



# THE MRT BULLETIN

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

## Schedule of Services April 2014

### Friday, April 4



First Friday and Shir  
Chadash is Back!  
5:30pm Pre-Oneg by 3rd  
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6pm Shabbat Services  
Followed by Pot Luck Dinner  
Bring enough for 10-12 people  
A-F Salad G-Z Pasta/Chicken

### Friday, April 11

7pm Shabbat Services

### Friday, April 18

7pm Shabbat Services

### Monday, April 21st—Passover Services

10am Festival Services & Yizkor

### Friday, April 25th

7pm Shabbat Services  
Honoring Leonard Teitelbaum  
Music led by Sara Hayet

### Sunday, April 27th—Yom Hashoah

10am Yom Hashoah Service  
10:30am Yom Hashoah Speaker

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.

## Monmouth Reform Temple & Jewish Federation of Monmouth County

Present:



A Day of Inspiration  
with speaker  
Rabbi Karyn Kedar  
Sunday, April 6th  
at  
Monmouth Reform Temple

Morning Session: 10am-12pm

*The Sacred Partnership: Leadership is a Calling*

Lunch: 12-1 pm

Afternoon Session: 1pm-3pm

*God Whispers, Making Meaning Out of Transition*

Rabbi Karyn Kedar is the senior rabbi of Congregation B’nai  
Jehoshua Beth Elohim in Deerfield, IL and is widely recognized as  
an inspiring leader who guides people in their spiritual and  
personal growth.  
Rabbi Kedar’s books can be purchased for \$17 each in the MRT  
office and at the event. She will be available to sign them during the  
afternoon session.

Cost: \$36

Includes morning session, light lunch, afternoon session.

RSVP to the MRT Office [helene@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:helene@monmouthreformtemple.org) 732-747-9365

This event is open to the entire community.

[Click here to sign up with Paypal](#)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 matzo.  
PLEASE drop off at MRT on or before April 11th.  
RSVP a must. Deadline April 10th.

[Click here to sign up with Paypal](#)

**ANNOUNCING MRT'S SPRING FUNDRAISER**  
**THE JERSEY FOUR IN CONCERT**

At

Monmouth Reform Temple, 332 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ  
732-747-9365; [www.monmouthreformtemple.org](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org)

-In Tribute To Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons,  
Just the Way You Remembered Them-

A Two Hour Performance, Saturday, May 31, 2014  
Doors Open – 7:15 PM, Performance – 8:00 PM

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY and FRIENDS TOO!**

**Premium Reserved Sanctuary Seating**

**MRT BENEFACTORS**

***Four Seats at the \$300 Level***

**MRT PATRONS**

***Two Seats at the \$200 Level***

**MRT SPONSORS**

***Individual Seats at \$55***

**MRT FRIENDS**

**General Seating at \$35**

To order tickets on line go to MRT's website; click on COMMUNITY/COMMITTEES at top of page; scroll down to Ways & Means. To order by postal mail, please mail checks to MRT, attention of Karen Cole. Include the form below with payment. Questions--Contact David Levinsky, W&M Chair, at [davidlevinsky@optonline.net](mailto:davidlevinsky@optonline.net).

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**The Jersey Four Ticket Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Ticket Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Friend

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check

Payable to: Monmouth Reform Temple, 332 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724, 732-747-9365

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## MRT Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Sunday morning, April 27th

Service at 10am

Speaker at 10:30am

Gina Hochberg Lanceter

### From Rabbi Bob Ourach



This year again, on April 27 we will commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day. This is a

particularly important moment in the Jewish calendar. Each year we are more and more aware that there are fewer Holocaust survivors living to share the story that still must be told about that horrific period in our People's history. Our religious school students will participate in a service on that morning and the service will be followed immediately by our guest speaker Gina Lanceter.

The service will begin at 10 AM and I want to invite the entire adult congregation to join in the school program. Gina's story is most compelling and I hope that many of you will take this opportunity to hear the story of an amazing woman who was able to survive under incredibly difficult circumstances. A brief biography of Gina's life follows:

**Gina Lanceter** grew up in a comfortable middle-class family in Brody, Poland; today it is part of the Ukraine. Brody was somewhat protected from the initial Nazi onslaught as it had been annexed by the Soviet Union in September 1939 as part of the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact. However, in June 1941, the Germans violated the treaty and invaded the Soviet Union. The Nazis occupied Brody and immediately instituted anti-Jewish regulations and restrictions, followed by violent actions against Jews.

By the end of 1942, a ghetto was established and in May 1943, Gina and her family were rounded up and herded into cattle cars bound for the death camps. Her life was saved by her parents, who talked her into jumping off the train. She spent the rest of the war in hiding. Almost no one from her family survived.

After the war, Gina met and married her husband in Poland. They later went to Germany and lived in a Displaced Persons Camp

where Gina's daughter was born. In 1949, the family immigrated to the United States, where her son was born.

Gina has talked to school and community groups of all ages about her experiences during the Holocaust. She strongly believes in the importance of conveying the lessons of the Holocaust for people to remember, gain a greater understanding of its enormity, and comprehend the necessity of preventing the recurrence of such genocide.

She is very active in Holocaust education in New Jersey and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest and a member of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. Her recounting of her experiences is preserved on video recordings in the Fortunoff Archives at Yale University, the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation and Yad Vashem in Israel.



**From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold**

I am deeply grateful to all the people who worked so hard to make our weekend of Purim observances and celebration a success! Many people worked together and it was so much fun! Next year if you want to be in the Adult Purim Play please let me know! It is pure fun and we have a lot of laughs! Our Sisterhood ran a wonderful Mishloach Manot event! We all had an unforgettable time at the Rockin' Purim party after the Shpeil. Sunday our 7th graders entertained us with their Purim play-we sang songs and then had an awesome time at the Purim Carnival-run by the Temple Youth. It was a great weekend at MRT!

Passover is soon-you cannot pretend it is not coming! I am leading a seder at the Presbyterian church on Sunday April 13th and members of the temple are welcome to attend! Please email me for more details if you wish to attend. Please make your reservation for the 2nd night Seder at MRT-we have amazing cooks, shoppers and volunteers lined up to make a wonderful seder. My deepest thanks to the office for always working so hard to coordinate the myriad of activities that go on at our temple!

Our Winter and Spring Visual T'fillah went really well! Our Next VT is on June 20th, I hope you can attend! Please be aware that after VT the oneg is in the Youth Lounge-so don't miss a chance to hang around and have a nosh after the service.

Our final 92 Y showing of the year is on May 6th and will feature INSIDE ISRAEL'S NATIONAL SECURITY with Chuck Freilich, Reuven Pedhatur and Dan Raviv.

Join us for unique insights into the history and chronic inadequacies of Israeli national security policy-making, attributing them to Israel's hostile and volatile regional environment, politicized electoral system, and structural peculiarities of the Israeli government. An optional Israel Dinner for an additional \$10.00 will be served-so please sign up so we can order the proper amount.

We have so many great events going on at MRT with opportunities to study, worship, celebrate and move forward with the long awaited Spring!

**Seder at the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury  
Sunday April 13th at 5:30 PM  
Led by Cantor Clissold and Reverend McKirachan**

Members of our temple are welcome to attend and the church would love to have you. Just email the Cantor at [cantoreclissold@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:cantoreclissold@monmouthreformtemple.org) and the church at [pcas@verizon.net](mailto:pcas@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.

It is going to be a Traditional Jewish Seder with Reverend McKirachan explaining how Jewish symbolism in the Seder is connected to Christianity. The Seder will be mostly in English, however, Reverend McKirachan is going to explain how Christians took parts of the Seder and ran with these ideas.

Ideally they would love to have a few of us at each table so please consider coming!

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

It is official! Rabbi Marc Kline has been approved unanimously by the congregation, he has accepted our contract, and he will become our Rabbi on July 1.

To welcome Rabbi Kline and his family, the Board has established a Transition-In Committee, which is co-chaired by Karen Levinsky and Karen Seligman. The committee's charge is to welcome our new Rabbi into our temple family and to the local community, to engage our congregation in welcoming and supporting Rabbi Kline, and to launch the partnership between Rabbi Kline and our congregation. The actions of the committee will include meet-and-greet sessions, a service of installation, and other opportunities for support and engagement. You will be hearing more from this committee. If you are interested in working with the Transition-In Committee, please contact Karen or Karen.

I describe the relationship between Rabbi and Congregation as a partnership. In a partnership, accomplishments are achieved by actions from all parties, which include Rabbi, Cantor, Rabbi Emerita, staff, and members. Our rabbi will be our teacher, leader, guide, mentor, colleague, counselor, supporter, and more. It is up to us to be the partners to enable MRT to thrive. For a partnership to succeed, all parties must contribute, be willing to share, and communicate openly and freely. I am certain that we will create a rewarding, engaging, expanding partnership with Rabbi Kline, making MRT a home of ever greater meaning and fulfillment. It will be a place to realize our vision: "Open Doors – Open Minds, Monmouth Reform Temple – Our Spiritual Community—where we nurture meaning in our lives."

As we are looking forward, the Board has begun engaging with the roles, boundaries, and indeed the structures of our committees—and how they reflect the mission of MRT. We are beginning with an update on the roles of our various committees and how they serve the congregation and interact with other committees, volunteers, and staff of MRT. This aligns with a recommendation of the report of the ATID Task force, which suggests "clarifying roles, responsibilities & points of collaboration among volunteer groups and between volunteers and staff."

Recognizing that time restraints on our members make it difficult for some to commit to longer term service opportunities, the Board is beginning a discussion, which includes "consideration of an alternative structure of fewer *Standing Committees* (i.e. core to mission and operation of the congregation) and creation of more fluid, time-limited *Task Forces* focused on specific timely issues, [which] is an increasingly popular and effective structure for engagement of volunteers/members in non-profit organizations these days." (from the ATID task Force Report) On Saturday evening, March 29, the Board met with our Teacher for Shabbat Kallah, Rabbi Stephen Pearce, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco, in a workshop to discuss such alternative structures. This is the beginning of our effort and you will see discussion of this as we go forward. If you have thoughts you would like to share, please let me know.

Pesach begins in about two weeks. Happy Passover to you all.

**Join us as we honor Leonard Teitelbaum**

**at**

**Shabbat Services**

**Friday, April 25th at 7pm**

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

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

We kicked off our Visiting Scholars' Month with a visit with Michael Friedman this past weekend. Our students from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes went on a field trip as did our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The Sisterhood had a busy month helping everyone celebrate Purim. They baked hamantaschen for everyone, prepared boxes for Shalach Manot bundles and they threw a great Purim Party. Our cast of Purim Players, directed by Cantor Clissold presented "Rock'n Shpiel", the story of Esther, Mordecai, King Ahasaurus and Haman, sung to the great songs of Rock and Roll. The Men's Club has started its NCAA Bracket contest. The Men's Club is meeting at the Pour House on April 7<sup>th</sup> after its board meeting in the MRT Library to watch the Final Game of the March Madness. During the next month the Men's Club is also conducting a sale of some great Passover Wines. Sisterhood will be having a Movie night on April 7<sup>th</sup> at MRT and hopes to meet up at the Pour House later that evening and join the Men's club there. Last month we had our Winter Visual Tefilah. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, MRT honored Lila Singer at our Shabbat Service commemorating her years of service at MRT.

Our congregation has unanimously approved the selection of Rabbi Marc Kline as our new Permanent Rabbi and he will begin his tenure at MRT on July 1<sup>st</sup>. An announcement letter to the congregation about Rabbi Kline will be sent by President Jay Wiesenfeld. Karen Levinsky and Karen Seligman have been appointed co-chairs of the Transition Committee and will be consulting with Myra Ostroff, who was past chair of the Transition Committee. Rabbi Kline is scheduled to visit MRT during the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for details and come visit with our new Rabbi and show your support.

The Budget Committee, chaired by Michael Kaye has presented the 2014-2015 budget to the Board. The Board has approved sending the budget to the congregation for ratification during our annual meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the budget will be made available during the first week in April and can be obtained in the Temple office.

The Board approved a proposal to develop a summer program called Camp Olami. This two day program will provide 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders, with an opportunity to get ready for Hebrew and Religious School at the end of the summer. The camp will begin advertising for participation later this month and will be contingent on a sufficient demand for this activity.

On the weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup>, as part of MRT's 2014 Shabbat Kallah, Rabbi Stephen Pearce will visit MRT. Rabbi Pearce has just retired as Senior Rabbi of San Francisco's largest Reform Synagogue. On Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at Shabbat services, Rabbi Pearce will give a sermon entitled, "Shifting Landscapes: Redefining Jewish Groupings". On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, he will be conducting a seminar called, "Overlooking the Obvious: The Binding of Isaac Revealed in Literature & Poetry". Also on Saturday, Rabbi Pearce will be leading a Board development workshop. See the weekly calendar for details of these events.

Rabbi Ourach is happy to announce that this year's confirmation class has 7 members and will be celebrating on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cantor Clissold announced we are having our traditional "Second Night Seder" on April 15<sup>th</sup>. She also wanted to let everyone know that Lynn Shapiro is looking for springtime volunteers to help continue the cleanup work in Sea Bright that is left over from last year and Hurricane Sandy.

The Nominating Committee is finishing up its work to complete a slate of nominees for the Board and Committee chair positions for the next year. The slate of candidates will be sent to members by April 4<sup>th</sup> once the committee has made its final nominations. If anyone is interested in filling one of the remaining positions, please contact the office.

### From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



We enjoyed all the Purim festivities at MRT. Thanks go to our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and their teacher, Doreen Addison for the wonderful Purim play and to MRTSY and Gayle Kaplan for a great carnival. Toda to all the parents who helped out.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC and learned about Jewish life before, during and after the Holocaust.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents visited the Tenement Museum and then experienced what sweatshops were like by re-enacting an assembly line production at the Yeshiva University Museum.

Our Mitzvah Academy students attended a retreat with students from 4 other synagogues at Camp Harlam. They explored Jewish values and socialized with other Jewish teens.

Our Kindergarten and first grade students participated in Friday night services for the first time. Toda to Linda Ourach and to Mrs. Millman for teaching them. They prayed, sang and danced on the Bima and had a wonderful time!.

Mazel Tov to our 4<sup>th</sup> graders who led the Sunday morning service. Toda to Mrs. Leavitt for preparing them so well.

Now we are focusing on Passover. Our students are learning the Biblical account of the Exodus and its implications for our celebration of the holiday. Pesach does not only focus on the Exodus as a historical event that took place long ago. The Haggadah tells us that each person has to look upon himself as if he personally came out of Egypt and was freed from slavery. We have a moral obligation to pursue greater justice in the world. Another Mitzvah or commandment

of Passover is that we feed the hungry.

We are collecting kosher for Passover food to deliver to Jewish Family and Children Services for their Passover food drive. I will be sending out a list of the items they need. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important mitzvah.

#### Upcoming Events:

Sunday April 6 – Model Seder grades K-3.

Wednesday April 9 – Model Seder grades 4-7.

Passover Break – April 13 - April 22.  
Wednesday April 23 – Classes resume.  
Sunday April 27 at 10:00am– Yom Hashoa – Holocaust Memorial Service and speaker for MRT community and students in grades 4 and up.

Chag Pesach Sameach.  
Happy Passover.

### Religious School Passover Break

#### NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Sunday, April 13th**

**Wednesday, April 16th**

**Sunday, April 20th**

#### Lobby Tzedakah Box April 2014:

#### Co-sponsored by Alice Berman and Dean Ross The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County is dedicated to the promotion of public awareness of the County's Jewish heritage for the education and enjoyment of both children and adults. Its mission is to present exhibits, programs and publications that celebrate, preserve, explore and illustrate the rich and unique history of the Jewish residents of Monmouth County, New Jersey, and their contribution to the community. Located in an old barn (c1800) which was once part of the Levi Solomon farm, Bernard Hochberg has generously provided the space. The Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County has provided initial support.

Situated midway between New York City and Philadelphia, Monmouth County attracted Jewish settlers as early as 1720. From the Freehold peddler to the Long Branch department store magnate...from the Howell Township chicken farm to the Jersey Homestead industrial and agricultural cooperative... from the Jewish "Newport" on the Jersey Shore to the Cream Ridge Zionist pioneer camp, the story of the Monmouth County Jewish community is the story of American Jewish life.

[Click here for the website](#)



## MEN'S CLUB



Hi!

Many members may not know what goes on at a typical temple Men's Club meeting. I didn't until a little over a year ago. The following is a quick glimpse of what was discussed.

This is the time of year we talk about events that were successful and to see how we can improve on them. We also look at doing different events for the upcoming year.

Annual Men's Club activities

1. Ushering the High Holy Day services
2. Building and dismantling the Sukkah.
3. The Mother's Day Breakfast
  - a. We are looking for short order cooks for the breakfast
4. Our Coed Softball team- the Hebrew Nationals
  - a. Contact Perry Weyser at [Weyser66@gmail.com](mailto:Weyser66@gmail.com) if you would like to join this year's team.
5. The Beerfest was a tremendous success and will be repeated

New This Year- planned and in the planning stages

1. Passover wine sales
  - a. Wine still available for sale if you would like to place an order . Contact Mitch at [MRT.brothers1@gmail.com](mailto:MRT.brothers1@gmail.com)
2. Family day/night at Silverball in Asbury Park over the summer
3. Family movie night
4. Men's Club dinner night out
5. Sunday Speaker brunch
6. Networking day for congregants with a business or expertise they would like to share
7. Parents/Kids sports day

Getting these events on paper is the easy part. Getting people to help organize these events is the hard part. This is where I could use your help. The same core people consistently volunteer to help run these events. It would be great to see a few new faces at the meeting. We could use your input, ideas and feedback on how the Men's Club is being run and on the events we are planning.

The next meeting is on April 7th at 7:30pm in the temple library. After the meeting we will be going to The Pour House to watch the March Madness Finals. As added incentive the first beer is on the Men's Club. I hope to see you at our next Meeting.

Mitch Baum MRT Men's Club President



## Passover Wine Sale

To benefit the MRT Mens' Club

Chardonnay Merlot Pinot Noir

\$18 per bottle 3 for \$50

Pick up your wine at the following times:

Friday, April 4th from 5pm to 6pm Monday, April 7th from 7pm to 8:30pm

Wednesday, April 9th from 4pm to 6:15pm

Questions? Contact Mitch Baum at [mrt.brothers1@gmail.com](mailto:mrt.brothers1@gmail.com).

## SISTERHOOD



MRT Sisterhood had an exciting March! Following our MRT "Broadway-bound" Purim Shpiel, Sisterhood sponsored a Purim Party filled with laughter, karaoke, dancing and costumes. Our delicious dinner, catered by Downtown, combined with an exceptional DJ added to the fun. It was a delightful event with an atmosphere of friendship and community! Thank you to Linda Murray and Monica Schneider Brewer for organizing this event and to all those who helped to set up and in any other way.

Many hands pinched, rolled, filled and folded creating yummy Hamantashen for our Shalach Manot gifts adding to the Purim Festivities and feeling of community. Our goody filled gifts, which are a Sisterhood fundraiser, went to the entire congregation - every family in our community received a goody bag to add to their Purim fun! Thank you to our bakers and packers. This fundraising event would not be successful without your involvement.

Sisterhood had the privilege of organizing the beautiful and emotional tribute to Lila Singer, as well as sponsoring the scrumptious oneg that followed. We were also thrilled that Lila has been selected by the Jewish Federation as a Woman of Distinction, an honor which will be bestowed to Lila on May 7 at their Main Event. Lila has been an integral part of both Sisterhood and all of MRT, and we wish her all the best in her move.

Our Book Club is thriving and join with St. George Church of Rumson for our next group meeting on April 28, to be held at Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club. The book is "The Kitchen House" and we welcome all interested to join. Please contact Linda Murray for any information regarding our book club.

Sisterhood is proud to present our MRT Jewish Film Series: Three Stories of Extraordinary Women. These fascinating movies will be shown on April 7, May 5 and June 2. The cost for the complete series (3 films) is \$24.00 for or \$10 to attend each film individually. Following the April 7th movie - "Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg" - everyone is invited to join the Men's Club at the Pour House for the "Final Four" NCAA Basketball Championships. Please contact Mitch Baum of Men's Club for more details.

Our Sisterhood is a vibrant, involved organization and we welcome women of all ages and family situations to join us. We need your ideas, creativity and diversity and we hope to see you at our upcoming events! Please contact Jill or Cheryl with any suggestions or input. It is so important for each member of the Temple be committed and involved in the Temple community. Join sisterhood, sit on a committee, or just volunteer your time for a single event. You will make our community stronger if you do

We wish everyone a good Passover!

Jill and Cheryl



### Passover Gift Shop will be open

Sunday, April 6th 9:30am –12pm

Monday, April 7th 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 8th 9:30am-11am

Seder Plates, Miriam Cups, etc.

***All Passover stock 50% off!***

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



Spring 2014 is here. Rather than dwell on the low temperatures and snow dealt with by everyone this winter, I choose to look forward to MRT's garden colors: bright red tomatoes, purple eggplant, green peppers, yellow and white squash, and green cucumbers. As I do every winter, I view many YouTube videos explaining techniques for growing larger as well as tastier vegetables, and spend hours studying schemes to rid gardens of insects and disease. Next summer, I hope to create a video extolling our garden's original methods for insect control.

Successful gardens require good soil, ample sunlight, and water and volunteers. Compost improves soil development and pruning adds sunlight. Preparation for spring 2014 actually began last November when a dedicated group of MRT members of all ages spread a "mountain" of leaf compost on our garden's seventeen planting beds.

The (Elmo) Cohen, Lubin, Pearl, and Vicenzi families insured a good start for our late spring plantings.

To increase the available sunlight for plant growth, recently Stephen Gaudette, James Brewer, Mitch Bam, David Katz and Carl Knop gathered to remove damaged trees and debris at the rear of the garden. Also, they installed weed block on each row to inhibit weed growth and promote the soil's retention of water and heat. (At right, James Brewer clearing branches and vines.)

Fortunately for our garden and beneficiaries of its produce, Dew Drop Sprinklers (owned by MRT members Steve and Dari Kennedy) maintain their donated drip irrigation system to keep our soil adequately watered.

The final element for a successful garden is volunteers. We still need help with the day to day chores in the garden as our regulars are only three to four in number. Please contact David Levinsky, davidlevinsky@optonline.net, for information on how you can help provide nutritious vegetables for Monmouth County residents and temple members in need.



### From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson—It Takes a Woman

International Women's Day was celebrated on March 8 and was a time to recognize the achievements of women around the world.

Anat Hoffman, mover and shaker on behalf of women in Israel, under the auspices of the Israel Religious Action Center, was honored among 10 Jewish women for inspiring new societal traditions. Hoffman, along with her followers, have brought about significant change in the status of women, both Haredi and Reform, in Israel. After many years of attempting to bring equality and fairness to the women of Israel, the following has been reported: Historically, only male Rabbis were recognized and paid by the State of Israel. Today, Rabbi Miri Gold, a female Reform Rabbi, has been recognized and is being paid for her work by the State of Israel.

In the past, any city sponsored public event required forced segregation between men and women in dancing and singing. Today, the exclusion of women in the public sphere and the segregation in public ceremonies is against the law. In the past, on certain radio airwaves in Israel, only male voices could be heard. Any question or comment made by a woman had to be FAXED to the station to be read by a male voice. A new regulation allows only 1 hour per day to be devoted to men only voices.

As she continues her mission, Anat Hoffman has stated, "Israeli society is rejecting the exclusion and silencing of women."





**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—endeared 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.

Please make your checks out to MRT Sisterhood.

Please send checks to:

Monmouth Reform Temple, 332 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

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

Questions? Contact Linda Wien Murray @ [lwmmurray1@gmail.com](mailto:lwmmurray1@gmail.com)

[Click here to sign up with Paypal](#)

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Linda Schmidt, Registered Representative  
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linda.schmidt@israelbonds.com - 973.712.1408

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## Volunteer in Sea Bright!

### Who We Are:

Sea Bright Rising was founded in response to Hurricane Sandy in the Fall of 2012 by leaders in the community. The group raised \$1.3 million and assisted more than 300 families and several small businesses in need of relief services in Monmouth county. After partnering with St. Bernard Project, Sea Bright Rising has transitioned its focus to the long-term recovery of the community and its residents post-sandy.

### What We Do:

Sea Bright Rising focuses work on the critical infrastructure that keeps families safe, secure and healthy. We will see the recovery of the Sea Bright area through to its conclusion. Utilizing SBP proven-effective, vertically integrated model, we leverage AmeriCorps members, unskilled volunteers and in-house skilled labor to eliminate the need for (and high cost of) subcontractors. This model enables us to rebuild homes for far below market rate, and carry out construction projects with much lower subsidies than traditional affordable housing models.

### Who We Help:

Sea Bright Rising helps residents who are at risk of losing their home, low- to middle income, displaced, and/or have medical issues. We constantly strive to ensure that families who need our help most receive it as soon as possible.

### What YOU Can Do:

Volunteers can help us with most stages of construction including hanging insulation and drywall, painting, taping, and mudding. We welcome individuals and groups of all sizes to come help rebuild.



*More than a year later, over 200 families are unable to rebuild their homes. With support from people like you, together we can bring families home and restore the stability lost in the storm.*

### VOLUNTEER

Come be a part of rebuilding Sea Bright, contact Lynn Shapiro at [lynn@seabrightrising.org](mailto:lynn@seabrightrising.org) or 732-673-1796.

### DONATE

#### What Your Donation Buys:

\$100: 2 Cordless Drills  
 \$250: 1 Bathtub  
 \$500: Materials to frame 1 house  
 \$1,000: Doors & windows for 1 house  
 \$2,000: Flooring for 1 house  
 \$5,000: Insulation & drywall for 1 house  
 \$10,000: Materials to complete 1 kitchen & 1 bathroom  
 \$20,000: Skilled labor for 1 house  
 \$50,000: Materials & skilled labor to complete 1 house

### SPREAD THE WORD



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#SeaBright Rising  
 #Sandy #Rebuild

To donate or learn more, please visit [seabrightrising.org](http://seabrightrising.org) today!

**THE CONGREGATION WISHES MAZEL TOV TO:**

■ Daniel and Rose Hampel who celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 7th.



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.

### April Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)

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

\*Gabriel Barnett, Jeanette Bergwerk, \*Rebecca Davidovits, Max Drath. Ruth Fidell, \*Rebecca Fineman, Miriam Harris, Paul Katz, \*Alberta Kramer, Mary Lipschutz, \*Alice Mandel, \*Carolyn B. Meyer, Gladys Morris, Florence Pearl, Leo Schneider, \*Morris Silverberg, Gabriel Young

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

Sydney Coplevitch, David Fishman, Anne Gitlin, Sister Mel Herriges, Jerome Kaye, \*Robert J. Lane, Charles Loebel, \*Alfred Mannheimer, M.E. Medalie, \*Morris Miller, \*Bert Samuel Morgovsky, Samuel Nash, Anita Palmer, Patricia Richman, \*Harriet Rosenzweig, \*Anna Rosin, Elizabeth Ruby, \*Barbara Schor, Harry Stein, \*Rose Straus, \*Sam Surry, Irene Weisbrot

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

Michael Aho, Lucille Brousell, \*Anna Cohen, Pearl Cohen, Yetta Drath, \*Dorothy Feinberg, Sadie Greenglass, Ada Kalb, \*Fannie Kipnis, Howard Klein, Jeffrey Korman, Louis Levin, Carol Lipton, Sanford Luger, \*David Metz, Sophie Milchman, Osborn Patten, Albert Rifkin, \*Rose Rubinstein, Blanche Schleifer, Leonard S. Snyder, Simon Wiesengrund, Trudy Zucker

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

Arlene Batzar, Hyman Bergwerk, Philip Butler, \*Lena Smolensky Collis, Harry Fengya, Dr. Ivan Isaacs, Solomon Jochnowitz, Violet Johnson, Sigmund Kaswiner, Eli Klein, \*Sidney Martin, Esther Grace Milchman, Harold Newman, \*Rae Ostrov, Howard Romanick, \*Wendy Salomon, Rose Spellman

## MRT GARDEN WALKWAY: INSCRIBE A BRICK FOR ANY OCCASION!



### In HONOR of:

Graduations, Weddings, Anniversaries Confirmations, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Special Birthdays, etc.

### In MEMORY of:

Those you love. Or other wording you desire.

Then you and others will enjoy seeing them while walking the path when at Temple.

Purchases by individuals or groups are welcome \$100/brick, 5 bricks for \$400.

### ORDER FORM

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

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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription of your choice: Maximum of 3 lines, 18 characters/line incl. spaces

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

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**In Honor Of:**

Connie Klein celebrating her 90th  
birthday

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**In Honor Of:**

Karen Karl and John Heidema on the  
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Karen and David Levinsky on their new  
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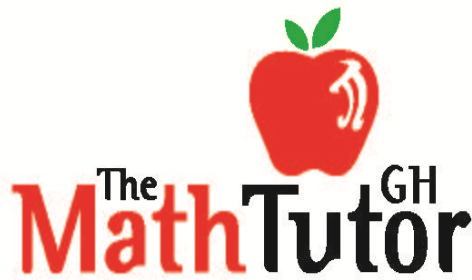
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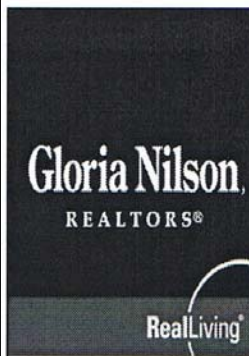
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**MRT Vision, Mission, Values (approved at August 20th Board Meeting)*****Vision***

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.



# April 2014

For the most up-to-date information: [www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:45am Study Group 7:30pm Religious Ed	<b>2</b> 4pm Religious School	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 5pm Pick up Passover Wine 6pm First Frid/Shabbat Shir Chadash followed by Pot Luck	<b>5</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>6</b> 9:30am Religious School K-3, 8,9,10 Seders 9:30am Bagels & Blocks 9:30am Passover Gift Sh 10am Rabbi Karyn Kedar program morning 12pm Lunch 1pm Rabbi Karyn Kedar afternoon	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Passover Gift Shop 7pm Pick up wine 7pm Sisterhood movie Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg 7:30pm Men's Club Board 9pm Men's Club to Pour House	<b>8</b> 9:30am Passover Gift Shop 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid 7:30am Exec Board	<b>9</b> 4pm Pick up Passover wine 4pm Religious School 4-7 Model Seders	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services	<b>12</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>13</b> NO Religious School	<b>14</b> 12pm Office Closing  First Seder	<b>15</b> Passover 1 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6pm Community Seder	<b>16</b> Passover 2 1pm Office Closing NO Religious School	<b>17</b> Passover 3 1pm Office Closing	<b>18</b> Passover 4 1pm Office Closing	<b>19</b> Passover 5 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>20</b> Passover 6 NO Religious School	<b>21</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Passover 7  10am Yizkor and Festival Services	<b>22</b> 9:45am Study Group 7:15pm Board of Trustees	<b>23</b> 4pm Religious School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7pm Shabbat Services honoring Leonard Teitelbaum	<b>26</b> 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
<b>27</b> 9:30am Rel School 10am Yom Hashoah Service 10:30am Yom Hashoah Speaker 12pm Jr. Youth	<b>28</b> 7:15pm Sis Book Club	<b>29</b> 9:45am Study Group	<b>30</b> 4pm Religious School			



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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MRT Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 4th at 4pm**

**2014-2015 Budget will be available shortly in the  
MRT office.**