

Kol Sholom

The Voice of Peace

January 2012



Temple Rodef Sholom

Established in 1879

From the Rabbi's Desk

2012 and Beyond

The Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial ended in Washington DC about two weeks ago. Unfortunately, neither I nor any of our leaders participated in it. The advantages of new technologies enable us to follow the highlights of the Biennial which were broadcast on the Internet (even now, on www.urj.org/biennial). I followed it in parts and it seems like 2012 is a beginning of a new era for our movement.

I listened carefully to Rabbi Richard Jacobs' speech at the conclusion of the Biennial. Rabbi Jacobs is the incoming President of the URJ. He spoke of the two years, until the next Biennial, as his challenge as well as ours to reshape the URJ, really to shape the Jewish future. According to Rabbi Jacobs, we are at the most critical and crucial crossroad of the Reform Movement; therefore we must face the challenges of enhancing our vision, strengthening the congregations and sharing this vision with the uninspired.

Rabbi Jacobs mentioned three major tasks: catalyzing congregational changes, engaging the young generation and extending our responsibilities to K'lal Yisrael (the entire Jewish people) in general and to Israel in particular.

Not all of these tasks are applicable to Temple Rodef Sholom in the way Rabbi Jacobs described them, however, we too are standing on the verge of a new era. Hopefully, by June 2012 you will have a new rabbi, with whom you can continue to aspire for excellence in our congregation, inspiring and motivating young and old to what Rabbi Jacobs referred to as "life long Jewish learning".

Temple Rodef Sholom will have to find its own way of dealing with these challenges that will fit our means, our leadership potential and our members' motivation to be involved in our congregational life. The incoming President of the URJ promises the support of the Union to its nine hundred congregations who deal with a variety of challenges just as we do.

I want to believe that our movement will be able to assist us in the years to come, for as long as the majority of our members wish to see the continuation of a Reform presence in Waco. There are other congregations throughout North America who are dealing with issues similar to ours. Listening to Rabbi Jacobs strengthens my faith that Temple Rodef Sholom has a future not only in 2012 but also way beyond.

A Happy and Healthy 2012 and beyond!

Rabbi Mordechai (Moti) Rotem



Sisterhood



Sweetheart Oneg

January 20th

*Mendy Hanson & Kristy Goldenberg will share some of
their Wedding Memorabilia with us!*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 2	David Neuwirth	January 16	Michael Levine
	Penny Hanson	January 19	Adam Goldenberg
January 3	Sally Roscher		Karen Humphrey
January 5	Elaine Silverberg	January 25	Cory Hirsch
January 6	Mary Levy	January 26	Cindy Wood
January 7	Simone and Jake Bauer	January 27	Leonard Englander
January 12	Glynda Neuwirth		Michael Vinokur
January 14	Suzan Shinder	January 28	Brandon Reinke
January 15	Addison Goldberg		

Kudos!

*Special thanks to all who made our Chanukah Celebration
a big success!*

*The "Latke Team"... Yvonne and Arnold Miller, Pat Segal, Eleanor
Levy and Charlotte Labens.*

*Thank you to Jennifer Sternberg, Joyce Hiller, Mendy Hanson and
Ellan Burke for contributing to the dinner,
as well as all who brought the delicious food.*

*Additional thanks to those who helped set up for the festivities and
also helped to clean up afterwards.*

Tracie Hermann

Donations

The following is a list of Temple Rodef Sholom Funds

Activity Fund	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	Library Fund
Building Fund	Endowment Fund	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Caring & Sharing Fund	General Fund	Religious School Fund
Cemetery Fund	Greene Family Camp	Temple Sisterhood
Gandler Family Scholarship Fund		

Donations will be accepted in the following ways:

1. Cash or check, by mail or hand delivered to the Temple
2. Phone Calls – your donations will be added to your dues statement

- For donations to Greene Family Camp, please make checks payable directly to “Greene Family Camp”. The Temple will mail them for you.
- All donations will be promptly acknowledged. Donor names listed in the Temple bulletins will be their acknowledgement. Please let the Temple office know if you do not want your name listed in the bulletin.
- Donations of ANY amount are encouraged.
- Donations not designated to any particular fund will be applied to the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND

*IN HONOR OF JOYCE AND ALFRED
HILLER
Carol and David Meer*

ACTIVITY FUND

*IN HONOR OF YVONNE MILLER'S
BIRTHDAY
Joyce and Al Hiller
Barbara and Bob Kirstein
Pat Segal
Sara Jo and Louie Englander
Gayle and Buddy Marcuis*

CARING & SHARING FUND

*IN MEMORY OF JACK GOLDBERG
Margie and Norman Goldberg*

*MAZEL TOV TO MOTI AND LINDA ON
THEIR NEW GRANDSON
Margie and Norman Goldberg*

*Donations received after December 27th
will appear in next month's bulletin.*

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO TRRS Religious School	2	3	4	5 NO Yoga Class	6 7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service with guest leaders Ralph & Bill Block	7
8 10:00 AM TRRS Religious School	9	10	11 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	12 10:30 AM Yoga Class	13 7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service	14
15 10:00 AM TRRS Religious School	16 MILK Holiday Office Closed	17	18	19 10:30 AM Yoga Class	20 7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service	21
22 10:00 AM TRRS Religious School	23	24	25	26 10:30 AM Yoga Class	27 7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service	28
29 10:00 AM TRRS Religious School	30	31				

Honors

Friday Evening, January 6

Bimah: Larry and Cheri Gardner
Candles: Ellan Burke
Oneg Shabbat: Cheri Gardner and
Ellan Burke

Friday Evening, January 13

Bimah: Jeff and Linda Dreiwitz
Candles: Linda Dreiwitz
Oneg Shabbat: Jennifer Sternberg and
Dreiwitz

Friday Evening, January 20

Bimah: Daniel and Jane Bounds
Candles: Sally Roscher
Oneg Shabbat: Suzan Shinder and
Nora Householder

Friday Evening, January 27

Bimah: Bob and Barbara Kirstein
Candles: Barbara Kirstein
Oneg Shabbat: Ann Block and
Karen Humphrey

Yahrzeits

Friday Evening, January 6

Morris Fred	Helen Hicks
Carl J. Cohen	Ed Katten, Sr.
Charles Brubaker	Richard E. Burke
Lape Efron	Frances Goodman
Ronnie Jean Schneider	Rebecca Borschow
Frances Novy	Ben Reed
Herman Levi	Bertrand Robinson
Carl G. Feist	John Landa, Sr.

Friday Evening, January 13

Harold Goodman	Helen Sanger
Louis Siegel	Lezer Levitas
Ellen Ross Gover	Theo Goldenberg
Rachel Pollon	Cy Kosberg
Sybil Brand Sachs	Leon Silbert
Louis Stern	Elizabeth Archenhold
Etta Reed	Louis Daniels
Donald Rosenzweig	Diana Koss

Friday Evening, January 20

Bernard Sachs	Charlotte Feist Sachs
Jacob Zigel	David Levison
Harry Fetter	Herman Mayer
Max Levine	Motl Rabinovich
Joseph Goldwater	Harry Unell
Joshua Loewy	Mose Levi

Friday Evening, January 27

Henry Mayer	Meyer Max Shinder
Hazel Marks	Doris Silver
Tillie Fish	Gussye Landman
Anna Kroll	Ima Joy Gandler
David Brickman	Ida Segal
Dorothy Kirstein	David Kahn
Marjorie Rottner	Molly Wiernik
Abe Brickman	Kate Shapiro
Ann Zidell	



Food From the Faithful

Please continue to support our ongoing effort by bringing food donations and placing them in the basket in the foyer.





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