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

Schedule of Services November 2013

Friday, November 1

First Friday with Shir
Chadash Band

5:30pm Pre-oneg sponsored
by Gr 5

6pm Service

Followed by Pot-Luck Dinner

Please bring enough for 10-12

Q-Z, A-F Pasta/Chicken G-P Salad



Friday, November 8th

7pm Shabbat Services

Friday, November 15th

7pm Shabbat Services

Friday, November 22nd

7pm Shabbat Services

Friday, November 29th

7pm Shabbat Services

Minyan and Torah Study at 9am every
Saturday morning in the MRT Library.

See page 6 for information on the
Interfaith Thanksgiving/Chanukah Service
held jointly at MRT with the
Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
Wednesday, November 27th at 8pm



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.

DINNER DANCE Sat, 16 November - 7pm



DJ, Silent Auction
Catered by Gaetano's Red Bank, BYOB

\$50/person Reserve Now with Pay Pal or check **Reserve NOW!**

Julie Silver in Concert, 24 November

Come and enjoy Silver's version of "The Dreidl Song"; it will spin your head off!
Join your children during religious school for
this **free concert** for the entire MRT community!



HAPPY HANUKKAH

Monmouth Reform Temple presents
American folk musician, Julie Silver in concert.
Free and open to the public! Starts at 11 am.
Silver's music is predominately Jewish in nature, singing
in both Hebrew and English. Her performances combine
her original songs as well as traditional Jewish folk songs.

Chanukah 2013! First candle is November 27th.

Light an additional candle each night through Wednesday, December 4th.

MRT Home Service for Chanukah

Place the chanukiyah (Chanukah Menorah) on your front porch or in a window facing the street so that its lights proclaim to all that you are proud to be Jewish and share the miracle of Chanukah with the world. Place the candles in the menorah from right to left and light them from left to right ("newest" candle is lit first).

Each night, start with this prayer:

The lights of Chanukah are sacred. They are a symbol of our joyful connection to the Jewish people. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom: freedom to be themselves, to worship and live as Jews. Theirs was a victory of the few over the many, the weak over the strong. It was a victory for all ages and all people. Let these lights shine forth for the world. May they illumine our lives and fill us with gratitude for all God's gifts.

Light the shamash and recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.
Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Use the shamash to light the chanukah candles as you recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.
Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam she-asah nisim l'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who wrought miracles for our ancestors in ancient days at this season.

On the first night only add:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.
Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam, she-hechyanu v'kee-y'manu v'hi-gi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

With the candles fully aflame, offer the special reading for each night on the back of this page. Take turns each night with a different reader. Finish your Chanukah ceremony by singing "Ma-oz Tzur - Rock of Ages"

*Ma-oz tzur yishu-ati, l'cha na-eh l'shabe-ach,
Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'zabe-ach,
L'eit tak-in mat-be-ach,
mi-tzar ha-m'na-be-ach,
Az eg-more b'shir mizmor,
hanukat ha-mizbe-ach*

מעוז צור ישועתי לד נאה לשבת,
תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבת,
לעת תקין מטבח מצר המנבח,
אז אגמור בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבח.

English Translation:

*Rock of Ages let our song praise Your saving power
You amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower
Furious they assailed us but Your arm availed us
And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us*

MRT Home Service for Chanukah

SPECIAL READINGS FOR THE EIGHT NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH

(insert each day after lighting the Menorah)

First Night: Freedom We kindle these Chanukah lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should be free to worship God as their hearts and minds dictated, they willingly gave their lives for freedom. Now, with these candles, we rededicate ourselves to the task of creating a world where all may know the joy of freedom.

Second Night: Family Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and concern. Now, with these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us always face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. May our love for each other increase through deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Third Night: Study of Torah On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of Torah. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our tradition, we too are duty-bound to sustain our heritage and deepen our understanding of it through study. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism, we become more sensitive to its abiding values and more aware of our responsibility to realize those values in our society. Study opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. Now, with these candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

Fourth Night: Hope Our ancestors taught us that in hope the future of humanity is illumined and made creative. Many people in the world live in fear and great despair. But like the Maccabees of old, we must learn to build our lives on hope: hope that ultimately truth will triumph over falsehood, and confidence that knowledge and understanding will finally depose superstition and tyranny. Now, with these Chanukah lights, may our lives be strengthened by the highest hopes and visions of our faith.

Fifth Night: Peace The candles of Chanukah remind us of our mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. Whenever we end disagreements through mutual understanding, whenever we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we are doing our part in making peace a living ideal. Now, with our Chanukah candles, let us rededicate ourselves with renewed strength to the task of securing peace.

Sixth Night: Tzedakah Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabean war for freedom, all Jews, both children and adults, contributed tzedakah toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. Many forms of oppression still exist in the world today: sickness, hunger, ignorance, prejudice. Tonight, we like our ancestors set aside gifts of tzedakah in order that we too may help bring an end to oppression. We pray that the gifts we offer will provide food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, knowledge for the ignorant, and equal opportunity for those afflicted by prejudice.

Seventh Night: Respect You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Respect for others is the basis for harmony among people and nations. With these candles, may we recognize the dignity of all people and remember the respect and honor we owe to others.

Eighth Night: Faith Tonight, all the candles in our Chanukah menorah are lit. Throughout the centuries, the menorah has been a symbol of our faith in God and our commitment to Judaism. Like the Maccabees of old, we rededicate ourselves to the task of living a more meaningful Jewish life. Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, says God.

From Rabbi Bob Ourach



MRT is not a large congregation. And yet, we are not so small that we know the details of the lives of each of our families. Everyone has a different reason or reasons for joining the temple. Frequently, the primary reason is to provide a Jewish education for the children. And yet, this reason, while important and compelling is obviously not the whole reason that we are here. As adults, we need to continue to educate ourselves; we need to find spiritual meaning in our lives and we need to connect with a community that will be with us and support us in times of joy and sorrow. But it is not only what the synagogue provides us that is important. We need to engage

ourselves in community building if we are truly to become a part of our temple family.

This is not always easy. People find it difficult to meet other people, or to find an appropriate niche in which to work. We want to help you to create a place for yourself in this community. Every member of our congregation is important to our life and health. We are still at the early stages of a new programmatic year, and we can still benefit from your involvement and input with a myriad of programs and committee responsibilities. What we need to know, and what I ask you to communicate to me or to any of our Board members, is what you would like to do in order to become more involved and better connected.

I wish I had the ability to read minds, I wish I knew intuitively of your personal interests, but the reality is, unless we talk and share those pieces of our lives, important opportunities for sharing and growth may forever be missed.

I hope to talk with many of you in the months ahead. So, if you have an idea or a need, don't stand on ceremony and wait for a call. I will be very happy to receive your call and will do whatever I can to help or to enrich your experience as part of our temple family.

Shalom!

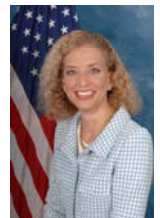
Rabbi Robert E. Ourach

Debbie Wasserman Schultz comes to MRT

Sunday, December 8th at 10am

Her topic:

On Being a Jewish woman on the American Political Stage



Debbie Wasserman Schultz is the U.S. Representative for Florida's 23rd congressional district, a member of the Democratic Party and the Chair of the Democratic National Committee. She previously served in the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. She is the first Jewish congresswoman elected from Florida.

She has recently completed a book, *For the Next Generation: A Wake-Up Call to Solving our Nation's Problems* which will be available for signing after her presentation.

Lobby Tzedakah Box November 2013: IGA Nephropathy of America Foundation

IGA Nephropathy is an autoimmune disease that attacks the kidneys. The IGA Nephropathy Foundation of America was established in 2004 to raise funds for research to eradicate the disease and also to support patients and their families.

Tzedakah box co-sponsors: The Wold Family

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

As we settle into the fall, with Chanukah and Thanksgiving arriving together at the end of November, I want to acknowledge how busy and productive we have been as a congregation, as well as celebrate our achievements.

- On October 3, MRT was recognized by the Center in Asbury Park with its Red Heart Award. The Center provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS. We have had a strong presence working with the Center since its founding 20 years ago: Rabbi Emerita Sally Priesand was one of those present at its creation and former members Steve Mahan and Jeff Willard served on its Board. Our congregation has provided food via many drives, including our Yom Kippur food drives, and has served many meals there. At the dinner, Rabbi Priesand presented the invocation and Cheryl Gaudette accepted the award for MRT.
- On November 21, Rabbi Priesand will be honored by the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education at Brookdale College (CHHANGE.) CHHANGE was founded in 1979 to provide education about historical issues of the Holocaust and genocide, and to eliminate racism, anti-Semitism, and all forms of prejudice. Rabbi Priesand, in addition to many other community activities, has served on the Board of Directors for CHHANGE.
- Our Youth Groups and their leaders, along with youth groups from other local congregations and schools, spent a night sleeping outside in cardboard boxes as part of the Family Promise Cardboard Box City fundraiser. Family Promise supports housing homeless families in the buildings of its host congregations in Monmouth County. MRT, through its volunteers, serves as a support congregation to Family Promise of Monmouth County. For this year's Cardboard Box City, our senior youth group MRTSY led all youth groups in fundraising.
- This year the CROP Hunger Walk and the walk for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" had significant MRT participation, in walkers and fund raising. Both walks happened on October 20.

In addition to external social action awards and activities, we need to celebrate the innovations of the Ritual Committee. Visual T'Filah was launched on Friday, October 25. Instead of using our usual prayer book, beautiful images that contained our Shabbat evening prayer service were projected onto screens on the bema, and the service text originated from those. The images combined with the sanctuary lighting to create a new, meaningful experience for our services.

There are several community social events that need recognition: Brotherhood Beerfest (Oct. 5) and Sunday afternoon Football Tailgate party (Oct. 27), Sisterhood dinner in the Sukkah (Sept. 19), and the Ways and Means committee Disco into Fall Dance (Nov. 16).

Live broadcasts from the 92nd ST Y have started and continue through the fall. On November 24 we will have a special concert from Julie Silver.

I have not been able to mention all of the particular events and programs we have created and celebrated, even while we continue our "normal" worship, education, and congregational activities. As I have put this (not complete) list together, I am quite delighted by what we do. I am pleased to recognize our accomplishments, and thank all of you who make this possible.



Join us for
An Annual Tradition

Interfaith Thanksgiving/Chanukah Service At Monmouth Reform Temple

Wednesday evening, November 27th at 8:00 PM
This year we will light the first Chanukah candle!



Service Conducted by
Rabbi Robert Ourach
and Cantor Gabrielle Clissold

Sermon by: Reverend C. David McKirachan

The choirs from Monmouth Reform Temple and the Presbyterian Church of Shrewsbury, under the direction of Alice Berman and Lauren Peithmann, will enhance the service.



Don't miss these upcoming 92Y events
Right here in our Social Hall
Seating at 7:45pm Program promptly at 8pm
\$18 per person

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.

Welcome New Members!

Nifoussi, Howard & Alison
Cameron
Dylan

The Genesis Project

(Tuesday morning study group)
 with Rabbi Ourach
 Tuesdays at 9:45am

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.

Cardboard Box City (run by Family Promise of Monmouth County) is an all-night fundraising event that raises awareness and money for those suffering from homelessness. Despite the serious cause, MRTSY enjoyed dancing and live music- a fun break from our daily technology such as cell phones and other electronics. However, participants were supposed to understand what those suffering from homelessness go through every night, which meant sleeping in a cardboard box.

For many MRTSY members it was an unusual and unnatural experience and as a group we clustered together to stay warm. In many ways, the event made us realize how much we take for granted. Ultimately, we learned by joining together and becoming a community. MRTSY received a prize for raising the most money for Family Promise and we want to extend our gratitude to everyone who donated to this fantastic cause.



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

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

Ways and Means' Rummage sale was a huge success. Sisterhood's dinner in the Sukkah had over 55 people attend. Brotherhood's BeerFest was a lot of fun, too. Brotherhood is looking forward to their Football Event on Sunday, October 27th. The Mitzvah Academy students have started class. MRT's Youth Group set the pace for raising money for Family Promise's Cardboard Box City event. The Center in Asbury Park awarded MRT the Community Leadership Award for all the assistance we have provided to them this year. To date, MRT has raised over \$3,600 for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer". *Editorial Note: They raised over \$4,700.*

The Board began its formal discussion of "The Role of the Non-Jew at MRT" with a review of our policy that dates back to 1988. The Board decided the policy needs to be reviewed with input from the congregation to determine if the policy is still valid or needs to be amended. Rabbi Ourach told the Board that as part of his formal training as an Interim Rabbi, he is preparing to complete a field project and he would like to work on this issue. The Board decided that this policy review will require much input beyond the regular Board meetings and voted to establish a Task Force to study the issue. The Board in a separate motion, voted to support Rabbi Ourach in his field project.

Ways and Means reported the results of the Rummage sale and net profit was over \$8,000. Now it's on to the "Hustle into Fall Dance" on November 16th. In addition, the Ways and Means committee has arranged for a Jersey Boys Tribute Concert on May 31, 2014. After review and some recommendations, the Board voted to approve the terms of the contract with Jersey Four Management, LLC for the entertainment that evening.

The House Committee has retained a new custodial service for the Temple.

The Membership Committee reported that our total family membership is now 330.

The Board voted to retain our Atid consultant for additional services this year to assist with the implementation of the recommendations made by the Atid Task Force.

Board members will be contacting congregants this month to complete the High Holy Day Appeal. Please give generously when contacted.

The Pulpit Search committee reported that we have had over 15 applications for the position of Permanent Rabbi, and the committee has already begun its interview process.

Rabbi Ourach has reached out to Debbie Wasserman Schultz and requested that if she were to come to MRT her talk should address what it is like to be a Jewish woman in Congress. Rabbi Ourach also reported that we have 9 students in our confirmation class this year and his Introduction to Judaism class will start next week and be held every Thursday.

Cantor Clissold reported that New Member Shabbat is on October 18th. MRT will hold its first Visual T'Fillah on October 25th. We are also having our Thanksgiving Interfaith service with Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 27th at MRT.

Jay Wiesenfeld reported that with the recent resignations from the Board, we need three new Board Members and several new Committee Chairs. Anyone who is interested should contact Jay.

UPDATE FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

On October 21st the Rabbi Search committee continued it's next step in the process- Skyping with potential candidates. Thus far we have received 15 resumes from individuals seeking to be our next Rabbi, and we have skyped with six of the candidates. We expect to continue to receive resumes for some time, but have already begun setting up on site interviews with the strongest candidates.

As you might imagine, the interviewing process is very labor intensive with each candidate being given a 45-60 minute skype interview and on site interviews lasting approximately a day and a half. The first on site interview will be October 29th and 30th, and the committee members are very excited about the candidate.

All agreed that this is a very exciting and invigorating experience. The rabbi candidates all had the highest compliments for our application that described who we are and our qualifications and priorities for our next rabbi. Comments ranged from "you are the only congregation that uses the word joyful in describing your services " to "your synagogue sounds like a place I would want to be."

We at MRT have so much to be proud of, and it's times like this— when we are reminded of this by outsiders— that we should all take the time to acknowledge our special strengths. And the rabbi search committee wants the entire congregation to share in the pleasure they are getting from the opportunity to share with others what we have created for ourselves.

The committee members are Gena Ansell-Lande, Michael Brawer, James Brewer, Semmes Brightman, Jay Feigus, Ellie Goodman, Sara Hayet, Harry Hilson, Michael Howard, Dari Kennedy, Bonnie Klein, Sheila Leavitt, Karen Levinsky, Pam Mancuso, Rachel Rennert, Karen Seligman, Stu Tuchband, Jay Weisenfeld, and co-chairs Bob St. Lifer & Zach Gilstein.



The Brotherhood Golf Outing took place at Pine Barrens Golf Club on Sunday, October 20th.

Bob St. Lifer, Don Rothman, Michael Kaye teed off against Joshua Gilstein, Zach Gilstein, Mark Ferencz

Josh, Mark, and Zach won the best ball competition. Losing team will each be making an \$18 contribution to the Tzedakah Box. A great time was had by all!

Big thanks to Jay Feigus for arranging for us to play at his club.



Mitzvah Academy and Sisterhood raised over \$4700 at the Breast Cancer Walk in Point Pleasant on Sunday, October 20th.



YES...
...THE WAYS AND MEANS RUMMAGE SALE WAS A TRIUMPH,
BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO FOCUS ON OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER:

HUSTLE into FALL DINNER DANCE

November 16, 2013

Doors Open at 7:00 PM

\$50 per person BYOB

Note: We know when the doors will open; it's the ending time that is still up in the air. The DJ has been advised to expect the possibility of overtime. Our Gaetano's of Red Bank catered dinner will begin at 7:30PM, with dancing to the music of the 60's, 70's & 80's beginning promptly at 8:15PM.

Please submit your reservations by November 9. Seating and table requests will be honored if received early (davidlevinsky@optonline.net.) Four couples, eight singles or a combination of both may reserve their own table.

Eat and dance, but remember to reserve time to bid on the gift baskets generously donated by temple members and merchants in the area. The gift auction will feature two types of bidding: a silent auction in which the patron writes his/her bid on the sheet accompanying each basket, and a second group of gift baskets for which the patron purchases a sheet of raffle tickets. Either way, Lynn Shapiro has been working for months to make the gift auction exciting and worthy of your attention.

Instead of going out to dinner with your friends on November 16, bring them to MRT for a great night of food and dancing to a fabulous DJ. I promise.

NOW FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE RECAP

The Ways and Means Committee's first rummage sale was a huge success with a net return approaching \$8,300. One-third of MRT's member families donated items to the sale, filling tables and clothing racks and offering buyers quality merchandise in all categories. Those of you who attended the Saturday evening preview were probably as amazed as I at the height of the piles of clothing on the sixteen tables on the social hall's dance floor. Thankfully, temple members volunteered their time during the week long set-up process and the three day sale over the Columbus Day weekend. Ellie Lipetz accepted the challenging role of event chair in June, sharing her extensive knowledge and experience in this area. Committee planning for the project began last April. Dedication to the task by Addie Bogdonoff, Semmes Brightman, Karen Cole, Monica O'Donnell Feigus, Lynn Shapiro and Cora Tuchband led to the fifteen hour sale ending on a high note--with the expectation of an MRT rummage sale in fall 2014.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner dance,

David Levinsky, W&M Chair

The Congregation appreciates all donations made in the month of October.
Details will be published in the December Bulletin.



Family Chanukah Menorah (Chanukiyah) Design Contest

**All Entries must be received by
Wednesday, November 20th**

Some ideas: Use recycled materials, pick a theme, use clay, sculpy or metal scraps. Your entry should have 8 candles and 1 shamash. The Shamash candle should be higher than the others.

The Chanukiyot will be judged and the winning entry will be announced at the Chanukah celebration on November 24th.

ALL entries will receive a prize!



**Sisterhood
Gift Shop
Chanukah Sale**
Sunday, November 24th
9:30am-12noon

Menorahs
Toys
Judaica and Gifts

MRT COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 24th

Following the Julie Silver concert

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



From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



This year we have a once in a life time convergence of calendars and Thanksgiving and Channukah come together.

Some are calling the new combined holiday Thanksgivukkah. There are many recipes on the internet for Thanksgivukkah food such as: challah stuffed turkey with sweet potato latkes and applesauce. Chanukkah and Thanksgiving have a lot in common. The Maccabees and the Pilgrims were both persecuted because of their religions. Both celebrate overcoming a struggle and being thankful. Both holidays share many of the same values : dedication, peace between nations, gratitude and family. Let's celebrate this double holiday by providing for those who do not have

food. Our seventh graders are collecting food and raising money for Jewish Family Services who will deliver Thanksgiving meals to needy families. They will be asking you to donate specific food items. They will also be selling baked goods to raise money to pay for the turkeys. Please participate in this mitzvah and give generously.

We welcome Emily Halpern to our MRT faculty. Emily is teaching our Mitzvah Academy with Cantor Clissold and is running our Junior Youth Groups. Emily is a student at Monmouth University and will graduate in January. She will then go on to get pre-school certification. Her Mom is a Hebrew School Principal in North Jersey so Emily has been volunteering, tutoring and

teaching in Hebrew school for many years. She was also a camper and counselor at Camp Harlam. She loves being at MRT and is enjoying getting to know our students.

Upcoming events:

October 27 – 7th grade PACT program

November 1st - First Friday

November 10th - No School NJEA

November 17th – 3rd grade PACT program

November 24th – Julie Silver Concert and Chanukkah celebration

November 27th and December 1st - no school Thanksgiving break

Happy Thanksgivukkah ! I hope to see you at many of our programs.

Vera Galleid.
Principal.

MRTSY

MRTSY's trip to Six Flags Great Adventure's Fright Fest was a thrill! We had a magnificent time hanging out with friends, riding exciting rollercoasters, and watching the spooky crowd. Some of us were braver than others when it came to facing the creatures of the night! Sadly we had to leave the monsters behind and head home. Hopefully you'll join us for Fright Fest next year!

Fright Fest is filled with thrills,
Monsters that give you the chills,
Clustering with friends to avoid the dark,
Riding rollercoasters at a Six Flags Park,
Oh, the adventure that awaits,
When you join us next year at Fright Fest's gates.



ATTENTION ALL MRT BAKERS: WE'D LOVE TO PRESENT YOUR FINEST BAKED GOODS AT OUR INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING/CHANUKAH SERVICE

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Monmouth Reform Temple
Wednesday evening, November 27th at 8pm

Please email Mindy in the MRT office and let her know what you are bringing
(mindy@monmouthreformtemple.org, or 732-747-9365)

SISTERHOOD



MRT Sisterhood was off to a great start for the new year with a delightful Supper in the Sukkah honoring Linda Ourach. We had a wonderful turnout, great food and a welcoming fun evening for all.

We were also very pleased to present Monica Schneider-Brewer with a lovely gift and sincere thank you for all her tremendous creativity, leadership and vision the last four years as President of MRT Sisterhood.

Our very successful apple cake/honey/chocolate babka sale raised \$900.00!

The Sisterhood book club continues to be well attended and on November 18th we will be meeting jointly for the second time with St. George by The Sea church in Rumson, this time to discuss "The Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini. Please contact Linda Murray at lwmurray1@gmail.com with any book club questions.

We are very excited to announce our annual MRT Community Chanukah Party celebration on December 6! Bring everyone for an evening of fun, food, and friends!! More information will follow.

Please come and enjoy some of our Kitchen Capers to help raise money to renovate our kitchen. There are so many to choose from - belly dancing, fondue night, yummy cooking experiences, pilates and many more. Watch for flyers and come have fun with the Sistahs!

We have lots of ideas for very enjoyable, educational, meaningful events and are always open to suggestions and ideas! We all welcome and encourage you to join us! Please contact Jill Austin (jilltennis@aol.com) or Cheryl Gaudette (cbgaudette@gmail.com) for any information.

*2013 Testimonial Dinner
and Journal Tribute
Honoring*



*Rabbi Sally Priesand
JoAnn & Stuart Abraham
Molly Cohen*

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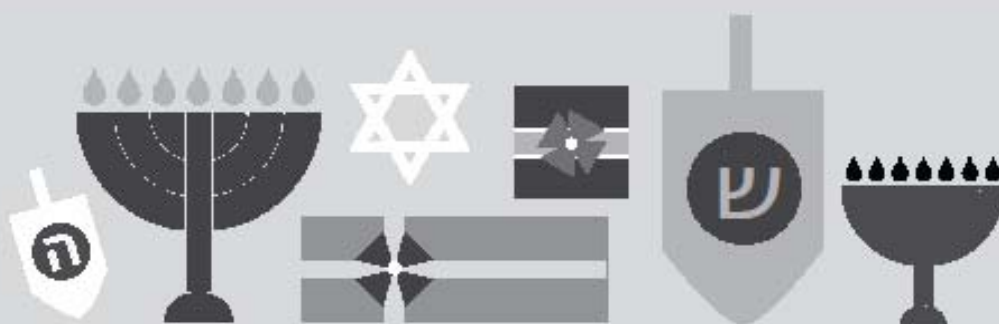
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Testimonial Dinner*

*Honoring
Rabbi Sally Priesand
JoAnn and Dr. Stuart Abraham
Molly Cohen*

*Thursday evening, November 21, 2013
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Route Nine South, Old Bridge, NJ*

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THE CONGREGATION WISHES MAZEL TOV TO:

- Sheila and Richard Sachs on the birth of a granddaughter, Talia Lillian Gewurz , born October 5, 2013.
- Stu and Cora Tuchband on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jacob in California, on October 19, 2013

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Linda Burns on the loss of her father, Arthur Burns
- David Greenwald on the loss of his mother, Ruth Greenwald



The Congregation mourns
the loss of
Abraham Steiner
May his memory be a blessing.



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.

November Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)**Names to be Read on Friday, November 1st (Services at 6pm)**

Lola Baum, Sally T. Frankel, Amy Gaines, *Frances Litthauer Goldstein, Lenny Horowitz, *Becky Jaffe, Dr. Bertram Kaswiner, Ruth Metzger, *Maurice Meyer, *Fanny Obstgarten, John Pedro, *Regina Sherman, Elaine Sherman, Fanny Silverman, *Anna Singer, Molly Stark, Ida Steinberger, Anne Straus, *Emily Talberth, William Wrigley

Names to be Read on Friday, November 8th (Services at 7pm)

Rose Burns, Roslyn Burns, *Pauline Dworkin, *Hugo E. Fleischman, *Albert Garin, *Pauline Gold, *William Goldstein, Julian Gottlieb, Dora Graupe, Paul Graupe, Arlene Kayser, *Sandy Liebesman, *Rose Welner Lifschitz, Minna K. Litwin, Jay Manacher, *Sally Mausner, Norman Rosenblum, Hyman Saperstein, *Max Singer, *Tally Smith, David Spellman, Calmon Sperling, Paula Stern, Lucie Wiesengrund

Names to be Read on Friday, November 15th (Services at 7pm)

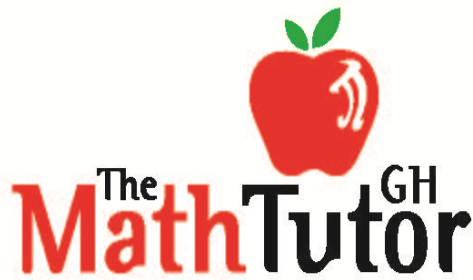
*Nachman Bregman, *Ian Brightman, *Sheldon Hillel Brown, Edie Cohan, Allen Fishman, *Mary Fleischman, *Cynthia Ruth Fox, *Robert Goodman, Emanuel Knight Harris, Gertrude Honig, *Helen R. Jacobs, Theodore Wilcox Leverett, Joan Manacher, Philip Schlisserman, Sophie Weinstein, Paula Wiesenfeld

Names to be Read on Friday, November 22nd (Services at 7pm)

Max Bodner, Louis Boxman, Joyce Chalnicks, Isabel Colmenares, Dr. Hyman H. Graver, Peter Gutterman, *Martha Lehrer Herzog, Nancy Karl, Louis Kletter, *Bertha Kridel, Ace A. Orange, *William Ostrov, Arnold Perlah, Samuel Rivkin, *David Sapozhnikov, Ann Schneider, Isabel Seidman, Alice Smith, *Sylvia Sulkin

Names to be Read on Friday, November 29th (Services at 7pm)

*Mildred Abis, Bessie Abrams, *Morris Berg, *Mortimer Brandwene, William Howard Chess, Helen Danzig Scorben, *Ida Mann Falk, Charles P. Gelber, Albert B. Gomberg, Ruth Gottlieb, Arch Isaacs, Charles Kirschner, Ida Kohn, Beatrice S. Leeds, Cary Lowenstein, Charlotte Apter Rems, Carol Shuldener, Dorothy Siegler, Helen Singer, *Steven Stone, *Miriam Leavitt Welner, *Risa A. Yagoda



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 3:30pm Chelsea Shabbat Service 5:30pm Pre-oneg by 5th Grade 6pm First Friday	2 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
3 9:30am Religious School 9:30am Intro to Hebrew	4 7:30pm Brotherhood 8pm 92Y Dershowitz	5 9:45am Study Group 12pm Drumming Circle 7:30pm Religious Ed	6 4pm Religious School 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services	9 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 4pm MRTSY Shul in
10 No Religious School	11	12 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid Society 7:30pm Exec Comm	13 4pm Religious School	14 7:30pm Intro to Judaism	15 7pm Shabbat Services	16 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
17 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bag & Blox 9:30am 3rd Grade PACT 9:30am Adult Hebrew 12pm Jr Youth	18 7pm Book Club at Church	19 9:45am Study Group 7:15pm Board of Trustees meeting	20 4pm Religious School	21 Red Bank Y in Social Hall 9am-9pm	22 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services	23 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
24 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 9:30am Sis Gift Shop 10:30am Julie Silver Concert 11:30am Menorah Lighting	25	26 9:45am Study Group	27 1st Chanukah Candle NO Relig School 8pm Interfaith Thanksgiving/ Chanukah Service	28 2nd Chanukah Candle Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 3rd Chanukah Candle Office Closed 7pm Shabbat Services	30 4th Chanukah Candle 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study

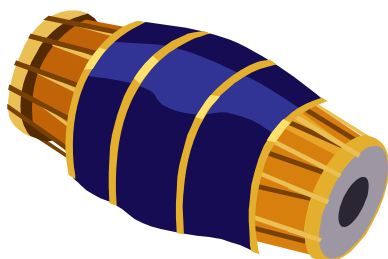


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We will have games, crafts and goodies for the kids

Representative from Camp Harlam will be speaking at services

Current MRT Campers will speak about their experiences.