

*Kol Sholom*

**The Voice of Peace**

January 2018

Tevet – Shevat 5778



## From the Rabbi's Desk

### **“STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY”**

Temple Rodef Sholom has been affiliated formally with the Reform Jewish Movement for over a century. Over the course of 100 years, the movement has undergone many changes. From its inception under the leadership of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise in 1873, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC, now the URJ, or Union for Reform Judaism) has been a synagogue/temple-based organization constituted of non-Orthodox communities located primarily in large cities and in semi-rural areas of the United States. Thus, I believe it would be fair to identify TRS with those congregations of the latter group; in other words, in its history and development, Rodef Sholom is a “typical” Reform temple, as found across the southern USA.

As it occurs in many membership-based organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, congregants in the Reform Movement are wont to ask: what is the value of belonging to a large, national organization with its headquarters in far-off New York City? It seems to me a fair inquiry and I am often surprised at how often remote congregations in the Union find themselves turning to the URJ for advice and assistance. We here in Waco are blessed to enjoy a close association with the Reform Movement because of our proximity to, and involvement with, the Greene Family Camp, part of the cluster of summer camps operated by the URJ across the land for over half a century. Jewish professionals have long maintained that the experience of summer camping in a Jewish setting surpasses schooling in the temple as a source of fostering a strong Jewish identity among our youth.

Of all the events and programs sponsored by the Union, perhaps the most dramatic and engaging are the conventions held every two years. My impression of the work and value of the URJ was greatly reinforced by my attendance in 2007 at the Union biennial in San Diego. (I still recall how Michael J. Fox was awarded the Bearer of Light Award!)

As it happens, last month in Boston, 5,000 of our fellow Reform Jews gathered to renew the covenant of liberal Judaism through prayer, song and discussion as they met for the latest URJ biennial (the next session to be convened in Chicago in 2019.). So, what actually occurs at a typical Union biennial? A few weeks prior to the convention itself, the Union office assigns a fixed number of delegates to each URJ congregation. That delegation is then empowered to cast a vote on Proposals made on the floor of the plenum (the entire URJ meeting as a body). Of course, the biennial involves much more than motions made and voted upon.

Participants in the biennial experience some of the best renditions of Jewish music in the Reform Movement. Workshops on temple finance and administration, among others, lend the convention's deliberations a practical focus.

For those of us who do not live in a major metropolitan area featuring a substantial Jewish community, the Union for Reform Judaism offers Reform Jews all over the country a platform to demonstrate strength through unity.

*Rabbi Jeffrey N. Ronald*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	3	5 7:00 pm Shabbat Service	6
7 NO Religious School	8	9	10 7:00 pm Board Meeting	11	12 7:00 pm Shabbat Service	13
14 10:00 am Religious School	15	16	17	18	19 6:00 pm Friends & Family Dinner III  7:00 pm Shabbat Service	20
21 10:00 am Religious School  3:00 – 5:00 pm GWIC World Religion Day	22	23	24 11:00 am Sisterhood Meeting  Hotel Indigo	25	26 7:00 pm Shabbat Service  Tu B'Shevat Oneg Shabbat	27
28 10:00 am Religious School	29	30	31   Tu B'Shevat			



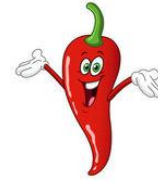
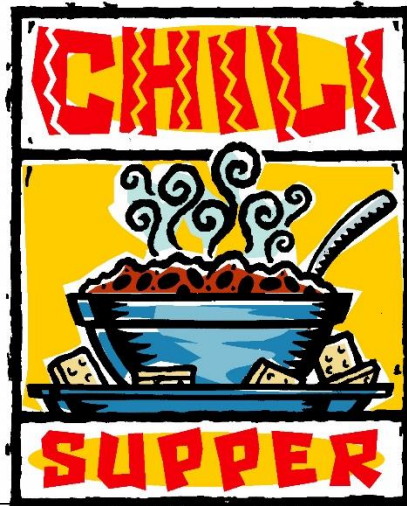
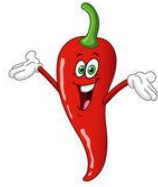
## SISTERHOOD MEETING!



**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 am**

Join your Rodef Sholom Sisters for the meeting at the **Hotel Indigo, Brazos Bar and Bistro (211 Clay Avenue, Waco)**, for (Dutch treat) Brunch/Lunch (your preference!), and for world class company. Look forward to seeing you all! Open to all Sisterhood members and Future members (you know who you are!).

**RSVP to Suzan at (254) 881-2131 by January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**



Chili is an American dish perfected in San Antonio in the 1700's and introduced to the world at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, at the "San Antonio Chile Stand".

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of February is National Chili Day.

*Be the first in your family to celebrate chili, at:*

## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIENDS & FAMILY DINNER AT THE TEMPLE.

6:00 PM (Before Services)  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
\$5 for Adults, Kids free!

Make reservations to the Temple office by Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm  
or call Jim Shinder for more information.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT FRIENDS & FAMILY DINNER!!

FUNDRAISER

**PACK of HOPE**

Erasing Hunger in McLennan County

[www.PackOfHope.org](http://www.PackOfHope.org)

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Come & Go Spaghetti Dinner anytime between 5:00—7:30 PM

**Poppa Rollos Pizza back building**—703 North Valley Mills, Waco, TX

Ticket: \$20/adult & \$10/children under 12  
(Stay to eat or take outs are welcome.)



PACK of HOPE FUNDRAISER

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Tues. Jan. 23**  
**5:00 – 7:30 PM**

*For tickets, contact Jane Bounds*

## Please consider making a donation to the Temple

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a *simchah* (happy occasion)
- Honor someone's memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

### Donations

#### **GENERAL FUND**

*IN MEMORY OF SIDNEY GOLOB*

Pat Golob Klein & Family

*IN HONOR OF JEANNE LEVY*

David Levy & Family

*IN MEMORY OF GEORGE COHEN*

Barry Cohen

## Greater Waco Interfaith Conference

### World Religion Day

Sunday, January 21, 2018

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Texas Life Annex Building

1000 Washington Ave., Waco



Interfaith Dialogue

Topic: "Common Myths and Misunderstanding"

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 6	Mary Levy	January 19	Adam Goldenberg
January 12	Glynda Neuwirth	January 25	Cory Hirsch
January 14	Suzan Shinder	January 26	Cindy Wood
January 15	Addison Goldenberg	January 27	Leonard Englander
January 16	Michael Levine		Michael Vinokur
	Felicity Jortner	January 29	Stephen Silverstein
January 17	Alice Todd		

## Honors

## Yahrzeits

### **Friday, January 5**

Candles: Karen Humphrey  
Oneg Shabbat: Karen Humphrey

### **Friday, January 12**

Candles: Maura Jortner  
Oneg Shabbat: Maura Jortner

### **Friday, January 19**

Friends & Family Dinner III

### **Friday, January 26**

Candles: Marcia Olmsted  
Oneg Shabbat: Marcia Olmsted

### **Friday, January 5**

Lape Efron  
Carl G. Feist  
Helen Eakin Hicks  
Edwin M. Katten, Sr.

Richard E. Burke  
Frances Reed Goodman  
John C. Landa, Sr.

### **Friday, January 12**

Sybil Brand Sachs  
Donald Rosenzweig  
Lezer Levitas

Theo Goldenberg  
Cy Kosberg

### **Friday, January 19**

Bernard Sachs  
Harry A. Wood III

Joshua Loewy  
Charlotte Rose Sachs

### **Friday, January 26**

Motl Rabinovich  
Harry Unell  
Tillie Fish  
David Brickman  
Dorothy Kirstein  
Marjorie Rottner  
Abe Brickman

Meyer Max Shinder  
Nathan Brickman  
Marsha Sachs  
Ima Joy Gandler  
Dr. Alvin Martin Labens  
Rebecca Labens

## **Honors for February 2018**

February 2: *Shauna Bauer*

February 9: *Glynda Neuwirth*

February 16: *Sara Jo Englander*

February 23: *Cheri Gardner*