



# THE MRT BULLETIN

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The More Torah, The More Life  
מרבה תורה, מרבה חיים

OPEN DOORS  
OPEN MINDS

## Schedule of Services April 2015

### Friday, April 3

5pm Shabbat Services  
(no Oneg follows)

### Friday, April 10th

6pm Yizkor  
7pm Shabbat Services  
Musical Accompaniment  
by Lori Bernard

### Friday, April 17th

7pm Shabbat Services  
Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

### Saturday, April 18th

10am Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Mann

### Friday, April 24th

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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

MRT Beach Service at  
Seven President's Park  
Friday night June 26th  
Dinner at 6pm  
Service at 7pm

**MRT Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 3rd**  
**3:30pm Refreshments**  
**3:45pm Meeting**  
**Followed by a concert at 6pm**  
**A Little Song & Dance:**  
**Music of**  
**Jewish Composers**  
**Old & New**  
**The Monmouth Winds**  
**With MRT's own Rich Sachs**



*Happy Passover!*



5/17/15...

# Did We Mensch-ion Mitzvah Day's Coming?

Are you between your bar/bat mitzvah and 100? Are you ready for hard work?

Then join us on Sunday, May 17, 2015 for MRT's Mitzvah Day. Volunteer activities include:

- Beautifying our synagogue
- Cleaning up Monmouth County Parks System's trails and beaches
- Saving lives through a Central Jersey Blood Bank donation and the Gift of Life bone marrow registry
- Literally repairing our world, by rebuilding Hurricane Sandy damaged homes with Habitat for Humanity

There are activities for kids and tweens too led by for the religious school parents.

The fun starts with a short service and bagels at 10:30. The BBQ and music start at 2:00.

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/mrtmitzvahday](http://tinyurl.com/mrtmitzvahday) or see the poster in the MRT lobby.

Can't join us on Mitzvah Day? No problem, because, well, Mitzvah Day can be any day (in fact, my son-in-law did a mitzvah by writing this for me). Some additional opportunities through MRT include:

- The Mitzvah Table every Shabbat from April 10 to May 15 – bring baby clothes for Change a Life Uganda, canned goods for Jewish Family Service and the Center (Asbury Park), or knitting items to make clothes for babies and hospital patients
- Volunteer to visit Jewish patients at Riverview Hospital on Mondays – contact Helaine Rothman ([helainerothman@gmail.com](mailto:helainerothman@gmail.com)) or visit the Mitzvah Table for more information
- Shine a light – help us keep bicyclists in Red Bank safe as we team up with Deacon Arthur Fama of St. Anthony's to install bike lights and reflectors for those in need.

Don't hesitate to call (732-610-5795) or email ([dmshoppe@aol.com](mailto:dmshoppe@aol.com)) me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you on May 17.

Dean Ross  
Mitzvah Day Chair

Monmouth Reform Temple

# 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Cost per person | \$20 Adult Members        |
|                 | \$28 Adult Non-members    |
|                 | \$10 Children 5 and older |
|                 | Children under 5 free     |

**BYO Wine**

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Or Click on the link below to sign up online

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



Last August, I wrote about the formation of three task forces created by the Board, to examine particular questions that need consideration at this point in our congregational history. I want to update you on the status and progress of these task forces, as well as describing a fourth task force (Library) created by the Board.

The **Task Force on Member Role Policies (MRP)** will provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees about how Members of our congregation can participate in various roles, both religious and governing. Our customs and constitution have made some distinctions between Jewish and non-Jewish members in areas such as ritual practice and leadership. The MRP Task Force will be performing a scholarly endeavor, which requires study, discussion, and knowledge so that we can make recommendations that are specifically meaningful to our congregation. A partial list of questions that the Task Force has begun working in groups to consider is: What is our current practice? Does our practice conform to our current mission statement? How does our congregation feel about this topic? What did the focus groups from ATID say? What does the Torah tell us? We will need to determine the differences among ritual activities, governance and general congregational activities. The task force expects that its work will continue beyond the High Holy Days. Members of this task force are Jim Halpern (chair), Doreen Laperdon-Addison, David Levinsky, James Brewer, Jill Austin, Mitch Baum, Cora Tuchband, Elise Aptaker, Sam Goodman, Ellie Bates, Pam Mancuso, John Heidema, Semmes Brightman, Jay Wiesenfeld (ex officio), Rabbi Marc Kline, Cantor Gabrielle Clissold.

The **Capital Projects Task Force** is charged with identifying the short and long term capital needs for MRT. The members will present to the Board a comprehensive list of capital project needs and desires, with prioritization. Projects include the maintenance, renovation, redecoration and the creation of areas that could add to the improved use of our space. As part of its process, the Board will solicit input from the congregation so that the list will be complete. The membership includes representatives from House Committee, Arts and Deco Committee, Sisterhood, and Men's Club, and others. The task force expects to complete its work by July. The members of this task force are Jay Goldberg (chair), Steve Gaudette, Stu Tuchband, JoAnn Kurry, Ernie Guenzberger, Margie Wold, Jill Austin, Jay Wiesenfeld (ex officio).

The primary objective of the **Fund Raising Task Force** is to develop a more cohesive and strategic approach to all of the Temple Fund Raising activities, both for operating expenses and capital expenses. The task force has outlined a series of guidelines that will enable us to ensure a clear relationship between our Temple mission and our fund raising, to provide a clearer understanding to the Temple community about the scope of fund raising, and to better focus our fund raising into a few key activities. The task force anticipates completing its work by July. Members are Zach Gilstein (chair), Joel Morgovsky, David Levinsky, Mark Kroen, Stu Tuchband, Linda Burns, Jay Feigus, Lynn Shapiro, Mitch Baum, Lori Schwartz, Jay Goldberg, Jay Wiesenfeld (ex officio), Rabbi Marc Kline.

The **Library Task Force** was created by the Board in November to review the use and needs for the library and to recommend possible reconfiguration of the space. Much of the functionality of libraries now involves increasing internet use, which should be considered for our library. In this regard, the library collection has been culled to remove old and unusable books and videotapes, in order to partially clear the shelves. To make use of internet connections, a flat screen TV will be mounted for use by the religious school, the 92nd St Y and other groups. The task force has recommended a plan for the space and is getting price quotes for repainting the walls, replacing the furniture with new lighter tables and chairs, and window shades. Members of the task force are Margie Wold (chair), Linda Murray, Eleanor Rubin, Rita Sperling, and Beth Layton.

The task forces have been active. I am grateful to the many members listed above, who have been engaging in this work on behalf of MRT. If you have questions, please contact the task force chairs or me.

## From Rabbi Marc Kline



I know that Spring is here. I know that it is time to celebrate both the end of snow (for a while) and the warming of the air. I know that there are all sorts of distractions that start to creep in to our lives as good weather opportunities start to present themselves. While there are more of these opportunities today than there were over three thousand years ago, the dynamic of Spring has not changed. We cannot wait to escape the walls that held us back from celebrating the ocean, the parks, and outdoor enjoyment, even while they sheltered us from the elements that made all of the above unusable and unenjoyable.

King David watched as the troops went out to battle after the spring thaw. They had been housed in the home barracks to keep warm through the winter. Centuries before that, Moses led Israel out of the slave pots of Egypt, just as Spring thawed Egypt.

Passover originates as a Spring harvest festival, an opportunity to reinvest in nature and the blessings that the sun's warmth affords us. In many ways, the story of the Exodus provides a wonderful allegory beyond the freedom from physical enslavement to Pharaoh. During the cold of winter we are held captive. We know that many people suffer a form of depression during the gray cold winter season. They emerge from the seasonal affective disorder and gain a new lease on life. The spiritual liberation that we experience as the earth's warming is powerful. I would be that the origin of the Passover story is tied, in some way, to this phenomenon.

So, we have a lot to celebrate. With all of the distractions that present themselves now, we cannot lose sight of our need to appreciate the renewal of nature and of our spirits. But for both, there would be no parks, no baseball, soccer, water sports, or beach combing. So, make sure that you have fun (be safe doing it), but take a few moments from each endeavor to be thankful that you have the opportunity. Demonstrate your thanks by incorporating some mitzvah of healing into every day. Pick up trash on the beach while you are out there having fun. Mentor or coach our youth through their activities. Visit with friends and family and take them on a walk with you. If Passover really is the holiday of freedom, then let's celebrate by freeing ourselves to not only do more, but do more that is more meaningful for others, as well.



**Bagels & Lox with the Rabbi**  
 sponsored by Men's Club using past donations  
 Sunday April 26th at 9:30 am  
 Discussion at Approximately 10 am  
 In the MRT Library

**Topic TBD:** Informal discussion of the Men's Club choosing with  
 Rabbi Marc Kline

Since male congregants are members of the Men's Club all male  
 congregants are invited.



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



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

This month, our Junior and Senior Youth Groups have worked together to bake hamantashen and plan a get together for Purim. And about Purim, what can we say, but Purim was amazing. Our kids raised over \$1000 while turning our Rabbi and Cantor into "Hot Fudge Sundaes". Sisterhood sold over \$3000 worth of hamantashen and threw a great Purim party. And of course...let's not forget our Purim carnival and Megillah on the Roof, starring the MRT players.

Also this month, our class parents and members of the Religious Ed Committee met to plan for Mitzvah Day. Rabbi Kline and his wife, Lori hosted a Membership event at their home, which featured a Havdallah service. Our Temple was able to fill three tables (which was tied for the largest representation of any participating congregation) at the Family Promise Dinner. And for those tired of winter, spring is around the corner...we have started our 2015 Community Garden.

The Finance Committee presented the MRT 2015-2016 budget to the Board for discussion. The Board voted to accept the Budget for presentation at our Annual Meeting on May 3rd. Information about the Budget will be available in the Temple Office mid-April for review. The Board also reviewed the latest (2/28/2015) current-year financial report and, while expenses appear to be within budget, there are several income lines for which there will likely be a shortfall.

Rabbi Kline presented his views on "Moving Forward Strategically" and how we might consider ways to improve the recognition of MRT in the both the community at large and internally by considering how to create an "MRT brand". This discussion is part of the on-going discussions of how we are meeting the goals and suggestions adopted from the ATID Task Force in 2013.

The Board reviewed reports from the various Task Forces currently working on projects: The Membership Role Policy Task Force, The Capital Projects Task Force, The Fundraising Task Force and the Library Task Force.

This month the Board reviewed a plan for reorganizing how we use certain spaces at our facility. The goal is to optimize the use of rooms in our building so we can accommodate the growing number of in-house events at MRT. Several months ago, the Board reviewed the use of the Youth Lounge and determined in order to re-purpose that space, the Board should seek out the opinions of our Youth Groups. The recommended plan is to move the Youth Lounge to the "Marteff" (lower level). After consultation, our Youth Groups agreed this was a good idea. The Board voted to move the Youth Lounge and to allow for current Youth Lounge to be available for other uses. The plan includes renovating the new Youth Lounge.

The Principal Search Committee has begun to receive applications for Religious School Principal.

The Nominating Committee is currently reviewing and assembling the slate of candidates for offices at MRT for our upcoming Annual Meeting. There are still two open Trustee positions for Adult Education and Ways and Means.

Mitzvah Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up for various projects on line at our website or by calling the Temple office. The Board would like everyone to come out and support this important event. Practice "Tikkun Olam" and help us make the world a better place.

In his President's report, Jay Wiesenfeld reminded everyone that Board Members will be calling all members of our Congregation in the next couple of weeks to wish everyone a Happy Pesach. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, The Jewish Federation of in the Heart of New Jersey is celebrating Women's Philanthropy and is honoring MRT member, Helaine Rothman. We hope everyone will come to our Annual Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**From Vera Galleid, Religious School Principal**



We had three wonderful trips in March. Our second and third graders visited the Jewish Heritage Museum in Freehold. They toured the museum, learned about the barn it is housed in, and did a beautiful art project. Our K-1 class went to the Matzah Bakery and made matzah! They had a great time and learned so much. Our fifth and seventh grade students visited the Feiler Farm to learn about the mitzvot of Tzaar Baalei Chayim, being kind to animals and Bal Tashchit, taking care of the earth. Thank you very much to Aaron and Kerri Feiler for organizing and hosting this trip. We are now preparing for Passover. Surveys show that Passover is the holiday most frequently celebrated by Jews. Why is this? Passover gave

us our birth as a people and introduced freedom as a supreme value for all mankind. To this day, slavery still abounds. Passover is a time to talk about this and the moral obligation we have to pursue greater justice in the world. The Passover seder engages all of the senses and is the perfect opportunity for experiential learning. We dip vegetables in salty water, we eat bitter herbs and charoset, we make the Hillel sandwich, we hide and hunt for the Afikoman, we tell the story of the Exodus. At school, we make our seders fun and educational. We will have four different model seders that are age-appropriate and we hope that our students will take away something to add to their family seders. Of course, once Pesach is over, we will commemorate Yom Hashoa and celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut,

Lag B'Omer and Yom Yerushalayim. Chag Pesach Sameach! Wishing you a sweet and happy Passover.  
**Upcoming Events:**  
 Sunday March 29 - Model seders for K-1, 2-3, Mitzvah Academy and Confirmation classes.  
 Wednesday April 1 –Model Seder grades 4-7.  
 Passover Vacation, no school – April 3-12.  
 Wednesday April 15 - Classes resume .  
 Saturday April 18 – Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Mann.  
 Sunday April 19 – Yom Hashoa Commemoration.  
 Friday April 24 – Grades 2 and 3 will participate in Friday night services at 7:00 pm.  
 Sunday April 26 – Religious school celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.



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**Mazel Tov to our April B'nai Mitzvah**

**FROM ARTS & DECO**

*Ethan Mann will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 18th at 10am*

*Mazel Tov to Ethan and his family!*

Do you have an art background or an interest in renovation and design? MRT's Arts and Deco Committee presently needs help to 1) catalogue the paintings and other artwork we house at temple, and 2) update photo displays to make our building more beautiful and welcoming. No meetings required, just bring your ideas and talents to us! Students welcome! Contact Rita Sperling for more information, ritasperling@verizon.net, 732-829-7706.

Early Bird Savings Through April 13th

Registration closes on the 15th



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**SPRING KALLAH**

**April 24-26**

@URJ Kutz Camp



## MEN'S CLUB, Mitch Baum, President

Hello,

I am hoping you are enjoying your Passover with friends and family.

Just like the summer is starting to heat up so is the Men's Club. Since the first Monday of the month in April falls during the holiday we will be having our monthly meeting on April Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the temple library. Since all male congregants are members of the Men's Club all male congregants are welcome to participate. I hope to see new faces and new ideas.

On April 17 the Sisterhood and the Men's Club will be conducting the Shabbat Service. I hope to see you at the service. If you would like to be involved with the event please contact Jill Austin with the Sisterhood at [jilltennis@aol.com](mailto:jilltennis@aol.com). Please act quickly as time is running out.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Men's Club will be sponsoring "Bagels and Lox with the Rabbi". The Men's Club will choose a topic for Rabbi Marc Kline to speak about. If you have a topic for consideration, let me know. You can reach me at [mrt.brothers1@gmail.com](mailto:mrt.brothers1@gmail.com). The event is on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> starts at 9:30am is in the temple library and to be followed at about 10am for the discussion.

The above events and others are sponsored by the Men's Club. Although we don't collect dues to be a member, donations are encouraged. This year we have not collected as much money as the past. In order to continue sponsoring events, making charitable donations, and supporting the temple functions we need your help. I know it may be difficult for some but if you can spare \$36.00 (the suggested donation) it would be appreciated.

Thank you, enjoy Passover and hopefully the warmer weather.

## SISTERHOOD, Jill Austin and Cheryl Gaudette, Co-Presidents



We at Sisterhood hope that everyone enjoyed their Shalach Manot greetings for Purim! We had many happy helping hands involved in making over 1200 delicious Hamantashen and packing bags of goodies for everyone in our congregation!

Our MRT Purim Spiel was lots of fun and our post-spiel party with karaoke was a success!

Our Women's Seder was an inspiring beautiful evening with a service led by Cantor Clissold and Linda Ourach on guitar. We sang, talked about our mothers and grandmothers who influenced us and who we admired and of course ate well!

Thanks to Karen Kahn for organizing this delightful event!

On April 17<sup>th</sup> we are proud to host our Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat. We would like to encourage our Sistahs to be involved in any way they want. We will have many opportunities for readings and other rituals and we welcome all ideas as we plan this evening.

Please call or email Cheryl or jill if you would like participate in the planning or in any part of this service.

We have some delightful upcoming activities - A delicious cheese tasting at the Cheese Cave in Red Bank on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and a fun fundraiser event at Alex and Ani, also in Red Bank, on June 15<sup>th</sup>. More information on these events will follow.

Read our fliers also for dates on our book club meetings for the next few months.

MRT Sisterhood wishes everyone a meaningful Passover!

**Lobby Tzedakah Box April 2015  
MRT Mitzvah Day 5/17/15**

**Co-sponsors: Dean & Sharyn Ross, Rabbi Marc Kline & Lori Bernard**

Help us fund Mitzvah Day! We are going to enjoy a barbeque after the volunteer programs and spend some time together sharing the experiences of the day.

Your donation will help make this happen.

Don't forget to sign up for a project (see page 2 for more information!)

See you on May 17th!

**Jewish Belief & The Meaning of Life:  
What's So Great About Being Ethical?**

Discussion Group: April 19th, 7:00-8:30

In the Temple Library

It has been a hallmark of modern Jewish Ethical thought to claim that we all have an obligation to engage in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. But why? To claim that it is "the right thing to do" begs the question. Why is engaging in the "right thing" something we should do? A person driven strictly by self interest might not engage in Tikkun Olam at all. This person could claim these actions provide no direct personal benefit so its not rational to do them. And if engaging in this and other ethical behaviors are done because of social pressure or a sense of guilt or "because its the law" is it really ethical behavior at all? After all, people will do all sorts of things when coerced but does behavior done under duress constitute ethical behavior, even if it has a beneficial effect? This month we will be considering a variety of issues related to ethical and moral behavior. When is behavior ethical? Are all commandments of equal importance or even obligatory? And if we pick and choose which Biblical Laws to obey, how do we determine which ones to keep and which to throw away? Does moral behavior apply differently to Jews versus non Jews?

This discussion group is open to the public.

For more information, please contact Elliott Familant at 908-510-5136 or [efamilant@gmail.com](mailto:efamilant@gmail.com).

**From the Ritual Committee**

Members of the Ritual Committee are compiling a Holiday Handbook which will include all the major Jewish Holidays we celebrate at MRT. It will help congregants learn more about the rituals, prayers and blessings that are special to each one. Stage one has been the development of holiday bulletins. Each bulletin highlights pertinent information regarding the respective holiday. These informative bulletins are accessible from our Temple website under "worship". Stage two will begin this summer, focusing on embellishment of each holiday, with the addition of special recipes and fun family activities. The finished project will be an actual handbook, containing all this information and which will be made available to all congregants.

## MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE PURIM CARNIVAL 2015

### By Sarah Klein, Sr. Youth Group (MRTSY) Co-President

This is not a joke (but it was a lot of fun)! Did somebody tell you the Rabbi and Cantor were pied in the face? Lucky for you, what happens at the Purim Carnival does NOT stay at the Purim Carnival.

Monmouth Reform Temple had one of the most successful Purim Carnivals in memory! Even as we remember the bravery of Esther, the guile of Haman, and the entirety of an important story of redemption, MRT made real the command to celebrate the blessings of freedom. Everyone had fun, and well, after the third grade turned Rabbi Kline into a fudge sundae for winning a successful behavior contest, what more could we expect? Well, we got lots more, including the good sportsmanship of our clergy who got pied in an effort to raise funds for MRTSY, our Temple Youth Group!

The entire day was a blast. Starting with a frosty Frozen Purim Shpiel, all the 7th graders had the chance to show off their acting abilities. When the festivities began, everyone was included. Some of our youth group got to try out their artistic skills with new face paints or try manning the new games like “Duck and Seek,” while others enjoyed the classics like the “Purim Wheel.” Each child was guaranteed a prize; from little figures to adorable stuffed dogs, everyone found a new buddy to take home with them. Even the parents got into the action! We invited them into the bouncy house, and many competed against their children in the games we played. The music that filled the atmosphere ranged from rock and roll for the older set and pop music for the children. True to Jewish tradition, from the hot dogs, fries, falafel, and hamantaschen, there was food for everyone. People jumped from station to station. The fun never stopped!

All in all, we made stronger bonds amongst our entire congregation. Parents had fun, and we made tons of kids smile! It could not have been better!

Of course, it was a team effort to make this happen, but through set up and clean up, the Purim spirit appeared on every face. That is what congregational life is supposed to be about. We are already excited for next year, and want the community to be alert to put next year’s festivities on the calendar so that all can join in the fun.





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](mailto:lsshapiro2@gmail.com).

### From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Committee Chairperson

#### A WEEK IN ISRAEL

It was all about the elections. It was all about housing. It was all about growing the desert. It was all about the Marathon. A cacophony of arguments, problems, of head-shaking sorrows, of complaints, of beautiful landscapes, beautiful people and heart-warming events.

By the time you read this, the elections in Israel will be over but we may not yet know who will head the government because unless one party wins overwhelmingly, coalitions must be formed in order to present a united government powerful enough to rule the country. Of the dozen or more parties running for election, some emphasize security as the major issue, others emphasize societal change, and some are more particular in their platform. There are some deep divisions in this Israeli parliamentary system. How to come together?

I spent several days in the Negev, the desert area in southern Israel which consists of 60% of the landmass of the country and less than 20% of its population. The result is that the more northern cities are crowded, housing stock is insufficient and very expensive especially for young families. P.M. David Ben Gurion's dream was for the Negev to be developed, for the desert to be transformed into a flourishing garden where Israelis could live successfully and happily. But who wants to live in a desert full of sand and camels and nomadic Bedouins where there are no jobs, no housing, no schools and no culture? Israelis are dreamers. They make things happen.

During the past several decades, with government funding, philanthropic support from within Israel and from Jews and others all over the world, especially the United States, the landscape and living opportunities have been changing in the Negev. Small cities have been established by Jewish pioneers. Groups of new immigrants were brought to live in newly developing towns, defined by their particular ethnicity, or by those with similar religious background where they often felt a sense of isolation from the larger community. That is changing now as local mayors and other administrative leaders reach out to the small communities to help solve common problems and move ahead with new initiatives forming more of a regional aspect to the area, bringing formerly isolated groups together.

There are young students and young men and women already established in their careers who wish to leave the large cities of the north and raise their families in the new south. They can do that now because the small towns are growing, housing is being built, schools are among the best and most important, rail lines are being established so folks can keep their jobs in the north and raise their families in the beauty of the Negev. I was inspired by what I saw and the people I met.

As if that were not enough, on Friday, March 13, the 5th annual Marathon took place as 25,000 runners ran past my hotel, all traffic sealed off from the many streets in downtown Jerusalem for several hours. I stood outside and watched the passing parade of young and old, fast and slow, in an array of colored shirts, each designating a particular group. There was a large contingent running for a group called "One Family", representing victims and families of victims of terror attacks. Another group called themselves "Team Shalva" which represents the Association for Mentally and Physically Challenged Children. Others wearing red, green, orange, yellow, blue and white represented groups I could not identify. Of all the remarkable things I experienced during my week in Israel, it was the marathoners who touched my heart as I watched their progress through the streets, a rainbow of colors, Israelis united in purpose for good. It was thrilling.



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

The brush with warmer temperatures in the past few weeks gave me hope that winter vegetable plants could be put into the soil by the end of March. It is now March 25 and it looks like the two lettuce flats that I have been storing in my garage at night and keeping on my patio during the day will not be planted until April 1 or a few days later. The soil in our community garden is either too cold or actually frozen in spots to support plantings at this time. My soil test indicates that to remedy low PH and nitrogen numbers, limestone and a 1-0-0 fertilizer should be added to the planting beds and then tilled in to a depth of 4 inches. The snow and unusually cold temperatures this winter places me in the position of having to ask you, *temple's social action minded members*, to assist my crew (only two others) to help us prepare the beds for planting. Our produce will eventually be on the tables of needy families, so your efforts would certainly fall into the category of a super MITZVAH. Please contact me to volunteer, mutually convenient days and times will be arranged to fit our schedules.



### TIPS FOR LIMITING DEER DAMAGE

Now for the real subject of this month's article: Controlling damage caused by the large deer population in Monmouth County. For my personal landscaping, I follow a spraying regimen for hydrangeas, hollies and other shrubs using a product that smells similar to rotten eggs. The arborvitaes are wrapped in deer netting to prevent what I call the deer look with the tops in full growth and the bottoms showing bare branches. The numerous tracks left in the snow around my home this winter were proof that more must be done if I am to protect my shrubs from irreversible damage. With some physical effort and research, we can almost harmoniously co-exist with Bambi and her extended family. At the outset, know that deer, just as humans, have their preferred food likes, dislikes and cravings. Hydrangeas are to deer what chocolate is to us.

The time worn saying that deer will eat anything if hungry enough is true; however generally, deer will not eat plants that are pungent, with fuzzy/hairy and sharp edged leaves. Anne Haines, owner of Hidden Hills Nursery, gave a practical presentation on the topic to members of my Master Gardener's Association. Her talk coupled approximately 60 slides of deer resistant plants with a lively narrative. Carefully selected pictures of trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns, and grasses demonstrated that deer can be dissuaded from going onto a property without the homeowner resorting to electronic gadgets that do not work.

If deer are a problem for you, I suggest that you visit Hidden Hills Nursery at [www.deercountrygardens.com](http://www.deercountrygardens.com) for one of the more informative web sites dedicated to the subject. The two photographs were copied from the web site: At left is Baptisia australis or PPAF "Blue Towers" and at right is Aster novae-angliana "Vibrant Dome" New England Aster.

Gan Mazon's solution for its four legged visitors was mentioned in last month's *Bulletin* article. I hope to enlist the assistance of Mitzvah Day volunteers on May 17 to add height to the fence enclosing our two gardens; and, you may be certain that I will do my research to locate odorous perennials to dissuade deer encroachment on our community garden.

Please let me know via email if you have already registered, or intend to volunteer, on the temple's web site to work in the garden on Mitzvah Day.

Best wishes for a joyous Passover,

David

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## Monmouth Reform Temple Blood Drive: Sign up now!

Monmouth Reform Temple needs your support on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Mitzvah Day with our blood drive. Be a lifesaver and sign up today to donate.

Please click the following link to schedule your appointment time to avoid waiting:

Sunday, 5/17/15 Click here:

[https://donate.cjbcblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/38910](https://donate.cjbcblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/38910)

- Did you know that donating a pint of blood can save up to three different people's lives?
- Did you know that the following patients are just a few examples of patients who need blood in our local hospitals?
  - Premature babies
  - Cancer Patients going through Chemotherapy
  - Surgery Patients
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  - Cardiac Patients
  - Burn Victims
- Did you know that only 3% of eligible donors donate in NJ?
- Did you know that you accumulate points that you can redeem for gift cards? Please create an account today and see your blood type, see your accumulated points and redeem today!

Step #1: <http://www.cjbcblood.org/>

Step #2: click **DONOR LOGIN**

Step #3: **create an account** (Use **proper name** (ie: **Gregory instead of Greg**))

Step #4: see your **donor card** for the **scan number** to assist in creating the account.

Step #5: visit your **secure online donor profile** where you can view your blood type, vital signs, schedule appointments, browse donation history and more!

**Note:** Points expire if you do not use them for a period of 6 months.

If you have any questions about eligibility, please call Leigh Wilkins at [732-842-5750 x 270](tel:732-842-5750) or email [lwilkins@cjbcblood.org](mailto:lwilkins@cjbcblood.org) with your donation appointment time request.

Thank you for being a lifesaver!

Leigh Wilkins – Central Jersey Blood Center



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- Mitch and Stephanie Baum on the death of his sister Gail Lazar



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.

April Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)

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

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