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Monmouth Reform Temple
The More Torah, The More Life
מרבח תורה, מרבח חיים

SELICHOT

Saturday, August 31st

Selichot Service with MRT Choir 8:00 pm
Study Session with Film Screening 9:00 pm

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

(Evening before)

Wednesday, September 4th at 7:45 pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Thursday, September 5th

Morning Service 10:00 am
Family (Children's) Service 3:00 pm
Followed by a walk to Tashlich* 4:00 pm

"Tashlich" comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to cast" and is based on the concluding verses of *The Book of Micah*, "You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." We recite prayers near a body of water while throwing pieces of bread into it, symbolically casting away our sins. Engaging in this brief service gives a tangible outlet for our repentance during the holy days.

*BYOB (bring your own breadcrumbs)

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 6th at 7pm

Saturday, September 7th

Shabbat Service & Torah Study in the Library at 9am

Shabbat Morning Minyan Services followed by Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9am in the MRT Library (except 9/14).

KOL NIDREI (Yom Kippur Eve)

Friday, September 13th at 7:45pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Saturday, September 14th

Morning Service 10:00 am
Family (Children's) Service 2:00 pm
Yom Kippur Avodah Program* 3:00 pm

*In lieu of the traditional afternoon service, you have the opportunity to participate in one of two learning and worship programs designed to elevate your spirit, enlighten you and strengthen your commitment to teshuvah, repentance and self-renewal. *See page 8 for information.*

Yizkor Service 4:45 pm
Closing Service/Neilah 5:30 pm

SUKKOT

All are welcome to pray, meditate or eat in the MRT Sukkah. Please be advised of the special events listed below:

Join with Brotherhood!
Help Build the MRT Sukkah
Sunday, September 15th at 8:30am

Sukkot Festival Services w/Brunch in the Sukkah
Thursday, September 19th at 10am

Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah
Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm

BYO Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah
Friday, September 20th at 5:30pm
Pre-Oneg by Religious School Teachers
Services at 6pm

BYO Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah following services (approx. 7:15pm)

Religious School Lunch in the Sukkah
Sunday, September 22nd at 11:30am

Bagels and Blocks in the Sukkah
Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30pm

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, September 25th

Religious School begins at 5pm

6pm Pizza Party-all are invited! 6:30pm Service with Consecration
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Festival Services and Yizkor
Thursday, September 26th at 10am

Shabbat Services

Friday, September 27th at 7pm

MRT Vision, Mission, Values (approved at August 20th Board Meeting)***Vision***

OPEN DOORS -- OPEN MINDS

Monmouth Reform Temple – Our Spiritual Community-Where We Nurture Meaning in Our Lives

Mission

- ***We are an inclusive community where creativity and openness to new ideas harmonize with the traditions of Reform Judaism.*** For all ages we provide multiple pathways to spiritual growth and lifelong learning.
- ***We seek to be inspired and to inspire each other in a spiritual journey.*** We engage in joyful, participatory, musical and meaningful experiences.
- ***We build communities of enduring relationships that nourish commitment to each other and to Judaism.*** We are a source of strength to one another as we share the joys and challenges of our lives.
- ***By speaking out and taking action, we seek to improve the quality of human existence and help heal our world.*** As we work together we create a Jewish presence in the community.
- ***We create opportunities for individuals and families to study and learn together.*** We enable members to learn about and connect with the evolving relevance of Judaism in our lives.
- ***We affirm our continuing support of Israel.*** We understand that to be a Jew is to be a part of the extended Jewish family.
- ***Each of us is a steward of MRT's financial, physical and human resources.*** This includes our temple's good name.

Values

In all aspects of temple life - spiritual, educational and social – these values are our common bond and support our common effort:

Spirituality

We are guided by Torah as we strive to live ethical lives. In search of spiritual and intellectual nourishment, we become aware of a sense of wonder, amazement and being in God's presence. Our deeds reflect our gratitude for the gift of life and its blessings.

Respect

In all our relationships we treat each other in a way that preserves individual dignity and welcomes new ideas. Courtesy, directness, and openness to others will guide our interactions and demonstrate our trustworthiness.

Inclusiveness

We welcome all who choose to embrace Judaism in their lives and homes, regardless of background. As builders of community, we care about each other in all our diversity.

Lifelong Learning

MRT is a center of life-long learning, where we search for meaning, we study, we question, and we seek the sacred. Learning enables us all to progress from knowledge to commitment to action.

Engagement

In partnership with clergy and staff, we count on our members to contribute their talents, resources and energy to ensure the vitality of MRT's community. We depend on our members to be informed and participate in decision-making.

From the President, Jay Wiesenfeld Email: wiesenfeld@ieee.org

As I am writing this, the month of Elul is winding down and Rosh Hashanah is almost here. Elul is a month of preparation for the coming new year—indeed, it is a month for preparing for the future. There are personal aspects to the preparation. As Rabbi Yael Splansky writes about Elul in a d’var Torah for Parashah Ki Teitzei, “Just on the horizon ... sits Rosh HaShanah and a new year of possibility. Some may dream: ‘This is the year that I’m going to get it right. This is the year I turn it all around. I’ll be the perfect parent, the ideal spouse, the most loving son or daughter to my aging parent.’” I always think this way, and I recognize that implementation requires work.

There are community aspects to the preparation. During Elul (and really, starting much earlier than Elul), MRT has been preparing for the High Holy Days. This has been a focus for Rabbi Ourach and Cantor Clissold, as well as Helene Messer and Mindy Gorowitz in the office. In addition, the ritual committee, choir, brotherhood and sisterhood, social action, and others have significant roles in preparing for the services, the food drive, and myriad related activities. This requires work and needs our community to make this all happen. As we know, our sense of community is very important to us.

As a community, we have spent much effort in the past year studying our community and making plans for the future—way beyond the new year. The Atid (Atid is Hebrew for the “future”) task force created recommendations for MRT, offering vision, mission, and values (VMV) to guide MRT, and more specific suggestions relating to our structure and operations. I have written about this in earlier articles. Thank you to the members of the congregation who commented on the VMV statements. At the August 20 meeting, the Board adopted the set of VMV statements created by the Atid task force. Those statements are printed elsewhere in this Bulletin. These statements are now guides for all in the congregation as we move forward. They are the beginning of our preparation for the future of MRT. Look at these statements and consider them in the light of what MRT is and what its future will be. Use them.

Over the next year, the Board will be working with the rest of the Atid report, making plans for implementation of many of its recommendations. Please read a copy of the report, which is available in hard copy or electronic form by request from the MRT office. Please send feedback, either by email to atidfeedback@monmouthreformtemple.org or by letter to “Atid Feedback” at the MRT office.

May the new year 5774 be a year of health, happiness, strength, and community for us all, as we move together to the future as a community.

Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Ourach

16 Sessions on Thursdays at MRT beginning October 17th at 7:30pm

MRT members and their friends as well as interfaith couples are invited to expand their knowledge of Jewish life and living. The course is for anyone who feels that their early childhood exposure to the content and practice aspects of Judaism is lacking. This survey course of Jewish practice and belief will be an asset in our ever-evolving Jewish lives. Call the office for registration information or contact Rabbi Ourach.

From Rabbi Bob Ourach



At Kol Nidre, as I stand before the open ark and read the opening prayer of the service, I think about my

own behavior in the year that has past. I seek God's compassion as I begin the most solemn and introspective day of the Jewish year. I try to assess my own failings and I attempt to evaluate my behavior in order that I might better lead the congregation in the day and year ahead.

Recognizing one's own failings and limitations is never easy. Hearing criticism is often painful, and yet both of these are essential if growth is really to be a part of our lives. I have found one of the most important skills in changing behavior is learning how to listen.

Listening requires each of us to focus on what someone else is saying. Listening also demands of us that we must attempt to reflect in our words and in our deeds the needs and concerns of others.

Yom Kippur gives us a chance to listen in another way as well. We have the opportunity and the responsibility on this day to listen to our hearts and to listen for God, so that we might cleanse our souls and begin the year refreshed and renewed. As we pray on this Day of Atonement, may we listen not only for God, but to the voices and emotions within us that will help us build on our strengths. May we, through practice and determination, begin a year where our ability to listen is enhanced and extended beyond the scope of our present efforts.

God, we pray that You will help us to grow in the year ahead. May we, as caring and loving human beings, become more sensitive and more attentive to the words and emotions expressed to us. Guide our lips so that we may bring comfort and joy into the world. Guide our lips in order that we build up and not tear down. On this Day of Atonement, may our prayers ascend to the throne of Your glory.

Linda and I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

L'shana Tova

Rabbi Robert E. Ourach

Selichot Service and Program: Saturday night, August 31st

8pm Service with Choir (includes changing the Torah Mantles)

9pm Program with Rabbi Ourach:

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From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Monmouth Reform Temple could not operate without volunteers. This year as we prepare for the High Holy Days I am awed by the enormous amount of volunteerism at MRT. Very devoted volunteers work tirelessly to make sure that everything is perfect for the High Holy Days. Our choir and director Alice Berman begin to prepare the choral music in the early part of summer. I thank each of them for being part of our temple choir.

I thank Doreen Addison and our ritual committee for everything they do to make the High Holy Days and worship all year special. Our temple office works incredibly hard and I hope that everyone will get a chance to personally thank Mindy and Helene for all their work. Rabbi Ourach has been a terrific partner over the last several months and I thank him for all he has done for our temple. I am so grateful to have Dr. Barbara Thomson as our temple organist—she is a wonderful asset! The list could go on and on—because so many of you do so much!

For this Thanksgiving you can join our choir! We are singing our “favorite” Thanksgiving Hymns and beautiful Chanukah music, because this year the two observances will overlap. Being part of Monmouth Reform Temple Volunteer Choir represents a “sound investment” in our worship practice; our temple culture and adult Jewish education. Together, with your support the Monmouth Reform Temple Volunteer Choir can continue the long-standing tradition of nurturing and presenting excellence in music on a scale that enriches the lives of our temple family. Investing your time in the Monmouth Reform Temple Volunteer Choir is an investment in the future of Monmouth Reform Temple. I hope this year will be the year you come back or join us for the first time.

In addition to learning about our Jewish choral tradition, you will have fun! We enjoy some great laughs in our choir. We are not a very serious group but we all seriously love to sing and want you to be a part of us! If you are interested, please speak with Alice Berman or me. Rehearsals for Thanksgiving will begin at 7:45 pm October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, and 14. We will sing at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service at 8 pm on November 27th.

We have several exciting events at MRT this Fall on our calendar and I hope you have a chance to attend them all! This Fall we will have three LIVE broadcasts from the 92nd St Y. On October 23 we broadcast Robert Gibbs and Ari Fleisher, on November 4 is Alan Dershowitz and December 16th is Jeremy Ben-Ami. Please make sure to write them on your calendar and make your reservation to attend by contacting the temple office or buying your ticket at the door.

Visual T'filah is a Shabbat prayer book filled with beautiful images and prayers projected on a screen. During the course of the year we will experiment with *Visual T'filah* at MRT. Our current plan is to have four VT, one for each season. Our first showing will be on October 25th at 7pm Shabbat worship. The ritual committee has been studying the medium of VT for five years and over the last 12 months with the design expertise of Semmes Brightman we are now going to be able to offer this opportunity to MRT. I am grateful to have been able to work with Semmes and the Ritual committee on this endeavor. It has been a labor of love and incredibly meaningful to be part of a synagogue willing to experiment with this cutting edge medium.

Has it really been twelve years? I am always humbled and deeply grateful to be your cantor. I wish you and everyone you love a sweet, healthy and happy new year! L'shana Tova!

Lobby Tzedakah Box September 2013: Wounded Warrior Project

The purpose of the Wounded Warrior Project is: To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members. To help injured service members aid and assist each other. To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

Tzedakah box co-sponsors: Asher Clissold and his family.

Camp Harlam: Taste of Camp Weekend—October 25th-27th

The Taste of Camp weekend, October 25-27th is an opportunity for current 2nd – 5th graders to do activities at camp, experience a Harlam Shabbat, and get a taste of what it's like to be at Camp Harlam in the summer.

Here's the link: http://harlam.urjcamps.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=2443&pge_prg_id=8295&pge_id=1001 for more information.

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

Preparations for our Religious School are in progress. We had a wonderful Beach service and were lucky to finish before the deluge. We harvested 85 lbs of produce from the Gan Mazon this morning. So far we have harvested 400 lbs. The Ways & Means Committee members are sorting the items for the rummage sale. TFCNS separation agreement is complete and the school has moved out. Saturday night, October 5th 7:30 PM is Brotherhood's Oktoberfest event – Beer Tasting, etc. Lynn Shapiro and Linda Murray held “Kitchen Kapers” at Lynn's house – great pastry desserts – fundraiser for the Sisterhood's kitchen project. Choir members are assisting in leading the musical component of services while the Cantor is away.

The MFA Task Force has recommended to continue the Symposium for Educators and the Student Arts Competition. They also recommended the Student Arts Competition be held at the Temple on the January date for which it was originally planned. The task force continues to work through concepts and will report back to the Board next month.

The Vision Mission and Values (VMV) Task Force compiled comments received in response to the Atid Committee report last month. The Board voted to adopt “OPEN DOORS -- OPEN MINDS -Monmouth Reform Temple – Our Spiritual Community - Where We Nurture Meaning in Our Lives” as our Vision Statement. The Board also voted to adopt the Vision Mission and Values statement as recommended by the Atid Task Force.

The Pulpit Search Committee has met a couple of times to begin preparation for our Rabbinic Application and set a goal to complete this work by the end of August.

Rabbi Ourach has asked all Board members who have not yet met with him schedule an appointment. He is looking into many different areas of programming for the rest of the year and has passed ideas onto the appropriate Committee Chairs and individuals.

The Membership Committee reports that we have 4 new families joining MRT and 1 family resigning for a total of 327 member families in our congregation.

The Financial Committee has reported our deficit last year was \$15,276, which is significantly lower than the projected \$60,000.

The Adult Education Committee recommended several concepts they would like to pursue this year and will continue to report back to the Board as the ideas are developed.

The Board President reported that Happy New Year cards will be sent from the Clergy, Staff, and Board to every Congregant. High Holy Day Appeal letter were recently sent out.

The Genesis Project

(Tuesday morning study group) with Rabbi Ourach
Tuesdays at 9:45am beginning October 22nd

The Genesis project will examine the lives and the personalities of the characters in the Book of Genesis, emphasizing the struggle and change that our people experienced as we evolved into a community and a religion.

From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



L'Shana Tova Tikateivu

Welcome back to school year 5774. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, sweet and prosperous year filled with learning. I look forward to

welcoming you all back to school at our opening orientation for parents and students on Sunday September 8th, 2013 at 9:30am. Come and meet your child's teachers and hear about our plans for the year ahead.

Mitzvah Academy and Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 6th, 2013.

We have moved the school office downstairs and some of our classrooms have undergone renovations. We look forward to a fresh, clean school. We are thrilled to welcome Helene Matorin, our new third grade teacher to our staff. Helene is a graduate of Tufts University. She has been working in Jewish Education for 35 years as a teacher and as a principal. She was the Director of

Education at Temple Beth Miriam and at Congregation B'nai Israel. She is warm and caring and an outstanding educator. Brucha haba'ah.

I would like to review our arrival and dismissal procedures.

On Wednesdays, please drop your student off at the front door. They will come into the sanctuary for prayers. On Sundays, students will enter from the side doors and go to their classrooms. Students will be dismissed from the sanctuary. Parents park in a line and a runner will collect the carpool names in order of parking. Students will be dismissed from the sanctuary in small groups.

Service attendance at MRT is an integral part of our educational program. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are required to attend 4 Shabbat services at MRT. Seventh graders are required to attend 10 Shabbat services at MRT. We have wonderful

family services and pot luck dinners on the first Friday of every month. Please come and celebrate Shabbat with us.

As parents, you are our partners in Jewish education. There are many ways you can become actively involved in our school. We need your help and support. We need class parents for each grade. You can join the Religious Education Committee which is an advisory board which discusses policies and future plans. You can help with our Holiday celebrations and PACT programs. Let's work together to raise proud, educated Jewish children.

Shana Tova, Vera Galleid.

Please note: As part of the MRT Simchat Torah celebration, Religious School will start at 5pm on Wednesday, September 25th. The entire family is invited to dinner at 6pm and Simchat Torah services from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

MRTSY

It's time to join Monmouth Reform Temple Senior Youth Group! MRTSY does great events each month, including a trip to Six Flags for Fright Fest and an overnight at the temple, as well as events with other Jewish youth groups in the area. It is an amazing experience for all high schoolers. If you'd like to find out more, there will be an **Information Session in the Sukkah on September 22** from 1-3:30. Come hang out, eat some nutella, win prizes, and learn about MRTSY! If you're a parent who's curious about what MRTSY can do for your teens, our youth advisor, Gayle Kaplan, will be speaking to the parents from 3-3:30. We hope to see you all there!

If you're already raring to join, an email will be going out shortly with permission slips! Membership dues are just \$18, which includes a t-shirt and discounted event prices throughout the year. Payment for membership will be due on October 6 and more information will be available at our September event.

P.S. Oops! We overlooked 4 year member and graduating senior, Rachel Kahn, in July's Bulletin. We wish Rachel all the best as she goes off to college!

Welcome New Members!

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Charles (NB)

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Syena (6)

Yom Kippur Avodah Study Sessions

Saturday, September 14th
3pm-4:30pm

Session A: Dr. Linda Davies

Martin Buber:

The Life of Genuine Dialogue and the Sacredness of Encounter
This introduction to Martin Buber and his seminal work, *I and Thou*, offers insight into the Buberian concept of teshuvah as a basic movement of dialogue.

Linda Mireille Davies is a teacher and religious educator. She studied at Union Theological and JTS as a visiting student and has her Masters in Education and Theology, as well as PhD in Religion and Religious Education.

Session B: Hon. Bette E. Uhrmacher, NJ Superior Court Judge, Retired

During the High Holidays we refer to God as "Judge" and "Arbitor." Do we imbue our judges with "god-like virtues"? Do judges model themselves after their own perception of God? Do Judges "play god" when making decisions that affect peoples lives?

Judge Uhrmacher has been retired from the bench for 3 and 1/2 years and currently has a private Mediation and Arbitration practice.



There are members of our Congregation who are very sensitive to scents. MRT strives to provide a "Scent Free" environment in our building.

The MRT community asks that you avoid wearing scents of any kind when coming to our facility and we ask you to tell your guests who visit with us. Thank you for being our partner in creating a "Scent-Free" environment.

92Y

An Open Door To Extraordinary Worlds™

92nd Street Y is where inspiration lives and exploration begins...

23 October: LIVE @ 8pm

Go inside the West Wing with two men who gave voice to America's last two presidents-Robert Gibbs and Ari Fleischer, the first White House press secretaries for President Obama and President George W. Bush. A lively night of stories and candid reflection about the nation's leadership, moderated by former chief White House correspondent Ben Feller, who covered both presidents for The Associated Press.

4 November: LIVE @ 8pm

Alan Dershowitz, America's preeminent defense lawyer, has had an impact on the lives of many clients: O. J. Simpson, Claus von Bülow, Bill Clinton, Julian Assange, Patty Hearst, Mike Tyson, and many more.

But who has affected Dershowitz himself? The attorney and author is now *Taking the Stand* on his new memoir and on the 92Y stage. The Brooklyn native has been called "the nation's most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer" and "Israel's single most visible defender- the Jewish state's lead attorney in the court of public opinion." Jeffrey Toobin, author (*The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court*), *New Yorker* writer and CNN analyst, interviews Dershowitz.

16 December: LIVE @ 8.15pm

What does it mean for the American Jewish Community to be pro-Israel? Is it acceptable for American Jews to criticize Israeli politics, as Israelis do? J Street President Jeremy Ben-Ami joins the Y for a discussion on being pro-Israel in America. Jeremy Ben-Ami is Executive Director of J Street and JStreetPAC, the political voice of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement. Moderator TBA.

Ticketing

\$36.00 for all 3 programs

\$18.00 for a single program

Note: NO tickets will be sent. Check in at desk night of each event.

Location

Monmouth Reform Temple

332 Hance Avenue. Tinton Falls, NJ

ADULT HEBREW CLASS with Linda Ourach
Sundays during Religious School
Beginning September 15th
9:30am – 10:45am

ALEPH ISN'T TOUGH is a ten session program to learn the Hebrew alphabet for adults with little or no background in reading Hebrew. If you are an adult who thought you could never learn to read Hebrew but would like to be better able to understand prayers, blessings and Torah readings at MRT, then this course was designed for you. Each chapter introduces 2-3 new letters, includes reading practice and an introduction to new vowels. The sessions are enriched with basic vocabulary, one or two Hebrew quotes and a feature presenting Hebrew roots. Learning three-letter Hebrew roots is the key to understanding core meanings of words and links in Hebrew prayers and stories.

Past participants have enjoyed the challenge of learning a new language and have gone on to learning prayers, Torah study or even to an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class.

If you cannot attend all 10 sessions, you are still welcome. Most people find it possible to use the text for self study to make-up a missed session. The only cost for the course is the \$20 fee for the Aleph Isn't Tough book. If you wish, you may also request the full course package that includes the text book, flash cards and a programmed learning book for practice at home for \$40. The course is planned for Sunday mornings during Religious School and would start the second week (Sep 15th, 9:30 to 10:45 AM). Please contact Linda Ourach at lindaourach@yahoo.com or by completing the form below. It is helpful if you submit your registration by Sep 7th to allow adequate time to order supplies. You can join the class after that time but may have to work off of copied pages until supplies arrive.

ALEPH ISN'T TOUGH REGISTRATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Best way to reach you (circle one): email snail mail phone

Course materials fee payable when you receive the materials (select one):

_____ Aleph Isn't Tough book ONLY for \$20

_____ Book, flash cards and programmed learning booklet for \$40

NOT YOUR USUAL FUNDRAISERS...

MRT'S Ways And Means Committee

Dear Temple Member,

We give value for your fundraising dollar. Our first event, *Hidden Treasures* Rummage Sale does not ask for any money, not a penny. We ask for donations of items that you do not use anyway, and we gladly give a tax donation receipt in return. We ask for something possibly in shorter supply than money... your time. We absolutely need a few hours of your time to organize and price our donations and help us sell.

Our committee has researched the issue. The ratio of expense to profit is definitely worth the effort. The lack of volunteers is the single greatest reason for synagogues and churches to stop holding this very profitable activity. Please contact Cora Tuchband, Personnel Chair, at coralea@comcast.net or 732-219-7680 or visit www.mrtrummagesale.com to volunteer. Morning, afternoon and evening hours are scheduled to accommodate your busy lives. For questions, contact Ellie Lipetz at mrtrummagesale@gmail.com.

Drop-off and Volunteer Set-up Shifts

Oct. 6	Oct. 7, 8, 10	Oct. 9	Oct. 11
Sun.	Mon., Tues., Thurs.	Wed.	Fri.
9:00am - noon	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
noon - 3:00 pm		4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	

Volunteers for Rummage Sale Days - Shifts

Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14
Sat. evening	Sun.	Mon.
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	8:30 am - 11:00 am	8:30 am - 11:00 am
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Actual Sale Times

Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14
Sat. evening	Sun.	Mon.
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our next fundraiser is a dinner dance, **featuring a broad range of musical styles**. Personally, I prefer *swing*. A small part of the dance has already been underwritten. W&M is hopeful that other donors will contact us. At \$50 per person the dance is still a great value. We are pleased to present a full buffet dinner catered by Gaetano's of Red Bank and a terrific DJ that we know will get everyone on the dance floor, singles and couples alike. A dance lesson will start the evening off and several line dances will move the feet of even the most reluctant dancers. Lynn Shapiro (Lsshapiro2@aol.com) is extremely busy getting the auction baskets ready for the evening and Semmes Brightman is putting the finishing touches on the personal, postal mailed invitations for this Saturday, November 16th affair. The size of our social hall dictates that W&M limit the number of attendees. Make your plans early. Checks are payable to MRT, with "W&M Dance" on the memo line; send them to the attention of Karen Cole. As for past dances, I am handling the reservations and will try to honor all requests. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Best wishes and L'Shanah Tova to all,
David Levinsky, Chair



Working on the Rummage!



Gan Mazon (Garden of Plenty), David Levinsky, Chair



NEWS RELEASE: AUGUST 20, 2013, 10:30 AM RE: GAN MAZON (GARDEN OF PLENTY)

MRT members Christine Gold and her son, Nicholas, harvested 85 lbs. on August 20 while working in the synagogue's social action garden. Coincidentally, Christine was part of the team that picked Gan Mazon's most abundant harvest exactly one year ago at 90 lbs. on August 28, 2012. Both totals were dwarfed this morning by Christine, her older son, Brandon, and Judy Rivkin with bags of produce amounting to 120 lbs.

The record haul included string beans, cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes (cherry, celebrity, and ramapo), yellow squash, and zucchini. When asked why light red tomatoes were left on their vines, Christine replied like a true gardener -- "an extra few days of sun wouldn't hurt."

Today's harvest brings Garden of Plenty's total so far to 555lbs., 79 lbs. greater than 2012's season long tally of 476 lbs. At this date last year, 344 lbs. were distributed. Gan Mazon's produce is delivered by Judy Rivkin, long time MRT gardener and JF&CS volunteer, to the non-sectarian food pantry operated by the Jewish Family & Children's Service of Asbury Park. David Levinsky, Gan Mazon director, notes that the lack of fresh, donated organically grown vegetables faces many Monmouth County pantries. This situation led David to add Open Door of Freehold, also a non-sectarian food pantry, as Garden of Plenty's second regular produce recipient.

David laments the fact that only four volunteers actually tend the garden's 2,000 sq. ft. A few more volunteers, each working four hours weekly, would substantially increase Garden of Plenty's yield. Contact David at davidlevinsky@optonline.net for information on how you can help feed the needy.

BROTHERHOOD



Hello!

We are happy to announce The Brotherhood's first event of the New Year.

Welcome Brotherhood **BEERFEST 2013!**

The festival is on October 5th, 7:30pm, in the temple social hall. Male and female congregants are welcome as long as you are over the age of 21. There will be a beer tasting and a talk about the different beers your drinking provided by Shrewsbury Wine and Liquors. Light food will be served and all this is free.

Please RSVP so we know how much food and beer to get. You can contact me and RSVP me at mrt.brothers1@gmail.com (as you may of noticed we changed our e-mail address).

Next up October 27th, NY Giants vs. Philadelphia Eagles watch party. It's in the temple social hall at 12:15. All are invited. So instead of taking you child home from religious school and watching the game, sit back, have a hot dog and watch it with friends at the temple.

Coming soon: Two Hand Touch Football. Once the weather gets a little cooler we plan on having games on Sunday mornings. Drop your child off at school at 9:30 then off to a local field for a pickup game of touch. We will have you back just in time to pick up your child from school. P.S. you don't have to have a child in school to play, just show up at the temple at 9:30. More information will be coming.

On the subject of showing up, I would like to thank the executive committee for their help at the last meeting. Special thank you to Perry Weyser for coordinating the ushers for the High Holy Holidays. I understand he needs just a couple more volunteers to help usher. You can contact him at weyser66@gmail.com to volunteer.

Thank you Jim Brewer for heading up the Sukkah opening and closing. The opening of the Sukkah is Sept. 15th at 8:30 and the closing is on Sept. 29th at 9:30. Congrats and thank you Sam Goodman for being our new Treasurer. I am looking forward to working with you over my tenure. I would like to also thank Jim Newman for his past service as Treasurer and Brotherhood President. You will always be part The Brotherhood.

As you can see it takes a team of people to run The Brotherhood and your help would greatly appreciated. Meetings are the first Monday of the month, 7:30pm in the temple library. Your input, ideas and thoughts are what make up The Brotherhood. All male congregants are automatically members. We are not asking for dues but are running The Brotherhood on a donation basis. You can donate by sending a check to the temple made out to The MRT Brotherhood or going on the MRT website.

I wish everyone a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year.
Mitch Baum, MRT Brotherhood President

A CALL TO SOCIAL ACTION FROM MRTSY

Cardboard Box City—Support *Family Promise*

Friday night through Saturday morning. September 27th on the grounds of Monmouth Church of Christ

Set-up 5-7pm Soup & Bread 6-7pm Speakers and Live Music 6-9pm Breakfast for participants the next morning.

Participants in Cardboard Box City raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges and contributions and sleep overnight in a cardboard box "home" as a resident of Box City. There will be activities, entertainment and food for participants. Awards will be given to the participants who raise the most money and to the most creative dwelling. Cardboard Box City is open to all: families, adults and children (children must be supervised by an adult), scouting troops (youth to adult ratio 5:1), and youth groups. Participants supply their own dwellings (usually large refrigerator, washer/dryer boxes that can be picked up at appliance stores). There is also the opportunity to be a "virtual resident" by raising the pledges and sleeping at home.

For more information contact Sara Hayet, MRTSY President at mrtsy@monmouthreformtemple.org

Donations are gratefully accepted...every little bit makes a difference!

To donate online <http://www.familypromisemc.org/cardboardboxcity2013.shtml>

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Sisterhood in the Sukkah

Thursday, September
19th at 6:30 PM

Join your sisters this holiday season as we
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with our special catered event
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RSVP to

sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org
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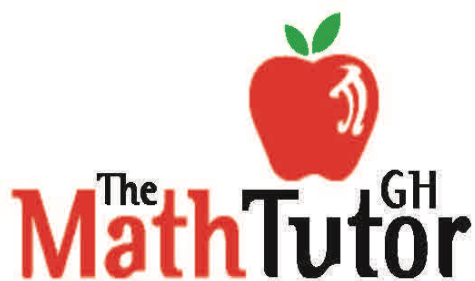
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THE CONGREGATION WISHES MAZEL TOV TO:

- Dori and Harry Hillson on the birth of grandson Trent Robert Hillson in Santa Monica CA
- Lila Singer on the marriage of her grandson Jesse Adland to Chelsea, Ari Adland to Alicia Redenour and Rachel Singer to David Weinberg
- Kelly and Dan Cavise on their marriage

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Bob Gabel on the loss of his mother, Addie Gabel
- Lynn Shapiro on the loss of her father, Lloyd Shapiro
- Bob Gabel on the loss of his father, Harold Gabel

September Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)



At MRT, loved ones are memorialized with Kaddish at the Shabbat service on or following their Yahrtzeit. 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 yahrtzeit 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.

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

*Stella Bernstein, Lynda Hoffman, *Frieda Jung, Lillian Davis Kaswiner, *Eve Leppel, Alan Lowenstein, Marianne Picus, *Karen Kleinman, *Leonard Kleinman, Jessie Miller, Anna Harran, *Morris Kalkstein, *Blume R. Miller, William Palmer, *Michael Yagoda, Grace Arnold, Estee Brasson, *Ann Bregman, *Philip Falk, Isadore Levin, *David Marks, Richard Salomon, Doris Boxman, Edward Gold, Israel Ruby

Names to be Read on Friday, September 13th (Services at 7:45pm)

*Stanley Elliot Mitchell, Herman Burns, *Bella Gruensfelder, Meyer Heyman, Ben Nussbaum, Rikki Schuster, *Bob Woolf, Todd Richman, *Harriet Austin, Eva Fryman, Florence Ganz, *Rosalie Rosin, Jeff Smith, Aaron Bolotin, *Cynthia Feigus, Fannie Heller, *Sid Komar, Allan Sobelman, Lester Gutterman, Alice Loebel, John Potter, *Gladys Pfeffer Simms, *Irene Tuchband, Frances Kriegstein, Benjamin Lissner, Jr.

Names to be Read on Friday, September 20th (Services at 6pm)

Leah Epstein, *Roberta Kirsch, Florence Chatin Schlenoff, Jean Weissman, Mae Danzig, *Donald L. Fink, Heinz Guenzburger, Julius H. Klein, Michael Schneider, Gilda Moss, *Sonya Brecker, *Lillian Lane, Kurt Wallenfels, Charlotte Moskowitz, Robert Rekedal, *Anne Rogovin, Regina Nelson, Brandon Dowler, *Gertrude L. Marx, Susan Sachs, Jacob Saperstein

Names to be Read on Friday, September 27th (Services at 7pm)

*Morris Dworkin, Marshall Lobell, *Ruth Rothman, Marion Spumberg, Roslyn Berkowitz, *Warren Feigus, Walter Peskoe, *Daniel B. Salomon, *Gilbert H. Salomon, Esther Hauser, *George Welner, Barbara Hollander, *Abram Kridel, *Herman Solomon, William Berk, Lynn DiMatteo, *Roslyn Falk Garin, Solomon Kahn, Linh Katz, Alex Messinger, Renee Kaye

September 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Office closed	3 Pick up applecake & honey	4 Office closing 12 noon 7:45pm Erev Rosh Hashana services	5 ROSH HASHANAH 10am Morning Serv 3pm Fam/Child Serv 4pm Tashlich offsite	6 Office Closing 12 noon 3:30pm Chelsea Shabbat Service 7pm Shabbat Services	7 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
8 9:30am Bagels & Blocks 9:30am RS Orientation First Day RS	9 7:30pm Brotherhood	10 7pm Orchid Society 7:30pm Exec Comm	11 4pm Religious School 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13 Office Closing 12 noon 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 7:45pm Kol Nidre	14 YOM KIPPUR 10am Morning Serv 2pm Fam/Children 3pm Avodah 4:45pm Yizkor 5:30pm Closing
15 8:30am Build Sukkah 9:30am Adult Hebrew 9:30am Rel School	16	17 7:15pm Board of Trustees meeting	18 4pm Religious School	19 SUKKOT 10am Sukkot Festival Services with brunch 6:30pm Sisterhood Dinner in Sukkah	20 6pm Shabbat Services Followed by BYO dinner in the Sukkah	21 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
22 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 9:30am K-2 Pact 11:30am RS Lunch 1pm MRTSY Info	23	24 5:30pm Bagels and Blocks in the Sukkah	25 5pm Religious School 6pm MRT Simchat Torah Pizza Party 6:30pm Simchat Torah Services	26 SHEM ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH 10am Shemini Atzeret Festival Services & Yizkor	27 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services 5pm Cardboard Box City	28 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
29 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 9:30am Sukkah Take-Down	30					



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