



# THE MRT BULLETIN

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

## Schedule of Services October 2013

### Friday, October 4th

First Friday with Shir Chadash Band  
5:30pm Pre-oneg sponsored by 4th grade  
6pm Service  
Followed by Pot-Luck Dinner  
Please bring enough for 10-12  
A-P Pasta/Chicken Q-Z Salad

### Friday, October 11th

7pm Shabbat Services  
Rabbi Priesand's Sermon:  
*The Identifying Feature of the Jewish People*

What do you think Rabbi Priesand will be speaking about? What quality do you think characterizes the Jewish people more than any other?

Tweet your answer to Rabbi Priesand  
@rabbisally1 or email to  
rabbisally1@optonline.net.

One person will be chosen randomly from among all those who guess correctly. That person will be acknowledged at services and receive a surprise. You must be present to win!

### Friday, October 18th

7pm Shabbat Services  
New Member Dinner

### Friday, October 25th

7pm Shabbat Services  
Visual T'filah

## Time is running out...

Cannot accept: old TVs, large furniture, adult books

### To donate To MRT Rummage Sale!

Toys, Dolls, Video Games +  
Consoles, Legos, China,  
Housewares, Flatware,  
Computers (< 5 yrs old),  
Sm Furniture, Sets of  
Books, All Clothing,  
Accessories, Jewelry,  
Belts, Shoes, Tools,  
Sports, Children's  
Books, Musical  
Instruments  
ETC

### Tax Receipt Provided

**MAIN DROP OFF DAY** Sunday Oct 6, 9-3  
**PLUS** 10/7 Monday, 10/8 Tuesday, and 10/9 Wednesday, 10am-8.30pm

**QUESTIONS: Contact Ellie Lipetz at 908.461.1617**

**mrtrummagesale@gmail.com**



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.

25 October at 7:00pm

## VISUAL T'FILAH

Visual T'filah unites our traditional Shabbat prayers with today's technology, enhancing the spirituality of the service while unifying the community and renewing our enthusiasm for prayer. Combined with artful images, these prayers are projected on screens, allowing us to be "more present" as part of a worshipping community.

## From Rabbi Bob Ourach



On October 17th I will begin an *Introduction to Judaism* course. In every congregation I have served

over the past 37 years this has been an important component of our adult education program. Many lifelong friendships have been established by participants in this course.

The *Introduction to Judaism* course is designed not only for those who are considering the possibility of conversion to Judaism, but also for

anyone who feels that their early childhood exposure to the content and practice aspects of Judaism was lacking. This course offers an opportunity for members of our congregation to expand their knowledge of Jewish life and living.

Our identity must be based on more than just feelings and memories.

We must have the information we need to function as well educated Jewish adults. While this course is not for everyone, its format as a survey course of Jewish practice and belief can be a tremendous building block in our ever evolving Jewish lives.

The course is also highly recommended for couples who do not come from the same religious background, even if conversion is not a present or future consideration.

The class, beginning in October will run for 16 sessions.

If you are interested in attending, or have more questions about this course, please contact me, or simply call the office for registration information.

I hope to see many of you at this exciting program.

Rabbi Robert E. Ourach

### 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.

### 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.

### Lobby Tzedakah Box October 2013: Family Promise

We provide homeless children and their families with food, shelter and comprehensive services by partnering with our community. We are committed to advocating for innovative solutions to ending family homelessness.

## From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



On October 6th Mitzvah Academy and Confirmation Class begins. I can't wait to see all our amazing teens!

On October 6th at 11:30 outside behind the temple we celebrate our animals with our annual "Blessing of the Pets" service. Please bring your favorite critter and join us. This is a very short and fun event for all the pet lovers in our temple. If your child is in our religious school please come early for pick up with your pet and meet your child there

If you are interested in joining our temple choir 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. Some of the dates and times for rehearsal are subject to change-so always check your email.

This Fall we will offer three LIVE broadcasts from the 92nd St Y:

October 23 we broadcast Robert Gibbs and Ari Fleisher

November 4 is Alan Dershowitz

December 16th is Jeremy Ben-Ami

Please make sure to write them on your calendar and make your reservation to attend by signing up on line or buying your ticket at the door. Please bring your friends-this is open to the community.

Visual T'filah is a Shabbat prayer book filled with beautiful images and prayers projected on a screen. Our first showing will be on October 25th at 7pm Shabbat worship. The next three VT service will be on February 21st, March 21st and June 20th. This process has been a labor of love. It is incredibly meaningful to me to be part of a synagogue willing to experiment with this cutting edge medium

On November 24th we will have the amazing guest artist Julie Silver in concert. This is a free concert! We want the entire temple to attend and anyone outside of MRT is welcome! I will be giving you more info as we get closer-please keep an eye out for details.

Before we know it you will be frying up your cranberry latkes for Thanksgiving and Chanukah! Shall we call it... Thanksgivukah? Did you know that Thanksgiving is actually based on the biblical observance of Sukkot. Scholars believe that Chanukah was really actually a "late" Sukkot observance. The rare intersection of these events is an incredible mixture because Thanksgiving is our American Sukkot and Chanukah was actually Sukkot! Our Temple will be stretching the observance of Chanukah until December 6th. On November 29th and December 6th we are having Shabbat and Chanukah. December 6th is also First Friday and we have a special guest Alex Gellman from Camp Harlam! Anyone interested in attending our URJ Camp Harlam-please come to the Shabbat service to meet Alex and other children who have been attending Harlam for several years! I will give you more information as we get closer to these events but I truly hope to see you this Fall at Temple!

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

The Taste of Camp weekend, October 25-27th is an opportunity for current 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.urjcamp.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=2443&pge\\_prg\\_id=8295&pge\\_id=1001](http://harlam.urjcamp.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=2443&pge_prg_id=8295&pge_id=1001) for more information.

## From the President, Jay Wiesenfeld Email: [wiesenfeld@ieee.org](mailto:wiesenfeld@ieee.org)



We have just observed a wonderful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Ourach and Cantor Clissold led us in inspiring worship and enhanced the atmosphere of the High Holy Days for our congregation. Our organized prayer services were meaningful and important to MRT, as we navigate our annual renewal and begin our new year.

Before and after the services, I always enjoy the greetings that we members exchange. This brings our community together. To create our worship, many members of MRT participate, both on the bema and in creating the environment for our services—the ritual committee, ushers, greeters, the choir, shofar blowers, Yom Kippur afternoon Avodah teachers, the leaders of our food drive... The members of MRT and our guests participate as the congregation, including those attending the evening and morning services, the group participating in Tashlich, the family service attendees, the large community that comes to Yizkor, and those who stay for the final shofar sounding of Neilah .... This is our community coming together. As we begin our new year with Interim Rabbi Ourach and in the midst of rabbinic transitions, we have benefitted from the opportunity for reflection that our tradition affords us during the Days of Awe. Yet, immediately after Yom Kippur we must move forward. The day after Yom Kippur the Brotherhood assembled the Sukkah and the year continues. As President, I watch all of this from a much more intimate viewpoint than I have before, and I both amazed, thankful, and proud for what we can do as a congregation and as a community.

I have written before about community and I discussed community during my Kol Nidre speech. Community is what maintains our synagogue. Community thrives with participation and involvement. What kind of things do I mean by community? Community has many aspects: working with others on a task, celebrating with others, attending worship services, being on a committee and looking forward to seeing your friends, performing projects that create values to MRT and beyond, ... The longer my family has been a part of MRT and the more fully we have participated, the more we have experienced the benefits of community—working with others, knowing people, celebrating with others.

Throughout this Bulletin you will see many opportunities for participation. I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities. We have many social events that create and support our community. I mention the Brotherhood BeerFest on October 5, and four programs run by the Ways and Means Committee: the Hidden Treasures Rummage Sale, Disco Dinner Dance, the Night at the Races, and the Jersey Boys concert. The 92<sup>nd</sup> St Y Committee has set a schedule of three programs in October, November, and December. All of these events are fun, support community, and in the case of the Ways and Means programs financially support our temple. Come and participate—create and be part of our community! I have only mentioned a few upcoming events. Every week we have worship services, which offer the opportunity for spiritual reflection and perspective—and community.

In addition to participation, I encourage involvement. All of the programs I listed above have been organized by temple members. Some are members of standing committees and some become involved for specific tasks. Either way, such involvement enhances your stake in the community and also greatly enhances your return. This is your congregation, and your involvement is the way to truly make that so. This bulletin again shows many opportunities for involvement. Please find ones that are satisfying to you. If you are not sure how to become involved, I invite you to contact me.

Community needs participation and involvement. It also needs financial support. You have all heard the announcer at the beginning of programs on public television say that “This program is made possible by the support of our members, such as you.” This is also true for MRT, which is made possible by the support of its members, such as you. Our new mission statement says that “Each of us is a steward of MRT’s financial, physical, and human resources.” One of our important sources of financial support is our High Holy Day Appeal. We have all received a letter with details from the co-chairs, Joel Morgovsky and Michael Kaye. The High Holy Days Appeal requires participation also. Our goal for this appeal is to have 100% response, regardless of donation size. Please look at your communications about the appeal and respond. I have discussed our wonderful beginning to the year 5774, with our High Holy Day services. From the recently completed report of the Atid Task Force, we learned that we value community. At our best, our members treasure the sense of community that they have found and that they create at MRT.

May we move forward together, continuing to create our community.



**Summary of September 17th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y**

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

Thank you to Rabbi Ourach, Cantor Clissold, our office staff, the Ritual Committee and just about everyone else for making the High Holy Days so meaningful. Attendance was larger than it has been in several years. Our Religious School is open and underway. We would like to welcome our new students and teachers. The Sisterhood's Cake and Babka sale raised over \$900 towards our Hanukah Party. Over 50 reservations have been made for the Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah on September 19th. The Sisterhood has awarded \$1000 in scholarships this year. The Brotherhood did a great job supplying ushers for the HHD services and with great speed and grace they put together our Sukkah on Sunday. Rabbi Ourach thanked all who wrote to him to tell him how much they enjoyed the Holiday Services. MRT's Garden of Plenty volunteers will have grown and delivered 900 lbs. of organically grown vegetables by October's end to local food pantries.

The MFA Task Force presented undated plans for the Student Art Competition and the Educators Symposium. The Board approved the plan to hold the Student Competition in February at MRT. The winning artists will be displaying their work at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library in April. The Board also approved a plan to hold the Educators Symposium at the Middletown Art Center. The Board discussed the potential of holding the main Arts Festival over a summer weekend. In general this was a good idea, however, the Board with guidance from the Rabbi and Cantor, felt it is important for MRT as a Jewish Institution to promote Jewish values first and avoid commerce on Shabbat.

The Brotherhood will be holding its "Beerfest" on October 5th, RSVP's are suggested. The Brotherhood is also planning a Football Watch Sunday on October 27th at 12:15. Contact the office for more details.

The High Holy Day Appeal Committee has recommended Board Members contact congregants by email, in a manner similar to the method used by the Atid Committee. This will be done during October. The Board would like to ask congregants to make this the year we have 100% participation in our HHD Appeal Drive. Donations help support a broad range of programming at MRT.

The Membership Committee reports we have 329 member families in our congregation an increase of 2 families. The Ways and Means Committee urges temple members to contact Cora Tuchband (Coralea@comcast.net) to volunteer for our rummage sale fundraiser. Set-up begins Sunday, October 6."

The Pulpit Search Committee has submitted our formal application to the CCAR for a new permanent Rabbi. To date we have received six applications and expect more. The Committee will begin the review process of each applicant in the coming months and report back to the Board.

The Board has begun two new discussions that will be continued over the next few months. First, should MRT invite speakers who have a distinct political viewpoint in their presentations? And secondly, the Board will review the Temple's policy on interfaith marriage.

Now you can find friends with your interests!

**Responses are starting to come in!**

**Let us know if you would like to join a chavurah with:**

**1)An empty nester group to celebrate holidays**

**2)A NYC group that meets once a month to go to a museum, show, dance program, etc.**

A chavurah is a group of people who join in meetings and/or activities planned in advance with members making a commitment to the group to meet regularly, usually once a month. The membership team at MRT can help facilitate formation of chavurot. If you already have a group of people who would like to participate, we have a list of ideas to help you organize.

If you have an interest in forming one, but do not yet have a group, let us know your interests. If there is any age preference and/or any other priorities we will try to match you up with other like-minded folks. We would then forward guidelines and lists of ideas for programming to help you get started.

Are you interested in:

\_\_\_celebrating Jewish holidays with others? \_\_\_a discussion group? \_\_\_theater trips? \_\_\_a variety of activities?  
\_\_\_bowling? \_\_\_you name it!\_\_\_\_\_

Your priorities:\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Lila Singer at: lmsinger24@comcast.net or 732-542-2399.

### From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



Le'Shana Tova U'Metuka!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy year.

We are very busy celebrating the holidays of the month of Tishre. We ate apples and honey for a sweet New Year. We heard the blasts of the shofar and thought about the positive changes we would like to make in our lives.

We decorated the Sukkah and ate in it. Sukkot is our thanksgiving holiday. It celebrates and gives thanks for the harvest. We also said the bracha and shook the lulav and etrog. There are many interpretations of why we shake the lulav and etrog. Some say they

remind us of the gifts of trees, like shade beauty, fruit and wood. Others say that they resemble parts of the human body: The lulav is like the spine, the etrog is like the heart, the myrtle leaves are like the eyes and the willow leaves are like the mouth. When we use all four together, we remind ourselves that all the parts of a person should be joined together to praise God.

We are now looking forward to celebrating Simchat Torah, the festival of rejoicing with the Torah. We celebrate concluding the reading of the Torah and beginning again from Bereshit (Genesis.) We will have seven Hakkafot (processions) with the Torahs. We will sing and

dance and honor our new students in a Consecration Ceremony. We hope that you will all rejoice with us.

Upcoming events:

October 4<sup>th</sup> – First Friday.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Mitzvah Academy and Confirmation classes begin. We will bless the animals at 11:30am. (Parashat Noah.)

October 13<sup>th</sup> – No religious school.

October 27<sup>th</sup> - 7th Grade PACT program.

Chag sameach,  
Vera Galleid

### MRTSY

MRTSY has had one busy month!

September held our first event, the MRTSY Info Session in the Sukkah. We were thrilled to welcome new members and- after lunch, activities, and some Nutella, of course- to tell them all about our youth group. If your teen missed the Info Session but would still love to become a member, you can email MRTSY President, Sara Hayet, at [mrtsy@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:mrtsy@monmouthreformtemple.org). As always, the MRTSY Board and our youth advisor, Gayle Kaplan, are always available to answer any questions!

At the end of September, MRTSY participated in Family Promise's Cardboard Box City. MRTSY members and participating congregants spent a night sleeping in a box in order to raise awareness and funds for homelessness in Monmouth County. It was an unforgettable and hugely enlightening experience, one that MRTSY hopes you'll participate in next year!

As for our upcoming events, MRTSY is headed to Six Flags Great Adventure's Fright Fest on October 19th! Check the MRTSY bulletin board (located across from the Rabbi's office) as well as the blog ([mrtsy.blogspot.com](http://mrtsy.blogspot.com)) for more info coming soon!

### Welcome New Members!

**Batzar, Seth & Rory**  
Alex (7) Leigh (6)

**Davis, Harris & Julie**  
Dylan (7) Sydney (5)

**Eisenberg, Seth & Abby**  
Brandon (9)

**Ziobro, Rob & Jill**  
Lexi (7)



**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

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:** [www.monmouthreformtemple.org](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org)

**From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson**

The largest public gathering of Reform Jews in the United States will take place at the 72nd Biennial of the Union for Reform Judaism to be held on December 11-15, 2013 in San Diego where there is an expected attendance of up to 5000 people. Attendees will include lay leaders and professionals, youth, congregants and clergy.

Rabbi Richard (Rick) Jacobs, President of URJ, is promoting the Biennial as an event where Reform Jews gather to learn, to pray, to share ideas, to dance and sing. A list of inspiring speakers will help members make policy decisions and form new connections.

As many as 100 workshops will be conducted and marketing will be a focus of discussion as a tool for building congregations.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) is the voice of the Reform Movement bringing Torah values of social justice, equality and human dignity to the halls of power. RAC has been active during the past several months in just a few of the areas of concern through testimony and/or press releases:

weighing in on issues related to Senate Tax Reform, visiting Jonathan Pollard in prison, submitting testimony outlining Church-State concerns, commenting on access to contraception, praising marriage equality, commenting on employment non-discrimination act, praising President Obama's commitment to climate change, condemning Supreme Court ruling on Voting Rights Act

The Biennial will include a 100 year celebration of the Women of Reform Judaism Assembly.

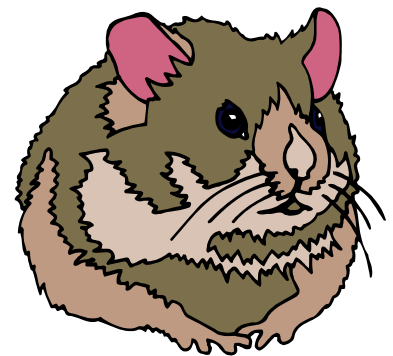
For further information about URJ and its activities on behalf of the Reform Movement including members of MRT, or registration for the Biennial, google Union for Reform Judaism.

# Blessing the Animals

## Parashat Noach

Sunday, October 6th at 11:30am

All Pets are invited!





**ONLY A FEW DAYS UNTIL RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP DAYS**

The Ways & Means Committee cannot pull this event off without a sizeable number of volunteers.

Skis, meat slicer, formal dresses, light fixtures, baseball gloves, sets of dishes, children's books, toys, shoes, picture frames, window blinds, and clothes are among the items available at MRT's upcoming rummage sale. There are far too many pieces already at temple and expected on drop-off dates for the six members of the Ways and Means Committee to physically organize into broad groupings and then into appealing displays. More important than having volunteers for the actual days of the sale is the need for volunteers on set-up days. As I said in last month's W&M's article:

"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."

**SET-UP** begins on Sunday, October 6, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and continues Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (except Friday evening.) To accommodate Wednesday religious school families, an additional set-up period is scheduled for 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mornings, afternoon and evening set-up hours are intended to attract as many volunteers as possible. **DONATIONS** will be accepted during each set-up time block.

Please contact Cora Tuchband, Personnel Chair, at [coralea@comcast.net](mailto:coralea@comcast.net) or 732-219-7680 or visit [www.mrtrummagesale.com](http://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](mailto:mrtrummagesale@gmail.com).

As a way of thanking MRT members for supporting our fundraising efforts, the Ways & Means Committee is in the process of postal mailing invitations for a special preview on Saturday evening, October 12, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM --- not open to the general public. The invitation will serve as the admission ticket for an entire family. All items are available for purchase at the preview. The Boutique Store will be open.

In addition to set-up week, volunteers are needed for sale days: Sunday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Monday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (We will require extra help following the 2:00 closing time.)

Best Wishes,  
David Levinsky, W&M Chair, [davidlevinsky@optonline.net](mailto:davidlevinsky@optonline.net)



**HUSTLE into Fall**  
**DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE**  
**60s, 70s & 80s**  
**16 NOVEMBER**  
**7PM**

**RSVP DEADLINE:**  
**NOVEMBER 9**  
**SEATING: DAVID LEVINSKY**  
**CATERED BY GAETANO'S**  
**OF RED BANK**

**\$50/PERSON. BYOB**  
**DJ, AUCTION BASKETS**



**Volunteer at the  
Rummage Sale**

**October 6 through October 15**

**3 EASY ways to sign up!**

**phone: 732.219.7680**

**e: coralea@comcast.net**

**sign up: [www.mrtrummagesale.com](http://www.mrtrummagesale.com)**

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# Our Garden of Plenty

2013

One row can



900+ lbs

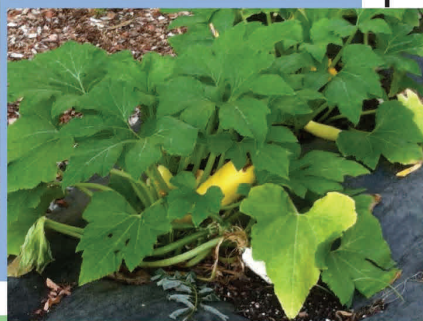
feed a family!



JOIN US IN THE SPRING!

The MRT Garden is worked from April to fall. This year, over 900 pounds of produce were picked & donated to local area pantries. Discover the joy of working with the earth while doing a mitzvah. The more hands, the more food!

**Contact:**  
David Levinsky



Sponsored by the Monmouth Reform Temple Social Action Committee



***A letter from Laura Coyne, MRT Confirmand 2007 to Cantor Clissold***

Dear Gaby,

The beginning of the Jewish New Year this week reminded me to look back on the events of this past year and be thankful for all of the experiences I was able to take advantage of. This past summer, I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to travel to Israel and represent the United States in an international competition, which is something I never imagined I would be able to do. I trained alongside some of America's most talented Jewish athletes, and competed against top runners from around the world. I was able to run and travel with the team all over Israel, and form friendships that I have continued since returning to America.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous contribution to my Maccabiah fundraising goal. Because of your support, I was able to fully fund my trip and spend three unforgettable weeks in Israel.

During the first week of the Maccabi USA program, all USA athletes lived together on Kibbutz Shefayim where we were able to bond and socialize. We traveled across Israel, learning about its history and culture. At the end of the first week, all of the Maccabi athletes from every country gathered in Jerusalem for the Opening Ceremonies. Walking into the sold out stadium was one of the most memorable experiences of the trip. Thousands of Jewish athletes piled into the stadium for one last event before the beginning of the competitions. This year USA brought one of its largest and most talented teams, bringing home a total of 175 medals.

I competed in three events during the games; the 1500m, 800m, and 4x400m relay. Racing in Israel's national athletic stadium under the lights was an adrenaline-pumping experience. This track meet marked the culmination of my competitive running career, and I am so grateful that it was a successful last race. I ran my personal best in the 1500m (4:37) to place 4th overall, and our 4x400m relay team ran off with the bronze medal! Ending my career on such a positive note with incredible teammates is certainly an unforgettable feeling. I am so grateful for the Maccabiah program because it gave me the opportunity to connect with Jewish student athletes who share my passion for running and competition, now I have friends and teammates across the country.

Without your support, none of this would have been possible. I am sincerely thankful for your donation, and I look forward to seeing you so I can tell you more about my trip. Have a great year!

Best, Laura







Join MRT

## SISTERHOOD

as we walk for More Birthdays....

### Event Information

**Date:** Sunday, October 20, 2013

**Location:** Point Pleasant Beach Ocean Avenue and Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

**Time:** Walk begins at 10 AM.

**8:00AM:** Registration

**9:00 AM:** Warm Up

**10:00 AM:** Walk Begins

Click on the link below or paste into your address bar to sign up to walk or to donate <http://tinyurl.com/nk642u3>

For more information contact Linda Murray @lwmurray1@gmail.com

## Kitchen Capers

### Belly Dancing Lesson

(and a little Middle Eastern Nosh...of course)

Hosted By: Karen Kahn and Monica Schneider-Brewer



Come and let's have a little adventure in belly dancing together...  
No experience required.

**When:** Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm

### Where:

I Deserve @ 30 Lewis Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724 • 732.982.7842 • [become@ideserve.us](mailto:become@ideserve.us)

**Why:** Fun, Fitness and a Fabulous Kitchen for Monmouth Reform Temple

**Cost:** \$36.00/person (all proceeds benefitting the MRT Kitchen Renovation Project)

**Who:** Open to any and all women and their daughters, friends, mothers and sisters

Evadne Sarai, Belly Dance Artist and instructor, will be teaching the class.

[www.EvadneSarai.com](http://www.EvadneSarai.com)

[www.facebook.com/EvadneSarai](https://www.facebook.com/EvadneSarai)

## Red Bank Crop Walk: Sunday, October 20th

Red Bank CROP Hunger Walk is a 5-Mile Walk/Run to raise funds to fight hunger in Monmouth County New Jersey and around the world. Food collection, music, banner/poster contest and fun family activities make it a great way to help those in need. Join your friends, family and neighbors as we walk to end hunger one step at a time! Walk with us Sunday October 20, 2013. Registration 1:00 Start 2:00 PM.

Historically Red Bank CROP Walkers have always risen to the challenge. When we set goals they usually set their own surpassing what we think is possible!

In the past few years our Monmouth County Food Pantries have seen a dramatic increase in need. Last year one week before Super Storm Sandy hit we collected over 13,000 lbs of food which was distributed at a time of intense need. Walkers have outdone themselves each year and broken records for our food collection. Last year was more than double the amount collected in 2008. We collect peanut butter, rice and beans and will also gladly accept nutritious cans of soup.(with some protein in them please). The boys from Christian Brothers Academy will be there ready to sort, count and bag food for 20 different local pantries!

To participate with other MRT members contact Karen Seligman at [kcf76@hotmail.com](mailto:kcf76@hotmail.com).



Mazel Tov to Julia Sandra Rand and Jacklyn Ann Schneider on their marriage in New York City, Thursday, September 26, 2013.

**BROTHERHOOD**

On behalf of the Brotherhood I hope this is a start of a great new year for you and your family. I thought the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were extraordinary. You would never know that Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Ourach never did the High Holy Holidays services together before. It looked like they were together for years. I would like to thank everyone who had a part in making the services a tremendous success.

The Brotherhood has been busy this last month. We ushered the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We also put up and closed the Sukkah. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time. It what makes a Brotherhood a Brotherhood.

We will also be very busy in October. I've been getting a very positive response to the Brotherhood Beerfest. Shrewsbury Wine and Liquors will be supplying exotic beers for us taste. There will be a short informative talk about the beer we taste. Where it is brewed, what food pairs with the beer, etc.. Wow, beer and education. Please RSVP to [mrt.brothers1@gmail.com](mailto:mrt.brothers1@gmail.com) if you plan on coming so I know how much beer and food to get. It is open to all congregants over 21. For those who don't drink beer there will be homemade soda being served.

On October 29th we are having a football tailgate party at the temple. Don't worry about the weather as we are not having in the parking lot but in the Temple. It should be a fun game. The NY Giants are playing the Philadelphia Eagles. Sorry Jet fans, next year I'll try to get a Jet game. There will be hot dogs and snacks. The game starts at 1pm but the doors open at 12:15 as we want to make it easy for parents to come after religious school.

Please remember that the services and events The Brotherhood provide are at no charge or very low charge. There are no dues to be a Brotherhood member but depend on donations from the congregants. If you would like to make a donation you can make out a check to MRT Brotherhood and mail it to the temple. It would be appreciated. If you would like to get more involved in the Brotherhood you can attend our meetings. They are the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Temple Library. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Mitch Baum, Brotherhood President



## Brotherhood Beerfest

Open to all congregants over 21  
FREE beer tasting and food

Saturday Oct. 5th 7:30pm at  
Monmouth Reform Temple



RSVP to  
[mrt.brothers1@gmail.com](mailto:mrt.brothers1@gmail.com)  
by Sept. 30th.

## BROTHERHOOD TAILGATE PARTY



**Giants  
Vs.  
Eagles**



**COME DRESSED TO  
CHEER YOUR TEAM!**

Sunday, October 29th

12:15pm

Hot Dogs and Snacks for all

**The Congregation Acknowledges with Thanks the Following Contributions:****Adult Ed Fund****In Memory Of:**

Harold Gabel  
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The B 'nai Mitzvah of our grandchildren  
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**MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS**

(FYI All contributions to MRT's Fund for the Homeless are sent to Interfaith Neighbors)

"Dear Friends:

On June 12, Interfaith Neighbors celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. It is difficult for us to believe that twenty-five years have passed since we first met and learned about homelessness in Monmouth County. It was a revelation to us because we considered Monmouth County to be an affluent area. We thought that the homeless were, for the most part, in that predicament because of their own doing.

We found out that was far from the truth. Here are some of the reasons families encounter the crisis of homelessness:

- \*Unskilled workers simply don't earn enough to pay the high cost of rent.
- \*Families that just scrape by are put in a crisis mode when a car needs repair.
- \*Families that depend on two incomes lose one source of income.
- \*A child is stricken with cancer (this happens all too often) and one parent is required to leave his or her job to be a caretaker.
- \*A disaster like Sandy turns everyone's life upside down.

Interfaith Neighbors has become a safety net in these situations by providing rental assistance for the working poor. Struggling families have come to rely on us when in desperate need of assistance- and have come to rely on congregational support, both financial and through prayer, to sustain us in helping others. Knowing that we can count on you is also an encouragement for us to continue in our mission.

Please share this letter with your congregation- and thank you in advance for whatever contribution you can make at this time. We know from past experience that the needs increase as summer turns to fall and winter approaches. We are doing our best to be prepared."

Signed,  
 Joseph Marmora, Executive Director,  
 Sally J. Priesand, President, Board of Trustees



The congregation mourns  
the loss of  
Carol Tarabour  
May her memory be a  
blessing



The congregation mourns  
the loss of  
Charles Cooper  
May his memory be a  
blessing

### THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

■ Anne & David Pearl on the loss of her mother Janet Ruston



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.

### October Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)

#### Names to be Read on Friday, October 4th (Services at 6pm)

Irene Baderman, \*Leo Bernstein, \*Stanley Familant, Babette Kaltenbacher, Flaum, \*Frances Gettelson, \*Herbert Ginzburg, Ruth Goldenberg, Manley Gutterman, Abraham Hirsh Goldenberg, Murray Horowitz, \*Ludwig L. Jacobi, \*Henry Kipnis, Justine Klein, Edward Leimberg, Faye Morer, Stanley Pearlman, Elaine Roffman, Shelley Stern, \*Martha Weinberg  
\*Max David Weissman, Audrey Wertheim

#### Names to be Read on Friday, October 11th (Services at 7pm)

\*Ruth Brenner, \*Adam Diller, \*Louis Feinman, Charles Michael Ferraro, Sadie Finkelstein, Betty Henken, Rose Hoffman, \*Martha S. Kaufmann, Richard Kaye, \*Suzanne Kretzmer, \*Miriam Kridel, Lynn Lowenstein, Frances McNew, Paul Rapisardi, Reba Resnick, Norman Schlosberg, Bernice Spiegelman, Ezra Ure, \*Murray Weiss

#### Names to be Read on Friday, October 18th (Services at 7pm)

\*Philip Alter, \*Harry Braunstein, Maxine Byck, Karen Lynn Ciorciari, Luise Davidson, Eric Davis, John Clifford Devine, Theodore Ferencz, Frederick Jones, William I. Klatsky, Samuel Kramer, Arthur Mrozek, \*Gerald G. Silverman, Murray Wenig

#### Names to be Read on Friday, October 25th (Services at 7pm)

Fruma Bernstein, \*Sandy Brandwene, \*Bertha Bregman, Martha Cobuzzi, \*Samuel George Coppersmith, \*Harry Fryman, Irving Greenberg, Alexander Grieco, Lawrence Hoffman, \*Henry Jacobi, \*Joan Lansky, Sylvia Leimberg, Mildred Melnick, Clara Miller, Sheila C. Newell, Bernard Peskoe, Polina Plaksina, Madlyn Rickard, \*Frieda Sapozhnikova, Carolyn Schindler, Charles Schleifer, Mildred Solomon, Ruth Teitelbaum Failer, \*George



**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***

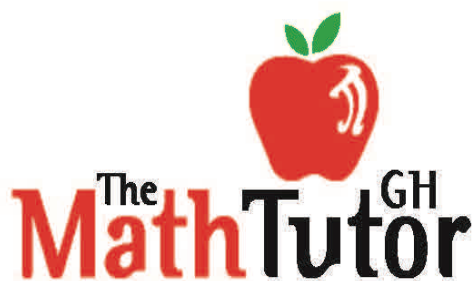
We welcome all who choose to embrace Judaism in their lives and homes, regardless of background. As builders of community, we care about each other in all our diversity.

***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.



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# October 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:30pm Religious Ed	<b>2</b> 4pm Religious School	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 3:30pm Chelsea Shabbat Service 5:30pm Pre-oneg by 4th Grade <b>6pm First Friday</b>	<b>5</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study <b>7:30pm Brotherhood Beerfest</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Rummage Drop Off 9-3</b> 9:30am Bagels & Blocks 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Intro to Heb 11:30am Bless the Animals	<b>7</b> <b>Rummage Drop Off 10-8:30pm</b> 7pm Sisterhood Book Club offsite 7:30pm Brotherhood	<b>8</b> <b>Rummage Drop Off 10-8:30pm</b> 7:30pm Exec Comm	<b>9</b> <b>Rummage Drop Off 10-8:30pm</b> 4pm Religious School	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Priesand	<b>12</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study <b>6-9pm Rummage Sale Preview Night</b>
<b>13</b> <b>RUMMAGE SALE 9-4PM</b>  <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>14</b> <b>RUMMAGE SALE 9-2PM</b>	<b>15</b> 7pm Orchid Society 7:15pm Board of Trustees meeting	<b>16</b> 4pm Religious School	<b>17</b> 7:30pm Intro to Judaism	<b>18</b> 5:45pm New Member Dinner 7pm Shabbat Services	<b>19</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>20</b> Breast Cancer Walk New Member Orientation 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 12pm Jr Youth	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:45am Study Group	<b>23</b> 4pm Religious School 7:45pm <b>92Y Gibbs/Fleisher</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm Out and About with Sistahs 7:30pm Intro to Judaism	<b>25</b> 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services and <b>Visual T'filah</b>	<b>26</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>27</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 9:30am 7th Grade PACT 12:15pm Brotherhood Tailgate	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:45am Study Group	<b>30</b> 4pm Religious School	<b>31</b> 7:30pm Intro to Judaism		



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**CONGREGATIONAL DINNER  
TO**

**HONOR NEW MEMBERS**

Friday, October 18 at 5:45 PM

Services at 7pm

Please join in welcoming the newest  
members of our temple family

Dinner followed by a consecration service  
at 7 PM

RSVP to temple office no later than  
October 8

Adults: \$15

Children 12 and under: \$5

## MRT High Holy Day Appeal

Monmouth Reform Temple is committed to raising the funds needed in order to support our programs in a way that is consonant with our values as a community. Members sustain the congregation both through financial support as well as through gifts of the heart given through volunteer service. We should not be embarrassed that it takes money to run a synagogue, rather we should be grateful that together we build a community of deep value and meaning.

This year's appeal is already in full swing. A few weeks ago, an appeal letter was sent to all members. If you have not already contributed to this year's appeal, we invite you to submit your pledge using the form below or at our website [www.monmouthreformtemple.org](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org).

### High Holy Days Appeal 5774 – Make your pledge today.

It is time to support MRT by a gift to this year's HHDA. Many of your friends have already given and now it's your turn. If everyone gives *something*, and any gift is welcome, we will achieve our goal of 100% participation. Use this form to make your pledge today. Thank you and may your year be sweet.

#### My MRT High Holy Days Appeal Pledge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge amount: \_\_\_\_\_