual inspirations, and our clergy want us to stay up to date with changes that URJ makes.

Although summer is upon us please don't forget about RTR. Your participation is needed for us to move forward.

I am and will always be available to you to discuss any matter on your mind about temple. You are always welcome to attend a Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Come and see how your fellow congregants devote their time, their skills and their efforts to make this a special place.

Enjoy your summer, temple still goes on. Hope to see you at services or in the building at a meeting or function.

B'Shalom,

*Adrian Modansky*

Adrian Modansky, President  
President@rtrny.org



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*\*Family Membership at RTR is required for 3rd -12th grade enrollment. Offer good May 2019 -June 2020.*



## FROM BRAD ZICHOLTZ, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

### Great Adult Education Programs Coming This Fall!

With the heat of the summer upon us, it's time to start thinking ahead to those cool, fall days.

Adult Education has several programs coming up to enrich your Jewish experience. The first is our Adult B'nei Mitzvah class which will begin September, and culminate with a B'nei Mitzvah ceremony in the Spring of 2021. The class is an opportunity for those who, for whatever reason, never became a bar/bat mitzvah in their youth. This journey, taught by Rabbi Sharff, Cantor Neff, and myself will dive into the meaning behind t'efila and explore themes throughout the Torah.

In addition, we will be offering a weekly Hebrew class on Sunday mornings for those in the Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class **AND** those who may just be interested in learning Hebrew. These offerings are designed to not only educate you but bring you a closer connection to Judaism and our community.

If you are interested in either or both of these programs please feel free to contact me.

L'shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Zicholtz".

Brad Zicholtz

Director of Congregational Learning

[Brad@RTRny.org](mailto:Brad@RTRny.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 to Brad Zicholtz at [Brad@RTRny.org](mailto:Brad@RTRny.org).

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Join our FREE monthly Preschool Program full of wonderful interactive learning experiences: music, crafts and Judaism. Designed for ages 18 months to 4 years.

Sunday Mornings 9:00AM

Sukkot 10/20/19 • Mitzvot 11/17/19 • Chanukah 12/15/19

Jewish Stories 1/12/20 • Tu B'Shevat 2/9/20

Purim (Carnival) 3/8/20 • Passover 4/5/20 • Israel 5/3/20

For more information, please contact our Director of Congregational Learning, Brad Zicholtz at 845.358.2248 Ext. 107 or email [brad@RTRny.org](mailto:brad@RTRny.org)  
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We have incredible programming lined up for 5780. We have Rick Recht, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld (the first female Cantor), Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Amy Scheinerman, our incredible K'tanim preschool program, and so much more. This is jus the beginning of an amazing year ahead. 5780 here we come!

## 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:  
August 16, September 20

Adult Education presents

# Forbidden Stories of the Bible

Sex, incest, drunkenness, fratricide, prostitution, and homicide, no we're not talking about the evening news or Game of Thrones. In this Hot Topics course, we will be exploring some of the 'forbidden stories' of the Bible. Come join us as we look at some of the stories we can't share from the pulpit. The Hebrew Bible has it all. Be ready to be intrigued. No previous Torah or Bible study required.

**Part One**  
**Rabbi Sharff**  
**Tues, Jul 9**  
**7:00 PM**

**Part Two**  
**Brad Bicholtz**  
**Tues, Aug 6**  
**7:00 PM**

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

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

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**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



**MITCH GLANZROCK**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>:**

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

Company name and contact with address:

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## MEN'S CLUB

Last year, after two rain outs we finally had our golf outing. It was a fun day and, enjoyable evening as well as a very successful fund raiser to support our your events at RTR. So like all good things we will do it again; this year on July 15th. Support our

youth by signing up to play golf or just come for an enjoyable buffet dinner.

Rockland Boulders Baseball was a fun event last year, and this year we have tickets that include a beverage voucher and a voucher for Opening Day 2020, all for the same low price of \$18 per ticket. So mark August 17th on your calendar and contact Mitch Glanzrock for tickets.

Every year in the fall, we support our school by providing an opening day of Religious School BBQ. It's a fun event and it's great to see all our young children having a fun time. It's also a good time for our new members to get involved by helping out. See you on the first day of school, Sept 8th, at 11:30 AM.

Each year Men's Club erects our Sukkah. This coming year it will coincide with our October 13th Bagels and Business meeting.

Bring your child (ren) to breakfast at 9:30 AM.

For Simchat Torah, Men's Club along with WRJ/ Sisterhood supports a Pizza & Dairy Dinner. This year's event is on October 22 at 6:00 PM. After a bite, come dance with the Torahs.

Last year was our first time attending WEST POINT hockey. We had great seats right on the goal line. We are planning to do it again this year as soon as we get the current schedule.

Purim is a fun time for the whole family. The Men's Club supports our Senior Youth Group by running a Purim Carnival with games and prizes for everyone. This coming year on Sunday March 8.

There are monthly Bagels and Business breakfast meeting on Sundays during Religious School, where we are always looking for topics of interest to our members.

Don't forget that the URJ Biennial registration begins this month and there is scholarship money available to first time registrants.

*David Firstenberg,*

Men's Club President

DavidFirstenberg@gmail.com



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JULY 1**

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**A member of our larger community is in need of a kidney donation and is appealing to our congregation. Please see her letter below:**

As a former member of Temple Beth Torah (before it was RTR), I am reaching out to the congregation for your help. My name is Wendy Wintman. As some of you may be aware, my husband Don is in end stage renal failure and needs a kidney transplant. Both his kidneys are functioning at only 12% as I write this and we don't know how long that will last. At the moment, he is holding steady, thank G-d.

Don has a little more testing to go through, and then he will be placed on the UNOS (national) registry for a cadaver kidney. **But a live donor is so much better for so many reasons. A live kidney will last twice as long and begins to "work" as soon as it is placed in his body.** A cadaver kidney needs to be "woken up" by placing the recipient on dialysis after the transplant until the kidney begins to work on its own. And, there is a shorter waiting time for the transplant to take place.

Once we find a match (through a blood test, initially) the donor needs to go through additional testing and then, if all goes as planned, the transplant is scheduled. I know you will ask what Don's blood type is. It is A+. But that kind of doesn't matter, if he brings in a live donor that is not a perfect match for him, and someone else brings in a live donor that isn't a perfect match for them, but they are a match for another person, they do what's called a swap. This can be a chain of swaps, and it can be a very long chain. As long as you bring in a live donor, you can be part of that swap chain and they match you with the best match for you. There are also those who just want to donate. These are altruistic individuals who are blessings to us all!

**The donor doesn't pay anything!!** Don's insurance pays for the donor's testing and surgery and follow up. It's not the donor's responsibility!

Don and I receive many questions about organ donation that we cannot answer. That's why you should contact NY Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center at the number or email address below. You must give them his name, **Donald Wintman**. They can explain it so much better than me! You will find a lot of information on the website below:

### **NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN/ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**

Renal Transplant Program

Phone: 212-305-6469

<https://www.nyp.org/transplant/transplant-services/kidney-transplant/living-donor-kidney-transplants>

A lot of info, but please spread the word. If you or anyone you know would be interested in donating a kidney, please use the contact info above. You never know who will volunteer and be a match or participate in an exchange program. And last, but not least, again, THANK YOU, and Bless you all!!



# RTR is going to the Rockland Boulders

Saturday Night - **August 17, 2019**

**Fireworks Afterwards**



**\$18.00 per ticket**

Ticket comes with a voucher for a beer or soda and a voucher to Opening Day 2020!

Net proceeds benefit Youth Group Programming

**It's Irish Heritage Night—Wear Green!  
First 1,000 Fans get a Green Boulders Keychain!**

**For further information and tickets, please contact:**

David Firstenberg at [david.firstenberg@gmail.com](mailto:david.firstenberg@gmail.com) or 845.268.6153

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

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## Bat Mitzvah Project *Call to Action*

My name is Emily Sharff and in November I will be called up to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. For my Mitzvah project, I will be knitting scarves and hats for the Center for Safety & Change. The Center for Safety & Change is a local organization that works to combat gender-based violence as well as provide shelter and support for survivors of domestic violence. My project would help provide scarves and hats for victims and for children, some of whom may also be victims. Therefore the hats and scarves can be both in adult and child sized.

To be able to provide as many hats and scarves as possible, I would greatly appreciate your help with knitting as well. For those of you who like to knit, there will be a donation bin located in the RTR lobby for any scarves and hats you wish to donate. Thank you for your help for this important cause. I look forward to seeing you at my Bat Mitzvah.



## WRJ/SISTERHOOD

### Summer's here and the time is right...

For many things including WRJ/Sisterhood of RTR!

Even though it is summer, it is the start of the Sisterhood New Year. New and exciting things will be on the calendar, revealed as the final details are put in place.

The first thing on our summer agenda is our July 11 meeting at 7:30 PM which will include a Book Swap. Summer is the time to sit down and relax with a good book. Bring a book, or a bunch, to swap or donate. If you don't have a book to swap and you are looking for a summer read-come anyway. There should be plenty to choose from. Our Sisterhood includes many readers who can recommend their favorite suggestions for future book discussions (to happen later this year). Any books not taken, will be donated. If you have a favorite place for our book donations, please feel free to suggest; and if possible, include the contact.

Our thanks go out again to Jane and Estelle for their past three years of leadership. They, with the support of

their team of Board Members and sisters, were and are willing to put in their time and effort. WRJ/Sisterhood is a big group commitment by women who work together for many common goals. Remember, that we are not all fun and games, but we do get satisfaction from the results of our time and dedication. We salute you all and hope to have your continued support as we move forward. Thank you for all of our Past Presidents for their time and effort that brought us to where we are today. We value all of your input for the future of the Sisterhood of RTR.

I am looking forward to working together with all of you as we chart a new path for the upcoming year of the WRJ/Sisterhood of RTR. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Jill Tanney*

WRJ/Sisterhood President  
jillscout@aol.com

### WRJ / Sisterhood of RTR Attention Summer Readers!



Come for a **book swap** or just a **friendly evening of book suggestions and a light snack**

**July 11, 2019 at 7:30pm**

Bring one book or a bunch. Any books (including children's books) not claimed will be donated. If you have a special place that you would like us to donate to, please bring that information.

Also, please bring suggestions for activities for the year. Our basic calendar will be available, bring yours.

Looking forward to seeing all of you readers of hand held books, kindle books and audio books!



Contact Jill Tanney  
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Theater Group Mailing for the 2019-2020 year is coming soon to a mailbox near you! Lots of great opportunities to see shows with your sisters!

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# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 28 Sivan	2 29 Sivan 7:30p Adult Ed Comm. 7:30p Executive Comm.  8-10p Church	3 30 Sivan 6:30p AA 8:00p PFLAG	4 1 Tammuz <b>Independence Day</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>NO TORAH TOPICS</b>  8-10p Church	5 2 Tammuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	6 3 Tammuz <b>Parashat Korach</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
7 4 Tammuz 6-8:30a Church	8 5 Tammuz	9 6 Tammuz 7:00p <b>Forbidden Stories in the Bible: Part I</b>  8-10p Church	10 7 Tammuz 6:30p AA	11 8 Tammuz 10:30a Torah Topics 7:30p Car Club 7:30p WRJ/Sisterhood 8-10p Church	12 9 Tammuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	13 10 Tammuz <b>Parashat Chukat</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
14 11 Tammuz 6:30-8:30p Church	15 12 Tammuz <b>Men's Club Annual Golf Outing</b> 	16 13 Tammuz 7:15p Membership & Marketing 7:30p Finance Comm. 8-10p Church	17 14 Tammuz 6:30p AA 6:30p CANDLE 6:30p Security Comm. 7:00p TransParents	18 15 Tammuz 10:30a Torah Topics 8-10p Church	19 16 Tammuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	20 17 Tammuz <b>Parashat Balak</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
21 18 Tammuz 6:30-8:30p Church	22 19 Tammuz	23 20 Tammuz 10:00a Knitting Circle 7:30p Ritual Comm. 8-10p Church	24 21 Tammuz 6:30p AA 7:30p Cemetery Comm. 7:30p Board of Trustees	25 22 Tammuz 10:30a Torah Topics 7:30p Choir 8-10p Church	26 23 Tammuz 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service 11:30p-3a Church	27 24 Tammuz <b>Parashat Pinchas</b> 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
28 25 Tammuz 12-5p Church	29 26 Tammuz	30 27 Tammuz <b>7:30p Committee Chair Meeting</b> 8-10p Church	31 28 Tammuz 6:30p AA 7:00p Choir			

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

It is so hard to believe that the 2018-2019 Youth Group year is over! It was a great year of making new friends and trying out new events, in addition to our tried and true events!

There are so many people to thank for the success of our Youth Groups! Thanks first to our parents for sharing your children with us – after all, they are what our Youth Program is all about! Thank you to our Clergy and Brad for always supporting us! Thanks to our Office Staff for putting up with our last minute changes in scheduling and edits of the bulletin and Constant Contact emails! Many thanks to our custodial staff for always having everything set up just the way we need it! Thanks to our very dedicated Youth Committee for your insight and advice! And last, but certainly not least, thank you so much to the Men's Club for your constant support – we couldn't do it without you!

Don't think for one single moment, though, that your Youth Advisors are in full relaxation mode! We're beginning to plan what promises to be another great year for our Youth Program! If you have any ideas for an event that would interest your child/teen, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

**Watch your email and snail mail for information on next year's Youth Program.**

If you have a Jewish friend who is not an RTR member but might be interested in joining us, please put us in touch with them (or them with us)!

**Our Youth Groups are open to ALL Jewish teens/children regardless of Affiliation!**



*Happy Summer!*



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



# JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



*Happy Anniversary*

Day	Name (up to age 25)
3	Noah Sharff
4	Casie Keegan
7	Nathan Rahklin
9	Nicole Bloom
9	Alexa Marvin
9	Nathan Marvin
11	Justin Kahn
22	Ruby Fleischer Schutzbank
22	Ethan Pulley
25	Magnolia Gambale

Day	Names	Years
1	Harvey & Barbara Erdsneker	52
1	Marty & Norma Gottlieb	52
2	Eric & Jennifer Rothbard	24
3	Brett & Susan Caminez	8
3	Mark & Iris Swartz	42
4	Robert & Barbara Dorman	51
<b>4</b>	<b>Ira &amp; Regina Glotzer</b>	<b>60</b>
4	Steven & Arlene Silverberg	48
5	Alan & Corinne Pochter	29
5	Warren & Wendy Witt	48
7	Stephen & Kathleen Iger	<b>45</b>
9	Lawrence & Barbara Rosenzweig	41
11	Robert & Kathleen Bookman	32
12	Robert & Adrian Modansky	39
12	Lawrence & Jody Salant	38
12	Barry & Laura Weiss	38
13	Peter Schaefer & Margaret Schwartz	11
14	Eric & Lisa Berkowitz	17
15	James & Robin Condoluci	39
15	Howard & Sima Peckler	46
17	Robert & Nancy Fliegel	43
24	Andrew & April Solomon	37
<b>24</b>	<b>Stephen &amp; Jacqueline Solomon</b>	<b>50</b>
30	David & Lauraine Straus	31
31	Steven & Laurie Becker	37

Those with July birthdays are invited to join us at Shabbat in the Park on Sept 6 to receive a birthday blessing and get a sweet treat!

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

## GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to **Elaine Simon** on her 90th Birthday

Mazel Tov to **Lillian Spier** on being featured in the Journal News as Volunteer of the Week.

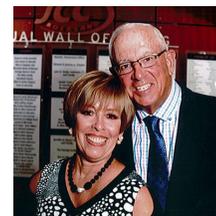
Mazel Tov to **Asher Siebert** on his marriage to Melissa Simon.

Mazel Tov to **Barry & Laura Weiss** on the marriage of their son, Adam, to Rachel Urban.

Mazel Tov to **Amy & Larry Rapoport** on the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne.

Mazel Tov to **Sandy & Robert Arenson** on the birth of their grandson, Mason Robert Dias

Mazel Tov to **Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and on being JCC's Annual Wall of Giving Honorees.



## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to **Marcia Berk**. Her husband, **Barry**, died May 18.  
 Our deepest sympathies to **Norma Gottlieb**. Her sister, Ellen Tatarka, died May 27.  
 Our deepest sympathies to **Lisa Berkowitz**. Her aunt, Ellen Tatarka, died May 27.

## DONATIONS (May 11, 2019—June 10, 2019)

### Adult & Family Education Fund

Michael & Catherine Klein in honor of Steve Dachs  
Michael & Catherine Klein in honor of Ellen Holtzman

### Art Fund

Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Ellen Tatarka  
Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Anna Altneu

### Cantor George Weinflash Music Fund

Martin & Charlene Furman in memory of Marion Belgar

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig in honor of their 50th Anniversary  
Robert & Sandra Arenson in honor of Mason Robert Dias  
WRJ/Sisterhood in honor of Cantor Neff  
Alan & Corinne Pochter in memory of Sam Levy  
Carl & Joan Radin in memory of Rose Goodman  
Janet Kaminsky in memory of Dr. Steve Kaminsky  
Leonard & June Silverman in memory of Joseph Frankel  
Martin & Helene Leibowitz in memory of Helen F. Leibowitz  
Samuel & Elaine Simon in memory of Morris Simon



### Capital Campaign 2019

Jordan & Deborah Turner in honor of Elaine Simon  
Lawrence & Barbara Rosenzweig in honor of Steve & Gwen Rosenzweig's 50th Anniversary  
Tina Miller in memory of Rose Miller

### Chesed Fund

Stephen & Judith Levy in honor of Elaine Simon's 90th Birthday!

### Family in Crisis Fund

Miriam Berezin  
Gail Mandel in memory of Charles Mandel  
Phillip & Patricia Beutel in memory of Dorothy Polirer  
Steven & Janice Bergman in memory of Martin Blake

### Karen Ami Social Action Fund

Anonymous  
Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer  
Gwenn Canfield in honor of Dr. Shelley Berson  
Lillian Spier in honor of Elaine Simon's 90th Birthday  
Samuel & Elaine Simon in honor of Jeff Glaser  
Anne Jacobs in memory of Murray Sanders  
Ira & Susan Emanuel in memory of Harry Edelstein  
James & Marcia Simon in memory of Ernest Solomon  
Michele Lowy in memory of Stephen D. Lowy  
Michele Lowy in memory of Seymour Marks  
Michele Lowy in memory of Louis Brownfeld

**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**

Michele Lowy in honor of Amy and Lawrence Rapoport  
 Paul & Ellen Gould in honor of Mimi Fetterman  
 Richard & Catherine Rothbard in honor of Elaine Simon's 90th Birthday  
 Bernie Perry in memory of Sandra Perry  
 Carole Denker in memory of Fred Stein  
 Joel & Carol Kanter in memory of Jean Wildenberg  
 Larry & Shelley Ruderman in memory of Barry Berk  
 Lawrence & Amy Rapoport in memory of Raymond Rapoport  
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**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

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 Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig in honor of their 50th Anniversary  
 Gwenn Canfield in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Berson  
 Stewart & Suzanne Bader in honor of Elaine Simon's 90th Birthday  
 Janice Baker in memory of David Baker  
 Jason & Hilary Schwartz in memory of Robert Lind  
 Murray & Edna Kaplowitz in memory of Esther Kaplowitz  
 Simon & Stefany Bergson in memory of Nadzia Bergson  
 Susan Haimowitz in memory of Min Stelzer and Jack Stelzer

**Sylvia & Hyman Rosenzweig Scholarship Fund**

Craig & Rachel Goldstein in honor of Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig  
 Robert & Barbara Michaelson in honor of Steve & Gwen Rosenzweig's 50th Anniversary  
 Sherman & Sheryl Malech in honor of Steve & Gwen Rosenzweig's 50th Anniversary  
 Stephen & Irene Kopelman in honor of Gwen and Steve Rosenzweig's 50th Anniversary




**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:**  
**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.



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](mailto:barrymb@aol.com) or by phone at 845-494-4023.

**NEXT MEETINGS: JULY 11, AUGUST 8**

## LET'S TALK ART

This will be the first of a series of descriptions of the Artwork that we now have displayed in various areas, both inside and outside at The Reform Temple of Rockland. In this one, we will describe those sculptures outside the main entrance to on the upper level.



Approaching Temple, on the left side of the staircase to the main entrance is *Shared Harvest*, a figure of a seated woman holding the fruits of a harvest. The sculpture has many interpretations. It could be a symbol of Sukkot or something else. That is for you to decide. Created by artist Judith Peck, a renowned sculptor, it stands eight feet ten inches mounted on a solid granite base. Originally commissioned by TBE and donated by Israel Katz, it was dedicated on November 12, 1971.

Opposite the Temple entrance, between two trees is the *Memorial to our Six Million*. The metal sculpture was designed and created by Israeli sculptor, Yehiel Shemi. Shemi stated, "This black and white sculpture gives a striking symbolism to despair and hope, destruction and light-future. I had the feeling while working and thinking about it-that there must be that 'Light-future-hope' element in the sculpture, as well as the past." Shemi also described the main section "symbolizing the death of the Six Million" and the white base as the Hope for the Future. Commemorating the Holocaust, the work was originally dedicated at TBE on October 1, 1971 in memory of Morris Schleifman and family.



Approaching Temple, on the right side of the staircase to the main entrance is *The Binding of Isaac*, by Shirley Zwang, a sculpture purchased through contributions made to the Art Fund.

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**DAY ONE: APRIL 26**

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**DAY TWO: APRIL 27**

Madrid: Puerto Del Sol, Plaza de Espana, Plaza Mayor, The San Miguel Market; Reina Sofia National Museum and Art Center

**DAY THREE: APRIL 28**

Toledo: Jewish Quarter, Samuel Halevi Abulafia Synagogue, Sephardic Museum, Santa Maria La Blanca, Grand Toledo Cathedral, El Greco Museum

**DAY FOUR: APRIL 29**

Madrid: Prado, Palacio Real, Tapas bars, *Your choice of:* Barrio Salamanca, El Retiro Park, National Archaeological Museum

**DAY FIVE: APRIL 30**

Seville: Plaza de Espana, Alcazar Palace, Great Cathedral

**DAY SIX: MAY 1**

Seville: Santa Cruz, Centro de Interpretacion Juderia de Sevilla, Learn how to flamenco, *Your choice of:* Parque Maria Luisa, Royal Bullring, Fine Arts Museum, Torre del Oro, Metropol Parasol, Casa de Pilatos, Museo del Baile Flamenco, Seville Aquarium, Trinana, Kabbalat Shabbat services

**DAY SEVEN: MAY 2**

Cordoba: Cathedral-Mosque, Plaza Tiberias, Yehuda Halevi Square, Statue of Maimonides, Casa de Sefarad

**DAY EIGHT: MAY 3**

Granada: Realejo, Palace of the Forgotten, Albaycn, Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens

**DAY NINE: MAY 4**

Barcelona: Plaza Espana, Passeig Maritim, Gothic Quarter, El Call

**DAY TEN: MAY 5**

Barcelona: Passeig de Gracia, Park Guell, Church of the Sagrada Familia, *Your choice of:* La Pedrera, Casa Batllo, Barcelona Aquarium, Picasso Museum, Paseo de Gracia, Camp Nou Soccer Stadium, Las Rambals, Boqueria Market, Grand Teatre del Liceu

**DAY ELEVEN: MAY 6**

Girona: Jewish Quarter, Jewish Museum

Figueras: Teatre Museu Dali

Barcelona: Farewell Evening

**DAY TWELVE: MAY 7**

Travel Day

## VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH

### The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry



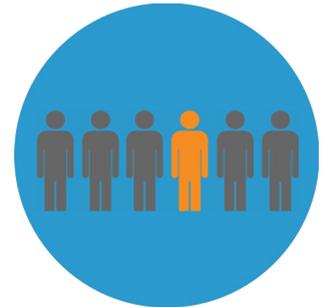
#### BARLEY IS THE NEW APPLE JUICE

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:  
Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20**

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](mailto:volunteer@RTRny.org).

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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

### Compassionate Callers Needed

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

To volunteer, email Eva Steen:  
[Chesed@RTRny.org](mailto:Chesed@RTRny.org)

## VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH



### Assist Homeless Women

Donate **unopened toiletries, sanitary napkins and tampons** 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.**



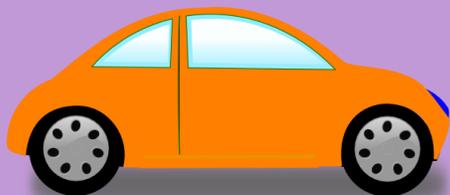
### College Care Packages

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



### Center for Safety & Change

Social Action will now be collecting items for women of domestic and sexual abuse and donating them to the Center for Safety & Change. **Please help by bringing in the following items in all sizes: NEW sweatpants, NEW plain tee-shirts without writing and NEW flip flops.** Thank you in advance for your support. Please direct any questions to Martha Siegel at [mrsiegel48@gmail.com](mailto:mrsiegel48@gmail.com).



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](mailto: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!***

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**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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