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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.

SERVICES

Friday Erev Shabbat 7:30 PM

Friday Erev Family Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday Taste of Torah 9:00 AM

Saturday Morning Shabbat 10:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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JUDAISM**

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Youth Group Annual Blood Drive
Men's Club Bagel Breakfast
WRJ/Sisterhood Bake Sale
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FROM THE RABBI

February is a month dedicated to a number of causes. It is African American History Month, American Heart Month, LGBTQ History month in the

United Kingdom, and national bird feeding month, which was created in the 1990s to encourage the feeding of wild birds and bird watching. As it so happens, February is also Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.

As the URJ states, “For more than 10 years, Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) has focused on awareness and inclusion. Every February, Jewish communities worldwide join to advocate for inclusion of people with disabilities and mental health conditions to be active participants in Jewish life.

But inclusion is a term that is interpreted along a spectrum. To some, it means that any program or service for people is inclusive. Others go well beyond programs and services to encourage and support people with disabilities, mental health conditions, and those who love them, so that they participate in Jewish life as they wish. And there are many variations of “inclusion” in between.

The truth is, people with disabilities and mental health conditions just want what everyone else wants: to belong!”

With this in mind, our Caring and Inclusion Committee invites you to join us for our annual Inclusion Shabbat on Friday, February 28 at 7:30 PM. There we are scheduled to welcome Esther Schulman, Philanthropy Manager of The Arc Rockland.

For those of you who may not be familiar, the Arc was, “founded by a small group of dedicated parents in 1954 as the first non-profit organization of its kind in Rockland County. Today, The Arc Rockland provides supports and services to more than 1,200 children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.”

One of the calls at the URJ Biennial Convention in Chicago this past December was to widen our tent. We at RTR are proud to be a welcoming and inclusive community and congregation, and we look forward to learning more about how we can be allies and partners in this important endeavor. If you can, please do join us at our Inclusion Shabbat.

As a reminder from last month’s column, the World Zionist Elections are now open. They opened on January 21 and run through March 11. You can go to [ARZA.org](https://arza.org) to register and to get more information about this vital election to help support Progressive Jewish communities in Israel.

B’Shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff
RabbiSharff@RTRny.org

<https://urj.org/blog/2019/01/21/say-hello-new-jewish-disability-awareness-acceptance-and-inclusion-month>

<https://www.arcofrockland.org/who-we-are/>

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

EDUCATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Honoring Our Past...Educating Our Future

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

Our 3-year Education Campaign continues 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, 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 a 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 donors who have made commitments or donations in honor of our children's future:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am hoping you are still living up to your New Year's resolutions as you read my February article, and your year has started on a positive note.

As we begin this month, we look forward to the celebration of Presidents' Day on February 17, a federal holiday and three day weekend in many workplaces. The origin of this holiday was to celebrate the birth-days of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Over time this celebration has been expanded to thank all persons elected to serve our country as president.

This month I would like to celebrate the continuing involvement of the past presidents of our legacy congregations, Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Torah. The leadership of these people continue to have a material impact on our Reform Temple of Rockland now that we have been together for almost 4 years.

Our Executive Board and Board of Trustees include 4 former presidents who served terms of office. Cathy Klein from TBE and David Firstenberg, Barry Schoenberg, and Eva Steen from TBT. Their presidencies covered many decades beginning with the 1980s onward. More than half a dozen other former presidents serve as committee chairpersons or play active roles on RTR committees. We cannot rely on these people alone to carry RTR forward. Our success needs and depends on you! These men and women might have had the visions, but now it's up to you to help us make them a reality. Join a committee, come to an event, support a fundraiser, and participate in programs. Please contact me

or any Board of Trustee member to learn more about RTR and how you can get involved.

Membership on the Board of Trustees (BoT) is often seen as the stepping-stone to leadership, and potentially the position of President. To that end, no less than 10 current members of the BoT serve as "Committee Chairpersons," from Buildings and Grounds, Caring and Inclusion Initiative, Finance, Fundraising, Marketing, Men's Club, Religious School, and Women of Reform Judaism.

What is the message I want to share and leave with you? The success of the Reform Temple of Rockland is built on the participation of each member family, parents, children and grandparents. Become active in *your temple*. *Support our mission!*

I am very proud to be among this group of dedicated people. When my term as president is completed, I too will stay involved and an active member of RTR. I hope and plan on seeing RTR grow, flourish and become *the reform temple in Rockland County*.

As you read in Rabbi's January article, the World Zionist Congress will be holding an election from January 21- March 11, 2020. It will be very easy for you to participate in this election and show your support for Israel. "All voting will be completed online and will be accessible from mobile devices. It is a simple process and will take only a few minutes." We will pass the information on to you as it becomes available to us. Know that your vote counts!

B'Shalom,

Adrian Modansky, President
President@RTRny.org

Bring The Gang & Join Us For The RTR
Children's Purim Spiel, Megillah Reading & Carnival

SCOOBY-DOO!

NEW GAMES!

NEW MENU!

MORE FUN!



ZOINKS!



Bring a box, use it as your grogger, and we'll donate it to a food pantry.

BOUNCE HOUSE!

PLUS, 2nd bounce house just for the little ones!

Games for pre-k to 6th Grade

Sunday MARCH 8th 9:00am

\$20 per person unlimited band OR \$50 for three wristbands OR pay as you go!

Please don't forget money for food (now serving new breakfast items) and for the Tzedakah (Charity) Mall. For more info call Susan at 845.358.2248 or email susan@RTRny.org.

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FROM BRAD ZICHOLTZ, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

February is the shortest month but one of the busiest! We have some wonderful programs to warm up your winter doldrums.

February 7 - We have our **2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade Shabbat Dinner and Service**. Our students will help lead the service and share their own thoughts and artwork. Immediately following the service, our teens will embark on the **Midnight Run**. We will travel down to specific locations in NYC to deliver food, clothing, toiletries, and conversation to the homeless. At the Oneg, families can help prepare meals to be brought with our teens.

We need your help to collect donations for the Midnight Run:

- **Warm coats.** Large and extra-large sizes, as even small men and women like to layer. Dark colors preferred.
- **Durable pants.** Large sizes preferred. Sort into waist sizes between 32 and 48, with inseam sizes marked. Blue jeans preferred over khakis. Mostly men's sizes.
- **Socks.** Tube socks, White or dark.
- **Underpants.** Sizes 32 through 46. Women's briefs as well - NEW ONLY
- **Sweaters, sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts.** Large and extra-large. Dark colors preferred. Hooded sweatshirts are especially popular.
- **T-shirts.** Medium through extra- large. Any color.
- **Gloves.** Ski gloves or knit gloves. Dark colors.
- **Hats.** Knit and warm for winter.
- **Shoes.** Sizes 9 through 14. Lightly worn sneakers, soft-soled shoes, and work boots.
- **Long underwear.** Large sizes. Any color.
- **Belts.** Sizes 32 to 46.

February 9 - After Religious School, we have **Lil' ReTRo Gaga-Palooza** for students and families. Gaga is an awesome sport sweeping through camps and schools (*The legend is that it originated in Israel and spread through Jewish American sleep away camps*). This is a chance for families to come together to laugh and have fun. \$5 per person includes lunch.

March 1 - Mezuzah Day in our Religious School. Through a generous donation from the Waldorf family, we will be dedicating and hanging beautiful new mezuzot on all our classrooms. Students will also have a chance to make their own mezuzah to take home.

Adult Education in March

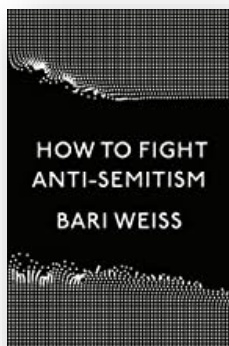
March 5 - Rabbi Sharff will lead a discussion about NY Times writer and editor Bari Weiss' important book *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*. It is an urgent wake-up call to all Americans exposing the alarming rise of antisemitism in this country—and explains what we can do to defeat it. 7:00 PM.

March 15 - Come hear **guest speaker Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman** who runs the organization *Sinai and Synapses*, which bridges the religious and scientific worlds, offering people a worldview that is scientifically grounded and spiritually uplifting. He will discuss how science and Judaism are not in conflict but are symbiotic. 10:00 AM.

L'shalom,

Brad Zicholtz
Director of Congregational Learning
Brad@RTRny.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Adult Ed:
Book Discussion
How To Fight
Anti -Semitism
 by Bari Weiss
Thurs, Mar 5 at 7 PM

Discussion will be led by
Rabbi Benjamin Sharff

This book will discuss the “alarming rise of antisemitism in and around Europe,” and will propose ways to address the problem. Read the book and join the discussion.



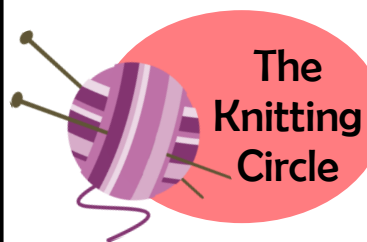
February 27
7:00 PM

Rosh Chodesh is a monthly celebration of the new moon, traditionally observed by Jewish women. At RTR, we observe with candlelight, music, some study, and meditation. It is a beautiful and meaningful way to take some time just for you, to reconnect and renew. ALL women are welcome. Please come and join us as we celebrate the upcoming month Adar. Feel free to bring a friend! Please RSVP to the RTR Office with the name(s) and number attending.



Sunday, Feb 9
9:00 AM

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their “little ones” to our free monthly preschool program. Through interactive play, crafts and music children will learn the basics of Judaism. This month we’ll learn about **Tu B’Shevat**. Contact Brad at Brad@RTRny.org for more information.



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:

Feb 18 at 10 AM, Mar 10 at 7 PM

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.

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:
February 7, March 20, April 17



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: FEB 13, MAR 12



Annual Car Club
Dinner with
spouses at
La Terrazza





Lil' ReTRO Gaga Palooza **Sun, Feb 9**

11:30-12:30 PM

\$5 per person includes lunch

Does your kid go gaga for Gaga? Lil' ReTRO is having Gaga Palooza on February 9. Kids and parents will team up and play against each other. Come join us!



Adult Ed **Presents:** **Guest Speaker** **Rabbi Geoff** **Mitelman**

Mar 15 at 10 AM

Has Science Replaced God?

For centuries, religion provided answers for our ancestors to all of life's questions. But as modern Jews, we usually look to science to tell us where we came from, who we are, or even how we should act. So how should we look at, think about and talk about the relationship between science and religion in today's world?

Did you know....

Our Chesed Committee celebrates congregants' milestone birthdays and anniversaries by sending floral arrangements! We also offer a meal to congregant families during their period of shiva.

We are blessed to have many congregants who enjoy great longevity, and we honor them as members and friends! And we strive to provide a bit of comfort to our congregants who are in mourning. We are truly a congregational family. Donations to the Chesed Fund are greatly appreciated to help with this work!

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.**

INCLUSION SHABBAT at RTR

In Celebration of
Jewish Disabilities Awareness & Inclusion Month
Friday, February 28, 2020, 7:30pm



Esther Schulman, Philanthropy Manager of The Arc Rockland Guest Speaker at Shabbat Services

Esther will share with us stories highlighting the importance of including people with disabilities in the Jewish community and beyond.

The Arc Rockland has been providing lifelong services to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities for the past 66 years.



For more information call 845.358.2248 • 330 North Highland Ave. (9W) • Upper Nyack, New York 10960

YOUTH GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

We hope everyone has been enjoying 2020 so far!! We still have wonderful events coming up. E-mailings for all events (including new/updated events!) are going out often! Make sure to check your email. If you know anyone interested in joining in please have them email us at the addresses below. We encourage all of you to sign your son/daughter up for these wonderful experiences and opportunities to meet lifelong friends.

Lil' ReTRO Upcoming events for Lil' ReTRO are:

Sunday, March 8 – RTR's Purim Carnival

Sunday, April 5 – Chocolate Seder



ReTweens Upcoming events for ReTweens are:

Friday-Sunday, January 31-February 2 – Eisner retreat!

Sunday, February 2 – Blood Drive – 8th graders join ReTRO helping at Blood Drive

Friday, February 7 – Family Service/Midnight Run prep

Sunday, March 8 – RTR's Purim Carnival – 7th/8th graders help run games for our children (Community Service hours!)

Sunday, March 15 – ReTweens/ReTRO event – TBD! Open to suggestions!

ReTRO (grades 9-12) Upcoming events for ReTRO are:

Sunday, February 2 – Blood Drive – volunteers needed to help - appointments available or walk in! Anyone over 16 years old can donate! Give the gift of life!

Friday, February 7 – Family Service/Midnight Run

Saturday, February 22 – NFTY-GER UMC Auction – Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, NJ

Sunday, March 8 – Purim Carnival – help run games for our children (Community Service hours!)

Sunday, March 15 – ReTweens/ReTRO event – TBD! Open to suggestions!

If you have any questions about our Youth Groups please contact:

3rd -5th grades - Robin Condoluci at rtrlilretro@gmail.com/845-638-2655

6th-8th and/or 9th-12th grades - Elise Lehrman at leesee54@gmail.com/914-715-9845

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





RTR's Annual Youth Group Super Bowl Sunday **BLOOD DRIVE!**

Sunday, February 2, 2020

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

In the Social Hall

For more info or to sign-up, contact Elise Lehrman at 914-715-9845 or leese54@gmail.com

New donors NEEDED...Walk-ins welcome!

You must be at least 16 years old to donate.

Donors age 76 or over may donate with a note from their physician.

16 year old donors require parental permission on New York Blood Center form.

You must weigh at least 110 pounds

(additional height/weight requirements apply to donors under the age of 19).

Please eat and drink well, and bring identification with photo or signature.

NYBC donor I.D. preferred

Medical Eligibility Questions? Please call (800) 688-0900.

**Men's Club Super Bowl Breakfast & WRJ/Sisterhood's Bake Sale
BOTH at 9:30 AM**

The Men's Club will celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a *Super Bowl* Breakfast. All are welcome to participate. WRJ/Sisterhood will hold a Bake Sale in the Oy Vey Café. If you'd like to donate a nut-free treat to sell, please contact Jodi Gischner at jodigischner@gmail.com.



MEN'S CLUB

Sunday, February 2, is the Youth Group's Annual Blood Drive. I encourage everyone who can give blood to come out to support this event. Men's Club supports all our Youth efforts and this blood drive is just another way we roll up our sleeves and support them. We will be providing a bagel with a shmeer and a coffee.

Don't forget to stop by at the Men's Club table to buy your box for the Super Bowl Game; they are \$20 a box. You could be a big winner, and put some excitement into watching the game.

Coming up soon is that fun filled holiday for kids of all ages PURIM. Your Men's Club runs the always fabulous Purim carnival and this year will be no exception. From our bounce houses, to face painting, to sand art and games of all sorts, it takes place Sunday right after the Religious School's Purim Spiel.

Mark your calendar now for the Men's Club Comedy Night on Saturday, May 9, it's always a fun evening. More information to follow on the event.

David Firstenberg

Men's Club President

DavidFirstenberg@gmail.com



Men's Club event at West Point.
Army vs. Air Force. Army won!



I Don't Drive at Night, So I Can't Come

Many people bemoan the fact that winter means they cannot say kaddish for a loved one or feel present for worship with the community because it gets dark so early. We have a weekly Saturday morning service that is perfect for those who cannot or will not drive at night. The service is casual, warm, and low key. The music is accompanied by guitar. The group has some regulars, but some who have never been before as well. You do not need to feel like you know the tunes or the prayers, to join in. All are welcome, and we have consistency with melodies, so if you don't know them at first, you soon will. One congregant said, "The intimate and musically-filled gathering allows me to transition from the hectic work week into Shabbat and the weekend. "

Saturday morning services take place downstairs in the multipurpose room at 10:30 AM, unless there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Come to the lower entrance and ring the after-hours bell if nobody is by the door. Do not worry about interrupting the service by ringing the bell.

The Saturday morning service is a great way to meet new people, and to fill your spiritual cup. Of course, if you want more, we also have a really fun and engaging Torah study at 9:15 with breakfast and lively discussion, but you do not need to come to Torah study to come to the service.

We also stream our Friday night services every week at <http://www.rtrny.org/live>. Don't let your eyesight keep you from your Temple community. We are here for you on the brightest days, as well as the dark winter nights. We hope to see you soon!

Cantor Sally Neff

Testimonial by Michael Rutter, Co-Chair of Membership

A shining, priceless, gem of spiritual experience is how I would describe Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at RTR. Led by Cantor Neff and Rabbi Sharff on alternating weeks, the service is a most joyful, enriching way to spend a Shabbat morning. Most of the service is sung, featuring some beautifully soulful melodies penned by Cantor Neff.

The Cantor's magnificent voice, and the Rabbi's virtuoso guitar playing, highlight the service experience, creating a state changing experience that making great music in a group provides. The spirit is heartfelt, and the joy is abundant. I love singing with the clergy and fellow worshippers.

The service is held in the easily accessible ground floor general purpose room which enjoys lots of windows and warming sunlight on good weather days. Dress is informal with most of us wearing jeans. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming. Newcomers are always welcomed and helped to acclimate by regular worshippers. Don't worry if you don't know all the liturgy. Large transliteration service binders offer invaluable assistance.

Congregant Seth Schlanger provides beautiful Torah messaging that never fails to illuminate and enlighten. I always leave the service feeling better than when I came. For me it makes Shabbat, well Shabbat! I strongly recommend that you attend a Saturday morning service at least once. I don't think you'll forget it, or regret it.

A celebration of Jewish Music on Broadway

JEWsICAL

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Doors Open: 7:00 PM - Concert: 7:30pm

Tickets: \$36 per person

Special Sponsor Package: \$118

(Includes two reserved center seats)

Special Benefactor Package: \$360

(Includes two reserved center seats, two drink vouchers & your own parking spot)

Featuring Performances By:

Cantor Sally Neff
Cantor David Perper
Cantor Faith Steinsnyder
Cantor Hayley Poserow
Cantor Tracey Scher

Cantor Chanin Rosen
Cantor Randall Schloss
Cantor David Rosen
Cantor Anna Zhar
Cantor Erica Rubin



\$5.00 Cash Wine Bar








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For more information or to reserve your tickets email
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February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6 Shevat Parashat Bo 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
2 7 Shevat Superbowl Sunday 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Annual Blood Drive w/ Men's Club Breakfast and WRJ Bake Sale 10:00a Adult Hebrew 10:30a Adult B. Mitzvah	3 8 Shevat	4 9 Shevat 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy 7:30p Religious School Comm.	5 10 Shevat 6:30p AA 7:30p Purim Rehearsal 8:00p PFLAG	6 11 Shevat 10:30a Torah Topics	7 12 Shevat 6:30p Erev Shabbat Family Service: Shabbat Shira & Grade Service (2-4) 9:00p Midnight Run	8 13 Shevat Parashat Beshalach 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
9 14 Shevat Erev Tu B'Shevat 9:00a Religious School 9:00a K'tanim: Tu B'Shevat 10:00a Adult Hebrew 11:30a Jr. Choir	10 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat 	11 16 Shevat 4:45p Religious School 6:00p Academy 7:15p Membership & Marketing Comm. 7:30p Social Action Comm.	12 17 Shevat 6:30p AA 7:30p Exec. Comm. 7:30p Purim Rehearsal	13 18 Shevat 10:30a Torah Topics 7:30p Car Club 7:30p WRJ/Sisterhood Mtg	14 19 Shevat Valentine's Day 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service 	15 20 Shevat Parashat Yitro 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
16 21 Shevat NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	17 22 Shevat President's Day OFFICE CLOSED 	18 23 Shevat NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00a Knitting Circle	19 24 Shevat 6:30p AA 6:30p CANDLE 7:00p TransParents 7:30p Purim Rehearsal	20 25 Shevat 10:30a Torah Topics	21 26 Shevat 7:30p Erev Shabbat Service	22 27 Shevat Parashat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim 9:00a Taste of Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service
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For the most up-to-date event information, please visit our online calendar at www.RTRny.org.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary

Day	Names (up to age 25)
1	Tillie Schwartz
4	Jonathan Hunn
7	Jacob Kahn
11	Connor Marvin
14	Hudson Stone
14	Reed Stone
16	Taylor Haber
19	Scarlett Ives
19	Juliet Megdal
20	Zachary Jacobs
25	Jake Levin

Those with February birthdays are invited to join us on February 7 to receive a birthday blessing and get a sweet treat!

Day	Names	Years
3	Jay & Marcia Lurch	46
8	Mark & Ellen Warner	51
8	Bruce & Mavis Weintraub	56
17	Benjamin & Jane Shavitz	46
18	Simon & Stefany Bergson	38

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



Mazel Tov to **Lillian Spier** on celebrating her 100th Birthday!

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to The Golar Family, long time congregant, **Alice Golar** died on Jan 3.
Our deepest sympathies to **Renate Clynes** and her family on the death of her ex-husband, Dr. Manfred Clynes.

JOIN US FOR RTR'S ANNUAL PURIM SPIEL & MEGILLAH READING

The Reform Temple of Rockland Presents

GUYS AND DOLLS

MONDAY - MARCH 9TH

6:30 - 7:30 COCKTAIL HOUR

7:30 MEGILLAH READING AND SPIEL

BRING A BOX OF MAC & CHEESE, USE IT AS YOUR
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FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL SUSAN@RTRNY.ORG
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The Mitzvot of Membership

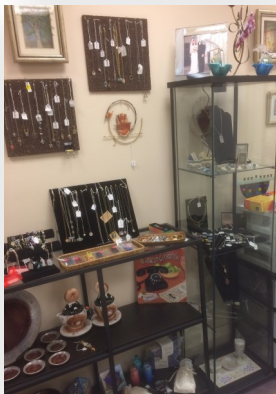


More About Us...

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

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

We are a caring community that strives to put our Jewish ideals into action. As we learn and serve, we share friendship, fun and prayers and gain a sense of belonging. **Please join us for a wonderful year!**



What is WRJ?

A Sampling of What We Do...

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please mail to:

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

Please Select Membership Level:

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

We offer different levels of membership. Members who enroll at either the Chai or Golden Chai levels will receive free raffle tickets at events, and the gratification in knowing that you have given our WRJ an 'extra boost.'

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

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

Anne Jacobs at (845) 735-3161 or jbareader@aol.com, OR

Jorie Sear at (845) 634-3060 or jsear1@verizon.net

WRJ/SISTERHOOD



We are less than halfway through 5780 and still at the beginning of 2020. Keep your calendars at the ready!

We started off the year with a

successful event with Adult Education. We co-sponsored a BYO Dinner and Book Discussion of *Button Man* by Andrew Gross on January 7. The conversations included a lively examination of the story, its connection to the author's life, and to the lives of our fellow congregants. After all, many of our congregants hail from greater New York, and their families were around during the time of the novel. Some interesting stories were shared along with our always valued opinions. If you did not get to read, or hear, the book – you might add it to your list. Also, look for more WRJ/Adult Ed events in the future.

The January chocolate event was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Fear not all you chocolate lovers! This event has been rescheduled for April 20. If you weren't able to join us for the original date, maybe your schedule will allow you to join us in April. Please contact Sally Marvin for more details at sallymarv678@icloud.com.

February is now here and the plans are in the works for many activities. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, we will be holding our Bake Sale. The selections offered will be mostly homemade and all will be nut free. Come, visit, schmooze for a little bit, and take home some goodies for while you are watching the game – or for half time.

Our Knitting Circle, run by Helayne Pfeffer, will be

meeting at 10 AM on February 18. Bring your knitting or crocheting and enjoy a morning of shared projects, and have your questions answered and spend relaxing time with some of your sisters.

The notices for RTR Mishloach Manot recently went out. Sisterhood spearheads this effort, with many helpers behind the scenes. If you wish to help, please contact Jodi Gischner at jodigischner@gmail.com. This temple fundraiser goes out to the entire congregation and lets us send greetings with goodies in a timely fashion at a time when we fulfill a mitzvah by hearing the reading of the Megillah of Esther and seeing the wonderful send-up by our temple players.

Rehearsals for the Purim Spiel *Guys and Dolls* has now started. If you wish to be part of the production on March 9, please contact the office for more details. Whether you take a role in the production or work with staging logistics, etc., your volunteering will be appreciated. A great time is always had by all who attend!

As long as you are pulling up your calendars to fill in the dates – please add March 29 for the Women's Seder. This annual event had its first planning meeting in January and plans will continue to be firmed up until the event on March 29. Whether you help write, cook, set up, decorate, clean up, or just come to be in the celebration – we want you to join us. Audacious Hospitality at its finest! Look for the flyer with more information.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of the future events.

Jill Tanney

WRJ/Sisterhood President

jillscout@aol.com

Save the Date for the 2020 Women's Seder on March 29

Why is this Seder different from all other Seders?

Because this Seder is for YOU! No planning, shopping, cooking, or hosting! It's a time to just "be" and be prepared for what can be a more spiritual journey just ten days later. Perhaps these two quotes by participants will give you a taste of what has come to be a special event.

"I can take in the beauty and the spirituality; enjoy the music and the food. Hearing our story told in the voices of women feeds my soul and it has helped me to enjoy feeding others at my Seder—and not just with food..."

"It's a place of sweet respite where we cry and laugh, dance and gather and return to year after year."

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer for RTR...



Be a Yahrzeit Caller

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.



Join Our Caring Team

There are members within our congregational family who could use an occasional friendly phone call or a visit. Do a *mitzvah* and join this group of other able and compassionate members who can show that we care for each other! To volunteer, email Eva Steen at Chesed@RTRny.org.

Volunteer in Our Community...



The Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed monthly to help bag and distribute groceries to local families who need assistance. The shift starts at 8:45 AM and ends before noon.

Upcoming Dates are:

Feb 16, March 15

RTR Volunteer Day: April 5

Rockland Warming Center

You can help Rockland homeless by volunteering only a few hours of your time. It's never been easier! All you need to do is bring some store bought desserts, serve dinner and have fun. The Warming Center is staffed by a manager and security personnel. Meals are provided by a local caterer. Volunteer time is 6:00-9:00 PM. **UPCOMING DATES ARE FULL!** More dates coming for the next year.

Some words from Trustee, Barbara Wilen, who oversees coordinating our volunteers to feed the homeless at the Rockland Warming Center. She says:

Thank you to all our congregants who have helped and continue to help our county's most vulnerable people. There has been such a positive response that our volunteer slots are now filled for the rest of the season! Next year we will be increasing our opportunities to volunteer. I encourage you to continue to give of your time. There are many other volunteer opportunities within our RTR community and in our larger Rockland community. We have a need for Yahrzeit Callers, help on the Caring Team and assistance at The Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry. Please reach out to a board member if you are looking for opportunities to help. Thank you!!

Give To Our Ongoing Collections...



Items for Women of Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Social Action will 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.



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.**



Kosher Barley

Rockland Jewish Family Service works to alleviate hunger (one in six people go hungry) 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 over 200 (Kosher and non-Kosher) families in our community. **RTR is collecting bags of barley for this cause.** 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 when we don't meet our monthly quota.

DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS (Jan 11—Feb 10, 2020)

Adult & Family Education Fund

in memory of

Rita Malat from Clifford & Sima Malat

Alvin Kravat from Matthew & Felice Burgay

Building Fund Donations

in memory of

Irving Grossman from Jeff & Fran Grossman

Benjamin Lassman from Jeff & Fran Grossman

Rachel Lassman from Jeff & Fran Grossman

Sam Evans from Murray & Linda Evans

Cantor George Weinflash Music Fund

in memory of

Jay Antelman from Douglas Antelman

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Elaine & Steven Geller's 50th Anniversary from Sheryl Santi

Shelly & Stu Linder's 47th Anniversary from Sheryl Santi

in memory of

Mark Wilen from Howard & Barbara Wilen

Judith A. Solomon from James & Marcia Simon

Krayna Greenberg from Martin & Vanessa Greenberg

Simon Gould from Paul & Ellen Gould

Education Campaign

in memory of

Joan Schwartz from Henry Schwartz

Alice Golar from Stewart & Suzanne Bader

Family in Crisis Fund

in honor of

the engagement of Sue & Ira Emanuel's, son Josh to Shari Baitcher from Stewart & Suzanne Bader

in memory of

Father in-law from Mr. Harold & Mrs. Irene Topper

Abraham Salit from Warren & Susan Waxman

Karen Ami Social Action Fund

James & Marcia Simon

in honor of

Lillian Spier on her 100th birthday from Samuel & Elaine Simon

Thank you!

HIGH HOLIDAY ANNUAL APPEAL

(Jan 11 –Feb 10, 2020)

Anonymous

Alvin & Jane Aronoff

Phillip & Patricia Beutel

David & Laurie Firstenberg

Howard & Gail Golden

Phillip & Diane Gottfried

Len Gross & Libby Tulin

Anne Jacobs

Norman Klinger

Joel & Marci Koral

Stuart & Renee Kratter

Alexis Kriedman

Beryl Meyer

Myron & Nina Lazar

James & Micki Leader

Sean & Susan Levin

Warren & Jane Livingston

Beryl Meyer

Evan & Jeri Newman

Jeff & Helayne Pfeffer

Lawrence & Amy Rapoport

Joel & Shelia Rosenberg

Jeffrey & Sharon Rubin

Elliot & Diane Sachs

Leon & Beatrice Schindel

Jason & Hilary Schwartz

Rabbi Benjamin & Joy Sharff

Benjamin & Jane Shavitz

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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Karen Ami Social Action Fund (continued...)

in memory of

Walter Dreyfus Jr. from Lee & Anne Ostroff

Isadore Ostroff from Lee & Anne Ostroff

Arnold Wolf from Lee & Anne Ostroff

Minnie Bader and Fannie Chait from Stewart & Suzanne Bader

Dorothy Hans from William & Estelle Hans

Operating Fund

Anonymous

Eric & Jennifer Rotbard

in honor of

Irving Stillman from David & Arlene Hulnick

Alvin & Jane Aronoff from Stuart & Sally Marvin

in memory of

Ruth Bagun from Alan & Valerie Bagun

Frank Hulnick from David & Arlene Hulnick

Jerry Schulman from David & Libbi Rosenblum

Marshall Schulman from David & Libbi Rosenblum

Philip Knopf from Lester & Seema Bader

Abe Nudelman from Norman & Carole Nudelman

Dorothy Nudelman from Norman & Carole Nudelman

Ruth Pollack from Rita Katz

Vivian & Arthur Davis and John Santi from Sheryl Santi

Reitha Rutter, mother of Michael Rutter from Stephen & Kathleen Iger

Reitha Rutter from Stephen & Sharon Hittman



Phyllis & Morton Simon Prayer Book Fund

in memory of

Nathan Miller from Tina Miller

Rabbi Louis Frishman Youth Endowment Fund

in memory of

mother, Sarah Hulnick and brother, Gerald Hulnick from David & Arlene Hulnick

Leon & Bernice Gottlieb, Kasper & Anne Finkel, Ben Schulick and Ellen Tatarka from Marty & Norma Gottlieb

Dora Posner from Marvin & Irma Meyeroff

Terry Weiner from Samuel & Barbara Spector

Max Fialkoff from Iris Fialkoff

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Anonymous

Anonymous

Emily Sharff's Bat Mitzvah from David & Libbi Rosenblum

Emily Sharff's Bat Mitzvah from Lillian Spier

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (*continued...*)*in honor of*

Emily Sharff's Bat Mitzvah from Morton & Marlene Stoll
 the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Sharff from Jeffrey & Robin Lubatkin
 Emily Sharff becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Norman & Carole Nudelman
 Emily Sharff's Bat Mitzvah from Richard & Catherine Rothbard
 Rabbi Benjamin Sharff and Cantor Sally Neff from Winston & Olga Sukhnanand

in memory of

Robert Kushell from Alvin & Jane Aronoff
 Evelyn Rubin from Barbara Gass
 Celia Warmbrand from Estelle Trachtenberg
 Mark Wilen from Howard & Barbara Wilen
 Charles Dalfen from Howard & Gail Golden
 Benjamin Greenberg from Larry & Judith Greenberg
 Rebecca Levine from Ethel Levine
 Fred Levine from Ethel Levine
 Frances Feingold and Bessie Gottfried from Philip & Diane Gottfried



BRIT OLAM: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Rockland County was one of six regional discussions that took place around the state with RAC-NY (Religious Action Center) staff. Our Brit Olam Committee attended this discussion to consider one of three bills for RAC-NY's 2020 legislative campaign. Last year, if you recall, the campaign was NY Green Light Law that allows New Yorkers to apply for a driver's license with other documentation such as foreign passports. This law went into effect the end of last year.

This year there were **three bills** under consideration for RAC-NY's 2020 legislative campaign:

1. **Halt Solitary Confinement Act**, which would limit solitary confinement to 15 consecutive days or 20 days in a 60 day period and ban vulnerable populations from solitary confinement.
2. **Protect Our Courts Act**, which would expand on legislation that bars ICE from entering NY State court-houses unless they have a particular warrant. This bill will extend this protection to county courts, prevent ICE arrests on the way in and put of court, and protect family members.
3. **Solutions Not Suspensions Act**, which would shorten the maximum number of K-12 suspension days from 180 to 20 per year, limit suspension for K-3 to the most serious infractions, and provide academic instruction during suspension.

RAC-NY's **selection process**:

The issues chosen all have Jewish values behind them and have coalition partnership organizations working on them. All are bills that RAC-NY believes have a good chance of passing, and that our lobbying can impact. Ours was one of six regional discussions RAC-NY staff is having around the state to inform membership and assess interest. The single legislative issue was announced on Wednesday January 15, 8:00 pm through a zoom call.

RAC-NY's 2020 legislative campaign is: the Protect Our Courts Act, which ensures that ALL New Yorkers can access our courts without fear of being arrested by ICE.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee or if anyone is particularly interested in this issue and able to spearhead an educational campaign perhaps with an action attached like postcard writing please reach out to Brit Olam Chair, Nancy Bermon at n.bermon@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE: Albany Lobby Day March 16, 2020. More information to follow.
If interested, please reach out to Nancy Bermon.

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?
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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE IN KEEPING OUR MEMBERS APPRISED OF RTR HAPPENINGS!



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