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The More Torah, The More Life
מרבֿה תורה, מרבֿה חיים

OPEN DOORS
OPEN MINDS

Schedule of Services March 2015



Friday, March 6th

5:30pm PreOneg sponsored by 3rd Grade
6pm Shabbat Services with Shir Chadash
Band

Pot Luck Dinner follows

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

Saturday, March 7th

10am Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Howard

Friday, March 13th

7pm K/1 Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 14th

10am Bat Mitzvah of Madison Lubin

Friday, March 20th

7pm Shabbat Services
SPRING VISUAL T'FILAH

Saturday, March 21st

10am Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Feiler

Friday, March 27th

7pm Shabbat Services

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.

Purim is here...with
something for
everyone!

פּוּרִים!

PURIM CARNIVAL

sponsored by
The MRT Youth Groups

Sunday, March 1
11:30am-1:30pm

\$10 for 20 tickets
\$15 for 40 tickets
\$20 for unlimited

Awesome Games & Prizes
Pie Eating Contest
Rabbi vs. Cantor Pie-off
MRTSY vs. MRTSY Pie-off

Costume Parade so Wear a Costume!
Take a Break from the fun
and purchase some Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, and more!

Congregational Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30pm
Bring a box of pasta to use as a grogger!
It will be donated to Lunch Break.

You have Shalach Manot!

Stop by MRT during office
hours or any Purim event and
pick up your Shalach Manot
box.

Purim On the Roof

**A Night of Food, Fun,
Laughter,**

Entertainment and Karaoke
Saturday evening, March 7th

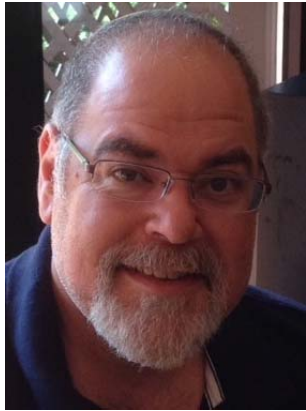
6:15pm Pre-shpiel wine and cheese
7pm Megillah on the Roof Shpiel
Post Shpiel Light Dinner, Cocktails and
Karaoke

Bring a box of pasta to use as a grogger!
It will be donated to Lunch Break.
Light supper provided by Sisterhood
If you are staying for dinner please bring a
side or salad to share.

Rsvp:

Sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org

From Rabbi Marc Kline



Purim is now behind us, and our sights are set on Pesakh (Passover). Every year I wonder about ways in which we can celebrate this holiday differently. Don't get me wrong, this is a huge piece of our tradition. I just wonder how we can tell the story a little differently... more meaningfully ... than in the past. Why do we need to do the Seder? What do our children get from this meal that takes forever (besides \$5.00 after finding the dessert matzah hidden behind some piece of furniture)? It is wonderful for families and friends to gather, but the gathering is only part of the equation. We are supposed to be relevant in the real world, and yet, we spend this evening talking about things that may or may not have happened three thousand years ago. Were that not enough, we have to go the next seven or eight days not eating anything leavened. Ok, some of the Passover cake mixes are good, but don't let a Passover bagel get anywhere near my doorstep. Of course, there is something wrong with the whole notion that I can

make pretend foods to replace the real foods that I have committed not to eat. If cake is not appropriate food for the holiday, then are we really observing it when we change the recipe to use potato flour instead of wheat and more eggs instead of yeast? All of this is enough to make people scratch their heads and ask, "Why worry at all?"

In each generation, we have worked at finding new ways in which to make Seder and the whole Passover holiday relevant. Manischewitz and their colleagues made a fortune helping accommodate the holiday to our inability to "Just say 'NO!'" to real desserts. This allowed more people to feel less compromised in observing the holiday. In doing so, I wonder how much they compromised the holiday. Now, I am certainly not the kosher police and do not keep anything related to an orthodox standard kosher diet, but we certainly have made the holiday all about the food. If the brisket is tough, the Seder was a failure.

Here is what I know: there is more to life than moist brisket and we certainly can go one week without brownies (since we probably eat more desserts during Passover than during the rest of the year). I also know that the story and lessons of the struggle for freedom depicted in the Haggadah is hardly unique to the event around which the holiday is based.

Last week, I watched the movie "Selma," and recalled an American history that saw this nation of freedom oppressing its own. I will bet that more people died at the hands of racism than died on account of the whips of Pharaoh. We have populations all over the world held hostage to their own governments and their hostile international neighbors. We have people oppressed by their own fear of engaging the world, their debilitating illnesses, or their impoverished lives. Passover should be the most relevant holiday on our calendar. (Get ready for my blasphemy) It should really not matter what one eats during the holiday if one commits to sharing the taste of freedom with those who suffer oppression. We should be more concerned with bringing food to the hungry than we are with whether or not our Seder dinner met high culinary standards.

Maimonides taught us always to welcome at least one stranger to our Seder table. For many, it is a friend, relative, or some non-Jewish person who wants to share in the experience. At the bare minimum, we welcome the prophets Elijah and Miriam to our table hoping to garner the strength and faith of the ages to help us heal the world. We often forget that their presence pushes us to end our Seder and commit to using their strength and legacy to then do the healing work. The Seder is the introduction to the holiday, not the focus or purpose of it.

We have some great folks here who do amazing things. Our membership fills our calendar with opportunities to make Passover real, every day; not just for the days of the holiday. Use the upcoming holiday as the springboard for joining the ranks of those who change the world. If you are already on that list, find a way to bring someone else along on the journey. Thank you MRT for the so many who live with one eye always firmly fixed on figuring out how we can do more and do it more effectively!

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Fiddler on the Roof is a musical with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and book by Joseph Stein, set in the Pale of Settlement of Imperial Russia in 1905. It is based on *Tevye and his Daughters and Other Tales* by Sholem Aleichem. The story centers on Tevye father of five daughters and his attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon the family's lives. He must cope both with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters, who wish to marry for love – each one's choice of a husband moves further away from the customs of his faith – and with the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their village.

The original Broadway production of the show, which opened in 1964, had the first musical theatre run in history to surpass 3,000 performances. *Fiddler* held the record for the longest-running Broadway musical for almost 10 years until *Grease* surpassed its run. It remains Broadway's sixteenth longest-running show in history. The production was extraordinarily profitable and highly acclaimed. It was nominated for ten Tony Awards, winning nine, including Best Musical, score, book, direction and choreography. It spawned four Broadway revivals and a highly successful 1971 film adaptation, and the show has enjoyed enduring international popularity. It is also a very popular choice for school and community productions.” (Thank you Wikipedia!)

At Monmouth Reform Temple you have just one chance to see another version of Sholem Aleichem's vision in ways I am sure he never imagined! The Congregational Megillah Reading is on Wednesday, March 4th from 5:30pm-6:15pm. And then on Saturday, March 7th our evening begins with some nibbles and then our show *Megillah on the Roof* at 7 pm. After the show stay for dinner! Come in your best shtetl dress and join in the pure fun of our Purim Shpiel. We have a great cast, terrific songs and wonderful choreography. Come watch us have so much fun!

Following the madness of Purim we have Passover. If you go to Shoprite in Marlboro you will see hamentaschen right next to matzah. (Oy vey-the bread of affliction!) Please keep an eye out to RSVP for the Women's Seder on March 22nd and the 2nd Night Congregational Seder on April 4th. Our next Visual T'fillah is on March 20th at 7 pm Shabbat services. I hope you can attend this truly creative worship experience that is one of the many special parts of MRT.

Chag Purim Sameach!

Are you a musician who enjoys sharing your talents with others?

We are seeking musical performers for Mitzvah Day on May 17th — teen and adult performers are welcome!

Over the next few months you will be hearing about opportunities to be part of Mitzvah Day. If you play a portable instrument and have a song or instrumental piece you enjoy performing please be in touch with Cantor Clissold so she can include you in our Mitzvah Day traveling musical troupe.

To discuss your participation please email cantorclissold@monmouthreformtemple.org



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



Many of the items I have written about in my bulletin articles relate to the report of the ATID Task Force, which was delivered to the Board in July, 2013. This task force, under the leadership of Joel Morgovsky and with the engagement of our congregational consultant, Dr. Michael Freidman, met between November 2012 and July 2013. The purpose of the Task Force was to examine the state of our congregation, listen to congregational values and aspirations, establish a vision for our congregation, and create a set of recommendations for the Board and congregation moving forward. The Vision-Mission-Values statements for our congregation were adopted by the Board in August, 2013, and are posted again in this bulletin on page 15.

It has now been 18 months since the report was presented to the Board. So, how well have we done in responding to and implementing suggestions from the report?

On February 5, Joel Morgovsky and I met with many members of the Atid Task Force to review the report from our current perspective. The notes from that meeting were given to the Board in preparation for a Board discussion to review the report, which was held at the Board meeting on February 17. The Board devoted more than half of its meeting to that review. Here are some highlights, arranged by sections in the report (if you would like a copy of the report, please request one from the Office):

Section I: Vision, Mission, and Values

- We have been referring to them in many places, and using them in some discussions, but could do more to increase their prominence and understanding. It would be very advantageous to fully energize a marketing committee, which includes internal communications.

Section II: Governance

- Communications between the Board and the congregation have been generally open and good. Various sessions to meet Board members were suggested in the reviews.
- There has not yet been a Constitution and Bylaws review, as recommended by Atid.
- In the President's February Bulletin article, I gave a brief description of the governance structure of MRT. We have recently created several task forces to deal with short-term, specific topics; the use of task forces was recommended in the report.
- The report recommended a Leadership Development Plan, to create "bench strength" of knowledgeable congregants prepared to contribute to MRT. In fact, we are currently halfway through our initial Leadership Development course (which resulted from a Leadership Development Task Force) with 20+ students.
- As recommended by the Atid Task Force, an active Human Resources Committee has been formed. The committee's role is to review our staff job descriptions, provide continuous feedback to our staff, provide performance reviews, and to be a confidential source for input and discussion of personnel issues that relate to our staff and our leaders. The current chair is Stu Tuchband, and members include Jay Feigus, Bonnie Klein, and Jay Wiesenfeld.

Section III: Building a Positive Culture at MRT

- Have we been living our Vision-Mission-Values? The reviews believe that we generally have. In many difficult discussions, the participants have treated all with respect, in accord with the notion that we are all created in the image of God. It is necessary to continue to engage with our Vision-Mission-Values and to use them for inspiration.
- The Atid report recommended that we continue to build our sense of community. We have done so in many ways (as I have written about in previous articles).
- Atid report recommended continuous feedback from the congregation by, for example, listening sessions. We have not had such sessions in the 18 months since the Board received the report, but the Board acknowledged that the implementation of the report was projected to take three years.

Section IV is an appendix with many suggestions for individual committees. Time at the Board meeting did not allow for a discussion of these. Many, but not all of the particular suggestions have in fact been followed.

So what is the conclusion from the reviews? The Atid report has given us a good framework and many good suggestions. We have made progress in our relationships and some of the structures. It is a good work in progress, with more to come.

Summary of February 17th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of February 17, 2015 and would like to acknowledge positive happenings within our congregation.

This has been a busy month for various Committees and Task Forces working on projects assigned by the Board of Trustees. Thank you to all our members who volunteer their time to complete the work required to keep programs at MRT moving forward.

This month, Cantor Clissold and the Shir Kaddish Band helped provide wonderful music at our First Friday Service. Our children enjoyed a movie night featuring Disney's Monsters' Inc. Our Temple celebrated Shabbat Kallah and was honored to have Rabbi Amy Scheinerman join us for Shabbat services and a day of study. Our Leadership Task Force has continued their progress in training our future leaders. Sisterhood had a chocolate party. They also held their semi-annual Sisterhood Board meeting. Our Ritual Committee is busy preparing for Purim and Passover. There will be a new member event at our Rabbi's home on Saturday February 28th. Our Men's Club and Sisterhood have contributed to Family Promise and we have over 30 members planning to attend the Family Promise Fundraising dinner on February 26th.

In early February, members of the Atid Task Force met to review the progress of MRT in response to the recommendations of its report, which was delivered to the Board in July, 2013. The notes from this February 2015 review were the basis for a Board discussion concerning the status and progress of our congregation in following the recommendations made by the ATID committee. The Board felt substantial progress has been made and also identified areas that still need to be implemented. The ATID committee's recommendations were to be implemented over a three year period, of which we have just completed 18 months.

The Board voted to approve the membership of one new family into our Congregation this month.

The Ritual Committee has asked the Chairperson of each Board Committee to help sign up members to participate in Shabbat Candle Lighting and Kiddush each Friday. If you would like to participate, please let our office know.

The Principal Search Committee has been organized, with Bonnie Klein as chair. Applications and postings are being prepared.

Mitzvah Day is Sunday, May 17th. This is a special day where members of our Congregation help others. There are many opportunities for participation. If you would like to help out, contact either Dean Ross, Chair of Mitzvah Day, or Margie Wold, VP over Social Action.

The Board approved the members of the Nominating Committee for next year's Officers and Trustees. The committee is chaired by Joel Morgovsky and has members Alice Berman, Stephanie Fizzsimmons, Monica Schneider-Brewer, and Lisa Sussman.

The Board reviewed our financial reports and we are within our budget.

Rabbi Kline told the Board about his trip to Israel. He explained to everyone the importance of voting in this year's World Zionist Elections. This organization controls resources for Jewish organizations throughout the world, and it is important that Reform Congregations are heard. It is likely that Rabbi Kline will be a delegate from ARZA to this year's convention. In addition, he has been asked by the principal of Red Bank Regional High School to participate on their diversity counsel.

Cantor Clissold reported our MRTSY teens led the Youth Group Shabbat service and hosted a Shul-In. They are now working on our Purim Carnival. On March 1st we will begin our Purim festivities at MRT with our religious school. Our 6th and 7th grades will perform a "Frozen" Purim and the Carnival will follow. On March 4th we will have our Megillah reading and on March 7th the MRT players will perform "Megillah On The Roof." Our next Visual T'fillah is on March 20th. We are having a Women's Seder at MRT on March 22nd. The first Seder this year is on Friday, April 3rd. We will have Shabbat services at MRT that night in such a way that people can get home to have their family Seder. The MRT community Seder is on a Saturday March 4th.

In his President's report, Jay Wiesenfeld told the Board that our Annual meeting has been rescheduled to May 3rd. Please mark this important event on your calendars. Board members will be calling all our members to wish them a Happy Passover.

From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal



Purim is a joyful holiday that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people in Persia where a plot had been formed by the wicked Haman to

destroy them. The story is recorded in the Scroll of Esther, Megillat Esther. Make this Purim a special one by celebrating it with your family and friends at MRT.

We celebrate Purim by doing four Mitzvot. We read the Megillah, a scroll containing the Book of Esther. Come to the Community Megillah Reading on Wednesday March 4th at 5:30pm. Come and see our Frozen Purim Shpiel led by our sixth and seventh graders on Sunday March 1st at 10:15 am. Attend the Adult Purim Shpiel, Purim on the Roof, which will be followed by an adult party.

The second mitzvah is the Purim

Seuda or festive meal on the day of Purim.

The third mitzvah is Shalach Manot, sending portions of food to family and friends. You can do this mitzvah through our MRT Sisterhood.

The fourth mitzvah is Matanot La'evyonim (Gifts to the Needy). This requires us to give to Tzedakkah to those less fortunate whose celebration and joy is diminished through poverty and need. Please bring boxes of pasta to use as groggers which we will donate to Lunch Break after Purim.

Please attend the MRTSY Purim Carnival on Sunday March 1st at 11:30 am. Parents should join us at 10:15 for our Frozen Purim Shpiel which will be followed by the Carnival. There will be games, prizes, food and fun. Please come in costume.

March Events:

March 1st – Bagels and Blocks. 10:15 Frozen Purim Shpiel. 11:30 - Carnival.

March 4th – 5:30 pm - Community Megillah Reading.

March 7th – Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Howard. Megillah on the Roof at 6:15 pm.

Friday March 13th - K-1 Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm.

Saturday March 14th – Bat Mitzvah of Madison Lubin.

Sunday March 15 – Trip for grades 2 and 3 to Jewish Heritage Museum in Freehold.

Saturday March 21 – Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Feiler.

Sunday March 22 – K-1 trip to Matzah Bakery in Deal.

Wednesday, March 25 - Trip to Feiler Farm for grades 5 and 7.

Sunday, March 27- Model Seders for grades K-3.

Chag Purim Sameach! Wishing you a joyous Purim.

Welcome New Members!

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Gail Tobias

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Isabella Tobias (11)

Jacob Tobias (8)



Our Family Movie night attendees.

The happy kids enjoyed *Monster's Inc.* on the big screen!

Mazel Tov to our March B'nai Mitzvahs



Jonathan Howard will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 7, 2015. Jonathan attends Solomon Schechter Day School in Marlboro. He is in seventh grade. Jonathan is the epitome of a scholar athlete. He loves to read and learn. He competes in swimming for the New Jersey Race Club and is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. In his free time he loves to go to the beach and surf. He also loves to draw. He spends his summers at Kamp Kohut in Oxford Maine. Jonathan has the ability to make friends wherever he goes.

For his mitzvah project, Jonathan focused on his love for education. He chose a project called Bucks for Beds through an organization called Change a Life Uganda. This project raises money to help children in Migyeira Uganda who attend the St. Lawrence Public School. Many of these children are orphans, live too far from school or come from abusive homes. This project raises money to pay for the room and board up to 80 male and 80 female students.

Jonathan would like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for the encouragement and support in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.

Madison is a 7th grader at Ranney school and lives in Colts Neck. She loves all kinds of sports, she is on the swim team, and plays on her school soccer and softball teams. Some of her favorite activities are riding her Quad in the woods and playing with her dogs.

Madison would like to thank the Cantor, Mrs. Leavitt and Rabbi for all their help.

She will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 14th. Mazel Tov to Madison and her family!



Morgan Feiler will celebrate her Bat MITvah on Saturday, March 21st at 10am. Mazel Tov to Morgan and her family!

Lobby Tzedakah Box March 2015
Rutgers University Dance Marathon: For Embrace Kids Foundation
Co-sponsors: Feigus, Wold, and Messer

Rutgers University Dance Marathon (RUDM) is the largest, student-run philanthropic event in New Jersey. RUDM's mission is to provide emotional and financial support for children who are a part of Embrace Kids Foundation. RUDM participants dance for 30 hours to help raise funds and awareness that goes towards Embrace Kids Foundation's mission to support the non-medical needs of children with cancer and blood disorders.

RUDM is not limited to one weekend in Spring. It is a year-long effort to raise funds and awareness for children with cancer and blood disorders. Children and their families who are a part of Embrace Kids Foundation are paired with fraternities, sororities, and organizations across Rutgers University. The pairing insures children and their families have a support system at the University, and feel as they are a part of the Rutgers community.

Our efforts culminate in a 30 hour, no-sitting, no-sleeping, Dance Marathon! The event takes place at the College Avenue Gym and brings together over 1000 people, including dancers and volunteers. In 2014, RUDM raised a record-breaking \$622,533.98, and 100% of money raised went to Embrace Kids Foundation!

Since 1999, RUDM has raised over \$4.2 million for Embrace Kids Foundation. The money raised has helped countless families in the tri-state area cope with the numerous challenges of pediatric cancer. All the money RUDM raises goes directly to Embrace Kids Foundation and helps support the non-medical needs of children with blood disorders and cancer.

Jewish Belief & The Meaning of Life: Why Am I Jewish?

Discussion Group: March 29th, 7:00-8:30

In the Temple Library

For many of us, born into the Jewish faith, there was no conscious deliberate thought process in which we deliberated among our many options for eligious practice and chose Judaism as the one that best fits our set of beliefs. Even among Jews By Choice, many become Jewish because of life circumstances, the marriage to a Jewish spouse for example. But what if we chose our religion by first surveying our beliefs and then determining which religious faith most closely conforms to those beliefs. Would the results indicate that we should be Jews or perhaps some other faith? Surveys like this are now available on line and we will first begin this discussion by taking the survey and then discussing the results. Even if the survey indicates that our beliefs are more closely aligned with some other faith, are there other important reasons to affiliate with Judaism that trump religious belief? A recent Pew Forum survey seems to suggest this.

Observing Jewish law was near the bottom of a list of items that people felt were essential to being Jewish. Can you guess what was at the top of the list?

Because we will be jointly doing an online questionnaire, please bring your laptop or tablet if you own one (for those who don't, a limited number of laptops will be available for your use at the Temple).

This discussion group is open to the public.

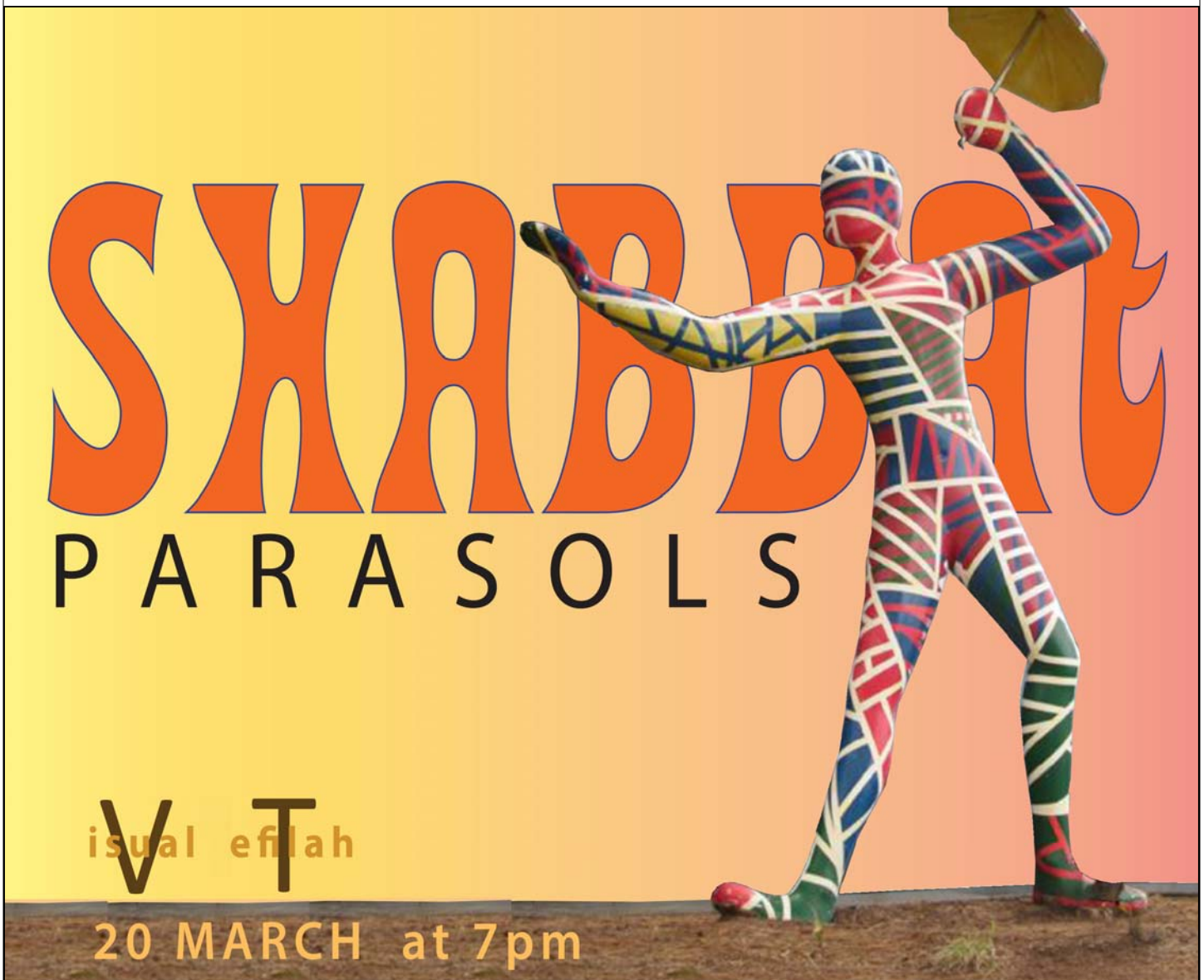
For more information, please contact Elliott Familant at 908-510-5136 or efamilant@gmail.com.



Why is the 2nd night seder at MRT fun to be involved in? Join our MRT family for our annual Community Seder. Preparing for the seder is part of the fun. Help us set our communal table on April 2nd and heat up the food that we will enjoy together that night. Please contact Lynn Shapiro at lsshapiro2@gmail.com.

From the Ritual Committee

When you come to a Friday night service you might notice changes in our services. For instance in February we lit Shabbat candles and said the blessing in the lobby and then proceeded into the sanctuary singing. Keep your eyes, ears and mind open as we continue to experiment with innovative ways to make worship services and all ritual life at MRT even more meaningful to you and your family.



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

I invite temple members and non-members to contact me directly for assistance with organic vegetable gardening issues.

Regardless of size, the concerns preceding the opening of a vegetable garden each season are the same: vegetable varieties to plant, crop rotation, amount of fertilizer, applying mulch, preventing deer, stopping weeds, controlling insects and avoiding fungus. Because of its mission, Gan Mazon has the added worry, "Will it harvest enough vegetables to meet the needs of the food pantries depending on our deliveries?"

As I begin to write this article, snow is gently falling on my shrubs making me think of my snow thrower rather than which tomato varieties to plant. Regardless of the winter precipitation, the calendar says that it is time to plan for utilizing Gan Mazon's 2,000 square feet as effectively as possible. The immediate goal is to develop a strategy to correct errors and amplify successes in seasons past. The unusual cold weather will probably delay early spring planting (usually around May 15th) until the soil is relatively malleable and late spring plantings will also be pushed back for a week or two. Many gardeners stick to the traditional Mother's Day date for planting, but be warned that an errant evening frost can set your vegetables back or at worse kill them. Expect Gan Mazon to receive its first summer plants on June 1.

If you intended to volunteer on **Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 17**, don't be concerned, I will have plenty for you to do even if we are not quite ready for late spring planting. Number one on my list is to add extensions to the fence poles around the garden perimeter. We may not reach the optimal 12 feet, but the deer will definitely get the message that they are not wanted in the garden. This project is easy.

As temple members work on deer prevention, others can straighten and organize the planting beds. Depending on the number of volunteers, the beds can be covered with a light layer of compost and then double dug to loosen up the compacted soil caused by our harsh winter. Finally, the beds can be covered with weed block and wood chips spread on the pathways.



No, I do not expect my agenda to be completed all in one morning, but I am hoping that the many volunteers will return to finish the tasks.

Gardening is not easy, especially when our goal is to deliver a 1,000 or more pounds to our local food pantries. (We delivered 960 lbs. by the conclusion of our 2013 season.) I am invigorated by the problems that we overcame in the garden last year: deer, 60% of our original plantings dying, a fallen tree in the garden, and tomato fungus. With all those issues, the garden still produced 760 lbs. of produce with only four active gardeners. Can you imagine what we could have done with just 5-10 more committed volunteers?

Thanks!

David

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LIVE FROM NEW YORK!

2 March @ 8.15 pm

**The Future of GENIUS :: Michio Kaku**

CONSIDER THIS: Uploading our brains onto a computer, neuron for neuron? Sending thoughts and feelings around the world on a "brain-net"

Controlling robots with our minds? Sending our consciousness across the universe? String theory co-founder and City University of New York professor Michio Kaku takes an authoritative look at the astonishing research into the mind that's going on in top laboratories around the world—topics covered in his new book, *The Future of the Mind*.

3 March @ 8.15 pm

**The GENIUS of Religion ::****Cardinal Dolan and Rabbi Peter Rubenstein**

CONSIDER THIS: What is the genius of religion and faith? Can religion claim itself as the source of morality and moral behavior?

The archbishop of New York and Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, 92nd Street Y's director of Jewish community and the Bronfman Center for Jewish Life, explore the moral aspects and traits of the genius of religion, such as generosity, curiosity and duty. They'll look at how individuals such as Mother Teresa, Elie Wiesel, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gandhi have inspired and harnessed the power of communities for good, and explore how the great partnerships between faiths can heal our world.

8 March @ 5 pm

**The GENIUS of Innovation:: Walter Isaacson**

CONSIDER THIS: How do the minds of geniuses work? How can their innovation and creativity inform our own out-of-the-box thinking?

Walter Isaacson, CEO of the Aspen Institute, former CNN chairman and editor of *TIME*, closes the Seven Days of Genius festival at the Y with a discussion on the one-in-a-million geniuses whose work has impacted every aspect of our daily lives: the people who created the computer and the internet. How can their innovation, creativity and teamwork inform our own out-of-the-box thinking today?

"Geniuses" will be held in the Library; no refreshments

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

Monmouth Reform Temple

2nd Night Seder

Saturday, April 4th at 6pm

NEW THIS YEAR!

Our dinner will be catered by the famous

Jerry and Harvey's of Marlboro!



Celebrate Passover at our traditional 2nd night Seder.
Everyone is welcome—singles, families with children.

Cost per person	\$20 Adult Members
	\$28 Adult Non-members
	\$10 Children 13 and older
	Children under 13 free

BYO Wine

Please RSVP to the temple office: info@monmouthreformtemple.org or 732-747-9365
Or Click on the link below to sign up online

www.monmouthreformtemple.org

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Sign up by following the link on our Home Page:

www.monmouthreformtemple.org

Women's Seder

Sunday, March 22nd at 6pm

Conducted by:
Cantor Clissold



Cost: \$25

Want to help set up?

Contact Karen Kahn at kkhan1@verizon.net

Set up is at 4:30pm

Please RSVP for the Seder to:

sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org



Get Some **LOVE** at the MRT
1st Annual Tennis Social



RESCHEDULED

Saturday, March 28th, 7-11 PM at Colts Neck Racquet Club Cost:

\$20 per person/free for Socializers

The evening will be a Round Robin format with 35-40 minute timed matches and breaks for socializing. Depending on participants, there will be Mixed and same gender Doubles. Couples will not be playing together, and players will be matched according to ability.

All Levels and Non-players WELCOME!

Bring your favorite snack and beverage to share.



Don't Play Tennis? No Problem! We will have LCR, Board Games and lots of food & drink to keep you happy.

PLEASE RSVP By March 15th to sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org

Please include the following information:

- Number and Names of players & non-players**
- Ability Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)**

Please send in your payment to the Temple or pay via paypal on the

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THE BULLETIN



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.

March Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)

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

William B. Arend, Rose Field, Henry Ganz, Lawrence Parkinson, Frances F. Singman, *Ida Huber, David Kaplan, Leo A. Kauffman, Ruth Rekedal, Sylvia Sachs, Henry Weyser, Alex Colin, Samuel Deutsch, Malcolm Fidell, Gaetano Labombarda, Nathaniel Portman, *Bessie Schwartz, Abraham Bogdonoff, *Sadie Metz, Samuel Milchman, Irving Spumberg, *Lois Blonder, Max Leo Brown, *Murray Kipnis, *Beatrice Ruby, *Martin A. Brousell

Names to be Read on Friday, March 13th (Services at 7pm)

Frank Abrams, Michael Ruby, Alice Schneider, *Greta Singer, Annette Wrobel, Siegmund Rath, Paul B. Snyder, *Harriet Weiss, Edith Pick, Kim Ross, Etta Schatten, *Irving Cohen, Bertha Greenberg, Mildred Kantor, *Esther Kossovskaya, *Max Tanenbaum, Evelyn Fryman, Walter Parkinson, Isadore Tannenbaum, David Pintow, Solomon Attias, *Rose Blonder, Solomon Weissman

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

Monroe Marx, Carol Nash, Rose M. Friedman, Doris Hayet, George Marx, Michael R. Simon, Blanche Civins, Edward Greenberg, Adolf Klein, *Samuel Blonder, *Meyer Smolensky Collis, Loretta Stein, Alter Epstein, Tina Karl, *Hyman Karlman, Jane Medalie, *Jacob Talberth, Leah Haback, *Doreen Harran, Alexander Kaplan, Cindy Jennings Kline, Rita Levy, Sharon Priesand, Ronald Schor, Murry L. Shekman

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

*Samuel Mausner, Abner Gitlin, *Michael Mintzer, Robert Teitelbaum, John Leverett, Laura Munter, Catherine R. Ricklin, *Isidore Grossman, *Helen Nusbaum, Ralph Uhrmacher, Mark Vickers, C.K. Conklin, Fannie Copley, Herbert H. Gershan, Jack A. Leeds, Howard Schneider, Frank Haratz, *Theodore Tully Rubin, Heather Elyse Sillen

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

OPEN DOORS -- OPEN MINDS

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

Mission

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

Values

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

Spirituality

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

Respect

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

Inclusiveness

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

Lifelong Learning

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

Engagement

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

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March 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels & Blocks 11:30am Purim Carnival	2 8:15pm 92Y Genius: Kaku	3 9:45am Study Group 8:15pm 92Y Genius: Dolan and Rubenstein	4 4pm Religious School 5:30pm Megillah Reading 7pm Shpiel Rehearsal 7pm Sr. Youth Meeting	5 7:30pm Membership	6 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 5:30pm 3rd Grade Preneg 6pm Shabbat Services followed by Pot Luck	7 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Howard 6:15pm Purim Pre-party and Shpiel
8 9:30am Rel School 5pm 92Y Genius: Isaacson	9	10 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid Society 7:30pm Exec Comm	11 4pm Religious School 7pm Sr. Youth 7pm Adult Ed	12	13 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm K/I Shabbat Services	14 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah of Madison Lubin
15 9:30am Religious School	16	17 9:45am Study Group 7:15pm Board of Trustees	18 4pm Religious School 7pm Sr. Youth Meeting	19	20 7pm Shabbat Services with Spring Visual T'filah	21 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Feiler
22 9:30am Gift Shop 9:30am Rel School 9:45am LDT 6 6pm Women's Seder 6pm Gift Shop	23	24 9:45pm Study Group	25 4pm Religious School	26	27 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services	28 9am Shabbat Services & Torah Study 7pm Tennis Social Rescheduled
29 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Gift Shop 12pm Teacher's Workshop 7pm Jewish Belief	30 7:15pm Sis Book Club offsite	31 9:45am Study Group	<p>Member of the Union for Reform Judaism</p> <p>MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE 332 Hance Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724 732-747-9365 www.monmouthreformtemple.org</p> 			