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

Schedule of Services June 2014

Wednesday, June 4—Shavuot
10am Festival Services & Yizkor

Friday, June 6



First Friday and Shir Chadash
5:30pm Pre-Oneg by Bagels & Blocks
6pm Shabbat Services
Followed by Pot Luck Dinner

Bring enough for 10-12 people
A-F Salad G-Z Pasta/Chicken
Honoring Gayle Kaplan

Saturday, June 7

10am Confirmation

Friday, June 13

7pm Shabbat Services
Service to Honor Rabbi Robert Ourach

Saturday, June 14

10am Bar Mitzvah of Max Miller

Friday, June 20

7pm Shabbat Services
Visual T'filah

Saturday, June 21

10am Bar Mitzvah of Jake Sachs

Friday, June 27

7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, June 28

10am Bar Mitzvah of Steven Gibilisco

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.

2014 MRT Confirmation

Saturday, June 7th at 10am

Rabbi Robert Ourach

Cantor Gabrielle Clissold

Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, Emerita

Vera Galleid, Principal

The Class:

Samantha Hand

Victoria Katz

Shelby Kennedy

Sarah Klein

Cristina Medlin

Kenneth Vicenzi

Lauren Vicenzi

A light lunch will follow the service sponsored by the families.
Please RSVP to the office if you will be attending.

From Rabbi Bob Ourach



Two weeks ago, the old and new Boards held their joint meeting, and the responsibilities of leadership for MRT were passed from one administration to the next. At this time of the year, and especially at the time of this meeting, I am extremely aware of, and thankful for, the many men and women of our congregation who take the time and devote energy to help us create a Jewish life for our congregation and community. I want to thank again, those individuals who have served our congregation as Board members, and welcome those who assume new positions of leadership. The time and effort is well worth it, because it insures a Jewish future. I also want to thank the families of our Board members. The time devoted to leading our congregation ultimately reduces the time spent with your families. I know that it is not just the Board member who makes the contribution to the community, but the entire family.

I hope that as the new Board takes on the tasks and challenges of the future, that we, as a congregation, will support their efforts. May we also intensify our own involvement, so the critical choices ahead will be made with broad-based support.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to express a special word of thanks to Jay Wiesenfeld. After thirty-seven years in the rabbinate, I am keenly aware of how difficult it is to serve as President of a temple. It has been my privilege over the past year, to work with Jay almost on a daily basis. His dedication and devotion to MRT provide us with an example which should always be kept in mind. Jay has brought more than just a concern for details in his office. He has brought warmth and heart. Jay, thanks for being a devoted leader and an incredible mensch.

Chazak Chazak v'nitchazeik

**MRT wishes Rabbi Ourach
success at his next assignment
and thanks him for
bringing us together during
our year of transition!**



Be strong be strong and we will strengthen one another.

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



I was a music major in college focusing on vocal performance pursuing a career in classical voice when unexpected event occurred. When I was 19 I lost all the hearing in my right ear. It began with a loud ringing in my right ear. We went to the hospital saw several ENT's and neurologist's over the next four weeks. The final determination was that I had suffered an Idiopathic Sensorineural Hearing Loss. The physicians ruled out a brain tumor and MS but beyond those two possibilities-it was a mystery. I was devastated, my serious boyfriend broke up with me and it was difficult because we lived in the same town, attended the same college and had all the same friends. I switched my academic focus to a music minor and became a European history major. It took me a long time to get over the loss of my hearing, my changing career path and the serious boyfriend. However, I did move on and at a very young age I learned that we really have very little control over anything besides what we put in our mouths and what comes out of our mouths.

This catastrophic experience turned out to be a life changing event. Through a series of events I ended up leading the music in a synagogue near my college, becoming the musical soloist and teaching in religious school. Through my work at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, North Carolina I realized I wanted to become a Cantor through study at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. This felt right although it was a rocky path I believed I was meant to be a Cantor all along. Learning how little we can actually affect in our life was a very good lesson for me at such a young age.

The MD who became my favorite ENT moved on to become a highly respected MD to the operative world. Life went on a good journey, but then something else happened to me. In 2005 I developed a vocal chord bleed which needed to have surgery to correct it. I was advised to have surgery and was given a list of recommended physicians. It turns out that one of the recommended ENT's in NYC was my original favorite ENT-Tony Jahn. I had the surgery, took 2 weeks off from work at MRT and then began three years of vocal therapy. I had three good years however unfortunately I developed another bleed. This time Dr. Jahn said I can let it heal or go to Chicago where another MD-Dr Bastian did an experimental procedure. I have a medical condition called Von Willabrons Syndrome which causes me to bleed at times. The MD's and I chose to go ahead with a procedure to seal up feeder vessels to my vocal chords and I continue with my therapy. This has proved to be successful thus far, I take absolutely no blood thinners and can never yell. I am extremely careful and often go through periods of scheduled vocal rest. I continue to work with my voice teacher/therapist and learn so much.

When people have cancer or another disease, even though they are often cancer free after treatment they have to go and get screening every 3 months. Several people I know in our congregation have to live with this for the rest of their lives. What happened to me will never be life threatening but I do understand in a limited way what it is like to have to learn to cultivate faith and worry less. That is something I had to learn how to do. It keeps me very humble. I stand in awe when I learn about adversity people experience on an ongoing basis because somehow they stay positive and enjoy their lives throughout many struggles. There are many of you and I always hope you know how much I care.

Every time someone gives me a compliment on my voice, I say, "thank you". However, appreciation should also be directed to my doctors, my voice teacher, my family and to God. I do not take my current good fortune for granted. No one goes through life unscathed. No one has control over these things and learning to live with them and through them is a fine art. I tell you this because many people have no idea that I have these special challenges. What happened to me is not a secret that I try and keep. People assume that because I am a musician I have one hundred percent of my hearing however I have fifty percent. People assume because my voice is beautiful I never have to worry, but that is not true. Although I take many pro-active steps to ensure I will not have a problem-I still have to be careful.

Control is an illusion and sometimes living your life thru devastating events is what we have to do. Always know if you are ever going through something, you are not the only one. May you always know that you are never alone. As I know I am not alone because I belong to a wonderful congregation with supportive people and staff who always enrich my days. As we wind down the year of transition I want to express my sincere appreciation to Rabbi Ourach and Linda Ourach who have helped us through a very difficult time. Although Rabbi Ourach will be leaving us to go to Great Barrington we still have Linda in our religious school and our band. I pour out a multitude of thanks to Mindy Gorowitz and Helene Messer who do all they can and help us all so much. My deep appreciation to Vera Galleid for all she does to make our religious school a strong place in which to acquire Jewish knowledge. I am grateful to the volunteers who work hard to make MRT an amazing place. I congratulate our temple president Jay Wiesenfeld for his work and upon completion of a first year as Temple president! Thank you Kay for the hundreds of hours he spends at MRT. May we all remember we are here to support one another as a holy community going forth from strength to strength!

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



It is now June and it is becoming time to say farewell and thank you to our interim Rabbi Robert Ourach, whose term finishes at the end of this month. We will be having a special service to honor and thank Rabbi Ourach on **Friday, June 13**. Please come to add your presence and thanks.

Rabbi Ourach has been a wonderful interim rabbi for MRT. He has brought us great expertise, calmness, and enthusiasm, as well as his wisdom from 37 years in the rabbinate. While serving as our rabbi, he has given us new perspectives and served as a mentor to me, the Board, and other leaders and committees. His leadership and advice have been important and well-targeted and he has guided us through a successful year. With this successful year, MRT is now well positioned to welcome our next settled Rabbi—Marc Kline.

We have had quite a remarkable year. As a congregation, we have benefitted from a number of programs that resulted from the many connections that Rabbi Ourach has made in his rabbinate. The concert with Julie Silver was a superb, congregation-wide event that united all aspects of our MRT community, which I wrote about in the bulletin several months ago. Other significant programs related to Rabbi Ourach's networks included the talk by US Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schulz, Scholar-in-residence Michael Friedman, and Shabbat Kallah teacher Rabbi Stephen Pearce.

During the course of the year, Rabbi Ourach has warmly led services in partnership with Cantor Clissold, and given us memorable sermons. His services have featured our students on the bema, routinely helping in the Torah service. He has guided our confirmation class, which will have its **confirmation service on June 7**. This is a service for the entire congregation to support our confirmands—please attend!

Bob's wife Linda Ourach has been a wonderful presence at MRT also. She has brought her musical abilities to MRT, joining our choir, leading the music for several Shabbat services, and teaching music in our religious school. (We are fortunate that Linda will continue to serve as the music teacher in our school next year.)

On June 13, we will thank and honor Rabbi Ourach and Linda for a successful and outstanding year at MRT. Rabbi Ourach will be our rabbi until June 30. Beginning on July 1, he will become the interim rabbi at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. I know that congregation will benefit from Rabbi Ourach's leadership and we send him with our thanks and best wishes.

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Changing topics, I want to report that the actions taken at the Annual Meeting on May 4 were ratified by our ballot process, which was completed on May 30. These actions were the election of our slate of Officers and Trustees and the approval of the operating budget for 2014-2015. As per our constitution and by-laws, when between 10% and 20% of our congregation is present at the Annual Meeting (as was the case this year), ballots to affirm the actions taken at the Annual Meeting are sent to all member families. Ballots are counted and the votes for ballots not returned are taken to support the results at the meeting. Thanks to all who came to the meeting and to those who sent in ballots.

Finally, I want to discuss the need for high-level leadership if the Monmouth Festival of the Arts (MFA) is to continue in 2015. We sent a call for leadership in an email blast in April and discussed the MFA at the MRT Annual meeting on May 4. The Arts Festival has been on partial hiatus this year, because there were no leaders identified. (Partial hiatus, because the Students Arts Competition and Teachers Workshop were held successfully. Alice Berman reported on these in the MRT Annual Report). The call for leadership is reprinted in this bulletin.

As discussed at the Annual meeting, the Board must make a decision in July if the MFA is to be scheduled in the summer of 2015. Therefore, leadership must be identified by **June 30**. Please contact me or Board Recording Secretary Jim Halpern before June 30 if you have interest or ideas for MFA leadership.

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

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

Our First Friday Shabbat service was filled with joyous music from our Shir Kaddish Band. The Religious School year came to an end with a celebration at MRT's Lag B'Omer Field Day and BBQ. Sisterhood's Book club met. They also had a viewing of the second film in their series for women in film, "Ahead of Time, The Extraordinary Journey of Ruth Gruber". The final film in this series, "Mamadrama, The Jewish Mother in Cinema" will be shown on June 2. Sisterhood also met with the women from St. Georges Episcopal Church in Rumson. The Mens Club prepared breakfast for everyone for Mother's Day. Students raised over \$750, through a car wash and flower sale. We celebrated "Teacher Appreciation" at a Shabbat Service. Our Gan Mazon is planted and we are expecting our largest crop ever this year. The Arts and Deco Committee has reorganized our lobby. A Shabbat Service honoring the service and achievements of Len Teitelbaum was held. The Red Bank Y's director, Rose Mintz has indicated that the Y will again rent our facilities for the coming year. She has announced that the Y will be installing new playground equipment at MRT. Our final Visual T'Fillah service of the year will be on June 20th.

Rabbi Kline and his wife Lori visited New Jersey this week. He attended the Board Meeting and thanked everyone for the warm welcome shown to him and Lori and they are looking forward to being here.

The Arts and Deco Committee presented ideas to the Board for renovating the Social Hall. The Board discussed different ideas of how to raise the funds for potential renovations at MRT, such as this and a new kitchen.

The Board discussed the importance of coordinating fundraising at MRT. Acknowledging our generous congregation, the Board feels it can do a better job of making fundraising goals clearer to members helping them understand better how and why these funds are needed and used.

The Board voted to approve a new contract for our Religious School Principal, Vera Gallied.

The Board voted to approve the resignation of four families from our congregation, making our total membership 323 families.

The Board has recommended that the Membership Committee review the continuation of the policy for first year families to have a 50% dues reduction.

The Ways and Means Committee has indicated their feeling the congregation does not understand what the title of their committee means and this lack of understanding has made one of their tasks, raising money, more difficult. They suggested that because raising money for the General Fund is a major part of what they do, they would like to consider changing the name of the committee to Fundraising. The Board discussed how this would affect other fundraising activities such as the High Holy Day Appeal, which is organized under another committee. The Board recommended the W&M Committee, use the term "fundraising" in their communications, but not to formally change the name of the committee at this time.

The W&M (Fundraising) Committee asked the Board if we should cancel the Jersey Four Concert, scheduled on May 31st due to not enough pre-sale tickets being sold. The Board has decided to keep the concert date and asks that everyone support the event.

Rabbi Ourach reminded everyone about Confirmation Services for our youth on June 7th and asked for everyone to attend to show support for our students who have worked hard and earned this honor.

The Board reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending April 30th. The Treasurer reported that we are requesting dues relief for our MUMS obligation to URJ. Also, because of the large snowfall this year, our snow removal budget was exceeded and funds were moved from other categories.

Jay Wiesenfeld, our President reported that at the Annual Meeting we had a quorum of 10% of congregants so we were able to conduct business. Letters ballots have been sent to all congregants to vote on the issues and responses are due back by May 31st. Jay also reported leadership has still not been identified for the Monmouth Festival of the Arts. The search for a leader will continue until June 30th, at which time the 2015 MFA will be cancelled.

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Welcome to Visual T'filah

Friday 20 June at 7pm



Join us!

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The establishment of a Task Force for the “Role of the Non-Jew at MRT” has proceeded slowly to enable our incoming Rabbi Kline to have participation in its work. The Task Force should move forward in the next year. Also, a chair for the Marketing Committee is again being sought. Members interested in joining these committees should contact the office.

Jay also reminded the Board of the service on June 13th to thank and honor Rabbi Ourach. On a personal note, I would like to second the reminder to everyone about this Shabbat Service honoring Rabbi Ourach. Rabbi Ourach has done an outstanding job of guiding our Congregation through a difficult transition period and I hope you will come and honor him. Rabbi Ourach, thank you for your leadership and friendship.



July 4 Shabbat Service

Come and welcome our new rabbi, Marc Kline and his family, wife Lori and daughter Rachel!

**Join us for a nosh and a soft drink at 4.30pm
Service is at 5.30pm**

**Location: the MRT sculpture garden
(to the rear of social hall)**

**Sanctuary if inclement weather
Bring your own chair and bug spray
Dress is casual**

**Services are a bit earlier so you can keep your
July 4th traditions.**

NOTE: The temple office will be closed on July 4.

Opportunity to Lead the Monmouth Festival of the Arts to New Directions

Please respond by June 30

Last year, the Monmouth Festival of the Arts went on hiatus because we could not find volunteers to provide leadership to manage the event as it had been done in the past. A task force was convened last June to study alternate approaches for the Arts Festival. After six months of deliberations, the task force, led by Jim Austin, recommended that the Arts Festival next be held in July, 2015 with new events capitalizing on the summer time frame. In addition, the task force recommended that the popular Student Art Competition and Teacher's Workshop be held as individual events.

Following up on the latter recommendations, the Student Arts Competition was organized by Anne Pearl and Peg Baker, and successfully held on February 9 at MRT. The Teacher's workshop, organized by Gayle Horvath, Alice Berman, and Peg Baker met on April 7 at the Middletown Arts Center and received excellent reviews from the teachers in attendance. These leaders, the MFA treasurer Barry Miller, and our other volunteers deserve great appreciation for their dedication and roles in leading these MFA events.

While recommending that the MFA next be held in July, 2015, the task force did say "If it is decided to continue the arts festival, the challenge would be for the board to find leadership to drive and further refine the show, to rejuvenate it for years to come." And so it is necessary to find leadership for the MFA.

While organizational ability is certainly a requirement, past experience with the MFA is not. Unlike past events, which were run in the winter/early spring, any 2015 Festival would take place during the summer months of 2015. Along with this new time of year, come new possibilities. Maybe we can include outside events. Maybe live music from a stage to attract visitors. New ideas for the Festival can be innovative, fresh and creative.

Perhaps you have thought of an idea for the Festival, but didn't think it would fit into the old model. The opportunity for new ideas is here and the Board wants to hear from you...If you are interested in exploring this challenge, please contact Jay Wiesenfeld, President or Jim Halpern, Recording Secretary. Please respond so that leadership can be identified by **June 30**.

June Lobby Tzedakah Box Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter

The Greater New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is a founding member and affiliate chapter of the national Alzheimer's Association -- the largest national voluntary health organization dedicated to advancing research for the causes, treatments and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. We carry out our mission in the community by providing 24-hour Helpline services, professional staff care consultation, community and professional education and training programs, caregiver support groups, respite care assistance services, collaborating with research centers, and through increasing public awareness, and advocating on behalf of persons with Alzheimer's disease.

Mission

To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Vision

A world without Alzheimer's disease.

Matching Donors: Julia Sandra Rand and Jacklyn Schneider



MRT Adult Ed presents:

An Evening with Susie Fishbein

Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30pm

Join *Kosher by Design* chef and cookbook author
Susie Fishbein for a 3 course cooking demo and light dinner.

\$45 per person. Checks payable to MRT.

Cookbooks available for sale!

Reservations are limited. Please contact Linda Davies

Ms LindaDavies@aol.com

732-747-4881

Susie Fishbein is an everyday cook who loves to share her passion for cooking and entertaining. Her contagious enthusiasm for food and entertaining led to the creation of the best-selling cookbooks, *Kosher by Design* (2003), *Kosher by Design Entertains* (2004), *Kosher by Design — Kids in the Kitchen* (2005), *Kosher by Design — Short on Time* (2006), and *Passover by Design* (2008) and *Kosher by Design Lightens Up* (Nov. 2008). Altogether, her books have sold over 300,000 copies.

Monmouth Reform Temple Sisterhood presents

Lifetime stories of Three Extraordinary Women—Second in the Series

All Proceeds to Benefit the Kitchen Fund

\$10 for individual tickets.

***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.

From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson—Happening in Israel

Perhaps you missed it in the New Jersey Jewish News, but the latest, flurry of activity on behalf of pluralism in Israel, specifically, advancing the Reform Movement, has been taking place across the United States and Canada, having started in San Diego. The trip has been likened to the path of the Olympic Torch but instead of a torch it is a Torah, contributed by Congregation Beth Israel in San Diego. Rabbi Bennett Miller, national chair of ARZA is quoted as saying, "Like an Olympic Torch, this Torah is making its way from one community to another, binding us together in common cause to bring the light of Torah, democracy, freedom and pluralism to the spiritual heart of our people, Jerusalem."

The scroll will be read at some 50 Reform congregations throughout the U.S. and Canada, including several congregations in New Jersey before it makes its way to Jerusalem. There, on June 29, in time for Rosh Hodesh, commemoration of the new moon, it will be received by Women of the Wall. The date is significant in that it will be received on the eve of Shavuot, the holiday marking the Israelites' receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Women of the Wall, the active Reform group in Israel, plan to read from the scroll in the women's section of the Western Wall on June 29. Women have been arrested in the past, for reading from the scroll at the Kotel, a practice currently forbidden by Israel's Ministry of Justice and the Orthodox authorities who supervise the Wall. Women of the Wall have sent a letter to the Rabbi of the Kotel informing him of their plans. To date, there has been no response.

On a personal note, I was thrilled, some years ago, to contribute to the purchase of a Torah by the historic Central Federation of NJ which we then delivered to an Ethiopian Synagogue in Arad. There, among much celebration, the Ethiopian Rabbi welcomed and thanked us in Aramaic which was translated into Hebrew by the Mayor who was then translated into English for the rest of us.

If you did miss this article and many others of great interest, you can subscribe to the Jewish News of Monmouth County by contributing \$36 a year to the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County. Try it. I think you'll like it.

SAVE THE DATE:AUGUST 19 & 20, 2014 CAMP OLAMI OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

Place: Monmouth Reform Temple, Tinton Falls, NJ

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Register by June 20th and receive the early bird discounted price of \$75.00.

After June 20th price is \$90.00

After many years of teaching children, teens and young adults, master teacher's Gayle Kaplan and Doreen Laperdon-Addison, recognized that by nature students often forget what they don't practice on a regular basis. Whether it's sports, language, math, or the arts without regular review students can forget or at least need additional time relearning what they've already been taught.

Gayle and Doreen—Religious School teachers at Monmouth Reform Temple—are excited to announce a new camp program, Camp Olami of Monmouth County, designed to help your child entering grades 4-6 transition into the next grade level with ease and confidence. Whether your child is a beginner, needs to review or is ready for the next level of learning, Camp Olami provides the opportunity to advance your child's learning while having lots of fun socializing with other Jewish youth. Camp Olami is open to all Jewish youth in Monmouth County who are willing to have fun in a 2-day camp style environment.

For further information or to register contact Gayle Kaplan and Doreen Laperdon-Addison email campolami@monmouthreformtemple.org. Registration forms for Camp Olami can be obtained through the MRT website or in the temple office.

From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



We had a very busy month of May at MRT . We celebrated Yom Haatzmaut, Israel's 66th Independence Day, with learning and activity stations.

Our fourth grade did amazing research projects about Israel and shared them with grades 5, 6 and 7 . We all learned a lot from their projects and enjoyed their creative presentations. Toda to Doreen Addison for facilitating this event.

Adam Halpern, Emily's brother , recently returned from Israel. He taught our students about Israel through a power point presentation . Our students were able to ask questions and write notes to go in the Kotel (Western Wall).

Our second and third graders participated in Shabbat services for the first time. We so enjoyed their songs and prayers. Thanks go to our music teacher , Linda Ourach and to our class teachers Steven Hayet and Helene Matorin for preparing them so well.

Mazel Tov to our seventh graders who made Aliyah from Religious School to Mitzvah Academy. Each student wrote about " One Jewish Takeaway " that they will take with them as they continue their Jewish

education. We are very proud of them and wish them lots of joy on their Jewish journey. Toda to Judy Rabinowitz for facilitating this program.

We honored our teachers at Shabbat services. We are blessed to have devoted, dedicated teachers and tutors who care about our students , their learning and their well being. Toda rabba to them for all they do.

Thanks also go to our enthusiastic madrichim who volunteer their time to help out at school.

We ended the school year on a high note with our Lag B'Omer field day and barbecue. Our class parents ran games for our students. The sun was shining and we had a wonderful time. Many of us had our cars washed by our Mitzvah Academy students . We met Rabbi Kline and Lori and Rabbi Ourach said goodbye to our students. We ate a delicious BBQ sponsored by the Sisterhood and the Men's club. Toda to all those who helped to make this event successful .

Mazel Tov to our tenth graders who will be confirmed on Saturday June 7th at 10:00 am. We look forward to their creative service and thank Rabbi Ourach for preparing them.

I would like to thank Rabbi Ourach for all his help , support and hard work this year. He will be deeply missed . We wish him good luck in his new position. We hope you will all come to his farewell service on Friday June 13th at 7:00 pm.

Nadine Vicenzi and Faith Leifman are ending their term as co-chairs of the Religious Education Committee. We would like to thank Nadine and Faith for all they have done to support our Religious School. We really appreciate all their help, time, caring and work. We wish Bonnie Klein good luck as she becomes the Religious Education chair.

Please register for Religious School for next year . Tell your friends about MRT.

Upcoming events:

Friday June 6 – First Friday honoring Gayle Kaplan for her work as Senior Youth Advisor.

Saturday June 7 – Confirmation Service at 10:00 am

Saturday June 14 – Bar Mitzvah of Max Miller

Saturday June 21 – Bar Mitzvah of Jake Sachs

Saturday June 27 – Bar Mitzvah of Steven Gibilisco

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer,
Vera Galleid.

From the Arts & Deco Committee, Rita Sperling, Chair

Among other activities, A & D is exploring the idea of renovating the social hall. Members of the committee have put forth energizing design ideas. Your ideas on this and other A&D activities are most welcomed! Please email ritasperling@verizon.net.

Ways and Means (aka -Your Fundraising) Committee

David Levinsky, Chair

Ways and Means is the temple's fundraising committee charged with bridging the revenue gap between monies received from all sources and the bottom line figure as determined by the Board, and approved by the membership, as to what will be needed to maintain MRT's superior programming and services for another fiscal year. Writing in the last days of May, it appears that Ways and Means will deliver 90% of its 2013-2014 fundraising goal.

While fundraising is difficult at MRT, our temple is not without its angels; members who have anonymously subsidized our committee's events this year. To them, fundraising is not pejorative, but a responsibility of membership. Fundraisers keep secular and faith based non-profits functioning. Whether dues, as is largely MRT's situation, or fees for service, organizations rely on fundraisers to bridge revenue shortfalls.

Yes, I am disappointed that my committee's four fundraisers this year missed our goal; however, MRT has a definite win-win opportunity to raise substantial dollars in the 2014-2015 fiscal year without selling tickets, asking for monetary donations or approaching generous members to subsidize events. Last October's *Hidden Treasures Rummage Sale* was our most successful fundraiser with an 80% profit to cost ratio.

The event is again scheduled for November 9 and 10, 2014, with drop-off the week prior to the sale. **W&M needs your items**, but we cannot store them. The Committee hopes that temple members will find a way to hold onto their potential rummage sale items and not give in to the temptation of giving them away to other organizations. Success is **also contingent on volunteers**. With only five members on the committee, we cannot collect, organize, display, and price the thousands of individual items expected. I urge temple members with rummage sale experience to step up and help with this event.

The *Hidden Treasures Rummage Sale* is a fantastic chance for every member to pitch in and contribute to making the event a very successful fundraiser without writing a check. Here is how:

- Begin to identify and store rummage sale items.
- Ask your neighbors to do the same.
- (I filled my car three times with neighbor's donations.)
- Approach your colleagues at work as well.
- Mark November 2 – 10 as rummage sale week on your calendars. Day and evening hours will be available to volunteer during the week before the sale.
- Be advised that we cannot accept books of any kind, items with missing pieces, computers older than five years, anything requiring more than two adults to lift, and anything broken.
- Lastly, contact me at 732-536-1813 or davidlevinsky@optonline.net for questions and to volunteer.

I would like to conclude by asking the members who have absented themselves in recent years from temple activities to use the rummage sale as the vehicle to again enjoy the camaraderie and community that is Monmouth Reform Temple.

Best wishes,
David

Congratulations to our June B'nai Mitzvahs

Max Miller will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 14, 2014. Mazel Tov!

From his Dad:

“Maxwell Miller was born June 1st 2001 in Salt Lake City Utah. After major Accomplishments like walking and talking, and sledding, he decided to move to NJ, at age 3, where he created a loving home. Enriched with talking, eating, coloring and music he later found video games, and movies. He's been dwelling in Sea Bright NJ. He calls it home, with his mom Krystina, brother AJ and Dad Andrew. We are all thrilled and proud of him. (This classy photo was shot at Hunter mountain this past winter.)”

Jake Sachs will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 21, 2014.

Jake Sachs is a student at Thompson Middle School. He is an avid basketball player and enjoys lacrosse as well. He is excited to be making his Bar Mitzvah this month and his family is very proud of his accomplishment! He would like to thank all his teachers from his early Jewish preschool experience to today at Monmouth Reform Temple.

Mazel Tov to Jake and his family!



Mazel Tov to Steven Gibilisco and his family. Steven will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 28, 2014.

Steven Gibilisco is 13 years old and finishing 7th grade at Tinton Falls Middle School. He is a huge ice hockey fan and has been an ice hockey goalie since he was 5 years old. He currently plays travel hockey at Jersey Shore Arena for the Eagles. He is a New Jersey Devils fan, enjoys summer and being at the beach. He is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at his Teen Center Ice Party on June 28th with his parents, his younger sister Mia, family, friends and teammates!

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Felicia Sachs on the death of her great-uncle Herb Ginsberg
- Merryl Tuller on the death of her aunt Janet Scott



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.

June Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, June 6 (Services at 6pm)

Ruth Abrams, Bessie L. Bodner, Mina Clyman, Mary Cole, Sarah Flaum, *Ida Potozky Friedman, Sarah Gold, *Gerhard J. Graupe, *Bertha Grossman, Emanuel Kaye, Stanley Schultz, Martha Vicenzi, *Dr. Leonard Weiss, *Andrei B. Yagoda

Names to be Read on Friday, June 13 Services at 7pm)

Maurice S. Byck, Henry Budd Coyne, Rose Deutsch, Carolyn Einhorn, Jean Eisen, Richard Haback, Hyman Holzman, *Myrna Hunger, Ida Kane, *Charles Klein, Dr. Leonard Krachman, Lois Levy, Morris Levy, Daisy Lowenstein, Perle Metnick, Belle Singer Russian, *Rose Silver, Bill Tapia

Names to be Read on Friday, June 20 (Services at 7pm)

Herman Albert, Victoria Bobb, *Samuel Brenner, Samuel Danzig, Jack Finkelstein, Arthur A. Gilbert, Adam Greenfield, *Frances Herman, David J. Karl, *Morris Kogos, William Kravitz, Joseph Mayzel, *Naomi Moessinger, Theodore Rosenfeld, *Meyer Rothman, Gloria Sabin, Samuel Semer, *Irwin Wachtel, Pearl Weinstein, Lawrence Wigdortz, Abram Yellenberg

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

Sophia Vivian Brown, *Morris Cohen, Edward Friedman, Mollie Golden, David Holzman, Bess Isaacs, Frances Kaufman, Donald Leeds, *Adele Luftman, Rose Marks, *Esther Morgovsky, *Ryan Sadwith, *Phil Schneider, Isaac Manny Schoedes, Beatrice K. Simon, Etta Unterman, Barbara White, Celia Whyman, William Wolf

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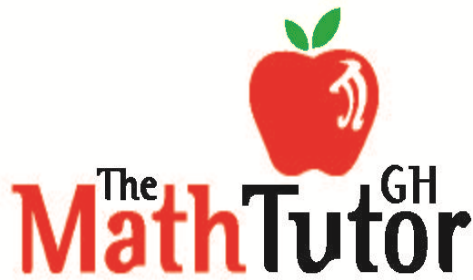
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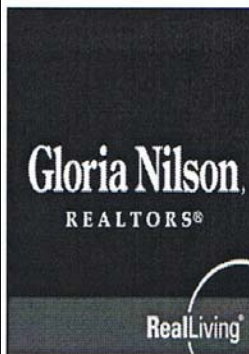
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Confirmation Rehearsal	2 7pm Sisterhood Movie 7:30pm Men's Club Board	3 9:45am Study Group 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal	4 Shavuot Office Closed 10am Festival Services and Yizkor	5 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal	6 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 5:30pm Pre-Oneg by Bagels and Blocks 6pm First Friday & Shir Chadash Followed by Potluck	7 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Confirmation
8	9 7:15pm Sis Book Club offsite	10 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid 7:30pm Exec Board 7:30pm Rel Ed	11 6:30pm Susie Fishbein cooking program	12 6:30pm Ritual meeting	13 10:30am Kensington 2:15pm Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services honoring Rabbi Ourach	14 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bar Mitzvah of Max Miller
15	16	17 9:45am Study Group 7:15pm Board	18	19	20 7pm Shabbat Services Visual T'filah	21 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bar Mitzvah of JD Sachs
22	23	24	25 7pm Out and About with Sisterhood	26	27 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services	28 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bar Mitzvah of Steven Gibilisco
29	30 1pm Office Closing	Monmouth Reform Temple 332 Hance Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724 732-747-9365 www.monmouthreformtemple.org				



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July 11th-August 29th

At 6pm

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Tuesday-Thursday 9am-5pm

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Friday, August 8th

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