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OF ROCKLAND

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AUGUST 2019 29 Tammuz—30 Av 5779





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

SERVICES

Friday Erev Shabbat 7:30 PM

No Family Shabbat in July & August

Saturday Taste of Torah 9:00 AM

Saturday Morning Shabbat 10:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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AUGUST DATES AT A GLANCE:

- 1 WRJ/Sisterhood Board
- 2 Pop-Up Shabbat
 - Erev Shabbat: No Family Service—7:30 PM
- 6 Forbidden Stories in the Bible: Part II
- 7 Executive Committee
- 8 Car Club
- 13 Membership & Marketing CommitteeFinance CommitteeSocial Action Committee
- 17 Men's Club Boulders Game
- 20 Knitting Circle
- 21 Security Committee Board of Trustees
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RTR welcomes our new members: Lee Hollman & Nicole Bernadette of New City!

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FROM THE RABBI

July 27th – August 4th I will have the opportunity to once again serve as faculty at URJ's Camp Eisner. This will be my third summer serving as faculty at Eisner, and my fourth summer over all serving as a Rabbi at a

URJ camp. I wish I could say that I had more summers under my belt, but during my time in Arizona, there were not any regional URJ camps. The closest was either in California or in Texas. For any of you familiar with the Southwest, that is a large area to cover. Then when I was in Baltimore, all of our congregation's children went to local legacy camps. They simply were not interested in attending Camp Harlam in Pennsylvania.

That being said, I love Reform Camping. I myself am the product of the URJ's Greene Family Camp in scenic Bruce-ville, TX. I spent every summer in the 80s as a camper. I went on my first Israel trip with them. I attended many NFTY events at their facility, and I later served as a counselor, Unit Head, life guard, song leader, and Unit Educator there throughout the 90s and 2000s.

As one of only two Jewish kids in my school district growing up, it was important for me to have a place where I could live without having to either explain or justify my Judaism. Everyone else at camp was just like me. I loved the songs, the games, the sports, the swimming, the smores, the chicken fried steak for Shabbat brunch, the songs, the services, the horseback riding, the songs, and so much more. The more I think about it, camp played a huge role in my journey to ultimately become a rabbi.

I am now so pleased to be able to pass this tradition on to my children. Both Emily and Noah will now be at Eisner for their third summer (Noah's second as an overnight camper). Noah is also seriously considering the URJ's Six-Points Sci-Tech camp for next summer as part of his camping experience as the URJ now offers specialty camps not only for Sci-Tech but also for sports, as well as their news creative arts camp.

URJ Camping has been around 1952 when the now Olin-Sang-Ruby was first opened in Oconomowoc, WI. It has played a vital role in the lives of our Jewish youth ever since then. There are now 15 URJ Camps with several more URJ congregational camps available as well. I have had the pleasure of experiencing not only Eisner and Greene but also Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Mississippi, Crane Lake Camp

(Eisner's sister camp), Olin-Sang-Ruby, Kutz (z"l), Harlam, Coleman, and probably our most scenic camp: Kalsman in Washington State. All of them are committed to creating safe, meaningful, wonderful, joyous, and genuine Reform Jewish experiences.

And though by the time this article is published summer will be wrapping up, I would encourage you, if you have children or grandchildren or friends with the same who might be remotely interested in overnight camping for next summer, to speak to myself or Brad. We also have information on our local Jewish non-URJ day camps in the area as well. It is the experience of the lifetime. I speak from experience for I know this because it has changed my life and my kids' lives for the better.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff RabbiSharff@RTRny.org

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



A big thanks to Rabbi Sharff for performing a heartwarming Baby Naming ceremony for our granddaughter, Cassidy Rose Shoshana.

Cassidy's parents, Danielle and Colin Andersen, were overjoyed by the warmth of the service and the Rabbi's kind words to the whole family. We are grateful to the Rabbi for taking the time to come to our home and help us celebrate this wonderful occasion. What a great blessing to have a Rabbi who provides this service to our congregation.

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 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

Our installation of the Board of Trustees members took place in June at Shabbat services. For those of you who could not join us, I want to reiterate what I said. They are heartfelt words I want to share with you.

I want to congratulate and welcome our new Board of

Trustees members, Janice Bergman, Matt Fleissig and Warren Samuels. I look forward to working jointly with you as well as those members continuing. For those members moving on, Joanna Landau and Steve Dachs, it was a pleasure working with both of you. Joanna, your guidance and experience helped me acclimate better to my new position. Your contributions at our Board of Trustees meetings as well as sitting on the Executive Committee as a liaison to the board, were very welcomed. Steve, your love and support of RTR is beyond words. Your contributions, commitment and involvement knows no limit. Jane Aronoff, Co-President of WRJ, also leaves us as her term of office is complete. Both the Board of Trustees and WRJ were lucky to have you on its boards. You were a great asset to both, bringing your ideas and suggestions to them. We welcome Jill Tanney as the new WRJ President. The role of the Board and its members is critical to a successful RTR.

We have exciting plans moving forward. We are continuing our restoration of our building to make it fresh. The improvements are in the areas of security, safety and aesthetics. We are hoping to complete many of the projects over the summer before the High Holy Days, weather permitting.

Our Education Campaign has had a very positive response from our congregation. Our Religious school is the beneficiary of this generous support. We look forward to the sound of laughter and excitement from our children in the halls. If you have not

participated in this campaign yet, it's not too late. If you have, thank you! Please contact Barry Schoenberg, Eva Steen or Cathy Klein. They would be happy to hear from you.

As you know the demographics in Rockland County continue to change. It is incumbent upon you to reach out and invite your friends to come try us out. We can not only count on our legacy members but need the young families to build on. There are other possible ideas that were brought up at the Congregational Meeting to help build and make Reform Judaism in Rockland County remain strong. Those avenues will be looked into as well. Anyone interested in joining our Membership Committee to help build our congregation and future, we would be happy to have you.

We have concluded new contracts with Rabbi Sharff and Brad Zicholtz, Director of Congregational Learning. Our Senior Professional Staff are secured for the next few years. We all benefit from the continuity of their service. They each bring their positive skills to our congregation.

Our budget reflects the input of all the Committee Chairs with the oversight and advice

of our Finance Committee. We actively monitor both the revenue and expenditure sides throughout the year. We are constantly looking at new avenues to expand the revenue side of our budget, in an attempt to reduce dues increases.

The best way to predict our future is to create it. Thank you to Abraham Lincoln for his wise words. Let us not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future but concentrate on the present to get us there. The most important way for us to achieve success is to have faith in RTR. I know we can succeed, even if we make mistakes along the way. We will embrace them and move forward. We have a plan, we have goals, and each small step forward is positive.

Enjoy this month of August, as summer goes by very quickly. The new school year and the High Holy Days will be here before we know it.

B'Shalom,

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

New Educational Options this Year to Get Excited About!

In the Talmud, two great Rabbis are posed a ques-

tion, which is greater, study or action? Rabbi Tarfon answered, saying: Action is greater. Rabbi Akiva answered, saying: "Study is greater than action because it leads to action." Aaron Dorfman of AJWS responds by saying, "The answer is that study not only leads us to action, it leads us through action. Study offers us guidelines for what kind of action to take." In other words, we do good in the world, not just because they are good but because as Jews, it is our obligation.

For our teens, we are unveiling a brand new Academy Program for grades 8-12. The main focus of the program will be based around Jewish values; not just learning them but living them as well. For example, we will learn about the Jewish value of V'ahavta Lareyecha Kamocha, "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." We will spend several weeks exploring the value, focusing on poverty and even hearing from a guest speaker. We will then head into NYC to participate in the Midnight Run to deliver food, clothing, and conversation to the homeless. Each month we will focus on a different Jewish value which will culminate in a service learning experience.

We are hoping to conclude the year with an overnight service learning trip for all of our Academy students. For our 10th grade students they will go, as always, to the incredible L'takein Seminar with the Religious Action Center in Washington D.C. There, they will learn about issues up for vote in congress, the Jewish values inherent in those bills, and then lobby their congressperson or Senator. At the end of the year, our 10th graders will become confirmands, affirming their commitment to Judaism to our entire community.

For our adults, we have two new, very exciting programs. We are offering a weekly Hebrew class on Sunday mornings for those who wish to learn or improve on their Hebrew reading and comprehension. We are also offering a once a month Adult B'nei Mitzvah class for those in our congregation who never became a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in their life and wish to now. This class will be led by Rabbi Sharff, Cantor Neff, and myself. It will culminate in a B'nei Mitzvah ceremony in the Spring of 2021. Please contact me at Brad@RTRny.org to sign up or get more information.

Have a great rest of the summer!

L'shalom,

Brad Zicholtz

Director of Congregational Learning





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 Two Brad Bichosts Tues, Aug 6 7:00 PM

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RSVP TO:

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Fri, Aug 2, from 5:00-6:00 PM

Looking for your Jewish home away from home? See if RTR is the right fit for your family and attend the RTR Pop-Up Shabbat!

- Meet our Director of Congregational Learning
- Have a pizza party and make crafts with your kids
- · Join us for a song-filled Friday Night Service

Please RSVP to info@RTRny.org. We'll see you there!





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 or 845.268.6153

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MEN'S CLUB

I hope everyone is enjoying their SUMMER VA-CATION.

We have reached the "Dog Days of August" and that means baseball. Join us at the Rockland Boulders game on

August 17th.

September starts school, and that goes for our FREE Hebrew school as well. The first day of school is the 8th.

The Men's Club BBQ is right after school ends that day. We will have the grill ready and the burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings ready as well, we hope to see you there.

We still need some extra hands to help with the set up so when you drop you children off look for us and say hello.

So enjoy the rest of your summer and see you at the BBO.

David Firstenberg, Men's Club President DavidFirstenberg@gmail.com



Cantor Barbara Ostfeld First Ordained Female Cantor

Fri, Oct 18, at 7:30 PM

We are very excited to announce that Cantor Barbara Ostfeld will be joining us during Sukkot to sing with Cantor Neff. **Mark your calendars.**

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

Men's Club Golf Outing Honoring Mitch Glanzrock























HONORING



Thank you for <u>Supporting our</u> <u>County-Wide Youth Program</u> "The Children Are Our Future"

Made possible by our generous Sponsors, Golfers and THE GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen: Michael Klein Barry Rosenblum

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We'd like to thank the following individuals and companies that supported this year's Golf Outing:

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WRJ/SISTERHOOD

Despite the rain, the July 11th Book Swap was a rousing success. Our WRJ members and friends donated hundreds of books from children's to young adult,

fiction to non-fiction, and even some selfhelp. The books not swapped were donated to various agencies, libraries and adult facilities in the county. We thank you for your donations and attendance. We hope that you picked up some interesting reads for the summer.

Did you know that WRJ is a partner to Moment Magazine? A one year subscription is \$18, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit WRJ national and international initiatives. You can find more information at wrj.org at Shop

Despite the rain, the July WRJ on the blue heading at the top of the 11th Book Swap was a page on the right.

Our next meeting is August 1 at 7:30 PM. Please come for the meeting to discuss the calendar for the coming year. We look forward to your helping to make this year as successful as the past. We welcome your suggestions for activities, and your continued participation in support of our work. Also, we look forward to greeting you at our Friday night services and sharing the oneg afterwards. Remember that we have a minyan on Saturday mornings, too. Experience our audacious hospitality!

Jill Tanney

WRJ/Sisterhood President jillscout@aol.com



Women of Reform Judaism / Sisterhood The Mitzvot of Membership

Join WRJ...

WRJ/Sisterhood Membership Brochures for the 2019-2020 year will be delivered to your mailbox this month. We offer different levels of membership. Please join us for another wonderful year of friendship and fun as we continue to support our congregation and community.

WRJ/Sisterhood Membership Co-Chairs:

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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.

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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.



To create your Jewish legacy contact:

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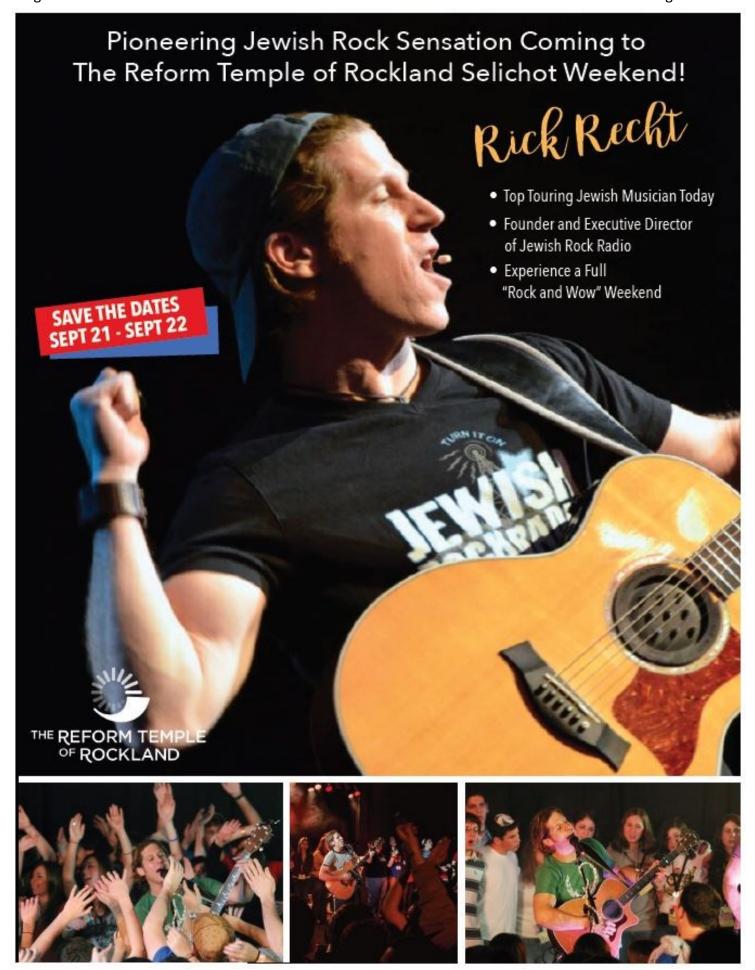
We all have an opportunity to support the continued vitality of the Jewish organizations important to us—including The Reform Temple of Rockland.

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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.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	AU	GUS	ST	7:30p WRJ/		3 2Av Parashat Matot- Masei 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
4 3 Av 6-8:30a Church	5 4 Av	6 5 Av 7:00p Forbidden Stories in the Bi- ble: Part II	7 6 Av 6:30p AA 7:00p Choir 7:30p Exec. Comm. 8:00p PFLAG	8 7 Av 10:30a Torah Top- ics 7:30p Car Club		10 9 Av Parashat Devarim Shabbat Chazon 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
12-5p Church 11 10 Av	12 11 Av	7:15p Member-	14 13 Av 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir	8-10p Church 15 14 Av 10:30a Torah Top- ics	16 15 Av 7:30p Erev Shab- bat Service	Parashat Vaetch- anan Shabbat Nachamu 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat
12-5p Church		8-10p Church		8-10p Church		Service 6:00p Men's Club Rockland Boul- ders
18 17 Av	19 18 Av	20 19 Av 10:00a Knitting Circle	21 20 Av 6:30p AA 6:30p CANDLE 6:30p Security Comm. 7:00p TransParents 7:30p Board of Trustees	10:30a Torah Top-	23 22 Av 7:30p Erev Shab- bat Service	24 23 Av Parashat Eikev 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
12-5p Church		8-10p Church		8-10p Church	11:30p-3a Church	
25 24 Av	26 25 Av	27 26 Av 4:00p Religious School: Meet & Greet 7:30p Ritual	28 27 Av 6:30p AA 7:30p Choir	29 28 Av 10:30a Torah Top- ics		31 30 Av Parashat Re'eh 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
12-5p Church		8-10p Church		8-10p Church		



Looking to do MORE?... Join RTR's Social Action Committee Next Meeting on: Tues, Aug 13 at 7:30 PM

es, Aug 13 at 7:30 PM All are welcome!

Come together with fellow congregants to work together to help with the needs of our community! If interested, contact Helayne Pfeffer by email at: hayne1954@gmail.com.

Social Action will join People to People in helping Rockland children go
"Back to School with Dignity!"

A Collection Bin is in the Lower Lobby at RTR.

School Supply Shopping List:

2 Pencils Colored Pencils Pencil Sharpeners Pens (Blue/Black) Highlighters Pocket Folders Binders (1.5" or larger)
Binders Dividers
4 Function calculator
Protractor/Compass Set
Rulers

Scissors

Loose Leaf Paper Graph Paper Block Erasers New Backpacks (boys & girls) Grades K-12



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 He-**

brew 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Day	Name (up to age 25)
7	Julia Wilen
9	Sam Askenas
13	Arielle Salmon
13	Brendan Salmon
17	Sophie Jay
18	Eva Friedberg
21	Emily Sharff
27	Benjamin Gelman

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

Happy Anniversary

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

Day	Names	Years
1	Michael Schutzbank & Rhonda Fleischer	14
2	Barry & Nancy Hoffman	38
2	Jeffrey & Marisa Plotkin	38
2	Borris & Bella Spektor	43
6	Philip & Patricia Beutel	35
10	Charles & Sally Borgman	49
12	David & Susan Klein	45
12	Howard & Rachel Megdal	12
14	Wayne & Bonnie Michaels	41
15	Charles & Eve Freeman	27
16	Stephen & Irene Kopelman	49
16	Myron & Nina Lazar	31
17	Michael & Eileen Rutter	43
18	Michael & Mia Rothstein	33
19	Thomas & Wendy D'Arminio	39
21	Ronald & Deborah Bloom	31
21	Robert & Helayne Lefland	41
21	Mitchell & Karen Schulman	30
23	Howard & Carole Cohen	54
23	Allen & Miriam Fetterman	49
23	Jordan & Deborah Turner	20
24	Walter & Barbara Fiedler	55
24	Paul & Ellen Ratisher	50
25	Jody & Lisa Fox	39
25	Matthew & Fawn Fleissig	11
26	Rabbi Ronald & Hagit Mass	39
26	Barry & Melissa Rosenblum	45
27	Michael & Elizabeth Goldmann	29
27	Paul & Ellen Gould	51
27	Carl & Joan Radin	63
28	Seth & Ruth Schlanger	36

GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to **Nathan & Sharon Cohen** on the birth of grandson, Micah Rueben Cohen.

Mazel Tov to **Matthew & Felice Burgay** on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlee Alexa deLeon.

Mazel Tov to **Richard & Catherine Rothbard** on the engagement of their son, Michael to Katherine Fallon.

Mazel Tov to **Debra Erdheim** on the birth of her new grandson, Zach Poch.

Mazel Tov to **Denis & Jill Tanney** on the birth of their grandson, Max Ruben Tanney.

Mazel Tov to **Seth & Ruth Schlanger** on the engagement of their daughter, Melissa to Andrew Polovsky.

Mazel Tov to **Gwenn Canfield** on the marriage of her son, Kenny to Dina Benzaquen.



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to **Walter Fiedler**, his sister Christine Somma died June 16.
Our deepest sympathies to **Adam Kalender**, his mother died June 16.
Our deepest sympathies to **Estelle Trachtenberg**, her husband **Joseph** died June 24.
Our deepest sympathies to **Murray Kaplowitz**, his wife **Edna** died July 15.

DONATIONS (June 11, 2019—July 10, 2019)

Art Fund

Edward & Marilyn Lawner in memory of Sylvia Eisenthal Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in memory of Devra Freelander

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Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Howard & Leslie Gabler in honor of Elaine Simon's 90th birthday Howard & Leslie Gabler in honor of Gwen & Steve's 50th Anniversary Leonard & June Silverman Eric & Lisa Berkowitz in honor of Cantor Sally Neff

Judith Kiss in honor of Elaine Simon

Michael & Eileen Rutter in honor of Jill & Denis Tanney's grandson, Max Ruben Tanney

Ira & Eileen Laderman in memory of Frieda Savin

Keven & Helene Peck in memory of Esther Pecker

Leonard Gross & Libby Tulin in memory of George Cion and Eleanor Tulin

Marty & Norma Gottlieb in memory of Ellen Tatarka

Education Campaign Dedications

Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Stephen Hittman's 70th Birthday Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Stu & Sally Marvin's Anniversary Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer in honor of Alvin & Jane Aronoff's 50th Anniversary Robert & Adrian Modansky in honor of Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig's 50th Anniversary Marcia Berk in memory of Barry Berk

Family in Crisis Fund

Alice Berman in memory of Samuel Berman Alice Berman in memory of Rubin Berman

Karen Ami Social Action Fund

Barbara Caren in honor of Adrian Modansky Barbara Caren in memory of Mac Sonken

Operating Fund

Anonymous Eric & Jennifer Rotbard Morton & Rhoda Klibonoff WRJ/Sisterhood

Sheryl Santi in honor of Gwen & Steve Rosenzweig's 50th Anniversary

Sheryl Santi in honor of Gwenn Canfield's son Kenny's marriage to Dina Benzaguen

Sheryl Santi in honor of Amy & Lawrence Rapoport's daughter, Suzanne's engagement

Alice Berman in memory of Harry Berman

Gerald & Joan Lenkowitz in memory of Gertrude Lenkowitz

Gwenn Canfield in memory of Julienne Canfield

Joel & Carol Kanter in memory of Jesse Wildenberg

Leonard Gross & Libby Tulin in memory of Irving Gross

Norman & Carole Nudelman in memory of Sidney Moskowitz

Norman & Vivian Resnick in memory of Rachel Heffes

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 (continued...)

Stanley & Shelle Goldstein in memory of Ronnie Stein and Mary Goldstein Stephen & Susan Schlussel in memory of Alex Fleischmann and Shirley Schlussel Toby Goemann & Melissa Anselmi in memory of Joseph Trachtenberg

Rabbi Louis Frishman Youth Endowment Fund

James & Robin Condoluci Mimi Frishman Barbara Gass in memory of Harold Gass Joseph & Andrea Leighton in memory of Elsie Zweifler and Herman Leighton

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Anonymous

Eric & Lisa Berkowitz

Howard & Leslie Gabler in honor of Allen Fetterman and Barry Weiss

Ruth Lipman

Barbara Caren in honor of Adrian Modansky

Elaine Casper in honor of the birth of Jill & Denis Tanney's grandson, Max Ruben Tanney

Judith Kiss in honor of Elaine Simon

Barbara Caren in memory of Mac Sonken

Harry Geist in memory of Lucille Geist Weiss

Harvey & Ruth Gelfenbein in memory of George Weingarten

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Greenstein in memory of Jack Bauman

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Greenstein in memory of Manya Greenstein

Murray & Edna Kaplowitz in memory of Harry Kaplowitz

Rita Katz in memory of Ralph Pollack

Sylvia & Hyman Rosenzweig Scholarship Fund

Steven & Gwen Rosenzweig



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: AUG 8, SEPT 12



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.

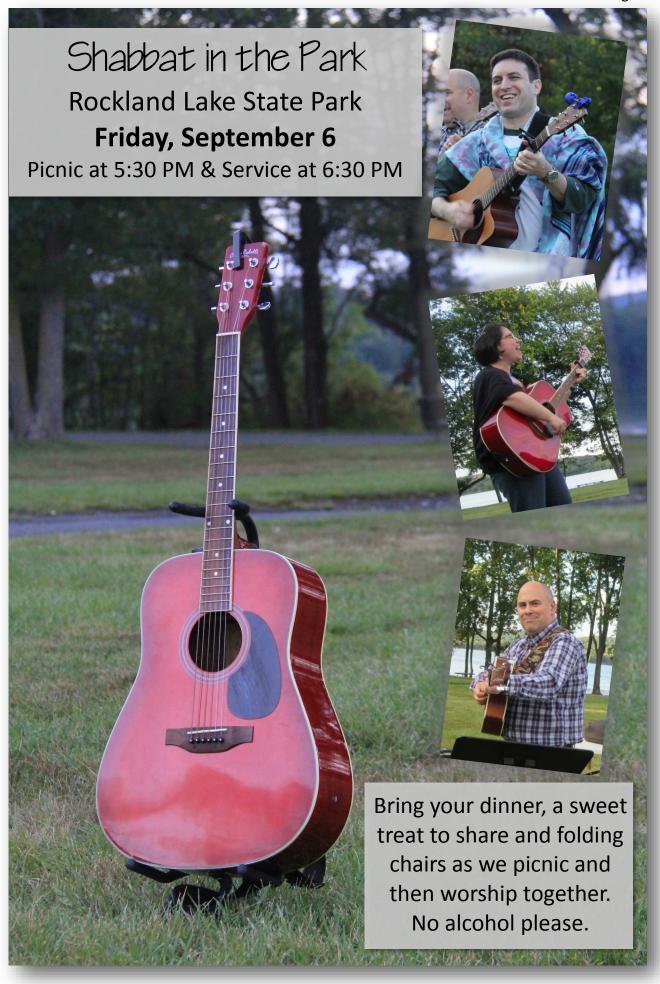
UPCOMING MEETING DATES: August 20 at 10 AM; Sept 10 at 10 AM

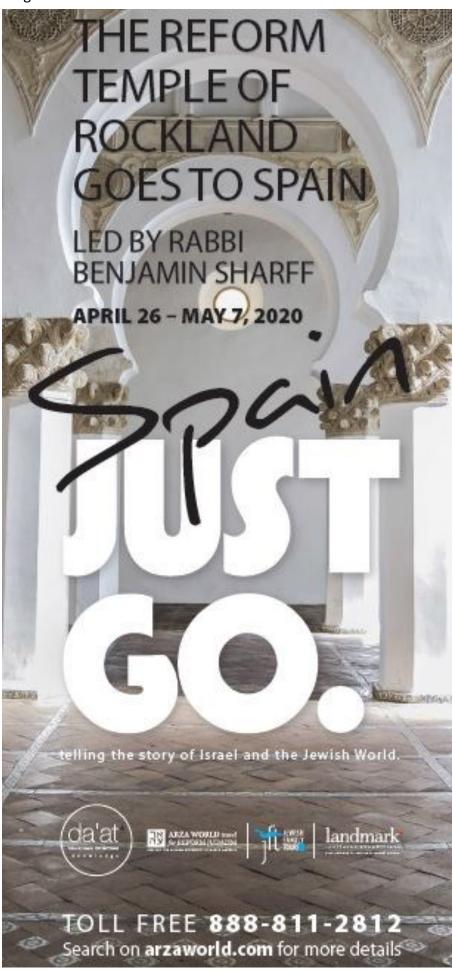
If you know of a temple member who is in need of some comfort, please do not hesitate to let us know so we can provide one of our handmade

Mi Shebeirach bears or comfort shawls.

Contact: Helayne Pfeffer at 845-429-2939.

All names will be kept confidential.





DAY ONE: APRIL 26

Travel Day

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

Madri: Prado, Palacio Real, Tapas bars, *Your choice of:* Barrio Salamanca, El Retiro Prak, 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. 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** 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

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.



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.

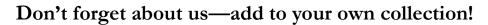
Thank you, Larry Beck & Susan Silver!





Come Visit The RTR WRJ/Sisterhood JUDAICA SHOP

For <u>ALL</u> your High Holy Day Needs



Select from an assortment of jewelry, apple and honey items, shofars and more!



Bring a host gift they'll use!

We have picture frames, salad bowls, serving platters, and a tremendous assortment of Michael Aram!



Make your appointments now!

Email JudaicaShop@RTRny.org or call: Lisa Jay at 914-572-0200 Irene Kopelman at 845-304-5673 Helayne Pfeffer at 845-429-2939 Renee Kratter at 845-357-6715



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.





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

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

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)

Deadline: 3:00 PM Tuesday

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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