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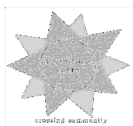
Schedule of Services: December 2012

Saturday, December 1st

10am Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Siebenberg

Friday, December 7th

First Friday (see info to the right)
Shir Chadash and Service at 6pm



Friday, December 14th

6pm Shabbat Services (see info to the right) followed by
Latke Throwdown

Friday, December 21st

7pm Heritage Shabbat Service

Friday, December 28th

7pm Shabbat Services

Shabbat Morning Minyan Services followed by Torah
Study every Saturday morning at 9am in the MRT
Library.

When attending services and all other events at MRT remember that there are members who are highly sensitive to odors. Please refrain from wearing scents of ANY KIND such as colognes, perfumes, after shave, scented lotions. Thank you.



MRT COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 16th at 11:30am

Bring your family's menorah and join us for
candlelighting, jelly donuts, music and lots
of fun!



FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, December 7th

5:30pm: Pre-Oneg by Bagels & Blocks

6pm: Shabbat Service & Shir Chadash Band

Followed by Pot-Luck Dinner

Please bring enough for 10-12 people

A-P Pasta/Chicken Q-Z Salad

JOIN US AS WE HONOR BOBBIE LAPLACA ON HER RETIREMENT

CHANUKAH PARTY & DINNER

Friday, December 14th after 6pm Shabbat services

Sponsored by Brotherhood & Sisterhood

3rd Annual Latke Throwdown 2nd Annual Jr Applesauce Making Contest

Dinner is Chicken and Latkes
RSVP by December 10th to the MRT Office
Please bring a side dish for 8-10 that night!
Contest judging begins at 8pm.
The kitchen is for heating...but not frying.



A panel of judges from Brotherhood and Sisterhood and MRTSY will
decide the MRT Latke Chef Winner and the Junior Applesauce Champ!

LATKES AND APPLESAUCE ENTRY FORM

Lakes ☐ Applesauce ☐ Please return to MRT office by 12/10

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Why do you love Latkes/Applesauce? _____

Recipe Origins: _____

Recipe: _____

From Rabbi Michelle Pearlman



This month I have decided to share some words adapted from my recent message during our Interfaith Thanksgiving observance with our friends at The Presbyterian

Church at Shrewsbury. I hope you will read, respond, and share the information found within this bulletin on our new Save the Shore Holiday Gift Card Drive with your friends and family. May your Chanukah be filled with light, love and giving!

Hurricane Sandy has ravaged our beloved community, but something amazing is happening amidst all of the rubble, anxiety, and confusion. Have you noticed? ***We are looking at one another differently.***

When we were able to share our precious stores of gas, and even our generators with our neighbors, some of whom we had never even met, ***we were looking at each other differently.***

When we spotted a distant acquaintance on the street, and took a few moments to ask that person, how they were, and what they needed. ***We were looking at each other differently.***

When we combed through our closets and our cabinets, and then went to the limited number of stores that were open to buy clothes and toys and nonperishable food, and blankets to the myriad of drives needed to get supplies to those most in need. ***We were looking at each other differently.***

When we went to the polling places on election day, polling places powered by generators, we were not viewing one another as rival Democrats or Republicans, but rather fellow citizens. Beyond any political difference, we had our humanity in common. We came to

the polls, not with rancor, or malice, but with a sense of purpose, and a sense of civic responsibility. ***We were looking at each other differently.***

When we find ourselves outside with work gloves on, clearing the branches not only on our own lawns, but sawing away at the remains of a fallen tree on our neighbor's yard as well, ***we are looking at each other differently.***

When we give blood, because we know that there is a great shortage, and our small act can save a life, ***we are looking at each other differently.***

And when we give of our own bounty to an effort like the one leaders Monmouth Reform Temple have begun, ***Then we are looking at each other differently.***

We at MRT are so proud to join with the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury and a growing list of 15 other congregational sponsors, some local, some national, to help reach those devastated by this storm, person to person. Through our Save the Shore Holiday Gift Card Drive, we are asking individuals at MRT as well as in faith communities here in Monmouth County, in Philadelphia, Boston, Maine, even in Florida and Georgia to buy gift cards this season. These gifts are not for our own loved ones, but will benefit a members of our congregation and residents of nearby Sea Bright, who have suffered the loss of a home, a car, or even a business as a result of this storm. So far our congregational partners have been exceedingly generous. Through our link of Facebook www.facebook.com/CardWorkPaysOff, we have been contacted by Bat Mitzvah teens in Florida, and Santa Cruz, CA who are planning on working to promote our drive as a Mitzvah project. One woman is selling hand crafted bracelets with proceeds going to our relief effort. Our own Lynn Shapiro, a resident of Sea Bright, has pledged to donate proceeds from her holiday sales of Arbonne to our drive. The energy,

creativity and outpouring of care, is inspiring. There is so much work to do.

In the beautiful scriptural passage of 1st Kings 19, a strong wind rips through the mountains, and an earthquake shakes the ground, and a fire consumes the land. The message is clear. God is not in the wind, or in the earthquake, or in the fire. No, we are taught, it is after the fire. After the fire. God is in the still small voice that speaks inside each one of us.

God was not in the hurricane, but God is in US, as we begin to see each other differently. That still small voice whispers "take action" repair your homes, but don't stop there. Repair your neighbors houses, your community. The hurricane was no blessing. But we can bless one another. With our generosity, with our action. Let this not be a lesson we learn for the moment of crisis. We cannot afford to forget what we have learned, for we are experiencing something so spiritually powerful. Let this be a lesson we carry with us as a mission, into this holiday season as we carry this new light into the coming year.

Dear MRT Family,

January is fast approaching and Drew, Madeline, Noa and I are eagerly anticipating the birth of our new baby. If we should be so blessed, my maternity leave will begin around January 1. I am thankful to Cantor Clissold for the remarkable job she will continue to do, tending to all of your pastoral needs. I have spent a great deal of time making sure that services and other critical functions here at MRT will have proper support in my absence, and I know you will understand if I do not check email regularly during my leave. I plan to keep the congregation up to date on our news and look forward to sharing the joy with all of you when I return. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time. Happy holidays to all!
Warmly,
Rabbi Michelle Pearlman

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Cantor, are you still leading the trip to Israel this summer?

“Yes of course we are going! There has never been a more important time to go then now.”

I have spoken to friends in Israel, the Israeli

consulate and our State Department. Despite some serious incidents things are still pretty much the same, safety-wise. There may well be an issue in Gaza but out on the streets of Israel...things are safe. Despite what you might have been reading in your newspaper, or following on CNN or the BBC, Israel is safe to visit! As always, international media does its best to paint a dramatic, war-torn picture, but the reality, although far from perfect, is a little different.

Does CNN show those beautiful sandy Tel Aviv beaches ? Or the must see tourist sites in Israel, currently teeming with tourists? Believe it or not (and you'd find it hard to believe if your news source was CNN or the BBC) Israel was on course for a record year in tourism numbers until a few weeks ago.

The tourists who come to Israel for a holiday are amazed at how safe Israel is compared to their own country. The threat of terrorism isn't limited to Israel. It can rear its ugly head at any moment and is something that can happen in New York, Chicago, Atlanta or London. Israel is filled with security forces on a daily basis. It is part of everyday life. There really is no need to fear coming to Israel because of safety reasons or security concerns.

Below is a letter from tour guide Mark Deckelbaum that he sent me right after Thanksgiving. The picture Mark gives is the best look you will have about how safe it is to go to Israel:

“I salute my nation who has gone through this week with bravery and love and understanding. I salute my son who was

called up last Friday night and was ready to go into Gaza with his friends. He is now on the way home to be with his family. I salute my people who were called to stand in front of the enemy and show once again that we are here to stay. I salute my nation that is so strong and prosperous. I pray for my enemies who will maybe one day learn to love their families and people as we do ours. I pray for the world that they will understand who we are and will stand by us and understand us and will stop hating the Jew. I pray for peace for my children for my grandchildren for my people.

There are no winners in war. There are battles and more battles and very slow achievements. Wars seem to be getting more and more complicated. We did not lose. We never lose. If we lose we are not here. Our army had great achievements. We lost only six people. Gaza was pulverized. The success of the iron dome saved hundreds if not thousands of lives in Gaza. Some of their missiles came through and hurt but meanwhile we were knocking out one target after another. If more of their missiles had hit their targets we would have been forced to go in. Their suffering would have been terrible. This time we did not. Next time we will see...

I did not have much time to think about the war. I was working with a wonderful group. Their support for Israel was awesome. They were disappointed that our army did not go into Gaza. From all the army traffic we witnessed heading south it looked almost certain that we would go in. I had to explain that military has always has to be prepared for any situation. That is why we had a big call up, to be ready, to let the enemy know that we would go in. From what I understand we were stopped at the last moment. There was heavy pressure coming in from the States and others to stop us. Going into Gaza could have been very costly; many lives could have been lost. Staying in Gaza could have also been very costly.

It may yet happen. We will see during the next round.

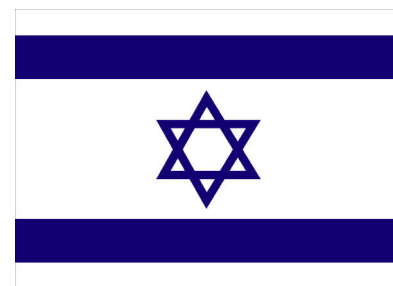
What is amazing is that even some of the Arab press appreciates this, the humane way that we have fought this battle. They are seeing how in Syria 42000 have died or Libya or Egypt...

I think the enemy will think twice before he starts again.

Tourism pays an immediate price in these battles. My group next week is cancelled. Very sad. Things are very quiet. The country is beautiful. The rains have started, the flowers growing. Tourism is so hard to build up but so easy to bring down. The world is not CNN. The reality has nothing to do with the CNN pictures. This is the best time to be in Israel. Every tourist is thanked and appreciated. The lines are small. The smiles are there. It is so important for us not to feel abandoned, not to feel that we are alone.

I understand the fears of people but the victory of the terrorist enemy is when people give in to their fear.

These are Mark's words. Here are mine, if you are considering coming on our trip to Israel this summer please know it is safe and that we will have an amazing time.



From the President, Mark Gruensfelder (mgruensfelder@aol.com)

As we head into the month of December, the one with joyous holidays and new secular New Year, it is hard to forget the tumultuous November we all went through. Each and every one of us experienced a mind-altering, if not life-changing event brought on by the uncontrollable forces of nature. While we could not prevent Hurricane Sandy's affects, we all had the opportunity to shine afterwards. I'm sure each of you had experienced like Bev and I – the help we exchanged with our neighbors, with others in our municipalities, with others in our county and state, and with each other in our MRT temple community. It is amazing how kind we are to one another when it really counts!

Although MRT itself was without power for just about two weeks, its members remained in contact with each other. Our clergy and staff, led by Rabbi Pearlman and with the help of various congregants, tried to communicate with as many of our members as possible, to ensure their safety, to identify those who needed help, and to identify those who could provide help. Rabbi Pearlman and Cantor Clissold ensured that we didn't miss any Shabbat services: They held services on the first Saturday morning in the MRT building itself – despite the lack of power it was sunlit and mild. Rabbi Pearlman opened up her house for Shabbat services the following Friday evening. Both were wonderful opportunities for our temple family to get together and relieve ourselves of the stress of this period. Those who attended showed their appreciation for each other by hanging out for quite a long time for the post-service onegs!

As you probably know by now, MRT is doing its part in helping the community recover from Hurricane Sandy through its "Save the Jersey Shore One Town at a Time" holiday gift card program. Details are available via the MRT website, weekly announcements, and elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Meanwhile, MRT "self-improvement" activities continue. The Pulpit Search committee is in the process of examining the seven resumes received as of this writing for Interim Rabbi candidates. A Consultancy task force is in the process of being formed. A Nominating Committee will be formed this month to solicit volunteers and select candidates for the MRT Board to start on July 1st.

While I'm on that subject, the need for volunteers to serve as committee members and leaders couldn't be greater. Most of the openings I listed a couple of months ago are still open. If you are looking for a way to contribute to the success of the temple, to make changes for the better, to make a difference ... NOW is your chance! If you are new to MRT and are wondering how to get involved ... NOW is your chance. If you were previously involved ... NOW is your chance to re-engage! And it is easy – just let the office or me know of your interest and we'll take it from there!

In an effort to make it easy for you to get involved ... as well as to be able to have a live two-way discussion of the various activities, we are planning to have two "Town Meeting" sessions – one on Sunday morning, December 9th and the other on Thursday evening, December 13th. We hope that one of these two dates will be convenient for you. Look out for details in the Weekly announcements.

May you and your families have a pleasant Chanukah, a joyous Holiday Season, and a Happy Secular New Year.

From Religious School Director, Vera Galleid



Our MRT community together with all in the tri-state area is recovering from the trauma of the storm.

We welcomed our students back to MRT and we all said the Gomel Blessing to thank God for saving us from acute danger to life. Many students shared their experiences. We talked about how we can help. We will donate the Tzedakah collected in October to Hurricane Sandy Relief. We also discussed Restore the Shore Gift Card Drive which will enable those suffering from the storm to get what they need when they need it.

We are also collecting cans of food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food will be donated to Jewish Family Services. The seventh graders are coordinating this drive and the class that brings in the most cans wins an ice cream party. Please send in canned goods.

We know that some students do not have their Hebrew school books due to SuperStorm Sandy. Please contact me if your child needs new books or if there is any way in which we can assist your family.

We will be talking to our students about the situation in Israel and what we can do to help. Israel has responded militarily to stop the barrage of rockets fired from Gaza. Israel has the right to defend itself. The Reform Jewish Movement is calling for spiritual, political and financial support for Israel. An Israel Terror Relief Fund has been formed to help victims of terror and we hope our families will donate to this fund. We pray for shalom.

We Need Class Parents

We need class parents for each grade. Duties will include phone calls when school has to close due to inclement weather, helping out with school events and class parties.

Please contact me at rsprincipal@monmouthreformtemple.org if you are able to help.

Upcoming Events.

- Sunday December 2nd - 4th Grade PACT Program
- Sunday December 16th - Community Menorah Lighting
- December 23 - January 1st Winter Break.
- Sunday January 6th - 3rd Grade PACT rescheduled.

Chanukah Sameach,
Vera Galleid, Principal



MRTSY

New Jersey was hit hard this month with one of the worst storms in history—Hurricane Sandy. MRTSY sincerely hopes everyone is OK, and they send their best wishes to those who were less fortunate. In order to help rebuild New Jersey, MRTSY is currently working towards aiding a relief effort. Additionally, MRTSY will be accepting donations at the Hanukkah Party on December 12th at 6 p.m. Any money will be greatly appreciated and will go directly to a Sandy relief effort. The event itself is free and will be a ton of fun. Hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE JERSEY SHORE: ONE TOWN AT A TIME
HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE...CARD WORK PAYS OFF!**

Join members of Monmouth Reform Temple and our generous congregational partners in a person to person Hurricane Sandy relief effort.

MRT's *Save the Jersey Shore: One Town At a Time Holiday Gift Card Drive* will benefit members of our own congregation who have sustained great loss in the storm. We will also be focusing on helping the residents of a single devastated town, Sea Bright, NJ.

We are collecting gift cards from Target, Kmart, Home Depot, and Lowes (retailers easily accessed in our area) in increments of \$25 (i.e.. 25, 50, 75, 100 etc) for distribution. Donations will come from caring individuals and other congregations and community organizations are encouraged to organize their own drives. In focusing our efforts on the needs of the residents of Sea Bright, NJ our efforts will have the maximum impact.

In distributing donations, leaders of MRT will work directly with Sea Bright's mayor, Dina Long, and the Sea Bright Borough Council to reach those most in need.
Join us to help make sure our CARD WORK PAYS OFF!

4 Ways to Participate:

1. Purchase Cards yourself:

Please label the amount clearly on the cards and send to:
Monmouth Reform Temple,
332 Hance Avenue
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.

2. Order cards online and send electronically to seabrightgiftcards@gmail.com

3. Donate by check to Monmouth Reform Temple, with an accompanying note that says the funds are for the Gift Card drive. We will purchase the cards on your behalf.

4. Make a donation online through the PayPal link on our website:
<http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org/>

The drive will run from now until January 1. For more information about Sea Bright and our progress, please visit our facebook page "Card Work Pays Off."

Congregational Partners (as of 11/15)

Congregation Torat El, Ocean NJ
Temple Beth Am, Abington PA
Temple Beth El, Hillsboro, NJ
Temple Beth Miriam, Elberon NJ
Temple Shalom, Newton MA
The Temple, Atlanta GA

Temple Beth El, Augusta ME
Temple Judea, Coral Gables Florida
Temple Sinai, Washington DC
Congregation Beth El, Bangor ME
Temple Emanu-El, Livingston, NJ
Shir Tikvah, Wayland MA
The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, NJ

LOBBY TZEDAKAH BOX

Rebuild the Shore One Town at a Time



Mazel Tov to Morgan Siebenberg and her family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

And now a few words from Morgan herself: "My name is Morgan, and I love to play softball. This is my main sport, and I'm on Marlboro Mayhem travel team. My favorite color is purple and I love Justin Bieber. My Bat Mitzvah is December 1st, 2012 and I can't wait!"

LOBBY SHOPPING CART

November/December Donation: **Gravy/Fruit Cocktail**

MAKE ISRAEL YOURS with CANTOR CLISSOLD



Additional information:

Joyce Schoonenberg Reed: 305-932-8120

Summary of November 20th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

In the book of Genesis, Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. There God appeared to Jacob while he slept and told him that He “would protect Jacob and his descendants until He had done everything He had promised to Jacob.” This is another of God’s covenants with Israel that if His commandments are kept, there is hope things will work out. It is important to remember there is hope things will work out in the midst of such disaster as the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The Board hopes everyone is well and MRT is here to help if you need it.

The Board would like to acknowledge positive happenings within the congregation.

MRT is open for business again after Hurricane Sandy. While power was out for 14 days, the Temple is back to full functionality. We would like to thank everyone who made this possible, especially Gene Vincenzi, who watched over our building while the power was out. Rabbi Pearlman was very proud that everyone came together to help out after the storm. During that time MRT held three very moving services, sometimes without electricity, and the warmth and sense of community at MRT came shining through the darkness. Bobby LaPlaca’s retirement was noted in “Catching Up With”, a local newspaper. Her service to MRT and our community was highlighted in the article.

The Membership committee reports we now have 344 member families, which is an all-time high at MRT. As part of MRT’s Ambassador Program we are seeking families to volunteer to help newer members participate at MRT.

The Pulpit Committee is reviewing 7 applications for Interim Rabbi, and expects more applications to arrive in coming months.

The Board approved an Assessment of \$72 per member family to pay for a consultant to assist us with redefining the mission at MRT. The assessment was made because we did not budget for this expense last year and getting started is too important to wait until next year’s budget.

The Financial Committee has noted pledges for the High Holy Days are down and ask you to consider making additional pledges to keep MRT strong.

There are still many volunteer positions needing to be filled. The Board asks you consider trying something new this year. Step up, help out.

From the Caring Network: MRT Transportation Fund

MRT is offering transportation to and from home to the temple, for seniors who are unable to drive, to attend our Heritage Service on Friday night, November 30th at 7pm.

A reservation MUST be made with the temple office by Tuesday, November 19th. No reservations will be taken after this date.

Passengers will be contacted with a time that they will be picked up several days in advance.

This program is available thanks to the generosity of MRT members. Your continued support of the Transportation fund will enable us to continue to provide this service.

To make reservations: helene@monmouthreformtemple.org OR 732-747-9365 x214. Deadline: Tuesday, November 19th.

ISRAEL UPDATE, Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson

There is so much information to impart about our “family” in Israel. Many wonderful experiences were shared this past month by those on Federation missions celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Partnership city Arad in the Negev. I was with a group representing 3 of the 10 partner Federations in New Jersey and Delaware, and the Monmouth County Federation were 75 strong on their recent trip to Arad and other cities. I’m sure the stories and memories of these visits will be told.

I would like to tell about the amazing new Archival Department at Yad Vashem where they have accumulated letters and photos and documents of all sorts that bring alive what was experienced during the Holocaust by individual men, women and young children. But another time.

The current situation in which Israeli children are not in school but are spending their days in bomb shelters calls for us to express our unbroken support of that nation. This year alone, Hamas in the Gaza strip, has fired 750 rockets into southern Israel. Finally, Israel has struck back as would any sovereign nation to protect its citizens.

There will inevitably be criticism of Israel for its aggression in the face of constant terrorist acts. We need to be strong in our support of Israel’s right to defend itself against terrorism and to reach out to our legislators to continue their decades long support of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East.

From Margie Wold: Milestones and Transitions—Thursday, December 7th at 7pm

We all go through many different sequences in our lives: childhood, young adulthood, marriage, raising a family, careers, emptying the nest. Most of those milestones have a plan, a direction. This next phase, let’s call it “my turn”, might not have as much clarity and direction. For some women this time is thrilling and exciting while for others it is a time of incredible uncertainty. Regardless of your current outlook there are plenty of emotions to be explored and good conversation to be had about the future. Perhaps Abraham Lincoln said it best: “The best way to predict your future is to create it.”

Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday December 6 in the MRT Social Hall as my good friend Nancy LoCascio leads us in a positive, lively discussion about the many possibilities we all face in the future. Nancy is an engaging public speaker on a variety of topics including motherhood, life’s transitions and eldercare. We are both proud, active members of “The Sandwich Generation.”

Please let me know your interest in this program so that we can estimate the size of our group.

Margie Wold, Adult Education Chair, woldiem@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!

92nd Street Y Event in the MRT Social Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH AT 8PM

Comedian Andy Borowitz presents THE FUNNIEST AMERICAN WRITERS with Alec Baldwin, Calvin Trillin and more. Award-winning comedian and New Yorker humorist Borowitz presents an evening of literary laughter from Mark Twain and James Thurber to David Sedaris and the Onion. He will be joined onstage by an all-star cast of American humorists.

Optional pre-program dinner. Call MRT office after December 15th for availability and cost.

Welcome New Members!

Adam & Kari Hershey

BROTHERHOOD



Glass Onion

The annual Latke Throwdown is coming up. On Friday December 14 services are at 6:00pm with the Throwdown to follow. We are very excited to be working with Sisterhood on this event. This is your chance to show us your awesome latkes. What's your secret? A little onion? Fill out the application in this bulletin and dazzle the judges with your best latkes. You might win a few cool prizes.

We need your help for set up and clean up at the Throwdown. So if you want to be a part of the fun but don't want to cook, this is your chance.

Our next monthly Brotherhood meeting will be Monday December 3 at 7:30pm at Houlihan's on Route 35 in Eatontown, just south of the Monmouth Mall. When the meeting is over we'll watch the Giants Redskins game. The following meeting will be Monday January 7 at 7:30pm in the temple library. The poker game will follow the January meeting.

Please email me with any comments or questions.

Thank you.

Perry Weyser, Weyser66@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD



Once again...Our second annual December

No book – Book club

Monday December 3rd at 6:45pm in the MRT Social Hall

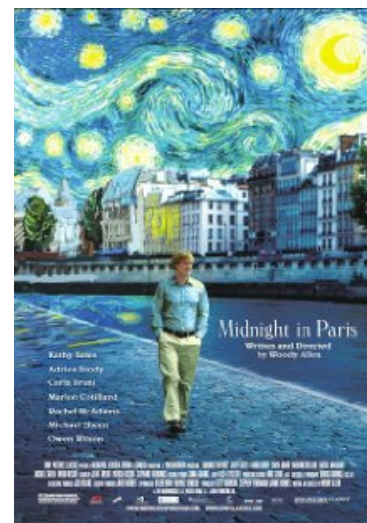
Join us as we are whisked away to the city of lights as we watch the movie

*Midnight in Paris**

Please bring a French themed appetizer, side, salad, or main course.

Dessert will be provided.

RSVP to Linda Murray so that we have seating for all—
lwmurray1@gmail.com—732-935-1213



*While on a trip to Paris with his fiancé's family, a nostalgic screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight.

Director: Woody Allen

Writer: Woody Allen

Stars: Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates

—from IMDB



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- Elizabeth Cohen on the death of her husband, Jess Cohen
- Samantha and William Cohen on the death of their father, Jess Cohen



The congregation mourns
the loss of
Jess Cohen
May his memory be a
blessing

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Sandy Brandwene
Bernard Brandwene

In Honor Of:

My participation during Yom Kippur
Services
Linda Davies

Adult Ed Fund**In Memory Of:**

Jess Cohen
Susan and Bob St. Lifer
Get Well Wishes to Al Goldstein
Susan and Bob St. Lifer

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**In Memory of:**

Arthur Harris
Annette Ashin

In Honor of:

Those who housed our wandering Jews after
"Sandy"

Sheila and Rich Sachs
A warm Kabbalat Shabbat at Beit Pearlman-
Denker

Sheila and Rich Sachs
Barbara and Barry Miller on the marriage of
their daughter Suzanne to Joseph Robson
Florence Korchin

Garden Walkway**In Memory Of:**

Phyllis Herbert
Kerry and Evan Krachman

Flower Fund**In Memory Of:**

George Weinberg, Sandy Brandwene
Bernard Brandwene
David Marks
Ellie Goodman
Robert Goodman
Ellie Goodman
John Pedro
The Medlin Family
Joyce Chalnack
Kim and David Chalnack
Irving Greenberg & Charles Schleifer
Roslyn and Henry Greenberg

Homeless Fund**In Memory Of:**

Max and Anna Singer
Lila Singer
Get Well Wishes to Jeff Horn
Anita Gewurz

Please send us your simchas and celebrations so we can share them with the rest of the MRT Community:

Email to: helene@monmouthreformtemple.org

Adult Ed Program coming in February: "Strangers"

Wednesdays 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27 7:30pm-9pm

At Monmouth Reform Temple

A community learning series in conjunction with the Context Adult Jewish Learning Program of JTS.

The Context Approach:

Participants encounter the richness and diversity of Jewish civilization through the close reading of core texts, and discover the meaning of these texts in their original settings, how they have been received and interpreted, and their continuing importance today.

Sponsored by:

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MRT FUNDS

Adult Education Fund provides opportunities for members to enrich their understanding of Judaism and Jewish culture through courses, lectures and cultural presentations.

Arts & Decorations Fund enhances the beauty of the interior and exterior of the temple.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund is used for the purchase of music, congregational projects and charitable giving.

Caring Network Fund provides support and help to Temple members in time of need.

Flower Fund provides Bimah flowers on Shabbat and holidays.

General Fund is used in support of MRT projects.

Fund for the Homeless supports the work of Interfaith Neighbors which provides rent subsidies and support services for those in the community who are in need.

Fund for the Righteous supports the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous offering assistance to Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Library Fund augments the library collection with the purchase of books and audiovisual materials.

Mazon Fund enables the MRT to be partners in a Jewish response to hunger, assisting those in need in America, and throughout the world.

Oneg Fund provides a professionally catered oneg for every Shabbat Eve service.

Prayer Book Fund is for the purchase of prayer books, and copies of the Torah Commentary.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund assists those in need and for the support of projects in our congregation and community.

Adam Greenfield Religious School Fund enables the temple to purchase new educational materials for Religious School to enhance the education of our children.

RSJP Endowment Fund for the Future provides the financial stability needed to carry on the work of Monmouth Reform Temple. It will perpetuate the special combination of culture and philosophy unique to the temple, and ensure a continuing Jewish presence in the community.

Scholar-In-Residence Fund brings a scholar to MRT for a weekend of study and discussion every year. The fund honors the memory of Joan Goodman and Ida and Julius Klein.

Shabbat Kallah Fund established in memory of Bob Rosin, former MRT President, brings a scholar to MRT for a Shabbat of study and discussion every year.

Sisterhood Helps provides a meal for a family dealing with illness or bereavement.

Sisterhood College Scholarship provides a monetary award for college bound high school students who have devoted their time to the temple through volunteerism.

Transportation Fund provides funding for congregants who are unable to transport themselves to Shabbat services and other programs.

Baldwin Davidson Scholarship Fund provides an opportunity for our students to experience a summer in Israel or attendance at a URJ camp or program.

Youth Group Fund expands Youth Group programming and furthers fellowship with other Jewish Youth Groups.

MRT DONATION FORM

Tzedakah, a contribution to a just cause is a traditional way to memorialize a loved one, or to commemorate a joyous occasion. Please use this form or donate online to engage in this important mitzvah.

Please include your check made payable to MRT for your donations. You may also make donations online through our website:

www.monmouthreformtemple.org/giving/donate

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At MRT, loved ones are memorialized with Kaddish at the Shabbat service on or following their Yahrzeit. If you would like someone's name read on a different Shabbat please contact the office or see the Rabbi just prior to services.

*Indicates that a Memorial Plaque is hanging in the MRT sanctuary ensuring that their yahrzeit will be observed in perpetuity. Plaques can be purchased by contacting the MRT office. They are hung on the side walls of the sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost per plaque is \$400.

December Yahrzeits

Names to be Read on Friday, December 7th (Services at 6pm)

*Gussie Avrin, *Abba Mayer Beerman, Roger K. Berman, *Betty Bermann, *Isidore Bermann, *Flora Braunstein, *Benjamin Bregmann, Ted Choate, Leda Cohan, *Sol Cohen, *Helen Davis, Joseph Dow, Lawrence Friedman, Gertrude T. Gelber, Abraham Golden, Harry Haback, *Louis E. Jacobson, Nancy Karl, *Harry Kohn, Lester Morris, Dr. Harvey Mozer, Brian Murray, Ace A. Orange, Clara Reiss, Samuel Rivkin, James Harry Ryterband, *Hilda D. Salomon, *Jay Schulman, *Ruth Silverberg, Aaron Smitheimer, *Celia Spring, *Dr. Irma Steisel, Ruth Welt, Joel Wiesenfeld, Gertrude Wolf

Names to be Read on Friday, December 14th (Services at 6pm)

Lena Attias, *Mortimer Brandwene. Florence Elias, *Abraham Glasser, Robert Gordon, Melissa Haback, Pearl Katz, *David Lane, Joseph Levinsky, Martha Meurer, Ruth Pearlman, *Ida Reisner, Harry Resnick, Caryl Rubin, *Pearl Seitz, Patricia Ann Turner, Bernice Urman, Morris Weinstein

Names to be Read on Friday, December 21st (Services at 7pm)

Emanuel Barouch, Billie Bernstein, George Brandwene, Harry Field, Evelyn Garfield, *George Glasser, Molly Gurevitz, Collette Katz, Harry Katz, *Hyman Klein, *Richard Klein, Edward Klein, Harry Kohn, Jeff Lipson, *Nettie Morse, Clara Newman, *Bette Halpern Schmelzle, *Lois Baker Smith, *Beth Tanzman, *Herbert Tanzman

Names to be Read on Friday, December 28th (Services at 7pm)

Aaron J. Abrams, *Samuel Avrin, *Goldie Bialy, Selma Burdas, *Baldwin Davidson, Sylvia Davis, *Leonard Gettelson, Evelyn Anna Roe Gilstein, *Edith R. Ginzburg, Elizabeth Heidema, Sal Katz, *Esther Komar, *Joseph Lansky, Alice McDermott-Pitchell, *Lora G. Miller, Irving Priesand, *Hyman Reisner, Lillian Rifkin, Betty Rivkin, Jennie Rosenweig, *Sylvia Shertzer, Gertrude Snyder, Joseph Weisfogel, Jessie Weiss, Herman Wilk

MRT GARDEN WALKWAY: INSCRIBE A BRICK FOR ANY OCCASION!

In HONOR of:

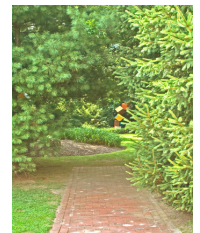
Graduations, Weddings, Anniversaries Confirmations, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Special Birthdays, etc.

In MEMORY Of:

Those you love. Or other wording you desire.

Then you and others will enjoy seeing them while walking the path when at Temple.

Purchases by individuals or groups are welcome \$100/brick, 5 bricks for \$400.



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December 2012

For the most up-to-date information: www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Shabbat Minyan and Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Siebenberg
2 9:30am Rel School 9:30am 4th grade PACT GIFT SHOP OPEN 9:30AM-12NOON	3 6:45pm Sis No Book Club and Pot Luck GIFT SHOP OPEN 7:30pm Brotherhood at Hoolihans	4 9:30am Study Group GIFT SHOP OPEN 7pm Ritual 7:30pm Rel Ed	5 4pm Religious School	6 7pm Sandwich Generation Program	7 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 5:30pm Pre-Oneg by Bagels & Blocks 6pm Shir Chadash & Honor Bobbie LaPLaca followed by Pot Luck dinner	8 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 1st Chanukah Candle
9 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Town Meeting 2nd Chanukah Candle	10 7pm MFA meeting 3rd Chanukah Candle	11 9:30am Study Group 7pm Orchid Soc 7:30pm Exec 4th Chanukah Candle	12 4pm Religious School 6pm MRTSY Chanukah Party 5th Chanukah Candle	13 7pm Town Meeting 6th Chanukah Candle	14 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 6pm Shabbat Service followed by Latke Throwdown 7th Chanukah Candle	15 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 8th Chanukah Candle
16 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels & Blocks 11:30am Community Menorah Lighting	17	18 9:30am Study Group 7:15pm Bd of Trustees	19 4pm Religious School	20	21 7pm Heritage Shabbat Services	22 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
23 No Religious School 30 No Religious School	24 OFFICE CLOSED 31 OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 Office 9am-1pm No Religious School	27 Office 9am – 1pm	28 Office 9am– 1pm 7pm Shabbat Service	29 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study



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MRT TOWN MEETINGS

Do you want to learn more about recent MRT leadership initiatives? Would you like to share your opinions and feedback? Would you like to learn more about ways that you can participate and help? Then plan to attend one of the two MRT TOWN MEETINGS we will have in December.

* Sunday morning, December 9th at 9:30am

* Thursday evening, December 13th at 7pm

Refreshments will be available.

See front page for information on :

First Friday honoring Bobbie La Placa: December 7th

Chanukah Party and Latke/Applesauce throwdown: December 14th

Community Menorah Lighting: December 16th

TIME VALUE



Sisterhood Gift Shop Chanukah Sale

Sunday, December 2nd
9:30am-12noon

Monday, December 3rd
6:45pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, December 4th
9:30am –11am



5th Annual Family Chanukah Menorah Design Contest

Create your own Chanukah menorah and bring it to school on Sunday, December 9th.

All entries will be put on display in the MRT lobby.

Students in the Religious School will select one menorah to win a special prize. All participants will receive recognition at our Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 16th.