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## Message From Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg

*A man can do only what he can do. But if he does that each day he can sleep at night and do it again the next day."*

**– Albert Schweitzer**

Albert Schweitzer lived before gender neutral language was popular, but his message is for us all. Very often, we use the excuse that we are busy to beg off doing another volunteer activity or to get a break from the ones we've already committed to doing. The Ethics of the Fathers (also a pre-gender-neutral work) teaches that "one may not complete the task (of perfecting the world), but one may not desist from it either."

The work we do to keep CRT the vibrant House of Worship, Study and Gathering that it is, is a difficult and time consuming task. But oh how rewarding it is!

This month we will celebrate our congregation's 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with a Journal Dinner Dance. I hope to see everyone cheering on our honorees, the Kleiners and Pasternaks, as well as all our member/volunteers. You make CRT the lively, friendly, busy place that it is.

Take some time during this month to say thanks to those who labor for the good of our congregation and also to find that task to which you can dedicate yourself.

Do only what you can do, but do it each day!

**Rabbi Judy**

## Presidents Message

Spring is in the air and it's time to get ready for weather that does not include snow or freezing temperatures. It also means there is a lot happening at CRT over the next few months.

To start I hope everyone is having a good Passover. After Passover ends the annual Journal Dinner Dance will be held on April 10th. This year we'll be honoring Diane and Art Kleiner and Deanna and Andy Pasternak for their numerous contributions to CRT. The Journal Committee has been working to make this a great evening and I'm sure we will have a wonderful time. I want to thank them and everyone who sold/contributed ads for this year's Journal. Your efforts make it both a special evening and a great fundraiser for CRT.

After the Journal, the annual UJA Federation Brunch will be held on April 25 at 9:45 AM at Suburban Park JC/Congregation Lev Torah. Our

honorees this year will be Lillian and Norm Karp and it is fitting that we honor a family that has had the impact on CRT that the Karp's have. I hope to see you there.

Buy gift cards.

Our annual goods and services auction will be held on May 15. This is always a fun evening where we eat, bid on items, raise money for the temple and eat again. The Fundraising Committee has been working for months to get ready for this and like the Journal, temple members play a key part by soliciting and contributing items for the auction. I used my super secret executive security clearance and took a look at the list of items they have and it's impressive. Truly there is something for everyone. Don't forget this is an open event so bring friends.

This is actually a good segue, last month I mentioned that we will be starting up the Budget and Nominating committees in order to

get ready for the next fiscal year. The math for the budget is simple. We take in X\$ in dues and have expenses totaling X\$ + Y\$, leaving a shortfall between dues and expenses. This is where fundraising and commitments come into play. Without events like the Journal and the Auction as well as other fundraising events like the dinner at Friday's, hoodie and tee shirt sales, the Ducks game, Perry's religious school snacks and gift cards we would have a problem.

The Fundraising committee along with Men's Club, Sisterhood and Room Rentals make annual commitments to contribute money to the temple. These along with Kol Nidre are how we address the difference between revenue and expenses. It's not a new concept and it's been like this for many many years. Over the years we have worked hard to reduce costs and this will continue into the

been like this for many many years. Over the years we have worked hard to reduce costs and this will continue into the future. The role of fundraising in all its forms will not diminish, it is vital to our ongoing success. Without fundraising dues would be dramatically increased and that is not the path we want to walk down.

The book for the month is The Art of War. Written in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE by the Chinese general Sun Tzu, it's one of those books I return to every few years. It reminds me of the Torah, not in content but that I always find a new nugget of knowledge every time I look at it. And depending on where I am in my life it can influence what I see. It's one of the most influential books on military strategy

ever written and its concepts have found their way into many business management philosophies. For example he wrote (and I'm paraphrasing): "The best battle to win is the one you do not have to fight". I'll expect a 500 word essay from everyone on what that means by next Tuesday.

**Mark**

## **MEN'S CLUB NEWS**.....

Thank you all for performing, setting up, cleaning up, bringing desserts or just showing up for the Men's Club Coffee House on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We had a tremendous turnout and, by all accounts and by all measures, it was a great success.

The Men's Club Shabbat Service, with its theme of the "Many Facets of Israel," is Friday night, April 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a great turnout again from the congregation and participation by as many men's club members as possible.

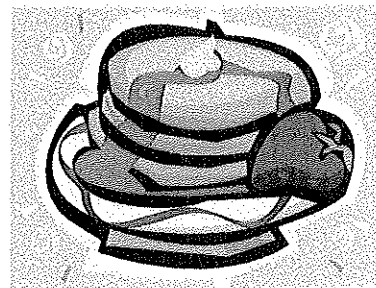
The annual Mother's Day Breakfast ("not just pancakes anymore") is on – you know. We may have something a little extra this year – more on that soon.

Congratulations to long-time Men's Club members Art Kleiner and Andy Pasternak for their well-deserved selection as honorees at this year's Journal Dinner.

Finally, the softball team is practicing and getting ready for opening day, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Two new temple and Men's Club members,

Amos and Louis, are planning to play with us this year.

**Ed Temple**



**Sisterhood News April 2010.....**

Our annual Mystery Dinner on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success. All the food was delicious and surpassed only by sharing the evening with our CRT family and friends. I want to especially thank our hostesses, Debbie Raphael, Jeanie Corn, Sharon Kotcher, Ann Middleman, and Bonnie Siegel, for opening their homes to make this evening possible; and extra thanks to Jeanie and Bonnie for planning and arranging the event. If you missed the dinner this year, put it on your calendar for 2011; it's always a wonderful evening.

It is official, Spring is here! As you begin your spring cleaning, remember the Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your gently used clothing, toys,

shoes, and small household items to the temple anytime after April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you can volunteer to help with set-up or clean-up, please call Susan Praga @ 334-3203. Remember, when you and your family help out at Rummage, you earn credit towards the Donor Dinner.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat planning committee invites all members of the Sisterhood to join us in this special evening scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. There are many ways to participate. For further information please contact Ann Middleman @ 333-7262, or Susan Praga @334-3203.

Our June Donor Dinner is fast approaching, the time and place to be determined. Please bring in all your donor receipts by May 16<sup>th</sup> and place them in the office in the

Donor Box. If you have any questions, please call Paula Sullivan @ 681-4705.

Support Sisterhood while you celebrate a special day. For \$36, we will have a special occasion cake at the oneg following Friday night services to mark a birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, or any simcha. Please call Patty Aronoff @ 414-8150 for more details.

Our next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come down and join us. We welcome your input and ideas. Sisterhood is the heart of the temple.

**Susan Praga,**

334-3203;  
[gubster@optonline.net](mailto:gubster@optonline.net)

**Caring Community Committee Ken Praga.....**

CRT's Caring Community Committee is here to help you. We are Temple members ready to lend a hand to other Temple members. We can provide rides to Temple for those who don't drive, make a meal for someone who is ill or recently home from the hospital, provide simple home repairs like changing light bulbs, or run an occasional errand.

Let us know if you would like to speak with a member of the Caring Community Committee. If you have been ill, injured or hospitalized and would like a phone call, please let Andrea in the temple's office know and we will be happy to give you a call.

If you are in need of our services, please call Ken Praga at 334-3203 or email at [gubster@optonline.net](mailto:gubster@optonline.net).

**Shabbat Service Schedule  
~April 2010~**

<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Sunday, April 4</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Passover &amp; Yizkor Service</b>
<b>Friday, April 9</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Bet Class Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Friday, April 16</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Men's Club Shabbat Service</b>
<b>Saturday, April 17</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Friday, April 23</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Shabbat Services</b>
<b>Saturday, April 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Torah Study</b>
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Shabbat Services</b>

**The Tzedakah Project for the month of April is The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Post 709**

***Flowers and Onegs  
Sisterhood  
Bet Hebrew School Class  
The Men's Club***

***Mi She Berach:*** Helen Diamond, Ifolena Merino, Richard Rosmarin, Judith Waldinger, Mark Sloane, Marvin Levy, Michael Zabe, Monica Engalla, Joseph Strippoli, Leon Kenny, Gregg Mehlman, Jeffrey Cooper, Murry Smith, Adam Vahling, Geri Gerlinger, Robert Croland, Elaine Shane, Susan Stewart, Marijo Mazur, Alan Gertler, Kim Teichman, Bob Dowling, Ariel Sharon, Robert Friedman, Don Massetti, Al Rosenfeld, Pat Aronoff, Jane Touwsma, David Montrose, Dana Wershau, David Weinberg, Lynn Gold, Maureen Brooks, Sean Reiley, Iris Block, Susan Weiner, Camille Gertler, Mildred Peterson, Hayley Moore, Mary Silverstein, Ruth Freeman, Mimi Weitz, Melissa Adler, Betty Brody, Arlene Kunkel, Julyann Goldstein, Judith Bernstein, Lorraine Bonich, Jeremy Katz, Enid Katz, Marjorie Remland, Michael Benson, Kenneth Brody, Nancy Intravaia, Gladys Vassallo, Christine Wagner, June Serra, Allen Sirota, Gus Yustein, Helen Yustein, Janet Oscar, Chad Wolf, Monica Enriquez, Martha Posada, Anita Landis, Judy Baron, Myra Peskowitz, Ruth Kaminstein, David Green

***We are always happy to hear of answered prayers. If you have any changes for our prayer list, please call Rabbi Judy or Andrea at 333-1839***

## Fundraising News.....

I am proud to announce that the LIBSAC (Long Island Board of Synagogue Advice Columns) has rated "Ask Barry" the most popular synagogue advice column on Long Island. The "Ask Bernie" and "Ask Bubala" columns came in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Thank you very much. Here are two of the letters that helped make us # 1.

Dear Barry:

My mother's friend, who owns a Pet Store upstate, has to relocate into a smaller store. With less space in the new store, she will not have enough room for all of her animals. Could she donate some of the smaller critters for your auction on May 15th?

Sincerely,

Pet Donation from Westbury

Dear Pet Donation,

Unfortunately, we cannot use live animals at the auction no matter how small they are (unless of course they have a checking account and have been trained to bid). Even if we could use them, I don't think that our auctioneer would risk being upstaged by a talking parrot. I think that it would also be borderline inappropriate to have a guinea pig at a temple event. However, we will have some great items up for bid including tickets to live events and perhaps a State Fair with larger animals on display.

Dear Barry,

I belong to an organization that exchanges presents in celebrating obscure and non-traditional holidays. I checked your gift card website a few months ago, but I couldn't find the right gift for Ground Hog's Day. Do you have any new stores that you could recommend for some upcoming holidays such as April Fools Day, Earth Day and Flag Day?

Sincerely,

Birdie, the Obscure Gift Giver from Levittown

Dear Birdie, the Obscure,

Regardless of how obscure the holiday is, our gift card program has something ambiguous for you. I have some suggestions that may help you. For April Fools Day, you could buy our Hyundai gift cards to purchase a car for the holiday (only Kidding of course). For Earth Day, you could use our Home Depot cards for all of your spring planting needs. You can buy Macy's gift cards to flag down some awesome holiday sales on June 14th. You can also buy cards for the more traditional holidays such as Passover, Mother's Day, Father's Day as well as graduations etc. No matter what you buy, CRT gets a percentage, so buy, buy birdie.

**The next Fundraising Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 1st (no joke) at Dan Kotcher's House.**

**If you have any questions, please submit them to the temple office or e-mail them directly to me ([barrypelofsky@verizon.net](mailto:barrypelofsky@verizon.net)).**

Check out the updated gift card website ([www.typezdg.com/crt](http://www.typezdg.com/crt)) or link up through the CRT web site.

Just remember when it comes to CRT Gift Certificates...  
We Have Something For Everyone!

**Barry Pelofsky  
Advisory Vice President of Fundraising**

Join the Bet Class for

## SHABBAT DINNER

AND THE SERVICE WHICH THEY WILL LEAD

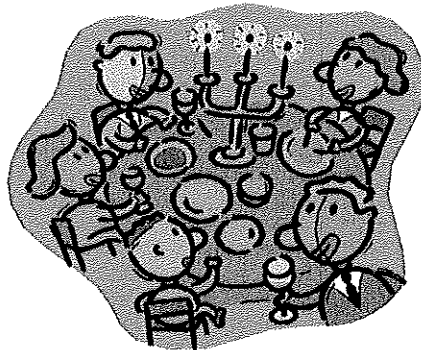
Friday, April 9

Dinner at 6:30; Service at 8:00

Adults \$12; Children under bar/bat mitzvah age \$7

Dairy meal catered by Two Brothers Italian Restaurant

RSVP to Class Parent Caren Sweeney at 997-0592 by  
April 5





**Tell N Kvell--- Your good news is our good news**

*Mazel tov to Maddy & Richard Minkoff on the engagement of their son, Andrew, to Julie Iacono. An August wedding is planned.....*

***Ritual Committee*** .....

We will have a service for the first day of Passover on Tuesday morning, March 30 at 10 AM, and also a service with yizkor on the last night of Passover, Sunday, April 4 at 7:30 PM. Rachel Pasternak will sing at this service. And students in the Religious School will receive credit for attending a festival

service if they come to either of these services.

Other service highlights for April include Family Shabbat on Friday, April 9 at 8 PM led by the bet class (There will be a class dinner, congregation is invited) prior to the service. The school choir will sing at this service; Men's Club service on Friday, April 16.

Singers for April: Jackie Martin on April 2, David Berkowitz on April 23 and Rachel Pasternak on April 30. We hope to see many congregants at all these services.

The Ritual Committee wishes everybody a zissen Pesach!

***Marilyn H. Tahl Religious School News*** .....

We began Spring in Religious School with a "Chocolate Seder" on March 21. All the Passover symbols on the seder plate were different forms of chocolate, including chocolate ice cream drum sticks, chocolate eggs, bitter chocolate representing maror, strawberries dipped in chocolate, and a chocolate paste representing charoset. The haggadah used was developed by the UC Berkeley Hillel. All the children had big smiles on their faces when they came upstairs from the social hall.

Tellerman for setting the tables.

The April Family Shabbat will be on April 9, and will be lead by the bet class. There will be a Class Shabbat dinner at 6:30 PM prior to the service. The children and parents of the class invite the congregation to celebrate with them. Dinner details are included elsewhere in this issue.

April 18 will be a double-barreled "Mitzvah Day." All classes will visit the annual Mitzvah Mall in the Youth Lounge to learn about 5 Long Island based causes. The children will have the opportunity to make donations to them.

Also on this Sunday, Grades K through 2 will participate in the annual Hop-A-Thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy. The children are asked to get family members and friends to make pledges for how many "hops" they expect to make.

Thank you to Daniel Glickman, Jake Praga, Jonathan Goldsmith, and Glenn

On April 11, Grades 3 through 7 will journey to the Lower East Side to visit the Lower East Side Tenement Museum and the newly restored Eldridge Street Synagogue. Prior classes have always returned from this field trip with great enthusiasm about their experience.

We hope that everybody has a wonderful Passover.

***Bob Stein***

**Preschool News** .....

Our week of "Parents As Reading Partners" was a success. We thank all the wonderful readers who helped to make this special event a success. Children love when their parents participate in school. It makes them feel special.

Rabbi Judy started celebrating shabbat with the 2 year class and it's going very well. The children are behaving and enjoy Rabbi Judy's visits. They also like to eat the challah bread!

We had a visit from a dental hygienist who brought a singing/dancing parrot( not real) and a

donkey with giant teeth. She taught us the right way to brush our teeth and what foods are good or not good for our teeth.

We also had a visit from volunteers from the Helen Keller Services. They tested the eyes of the 3 & 4 year olds for amblyopia. Our children thought it was a game and had fun showing which way the " E " lines were pointing.

Bonnie's class has already planted marigolds ( spring is coming) and are working on patterns. They are discovering patterns in numbers, music, nature and art. They're looking for

patterns everywhere in their lives. They're also stressing "differences" in things- looking at the same objects but finding out how they are different. They're creating art projects with different parts.

Both classes are preparing for Passover with the older class having a seder in their classroom. The 2 year olds are celebrating Passover in their morning class with matza and cream cheese, songs and crafts.

**Marcia Levy**



## Community Reform Temple gratefully acknowledges donations to these funds:

### **General Fund**

The Praga Family in loving memory of Selma Praga  
Cheryl & Craig Stern in loving memory of Robert Stern  
Andrea & Jonathan Smith in loving memory of Edith & Joseph Ghidaleson  
Helene & Leonard Kamper in loving memory of Mildred Jacobson  
Frances Trager-Jackson in loving memory of Paul Wolkoff  
Eva Beeber in loving memory of Eleanor Slutsky  
Maxine & Alan Oberwager in loving memory of Vivian Epstein  
Maxine & Alan Oberwager in loving memory of Fay Feifer  
Maureen & Barry Pelofsky  
Ann & Dave Middleman in loving memory of Clem Kleinmann  
Harry Woodrow in loving memory of Mark Levine  
Harry Woodrow in loving memory of Anita Aronson  
Harry Woodrow in loving memory of Lois Woodrow

### **Music Fund**

Barbara & Jeff Schneider in honor of Shelby Parsekian becoming Bat Mitzvah  
Barbara & Jeff Schneider in loving memory of Marvin Litt  
Stephen Elkins in honor of his Bar Mitzvah  
Jo & Richard Moore in honor of Howard Wasserman's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### **Joe Morris Youth Fund**

Jackie & Brian Butensky in loving memory of George Butensky  
Jackie & Brian Butensky in loving memory of Aaron Rijn  
Jackie & Brian Butensky in loving memory of James Nelson

### **Torah Fund**

Sharyn Levine in loving memory of Mark Levine

### **Building Fund**

Stephen Elkins in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

**Donations may be made to the General Fund, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Music Fund, Torah Fund, Adult Education Fund, Decorative Arts Fund, Preschool Fund, Prayer Book Fund, Children's Book Fund, Joe Morris Youth Fund or the College Fund. Please send your donation to the CRT Office or place in the Administration/Andrea mailbox. Thank you!**

### **Condolences.....**

*Mark Natelson upon the loss of his uncle Seymour Levy*

*The Kleinmann Family upon the loss of their father Clem Kleinmann*



# April 2010

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**Yahrzeiten**

***In Loving Memory We Call To Mind Our Dearly Beloved The  
Anniversaries Of Whose Death Are Commemorated On The  
Following Dates:***

**Friday, April 2, 2010**

Fannie Boreth  
Larry Cooper  
Eva K. Gilman\*  
Louis Goldstein\*  
William R. Jacobs\*  
Mildred Jacobson  
Archie Klein\*  
Leon Kraft\*  
Rena Latman\*  
William L. Latman\*  
Lee Litvack\*  
Marie Godfrey Mc Ardell\*  
Joseph Middleman  
Molly Richberg  
Alan Shutz  
Morris Susser\*  
Esther Wolkoff\*

**Friday, April 9, 2010**

Clara Alcalay  
Irving Alcalay  
Anita Aronson\*  
Irving B. Churchack  
Heskija Danon  
John Danon  
Leon Danon  
Maurice Danon  
Zlata Danon  
Anna Erlich\*  
Seymour Feinman  
David Fidelman  
Helen Fidelman  
Annie Grossman  
Steve Holtzman  
Charles Horowitz\*  
David Horowitz\*  
Joel L. Horowitz\*  
Pauline Levine  
Sheldon Menzin\*  
Morris Miller  
Rosi Newburger\*  
Ida Pinsker\*  
Bertha Selen\*  
Harvey Sternschein\*  
Isadore Uretsky\*

**Friday, April 16, 2010**

Morton L. Coren\*  
Gussie Eisen  
Ida Eisenstein\*  
Sidney Glassman\*  
Benjamin Grutman\*  
Barry E. Hanser\*  
Ida Harris\*  
Julius Kantrowitz\*  
Benjamin Koenig\*  
Sylvia Lader\*  
Yetta Oscar\*  
Shirley Rosenberg  
Ray Stein\*  
Ed Weinberger

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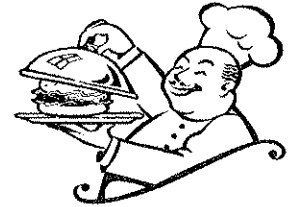
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Hannah DeJong\*  
Pearl Levin  
Ann Lissauer  
Blanche Mermelstein\*  
Sarah Kaplan Novick\*  
Samuel Richter\*  
Victor Ruff\*  
Rose Grossman Segal  
Rita Schifter\*  
Bessie Herscovitch Shugar\*  
Lois Woodrow\*

**Friday, April 30, 2010**

Robert Berman\*  
Dorothy Bretan  
Sydney Grossman  
Fannie Jablon  
Alfred Katz  
Pauline Knecht\*  
Robert Kohn  
Beatrice Lane\*  
Martha L. Lehman\*  
Jeff Mendelson  
Minnie Middleman  
Antonio Thomas Pizzigati\*  
Norman Potvin  
Beverly Rogers  
Yetta Rothenberg\*  
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Max Tulchinsky\*



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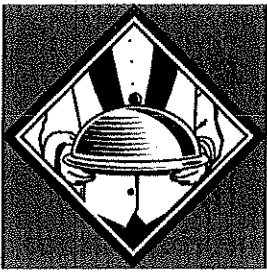


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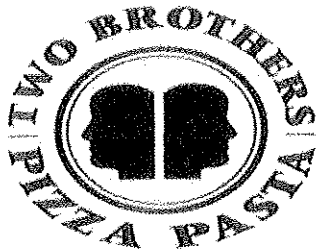
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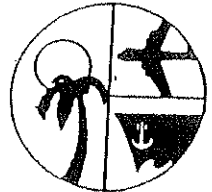
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