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

OPEN DOORS
OPEN MINDS

Schedule of Services August 2015

Friday, August 7th
6pm Shabbat Services

Friday, August 14th
Shabbat at 7 President's Park
6pm Dinner at the Shelter
7pm Service on the Beach
Bring Your Own Beach Chair
(inclement weather decision via email by 2:30pm)

Friday, August 21st
6pm Shabbat Services
Musical Accompaniment by
Faith Lefiman and
Evan Leifman

Friday, August 28th
6pm Shabbat Services
Musical Accompaniment by
Julia Feigus

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 Dates:

Saturday, September 5th
Selichot

Friday, September 11th
Seeds of Spirituality—
Freedom

Monmouth Reform Temple
Shabbat on the Beach Encore
Seven Presidents Park
221 Ocean Avenue North
Long Branch, NJ

Friday, August 14th
6pm Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner at the Shelter
7pm Service on the Beach
Bring Your Own Beach Chair

All are welcome!
Bring a friend!

In case of inclement weather you will be notified via email and
on our website by 2pm



From the President, Zach Gilstein Email: zachmate2@gmail.com

The Connected Community. That is probably the simplest way I can express my vision for MRT and our congregational family. Monmouth Reform Temple offers a myriad of opportunities to engage with our community to appreciate the spirit, history, ritual, and values of being Jewish in the 21st century. Adult education, religious school, social action, religious services, Saturday morning Torah study, Sisterhood and Men's Club social events, ... offer a broad spectrum of options to bring us together. But the thing I find most satisfying is the "bringing us" together. It is the opportunity to share with and learn from others that makes these activities most enjoyable.

My wife, Sheila, and I joined MRT in 1994 when our 2 sons, Jeremy and Joshua, who were ready to enter religious school. We have been blessed to see them become Bar Mitzvah and Confirmed at MRT and grow into young adults with a Jewish foundation to enable them to appreciate their world from a Jewish perspective.

Why did we join MRT? We had been coming to MRT for High Holiday services for many years and appreciated the finiteness of the services that started on time, ended in 2 hours, offered stimulating sermons, and didn't have a constant flow of people in and out, as I was used to growing up in a conservative congregation. Getting engaged and connecting with others took some time. Indeed on a personal note, my position as President began as a journey that started in 2005 when Jim Newman, then president of Brotherhood, pulled me in to join the Brotherhood board. A couple of years later, I was president of Brotherhood, and after three years became fourth VP of the Temple.

One of the key lessons I learned from my own situation and from others I observe is that people want to connect, but sometimes some encouragement and invitation is needed to engage them.

This year as we seek to broaden and deepen our connections with each other, I ask that each of us seek to reach out to others to make a connection. If you are coming to services on a Friday night, a special event, or just working on a committee, phone a friend or just an acquaintance to join you. It will enrich her or his experience.

As our Temple Vision states – We nurture each other in our spiritual journey.

Thank you for entrusting the leadership of our congregation to me. It is truly a privilege to participate at this level with a community as vibrant as ours. I appreciate the strong support I have received from Jay Wiesenfeld, immediate past president, throughout the transition. I am blessed with a Board of Trustees, Rabbi, Cantor, and office staff who are fully committed to enabling us to realize our potential.

Next month I'll provide my perspectives on our potential.

Feel free to call or email, if you have something to share.

Zach Gilstein

Gan Mazon (Garden of Plenty) MRT's Vegetable Garden, David Levinsky, Chair GAN MAZON —We need help for the month of August!



I am proud to report that the Gan Mazon (Garden of Plenty), as of July 31, has exceeded its productivity over last year by 80 lbs.

The three volunteers who tend the garden --- my co-chair, her teen-age son and myself --- will have to miss considerable time in the garden during August. For personal reasons, I will be unable to do any lifting for the next four to five weeks; my co-chair will be away for two weeks, and her son for one week. Without new helpers, the garden will not have the personnel to harvest and deliver produce, weed, and perform plant maintenance.

MRT has an excellent reputation for providing fresh, organically grown vegetables. We have been supplying produce for several seasons to the families receiving assistance at two Monmouth County non-sectarian pantries: JF&CS of Asbury Park and Open Door of Freehold. This season's tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, cucumbers and squash are already showing promise of surpassing the 970 lbs. delivered in the 2013 season.

Work in the garden is done during the relatively cool early morning hours, arriving between 7:30 and 8:30 am, three or four days weekly. Our sessions usually last 90 minutes to two hours, depending on the work to be done. Of course, volunteers may set-up their own schedules.



Although, I will not be up to full strength, I will be at the garden throughout August to assist new volunteers. Christine Gold, my co-chair, is looking forward to welcoming you and sharing her enthusiasm for helping families dependent on our gardening efforts. No experience is required, as the learning curve is fairly short. Please contact me at

davidlevinsky@optonline.net or 732-536-1813 or Christine at christinagold@yahoo.com or 732-500-3369 for more details. Note: Christine's email is "Christina" with an "a."

Please consider joining Christine, Nicholas and me,
David



Social Action Meeting:
Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm
at Rabbi Kline's home.

Interested in brainstorming and being involved? Please join us!!
Contact Kerry Krachman at kerrykrachman1956@gmail.com
for more information

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

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of June 16, 2015 and would like to acknowledge positive happenings within our congregation.

We had our Seeds of Spirituality (formerly Visual T'Fillah) service last Friday. We also had our special First Friday Shabbat Service. Sisterhood had a fundraiser this month and raised over \$400. Our Youth Group had dinner and talked about accomplishments of the last year over dinner. The Cemetery committee had completed its initial work. Our Men's Club is changing over leadership this month and Mark Kroen will be our new Men's Club President. Our Softball Team won its second game of the year. We are setting the schedule for meetings to plan for next year. Mitzvah Day will include the "Shine a Light" project the Monday before. Our Adult Ed committee had a program run by Elliot Familiant. We welcomed our new Religious School Principal, Stephanie Fields to our temple via a dinner at Rabbi Kline's house. Confirmation was held several weeks ago – it was a beautiful service well-attended by the Board. Our Senior Youth Group has changed its name from MRTSY and will now be known as SMRTY (Senior Monmouth Reform Temple Youth). Next year's First VP is Courtney Aptaker. Sarah Klein and Lauren Vicenzi will continue to be co-presidents next year.

Rabbi Kline continued his workshops for Board Members on Moving Forward Strategically. This month's session was entitled "Jewish Education".

The Capital Project Task Force held a meeting to get ideas from our members about which projects were important to them. The House Committee is preparing the Martef for the school year – 3 classrooms and Youth Lounge on our lower level.

Camp Olami is expected to run in August. Signups for this have been slow so if you are planning to sign up, please let our office know.

The Board wants to organize our marketing and communications better. Jay Wiesenfeld has volunteered to coordinate our marketing efforts until a permanent chair is found.

The Board is moved to propose an amendment to our constitution to ease ratification of actions taken at our annual meeting; the amendment allows ratification by email or mail (currently only mail is allowed) if a quorum of 20% of our members are not in attendance at the meeting. The amendment must be ratified at the next congregational meeting.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and concerns were raised about our continuing deficits.

Jay Wiesenfeld gave the Board his last President's report. The Annual Meeting ballots were due on May 25th. Based on the received ballots, the results of the Annual Meeting have been confirmed. The Executive Committee had considered MRT participating in URJ's "Communities of Practice" initiative. After evaluating the amount of commitment, the Executive Committee decided not to move forward with this initiative this year. Red Bank YMCA expansion construction work is proceeding. The MRT Human Resources Committee has been obtaining feedback for our Clergy and Staff Members. Jay reiterates his thanks to the Board, Clergy, and Staff for their support for his work. Jay acknowledged the efforts of Mitch Baum, David Levinsky, John Heidema, Alan Levy, and Mark Gruensfelder, all of whom are leaving the Board.

Zach Gilstein gave the Board his first report as incoming President. Zach is looking forward to working with this great Board, to further our progress on our journey. He wants to make sure that all committees have clear written goals and objectives for the next year. Through the year we should focus on the next year's plan as well as a five-year plan. The key work of the Board is strategic work – the Committees perform the tactical work that provides the interesting and varied programming and activities.

Submitted by Jim Halpern
Recording Secretary MRT Board of Trustees

Summary of July 21st Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday evening, July 21, 2015, beginning at 7 pm.

The Board acknowledges positive happenings within the congregation. The Membership committee has recently updated and revised our membership application. The Social Action Committee is gathering additional opportunities for projects with local charities. The beach service of Jun 26 was inspiring, well attended, and began with a good shofar blast. There is a flurry of summer emails boding well for upcoming activities this year. The Men's Club will engage in a clean-up of part of the Henry Hudson Trail in August. The marteiff (aka lower level) has been cleaned and painted, in preparation for use as classroom space. The Adult Education and Publicity

& Marketing committees had enthusiastic first meetings of the year. MRT has had several articles in local publications already this summer.

In his President's Report, Zach Gilstein reviewed the new MRT organization roster, with VP assignments supporting various committees. He requested that each committee create a written statement of goals and objectives, which should incorporate objectives to increase connections within our MRT community. The web site has been well updated and it continually needs new and updated material, including pictures and video. All content for the web site should be submitted to Mark Gruensfelder, who is the web master for MRT, with the participation of the VP who supports the committee responsible for the content. Zach initiated a process for the Board members to create bulletin articles about other Board members, so that the congregation will become more familiar with its Board members.

Rabbi Kline led a session on strategy and branding. This continues the discussion, initiated by the Board's review of the progress implementing the Atid report, on how to put our mission into action. Marc is compiling the input from the Board about five sacred things about belonging to MRT that each Board member has proposed.

Stu Tuchband reported on the proposal to purchase 68 grave plots in the new interfaith section of the cemetery of Temple Torat-El, on Route 33 in Neptune. MRT already has 42 plots in the Jewish section of this cemetery, which have all been sold to MRT families. The Board approved a motion to negotiate the purchase of the 68 plots with Temple Torat-El.

Margie Wold reported that the library book collection has been appropriately culled and that plans for repainting the library are proceeding. Doreen Addison reported that during the High Holy Days, MRT will again open services to the wider community, as we did last year. Members will not need to present tickets, so tickets will not be sent to members. Non-members rsvp'ing to our High Holy Day invitation will be given tickets.

The Board approved the resignations of three member families, which was presented in the report of Membership chair Linda Burns.

Rabbi Kline reported that he had attended the URJ National Leadership Camp session at Camp Kutz and noted the excellent group of leaders and music leaders. He will be joining 103 other rabbis, including Rabbi Priesand, for part of a march for justice from Selma, Alabama to Washington, DC. Our rabbis will participate only for a few days—the full march will be extend through August and September. Plans for a joint Martin Luther King Friday Shabbat service with the Pilgrim Baptist Church have already begun.

Cantor has been working on many aspects of the High Holy Day services. The first three sessions from the 92nd St. Y have been scheduled. The Youth advisors are planning for the upcoming year. Cantor will be in residence at Camp Harlam again this summer.

Because of the new Board positions, the authorized signers for MRT checks must be revised. The Board approved a group of four signers for MRT: President Zach Gilstein, Treasurer Stu Tuchband, Senior VP Jay Feigus, and 2nd VP Margie Wold.

Submitted by Jim Halpern
Recording Secretary MRT Board of Trustees

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 332 HANCE AVENUE, TINTON FALLS NJ 07724

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL MAXINE KLATSKY: 732-935-0508 OR MKLATSKY1@VERIZON.NET

Spread the sweet cheer of a fabulous New Year



Making Strides against Breast Cancer

The MRT "**Sisters**" will once again be walking in the **Making Strides against Breast Cancer** walk in Point Pleasant Beach. Our **DREAM TEAM** is not limited to just Sisters or temple members. ALL are invited to walk. Please join us as together we help to create more birthdays.



The event is **Sunday, October 18** at Point Pleasant Beach and is 3.2 miles (5k).

8:00 am	Registration begins – everyone must register at the tents
9:00 am	Opening Ceremony
9:40 am	Warm up
10:00 am	The Walk begins

For additional information please contact:

Linda Wien Murray (lwmurray610@gmail.com) or

Margie Wold (woldiem@aol.com)

Sign up through the blog :

<http://mrtsisterhood.wordpress.com/making-strides-against-breast-cancer>

or type in

<http://tinyurl.com/q6p9zu4> to reach the Sisterhood registration page.

Once you join the MRT Sisterhood team, you can have donations posted to the team or to your individual page. If you click on your name, the donation will post to your individual page.

Join us as we help to create a world with more birthdays!

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
ALL DAY



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<p>■ THURSDAY • AUGUST 6, 5PM Papa Ganache 106 Main St., Matawan FREE desserts <i>In partnership with Temple Beth Ahm</i></p>	<p>■ SUNDAY • AUGUST 16, 3PM What's the Scoop? 410 Main St., Metuchen FREE ice cream provided by Congregation Neve Shalom <i>In partnership with Congregation Neve Shalom</i></p>
<p>■ MONDAY • AUGUST 10, 4PM Yo Fresh Yogurt Café 2431 Rt. 1 South, North Brunswick FREE ice cream provided by Congregation B'nai Tikvah <i>In partnership with Congregation B'nai Tikvah</i></p>	<p>■ WEDNESDAY • AUGUST 19, 5:30PM Yo Mon 70 Water St., Red Bank 10% discount when you mention PJ Library <i>In partnership with Monmouth Reform Temple</i></p>
<p>■ TUESDAY • AUGUST 11, 3:30PM Hoffman's 444 Ocean Blvd. North, Long Branch FREE ice cream provided by Congregation Torat El <i>In partnership with Congregation Torat El</i></p>	<p>■ TUESDAY • AUGUST 25, 4:30PM Dairy Deluxe 811 Raritan Ave., Highland Park 5% discount when you mention PJ Library <i>In partnership with Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple</i></p>



For more information, please call Sarah Portilla, Director of Community Engagement at
 732-866-4300 or email sarahp@jewishheartnj.org

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From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chair

Summertime is often a time for reading books we've not thought about before. I would like to recommend a couple of books relating to the history and personal experiences of individuals in Israel. Fair warning- these are not easy, beach books that you may enjoy reading as you loll in the sun with sounds of ocean waves flowing and ebbing. But they are books that will make you think and perhaps readjust some long held opinions.

"My Promised Land - The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel" by Ari Shavit is a beautifully written account of the author's early family origins in the Holy Land as a response to the birth of the Zionist movement. It is a heartbreaking account of the days that followed, using historical documents and interviews, letters and diaries to weave the mesmerizing narrative. Some of it is painful to read, and to learn what horrific actions were taken for the sake of establishing a home for Jews in the land. Ari Shavit has been in the United States recently speaking about his book and defending his right to tell historical truths against those who would criticize his authorship. It is an important and masterful book by a lover, though sometimes critical, of Israel.

"To the End of the Land" by David Grossman is an anti-war novel about the grief and cost of war. It is about family relationships and the refusal to face, but the inevitability of, loss. The novel is written with sensitivity and passion, always gentle and creates an unforgettable character whom you will never forget. It is very personal and a great work of literature.

"Son of Hamas" by Mosab Hassan Yousef is a gripping tale, the true story of the evolution of a young Muslim Palestinian caught up with his prominent and highly respected family whose father was a leader in Hamas, in the Israeli-Arab conflict. The book reads like an edge of the seat spy story and describes murders, incarceration, double-agent activities and near death experiences. All the while, one cares about the author and his inner thoughts, his abiding love for his family and his need to protect them. His remarkable turnabout and betrayal is a unique, and deeply human experience beautifully told and strangely easy reading.

"Menachem Begin - The Battle for Israel's Soul" by Daniel Gordis is the inside story of the rise, near fall, and ultimate rise of this refugee from a poor family living in a small town in Poland where the young man, deeply versed in Torah, though not traditionally religious, developed right-leaning positions. After being imprisoned by the Soviets for his radical beliefs, Begin arrived in Israel as a Polish soldier having served in the Free Polish Army in 1942. The great and bitter rivalry between Begin and David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, caused polarization of factions within Israel and throughout the Jewish diaspora. Begin, at one time labelled a terrorist who ordered the blowing up of the King David Hotel where British commanders were housed, won the Nobel Peace prize, made peace with Egypt, welcomed President Anwar Sadat to Israel and co-signed a peace treaty with him on the White House lawn in 1979. As Prime Minister, Begin reached out to Ethiopian Jews and Vietnamese boat people. He was ultimately a man of the people and was passionate about his Judaism and Israel's legacy therein. A great read.

America's Journey for Justice—Join Rabbi Kline on August 17th

The NAACP, in conjunction with faith-based and other communities, is calling for the formation of a broad coalition to march from Selma to Washington, DC beginning August 1, 2015. The journey takes place in a five-state relay format in which each state participates in a portion of the journey to dramatize the need for state level reform in the areas of voting rights, labor and employment rights, public education, and criminal justice. Participants may set how many miles they want to walk each day and can ride the bus for the remainder of the journey.

The march will go through Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina and Virginia. These states have implemented voter identification laws and shortened periods for early voting.

Each day marchers will walk approximately 18-20 miles.

Please contact Rabbi Kline for more information.

From Rose Schreck, Jr.Youth Group Advisor

Dear MRT Community,
Hope you are all having a great summer.

My name is Rosie Schreck and I am very excited to announce that I will be taking on the responsibilities of the Junior Youth Group Advisor for the 2015-2016 school year. Before I launch into all my big plans for the upcoming year, I figure I'd tell you a little bit about myself. I am a lifelong member of MRT. I have gotten to know many of your children through First Fridays and as a Hebrew Tutor for our Sunday School.

In the upcoming year I have put together a schedule of fun events! There will be trips to Yesterdcades, apple picking and pie baking, laser tag and much more. The Junior Youth Group will also be participating in several service projects throughout the year. My hope is that these events inspire lifelong friendships, and help MRT and our local community.

Our first event this year will be Back to School Pool Party at my home 24 Green Meadow Drive, Tinton Falls (Down the street from MRT) on August 23 (Rain date August 30th). All students in grades 3-7 and their parents are invited to attend from 2:00-5:00pm. Burgers and hotdogs will be served. All you need to bring is a bathing suit and a towel. Please RSVP if your children are attending to my Jr. Youth Group Email jryouth@monmouthreformtemple.org by August 15th.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming year. I'm look forward to getting to know all your kids and you better throughout the upcoming school year.

Thanks,
Rosie :)
Email: jryouth@monmouthreformtemple.org
Phone: (908) 489-9002

From Amy Greenberg, SMaRTY Advisor



Amy Greenberg earned a Bachelor's degree in education at the University of Miami and a Master's degree from Monmouth University. Amy has spent 33 years in the Middletown school system as a teacher, coach and counselor at the elementary and secondary level. Amy implemented elementary guidance in Middletown and won teacher of the year in 2005.

Amy grew up in Shrewsbury and received her religious education at MRT. Amy currently lives in Little Silver and her family are still members of MRT.

Amy's email is smarty@monmouthreformtemple.org.

Registration is ongoing for Camp Olami!

August 25th and 26th

A great way to ease back into the School year and

Have fun at the same time.

Contact the office for a registration form.

MEN'S CLUB, Mark Kroen, President

As I begin my term as President of the MRT Men's Club, I would be remiss not to take this time to acknowledge a special person, who for two years dedicated unselfishly his time, energy and leadership to the MRT Men's Club. As outgoing President, Mitch Baum was instrumental in leaving the Men's Club in a very good position to better service the Temple needs both internally and externally. Mitch, for your unwavering dedication and commitment, and a job well done, your Men's Club brothers say "Thank You".

My first month as President has been a bit of a whirlwind as we lay plans for various events to take place over the next 6 – 12 months. I hope all my fellow male congregants will find the time and interest to partake in at least one event, if not several. The Men's Club is just not about 8 or 10 or even 12 men, but all MRT men; please be a part of something positive and with great purpose!

In addition to the monthly MRT newsletter, you will receive copies of the monthly meeting minutes, please take the time to read them as they are filled with very good information, and please visit us on the MRT website. Also, if you wish to have something placed on the MRT website, an article, an announcement or some event taking place, please send the information to mrt.brothers1@gmail.com. Upon review and acceptance, the information will be placed in the Men's Club section on the MRT website.

Upcoming events:

August 6 – 7:00 p.m. – August meeting moved to facilitate removal of books from the library walls – moveable book carts will be provided – **volunteers needed**

August 9 – clean-up of the Henry Hudson walkway – meeting place and time to follow - **volunteers required**

September 10 – Poker Night that was cancelled is back on calendar for 8:00 p.m.

High Holy Day – Contact: Perry Weyser, Team Leader – **volunteers needed**

September 27 - Building of the Sukkah – **volunteers needed**

September 30 - Pot Luck Dinner in Sukkah - open to all

October 11 - Breakdown of Sukkah - **volunteers needed**

Finally, by now all male congregants should have received the Men's Club Annual Membership Appeal letter. While the initial response has been very good, less than 10% of all male congregants have responded to date. I know that the remainder of the men have every intention of participating, and I look forward to receiving your individual gifts. Simply put, I am asking of each of you a gift of less than \$0.10 a day, but I will accept generous gifts of \$0.20 and \$0.30 a day. The \$0.10 a day will do so much for many, and be used in a far greater way than anything one can purchase for the same amount, and achieve a tremendous feeling of joy...the contribution is a real mitzvah! So please, sit down, write a check to MRT Men's Club and either mail it or drop it off at the office. I thank you in advance for your kindness and thoughtful generosity!

Shalom,
Mark Kroen
MRT Men's Club President

SISTERHOOD, Jill Austin and Cheryl Gaudette, Co-Presidents



On Monday, a group of about 20 women, ages 30 to 80, enjoyed a relaxed, fun and beautiful evening together around Elise's pool. We brought food, drinks and stories of our summer to share.

During the previous week, the book club gathered at Lynn's house, overlooking the Shrewsbury River. As the sun set, we discussed *Boston Girl* by Anita Diamond (the story of an immigrant family in Boston in the early 1900 as told by a Jewish grandmother to her granddaughter). Of course we all brought food and laughter to share.

MRT's Sisterhood would like you to join us and add your unique spirit to our wonderful and diverse group. We have found a community of friendship, caring and service and we hope to welcome you to this very special group in our Temple family.

Please consider joining us: go to www.monmouthreformtemple.org and Click on "MRT Community" and click on "Sisterhood".

We have many activities planned for the coming year and we are open to more ideas. We hope to take on an even larger role in the social action activities of the Temple. Here is our calendar of events through October. (Also, you can find this information at: <https://mrtsisterhood.wordpress.com>)

August 24th Monday - Book Club meeting and pot luck at the Shrewsbury Sailing Club. Come discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, a 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner. (the story of survival by a blind French girl and a German boy during WWII) We will have dinner, talk and enjoy the beautiful view on the deck overlooking the Shrewsbury River.

September 11 Packing& Pick-up/13 Pick-up Help with the Rosh Hashanah Apple Cake, Babka and Honey Sale (as you prepare to celebrate the New Year)

October 1 Thursday – Sisterhood in the Sukkah (a wonderful dinner and a great evening)

October 5 Monday – 7:15 – Book Club

October 18 Sunday – [Breast Cancer Walk](#) – Point Pleasant – we participate as a Sisterhood team, please join us

October 27 Tuesday – Out and About - a relaxed get together at a local restaurant for drinks, dinner & socializing

We know schedules are busy, but consider supporting and joining us even if you can only participate once or twice a year. We hope to see you soon.

For any questions please email: sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org

Get Healthy This Year at MRT

I've long wanted to help myself and other MRT members get more healthy in mind, body and spirit. Throughout this year, there will be various health initiatives integrated into existing programs as well as new ideas generated from YOUR interests.

One idea already on tap is the 92nd St. Y program on Wednesday September 30, "Living Well, Aging Well," with Harold Kusher and Rachel Cowan with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein. I hope this program provides us with some great food for thought to take action in the months to come.

Other ideas include:

- A walking club at Dorbrook Park, perhaps Sunday mornings during religious school and Wednesday mornings.
- Health Fair to measure our fitness levels to include MRT health professionals
- Speakers and authors who inspire and challenge our minds
- Fitness afternoon for seniors
- Game day for the kids incorporating healthy snacks
- Cooking night with healthy recipes

All of this will culminate on Mitzvah Day in May when we will incorporate these notions of good health that support our MRT mission to "seek to be inspired and to inspire each other in a spiritual journey" and "create opportunities for individuals and families to study and learn together."

Please contact me if you would like to help make this health initiative bigger and better. I might be already reaching out to some of you who have expressed an interest in this idea in the past. Let's help each other get healthy!

Margie Wold

woldiem@aol.com, cell: 732-241-9941



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THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Doris and Lou Holzman on the loss of their son, Michael

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

- Susan and Bob St. Lifer on the marriage of their son Sam to Annie
- Dean and Sharyn Ross on the birth of a granddaughter Toby Estelle
- Bernard and Phoebe Shagan on the marriage of their son Adam to Carolyn
- Bernie Brandwene on the marriage of his daughter Martha to Rita McWilliams
- Martha Brandwene and Rita McWilliams on their marriage

August Yahrtzeits (date based on when they occur)



At MRT, loved ones are memorialized with Kaddish at the Shabbat service on or following their Yahrtzeit. If you would like someone's name read on a different Shabbat please contact the office or see the Rabbi just prior to services.

**Indicates that a Memorial Plaque is hanging in the MRT sanctuary ensuring that their yahrtzeit will be observed in perpetuity. Plaques can be purchased by contacting the MRT office. They are hung on the side walls of the sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost per plaque is \$400.*

Names to be Read on Friday, August 7th (Services at 6pm)

William Hillson, Samuel Hoffman, Rhea Rath, Vera Cooper, Edith Fleischer, Frances Morrison, Ralph Rapisardi, *Lt. Howard Jon Schnabolk, Michael Simms, Morris Cowan, *Esther Baker, Alfred Berger, Mina Kasdan, Marvin Rosenberg, *Maurice Schwartz, Paul Scott, *Mildred B. Cohen, Arthur Farber, Rhoda Ferencz, Phyllis Herbert, *Renee Sosin, *Louis Gold, *Frieda Heffes, Lloyd Shapiro

Names to be Read on Friday, August 14th (Dinner at 6pm **Services at 7pm**—7 President's Park)

Harold Cohan, Gerritt Heidema, Harold Kaplan, *Ralph Schlosberg, *Rose Halpern Zager, Anita Basen, Daphne Calderwood, Harold Gabel, *Lee Garin, Robert D. Gelber, MD, *Charles Komar, Anne Potter, Angelo Vicenzi, Nettie Auerbach, Esther Rapisardo, Stella Gittelman, Ethel Alpine Semer, *Stacey Mira Bassin, Bertha Lowenstein, *Louis Sternberg

Names to be Read on Friday, August 21st (Services at 6pm)

*Arthur Rosenzweig, Joseph Vogel, Millicent Weissman, Jacob Gilstein, Elaine Hillson, Philip Cole, Rose Cook, *Samuel Friedman, Carl Goodstein, Ferol Elaine Gult, Sidney Sabin, *Esther Brandwene, Alonzo Brewer, Dorothy N. Fox, Louis Sills, Esther Adelstein, Leonard Danzig, Elinor Tischman, *Emanuel Yagoda, *Jack Shiffman, *Janet E. Zatt, *Arthur H. Baker, Michael Garin, *Philip Huber, Gwen Kurry, Max Ulanet

Names to be Read on Friday, August 28th (Services at 6pm)

Dorothy Choate, Anna Holzman, Toby Garson, *Ann Baron, Adeline Gershan, Seymour Tell, *Sadie Feld Wallerstein, Rose Boyer, Fay Grand, *Natalie Riger Huber, Bernard Harrington, *Lillian Kohn, *Gloria St. Lifer, Morris Yellenberg, Penrose Berman, *Isaac Blonder, *Bernard Goldberg, Edward Keezer, Anita Uhrmacher

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In Honor Of:

Our son Sam's marriage to Annie
Susan and Bob St. Lifer

Sisterhood

In Honor Of:

Linda and David Murray on their children Emma and Sam's graduation
Cheryl and Steve Gaudette

General Fund

In Memory Of:

Stanley Kline and Stella Gittelman
Lois Kline

Tuesday morning Summer Study Group
will meet at 9:45am in the Library

Tuesday, August 4th
Tuesday, August 11th

BYO Coffee and snack!



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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.

August 2015For the most up-to-date information: www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Minyan & Torah Study
2	3 1pm Office Closing	4 9:45am Study Group	5 6pm Ritual 7pm Youth Committee	6 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Men's Club Board	7 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services	8 9am Minyan & Torah Study
9 Henry Hudson Walkway clean up	10 1pm Office Closing 7pm Adult Ed	11 9:45am Study Group 7:30pm Exec Board	12	13 6:30pm Membership 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	14 1pm Office Closing 2:15 Brighton Dinner @ Beach 6pm Beach Service @ 7pm— 7 Pres Park	15 9am Minyan & Torah Study
16	17 1pm Office Closing 20 MILE WALK	18 7:15pm Board of Trustees	19 7pm Social Action at Rabbi Kline's home	20 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	21 1pm Office Closing 2:15pm Brighton 6pm Shabbat Services	22 9am Minyan & Torah Study
23 2pm Jr. Youth Pool Party offsite	24 1pm Office Closing 7:15pm Sis Book Club at SSYC	25	26	27 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	28 1pm Office Closing 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services	29 9am Minyan & Torah Study 3pm SMaRTY Pool Party offsite
30	31 1pm Office Closing					

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