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

## Schedule of Services January 2015

### Friday, January 2

6pm Shabbat Services  
Musical Accompaniment by Lori Bernard & Julia Feigus

### Friday, January 9



5:30pm PreOneg sponsored by 7th grade  
6pm Shabbat Services with Shir Chadash Band

Pot Luck Dinner follows

Please bring enough for 10-12 people  
A-F Pasta/Chicken G-L Salad M-Z Pasta/Chicken

### Friday, January 16

#### MLK WEEKEND

7pm Shabbat Services  
Special Guest Speaker:  
Pastor Terrence Porter

### Friday, January 23rd

7pm Shabbat Services

### Friday, January 30th

7pm Shabbat Services  
MRTSY Shabbat

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

Thank you....

When attending services and all other events at MRT remember that people around you are sensitive to sound, scent, and distraction.

Please always enjoy being here in ways that help others enjoy being here, too.

Congregants and their guests are welcome  
Must be 21 or older  
Appetizers and beer for only \$10.00  
50/50 raffle  
Event proceeds will go to Baldwin Davidson Fund  
RSVP: MRT.Brothers1@gmail.com  
By Jan. 3rd

**Rabbi Kline and Cantor Clissold**
  
**wish you a safe and peaceful winter break!**

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

This past month, MRT celebrated the installation of Rabbi Kline as our congregation's tenth rabbi. As we have already seen in his rabbinate at MRT, among other abilities, Rabbi Kline brings wonderful passion and special talent to building and strengthening relationships within our temple family and with our wider community. As we celebrate our rabbi's installation, it is important to note that this marks a transitional event for MRT, from which we will work in partnership with our clergy as we move to the future.

During the past few years, we have recognized that, as a congregation, we need to look at the future proactively. We created the ATID Task Force (Atid is Hebrew for the future), which created a set of vision, mission, and values for MRT that we adopted. The ATID task force also made suggestions for how to begin the implementation of our vision, mission, and values. We are poised ....

One of the honored guests at our installation service was Rabbi Danny Frelander. Currently the President of the World Union of Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), Rabbi Frelander is a noted composer and song-writer of Jewish music and has also been a long serving leader of the URJ. In his roles there and at WUPJ, he has been involved in examining the state of Reform congregations and has also led many workshops for leaders of the Reform community (including at the Scheidt Seminar for incoming temple presidents, which I attended in 2013). Before the Friday Installation service, Rabbi Frelander led a workshop for members of the MRT Board who were able to attend on Friday afternoon.

In the workshop, Rabbi Frelander guided the attendees through the evolution of Reform congregations in America. He defined three versions: Version 1 (V1), 1840 - ~1940; Version 2 (V2), post World War II to ~2000; and Version 3 (V3), now and going forward. MRT was founded in the midst of the V2 congregational model and our history fits well with that model. We looked at changes between the versions in demography, spirituality, and models for financing the congregation; other important areas were noted but not discussed because of time limitations. There are significant differences between congregations in V1 and V2, and there will again be significant changes moving to V3. We are living in the midst of change as a world and society, which affects us as a people, religion, movement, and congregation. As an example, the recent Pew report on Judaism in America noted that younger Jews do not feel compelled to join congregations (a key feature of V2), although they do look for meaning in community. Exactly what we will become as we move through change is difficult to know—it is always difficult to understand where change will lead ultimately when one is in the middle of it. We will require new approaches and experimentation. But, as we move forward and into V3, it is clear that connections and relationships will form a strong foundation on which to build. We must continue to engage and nurture relationships.

The Board will begin to address these issues in our meetings this year. This is a long process, but it is apparent to me that MRT has the foundation for a compelling, strong future.

As we move forward, I invite you to nurture your relationships and engage. We have many needs and opportunities, for single projects, task forces, events, groups, and committees. Please contact me, a Board member, or the office with your interest. I look forward to moving ahead together.

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

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of December 17, 2014 and would like to acknowledge positive happenings within our congregation.

This month, Rabbi Kline was installed as our Rabbi. The celebration was beautiful and meaningful. With so many people to thank for helping it is impossible to do in this short article, but you all know who you are. The celebration had many highlights, including a Visual T'Fillah Shabbat Service followed by a delicious Oneg. On Saturday we had a morning of Torah study and an afternoon Shabbaton with family Hanukah activities, followed by a fantastic evening musical concert by Beth Schafer. As a keepsake for the occasion, Rabbi Kline was presented with a beautiful, hand-made wooden box filled with blessings from our congregation. In other news, we had rap artist Ari Lesser entertain us. We began to celebrate Hanukah with the spinning of a five foot dreidel and children making menorah's out of granite. Sisterhood gathered for a movie night and has begun to prepare for our Hanukah dinner. We have over 143 confirmed reservations so far. We had our third session of leadership in training this month. We have started to upgrade our social media presence on the web.

The Board continued its discussion on best practices for staying in touch with members of our congregation. This past year, Board members made phone calls to every congregant to offer High Holy Day greetings and to encourage more participation in our Temple, as well as another call during a phonathon to support the High Holy Days Appeal. Board members generally felt these were positive experiences and the feedback from congregants indicates these calls are appreciated. The Board would like to add additional telephone communications to every congregant, including acknowledging special events such as birthdays and anniversaries.

Rabbi Dan Frelander, who was a guest at Rabbi Kline's installation, held a workshop for Board members. He discussed how Reform Congregations have gone through many changes over the past 150 years. This is very important to our Board's discussions on how to stay relevant to our congregation's needs. While some issues remain the same, changes in social structure and communication technology have changed the way congregations remain a cohesive group. Our Board is working hard to meet the needs of our congregation and Rabbi Frelander's workshop was very helpful.

Rabbi Kline expressed his thanks for himself and his family for all of the work that was put into his Installation Weekend. He was truly moved by everything. He also wanted to report that he is participating in a ARZA CCAR Leadership trip to Israel in 2015. The Rabbi wants to remind the congregation that the World Zionist Congregation Elections are coming soon. And if you have a little extra time, his Sunday afternoon discussion group at No Joe's coffee shop in Red Bank is growing.

The Membership Committee reported that several more new families have started to discuss joining us and the Board did vote to add one new family to MRT this month. The committee also reported we had one family resign because they are moving away from Monmouth County.

The Finance Committee reported that it is beginning to assemble the 2015-2016 budget and so will begin with input from the various committee chairs. Discussion of alternative dues structures, if beneficial, will take place in this committee after the current budget cycle.

The Transition-In committee did not have a formal report at this meeting, but the Board wants to thank Karen Levinsky and Karen Seligman, who chaired the committee, as well as all the members for the tremendous job they did for the installation of Rabbi Kline and in arranging meet-and-greet sessions.

The High Holy Day Appeal reported that we are now at \$29,256 toward our goal of \$35,000. 111 families have contributed and they hope that if you have not contributed yet, you will to help us reach our goal.

The Capital Task Force held its first meeting this month to begin to discuss how to prioritize our capital expenditures. The Membership Role Policy Task Force has filled its membership and will be meeting soon. The Fundraising Task Force is currently filling its membership.

The Board reviewed the finances for the Temple to date and found thins are in line with our budget.

In his President's report, Jay Wiesenfeld told the Board that we had a very meaningful and heartwarming Thanksgiving service with the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury.

**Jewish Belief And the Meaning Of Life**  
**Once a month on Sundays 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**First meeting: January 25th in the Library**

This discussion group is designed to help us come to a better understanding of some big basic questions about being Jewish in the modern world. It is organized around 7 basic topics that I think are fundamental to how we think of ourselves in relation to being Jewish and in several cases, how we think about our lives in general. In particular the topics are:

1. The Bible: History or mythology?
2. The whether and what of God.
3. Why am I Jewish?
4. Why be moral?
5. What is the meaning of life?
6. How do I think about death?
7. What is the role of the Jewish service in promoting Jewish spirituality?

The group will meet once a month and each month a new discussion topic will be introduced. Some fascinating information on the topic will be presented along with some engaging experiential exercises. With topics like these, lively discussion is sure to follow. There is noneed to prepare or read anything in advance. Just bring an open mind and a willingness toengage in thought provoking discussion.

The first group will be on January 25th in the temple library between 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM.

We will discuss some basic questions about the Torah and the Bible. How much of the Pentateuch represents historical fact and how much of it is a story made up by individuals living in a particular time and place who were trying to accomplish something in their ancient society? If the patriarchs and matriarchs were not historical figures, does this change how we think about such prayers as the Amidah where they are mentioned by name? And what about Moses and the Exodus? What if it never happened? Does the celebration of Passover depend on certain historical events having taken place and certain individuals being real historical figures? Or does the meaning of story transcend the facts on the ground?

For more information please contact Elliott Familant at [efamilant@gmail.com](mailto:efamilant@gmail.com).

**From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal**



We enjoyed all our Chanukah celebrations at MRT. Toda rabba to our talented seventh graders and Morah Judy for the wonderful Chanukah play. Thanks to our Mitzvah Academy students and madrichim for running our Chanukah activity stations. Thank you all for giving so generously and bringing light to the lives of needy children. All the toys collected were sent to Toys for Tots . Our students also made Holiday cards which were given out at Princeton Hospital.

We look forward to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade PACT program on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:00.

We have made a change in the way we will communicate with you about your child’s progress. In lieu of the first report card, teachers will call parents by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015. This way you can have a conversation about your child.

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> after school. We will be contacting you to ask if you would like to schedule a conference. We will provide lunch and activities for your children during conferences.

In early February, we will celebrate Tu B’Shevat, the New Year of the trees. This holiday is all about Tikkun Olam, being partners with God in taking care

of our planet. It is a great time to teach children about conservation, preservation and recycling. It is also an important time to teach about our connection to the Land of Israel. Jews around the world celebrate Tu B’Shevat by having Tu B’Shevat seders, eating the seven species mentioned in the Torah and by planting trees in Israel through the JNF.

Tree planting forms will be sent home in January and we hope you will do this important mitzvah. You can plant a tree to honor someone or in memory of someone.

Have a happy, healthy and safe winter break,  
Vera Galleid.

**MRT Intergenerational Theater Trip to NYC**  
**SOUL DOCTOR**  
**Sunday, January 11th—afternoon performance**  
**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

Tickets are \$50 per person and we are hoping to follow the show with a meet and greet with the actors.

Please email me if you are interested...or drop off a check into the office.

See you on Broadway!!!

Helene

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[Click here for info on Soul Doctor](#)





The MRT Shabbat Kallah  
Relationships, Power, & Sex: A Jewish Perspective

February 7, 2015

Study & Discussions (including Lunch!)

with Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

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

Shabbat Kallah with Rabbi Scheinerman topics:

"Getting Relationships Right: Can Leaders Play Nicely in the Sandbox?"

The relationship between Moses and Jethro is wonderful. And it's an anomaly. Competition, ideology, ignited tempers, conspiracy are not unique to 21st Century American politics; the rabbis faced them in the House of Study long ago. What wisdom can we glean for our own time and our own communities?

LUNCH

"Jews and Power: Having it, Wanting it, and Using it"

We Jews have long had an ambivalent relationship with power. Our early biblical heroes were strong, robust and imbued with power. Yet our religious narratives tell us we began as slaves. Many of our festivals encapsulate our ambivalence about power and powerlessness. Today with Israel the conversation continues. What does it mean to have an exert power? What is the Jewish way to exercise power?

"Gender, Sex & Sexuality: The Good, The Bad, The Funny, and the Funnier"

What does our tradition say about sex, gender and sexuality? Neither Torah nor Talmud are shy about the topic. While Torah lays the groundwork, our Sages further the discussion in directions that may surprise, delight and shock you. Find out what the Talmud REALLY says.

Do you love books? Do you like to decorate? We need your help in renovating the MRT Library. A brief task force will work to re-imagine how the room is used by all of us. Please contact the temple office or Margie Wold, [woldiem@aol.com](mailto:woldiem@aol.com), [732-241-9941](tel:732-241-9941), to be a part of this new and exciting effort.

**From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson**

“Live for yourself and you will live in vain. Live for others and you will live again.” \* Bob Marley

Last summer there were several funerals in Israel for Lone Soldiers. When Israel entered Gaza, in response to continuous firing of rockets, despite the agreed upon cease fire, there were many young American citizens who had joined the Israeli army, the IDF (Israel Defense Force) prior to the war and had completed their training .

One young man whose family lives in Texas was an avid fan of the Haifa soccer team but he was in Israel to fight with the army, not to watch a soccer game. During his mission, he was killed. Members of the soccer team heard of his fate and posted the loss on social media. The funeral would take place 24 hours later and this young man was in Israel without family, a Lone Soldier. 17,000 people attended his funeral.

A few days later, Max Steinberg, age 24, also a Lone Soldier , joining the forces as a sharp shooter, would be buried. His family lives in Los Angeles. As reported by my son Richard, living in Israel, an Israeli phenomenon then occurred . The day after news spread that Max, a Lone Soldier, had been killed, Richard boarded the local train heading for Mt. Herzl where the funeral would be held. At each train stop, more and more people boarded until, by the 4th stop, there was no room on the train. The riders were of all stripes, Jews representing the entire spectrum of religious observance, or the lack thereof, every color, any style, all ages. The streets were filled with folks going to the funeral wearing flip-flops, tank tops, all manor of ordinary clothing. Streams of people walked quietly toward the designated area. At the gates of the cemetery, soldiers handed out leaflets telling folks what to do in case an air raid siren were to sound.

A speaker system was set up so that all could hear words spoken by Chief Rabbi of the Army, Rafi Peretz, who spoke in Hebrew. Max’s parents had been flown to Israel along with his younger brother and his sister by the Lone Soldier Association. The family was overwhelmed by the reception they received at the airport. Both parents spoke at the funeral and thanked the Army and all Israelis for their compassionate honoring of their son. Members of Knesset spoke, many in English, using a mixture of Biblical quotes and references to Bob Marley. Max loved Bob Marley. Michael Oren, former Israeli Ambassador to the United States spoke. There was not a sound from the crowd of 30,000 people, most of whom only knew Max as a Lone Soldier who had come to the defense of their country voluntarily. There was no messaging, no photos, just silence as they stood in the blazing hot sun. Volunteers from Magen David Adom distributed bottles of water . The Steinbergs are not a religious family. Max had gone on a Birthright trip and had fallen in love with Israel. Later the same day, two other Lone Soldiers were buried , Moshe Malko, an Ethiopian and Demitri Levitas, Russian.

The phenomenon is the sense of unity in Israeli society when these tragedies occur. So often we read of conflict between different groups in Israel but there is a deep and unwavering sense of togetherness, of oneness at certain moments in the life of all Israelis.

**Lobby Tzedakah Box January 2015**  
**Friends of the IDF**  
**Co-sponsors: Bob and Susan St. Lifer**

FIDF initiates and helps support educational, social, cultural, and recreational programs & facilities for the young men and women soldiers of Israel who defend the Jewish homeland.

FIDF also supports the families of fallen soldiers.

## SAVE THE DATE! Mitzvah Day—Plans already underway for Sunday, May 17th

A favorite tradition at Monmouth Reform Temple is back! Mitzvah Day has a long history at MRT involving ALL congregants in a day of giving back to the community as well as the needs of our own synagogue. Dean Ross is steering a committee of enthusiastic volunteers to make this happen but we need everyone's help. We have already met twice but we welcome anyone and everyone to join us at our next meeting **Sunday January 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the MRT Library.**

Some ideas for Mitzvah Day include: a beach clean-up; helping with Sea Bright Rising; yardwork and house clean-ups for our elderly or infirm congregants; hospital caring work via MRT Caring Community; knitting circles for pediatric wards; blood wagon donations; Ronald McDonald House crafts by the kids; garden work; prayer book repair; "good neighbors" seeing if the church next door needs help; Boscovs Charity Days, etc. YOUR ideas are welcome and needed!

The day will begin with a brief service and music and culminate with an outdoor BBQ including live music.

### The last day of religious school is still May 17 but will incorporate Mitzvah Day.

A Social Action Shabbat service will be Friday, February 20, 2015. We need help in planning that service including those wanting to speak about Social Action and Mitzvah Day in particular.

Please know that if you are unable to attend Mitzvah Day on May 17, your help is appreciated and needed in the months before the day of programming. Among the needs are:

- Publicity
- BBQ and Refreshments
- Music
- Committee heads and committee members

Contact either Dean Ross ([dmshoppe@aol.com](mailto:dmshoppe@aol.com)), 732-610-5795 or Margie Wold ([woldiem@aol.com](mailto:woldiem@aol.com)) 732-241-9941 for more information.



### Movie Night – Feb 7th

Doors open at 6:00pm

Movie starts at 6:30pm

Refreshments will be served

**Tennis Social -Feb 21st**  
Colts Neck Racquet Club  
More info to come soon





**THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Robert and Jennifer Olan on the loss of his father, Michael
- Jim Halpern on the loss of his stepfather Albert Shapiro
- Amy and Michael Unterman on the loss of her father Howard Israel Strauss



*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.

January Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, January 2nd (Services at 6pm)

\*Samuel Avrin, Lillian Rifkin, Herman Wilk, \*Baldwin Davidson, Sylvia Davis, Herbert Friend, Evelyn Anna, Roe Gilstein, Alice McDermott-Pitchell, Joseph Weisfogel, George Brandwene, Harold Rubin, Fanny Bogdonoff, Sam Auerbach, Dorothy Eleanor Grauer, Eva Bernstein, Fred Kardos, Jordan Matthew Levinsky, Rose Rosen, Betty Goodstein, Arthur Hayet, Irving Priesand, \*Sylvia Shertzer, Irving Weiner

Names to be Read on Friday, January 9th (Services at 6pm)

Richard Gaudette, Sal Katz, Betty Rivkin, Martin Ross, \*Bernice Schneider, Louis M. Smith, \*Murray Zatt, Ruth Bernstein, Rose Bette Kosberg Brinkmann, Irving Llyon Chanenson, \*David Sandman, Leonard Bleetstein, Robert Davidson, Saul Dersh, Nathan Lewis Franklin, Else Graupe, \*Lora G. Miller, \*Delores Phillips, Henry Civins, Harold Grauer, Leon Kornbluth, \*Dora Solomon, Maurice Solomon, \*Dorothy Woolf, Josiah Eugene Chess, \*John J. Singer, \*Jean Yagoda, Charles Mindel

Names to be Read on Friday, January 16th (Services at 7pm)

\*Abraham W. Miller, Lena Mozer, \*Aaron Risick, David Moss, Aaron Bernstein, Janet Nussbaum, Manuel Unterman, \*Philip Finebloom, \*Herman Kahn, Helen Kahn, Angela Malek, Earl H. Priesand, Stella Seligman, \*Esther Bregman, \*Joan Goodman, \*Harry Greenfield, Louis Horn, \*Ben Lite, \*Ruth Stark, \*Sadie Strominger, \*Jules R. Huber, \*Adelaide Meyer, \*George Silver, Howard Teitelbaum, Irving Bogdonoff, Mae Kaplan, \*Samuel Morse, Charles Ostroff, Philip Schiller, Michael Sporn

Names to be Read on Friday, January 23rd (Services at 7pm)

Beatrice Cohen, \*Simon Goldsmith, Harriet Phyllis Herman, Emanuel Marks, \*Carl Singer, Philip Ciorciari Sr., Ziskin Flaum, \*Jacob Lehrer, Ida Levin, Lillian Atlas, \*Raymond Klein, \*Nathan Marx, Delia McDermott, \*Eleanor Peskoe, Josephine Tesoriero, \*Louis Hershey, Joseph Moskowitz, Lori Pudles, Allan Shechet, Malvina Elenbogen, \*Michael Katz, Henry Miller

Names to be Read on Friday, January 30th (Services at 7pm)

\*Herbert Halpern, Inez Kargon, Max Rosenweig, \*Tillie Schneider, Jesse Sklarin, \*Fred Straus, Hilda G. Conklin, Tillie Greenberg, \*Esther Kesselman, Ronald Lipsky, Inez Rickard, Ruth Safran, \*D. Gloria Salomon, \*Florence Cohen, \*Shirley Zeitlin Gardy, \*Minnie Greenfield, Lillian Morrison, \*Philip Samo, Beatrice Tobin, \*Martin L. Wachtel, Frances Cole, Nina Etkin Ross, \*Vallie Marks, \*Max Mausner, \*Harry Obstgarten, Raymond Johnson, \*Simie Nusbaum, \*Clara Offenhenden, Leonore Rosen, Max Rosen, Freda Schneider, \*James Abis, Irving Burdas, William Calderwood, Bernice Horowitz, Clara Lipsky, Norma Shechet, Morris Bernstein, Stanley Britzman, \*Julius Fox, Benjamin Frankel, Dr. Paul B. Lerner, Sylvia Moss, Anne Sillen, Marjorie Sternberg

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In Honor Of:

Rabbi Kline and Lori's Anniversary  
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In Memory Of:

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Maureen Welton, Stephanie and  
Lloyd Fitzsimmons

In Honor Of:

Sharyn and Dean Ross on the birth of your  
granddaughter Sariah  
Alice Berman  
Our daughter Jackie's Bat Mitzvah  
Julie and Van Shell

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In Memory Of:

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In Memory Of:

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In Memory Of:

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The Leifman Family

**Adam Greenfield Religious School Fund**

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Debbie and Robert Weissman

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In Memory Of:

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Kay and Jay Wiesenfeld

**Youth Group Fund**

In Memory Of:

Frank Welton  
Karen and David Levinsky



Photos from Installation courtesy of Sue Barr

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

OPEN DOORS -- OPEN MINDS

*Monmouth Reform Temple – Our Spiritual Community-Where We Nurture Meaning in Our Lives*

***Mission***

- ***We are an inclusive community where creativity and openness to new ideas harmonize with the traditions of Reform Judaism.*** For all ages we provide multiple pathways to spiritual growth and lifelong learning.
- ***We seek to be inspired and to inspire each other in a spiritual journey.*** We engage in joyful, participatory, musical and meaningful experiences.
- ***We build communities of enduring relationships that nourish commitment to each other and to Judaism.*** We are a source of strength to one another as we share the joys and challenges of our lives.
- ***By speaking out and taking action, we seek to improve the quality of human existence and help heal our world.*** As we work together we create a Jewish presence in the community.
- ***We create opportunities for individuals and families to study and learn together.*** We enable members to learn about and connect with the evolving relevance of Judaism in our lives.
- ***We affirm our continuing support of Israel.*** We understand that to be a Jew is to be a part of the extended Jewish family.
- ***Each of us is a steward of MRT's financial, physical and human resources.*** This includes our temple's good name.

***Values***

***In all aspects of temple life - spiritual, educational and social – these values are our common bond and support our common effort:***

***Spirituality***

We are guided by Torah as we strive to live ethical lives. In search of spiritual and intellectual nourishment, we become aware of a sense of wonder, amazement and being in God's presence. Our deeds reflect our gratitude for the gift of life and its blessings.

***Respect***

In all our relationships we treat each other in a way that preserves individual dignity and welcomes new ideas. Courtesy, directness, and openness to others will guide our interactions and demonstrate our trustworthiness.

***Inclusiveness***

We welcome all who choose to embrace Judaism in their lives and homes, regardless of background. As builders of community, we care about each other in all our diversity.

***Lifelong Learning***

MRT is a center of life-long learning, where we search for meaning, we study, we question, and we seek the sacred. Learning enables us all to progress from knowledge to commitment to action.

***Engagement***

In partnership with clergy and staff, we count on our members to contribute their talents, resources and energy to ensure the vitality of MRT's community. We depend on our members to be informed and participate in decision-making.

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# January 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE 332 Hance Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724 732-747-9365 <a href="http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org">www.monmouthreformtemple.org</a></p>		 <p>Member of the Union for Reform Judaism</p>		<p><b>1</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1pm Office Closing 6pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9am Shabbat Services &amp; Torah Study</p>
<p><b>4</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels &amp; Blocks</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:45am Study Group</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4pm Religious School 6pm Youth Committee 7pm Sr. Youth</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7pm Membership Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 5:30pm 7th Grade pre-neg 6pm Service followed by Pot Luck</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9am Shabbat Services &amp; Torah Study 7pm Sr. Youth Snow Ball 7:30pm Men's Club Beerfest</p>
<p><b>11</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am 5th grade PACT 9:30am Rel Ed 11:30am Mitzvah Day</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid Society 7:15pm Exec Board</p>	<p><b>14</b> 4pm Religious School 7pm Adult Ed 7pm Sr. Youth</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 7pm Shabbat Services with Guest Speaker for MLK</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9am Shabbat Services &amp; Torah Study</p>
<p><b>18</b> No Religious School</p>	<p><b>19</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>20</b> NO Study Group 7:15pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>21</b> 4pm Religious School</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:15pm Out and About with Sis</p>	<p><b>23</b> 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 3:30pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 7pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9am Shabbat Services &amp; Torah Study</p>
<p><b>25</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Sis Meet &amp; Greet 9:45am LDT 4 7pm Jewish Belief</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> NO Study Group</p>	<p><b>28</b> 4pm Religious School 7pm Sr. Youth</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 7pm Shabbat Services With MRTSY</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9am Shabbat Services &amp; Torah Study</p>





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