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The More Torah, The More Life
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Schedule of Services March 2014

Friday, March 7

7pm Shabbat Services
Shabbat Scholar
Michael Friedman

Friday, March 8

10am Bat Mitzvah of Alison Skubik

Friday, March 14

7pm Shabbat Services
With Grades K/1
MRT Honors Lila Singer

Saturday, March 15

5pm Family Megilah Reading
7pm ADULT Purim Shpiel & Party

Friday, March 21

7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 22

10am Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Zwerin

Friday, March 28

7pm Shabbat Services
Shabbat Kallah:
With Rabbi Stephen Pearce

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



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.

Jewish Scholars Month

7-9 March

Michael Friedman

Friday, March 7, 2014: Shabbat Eve (7pm)

"Jews and Interfaith Dialogue: Recent Developments in Jewish Theology" (Sermon followed by Q+A during service)

Sunday, March 9, 2014: 10am

Sunday Morning Study with a Schmeer: Buddhism and Bagels
"When Monks and Manishevitz Collide"

28-29 March

Rabbi Stephen Pearce

Friday, March 28, 2014: Shabbat Eve sermon (7pm)

"Shifting Landscapes: Redefining Jewish Groupings"

Saturday, March 29, 2014: 10am "Overlooking the Obvious:
The Binding of Issac Revealed in Literature and Poetry"

Made possible by a generous bequest from Bob Rosin, Past President

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Rabbi Karyn Kedar

Morning Session: 10-12pm

"The Sacred Partnership-Leadership is a Calling"

Lunch: 12-1pm

Afternoon Session: 1-3pm

"God Whispers, Making Meaning Out of Transition"

Cost: \$36, includes morning session, light lunch, afternoon session RSVP Temple Office
helene@monmouthreformtemple.org

Rabbi Kedar will be available to sign copies of her books during the afternoon session.

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From Rabbi Bob Ourach



In all the snow of this winter, it is hard to think about summer, yet it is time to think about summer plans, and especially

summer camp programs for our children.

For over fifty years, and virtually every summer, I have spent part of my time either as a camper, staff member, or rabbinic faculty member at one of the Union for Reform Judaism's summer camps.

Many of those summers were at Camp Harlam.

Camp Harlam creates for our children an incredible Jewish community of peers. In this community, they not only experience all of the activities we think of as being a natural part of a summer camp program, but also in fun and innovative ways, enhance their Jewish knowledge base and identity. Camp Harlam blends fun and Jewish education in a way that has most of its campers wishing away the winter and eagerly awaiting the start of another summer when they will join Jewish friends for a rich and rewarding experience.

No matter what the ages of your children, from third grade on up through high school, Camp Harlam offers an experience that should

not be missed. Want more information? Contact Camp Harlam at 610-668-0423 or <http://harlam.urjcamp.org/about/> for answers to any questions you may have and to receive a free video.

To this day, many of my closest friends are people who I first met at camp, some dating back to the early sixties. Your children's lives will forever be changed by a summer at Camp Harlam. Their Jewish identity will take on new meaning, and their commitment to our people and our faith will enrich the life of your entire family.

It's Purim at MRT!!!

Family* Megillah Reading

Saturday evening, March 15th at 5pm

Rabbi Ourach will do his dramatic Megillah reading.

Don't Miss it!

*Parents...after it's over go home drop off your kids and come back for the Adult Party!

BRING A PASTA BOX TO USE AS A GROGGER
(TO BE DONATED TO LUNCH BREAK)

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold

We have so much to celebrate at MRT! We have just come off an extremely successful 2nd Winter Visual T'fillah-this time in our Social Hall. I am so grateful to numerous individuals who worked with the Ritual Committee to create a meaningful worship space and a beautiful service. We have our 3rd Visual T'fillah Shabbat worship service on March 21st-Spring themed!

On March 7, 8 and 9th the 8 and 9th graders in Mitzvah Academy will attend an overnight retreat at Camp Harlam with four other synagogues in our area. Vera Galleid and I have been working on this for the past year. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Mitzvah Academy and I deeply appreciate the support of the Religious Education committee to make this happen. Although I have taken the Mitzvah Academy on an overnight to experience "Jewish" Philadelphia for the past 2 years-this will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to attend!

On March 14th we have a very special service which will include the Kindergarten and 1st grade children at Friday night worship to honor their studies and teachers. Mrs Ourach has been preparing them and I am so grateful for her help! We have organized a farewell to Lila Singer-our beloved congregant who is moving to North Carolina. This will be a beautiful service but bittersweet for many at MRT.

March 15th and 16th are our Purim Observances, which are all written about in the bulletin. The Adult Purim Play is based on a "Rock" music theme and will be fantastic with veterans and new folks! I hope you can come!

I want to especially thank Mindy Gorowitz and Helene Messer in our temple office who work so hard and do so much!

Mark your calendars for a busy month-March will be a special month at MRT!

Join us at Shabbat Services

Friday, March 14th at 7pm

As we honor our Long-time Member

Lila Singer

It's Purim at MRT!!!



It's a *Rock n'Roll* extravaganza!

Join in the spirit of Purim at this year's
Rock n' Shpiel

Free and open to friends, family and fans (Adults only)!

When: March 15th

Arrival: 6:30 (warm-up, nosh and schmooze)

Showtime: 7:00pm



And after the show...

MRT Sisterhood invites you to continue to share in the celebration...

"You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life..."

Supper, DJ and some Krazy Karaoke to follow the Fabulous
MRT Purim Players



Cost: \$20 per person (adults only)

RSVP: By March 11th (including payment)

Checks payable to MRT Sisterhood

BYOB and Dress as your favorite rocker!

*"Everybody's talkin' 'bout the new sound
Funny, but it's still rock and roll to me"*

Sign up on our website by clicking on this:

http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=408:rock-n-shpiel-purim-party&catid=43:sisterhood&Itemid=246link

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

The early darkness on winter nights sometimes makes winter seem interminable to me. (And this year we have had enough snow to fully remind me of the nature of winter.) But during this time, things both exciting and important are happening in our congregation. On the winter night of February 12, we held a special congregational meeting to approve the hiring of Rabbi Marc Kline. I am excited to report that his selection was approved unanimously by the members present. Because we did not reach our 20% threshold for final action at this meeting, we have sent out ballots to our member families to ratify the results taken at the meeting; the ballots are due back by February 28. As of the day I am writing this, that deadline has not yet passed so the vote is not complete—however the ballots received are ratifying our choice without exception. This is indeed exciting news and Rabbi Kline is eager to commence his rabbinate at MRT.

At this time, the important business necessary for MRT's operation is being resolved. The Finance committee has been meeting to prepare the budget for the next year (which runs July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015). The nominating committee is determining candidates for Board positions for the next year. The actions of both committees will be reported, with a vote taken, at the Annual Congregational Meeting, which this year is May 4.

The exciting and important activities extend to our worship services. The second Visual T'Filah service, created by the Ritual Committee, was held on Friday, Feb. 21. This time, the Social Hall was converted into an intimate sanctuary. With lighting by candles, beautiful visuals on our large screen, and a wonderful service led by Rabbi Ourach and Cantor Clissold, this was truly a spiritual experience. Come to the next Visual T'Filah on March 21. Exciting in different ways are our student services. The Senior Youth Group presented their successful creative service on February 14. Grade 6 led the Shabbat morning service on February 22 and Grade 5 will lead the Friday evening Shabbat service on February 28.

Late winter has an abundance of educational and social events. Beside our intriguing series of broadcasts from the 92nd St Y, over the next five weeks we will welcome and learn from Scholar-in-Residence Michael Friedman, study with Rabbi Stephen Pearce at Shabbat Kallah, and learn from Rabbi Karyn Kedar about transitions. Fuller details on these programs are elsewhere in this bulletin. At a special oneg on March 14, we will honor long-time MRT member (50+ years) Lila Singer for her many accomplishments for MRT and the greater community. And finally, March is the time for Purim, with our Saturday evening Purimshpiel and Sunday morning Purim Carnival.

The important and exciting happenings at MRT, and indeed MRT itself, are enabled by the efforts of many. I thank all the people—clergy and staff, our students, and our member volunteers—who make this happen. As we welcome Rabbi Kline, may we move from strength to strength.

Summary of February 18th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

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

This month the Pulpit Committee made its final recommendation to hire Rabbi Marc Kline as our new Permanent Rabbi. We had a special Congregational Meeting to allow the Pulpit Committee to present their recommendations. The Sisterhood was out and about at CJ McCloone's for a ladies' night out. The Night at the Races sponsored by Ways and Means was a great success and everyone had a good time. MRTSY conducted a creative Shabbat Service. The Ritual Committee is preparing for our Winter Visual T'Fillah service. Adult Education was snowed out, but will begin meeting again in the Spring. Parent/Teacher conferences were held at the Religious Ed School. 92Y held a great event featuring the story of the Jews from Kaifeng China. Sisterhood went to the Two River Theater to see Shakespeare's "As You Like It".

Elise Aptaker has joined Ellen Goldberg as co-chair of the Youth Committee.

On February 12th, a special Congregational Meeting was held to introduce and approve the contract for Rabbi Marc Kline. As per our by-laws, a confirmation ballot was sent to all member families for ratification because less than 20% of member families were present. This ballot must be returned to the Temple office by February 28, 2014.

A preliminary presentation was made about creating a new, two-day summer camp program at MRT called Camp Olami. The program would be partially funded by the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County. The Board liked the concept and asked for the concept to be developed to more detailed level.

The Leadership Development Task Force, its formation being one of the important recommendations from the 2013 ATID report, provided an interim report to the Board. The Task Force members have created and adopted the following primary objectives: MRT needs to develop and institutionalize 1) a "leadership training" mechanism, 2) a volunteer recruitment mechanism with a visible appreciation component, 3) a process for identifying and enrolling congregants into this training, and 4) a leadership progression pathway.

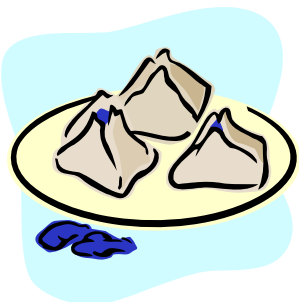
The Membership Committee reported our congregation is now 327 member families.

The Finance Committee is working to prepare the 2014-2015 capital and operating budgets for MRT. These budgets will be presented to the congregation for approval at our Annual Meeting in May.

The Board expressed its thanks to Rabbi Ourach, who has been a stabilizing force as Interim Rabbi at MRT this year, as we have searched for a settled rabbi. As he begins the second half of his tenure at MRT, we hope that you too, will thank him for his service.

The Board discussed "Technology at MRT" and we can incorporate some of the desired upgrades into our budget and committee work.

It's Purim at MRT!!!



HAMANTASCHEN BAKING WITH SISTERHOOD

Pinch, Gab, and Roll with the Sistahs!!

This Sunday, March 2nd at 11am

This Monday, March 3rd at 11am

High Holy Day Appeal 2013

Due to the generosity of 83 temple family members who made gifts to the 2013 High Holy Days Appeal, MRT is financially stronger by \$32, 204. This is \$400 more than was given to the 2012 HHDA, includes engagement by 27 more donors than last year and 6 first-time contributors. The average pledge to the Appeal was \$379 per donor, an increase of \$95 compared to last year. For all of those contributions we are grateful and we are very pleased to acknowledge those who gave to the 2013 Appeal in the list below.

Alonzo & Doreen Addison	Lawrence & Shelley Gordon	Dean & Sharyn Ross
Barbara Alessandro	Dan & Karen Grieco	Donald & Helaine Rothman
Howard Aronson	Mark & Beverly Gruensfelder	Eleanor Rubin
Lawrence & Lois Avrin	Ernie Guenzburger & Ellen	Charles & Phyllis Rubinstein
Mitch & Stephanie Baum	Rubinstein	Edward & Madelyne
Eileen Berger	Jim Halpern	Ryterband
Alice Berman	Daniel & Rose Hampel	Richard & Sheila Sachs
Gary Bleetstein	Bob & Mary Beth Hayet	Robert (z'l) & Betty
Bernard Brandwene	John Heidema & Karl Karl	Schulman
Martha Brandwene & Rita	Gary & Vallerie Hersch	Corey & Anna Seckular
McWilliams	Ted & Shelley Ibex	Lila Singer
Arthur & Carol Brawer	Karen Kahn	Herman & Robin Sklarin
James & Monica Brewer	Deanna Kaplan	Andrew & Jennifer Sobel
George & Wilma Buenaventura	David Katz	David & Rita Sperling
Linda Burns	Michael Kaye	Bob & Susan St. Lifer
Donald & Ellen Byck	Stephen & Dari Kennedy	Joseph & Karin Stein
David & Lisa Calderwood	Jack & Norma Kohn	Stu & Cora Tuchband
David & Kim Chalnack	Faith L. Leifman	Brenda Tuller
John & Joyce Christie	David & Karen Levinsky	Michael & Amy Unterman
Kevin Coyne & Jane Kaye	Alan & Nance Levy	Gene & Nadine Vicenzi
Daniel & Renee Dasaro	Arthur & Nancy Loebel	Perry Weyser
Jay & Monica Feigus	Marc & Mary Ellen Lubin	Frank & Susan Whyman
Bob Gabel & Marianne Roosels	Susan Martin	Jay & Kay Wiesenfeld
Stephen & Cheryl Gaudette	Steve & Karen Medlin	Robert & Marjorie Wold
Roy & Susan Gelber	Andrew & Eunice Melnick	Richard & Bonnie Meyer (non-
Zach & Sheila Gilstein	Maurice & Irma Meyer	members)
Richard & Barbara Gitlin	Joel & Marilyn Morgovsky	Daniel & Jackie Weeks (non-members)
Jay & Ellen Goldberg	David & Linda Murray	
Albert (z'l) & Barbara	Robert & Jennifer Olan	
Goldstein	David & Anne Pearl	
Ellie Goodman	Gerald & Rosalind Reisner	
Sam Goodman	David & Judy Rivkin	

But there is another side to this story. The budget for the 2013 HHDA was \$34K. That means we fell short of our goal by \$1800. Consider that membership at MRT has remained steady at approximately 330 families, a good fact for sure. With 83 members contributing to this year's Appeal, our participation rate is roughly 25%. Eighteen more contributors at \$100 or 36 more gifts of \$50 would have meant achieving our budgeted goal. Each year the High Holy Days Appeal is launched with the stated objective of 100% participation. We can do it. You can help make it happen. We hope to improve on all these numbers for the 2014 High Holy Days Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Morgovsky and Michael Kaye, 2013 HHDA Co-Chairs.

From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



The Jews ordained and took upon themselves, and upon their generations, that these days of Purim should not cease from among the Jews, not the memory of them perish from among their descendants – to observe the days of Purim at their appropriate time. (Esther 9:27-31)

This verse from Megillat Esther is the source of the festival of Purim, celebrating our redemption from the hands of the wicked Haman. Purim is a beautiful holiday – joyful, religious, full of humor and responsible irreverence. Make this Purim a special one by celebrating it with your family and friends at MRT.

We celebrate Purim by doing four Mitzvot. We read the Megillah, a scroll containing the Book of Esther. Come to the Family Megillah Telling or attend the adult Purim Shpiel on Saturday March 15. Come and see our Purim Shpiel led by our seventh graders on Sunday March 16. Bring noisemakers and wear costumes.

The second mitzvah is the Purim Seuda or festive meal on the day of Purim. Come and eat at our MRTSY Purim Carnival on Sunday March 16. There will be games, prizes, food and fun.

The third mitzvah is Shalach Manot, sending portions of food to family and friends. You can do this mitzvah through our MRT Sisterhood.

The fourth mitzvah is Matanot La'evyonim (Gifts to the Needy). This requires us to give to Tzedakkah to those less fortunate whose celebration and joy is diminished through poverty and need. Please bring boxes of pasta to use as groggers and we will donate these to a food pantry after Purim.

We have a very busy month of March. **Here are the upcoming events:**

Sunday March 2 – Trip to the Heritage Museum for grades 6 and 7 and parents.

March 7, 8 and 9 – Mitzvah Academy Retreat at Camp Harlam.

Sunday March 9 – Trip to the Tenement Museum and Yeshiva University Museum for grades 4 and 5 and parents.

Friday March 14 – K-1 participate in Shabbat services at 7:00 pm.

Saturday March 15 – Family Megillah Telling at 5:00 pm.

Sunday March 16 – Purim Shpiel led by the seventh graders, singing, and MRTSY Purim Carnival. Come in costume.

Sunday March 23 – 4th Grade lead the morning service and get their Bnei Mitzvah dates.

Chag Purim Sameach! Wishing you a joyous Purim.

Vera Galleid.

It's Purim at MRT!!!

Purim Carnival

Sponsored by MRTSY

Moon Bounce! Games! Prizes! Cotton Candy! Food!

Sunday, March 16th at 11:30am

Congratulations to our March B'nai Mitzvahs



Alison Skubik will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 8th at 10am.

Alison is currently a seventh grade honor roll student at Tinton Falls Middle School. Her favorite subjects are math and science. Ali also loves sports and is a member of her school soccer and track teams. For her mitzvah project, Alison sold pink and white cookies to raise money for The Maurer Foundation for breast health education, in honor of her Grammy and Great-Grandma, who are both breast cancer survivors.

Ali would like to thank Cantor Clissold, Rabbi Ourach and all of her MRT teachers for their guidance in preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah. She would also like to thank her Mom, Dad and sister for all of their love and support leading up to this special day.

Mazel Tov to Alison and her family!



Gabriel Zwerin will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 22nd at 10am.

Gabriel Zwerin is a 7th grade student at the Maple Place School in Oceanport. His favorite subject at school is Science. Gabe plays the drums in the school band and takes drum lessons privately. He enjoys all sports, but baseball is his favorite. He currently plays on the Frozen Ropes Baseball Team.

Gabriel has enjoyed getting to know all the teachers and his classmates at MRT. He would like to thank his Religious School teachers, Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Ourach, for helping him prepare for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah.

Gabriel thinks he might like to be in the Coast Guard, a doctor, or a baseball player, when he grows up. He loves spending time with his Mom and Dad, his extended family, and he has a special place in his heart for his Doberman Pinscher, Candy.

Mazel Tov to Gabriel and his family!



**Have you been keeping up with your New Year's resolution to get in shape?
Sisterhood can help!**

Pilates with Nadine: Sunday, March 30th, 1-3pm. Cost: \$24

Join our own Nadine Vicenzi for a heart healthy, core building event in her private studio. Learn the techniques for a safe and challenging workout while you increased strength and understanding of your body. Post-workout refreshments will be served!

Please RSVP to nadinevicenzi@gmail.com or sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org.
Cash or check only please, made out to MRT Sisterhood.

It's another Kitchen Caper!

While you are working toward greater health, you are also helping Sisterhood raise funds for our kitchen renovation.

Kitchen Capers is our Fundraiser series to support the long dreamed-of Kitchen Renovation. Kitchen Capers are small group activities hosted by our own congregants whose event reflects their interests and passions. If you are interested in hosting an event, please contact [Linda Murray @ lwmurray1@gmail.com](mailto:LindaMurray@lwmurray1@gmail.com).

MEN'S CLUB



Hi and I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well.

This is the time of year the different committees at Monmouth Reform Temple plan the calendar for next year. The Temple calendar get filled up quickly between the numerous committee events and the Jewish Holidays.

In the past we've had successful events and some not so successful events. I believe we all would prefer to spend our time and energy on events that interest a large range of people and support the temple, congregants and community in some meaningful way.

The next two Men's Club board meetings are on March 3rd and April 7th (the first Monday's of the month). We need you to come to those meetings. These are the meeting we plan for the year ahead. Your ideas and input is needed. It doesn't mean we can't plan events after those meetings, but it gets very difficult as time goes on to book events that don't conflict with other events or religious holidays.

Again, the Men's Club meetings are on the first Monday of the month, in the temple's library at 7:30 pm. All male congregants over 18 years of age are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

On another note, the Men's Club is sponsoring a "You Have to Buy it Anyway Passover Wine Sale". Your choices include a Chardonnay, Merlot, and a Pinot Noir. They are \$18.00 a bottle or 3 for \$50.00. You will see us at MRT over the next couple of months to order the wine, or you can contact me at mrt.brothers1@gmail.com.

I do hope to see you at the next board meeting.

Thanks,
Mitch Baum, MRT Men's Club President

It's Purim at MRT!!!



Order your Shalach Manot Purim Bundles NOW!

Cost: \$5.00 per bundle \$36 for ten (10) bundles

\$108 for the entire MRT community

And Back by Popular demand

Boxes of homemade Hamantaschen...\$10.00 each

Attention: All members of MRT will be receiving one!

Pick yours up at MRT on Friday 3/14, Sat. 3/15 (at the Purim Shpiel), or Sun. 3/16 during Religious School.

This is one of the primary fundraisers of the year for Sisterhood. Participation in the Shalach Manot exchange helps to subsidize many programs at MRT and in the Religious School. Sisterhood is baking the Hamantaschen and putting them into the Shalach Manot boxes along with Purim masks and other goodies.

These are gifts of good will and celebration for those you love, wish to thank, work with, or would like to get to know. Recipients will receive one bundle with a note listing the names of all who gifted them.

To ensure that your order is filled, it must be received with payment in full by Tuesday, March 11.

Please make check payable to MRT Sisterhood and include your tally form.—drop it in the MRT office.

Welcome to Visual T'flah

Friday 21 March at 7pm



Painting by
Pamela Cisneros

Join us in creating a sacred space

SISTERHOOD



You can't stay buried in the snow any longer! There is so much to do at the temple and with Sisterhood and so much Fun to be Had! Even if you are not a member of Sisterhood, you are always welcome to join in any event, enjoy the camaraderie and meet new people!

So, in January, nearly 20 ladies met at CJ McCloone's for fabulous food, drinks and conversation. Then, on February 2nd, we combined forces with the Religious School for our Shalom Open House on the morning of Religious School Conference Day. Many people joined us in the library for baked goods, coffee, a place to wait and good kibbitzing!

March is full of great activities with the Sisterhood! On Sunday and Monday, March 2nd & 3rd at 11am, come help bake (and taste the rejects) our beloved Hamentashen for Shalach Manot gifts. No skill is necessary... we will show you how! On March 11th, come help put the bundles together during religious school. Help for ten minutes or stay the entire time! Any help is greatly appreciated.

And, don't forget to order your Shalach Manot bundles. Giving delectable gifts to family and friends is one of the sweetest traditions of Purim. Send one bundle for \$5, 10 bundles for \$36, or send luscious greetings to entire congregation for \$108. Turn in your form and check to the Temple office by March 11th. This awesome Sisterhood fundraiser helps subsidize many programs for the temple community and religious school.

On March 14th, at Shabbat Services and the Oneg following, we will be honoring Lila Singer, one of sisterhood's long-time members and a founding member of the congregation as she embarks on a new journey – moving to North Carolina. We will truly miss her. She has been a pillar in the Temple, the community at large and she participated in nearly all of our events. Lila has guided us in so many ways throughout the years.

On March 15th get ready for an Adult only night of hilarity and fun! Arrive at 6:30 for a nosh & schmooze, then at 7pm, see the never ready for prime time players present the lively "Rock'n Shpiel" featuring many of your favorite Sisterhood members! Join us for the Sisterhood sponsored after party complete with Dinner, DJ, and Krazy Karaoke. The cost for the after party/dinner is \$20 and reservations are a must by March 11th.

The book club will get together on Monday, March 17th at 7:15pm at the home of Linda Murray to discuss "Suite Francaise" On Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00pm, support our fellow Sisterhood member Director Julia Sandra Rand, by attending the "Diary of Anne Frank" at the Bradley Beach Elementary School. Entrance is free and seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

Look forward to our April events beginning with our Women's Seder on April 3rd led by Cantor Gabrielle Clissold and accompanied by Linda Ourach and on April 7th our first Jewish Film Festival presentation of "Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg" – the entire congregation is invited. Details to follow.

Well that's all (and enough) for now.

Peace, Love and Rock & Roll

Jill Austin & Cheryl Gaudette, Co-Presidents



Get in the festive and fabulous spirit of
Purim.....

WHO: Junior(grades 3-7) and Senior (grades 8-12) Youth Groups
(and interested parents)

WHAT: Hamentashen Bakingpalooza

WHY: Because who doesn't love a big fat hamentashen at Purim time?
Learn the tricks of the trade & the tradition of fabulous deliciousness@

WHEN: Saturday, March 1st 10-12 **WHERE:** MRT Social Hall & Kitchen

WHAT TO BRING: Rolling Pins, cooling racks, kitchen aprons and clean hands...if you have them.

Never joined the Youth Group? No Problem...Never too late....
Email a youth advisor to ask how to join, or just show up and join then!

-Jr. Youth Group (3-7) Advisor: Emily Halpern Ehalpern24@aol.com

-Sr. Youth Group (8-12) Advisor: Gayle Kaplan Goldak45@aol.com

RSVP is a MUST by 2/26: M.S.brewer@verizon.net or 201-341-0797

Passover Wine Sale

Help support the
Monmouth Reform Temple Men's Club
by Purchasing Passover Wine

Choices are:

Chardonnay Merlot Pinot Noir
\$18.00 per bottle 3 for \$50.00



Pickup for the wine is at MRT at these times:
Friday, April 4th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Lobby
Monday, April 7th from 7:30 – 9:00 pm – Library
Wednesday, April 9th from 4:00 – 6:15 pm – Lobby



Wine tasting will be done periodically at MRT
For information on purchasing wine, contact

Mitch Baum at
mrt.brothers1@gmail.com

From the Ways & Means Committee, David Levinsky, Chair

Save **Saturday, May 31** for an absolutely great show at Monmouth Reform Temple.

Before signing the "The Jersey Four" to perform in concert at our temple, six members from the **Ways & Means Committee** made an advance trip to see and hear this tribute band to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. As the cliché says, we were blown away by the four singers and their six instrumentalists. As the success of the "Jersey Boys" on Broadway proves, the music of the Four Seasons is timeless. Our group wanted to negotiate a contract with the tribute group during the intermission.

The **Ways & Means Committee** had a busy year with the *Rummage Sale*, *Hustle into Fall Dance* and *Night at the Races*, but the concert on May 31 will be our biggest event of all. Take my advice; tell your friends and family to save the date for a fantastic show. Details will soon follow.

Looking ahead to fall 2014, the **Ways & Means Committee** will again sponsor MRT's *Hidden Treasures Rummage Sale*. Your donations accounted for our biggest fundraiser so far this year. Please think of MRT before sending perfectly good usable items to the trash bin. Unfortunately, we cannot collect rummage sale items until two week before the actual rummage sale.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining our vibrant committee at davidlevinsky@optonline.net.

Best wishes,
David Levinsky, W&M Chair/Board Member



Monmouth Reform Temple
presents
Three stories of Extraordinary Women



***Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg* – Monday, April 7 @ 7:00 pm**

YooHoo, Mrs. Goldberg is the funny and surprising story of radio & television pioneer Gertrude Berg. Creator, star and writer (12,000 scripts!) of the hit sitcom *The Goldbergs*, Berg was a beloved trailblazer, the Oprah of her day. Berg's blend of comedy and social commentary—with Jewish characters at the center—endeard audiences and made her an American cultural icon.



***Ahead of Time, The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber* – Monday, May 5 @ 7:00 pm**

With her love of adventure and fearlessness, Ruth Gruber defied tradition from the moment she became the world's youngest PhD at the age of 20 in 1931. *Ahead of Time* tells the remarkable journey of 96 year-old Gruber. Gruber continued to make history throughout her trail-blazing career by becoming the first journalist to enter the Soviet Arctic in 1935 and escorting 1000 Holocaust refugees from Naples to New York in a secret war-time mission in 1944. She covered the heart wrenching ordeal of the refugees aboard the ship Exodus 1947 with photographs that helped change the world.



***Mamadrama, The Jewish Mother in Cinema* – Monday, June 2 @ 7:00 pm**

Jewish mothers are the most easily maligned image of Jewish women found in movies and television today. You know who they are: the caricature of the overbearing, emasculating, long suffering mother ever-ready with mountains of food. Australian director Monique Schwarz takes a penetrating look at how the loving and affectionate portrayals in early Yiddish and Hollywood silent movies developed into the Jewish Mother of modern Hollywood and, conversely, the more flesh and blood characterizations in contemporary Israeli cinema.

\$24 for the series of 3, paid in advance.

\$25 at the door for the series.

\$10 for individual tickets.

All Proceeds to benefit the MRT Kitchen Fund.

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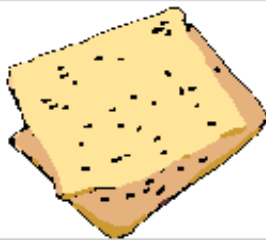
Please note "film festival" in the memo. Please include your email if you would like a confirmation.

Questions? Contact Linda Wien Murray @ lwmurray1@gmail.com



2nd Night Seder

Tuesday, April 15th at 6pm



Celebrate Passover at our traditional 2nd night Seder. Everyone is welcome—singles, families with children.

Cost per person	\$18 Adult Members
	\$25 Adult Non-members
	\$10 Children 5-12
	Children under 5 free

BYO Wine

Donations of gefilte fish, horseradish, and matzoh.
PLEASE drop off at MRT on or before April 11th.
RSVP a must. Deadline April 10th.

Online sign up:

http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=407:join-us-mrt-2nd-night-seder&catid=16:worship&Itemid=219

THE CONGREGATION WISHES MAZEL TOV TO:

- Karen Karl and John Heidema on the birth of a grandson, David
- Deanna Kaplan on the birth of a grandson, Irving Stangler
- David and Karen Levinsky on the birth of a grandson, Desmond

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Bobbie Goldstein on the loss of her husband, Al Goldstein



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

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

The Congregation mourns
the loss of
Al Goldstein



May His Memory be a
Blessing

March Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)**Names to be Read on Friday, March 7th (Services at 7pm)**

Frank Abrams, *Lois Blonder, Abraham Bogdonoff, *Martin A. Brousell, Max Leo Brown, Alex Colin, Samuel Deutsch, *Jay T. Feigus, Malcolm Fidell, *Ida Huber, David Kaplan, Leo A. Kauffman, *Murray Kipnis, Gaetano Labombarda, *Sadie Metz, Samuel Milchman, Nathaniel Portman, Edward Rashbaum, Ruth Rekedal, *Beatrice Ruby, Michael Ruby, Sylvia Sachs, Alice Schneider, *Bessie Schwartz, *Greta Singer, Irving Spumberg, Henry Weyser, Annette Wrobel

Names to be Read on Friday, March 14th (Services at 7pm)

Solomon Attias, *Rose Blonder, *Irving Cohen, Philip Debs, Evelyn Fryman, Bertha Greenberg, Mildred Kantor, *Esther Kossovskaya, Monroe Marx, Walter Parkinson, Edith Pick, David Pintow, Siegmund Rath, Kim Ross, Etta Schatten, Paul B. Snyder, *Max Tanenbaum, Isadore Tannenbaum, Solomon Weissman, Hyman Zucker

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

*Samuel Blonder, Blanche Civins, *Meyer Smolensky Collis, Alter Epstein, Rose M. Friedman, Leah Haback, *Doreen Harran, Larry Hayes, Doris Hayet, Alexander Kaplan, Adolf Klein, Rita Levy, George Marx, *Samuel Mausner, Jane Medalie, Sharon Priesand, Ronald Schor, Michael R. Simon, Loretta Stein, *Jacob Talberth

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

Sylvia Abrams, Abe P. Cohen, C.K. Conklin, Fannie Copley, Herbert H. Gershan, Abner Gitlin, *Isidore Grossman, Frank Haratz, Jack A. Leeds, John Leverett, *Michael Mintzer, Laura Munter, *Helen Nusbaum, Josephine Orange, Catherine R. Ricklin, *Theodore Tully Rubin, Howard Schneider, Heather Elyse Sillen, *Julius Snedcof, Robert Teitelbaum, Ralph Uhrmacher, Mark Vickers

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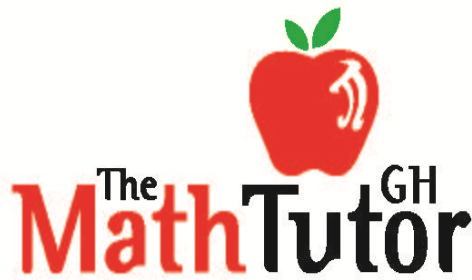
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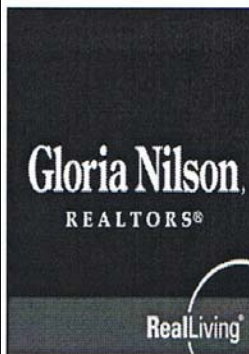
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pick up your Shlach Manot bundle: Friday, March 14th Saturday, March 15th during the Shpiel Sunday, March 16th During Religious School					1 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Jr. and Sr. Youth Baking
2 9:30am Rel School 11am Sisterhood Hamantaschen Baking	3 11am Sisterhood Hamantaschen Baking 7:30pm Men's Club Board	4 9:45am Study Group 7:30pm Religious Ed	5 4pm Religious School	6 7pm Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 7pm Youth Committee 7:30pm Intro to Judaism	7 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 7pm Shabbat Services Visiting Scholar: Michael Friedman	8 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah of Alison Skubik
9 SPRING FORWARD 9:30am Rel School 10am Sunday morning Bagels with Visiting Scholar	10	11 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid 7:30pm Exec Board	12 4pm Religious School 4pm Shlach Manot Bundling	13 7pm Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 7:30pm Intro to Judaism	14 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services honoring Lila; K/I Shabbat	15 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 5pm Family Megillah 6:30 Pre Party Social 7pm Purim Shpiel Followed by Purim Party
16 9:30am Bagels and Blocks 9:30am Religious School 11:30am Purim Carnival	17	18 9:45am Study Group 7:15pm Board of Trustees	19 4pm Religious School	20 7:30pm Intro to Judaism	21 7pm Shabbat Services VISUAL T'FILAH	22 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Zwerin
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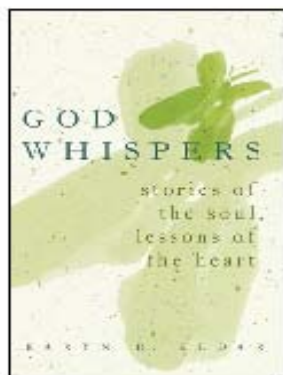


Sunday, April 6th at Monmouth Reform Temple

Rabbi Karyn Kedar

Rabbi Karyn Kedar, senior rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim in Deerfield, IL, is widely recognized as an inspiring leader who guides people in their spiritual and personal growth. She is the author of *Bridge to Forgiveness: Stories and Prayers for Finding God and Restoring Wholeness* and *God Whispers: Stories of the Soul, Lessons of the Heart* among other books.

Rabbi Kedar's books are available in the temple office for purchase for \$17.

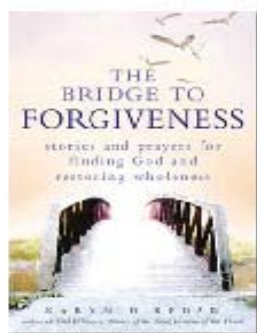


**Wonder, joy and beauty are not as far away as we might think—
if only we open our minds and souls to the sound of God's whispering voice.**

So Karyn Kedar reminds us. By sharing significant moments in the lives of ordinary people, she helps us along the journey to spiritual awareness and understanding.

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