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Monmouth Reform Temple
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Schedule of Shabbat and Holiday Events and Services **October 2014**

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

Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Sessions

Group 1 Dr. Linda Davies

Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Pursuit of Truth and Integrity in Religious Life.

The outstanding Jewish thinker of his generation, Abraham Joshua Heschel was a major spiritual force in 20th Century America, a recognized spokesman for Judaism whose interpretation of Judaism touched the lives of Jews and non-Jews who were searching for something more beyond their religious boundaries.

Group 2 Bob St. Lifer and Rabbi Bill Kurry

The Holiness Code Leviticus 19-- What does it mean today?

Join with Men's Club! Help Build the MRT Sukkah

Sunday, October 5th at 8:30am

All are welcome to pray, meditate or eat in the MRT Sukkah. Please be advised of the special events listed below:

Men's Club Pot Luck Dinner in the Sukkah

Monday, October 6th at 7:30pm

Religious School Sundaes in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30pm

NEW THIS YEAR! Sukkot at Sunrise Festival Services

Grab a Bagel and Coffee in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 9th at 6:30am

Minyan and Torah Study at 9am every Saturday morning in the MRT Library (except 10/4).

Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm

BYO Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

Friday, October 10th

Services at 6pm

BYO Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah following services

Saturday, October 11th

Rabbi Kline and Lori Sukkah Open House

At their home 5-7pm

Sunday, October 12th

92Y Cooking Fast and Slow with Mario Batali

Dinner in the Sukkah cooked by Cantor

6:15pm Dinner Program (LIVE) at 7pm

SIMKHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 15th

Religious School begins at 5pm

6:30pm Service with Consecration

Shemini Atzeret/Simkhat Torah

Festival Services and Yizkor

Thursday, October 16th at 10am

Friday, October 17th

Shabbat Services at 7pm

New Member Dinner

Saturday, October 18th

10am Bat Mitzvah of Devyn Kennedy

Men's Club Sukkah Take-Down

Sunday, October 19th at 8:30am

Friday, October 24th

Shabbat Services at 7pm

Fall Visual T'filah

Saturday, October 25th

10am Bar Mitzvah of Zack Sussman

Friday, October 31st

7pm Shabbat Services

From Rabbi Marc Kline

I had a great time on Rosh Hashanah! MRT was packed! There was electricity in the air! Cantor and the choir provided amazing music, and all of our participants seemed to enjoy their roles. I have to single out one piece of the day for special mention, though. Our shofar blowers provided amazing ruach (spirit) to the day. In particular, I want to speak about five young people who helped lead the family service. Yes, Our “Senior” blowers were magnificent. The echoes from across the room and the amazing surround sound blast of the tekiah g’dolah was heart stirring, but even our involved youth were teenagers who shared duties with other adults, stationed around the sanctuary space. Rich Sachs is an amazing teacher, having taught shofar blowing here for 20 plus years. He shared the bimah with the cantor and myself, and choreographed the blasts from up front. For the family service, he was in the back of the room, while five 6 and 7th graders stood tall and ... unaided ... led us through the entire shofar service. What a thrill, as I thought about watching these young leaders mature through middle and high school. We are in for exciting times, but then, that is where the teenagers who blew in the main service began ... I think we come to expect our youth to do amazing things. The most wonderful take away from this experience is simple: if you give a child an opportunity to shine, he/she will.

A few more “Holy Day” take aways for me:

People appreciate energy. I know this to be true, but it was great to be affirmed here, as my own anxieties of facing my first holy day season here set it. I watched as people worked to help accommodate each other moving in and out of seats, finding the right pages, and with simple but big smiled greetings as their rows filled up.

Even while people get stuck in feeling that they are the only ones doing the work of preparation for these big holidays, a whole lot of people participated in making the magic happen. From the decision to do away with tickets, through the Red Bank Street Fair booth, onto the choir preparation and set up logistics, all the way through the execution of the day’s services and clean up, a lot of folks got involved. Can we always use more help? ABSOLUTELY! Excitement breeds excitement: it is absolutely contagious. If you liked what you experienced ... any piece of it, step forward, there is more of all this still to be done.

While I absolutely believe that the holiday schedule is contrived by human beings, there is something magical ... even supernatural that happens when we come together to celebrate special days. There is something about being with so many folks all set on celebrating that elevates the spirit. We have known this for generations. If one looks in a traditional prayer book, there are special prayers for seeing people gathered in celebration. Now, the truth is that holidays are supposed to help us remember to celebrate every day as holy; they are the built in reminders / boosters. If we get to have many days like this Rosh Hashanah, fulfilling that vision won’t take much.

I pray that the new year is wonderful and blessed for all. May we get everything for which we pray, so long as it is for the good.

Tuesday morning Study Group with Rabbi Kline
Begins Tuesday, October 21st at 9:45am
Topic: FAITH AND INTERFAITH: What do religions teach?

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

L'shanah Tovah.

As I write this we are in the midst of the Days of Awe, our ten day period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I want to thank all of the MRT family for enabling the High Holy Days to unfold so beautifully. Rabbi Kline observed his first Rosh Hashanah with us, inspiring us with his leadership, sermons, and perspectives. Cantor Clissold has again uplifted us with her beautiful melodies and presence in our worship. Our choir, shofar blowers, ushers and greeters, and volunteers and staff have prepared and enabled our meaningful worship. And all of us, the congregation, participate and, by our vital communal presence, together we bring ourselves forward into the New Year. Yom Kippur is coming in a few days. I am certain that the experiences this year will propel us forward and re-energize us.

This year we have expanded our invitations to the wider external community to join with us to experience the High Holy Days together. The external community responded and on Rosh Hashanah we had a significant presence of guests. We do this in the spirit of our vision statement: "Open hearts ... Open minds—Monmouth Reform Temple—Our spiritual community where we nurture meaning in our lives." By opening our doors to the wider community, we are sharing our worship experience and our community with our guests. We believe that this will provide the impetus for many of our guests to want to share more experiences with us—as part of our MRT family.

Again I am talking about community, which is based on our relationships and what we do together. The sense of community and family pervades our vision, mission, and values statements and has many aspects, including working with others, celebrating with others, attending worship services, being on a committee or task force and working with friends, performing acts of service and volunteerism that create value for MRT and beyond Community creates us and sustains us.

There has been much research reported recently on predictors of good health and quality of life. One of the predominant findings is that people are healthier, happier, and live longer when they are part of a community—when they participate, socialize, and volunteer to give back to their community. A few recent examples (I am not presenting a scholarly review) include a 2013 study from the University of Exeter Medical School, which found that people who volunteer reported increased levels of life satisfaction and enhanced well-being. Research, reported in 2013 from Carnegie Mellon University, shows that volunteering has physical health benefits, such as lower blood pressure and a longer lifespan. Earlier studies (in 2009) from the Universities of Exeter, Queensland, and Kansas showed that being part of a social community enhanced the quality of a person's health and well-being to a greater extent than diet and exercise. A review in 2003 from the National Institutes of Health covering previous research studies notes the positive effect of religious involvement on physical health and longevity.

You are already part of this MRT community. I encourage you to become a more active member. It will be good for your health and happiness!

I look forward this year to working, in partnership with our clergy, Rabbi Kline and Cantor Clissold, our staff and lay leaders, and you, to build our MRT community.

May this new year be fulfilling, happy, healthy, and sweet. G'mar tov!

Summary of September 16th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of September 16, 2014. The Board would like to acknowledge positive happenings within our congregation.

Summer is over and we are off to a busy start with many events. The renovation of the Social Hall is complete. We have also completed a technology upgrade including expanded Wi-Fi services throughout our facility. Religious school has gotten underway and our students have begun preparing for the High Holy Days. Bravo to their Super Hero production, everyone really enjoyed themselves. Sisterhood reports the sale of apple cakes and bobka for Rosh Hashanah are brisk. Sales support our community Hanukah party. The Men's Club met in Asbury Park at the Silverball Arcade for an afternoon of pinball and Pizza. They also had an outing on the Navesink for an afternoon of sailing. Our community garden is starting to close for the season.

We have harvested over 750 pounds of vegetables to add to local food pantries. Our Congregation was well represented at the Red Bank Street Fair, where we had a welcoming booth. Special thanks to Lori Bernard for bringing her expertise in arranging our presentation and to Dean Ross for his assistance in helping with the location. Thanks to everyone who was there and helped. This event generated a lot of interest in our congregation. This month 6 new families were welcomed into our congregation, one of which found us at the fair. We had our first live 92Y Broadcast, "The Real Wolf of Wall Street", a live interview with Jordan Belfort. Our next presentation is in October, with a live broadcast with chefs Mario Batali and Mark Bittman. Our adult education program is meeting to plan events and programs for this season. Our Minyan Study on Saturdays have been well attended, consider joining us. The Leadership Task Force has had a huge response for the inaugural Leadership Training Sessions to begin later this fall. Finally, we attended a Leadership Summit at the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County where Yeshiva University President Richard M. Joel delivered the keynote presentation on the topic of imperatives and challenges of change of the Jewish Community. This has been a very busy month.

Preparations are underway for the High Holy Days. Ushers and greeters are being assigned. Ushers are still needed for the HHD services this year. If you would like to help, please contact Perry Weyser at Weyser66@gmail.com. We expect that services will be well attended. Our Congregation is opening our doors to everyone to worship with us. Please help welcome new people. The Choir has been practicing and the Ritual Committee reports that the final touches are being made to enhance our worship experience.

Members of the Board have been making telephone calls to wish our congregation a Happy Healthy New Year. To those we have not yet reached, we extend those wishes to you.

The Board voted to approve the contract for our Youth Leader Advisor for the coming year.

The Arts and Deco Committee, who have done an outstanding job in renovating the social hall, have started to look at which facility improvements will be needed in the future. They have also begun a plan to rearrange the artwork displayed at MRT. The fundraising effort for the social hall renovation has met its goal. Thank you everyone who donated.

Both our Rabbi and Cantor have been joining more social media sites. Look for tweets and posts. Rabbi Kline told the Board Sukkot services will be a bit different this year. We are planning to have a sunrise service at 6:30 am on October 9th. Come join us.

The installation ceremony for Rabbi Kline as our permanent Rabbi will take place on December 12 and 13. Please save those dates and help celebrate this joyous occasion.

In the President's Report, Jay Wiesenfeld thanked Joel Morgovsky and Mark Gruensfelder for heading our High Holy Day Appeal this year. We are looking to increase participation and hope that you will give generously to support the programs and outreach of our temple. We hope everyone is noticing the positive changes occurring in our congregation and will continue to help support these efforts.

Submitted by Jim Halpern
Recording Secretary MRT Board of Trustees

From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



At MRT Religious School we are very busy celebrating the Holidays of the month of Tishre. We ate apples and honey for a sweet New Year. We listened to the sounds of the shofar and thought about what we

have been doing and how we can change for the better.

After Yom Kippur the Men's Club will put up the Sukkah and we will decorate it, eat in it and shake the Lulav and Etrog. We dwell and eat in temporary shelters as our ancestors did in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. Sukkot is also a harvest festival, Chag Ha'Asif. We will be eating Sundaes in the Sukkah on Wednesday October 8. All our students and parents should join us at 6:30pm for our community Simchat Torah celebration and the Consecration of our new students.

Our Bagels and Blocks program will begin on Sunday October 5. Bagels and Blocks is a monthly program for parents and children aged 2 to 5 which familiarizes children with Jewish Education and prepares them for religious school

kindergarten. Families do not have to belong to MRT to come to Bagels and Blocks. This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet and to get to know each other and to interact with our clergy and teachers while doing fun activities. Bagels and Blocks will be taught by Rabbi Kline, Cantor Clissold and Elise Aptaker. Please tell your friends about this wonderful and free opportunity.

Our Mitzvah Academy Program begins on October 19. Mitzvah Academy is a program for 8th and 9th graders who will explore the mitzvot through community service, text study, discussions, activities and speakers. It will be taught by Cantor Clissold and Lori Bernard. Our students will be participating in the CROP walk to end hunger on October 19 after class.

Our Confirmation program also begins on October 19 and will be taught by Rabbi Kline. After a year of study, discussions and activities with the Rabbi, our students will be confirmed on Shavuot.

Our 4th and 5th graders and parents will

be going to Ellis Island on Sunday October 5th as part of their study of American Jewish History.

On Sunday October 19, our 6th and 7th graders and parents will be going to the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, which brings to life the 360 year history of the Jews in America.

Many of our 11th and 12th graders are working as madrichim in the classrooms assisting our teachers with their students and helping with activities. We invite all our 11th and 12th graders and their parents to a special program on Sunday October 26 at 7:00 pm at Temple Shalom in Aberdeen called "An Iron Dome for the Soul" led by Rabbi Jeff Salkin. Participants will learn about the history of the current situation in Israel and gain insight on how to respond to the campaign against Israel. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Chag sameach. Enjoy our wonderful Holidays in good health.

Vera Galleid.

Mark Your Calendars

RETREAT

Mitzvah Academy 8/9th grades

Fun and study! Camp Harlam November 21-23

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

Contact Cantor Clissold for additional information.

**Mitzvah Academy (9:30am)
and
Confirmation (10:30am)
First meeting
Sunday, October 19th**



From the Membership Committee

Thanks to the kindness of a couple of new members stepping up, MRT's Membership Committee is growing. Co-chairs Linda Burns and Gena Ansell-Lande would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following folks: Lori Bernard, Lori Markoff, Sara Dollar, Dean Ross, Ellie Bates, Cora Tuchband, and Susan Gelber for rounding out our committee. We kicked off the year with two New Member Open Houses on Aug 22 and Sept 14th, after advertising in The Two River Times and New Jersey Jewish News. Several of our members participated at the Annual Red Bank Street Fair at MRT's Welcome Tent which was a great success!

Lots of MRT adults and youth showed up to participate! MRT is only as strong as its members, and we have seen great energy and enthusiasm from our members this year! We are looking forward to formally welcoming our new members into the congregation at our annual New Member Shabbat on October 17th and our New Member Orientation on October 19th.

Please share your enthusiasm with your friends who are currently unaffiliated with a congregation. Getting involved is the best way to meet people, make friends and strengthen our temple family. Our first committee meeting will be on October 23rd at 7 pm at the temple. If you have any questions about membership or are interested in joining our committee, please contact Linda at 732 796-1023, lsburns@att.net or Gena 732-513-6171; gregandgena@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members!

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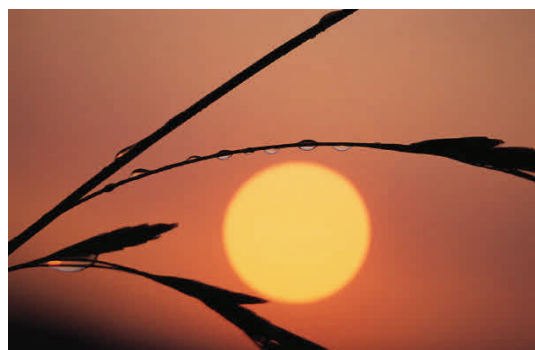
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Emily Wiener (5)



Rise and Shine!

Celebrate Sukkot with MRT

Sunrise Service

Thursday, October 9th at 6:30am

Followed by Bagels and Coffee in the Sukkah

Lobby Tzedakah Box October 2014
Monmouth Symphony Orchestra Outreach Program
Co-sponsors: Rich and Sheila Sachs



The musicians of the MSO, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts organization, make live orchestral music available and relevant in Monmouth County. As part of the MSO's program of outreach to underserved populations, we seek your support as we develop final plans for a young people's concert next March, part of our nation's "Arts in Our Schools Month".

Many young people in our own county do not have an opportunity to hear live orchestral music, let alone attend a school with an orchestral program. MSO's next outreach project will focus on K-4 students in Asbury Park. The concert program will link visual and performing arts. It will emphasize the instruments of the orchestra using engaging music to get kids excited about participating in their own music program beginning in the middle schools.

All Tzedakah donations this month to the MSO's Outreach Program will be matched by Richard & Sheila Sachs. Besides being MRT's "Master Blaster" Shofar sounder, Richard is currently the President of The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra.

Family Promise Orientation and Introduction
October 16 at 7pm
At MRT

Family Promise of Monmouth County is a collection of congregations that organized in 2001 to provide food, shelter, and counseling to homeless families in Monmouth County. It is the only agency in Monmouth County that takes care of homeless families (mothers, fathers and children).

MRT has been a "support" congregation for a several years. Our volunteers help the "host" congregations, where the families are housed. There are about 50 slots that each host congregation needs to fill each week, so they need our support. We have a great and dedicated group at MRT, but we would like to have more volunteers. It requires very little time or commitment.

Each night the host congregation needs :

- Two volunteers to prepare dinner,
 - Two volunteers to spend the early evening hours with the guests (6 PM - 8 PM), and
 - Two volunteers to sleep overnight at the host congregation facility. (10 PM - 7 AM).
- (Families and youth groups can volunteer for dinner and evening)

Please consider joining us in helping homeless families in Monmouth County.
Attendance at an orientation is requested of all volunteers.

Please contact Kay Wiesenfeld with any questions:

k.wiesenfeld@gmail.com

732 778 3148 732 747 5992

For more information www.familypromisemc.org

NEW MEMBER WELCOME WEEKEND

Shabbat Dinner to Honor our New Members

Join our Membership Committee in welcoming our newer members for Shabbat Dinner on Friday night, October 17th.

Dinner will be at 5:45pm and services follow at 7pm.

Cost \$15 for adults

12 and under \$5

RSVP to the MRT office

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 19th at 9:30am



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

Sisterhood at the Breast Cancer Walk—Sunday, October 19th

[Click here to make a donation on the Sisterhood Home Page](#)

The MRT “Sisters” will once again be walking in the Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk in Point Pleasant Beach. We had a wonderful turnout last year and raised over \$4,000 for our mothers, daughters, family and friends...all of our sisters touched by breast cancer. Our DREAM TEAM is not limited to just Sisters or temple members. ALL are invited to walk. Please join us as together we help to create more birthdays.

The event is Sunday, October 19 at Point Pleasant Beach and is 3.2 miles (5k).

8:00 am Registration begins – everyone must register at the tents

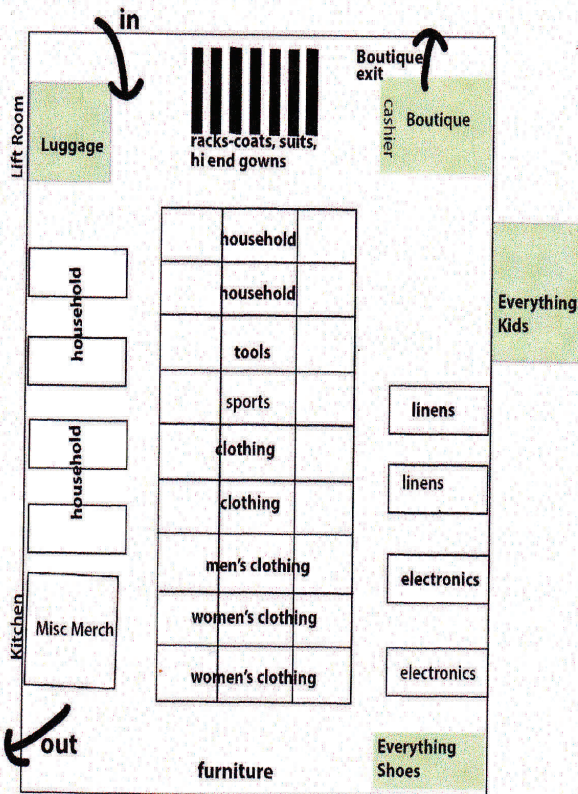
10:00 am The Walk begins

For additional information please contact: Linda Murray (lwmurray610@gmail.com) or Margie Wold (woldiem@aol.com).

Ways and Means Committee—David Levinsky, Chair

Donations + Volunteers = Rummage Sale Success

recycle, protect the environment, fundraise



In this era of recycling, protecting the environment and a growing feeling that disposal just to buy something new is wasteful and wrong, rummage sales have taken on a noble purpose as a fundraiser for non-profits. The rummage sale is definitely a feel-good activity. Where else can we benefit patrons, be environmentally conscious, provide a refuge for unwanted items, meet and make new temple friends, and raise funds without leaving a carbon footprint. It is satisfying that the event meshes well with the Jewish mission of Tikun Olam, repairing the world.

The engine that powers the rummage sale is YOU—our temple membership. You only have to look at the diagram at left to envision the rummage sale's complexity. Last year, we raised nearly \$10,000 just by recycling unwanted, perfectly useable merchandise. The only drawback is that all donations must be first organized by category and then displayed. Envision clothes stacked high, house wares carefully placed, and other items of all shapes and sizes requiring table or floor space. We have need for members able to tote donations, have a flair for arranging and can recognize items better deserving of our boutique shop.

Also, we need 6 ft. or 8 ft lightweight rectangular tables. Please save us the cost of renting them. Contact me at 732-536-1813 or davidlevinsky@optonline.net for details.

Drop-off begins, Sunday October 26. Set-Up Week begins Sunday, November 2 and extends all week, with morning, afternoon and evening volunteer times available. Cora Tuchband, our volunteer coordinator, awaits your email at coralea@comcast.net.

One rewarding story from last year's sale involves a couple who filled ten large plastic bags on Bag Day to send home to relatives in the Philippines. The couple spent hours at the sale and was very complimentary on how well everything was displayed and the quality of the clothes for sale. They told us that they attend a rummage sale usually four times a year, preferring Jewish synagogues because the husband is Jewish, in order to send clothes to their loved ones. They made it a point to leave us their contact information and they have already been notified of this year's event.

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

Have a peaceful New Year,
David Levinsky, Chair

From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson

He was a Zionist from the age of 15 and never wavered in his belief, though he considered the movement to be an unfinished project. Leonard Fein, the founder of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, started in 1985, would have praised the work of MRT's Gan Mazon garden committee and offer encouragement for a better yield next year. "Never give up", he would say.

Leonard Fein, familiarly known as Leibel, died on August 13 at the age of 80. He was called "the father of our Jewish social justice movement" and though he was not a religious thinker, he was a "magid", a preacher whom people came to hear because he illuminated their lives. He felt that compassion for others is one of the qualities that make us human. Our prophetic tradition was his proof text and he insisted on applying its voice to the way we live and the choices we make. Upon hearing him promise, at a convention of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, that there would be 100,000 Jewish tutors involved in the national Literacy Volunteers of America project launched about 15 years ago, I was catapulted into action and went for training.

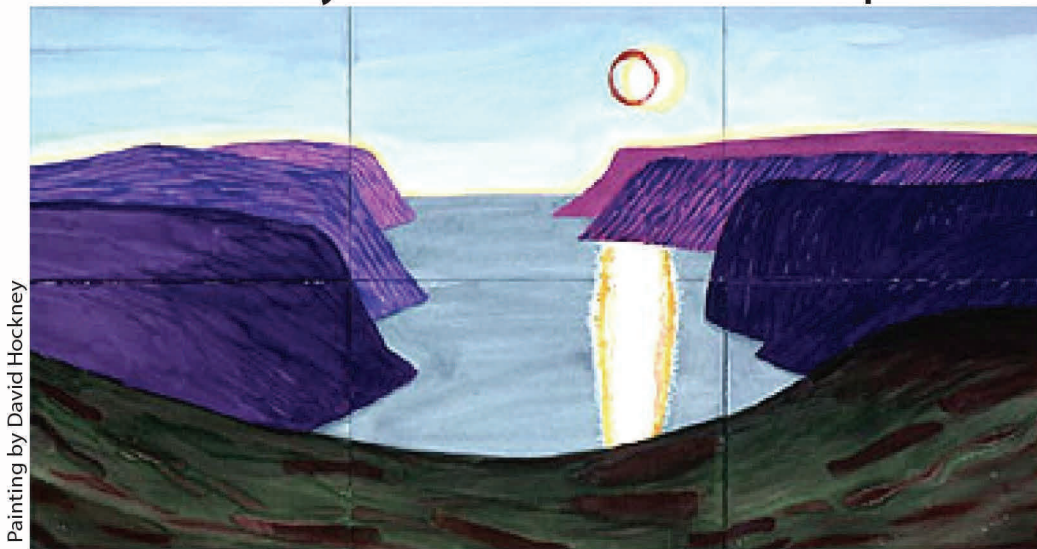
Fein, an activist, writer, teacher was the co-founder and editor of MOMENT magazine and wrote a weekly column for the English edition of the FORWARD. He was Director of Americans for Peace Now. Though disturbed by the direction that Israel is taking in the current situation, he maintained an impassioned commitment to Zion.

At his funeral in Brookline, Massachusetts, Leonard Fein's coffin was draped in the flag of Israel.

May his memory be for a blessing.

Come celebrate

Friday 24 October at 7pm



Painting by David Hockney

Visual **teflah**

MRTSY

Monmouth Reform Temple's Senior Youth Group is up and running for the 2014-2015 school year for all of the Temple's youth in 8-12th grades! We have a few great events planned and many more in the future! Attached is the MRTSY Membership form that is due to MRT's office by Tuesday, September 30th. We would love for your son/daughter to be part of our fun activities and opportunities for social action and volunteer hours. ***Please be sure to share this email with your son/daughter.***

Below is some information about upcoming events!

Cardboard Box City 5:30pm Friday, September 26 - 8:00am Saturday, September 27

MRTSY will once again be participating in Family Promise's 5th Annual Cardboard Box City hosted by the Monmouth Church of Christ (immediately next door to MRT). This event is fun for everyone who participates whether you stay overnight or not! The event raises awareness to homeless and funds to FPMC. There's live music, games, a soup line, and the best part... roughing the night in a cardboard box! MRTSY will be individually and as a group fundraising for this event. We would love for as much participation as possible! Please rsvp to wendyaroman@gmail.com. *More information as to registering will come soon*

High Holy Days Volunteering Opportunities

MRTSY will be babysitting younger children during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Services. There will be three rooms.. babysitting, k/1, and older grades. We need 2-3 volunteers for each room and maybe a couple more in the older kids room. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours! It is encouraged that those volunteering spend half of their time in services and half babysitting. The high holy days are important for everyone to be part of. If interested please rsvp to wendyaroman@gmail.com.

The children's services on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur also need volunteers for running and helping during the service! The Rosh Hashana service is at 3:00 and the Yom Kippur Service at 2:00. Please rsvp to wendyaroman@gmail.com as soon as possible so the service can begin being planned.

NFTY-GER's Leadership Training Institute (LTI) 11:15am-7:00pm Sunday, September 28

LTI is offered though NFTY as an opportunity for Jewish teens with leadership roles in their temple to learn and have fun! MRTSY's Board is extremely encouraged to participate! It is hosted by Temple Shalom of Aberdeen, NJ.

More information can be found at www.nfty.org/ger/events

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: September 15th

REGISTRATION ENDS: September 18th

LTI is NFTY-GER's leadership development day. It a day-long event created and run by your 2014-2015 Regional Board. This event is geared toward any 9th-12th grader who holds a leadership position at their Congregation. Although not a typical NFTY event, is a great way to network and learn more about your leadership position.

Our LTI program this year features:

Network Meetings – to learn from peers who hold leadership positions similar to yours

Leadership Electives – led by our talented staff, to address issues such as team building, active listening, running an effective meeting, membership recruitment and retention, making mistakes into learning experiences, and taking ownership over our own communities

Sub-region Meetings – meet with other Congregations who are near yours and plan something fun together

In addition to registering on nfty's website (above) we ask that you please rsvp to wendyaroman@gmail.com so MRTSY knows that you will participate. If possible, the MRTSY board and all those participating will make attempt to carpool by meeting at the temple in advance. More information will be discussed upon registration.

NFTY-GER Fall Kallah Oct 31- Nov 2nd at URJ Kutz Camp

Join NFTY for an awesome weekend—reunite with your Camp friends, NFTY friends, and make new friends! Together everyone will enjoy all that a weekend NFTY-GER event has to offer... including a costume theme dance, NFTY style services, and tons of fun! This event is open to all 9th-12th graders but is geared towards new/newer members of NFTY-GER, making this a PERFECT first event to come to!

Registration is open—sign up before October 20th and save \$35!

Detailed event information, packing lists, and online registration can be found at www.nfty.org/ger/events.

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: October 20th

REGISTRATION ENDS: October 22nd

Want to apply for a scholarship from NFTY-GER for Fall Kallah? First, check with your Congregation to see what scholarships funds exist through them and second, fill out this Scholarship form. Priority deadline for Fall Kallah scholarships is October 3rd.

<https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/z1gwj91z19z210w/>

MRTSY is super excited for a great year! We hope to see you at our events!

~ Co-presidents Sarah Klein and Lauren Vicenzi and Wendy Roman our Youth Advisor



Join in the
Celebration to Welcome
Lori Bernard
To our Sisterhood Family

8th Annual Sisterhood Supper in the Sukkah

Join the women of our community in sharing a meal under the stars in the glow of camaraderie and friendship. There are changes everywhere, and MRT Sisterhood welcomes every woman to come together as we welcome Lori Bernard to our community.

Come out and enjoy some sangria, supper and sublime company to be shared as we revel in the season and all of its meaning and potential.

When: Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm

Where: MRT Sukkah and or the newly renovated social hall

RSVP by October 1st: sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org or to Jill 732-213-1063 or Cheryl 908-489-0055

(RSVP's are a MUST as this is a catered event. Please let us know you will be coming!)

New Membership year is here!

Anyone who has yet to pay their 2014-2015 MRT Sisterhood dues can do so online at www.monmouthreformtemple.org (via paypal), or mail/deliver their check to the temple

OR... **bring your check to the supper in the Sukkah.**

(Checks made payable to MRT Sisterhood)





LIVE FROM NEW YORK!

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***

TICKETING

\$50.00 for all 3 programs

\$18.00 for a single program

*Dinner programs require RSVP + payment in advance

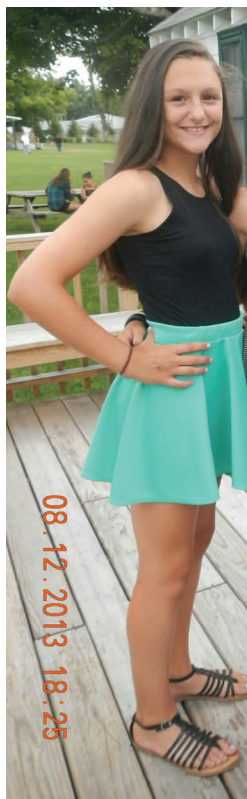
LOCATION: MRT Social Hall

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

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

RSVPs to the MRT Office

Mazel Tov to our October B'nai Mitzvahs



Devyn Kennedy is an 8th grader in the Ocean Township Intermediate School. She excels in history and math, but also enjoys playing the tenor saxophone in the school band. Devyn is competitive in many sports, most recently soccer and track, but her true love is skiing in Vermont. Devyn likes to spend time with her dogs and looks forward to her summers at Camp Schodack. Many thanks to Cantor Clissold, Rabbi Kline, her parents, and sister Shelby for all their patience, guidance, and teachings through the training to become a Bat Mitzvah. A special thanks to Omi and Poppy for making Jewish values and traditions important in our family.



Zack Sussman, born in Santa Cruz, CA, is a 7th grader at Maple Place School in Oceanport. Zack loves playing the drums and piano, and he's always tapping out a beat and figuring out Geometry Dash songs on the piano. He is a part of his school's Charger Band, Jazz Band, and chorus. Last year he loved playing the mallets for the All Shore Band, and this year his goal is to make it on snare! You'll never see Zack without his Gans Speed Cube in his hand, and he is forever trying to beat his personal best solve by practicing and learning new algorithms. Zack's enthusiasm for his hobbies, family, and friends is contagious. Zack is excited to become a Bar Mitzvah on October 25th. For his mitzvah project, Zack prepared and played a piano concert for the residents at his great-grandparents' senior living center in Whippany. He would like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for their excellent guidance and support through this process as well as his religious school teachers for their knowledge, dedication, and encouragement.



Red Bank Crop Walk

Sunday, October 19th

Red Bank Regional High School

Registration 1pm

Walk 2pm

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

MEN'S CLUB, Mitch Baum, President

Hello, on behalf of the Men's Club I would like to wish you and your family a very healthy, loving and prosperous New Year. Softball season has passed. There weren't many wins, only bruised egos and a lot of fun. There is always next year. Thanks Perry Weyser for putting this together.

We recently had a great time at our last Men's Club Meeting. We were able to have the meeting while sailing on the Navesink River. I don't think much was accomplished during the meeting but we all had a great time. I would like to thank Captain Talbot Pratt for the use of his boat.

The Men's Club sponsored "A Day at the Silverball Arcade," was a huge success. Family and friends flipped out (get it it's a pinball arcade) playing vintage arcade games while eating pizza. I would like to thank Bob Gabel for heading this event.

More great events are planned for the New Year.

The Men's Club will be putting up the Sukkah on October 5th and taking it down on October 19th. Since all male congregants are Men's Club Members, you are cordially invited to join in the fun. We will be meeting behind the temple at 8:30 am. Of course coffee and donuts will be provided. The Men's Club thought it would be nice to try something new this year. We will be having a pot luck dinner on Monday October 6th at 7:30pm in the Sukkah. The saying goes...."if you build it they will come". Well, we built it so how about coming. Bring enough food for 10-15 men (sorry this one is for the guys only).

I would also like to thank Perry Weyser. For the second year in a row he is responsible for getting and coordinating the Ushers for the High Holy Days.

This takes you through October. We are planning many more events during the course of the year. I will be posting them on the weekly and monthly bulletins as time goes on. I will also be sending out reminders via e-mail. If you are not on the Men's Club e-mail list contact me at mrt.brothers1@gmail.com.

Again, on behalf of the Men's Club, I am wishing you and your family a truly joyous New Year.

The Men's Club has no dues but relies on donations. If you wish to donate please send a check (made out to MRT Men's Club) to the temple at 332 Hance Ave Tinton Falls N.J. 07724



Men's Club Annual Sukkah Building & Takedown

Sunday, October 5th starting at 8:30am
Always a fun time!

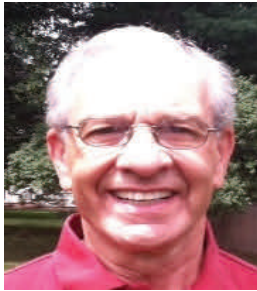
And when the holidays are over help us take it down
Sunday, October 19th at 9:30am
Donuts and Coffee will be provided

Men's Club Pot Luck Dinner in the Sukkah

Monday, October 6th at 7:30pm
Bring enough food for 10-15 men



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



This season, Gan Mazon is proud to have delivered **750 lbs.** between the non-sectarian pantries operated by the Jewish Family Service, Freehold, and the Jewish Family and Children's Service, Asbury Park.

Background: Before taking on directing Gan Mazon, I had romantic memories of my own 10 x 15 sq. ft. plot; growing vegetables for ten seasons for my family and neighbors was simply a good thing to do. Since I had never heard of a soil borne illness contracted from a home garden (nor have I till this day), vegetable growing was a labor intensive, satisfying hobby. Like most home gardeners, I remember encouraging my children to eat tomatoes, eggplant and squash knowing that no chemicals were introduced into the growing process. My family also had the childlike facination with the process of seeds maturing into nutritious, beautiful vegetables.

MRT'S Vegetable Garden: For those readers of my Gan Mazon articles in the past two Bulletins, directing our 2,000 sq. ft. garden has not been as smooth going as my home gardening memories suggest. The loss of a large portion of our initial planting to disease, a fallen tree, tomato blight and hungry deer have certainly removed the romanticism remembered from my small backyard plot. So now as the Gan Mazon Committee closes the garden for this season, plans for 2015 are already developing to avoid the problems mentioned.

It is true that everything begins with the soil. Samples from each of our two enclosures have been sent to the Rutgers Soil Laboratory for analysis to determine the garden's PH (measurement of soil acidity or alkalinity), the need for macronutrients (phosphorous, potassium, magnesium, and calcium), micronutrients (zinc, copper, manganese, boron, and iron), and fertilizer. The soil test also analyzes the compost and wood chips introduced into the Gan Mazon from outside sources. A separate test for lead is recommended for urban situations or where there is a known lead presence. A soil test is worthwhile for only \$20 when unusual situations arise in flower landscapes, vegetable gardens or lawns that cannot be attributed to specific diseases or insect infestations.

The encroachment of deer can be controlled. Additional green, rust proof metal



poles and galvanized chicken wire will be added to the existing fencing. The blurry photo on the right was taken of a deer prancing between the two garden plots. (Notice that I was in my car waiting for it to leave the area.)



OPTIMISTIC: Our committee provided 750 lbs. of excellent produce to people appreciative of our efforts. We identified with the Jewish tradition of Tikun Olam, repairing the world, and supported the social action mission of Monmouth Reform Temple.

If I can assist any member with gardening issues please do not hesitate to contact me. The Master Gardener Association of Monmouth County exists to aid the home gardener.

L'Shanah Torah,
Christine Gold, Nicholas Gold, Marcia Horn, Judy Rivkin, Susan St. Lifer and David Levinsky

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Steve Simon and Pam Lauber on the loss of his mother, Thelma Simon
- Monica and Jay Feigus on the loss of her grandmother, Anna Jarvis
- Karen Kahn on the loss of her grandmother, Dorothy Merchasin



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.*

October Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)**Names to be Read on Friday, October 3rd (Services at 7:45pm)**

Irene Baderman, Geri Bernard, Arnold Burns, *Stanley Familant, Babette Kaltenbacher Flaum, Florence Ganz, *Frances Gettelson, *Herbert Ginzburg, Ruth Goldenberg, Manley Gutterman, Abraham Hirsh Goldenberg, Murray Horowitz, *Ludwig L. Jacobi, Renee Kaye, *Henry Kipnis, Justine Klein, Edward Leimberg

Names to be Read on Friday, October 10th (Services at 6pm)

*Louis Feinman, Charles Michael Ferraro, Sadie Finkelstein, Heinz Guenzburger, Betty Henken, Rose Hoffman, *Martha S. Kaufmann, Richard Kaye, *Suzanne Kretzmer, *Miriam Kridel, Lynn Lowenstein, Frances McNew, Paul Rapisardi, Reba Resnick, Jacob Saperstein, Bernice Spiegelman, Ezra Ure

Names to be Read on Friday, October 17th (Services at 7pm)

*Harry Braunstein, *Ruth Brenner, Maxine Byck, Karen Lynn Ciorciari, Bernard Cohen, Jim Cook, Luise Davidson, Eric Davis, John Clifford Devine, *Adam Diller, Theodore Ferencz, Frederick Jones, William I. Klatsky, Arthur Mrozek, *Gerald G. Silverman, David Weiner, *Murray Weiss, Murray Wenig

Names to be Read on Friday, October 24th (Services at 7pm)

*Philip Alter, *Leo Bernstein, *Sandy Brandwene, *Samuel George Coppersmith, *Harry Fryman, Irving Greenberg, Alexander Grieco, Lawrence Hoffman, *Henry Jacobi, Samuel Kramer, Samuel Kramer, *Joan Lansky, Sylvia Leimberg, Mildred Melnick, Clara Miller, Sheila C. Newell, Madlyn Rickard, *Frieda Sapozhnikova, Carolyn Schindler, Charles Schleifer, Mildred Solomon, Ruth Teitelbaum Failer, *George Weinberg, *Tess Weiss

Names to be Read on Friday, October 31st (Services at 7pm)

Lola Baum, *Bertha Bregman, Jess Cohen, Sally T. Frankel, Amy Gaines, *Frances Litthauer Goldstein, Ruth Greenwald, Lenny Horowitz, *Becky Jaffe, Dr. Bertram Kaswiner, *Maurice Meyer, *Fanny Obstgarten, John Pedro, Bernard Peskoe, Polina Plaksina, Elaine Sherman, Fanny Silverman, Molly Stark, Ida Steinberger, *Emily Talberth, William Wrigley

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In Memory Of:

Al Goldstein

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In Honor Of:

Our son Jeremy singing at Shabbat Services on July 25

Ellen and Jay Goldberg

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Our son Joshua's college graduation
Sheila and Zach Gilstein

Cantor's Fund

In Honor Of:

Bev and Mark Gruensfelder on the birth of their grandson Cole Maddox

MRT Choir, Ellen Rubinstein and Ernest Guenzburger, Sheila and Jim Leavitt

Our son Zachary's Bar Mitzvah

Lisa and Robert Sussman

Our daughter Devyn's Bat Mitzvah

Dari and Stephen Kennedy

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In Memory Of:

Stacey Mira Bassin

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Dee Kaplan

Charles Cooper

Judith Cooper

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Jill and Harmon Butler

Gloria St. Lifer

Susan and Bob St. Lifer

In Honor Of:

My son Danny for his music at Shabbat Services on September 5th

Karen Kahn

Arts and Decorations Fund

In Honor Of:

Bonnie and Ron Klein on celebrating their special anniversary

Ellen Rubinstein and Ernest Guenzburger

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In Honor Of:

Elaine Espey and Herb Sorkin on the marriages of their granddaughters Crystal to David and Leslie to Dan

Barbara and Barry Miller

Kay and Jay Wiesenfeld on the birth of their grandson Sebastian

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Sheila Leavitt for leading the July 25th Shabbat Service

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MRT Vision, Mission, Values (approved at August 20th Board Meeting)***Vision***

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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.

October 2014

For the most up-to-date information: www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Thank you....</p> <p>When attending services and all other events at MRT remember that people around you are sensitive to sound, scent, and distraction.</p> <p>Please always enjoy being here in ways that help others enjoy being here, too.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>4pm Religious School 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 7:45pm Kol Nidre Services</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Yom Kippur morning 2pm Children/Fam 3pm Afternoon Study 4:45pm Yizkor and Neilah</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Sukkah Blding 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels & Blocks</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:15pm Sis Book Club 7:30pm Men's Club Pot Luck in Sukkah</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4pm Religious School Sundaes in the Sukkah</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed 6:30am Sunrise Festival Service 6:30pm Sis in the Sukkah</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am Shabbat @ Kensington 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 6pm Shabbat Services with Pot Luck Sukkah Dinner</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 5-7 Havdallah in Rabbi and Lori's Sukkah</p>
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