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Monmouth Reform Temple
The More Torah, The More Life
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Schedule of Shabbat Services September 2014

Friday, September 5th
6pm Shabbat Services

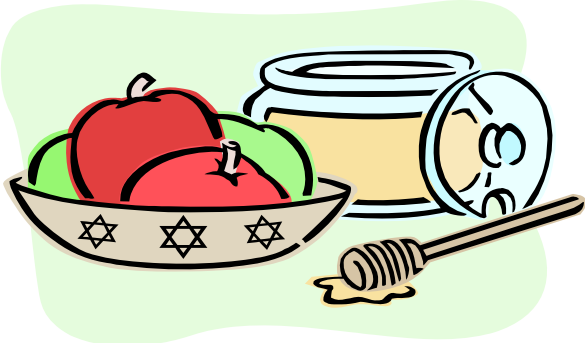
Friday, September 12th
7pm Shabbat Services

Friday, September 19th
7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, September 20th
10am Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Knop
7pm Selichot Program
8pm Selichot Service with Choir

Friday, September 26th
7pm Shabbat Services
Shabbat Shuvah

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.

SELIKHOT

Saturday, September 20th

Selikhoh Study Session 7:00 pm
Selikhoh Service with Choir 8:00pm

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

(Evening before)

Wednesday, September 24th at 7:45 pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Thursday, September 25th

Morning Service 10:00 am
Family (Children's) Service 3:00 pm
Followed by a walk to Tashlikh* 4:00 pm

"Tashlikh" comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to cast" and is based on the concluding verses of *The Book of Micah*, "You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." We recite prayers near a body of water while throwing pieces of bread into it, symbolically casting away our sins. Engaging in this brief service gives a tangible outlet for our repentance during the holy days.

KOL NIDREI (Yom Kippur Eve)

Friday, October 3rd at 7:45pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Saturday, October 4th

Morning Service 10:00 am
Family (Children's) Service 2:00 pm
Yom Kippur Afternoon Program 3:00 pm
Yizkor Service 4:45 pm
Closing Service/Neilah 5:30 pm

**NEW THIS YEAR! Pot-Luck Breakfast
Dairy/Vegetarian following Neilah**

From Rabbi Marc Kline



Ok, it is crunch time. We are approaching my first High Holy Days with the MRT family, and I am exhilarated, scared, excited, nervous, and every other emotion one could imagine. I am well aware that for many of you reading this, this will be our first time engaging each other. I am quite sure that there will be some people who will look up from their place in the sanctuary and comment quizzically, “Now, that’s not the same guy who was up there last year, right?” So, I want to make this perfectly clear, if you see my knees shaking, it is not your glasses that are out of focus, and there is nothing wrong with your vision stabilizers. Seriously, I am excited to be able to share this season with you, and pray for our mutual excitement to only grow year after year.

I can already share with you a few thoughts, though. This year will be different in years past. As a change agent, I know that change has to be slow and intentional. That said, there will be a very different atmosphere in our sanctuary for a few reasons. For me, I have no idea what to expect. I have been carefully guided by Cantor Clissold. She has taught me all the cues and local rituals. Not having experienced them, I know that implementing them is another thing. For you, the service will be different because I am different. I do not intend a value statement good or bad (though I hope you and I will agree that it all good), but hey, I am me and not Rabbi Ourach, Rabbi Pearlman, Rabbi Roos, Rabbi Priesand, or Rabbi ... Each of us have our own way of “being” on the pulpit and of fulfilling our role as Rabbi. Each of us loves and cares, and nurtures in our own way. Each of us is different. My prayer is that in my own way, I can find a way to help bring increased blessings into this season ... and into every day in which we share our lives.

Perhaps the one major change in process that we will experience this season will be the way in which we are greeting the entire community ... our MRT family and the wider community, as well. We want people to feel, join in, and help continue creation of excitement for life here. As such, our leadership voted to open our doors for High Holy Day services. I understand that we have always done so for Yom Kippur afternoon, but we want people to know that we want them to get to know our congregational family ... and hopefully to help grow our congregational family.

We hope to spread the word that even while we still want and seek donations and support, there is no minimal donation required to join us for worship and celebration. Here is language that we hope you will share through social media. Feel free to add your own personal touch, as we have already heard great thoughts from people with whom we have shared this news in personal conversation. I am excited that we can be open, engaging, affirming, and welcoming; it only makes me appreciate even more, my opportunity to serve here. Have a great new year, and whatever we pray for, that is for the good ... may it all come true.

“Welcome to Monmouth Reform Temple! WE WANT YOU ... to enjoy a deeply spiritual engagement with us for this High Holy Day season. The majesty of this season provides us the opportunity to experience a powerful and spiritual renewal. We want to share this experience with you. For this reason, MRT wants to open our doors to the wider community, and welcome all who wish to share in our celebration of these Jewish Holy Days. Yes, we would love to welcome your donations, but far more importantly, we want to welcome you and your family, and show you how relevant and fulfilling congregational engagement can be. Please call our office for details and to let us know that you are coming and if you need child care ... it is just that simple!

May the year bring us all blessings, and may all the things for which we pray, that are for the good, come true. Shana tovah metukah – May the new year be sweet!”

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



The new year, 5775, is coming. This is always a time to reflect and then move forward. In partnership with our new rabbi, Marc Kline, and with all our leadership—clergy, staff, and lay—we have the opportunity to build family and community, and to create meaning for ourselves, our congregation, and our community. This is exciting.

It is valuable and appropriate to use the report from the ATID Task Force, which we received one year ago. Recall that “Atid” is the Hebrew word for “future,” and the report is a guide as we move forward. The vision statement for MRT, which we adopted from the report, is “Open Doors – Open Minds: Monmouth Reform Temple—where we nurture meaning in our lives.”

We are truly embracing this vision, with a significant example being the invitation that opens our doors to the wider community to share our High Holy Day services, without a minimum donation. With this, we invite the wider community to experience the meaning and blessings that we share as a congregation. As our guests observe the holidays with us, we hope that many will want to continue to share such experiences as members of MRT.

What are the ways in which being a part of the MRT family creates meaning for us, and how do we share that? Again, the Atid report continues to serve as a guide, with relevance to welcoming the wider community during the High Holy Days and also to building our temple family. The mission and values statements, which we adopted from the ATID report, illustrate the fullness and many facets of our congregational life. Several areas that our vision supports are our spiritual engagement, our education for adults and our children, and our stewardship of the congregation, in all its facets. What I want to re-emphasize here, however, are other parts of the vision, which emphasize creation of community—both within MRT and in the wider world. From our mission statement:

- “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.”

This speaks to the meaning of participating, engaging, and creating the relationships that are our temple family. By being a participant in our family, we necessarily create the relationships that can nurture us. Also from our mission statement:

- “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.”

This speaks to our presence in the wider community, affecting positively both our temple family and the external community within which we live.

We have the opportunity to look anew at who we are and what we do, as we do every High Holy Day season. To thrive fully, to create the relationships that will strengthen and sustain us, to be a source of strength to each other and the wider community, we must live our value of engagement, which, as adopted from the Atid report, is:

- “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.”

So, this is a short subset of the guidance from the Atid report, but it speaks directly to us as we prepare for the new year, with new rabbinic leadership, and the exciting opportunity to move forward together. We have the opportunity to think in potentially new and different ways. Be part of it. Let us bring meaning to our lives.

Summary of August 19th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

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

Renovations in the Social Hall are almost complete. In addition to our new look, we now have Guest Wi-Fi throughout our facility. On August 8th, we celebrated Shabbat at the beach on a beautiful evening. Our Membership Committee is active again and we have new members at MRT. Our Community Garden is beginning to be harvested. Sisterhood had a pool party. The Men's Club has planned an outing for Pinball at SilverBall in Asbury Park on September 14. The Adult Education Committee and our Social Action Committees are beginning to work on projects for the fall season. Interested members should contact the office. The Board of Trustees has full membership and all positions are filled.

Our Treasurer has reported that finances at the end of our Fiscal Year 2013-2014 show great improvement over the past several years. Donations and rental income are up and expenses are down. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us achieve this important goal.

The Social Hall Renovation Project has raised over \$3,400 toward the goal of \$18,000 so far this summer. If you are planning an event, you should stop in and see the Hall, it is really beautiful. Please consider renting the Hall for your next event.

The Board approved a motion to offer admission to the 2014 High Holy Day services at MRT to members, guests and others who wish to worship with us without any minimum donation. This is being done to encourage growth to our congregation. Members will receive their tickets as usual and if you need additional tickets, please contact the office. Non-members who wish to attend, should also contact the office to register for tickets. MRT does not have assigned seating during the HHD's so if you wish to sit in a certain spot, we encourage you to arrive early.

The Board has requested all committees update their portion of the MRT Website. Members are using the website more to obtain information about events and available services at MRT. The Board would like this information to be as current as possible.

The Leadership Development workshops will begin in late October. These workshops are being held to help members learn about and grow into leadership roles at MRT.

MRT has received a grant from Federation for the development of Camp Olami for the summer of 2015. Camp Olami, which did not run in 2014, will be a fun, interactive 2-day camp experience, where children entering grades 4-6 can socialize, meet, and make new friends while reviewing, and learning the skills necessary to feel confident for a successful Religious School year. This program will be open to all children in Monmouth County.

In the President's Report, Jay Wiesenfeld indicated three task forces are being formed to complete projects at MRT. The first is the Member Role Policies task force, which will review and make recommendations concerning the policies and customs of MRT that distinguish between roles for Jewish and non-Jewish members. The second is the Capital Projects task force, which will organize and prioritize necessary and potential capital improvements to our facility. The third is the Fundraising task force, which will organize fundraising activities at MRT.

This year, our High Holy Day Appeal is especially important, so please consider making a generous donation. We hope everyone is noticing the positive changes occurring in our congregation and will continue to help support these efforts.

We are in need of ushers for the HHD services this year. If you would like to help, please contact Perry Weyser at Weyser66@gmail.com.

From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



Bruchim Haba'im!
Welcome back to
school ! Best wishes
for a happy, healthy,
sweet and prosperous
year filled with
learning .I look

forward to seeing you

all at our opening orientation for
parents and students in grades
Kindergarten through 7 in the
sanctuary on Sunday, September 7th,
2014 at 9:30am.Come and meet your
child's teachers and hear about our
plans for the year ahead.

Mitzvah Academy and Confirmation
classes will begin on Sunday,
October 19, 2014. Cantor Clissold
and Lori Bernard will be co-teaching
our Mitzvah Academy program.
Rabbi Kline will teach our
Confirmation class. We are thrilled to
welcome Rabbi Kline , Lori and
Rachel to our congregation and we
look forward to a year of learning

and of spiritual growth.

Our theme for this year will be :

"Be a Hero. Stick your neck out
and do a Mitzvah." Our Giraffe
theme is inspired by the Mitzvah
Maven, Danny Siegel who asks us
all to have the courage to stick our
necks out for the common good.

We hope to motivate our students
to be "Giraffe" heroes and to get
involved and do caring,
compassionate mitzvot. Our
students will be learning more
about our theme on the first day of
school.

I would like to review our arrival
and dismissal procedures:

On Wednesdays, please drop your
children off at the front door. They
will come into the sanctuary for
prayers.

On Sundays, students will enter
from the side doors and go to their

classrooms.

Students will be dismissed from the
sanctuary on Wednesdays and
Sundays. Parents park in a line and a
runner will collect the carpool names
in order of parking.

As parents, you are our partners in
Jewish education .There are many
ways you can become actively
involved in our school. We need your
help and support. You can volunteer
to be a class parent or join the
Religious Education Committee. You
can help with our Holiday
celebrations , PACT programs,
fundraisers and trips. Let's work
together to give our children the tools
they need to lead a life based on
Jewish values.

L'Shana Tova U'Metuka. Wishing
you a sweet year filled with
blessings. Vera Galleid.

Mark Your Calendars

Mitzvah Academy Retreat with 5 other temples:
Sharrei Emeth, Temple Shalom, Beth El and Beth Miriam

Contact Cantor Clissold for additional information.

**Mitzvah Academy
and
Confirmation
First meeting
Sunday, October 19th**



Prospective Member Open House INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!!

Sunday, September 14th in the Social Hall for Coffee and Bagels at 10am

- Prospective members are invited.
- Please let your friends know!
- All MRT Congregants are encouraged to attend.



Welcome New Members!

Bates, Elizabeth & Aubry, Madna

3 Southern Drive
Tinton Falls NJ 07724
Home: 732 542-1894

Elizabeth Bates

elliegbates@gmail.com

Madna Aubry

madaubry@gmail.com

Amelie Aubry-Bates
Johnson, Marty & Nancy (rejoining)

7 Country Meadow Drive
Colts Neck NJ 07722
Home: 732 308-2203

Marty Johnson

mjohn49509@aol.com

Nancy Johnson

nancy.johnson@macys.com

Drew Johnson
Alexander Johnson
Stephanie Johnson (19)
Stone, Jason

1 Bretwood Drive North
Colts Neck NJ 07722
Home: 732 616-0343

jstone3769@gmail.com

A Great Way to Help Others

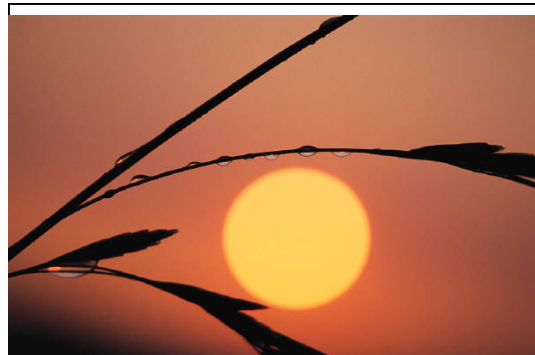
Jewish Federation of Monmouth County/Jewish Monmouth Cares has started a new program, visiting Jewish patients in local hospitals.

Monmouth Reform Temple is participating in this program and is visiting patients at Riverview Medical Center every Monday. This is a wonderful way to make others feel cared for by our community. I have done this each week this summer and have found it to be a great experience that leaves me with a good feeling.

To be a part of this program you must fulfill the requirements of a volunteer at Riverview. The time commitment will be once a month. Training is provided.

Please contact Helaine Rothman if you are interested. Her contact info is:

732-842-7639 or helainerothman@gmail.com



Rise and Shine!

Celebrate Sukkot with MRT

Sunrise Service

Thursday, October 9th at 6:30am

Followed by Bagels and Coffee in the Sukkah

From the Arts & Deco Committee, Rita Sperling, Chair



It's exciting to see our handsome, newly decorated Social Hall, fresh and ready for many wonderful MRT events this year. The new hall certainly looks like a wonderful venue for B'nai Mitzvah, anniversary, birthday and retirement parties, so... don't hesitate to book this elegant room and have your guests "kick up their heels" on the great new dance floor! Special thanks to all who have already supported these efforts as we continue to raise money for this and other renovations.

Arts and Deco is now turning its attention to other projects to be done around the temple, as the MRT Board sets forth a priority list that requires redecoration, regeneration and revitalization - all suggestions are welcomed!

Rita Sperling

TIKUN OLAM AND SOCIAL ACTION, Julia Sandra Rand, Chairperson

As the new chair of social action at MRT my intentions are to educate and involve as many members as possible to volunteer for a committee. My theory is that if everyone takes a small part the wheel of social justice will grow and grow interconnecting each one of us in Tikkun Olam. There are many committees at present that do not have a chair or volunteers. I will prepare an informative flyer that explains each committee that is now open, old and new. I know that this will help with making a decision to choose work in a particular area. This will be distributed to the school as well and hopefully member parents might get involved in concert with their children and work on social reform projects.

I must applaud a few members that devote themselves in many areas of Tikkun Olam. Cheryl Gaudette is very involved with community dinners at holidays; adopting families; The Center in Asbury Park; working with special needs children and volunteering work too numerous to describe here. Kay Wiesenfeld heads up Family Promise which helps homeless families; David Levinsky chairs Gan Mazon, our community garden; Judy Raybon works on the High Holiday Food Drive; monthly Shabbat services at assisted living facilities; and helps with Family Promise too. Karen Seligman did the Crop Walk against hunger in Red Bank in 2013; Marjorie Levy, Judith Rivkin (Family Promise too), and Michelle Marsillo have given monthly Shabbat services at assisted living facilities too. If other members have participated please contact me at juliasandyrand@aol.com or via my cell phone 646-335-3372.

The monthly tzedakah box collection is inactive and I urge every member to choose a charity or cause for the upcoming months. Another important inactive social action is Mitzvah Day that must be reinstated and I pledge that it will. I want to thank Judy Raybon and Margie Wold for their guidance about Social Action at MRT.

Monmouth Reform Temple and Rabbi Kline are dedicated to Tikkun Olam. I am including a quote from the Union for Reform Judaism website: by Rabbi Marla Feldman

"To be a Reform Jew is to hear the voice of the prophets in our head; to be engaged in the ongoing work of tikkun olam; to strive to improve the world in which we live. Tikkun olam (literally, "world repair") has come to connote social action and the pursuit of social justice".

Ways and Means Committee—David Levinsky, Chair



RUMMAGE SALE — NOV. 9 & 10, 2014

(Proceeds subsidize MRT'S annual budget)

David Levinsky, Ways & Means Fundraising Chair

With the rummage sale only two months away, my intent in this article is to convince MRT's membership to get 100% behind the rummage sale. To support the event, please identify your donations now and store them in your homes until the week of October 26; and, as explained below, give the event a small amount of time.



The rummage sale is simple in design, but personnel intensive. After being brought to the social hall, thousands of items must be categorized, organized, displayed and priced before the sale opens to the public. During the actual event, volunteers are needed to: answer questions, keep the displayed items orderly, monitor the flow of patrons, supervise the parking lot, assist patrons with purchases and collect money. Our patrons often commented last year on our gracious demeanor and the effort we put into creating a visually appealing sales area.

The pictures were taken on the third day of set-up last year. By opening day, each clothing stack was piled as high as the average patron's height. I cannot over emphasize our need for volunteers to assist with set-up and sale days.

Appliances and computers are in the background in the picture at left. House wares, children's items, lamps, frames, luggage, small pieces of furniture, tools, and our Boutique are not shown.



Sorry, no books, bathing suits, under garments and upholstered furniture. As a general rule for ALL donations: we can only accept items that one person can carry.

To volunteer, contact Cora Tuchband at coralea@comcast.net or 732-219-7680. Volunteers are needed November 2 – 10, Shabbat excluded. During set-up week, we will be working during the day as well as in the evening. For other questions, contact Karen Cole at kmcole@comcast.net.

Donation Drop-Off Schedule

TRAILER:	October 26 – November 1,	9:30 – noon and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
SOCIAL HALL:	November 2 – 5,	9:30 am – 4:00 pm

The Ways & Means Fundraising Committee congratulates the Arts & Deco Committee for its efforts to renovate our Social Hall. The room will be a beautiful space in which to celebrate any family simcha.



Tuesday morning study group with Rabbi Kline

Preparing for the High Holy Days

September 9th and September 16th
9:45am

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2 PARTIES!

Meet our new youth advisor WENDY ROMAN!
and hang out with new and old friends!



Swim and Snacks Parties
20 Hidden Meadows Drive
Ocean Township

RSVP: 732.207.2217 or
wendyaroman@gmail.com



NEW THIS YEAR!

POT LUCK BREAK FAST after Yom Kippur Neilah Services

Please bring your favorite Dairy/Veggie Dish

Carboard Box City: 9.26.14
Grab a box and sleep outside.



Invites You to Support Our 5th Annual

Cardboard Box City

Friend-Raising and Fundraising —
Neighbors helping our neighbors

Save this Date!

Friday,
Sept. 26, 2014, 6pm
on grounds of
Monmouth Church of Christ
Tinton Falls

Ideal Civic Activity

For youth groups, Scouts, families,
congregations and corporate teams

Start your Pledge Drive Today!

Contact Tracy Boyer at
tracy@familypromisemc.org
or 732-495-1050

to request an event packet
or go to
www.familypromisemc.org
to download participant
& sponsor information



Family Homelessness has reached
crisis proportions — over 200
children are without homes each day

Ultimately, volunteers just like you
help change lives,

With Thanks to Our Corporate Sponsors:





MRT Sisterhood presents our Annual Fabulous Foodie Fundraiser

In the spirit of the festive and sweet holiday of Rosh Hashanah, we have paired two favorites for you to enjoy or gift to others.

**New Apple Crumb Cake & Honey
or
Delectable Chocolate Babka & Honey**



This **NEW**, fabulous Apple Crumb Cake is all natural (no preservatives) and the honey is the result of the labor of many local bees!

These treats are packaged beautifully together so that you may bring as a gift wherever you are sharing your holiday meal, or just bring it home.

Each bundle of sweet and fresh deliciousness costs \$22
(This directly supports the Community Hanukkah Party!)

Orders Must be in by: Wednesday September 10th
(no Lollygaggers allowed!)



Packages will be available to pick up on:
Tuesday, September 23rd 4pm – 7pm or
Wednesday, September 24th 10am -12 noon

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I want _____ Apple Crumb Cake Bundles (\$22)

I want _____ Chocolate Babka Bundles (\$22)

Total enclosed: \$ _____ Make checks payable to MRT Sisterhood.

Detach and mail to MRT attn: **Sisterhood**
332 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls NJ 07724

Questions? Contact: Maxine Klatsky: [732-935-0508](tel:732-935-0508) or mklatsky1@verizon.net

Spread the sweet cheer of a fabulous New Year

MRT MEN'S CLUB IS FLIPPING OUT!!!**Sunday, September 14, 1-4 pm****Silverball Museum****Join the MRT MEN'S CLUB for a fun afternoon of pinball and pizza!!**

Take a trip back in time and have unlimited play on over 150 vintage pinball and video game machines. Play classics from the 1950's-1980's and find some new favorites, as well!

Event is open to all congregants and their guests!!!!!!

Have some fun with friends and make some new ones!

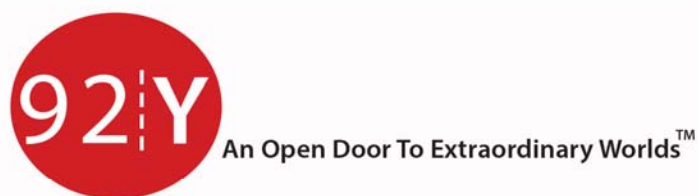
SILVERBALL MUSEUM is at 1000 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ (intersection of 2nd Ave./Ocean Ave.) Enter the museum from the boardwalk.

RSVP by Tuesday, September 9th for Pre-Event Pricing - \$20

Bob Gabel at 732-245-6234(text preferred or call) or RGabel48@aol.com

AT THE DOOR ENTRY PRICE.....\$24.00 per person

Price includes Three Hours of Unlimited Play, plus Pizza and Soda



LIVE FROM NEW YORK!

10 September @ 7.30 pm



The Real Wolf of Wall Street

Law Professor Thane Rosenbaum leads an interesting discussion on the law, business and culture of Wall Street and what happens when the laws governing the securities' markets are violated. He is joined by Jordan Belfort, subject of Martin Scorsese's "Wolf of Wall Street," former Assistant US Attorney Daniel Alonso and Kelly Evans, co-anchor of CNBC's "Closing Bell."

12 October @ 7.00 pm



Mario Batali and Mark Bittman: Cooking Fast and Slow

Start the evening as our guest with dinner in the sukkah, made by Cantor Clissold. Dinner is followed by the Y program featuring NY Times food writer Mark Bittman and master chef Mario Batali as they discuss their differing theories on cooking: Bittman's cooking with *optimal* results in *minimal* time; Batali's slower approach of "from farm to table." It's a gastronaut's tête-à-tête!

*** Be our guest for Italian dinner in the sukkah!
6:15 firm! Cooked by Cantor Clissold!
NOTE: Cost of program not included**

4 December @ 8:15pm



America and Israel: The Way Forward

Ambassador Dennis Ross and Dalia Rabin, former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and daughter of Yitzhak Rabin in an enlightening discussion on the future of Israel.

TICKETING

\$50.00 for all 3 programs

\$18.00 for a single program

***Dinner programs require RSVP + payment in advance**

LOCATION: MRT Social Hall

Note: NO tickets will be sent. Check in at desk night of each event.

92nd Street Y is where inspiration lives and exploration begins...

92Y 140 years

NOTE: Programs are live and start promptly at the indicated time.

RSVPs to the MRT Office

Mazel Tov to our September B'nai Mitzvah

Kayla Knop will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on September 20th. Kayla is in 8th grade at the Ocean Township Intermediate School. She plays field hockey and basketball. Kayla enjoys spending time with friends, going to the mall, the movies and the beach. Her favorite thing to do is horseback riding, she loves spending time with horses.

For her mitzvah project, Kayla sold homemade dog biscuits to raise money for the MCSPCA program called

"Pennies for Pitties". This program raises awareness of pitbulls and how great they are to have as pets.

Kayla would like to thank Cantor Clissold, Rabbi Klein and all her religious school teachers for the encouragement and support they gave her during her preparation for this special day.

Mazel tov to Kayla and her family!



M. Nashel Photography

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SISTERHOOD

MRT Sisterhood is looking forward to beginning another exciting year filled with fun and community with a variety of programs for everyone! Our calendar full of social, congregational and educational activities is always available on our Sisterhood blog on the temple website.

Sisterhood is proud to offer scholarships, each year, to high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to MRT and other community organizations. This year, we were very pleased to honor four very deserving young members of our congregation - Sara Hayet, Melanie Aptaker, Juliana Algava and Brandon Gold. We wish them the best as they head off to college in September to pursue their goals.

We start the new year with our always successful and delicious Apple Crumb Cake/Chocolate Babka/Honey sale. This endeavor directly funds our MRT Community Hanukkah celebration. Enjoy this scrumptious treat while supporting Sisterhood!. Order forms are in the lobby and on-line.

Our on-going book club will enjoy the "Summer by the River" pot luck dinner/book discussion on August 25th at Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club. On October 6th, we will have a joint meeting with St. George's Church in Rumson with stimulating discussion and camaraderie.

On Thursday October 9, we will celebrate our Sisterhood members with a beautiful Dinner in The Sukkah, where we will happily welcome Lori Bernard and other new temple members to our community!

We hope that all women of the congregation will join us and help to continue the growth of MRT Sisterhood. Each participating woman brings a unique perspective, dynamic interests and talents to our vibrant community!

We are proud to bring together the women of our diverse congregation and to always include lots of caring, laughter, joy and good food!

Please contact us with questions or for more information.

Jill Austin and Cheryl Gaudette
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Sisterhood Gift Shop High Holy Day Sale

Sunday, September 21st
9:30m to 12noon

MEN'S CLUB, Mitch Baum, President

Hi, I hope you are enjoying the last days of summer and this letter finds you and your family well. We are starting the new fiscal year and will be celebrating the Jewish New Year shortly and the Men's Club has a great deal of new events coming up.

The Men's Club next event is on Sunday September 14th from 1-4pm at the Silverball Arcade 1000 Ocean Ave. Asbury Park. All congregants including children and guests of congregants are welcome. Silverball Arcade has tons of vintage and newer arcade games. It will be great place to have some fun with your family and friends. The cost is only \$20.00 In advance and \$24.00 at the door. The event includes 3 hours of unlimited play plus pizza and soda. To RSVP contact Bob Gabel at 732-245-6234 (a text is preferred) or at RGabel48@aol.com

Our next Men's Meeting is **not** on the first Monday of the month due to it being Labor Day but on Monday September 8th. For another added twist we will be having it on aboard a boat. There is limited seating for this meeting. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Details will be provided shortly but I would act quickly as possible as seating is very limited. You can RSVP me at mrtbrothers1@gmail.com

Next on the calendar are the High Holy days. In the past we provided the Ushers for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and will continue this time honored tradition. If you would like to volunteer please contact Perry Weyser at Weyser66@gmail.com. If you are wondering what you do as an Usher it rather simple. You greet people, give them a prayer book and sometimes help them find a seat. It's a great way of meeting people or saying hello to people you may not have seen in a year.

On October 5th at 8:30 am we will put up the Sukkah. Last year we had a great turn out and we completed the build in record time. We would have completed it faster if we didn't laugh as much as we did and didn't take as many coffee/donut breaks. The tear down of the Sukkah is on October 19th at 8:30 am. We will have our Men's Club meeting in the Sukkah this year. We are asking people who will be attending the meeting to bring a Pot Luck dinner. It doesn't have to be fancy, just a nosh for 10-15 men. We have a lot of great events coming up this year as this letter only take us through October. So check your e-mails and the monthly and weekly bulletins. If you are not getting e-mails from the Men's Club please send me an e-mail at mrtbrothers1@gmail.com so I can add you to the list.

Again I hope your summer was healthy and enjoyable.

Mitch Baum
President of Men's Club

**Men's Club Annual Sukkah Building**

Sunday, October 5th starting at 8:30am

Always a fun time!

And when the holidays are over help us take it down

Sunday, October 19th at 9:30am

Gan Mazon (Garden of Plenty) MRT's Vegetable Garden, David Levinsky, Chair



As I wrote in last month's column, this season's garden will not be as productive as last year's. Yet, I learned much from this summer to benefit the pantries supported by MRT in the future. Please share your vegetable growing tips with me; they are always welcome.

Many home and community gardens, including ours, have been unable to grow squash varieties successfully. Gan Mazon follows the traditional planting schedule governing summer vegetables: plant seedlings and seeds around Mother's Day---possibly a week or two later depending on evening temperatures. In past seasons, our squash plants always prospered under this regimen until early July and then the main stems begin to wither and slowly die, slowly killing each plant. The culprit is a moth that typically lays its eggs at the base of the main stem. The caterpillar, technically called a squash vine borer, invades the main stem and causes the plant's destruction. There is no remedy for the borer available to the organic gardener.



This season I took the advice of a master gardener who taught me that the squash vine borer has only one generation. The trick is to plant the squash seeds just after July 4 because moths cease to lay eggs by then. The picture on the left shows a healthy squash plant. The picture on the right shows 25 feet of healthy productive plants. Last year, our squash harvest totaled 67 lbs. As of August 20, 2014, we picked 83.5 lbs, with no borer damage.



The second lesson proves the maxim that plants require adequate air circulation and room to prosper. Cucumbers grow from 2 or 3 seeds planted in mounds of soil approximately 3 ft. apart. Knowing that seeds do not always grow as planned, I planted the hills 1.5 ft. apart, with the expectation of pulling out the intervening plants should all the seeds attain viability, as well as thinning out each hill to one seedling. Thinking that more plants are better, I did not maintain 3 ft. between hills or thin out the seedlings. As the photo at the bottom left shows, the cucumber leaves and vines are growing together reducing air circulation and space for cucumbers to mature. There is no doubt that the overall cucumber harvest will suffer.

The garden is a social action project of Monmouth Reform Temple. It falls under the mandate in Jewish tradition of tikkun olam (repairing the world.) Whether my committee delivers 500 lbs., 800 lbs., or 1,000 lbs. to Open Door in Freehold or the JF&CS in Asbury Park, MRT is helping repair the world in Monmouth County. I know for a fact that the recipients of our produce appreciate our time and effort.

L'Shannah Tovah,

Christine Gold, Nicholas Gold, David Levinsky, Judy Rivkin, and Susan St. Lifer

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOVS TO:

- Michael and Madelyn Kalb on the marriage of their son Aaron to Rebekah Jurado

September Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, September 5th (Services at 6pm)

Grace Arnold, Theodore Atlas, *Ann Baron, Ann Bregman, Fay Grand, Anna Harran, Lynda Hoffman, *Frieda Jung, *Morris Kalkstein, Lillian Davis Kaswiner, *Karen Kleinman, *Leonard Kleinman, *Eve Leppel, Isadore Levin, Benjamin Lissner, Jr., Alan Lowenstein, *David Marks, William Palmer, Richard Salomon, *Michael Yagoda



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.

Names to be Read on Friday, September 12th (Services at 7pm)

*Harriet Austin, Aaron Bolotin, Doris Boxman, Herman Burns, *Cynthia Feigus, *Clayton Fishman, Eva Fryman, Edward Gold, *Bella Gruensfelder, Lester Gutterman, Fannie Heller, Meyer Heyman, *Sid Komar, Alice Loebel, Sidney Melnick, Sam Mink, *Stanley Elliot Mitchell, Ben Nussbaum, John Potter, Todd Richman, *Rosalie Rosin, Israel Ruby, Rikki Schuster, *Gladys Pfeffer Simms, Jeff Smith, Allan Sobelman, *Gloria St. Lifer, *Irene Tuchband, *Bob Woolf

Names to be Read on Friday, September 19th (Services at 7pm)

*Sonya Brecker, Sheldon Chaplowitz, Charles Cooper, Mae Danzig, Leah Epstein, *Donald L. Fink, *Roberta Kirsch, Julius H. Klein, Frances Kriegstein, *Oscar Kurry, *Lillian Lane, *Harold Mausner, Charlotte Moskowitz, Gilda Moss, Regina Nelson, Robert Rekedal, *Anne Rogovin, Florence Chatin Schlenoff, Michael Schneider, Kurt Wallenfels, Jean Weissman

Names to be Read on Friday, September 26th (Services at 7pm)

William Berk, Roslyn Berkowitz, *Stella Bernstein, Lynn DiMatteo, Brandon Dowler, *Morris Dworkin, *Philip Falk, *Warren Feigus, *Roslyn Falk Garin, Esther Hauser, Barbara Hollander, Solomon Kahn, Linh Katz, *Abram Kridel, Marshall Lobell, *Gertrude L. Marx, Alex Messinger, *Blume R. Miller, Jessie Miller, Walter Peskoe, *Ruth Rothman, Susan Sachs, *Daniel B. Salomon, *Gilbert H. Salomon, *Herman Solomon, *George Welner

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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.

September 2014

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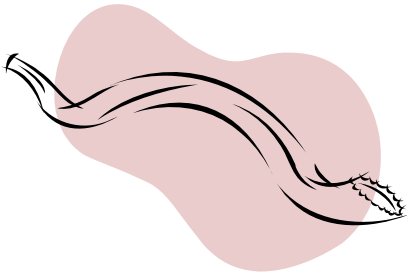
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 4pm Teacher's meeting	3 4:30pm Jr. Youth Swim Party offsite	4 4:30pm MRTSY Swim Party offsite 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	5 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services	6 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
7 9:30am Religious School Opening Day Parent/Student Orientation	8 7:30pm Men's Club Board	9 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid Society 7:30pm Exec Comm	10 LAST DAY FOR APPLECAKE & HONEY ORDERS 4pm Religious School	11 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	12 10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 1pm Office Closing 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services	13 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
14 9:30am Religious School 10am Prosp Member Open House 1pm Mens' Club to Silverball Arcade offsite	15	16 9:45am Study Group 7:15pm Board	17 4pm Religious School 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7pm Shabbat Services	20 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am of Kayla Knop 7pm Selichot Program 8pm Selichot Service with Choir
21 9:30am Religious School 9:30am Gift Shop Open 9:30am K-2 PACT	22	23 10am Packing Applecake to 1pm 3pm Pick up Applecake to 5:30pm	24 9am Pick up Applecake to 11am 12pm Office Closing 7:45pm Erev RH Services	25 Rosh Hashanah 10am Morning Services 3pm Family/Children's Service 4pm Tashlich	26 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 6pm Carboard Bo x City offsite 7pm Shabbat Services	27 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study
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5775 Holy Days

Selichot

Saturday, September 20th

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 24th

Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 25th

Kol Nidre
Friday, October 3rd

Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 4th

Sukkot
Thursday, October 9th

Simchat Torah Celebration & Consecration
Wednesday, October 15th

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
Thursday, October 16th