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Monmouth Reform Temple  
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## Schedule of Services: February 2013



### Friday, February 1

First Friday  
5:30pm Pre-oneg Mitzvah  
Academy & Confirmation Class  
Shir Chadash and Service at  
6pm

Pot Luck Dinner follows services  
Please bring enough for 10-12  
A-F Pasta/Chicken G-P Salad Q-Z Pasta/Chicken

### Friday, February 8

7pm Shabbat Services  
Bob St. Lifer, Guest Speaker

### Saturday, February 9

10:45-11:45am Drumming Circle

### Friday, February 15th

7pm Shabbat Services  
Karen Karl, Guest Speaker

### Friday, February 22nd

7pm Shabbat Services  
Heritage Shabbat Service  
Rabbi Priesand's Sermon:  
**SHABBAT ZACHOR:REMEMBER AMALEK**

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.**

### Rescheduled Anita Diamant Program Save the Date May 3!

Author Anita Diamant's visit to MRT on  
November 2 was postponed due to Hurricane  
Sandy.

The program is rescheduled with a different  
format:

May 3: Monmouth Reform Temple

May 5: St. Georges by-the-River Episcopal  
Church.

More details to come but mark your calendars  
for this very special program!

## 92:Y An Open Door To Extraordinary Worlds™

### Entertainment

#### Thursday, 21 February 2013

#### Actress Shirley MacLaine presents "Life Lessons"

As an American actress, dancer, activist and author, MacLaine has starred in movies and plays in her 60 year career, receiving an Academy Award and working with a Who's Who list of Hollywood. Currently starring in the 3rd season of the PBS hit series **Downton Abbey**, MacLaine stars with Dame Maggie Smith. She has penned numerous "new age" books and believes that "the spirit is the direct connection to the Divine. It is the cohesive sum and substance of who and what we really are: an energy that is harmonious with the Creator."



Starts at 7.30pm

### Adult Ed Program Wednesdays throughout February:

#### "For You Were Strangers in the Land of Egypt" Encounters with the "Other" in Jewish Text and History

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

At Monmouth Reform Temple Cost: \$45

**Sign up online and scholar info ONLY: [www.jtsa.edu/StrangerMonmouth](http://www.jtsa.edu/StrangerMonmouth)**

2/6 Dr. Gary Rendsburg "Israel as the Other, the Other as Israel in Biblical Literature  
2/13 The Sages and "The Gentile Problem"; Defining the Jewish Place in the Ancient World  
2/20 Dr. Paola Tartakoff "Redefining Edom and Ishmael: Medieval Jewish Perspectives on Christians and Muslims  
2/27 Dr. Yaacob Dweck Spinoza and Jewish Heresy in the Modern World

Explore Jewish encounters with the "other" through the study of sacred texts and documents. Session will address how Jews have defined other groups and, in turn, themselves at different moments in history. 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: Context, The Adult Jewish Learning Program of JTS, The Jewish Theological Seminary Jewish Federation of Monmouth County

### Shabbat Kallah Save the Date!

#### Saturday, March 9

Dr. Gary Rendsburg, Rutgers University, will speak on the topic, "The Dead Sea Scrolls at Sixty-Five" on Saturday March 9. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls during the years 1947-1948 and the on-going research into their contents has created nothing less than a revolution in the study of ancient Judaism. In this two-part lecture series, Dr. Rendsburg will provide both an overview of the scrolls and an in-depth look at several key texts in order to bring this complex and yet crucial subject into clearer focus for the general public. Program begins after Torah study and morning services with luncheon included.

The Shabbat Kallah program is presented by the Monmouth Reform Temple Adult Education Committee sponsored by a bequest from past President Robert Rosin.

## From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



In the spirit of Purim with its the topsy turvy themes-we have another strange coincidence next Fall. Thank you to Andy Melnick for sending me this explanation which I merged into my bulletin article.

Next year the first day of Hanukkah occurs on Thanksgiving-November 28th, 2013. It has never happened before...and will never happen again soon.

Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday in November so the latest it can be is November 28th. November 28th is also the earliest Hanukkah can be. The Jewish calendar is extremely complicated and repeats on a 19 year cycle, while Thanksgiving repeats on a 7 year cycle. These holidays will coincide approximately every 133 years. This is approximately correct – the last time it would have happened was 1861. However, Thanksgiving was only formally established by President Lincoln in 1863. Therefore it has never happened before.

Now you may ask why won't it ever happen again?

The reason is because the Jewish calendar is very slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar, at a rate of 4 days per 1000. This means that while presently Hanukkah can be as early as 11/28, over the years the Jewish calendar will drift forward and the earliest Hanukkah can be is 11/29. The next time Hanukkah will fall on 11/28 is 2146 (which happens to be a Monday- so we in America will not have it then). Therefore, 2013 is the only time Hanukkah will ever overlap with Thanksgiving.

If the Jewish calendar is never modified in any way then it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar, until it loops all the way back to where it is now. So, the next time Hanukkah will again fall on Thursday, November 28th is in the year 79,811. Again, my thanks to Andy Melnick for this well written explanation.

Luckily we all love the rare and unusual occurrences! I want to make certain you partake in all of our Purim

celebrations in the month Adar. These festivities are advertised throughout the bulletin and in all our emails and communications. On Saturday February 23rd at 5:00 pm, for the younger ones at our temple please come dressed in your costume with your children and grandchildren for a reading of the megillah (you will be out the door by 6 pm). Adults make your reservations, get a baby sitter and come back at 7:00 pm for our Dr. Seuss themed Purim Shpiel, Karaoke and dinner. It is a 3 part performance of The Cat in the Kippa, Horton Hears a Jew and the Grinch who Stole Purim. This performance is a rare and unusual occurrence which may also never happen again until the year 79,811 so you do not want to miss this!

Please also sign for our next two 92nd St Y presentations on February 21st and March 14th. Keep an eye out for all of our publicity and great activities we offer at MRT!

Welcome Natalia Brooke Denker!

January 4, 2013

Mazel tov!

Rabbi Michelle Pearlman and Drew Denker  
and sisters Madeline and Noa

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



As I write this, we seem to be departing our annual cold snap but our MRT community continues to warmly thrive in a plethora of events and great news. Some of the great news: Congratulations on a new addition to the Pearlman-Denker family: Rabbi Pearlman gave birth to a third baby daughter, Natalia Brooke Denker, on January 4, 2013, right on schedule! The Congregation commemorated this wonderful milestone with a gift to the Card Work Pays Off initiative, in honor of Rabbi Pearlman. An example event: The second installment of the 92<sup>nd</sup> St. Y occurred on January 26, accompanied at the start by a Harolds Deli-catered dinner, to the enjoyment and education of over 100 people!

Allow me to switch gears from running events to running the temple. Like many organizations, positions on the MRT Board are filled by a Nominating Committee whose members are selected by the President in accordance to MRT's Bylaws and approved by the Board. **This year's members are Michael Kaye (Chair), Stephanie Fitzsimmons, Stu Tuchband, Elise Aptaker, and Jim Halpern.** This committee will have to the beginning of March to nominate candidates for open MRT Board positions. Elections are held at MRT's Annual Meeting at the end of April/beginning of May. These are Board Positions for July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

There are eight Board openings, of which four are not permitted to be filled by their incumbents. These four are Adult Education Trustee, Financial Secretary, Senior VP, and President. The other four openings, for which their incumbents could be nominated, are Membership Trustee, Ritual Trustee, Ways & Means Trustee, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

So, how does a congregant become a candidate? The typical approach is to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. **If you have an interest in joining the Board, please contact one of the above Nominating Committee members or a Board Member or me ASAP.** As an alternative, nominations can be made by written petition signed by 5% of member households (which currently would be 18 households) and filed with the MRT President at least 15 days before the Annual Meeting.

So here it is, **your** opportunity to help lead the temple in ways that you envision.

Switching gears again from running the temple to paying for it. As I write this, the first Finance Committee meeting to prepare the MRT 2013-14 budget will soon be held this week. This reminds me that it has been almost five months since I have written or spoken to you about MRT's finances. I have maintained silence about MRT finances out of respect for the terrible conditions faced by many families, both inside and outside our MFT community, in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. (I continue to be amazed at our temple community's stellar efforts to aid the many victims of this storm.)

Unfortunately, while MRT's expenses have remained just slightly below budget independent of Sandy, our revenue, in particular our High Holy Day Appeal, is well below last year's collections. Our Treasurer Jay Feigus projects that our gross income will end up far below our expenses at the end of this fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>). So, as the Finance Committee mulls over ways to improve the income picture for next year, what can you do to help now? Well, here are some ideas:

1. Under the leadership of David Levinsky, the rejuvenated Ways & Means Committee is coming up with new innovative ideas to raise money for MRT while engaging our community. You can help by **attending/participating in the resulting events and initiatives**.
  2. The annual Monmouth Festival of the Arts is being held by MRT in April. You can help by **encouraging your MRT and non-MRT friends and family to attend and to consider becoming "Friends of the Festival"**.
  3. It is not too late for you to **contribute to the High Holy Day appeal**.
- Finally, please **consider increasing your dues pledge for this and/or next year**, taking into account the fact that MRT's average expense per household unit is approximately \$2,000.

If you have any questions about these issues, or would like to be involved in MRT's budget process, please let me know.

Skiers, please enjoy the rest of the winter. For the rest of us, dream of that Florida vacation!

### **Summary of January 15th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y**

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of January 15, 2013.

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

We want to congratulate Rabbi Pearlman and her family on the birth of their daughter, Natalia Brooke. Mom and everyone are doing well. MRT is getting a technology upgrade. We are getting a new projector for presentations and lectures. We will also be adding wireless internet to the Social Hall. The Save the Shore fund has collected over \$42,000 to date to help Hurricane Sandy victims. The MRT Task Force for the future of our congregation is off to a good start. Our fifth graders conducted a family program about Israel this month.

The Membership Committee reports that our congregation is holding steady at 342 member families.

The Nominating Committee for next year's Board of Trustees was established. If you are interested in serving on the Temple Board or on a Committee, please contact the office.

The Pulpit Committee interviewed two candidates for the position of Interim Rabbi. While the committee is still open to applications and new candidates, based on the interviews to date, they will be able to make a recommendation to the Board shortly.

The Task Force to define an updated mission statement for our temple met twice this month. The first meetings were useful to allow everyone to explain from their point of view, how they saw the issues that are ahead for us as a congregation. One of the most important issues discussed was communication between this Committee and the congregation as a whole. It is essential that everyone who has something to contribute be heard, so if you have something to say, please write the Task Force.

The Board conducted its monthly review of the expenses. The Finance Committee recommended we review our expenses and see if there are areas in the budget that can now be trimmed back to accommodate for lower than expected pledges this year.

With an eye toward maintaining the highest security and safety at MRT, the Board has asked the Security Committee reconvene to assess how well we have done in implementing its last recommendations.

Once again, we would like to ask you to consider trying something new this year. Step up, help out, please volunteer your time.

### **Report from MRT Task Force: Atid (Future)**

The consulting task force at MRT is now named "Atid" which means "the future." We had our second meeting under the direction of Dr. Michael P. Freidman on Thursday, January 10th. The group is reading "This House We Build" by Bookman and Kahn that is an excellent analysis of synagogues that go through considerable change. Discussion on the 10th was for identifying some of the stressors that have accumulated here at MRT over the last few years and how they have contributed to the disagreements and bad feelings that have led to the consultation project. In addition, Dr. Freidman shared with us that he has completed private interviews with Rabbi Pearlman, Cantor Clissold, Rabbi Priesand and Rabbi Roos (by telephone.) He also attended an Executive Committee meeting on the 9th. From those events and many other conversations with temple leaders, he is gaining a more detailed understanding of our history and current temple dynamics.

A suggestion was made by one of our members that we each take responsibility for communicating about the task force's work to a specific subset of the membership, perhaps 20 families for which they would be the key information provider. The idea was well received and plans are started to add it to our others efforts to keep the membership informed and engaged in the consulting project.

Others issues discussed included how our work can contribute to the next rabbinic search and the ways in which we can actively effect change through recommendations to the board later in the year.

If you are reading this and have questions or comments for Atid, please take advantage of our special email address: [tfamrt@gmail.com](mailto:tfamrt@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Joel Morgovsky, Chair, Atid and Immediate Past President

## FEBRUARY LOBBY TZEDAKAH BOX: RIDE 4 REFORM

Ride4Reform—the 10<sup>th</sup> annual bike ride to support the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (Israel's Reform Movement) will cover about 155 miles over five days, passing through some particularly beautiful and unspoiled areas. It will also visit Israeli Reform congregations, bringing a message of friendship and support that I think will be especially meaningful.

The money will go directly to helping support progressive communities in Israel through education and community work, such as building education centers and programming centered on egalitarianism and tolerance, help immigrants and refugees who are often neglected or felt to be outsiders, and helping Israeli youth attend Reform summer camp programs. The IMPJ is doing amazing work here in Israel for a branch of Judaism that is not financially supported by the government. For more information as to where your donation will go, please see "Where Will My Money Go" on the IMPJ Web site [www.riding4reform.org](http://www.riding4reform.org).

## MRTSY

MRTSY had a blast this past month at Garden State Rocks, where they spent nearly two hours rock climbing on various indoor courses. Along with a wide range of unique courses, participants could choose to use only certain colored rocks, making the challenge of getting to the top even more difficult. While it was tiring, participants had a ton of fun.

Games, prizes, a costume contest, and hamantashen can only mean one thing—the Purim Carnival is happening soon! It will be on February 24th this year, and will feature a fun bus and a moon bounce. Kids can get great prizes and even go home with goldfish. Adults, too, can get fantastic prizes. By playing the balloon pop game, adults are eligible to win a brand new television set. Don't miss out on all of the fun and games!

Registration for the summer season of FREE Taglit-Birthright Israel trips with URJ Keshet opens on February 13th. The program is open to Jewish young adults, ages 18-26 and who have never been to Israel on a peer program. The URJ Keshet experience embraces the values of Reform Judaism. Learn more at [www.gokeshet.org](http://www.gokeshet.org). Contact Rabbi Pearlman or Cantor Clissold if you would like VIP status. We will be happy to include your name on the priority list.

## 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, February 22nd at 7pm. Rabbi Priesand will be officiating at services with Cantor Clissold.

A reservation MUST be made with the temple office by Tuesday, February 12th. 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](mailto:helene@monmouthreformtemple.org) OR 732-747-9365 x214.

Special Tuesday morning Study Group Guest:

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

Rabbi at Congregation Torat-El in Oakhurst, NJ

Tuesday, February 5th and February 12th

9:30am - 11am



## From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



Our students are working hard at Judaic Studies and in their Hebrew classes.

Our K-1 class has been learning about TuB'Shevat, the Birthday of the trees. They planted pot plants and made a tree mural.

The 2nd Graders are learning their Hebrew letters and studying the Jewish holidays.

The 3rd graders and their parents researched the meaning of their Hebrew names and made family trees at a PACT program.

The 4th Graders are working on their Hebrew reading and learning the prayers in preparation for receiving their first siddurim {prayerbooks}.

The 5th Graders and their parents learned about Israel and did projects on places in Israel at a PACT program. Toda Rabba {thanks} to Jeremy Kaplan for his interesting talk on Israel and for answering all our questions. We made and ate delicious Israeli food.

The 6th Graders are preparing to lead the Shabbat morning service. They are also learning about Tu B'Shevat and creating sculptures using recycled materials.

The 7th Graders are studying Jewish Life Cycle events. They are also preparing for becoming Bnei Mitzvah.

Upcoming events:

2/3/2013 – The 4th Graders receive their first Siddurim at 9:30am.

2/10/2013 – 6th Grade PACT program for parents and students from 9:30 – 12:00.

2/17/2013 – No school. Presidents' weekend.

2/24/2013 – Purim celebration and carnival.

L'Hitraot,

Vera Galleid

## From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chairperson

### TODAY IN ISRAEL

Most visitors to Israel plan a time during their stay to be at the Western Wall, the Kotel. I have gone more than once with a note (my message to G-d), to tuck into the Wall. The last time I was there, with Rabbi Pearlman and a group of MRT members, we women were allowed into the very narrow area in front of the Wall set aside for women. We watched as female family members of a young man who was being Bar Mitzvah stood on chairs so that they could observe the service taking place on the other side of the fence that separated them from the men's section.

The latest and ongoing scene at the Kotel has attracted worldwide attention from Diaspora Jews. An interdenominational group of Jewish women calling themselves Women of the Wall and led by Anat Hoffman, head of the Reform movement's lobbying arm in Israel, have taken upon themselves acts of devotion, donning religious garments and reading from the Torah at the Wall. Response to their activities has been arrest and imprisonment and banishment from the area of the Wall for a period of time.

The Western Wall is considered by the majority of secular Israelis to be a national monument, not necessarily a spiritual place. For many Diaspora Jews, the Kotel is a symbol of the millenia-old Jewish connection to the promised land and a place of inspiration and prayer. A group of Conservative and Reform women in Israel consider it their right and privilege to pray there. However, administration of the Western Wall is in the hands of the fervently Ultra-Orthodox haredi group, appointed by the government to administer security at the Wall and they are unequivocally opposed, for religious reasons, to women at prayer at the Wall.

Because of outrage in the Jewish diaspora when news of arrests and detentions and women being barred from prayer became widespread, P.M. Netanyahu has appointed Natan Scharansky, currently Director of the Jewish Agency, to review the Wall's policies and recommend changes.

R. Shmuel Rabinowitz who manages the Wall has stated that he will not change any of the rules that he has abided by as long as he has authority given by the State of Israel.



Send *Shalach Manot* to:  
Family, Friends, MRT  
friends, staff or  
teachers!

One of the sweetest Purim traditions is sending gift baskets of food and drink to family and friends. To quote Uncle Mordecai: "They were to observe Purim as days of feasting and merriment and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another..." [Esther 9:22].

## Order Your SHALACH MANOT PURIM BOXES

This is one of the primary fundraisers of the year. Participation in the Shalach Manot exchange helps to subsidize many programs at MRT and in the Religious School. Sisterhood is baking the *Hamantaschen* and putting them into the *Shalach Manot* boxes along with candy and other goodies. These are gifts of good will and celebration for those you love, want to thank, appreciate, work with, are acquainted with, or would like to get to know.

## Shalach Manot : How To Do It!

- Use the congregant list that was mailed to you to select those whom you wish to send a box.
- Check off the names and then tally up the total.
- Bring the final page with the totals along with your check to the MRT office
- Each Box will contain hamentashen baked by sisterhood along with candy and other goodies. -Recipients will receive **one** box with a card listing the name of all who sent to that home.
- They can be picked up at MRT** on Friday 2/22, Sat. 2/23 (at the Purim Shpiel) or Sunday 2/24 during religious school.

Cost: \$5.00 per box  
\$36.00 for ten (10) boxes  
\$108.00 for the whole MRT community!

## New This Year!!

Boxes of homemade Hamentashen ....\$10.00 each

**To ensure your order is filled it must be received with Payment in full by February 19**



The Monmouth Festival of the Arts is MRT's biggest fundraising and community effort of the year! EVERY family can be part of this event which has been honored with the Governor's Award in Arts Education. The 43rd Festival will be held April 13-17, 2013, and there is much yet to be done! You can help in large or small ways by:

- becoming a Friend of the Arts supporter (your invitation should have arrived in the mail this weekend) for tickets to attend the Opening Gala on April 13
- planning to contribute baked goods, soups, or salads for the cafe which serves festival visitors
- saying "yes" when you are contacted to fill a 3 hour time slot to help take orders for artwork
- volunteering to serve in the cafe
- volunteering to help convert the rooms of the Temple into the art display (set up)
- advertise, or find an advertiser, for the Program Journal which is distributed during the Festival
- assist artists as they bring their work to be displayed, and again when it is removed
- assist setting up jewelry displays
- attend the Festival and enjoy the artwork, meals in the cafe, or a chance to win a piece of artwork in our Chance Auction

If you would like more information, you can contact:

Friends of Festival - Karen Levinsky, karenlevinsky@optonline.net

Cafe, Setting up - Dean Ross, dmshoppe@aol.com

Volunteer during Festival - Sheila Bodner, shbodner@verizon.net

Advertise - Linda Burns, lsburns@att.net

Assist Artists - Alice Berman, aliceb49@optonline.net

Later this month you will receive a survey, via "Survey Monkey", through which you can also choose how you can participate and volunteer.

There are more opportunities for other, behind-the-scenes tasks that are fun, and make a big contribution to the success of this event. Please email either Dean Ross (dmshoppe@aol.com), or Alice Berman (aliceb49@optonline.net) to find out more.

## BROTHERHOOD

### Mind Games

Did someone say social? I guess so since the Brotherhood and Sisterhood are teaming up Saturday March 16 for a night of fun and games in the social hall. We will be playing all kinds of board games, dice games, card games, and more. Good not-so-clean fun for everyone.

Pitchers and catchers are reporting soon which means the Hebrew Nationals Softball Season can't be too far away. We play in a coed league. All games are weeknights at 6pm. Games are played in Holmdel, Hazlet, and Middletown. Let me know if you want to join the roster.

In the middle of the success of Beatlemania in 2011 a suggestion was made we have a similar concert with a Springsteen tribute band. That idea is in the works. If you are a Springsteen fan we could really use your help on this one.

Our next monthly Brotherhood meeting will be Monday February 4 at 7:30pm in the temple library. The poker game will follow.

Perry Weyser, Weyser66@gmail.com



Saturday, February 23 - 5-6pm

**WEAR COSTUMES**

**BRING** Pasta Groggers  
Hamentashen Will Be Served

### FAMILY MEGILLAH READING

Come hear our Purim story & drown out Haman's name!

PURIM celebrates the salvation of the Jews by Queen Esther and her uncle, Mordecai. The festivities begin with the reading of the Megillah, the Book of Esther.

For families with young & grade school children.

Pasta Groggers will be donated to the local food bank

### Shabbat Drumming Circle

**Saturday, Feb 9th**

**10:45am-11:45am**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**No drumming experience  
necessary.**

**Drums will be provided if you  
do not have your own.**



### MFA PEP RALLY SUNDAY, MARCH 10th 9:30-10:30 A.M.

**BE OUR GUESTS AT A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST**  
(no charge)

- learn about the inner workings of the art show
- find out how you can offer an hour or more of your time to become a valued volunteer
- view work created by the budding student artists of the MRT religious school

We hope to see many of you at this important Sunday morning event.

Please RSVP to: [festival@monmouthfestivalofthearts.com](mailto:festival@monmouthfestivalofthearts.com)

**And to add some "pep" to the  
rally...**

### "NOT YOUR PARENTS' MANISCHEWITZ" PASSOVER WINE TASTING

Place your orders for the holiday  
(profits from the sale will benefit MRT)

Sunday, March 10th at 9:30am



# Baldwin Davidson Memorial Scholarship Fund

## A Message from Sisterhood & Brotherhood

This fund supports the Jewish education and experiences of our children through trips to Israel, summer camp, youth group events, leadership training to promote a passionate love of Jewish learning.

We invite all interested families to apply to this scholarship fund and help to make multi-faceted and life-long Jewish learning a reality in your home.

There is a committee of five who makes the awards determination and who will collectively consider every applicant who wishes to avail themselves of the Jewish learning opportunities that exist outside of our temple community.



The application deadline is February 15, 2013

### BALDWIN DAVIDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: February 15, 2013 ■ Notification: March 10, 2013

Supporting the Jewish education and experiences of our children through trips to Israel, summer camp, youth group events, and leadership training to promote a passionate love of Jewish learning.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost of Activity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for requested funds (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your involvement at MRT: (e.g., religious school, youth group, volunteer roles, etc.)

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Describe what the scholarship funds will be used for and how you will benefit: (NFTY, summer camp, Israel, etc.)

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Feel free to attach additional information.

Please send application to:

**Baldwin Davidson Scholarship Monmouth Reform Temple 332 Hance Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724**

**The Following Donated to the Card Works gift card program**

Alice Berman	Judy Luger	Phyllis Kinsler
Arkay Kiner	Julie & Gary Simon	Prana Mandir Yoga
Arlene & Jim Berg	Karen Karl & John Heidema	Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, Inc.
Barbara Allesandro	Karin & Joe Stein	Rabbi Greg Litcofsky, Temple Emanu-El
Barbara and Harvey Pearlman	Keneseth Beth Israel	Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe
Barry & Barbara Miller	Keri & Adam Hershey	Rabbi Michelle Pearlman & Drew
Bernard Brandwene	Kyle Sircus, Temple Beth El	Denker
Beth Hillel Temple - 8th graders	Larry at Temple Oyr Temple Beth-Am	Rabbi Sally J. Priesand
Betty & Bob Schulman	Larry Hambro	Rebecca & Scott Schneider & Family
Betty Ann Bowers	Lauren Pischel, Temple Beth El	Richard Bennett
Bobbie & Al Goldstein	Leah Doberne-Schor & Adam Schor	Richard Tresch
Brenda & David Tuller	Lila Singer	Rita & David Sperling
Cara & Will Buffkin	Linda & Arwyn Davies	Riva & Arnold Berleant
Carol & Charles Berlin	Linda & Ira Friedman	Sandee Burger
Carol & Rich Evans	Lisa & Robert Sussman	Sandra & Adam Blackman
Chavurat Lamdeinu c/o Sandra Fielo	Lisa Weinstock	Sandra & Serge Wurman
Cheryl & Steve Gaudette	Lois Grossberg	Sandra & Serge Wurman
Christiana & Charles MacFarlane	Loretta & Michael Zack	Sanford Gruskin
Claire Boren	Lorraine Lynch	Sara & Kenneth Fishkin
Congregation Gates of Prayer	Louis Cheifetz, Pres. & Carol Mazer,	Sharon & Harry Silverman
Congregation Torat El	Sec/Treasurer	Sharon & Harry Silverman
Cora and Stu Tuchband	Lucy Benjamin & Clifton Page	Sharon and Howard Sholkin
Darah Lerner	Maddy & Michael Kalb	Sheila and Rich Sachs
Dave Horn	Marci Taylor	Shelley & Ted Ibex
David Shapiro	Marcia & Jeff Horn	Shirley & Marv Dubin
David Sugarman	Marcia and Jeff Horn	Sholom Aleichem Berezvoker Brandeis
David Yelen	Marcia Lassman & Ben, Molly&Jenny Pushner	Ass'n.
Dee Kaplan	Margaret Subhas	Steven Anderson
Edward Lasoff	Margie & Robert Wold	Susan & Bob St. Lifer
Eleanor Narevsky	Mariann & Rob Corin	Susan and Roy Gelber
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JEWISH HERITAGE SHABBAT</b> <b>FEBRUARY 22 – 7:00 PM</b> <b>SHABBAT ZACHOR</b> The title of Rabbi Priesand's sermon: "REMEMBER AMALEK" The Hebrew word zachor means "remember." In Torah, there are many things we are commanded to remember. This month's question: →			Referring to the Jewish people, who said: "Their best characteristic is their desire to remember." Send your guess to Rabbi Priesand on Twitter @rabbisally1 or via email <a href="mailto:rabbisally1@optonline.net">rabbisally1@optonline.net</a> The winner will be chosen randomly from all those who have the right answer and will win this month's prize. You must be present to win!		<b>1</b> 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 5:30pm Pre-oneg by Mitzvah And Conf 6pm Shabbat Shir Chadash Service followed by Potluck	<b>2</b> 9am Shabbat Minyan and Torah Study
<b>3</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am 4th grade Siddur celebration 1pm Student Art Competition 2pm Sandy Concert at RFH	<b>4</b> 7:30pm Brotherhood Board & Poker	<b>5</b> 9:30am Study Group with Rabbi Aaron Schnobrun 7:30pm Religious Ed	<b>6</b> 4pm Religious School 7:30pm Context/ JTS Dr. Gary Rendsburg	<b>7</b> 7pm Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10:30pm Shabbat @ Kensington 7pm Shabbat Services Guest Speaker: Bob St. Lifer	<b>9</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10:45 Drumming circle
<b>10</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am 6th grade PACT	<b>11</b> 7pm MFA meeting 7:15pm Atid	<b>12</b> 9:30am Study Group with Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun 7pm Orchid Society 7:30pm Exec Board	<b>13</b> 4pm Religious School 7:30pm Context/ JTS Dr. Robert Goldenberg	<b>14</b> 7pm Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 7pm Shabbat Services Guest Speaker: Karen Karl	<b>16</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>17</b> No Religious School	<b>18</b> Office Closed President's Day	<b>19</b> 9:30am Study Group with Jane Graver	<b>20</b> 4pm Religious School 7pm Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 7:30pm Context/JTS Dr. Paola Tartakoff	<b>21</b> 7:30pm 92Y Shirley MacClaine	<b>22</b> 2pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Heritage Shabbat Services Sally J. Priesand, Rabbi Emerita	<b>23</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 5pm Children's Megillah Reading 7pm Shpiel & Party
<b>24</b> 9:30am Religious School 9:30am Bagels and Blocks 11:30am Purim Carnival	<b>25</b> 7:15pm Atid	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4pm Religious School 7:30pm Context/ JTS Dr. Yaacob Dweck	<b>28</b>		



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