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

Schedule of Shabbat Services November 2015

Friday, November 6th

6pm Shabbat Services
(First Friday is next week!
Services are at 6pm tonight!)

Friday, November 13th



6pm First Friday
Shabbat Services
SEEDS OF SPIRITUALITY
(No Pot Luck Dinner this month!)

Friday, November 20th

7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, November 21st

10am Bat Mitzvah of Cameron Nifoussi

Friday, November 27th

7pm Shabbat Services

Our entire MRT community is invited to celebrate with with our B'nai Mitzvah and their families at services. Please join us!

Did you know...

Every Saturday morning
Torah Talk and Services
in the Library
Saturday (Shabbat morning) Torah Talk
will take place at 9am
followed by Shabbat morning service

Have you considered the people sitting around you when you are here at MRT?

When attending services and all other events at MRT please remember:

- People around you are sensitive to scent, sound, and distraction.
- Always enjoy being here in ways that help others enjoy being here, too.

Thank you!

FAMILY
FIRST FRIDAY
SHABBAT
13 November @ 6pm

Animation cell Pixar Studios

We come together to discover
the JOY OF SHABBAT

• We come together to PRAY... •

We come together to SING...

We come together to GIVE THANKS...

We come together to DISCOVER THE
MYSTERY OF PRAYER!

VISUAL *Seeds of Spirituality* SERVICE

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

We have had 11 families join our MRT Community in the last two months. We are excited to have these families join us, and we look forward to growing together in spirituality, enjoying each other's company, and celebrating many simchas together. In addition, we have a comparable number of prospects that are seriously considering joining.

I think this strong response is a reflection of the outreach we have been doing in the broader community, especially opening our doors for High Holy Days. Of course, our best ambassadors for engaging new members are us! We can all make a difference by sharing the best of our community with others.

As I said in my first article, my vision is to have a Connected Community in which every person is connected in many ways to other people who make their Temple life meaningful, whether it is through lifelong Jewish learning, spirituality, social action, socializing or all of the above.

This year I have asked each Committee Chair to include in their goals for the year what they will do to increase connections and engagement among our members. For instance, Membership is sponsoring a monthly open house at Rabbi Kline's at which new and seasoned members will have an opportunity to meet. Ritual is reaching out to have people join Rabbi Kline and Cantor Clissold on the bima at Friday night services.

We are also working on common goals of improving our external and internal communications about the many activities and initiatives we are undertaking, including relooking at our Monthly Bulletin, eblasts, flyers, social media and other means of keeping people informed. Finally, we are all working to make a significant improvement in our website, including providing more information in more visually intriguing presentation and ensuring a ease of navigation.

I know there is considerable expertise in our congregation in all of these areas. If you would like to help, please reach out to me so that I can connect you with others who are seeking to move us forward in these ways.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

With the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury

Wednesday, November 25th at 8pm

At Monmouth Reform Temple

Featuring

The Joint Choirs

The Bell Choir



Revered McKirachan will be preaching Jeremiah 31:31-34

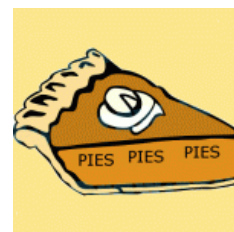
Sermon Title: A New Deal

We are looking for donations of Baked Goods to share with our friends from the Presbyterian Church.

Please contact the office and let us know what you will be bringing.

Please plate your own donations with disposable dishes.

Thanks in advance! Helene & Mindy



HHDA Update: Looking for YOU

The High Holy Day Appeal is proceeding at the same pace as last year. That's good news but needs to be better if we are going to reach the goal of 100% participation. The families listed below are our newest HHDA Heroes and we are so very grateful to them for being leaders in this important expression of love and gratitude for our synagogue. Now it's your turn. This is the year for you to make a new step in support of MRT - by making a gift to the HHDA. The gift itself is less important than the spirit it will display. To be a vibrant synagogue we need to vibrate with generosity of spirit. Make a donation of any size and join the list of those who show their love for being part of Monmouth Reform Temple with generosity.

Mark Gruensfelder, Joel Morgovsky, HHDA Co-Chairs

Our donors since the last Bulletin (as of October 23rd) are:

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It's not too early to think about this!
 MRT Trip Israel Led by Rabbi Marc Kline

More information forthcoming

July 3rd – 14th, 2016

Please contact Rabbi Kline if you are interested.



Lego Day
 at
 MRT Religious School
 Sunday, October 25th



From Rabbi Marc Kline



*“When there is true peace down below,
within the individual,
there is peace on high—in God’s heaven above.
And when there is peace on high,
abundance and mercy fills the world below.”*
(Likutei Moharan I:39)

We are about to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Thanksgiving. Yes, you read correctly. Thanksgiving is a Jewish holiday. It is a Christian holiday, Muslim holiday, Hindu holiday, and a holiday in every faith tradition in America. I can argue that it is fashioned after Sukkot (which it is), and thus we get superior claim to its foundations, but that argument misses the point. We live in a country that blesses us with some amazing freedoms. Yes, there is a ton of controversy over how to interpret and affirm these freedoms, but we cannot ignore that we have the freedoms to engage in this debate.

Talmud argues that obeying the laws and ways of the communities in which we live is a sacred obligation: “*Dina d’malkhutah dina*.” We can certainly debate the intentions of the Pilgrims in engaging the native population. As it turns out, the confirmation of good will that the new immigrants offered the indigenous population failed. The spirit of the holiday, though, should make us mindful of our need to redeem broken trusts and to affirm the dignity of everyone with whom we engage. These endeavors are sacred in our roles as American citizens ... and hence, as American Jews. As we gather around our tables at the end of this month, let’s make sure to include “new friends” in our celebration. Let’s light holiday candles and sanctify the day with “Kiddush.” Let us not forget to say “*She-he-kheyanu*” as we thank God for sustaining us; “*Modim Anakhnu Lackh*” giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy; and “*Oseh Shalom*” as we commit to the work of bringing wholeness and wholesomeness into our spheres of influence. We cannot separate ourselves from either our commitment to faith or our commitment to our country. As we celebrate one, we must celebrate the other. But for our blessings in both, neither makes sense.

When we make peace here, it impacts the entire world. Reb Nakhman’s prayer reminds us that we have the power to change the world. Too often, though, we fail to seize the opportunities to share this gift. He taught us to create occasions to open doors for peace. This month, we have one all but begging to be used for healing and renewal. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lobby Tzedakah Box November 2015 American Friends of Magen David Adom Co-Sponsors: Susan and Bob St. Lifer

Although MDA (Magen David Adom) is mandated by the Israeli government to serve as the official emergency response agency, it does not receive any government funding. MDA relies on donations year-round to ensure they are prepared, whenever a disaster may strike.

Over the course of a single day, that adds up to nearly \$24,000 in disposable medical supplies: bandages, IV needles, syringes, intubation tubes used day after day to save civilian lives—and those of injured IDF soldiers.

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Now is the time to decide what your children are doing next summer. Summers at Jewish overnight camps are packed with a wide range of fun activities—aquatics, arts and crafts, basketball and soccer, dance, music, cooking, archery, drama, outdoor adventure and hiking and much more! Campers are encouraged to discover new skills and interests they never knew they had.

Jewish camp weaves Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. Spirited and dynamic staff members use experiential learning to reveal what makes Jewish religion and culture so unique in today's world. At camp, Jewish and Israeli culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance.

The impact of Jewish camp is immediate—campers return home connected to a community and friends that will last them a lifetime. I can promise you that it doesn't stop there. Children with pivotal Jewish camp experiences are more likely to become adults who value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles in their communities. For these reasons and many others I encourage all our students to go to Jewish Summer Camp.

Having now spent six summers at Camp Harlam, our regional summer camp in PA, I truly believe it is an amazing gift to enroll your children at Harlam. On November 13th, we are having our visual service "Seeds of Spirituality" and this service is designed for the youth of our congregation. Everyone will enjoy the images which are so perfect for Shabbat worship. As part of this service, Camp Harlam Assistant Director Sean Carlin will speak to our congregation about Camp Harlam, stay to answer questions, and hand out gifts. I hope to see you there. Please check out <http://harlam.urjcamps.org/> for more info.

The URJ offers several other camps in the northeast, some with special programs on sports or science or other areas. If your child has a special interest, I can provide guidance on good camp choices. MRT and Federation both can help defray the costs of sending your child to camp.

So Most of all...Think Jewish CAMP!



Last time you read Torah was at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah?
Never learned to read Torah but would love the experience?
Torah Readers Needed at Friday night
Shabbat Services.

Please contact Cantor Clissold
A great opportunity to participate in this inspiring part of our weekly service.

Save the date: **Mitzvah Day 2016** is Sunday, May 22nd.

Join the committee to plan this amazing event.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm

Summary of October 20th Board of Trustees meeting: from Jim Halpern, MRT Recording Sec'y

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of October 20, 2015 and would like to acknowledge positive happenings within our congregation.

This month we celebrated three B'nai Mitzvot so far. Congratulations to Adam Gorstein, Lev Brewer, Jacqueline Finley and also to Matt Berman who will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 31st. Our Religious School has started to publish a weekly newsletter. Our Men's Club built our Sukkah, where Rabbi Kline and Cantor Clissold held our second annual sunrise service celebrating Sukkot. Our Men's Club also held their annual Football outing at Houlihans this week. On the 25th of October, Men's Club will be sponsoring a golf outing at

Pine Barrens Golf Club. The Men's Club is also continued to maintain part of the Henry Hudson Trail as part of its mission of Tikkun Olam. Sisterhood participated in the "Making Strides Walk" for Raising Breast Cancer Awareness and raised over \$4000. They held a "Sisterhood in the Sukkah Dinner," which got a little wet and had to be moved inside. Adult Ed held the first of two sessions on Memoir Writing. We have had two programs so far this season for our 92nd St. Y Live Broadcasts. There is one more this Fall on November 8th with Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. And finally, during our High Holiday Food Drive, we collected over 3500 lbs of food, in addition to the 1000 lbs of fresh produce that we raised in our community garden.

The Membership Committee asked the Board to resign one family and reports that we now have 330 family memberships currently at MRT. The next Membership event will be on November 21st to celebrate Havdalah at Rabbi Kline and Lori Bernard's home.

The Adult Ed Committee will be presenting a Film Event on Sunday, November 22 from 11AM to 3PM. Two uplifting holocaust films, about courageous rescues, will be shown. Light brunch will be served and discussion will follow each film. Admission is free and donations will be welcome and appreciated. Open to the public. The Board reviewed the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2015. While we are currently staying within our budget, our Treasurer reminded us that it is important for everyone to get their pledge money in on time, so that we can have the working capital for everyday operations.

Rabbi Kline reported he is continuing to plan for Dr. Martin Luther King weekend which we will be celebrating with the Pilgrim Baptist Church. Our Choir is preparing special music for this celebration. He is also currently coordinating our Bible Study classes.

Cantor Clissold reports that our Youth Groups have been meeting regularly. We had a wonderful turnout at Cardboard Box City and the NFTY Leadership Summit in NYC. SMaRTY is now working on its upcoming service and Shul-In sleepover on December 18th. In addition to MLK weekend, our choir will formally begin learning the music for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 25th at MRT at 8 pm. This past week we had our annual Blessing of the Pet service. The weather cooperated and we were able to bless our critters on the outdoor patio. In November there will be two 6 pm Shabbat worship services on November 6 and 13th. The 13th will be our second Seeds of Spirituality service this year in a new format designed for the youth of MRT. There will not be a dinner to follow but we encourage you to have Shabbat dinner at one another's homes or go out to dinner with your MRT friends.

If you would like to read from the Torah at a Shabbat Service, we welcome you to talk to the Rabbi and Cantor. We would like more congregants to share this honor.

In the President's Report, Zach Gilstein thanked all who have contributed to the High Holiday Appeal, and asked that if you have not given, to please do so. Zach has asked each Committee to add an objective of developing a succession plan for Committee leadership. He also noted that MRT has a very busy calendar and everyone who is planning an event should coordinate the calendar with Helene in our office.

What motivates people to stay healthy and fit? MRT members each month share their stories of what makes them lead a healthy lifestyle.

Here is Joe Stein's story:

Why Health and Fitness Are Important to Me by Joe Stein

Hi Fellow MRT Members, I'm Joe Stein, aka "Trainer Joe." This coming February marks the twentieth anniversary of becoming a certified personal trainer. Prior to becoming involved in fitness and wellness, I was a District Territory Manager at a Fortune 500 technology company. Genetics and expense account living were taking their toll on my health. The transition from the corporate world was triggered by the loss of my parents years before. My dad died of heart disease at 52, and my mom died of complications of diabetes at 56. As I now know, both deaths were preventable, as research gerontologists have shown that seventy percent of all disabling disabilities and premature deaths are preventable through exercise, nutrition and lifestyle modifications. But back in the day, who knew that donuts and Lazy Boy loungers would kill ten times more people than guns.

In the second half of the second decade of the Twenty First Century, is there anybody who's unaware that mindful eating and exercise are healthy for them? It's like smoking...who doesn't know of its harmful effects? As the CEO, (that's Chief *Evangelical* Officer,) of Renaissance Fitness, my trainers and I help people and organizations improve their human physical performance in order to boost their organization's financial performance. Going beyond the now obvious health benefits, research has uncovered many new and exciting reasons to get and stay fit. Some of these include: Executives who exercise on a regular basis make better leaders. People who maintain normal weight will achieve higher lifetime earnings than those who are overweight or obese. Salespeople with better posture and higher metabolism earn larger commissions. Those who eat mindfully and exercise are less likely to suffer stress-induced career burnout.

It is my privilege to work with this talented Health Initiative team on this important project. My goal is to help those who wish to improve their lives by providing the insights, inspiration and the tools needed to transform desires into destinies.



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The Jewish Federation
IN THE HEART OF NEW JERSEY



2 **Event** Open To Entire Community!

Films

Sunday, November 22 , from 11 AM to 3 PM
Two uplifting Holocaust documentaries will be shown:



50 CHILDREN

In the spring of 1939, Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus embarked on a risky and unlikely mission. Traveling to the heart of Nazi Germany, they rescued 50 Jewish children from Vienna and brought them to the United States. The film stars Alan Alda and others. This will be followed by discussion and a light brunch.



RESCUE IN THE PHILIPPINES

The moral courage of an influential few in the Philippines saved the lives of 1300 Jewish men, women and children in Nazi Europe in the days leading to WW II. Who would have thought that the Philippines would open its arms to Jews during WW II when so much of the world turned away! A survivor, now living in New Jersey will be our guest. This film is narrated by Liev Schreiber. Q. and A. period will follow.

ADULT ED
2015
be inspired

ADMISSION IS FREE.
Donations are welcome and appreciated.

MRT Collects 100s of pounds for Annual Giving Program

Every year at the conclusion of the fall Jewish holidays, congregants of Monmouth Reform Temple (MRT), Tinton Falls, collect mounds and mounds of food and personal products to benefit The Center in Asbury. The Center is a non-profit organization to serve the needs of those living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers.

MRT was a founding partner in the establishment of The Center in 1992 under the leadership of Rabbi Sally Priesand and past Social Action Chairs Steve Mahan and Jeff Willard. Bags are handed out to congregants on Rosh Hashanah and collected on Yom Kippur. More recently Rabbi Marc Kline of MRT has extended the food collection an additional week through Sukkot, the Jewish holiday of Thanksgiving.



Thank you to Bill, Donald and Paul DeFelice of Circle Chevrolet for providing the delivery truck. In addition to this collection, temple volunteers serve dinner at The Center on a regular basis and participate in other activities that benefit the clients.

Photo Caption: Volunteers load the truck with food donations from Monmouth Reform Temple to be delivered to The Center in Asbury Park: left to right---Alex Austin, Rob Wold, Asher Clissold, Talbot Pratt, John Clissold, Mark Kroen, and Gene Vicenzi. Not pictured: Steve Gaudette, Rachel Kline, Rabbi Marc Kline.

Men's Club Enjoys Beautiful Day of Golf



On Sunday, October 25, 6 MRT members ventured forth to Pine Barrens Golf Club, where Jay Feigus had arranged an invitation for the Men's Club to play golf. Huge thanks to Jay! The team of Bob St. Lifer, Don Rothman, and Jay Feigus, pictured from the right, bested Al and Maxine Klatsky and Zach Gilstein 66 to 68 in the best ball competition. Zach, Al, and Maxine get to contribute \$18 each to the Tzedakah box in honor of their 2nd place finish. Bob, Don, and Jay retain bragging rights until next year.

1,055 Pounds Grown and Delivered from our Gan Mazon



David Levinsky
davidlevinsky@optonline.net

MRT's Gan Mazon/Garden of Plenty certainly lived up to its name this season by reaching a milestone harvest exceeding 1,000 lbs. The garden stuck to the basics, delivering five varieties of tomatoes, three of eggplant, three of squash, two of lettuce, and one each of cucumbers, peppers and onions to the non-sectarian pantries administered by the Jewish Family & Children's Service of Asbury Park and Open Door of Freehold. The excitement of reaching the 1,000 lbs. plateau prompted me to begin early planning for the 2016 season; however, increased poundage will not be the predominant objective.

Except for harvesting fifty pounds of lettuce on Mitzvah Day 2015, Gan Mazon has not produced a spring harvest in the four years under my tenure as director. Now seems like an opportune moment to consider adding a spring growing season which usually begins around March 17th (barring snow) until the summer plants go in toward the end of May. My second objective is to introduce new vegetables to the garden as well as new varieties of our basic ones. Lastly, at the conclusion of the gardening season, I search gardening books and the internet for information to maintain productive soil and decrease disease and harmful insects.

When searching for information related to anything horticultural, I suggest several sources. After entering a search question in a server of choice, click on the responses with .edu in their web addresses; these are from agricultural departments at leading universities across the United States. Of course, I would first utilize the very helpful Rutgers site at www.njaes.rutgers.edu. Next, access pertinent videos on www.youtube.com. YouTube is a surprisingly good source of information from experienced gardeners. Look for videos from areas of the country with similar climates as NJ. If you study enough videos on specific topics as "tips for growing____," trends will evolve, providing approaches to use in your garden. Gardening videos offer various perspectives from people who have learned through trial and error. Finally, spending time perusing the gardening books in a local library always leads to valuable insights.

Harvesting and delivering 1,055 pounds takes a village, or in our situation--- a temple. Gan Mazon's regulars, Christine Gold and her son, Nicolas, put in many, many hours at every task necessary to operate a 2,000 sq. ft. garden; several semi-regulars joined us this season as well, providing much appreciated on going assistance. With that said, I realized this season that showing up just once or twice for a few hours can be very productive. Several temple members with limited availability answered my request to work in the garden while the Golds and I were away in August. My point is that I want to encourage temple members to get involved. A few hours during the season is fine with me; a time commitment is not required or even necessary. The extra hands this summer definitely contributed to Gan Mazon's record breaking harvest.

See you next spring.

Save the dates:

Sisterhood/Men's Club Chanukah Party

Friday night, December 11th, Service at 6pm, followed by dinner

Community Chanukah Candlelighting

Sunday, December 13th at 11:30am



8 November @ 8.00 pm



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks in Conversation with Rabbi Peter Rubenstein

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, one of the most admired religious leaders of our time, provides an answer to those who claim that religion is intrinsically a cause of violence, in his new book, *Not in God's Name*. There are many conflicts around the world at present that claim to be in the name of God in Iraq, in Syria, in Gaza and elsewhere. However, Rabbi Sacks argues that a true understanding of religion will enable and inspire us to bring peace, not war—that far from leaving religion on the sidelines, we must put it at the heart of our peacemaking efforts.

TICKETING

\$18.00 for a single program

Purchase tickets in advance or at the door.

Note: Check in at desk for each event

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



Sisterhood Gift Shop Sale!

Opening Sundays November 15th and 22nd

9:30am-12pm

In the MRT Lobby

Please stop by and take a look at our merchandise which will be attractively priced!

From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chair

An E-Mail from ISRAEL

October 22, 2015

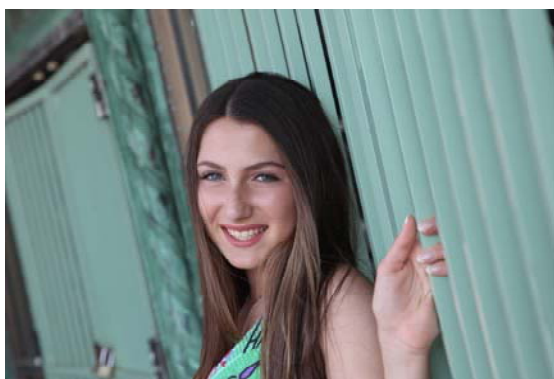
"Last summer was the time for hiding in shelters while rockets flew in parts of Israel. And now terror has lifted its head in Jerusalem. We won't and we can't hide. This is the first time that the war has made its way to Jerusalem. In the past, rockets fell in other parts of Israel but never in Jerusalem. It finally hit me when I was on the 174 bus line going from Jerusalem to Maale Adumim and suddenly the back doors of the bus flew open and everyone ran out. I had my music blasting away as usual, and I suddenly realized that my life is now under attack.

But we've hid enough. A few days ago at the Central Bus Station in Be'er Sheva a terrorist managed to make his way to the station. He killed a soldier and injured six people. How is it that Israel is alone? How is it possible that the New York Times makes headlines about how Israel takes away rights from Arabs who live here with an Israeli ID, get treated at the same hospitals and find work. A week ago a 13 year old boy was stabbed by an Arab terrorist, also 13 years old. Where are the headlines? When a family made its way home and four of the kids sitting in the back of the car witnessed their parents being killed, where were the headlines?

Despite the terror, we won't hide. We aren't going anywhere! Am Israel Chai!"

This from my 21 year old granddaughter who lives in Maale Adumim with our family.

Mazel Tov to our November Bat Mitzvah!



Cameron Nifoussi will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on November 21st. She lives in Little Silver with her parents, Alison and Howard and her younger brother Dylan. She is in the eighth grade at Markham Place School. Her favorite subjects are Social Studies and Language Arts. Her favorite hobbies are tennis, soccer, basketball and running/cross country.

For Cameron's Mitzvah Project she has been volunteering at the Lunch Break in Red Bank. She has been working in the food pantry helping members shop for groceries and at the clothing closet sorting and merchandising clothes and answering incoming phonecalls at the front desk. Cameron also took an active part in the spring food drive

"Foodstock" by collecting food and raising awareness for this annual event. She will continue to volunteer her time and play an active role at the Lunch Break after her Bat Mitzvah.

Cameron's Torah portion is Jacob's Ladder. This portion is about going through a process and realizing that difficult or trying times are not "bad." They are periods of growth, strength and positive change. The ladder is a metaphor in the story represents Jacob's consciousness. The higher consciousness (more positive) that he had let him see his challenges as opportunity to change and become better. It is a lesson to all of us that positive thoughts can lead to positive outcomes. Jacob represents patience and certainty. With both, we can achieve great things.



Mark Your Calendars: 2nd Annual Tennis Social
Saturday, February 6th at 7pm
Players and non-Players welcome

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood's year started with a delightful Sukkah Dinner celebrating fall. Approximately 50 women basked in the warmth and comradery of our Sisterhood family while enjoying a delicious meal.

Recently, our book club had lively discussion on *The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing* and on November 16th, we delve into *The Orphan Train*. Our first "Out and About" was an enjoyable, creative evening of painting and Chinese food at Sea Bright's Artsea.

Sisterhood proudly collaborates with other temple groups. Partnering with SMaRTY, we collected school supplies for children served by Family Promise and 180 Turning Lives Around. On November 1st, we'll assist the Men's Club beautifying the Henry Hudson Trail. We join forces again to host our December 11th Congregational Hanukkah Bash. Always enjoyed by all!!

On November 15th our lovely Judaica will be on a Special Reduced Sale during Religious School!! Come check out seasonal Hanukkah items and great gifts! We have beautiful jewelry, ritual and home décor items. Our prices can't be beat!!!

Sisterhood invites all MRT women to join and support us. Your dues and participation support activities for our entire MRT community. You will enjoy this caring, supportive and friendly group!

Questions? Suggestions? contact Jill Austin or Cheryl Gaudette, co-presidents

This just in from Sisterhood: Please join us for a planning meeting for our Biggest Bash of the year... The Sisterhood/Men's Club sponsored Congregational Chanukah Party!! This year's planning meeting will be on Monday, November 2nd at 4:45 at the Temple. Sisterhood/Men's Club sponsored Congregational Hanukkah Party is on Friday, December 11th immediately following services. Bring any suggestions to change it up a bit for this year! Please let us know if you'll be there. If you can't attend the meeting, please let us know if you can help with coordinating, set-up, etc. PLEASE RSVP to sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org.

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Baldwin Davidson Memorial Scholarship Fund

A Message from Sisterhood & Men's Club

This fund supports the Jewish education and experiences of our children through trips to Israel, summer camp, youth group events, leadership training to promote a passionate love of Jewish learning.

We invite all interested families to apply to this scholarship fund and help to make multi-faceted and life-long Jewish learning a reality in your home.

There is a committee of five who makes the awards determination and who will collectively consider every applicant who wishes to avail themselves of the Jewish learning opportunities that exist outside of our temple community.

The application deadline is February 15, 2016

BALDWIN DAVIDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: February 16, 2016 ■ Notification: March 10, 2016

Supporting the Jewish education and experiences of our children through trips to Israel, summer camp, youth group events, and leadership training to promote a passionate love of Jewish learning.

Name: _____

Total Cost of Activity: \$ _____

Age: _____ Email: _____

Scholarship Request: \$ _____

Telephone Number: _____

Deadline for requested funds (if any): _____

Describe your involvement at MRT: (e.g., religious school, youth group, volunteer roles, etc.)

Describe what the scholarship funds will be used for and how you will benefit: (NFTY, summer camp, Israel, etc.)

Feel free to attach additional information.

Please send application to:

Baldwin Davidson Scholarship Monmouth Reform Temple 332 Hance Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Barbara Miller, on the loss of her husband, Barry Miller

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.

The Congregation mourns the loss of Barry Miller



May his memory be a blessing

November Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)

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

Fruma Bernstein, Roslyn Burns, *Pauline Dworkin, Dolores Gale, *Albert Garin, *Pauline Gold, *Julian Gottlieb, Dora Graupe, Paul Graupe, Edith Halpern, Arlene Kayser, *Sandy Liebesman, Minna K. Litwin, Jay Manacher, Jennifer Reiches, Norman Rosenblum, Hyman Saperstein, *Regina Sherman, *Anna Singer, *Max Singer, *Tally Smith, David Spellman, Calmon Sperling, Molly Stark, Paula Stern, Anne Straus, Annita Suffian, *Emily Talberth, William Wrigley

Names to be Read on Friday, November 13th (Services at 6pm)

*Nachman Bregman, Rose Burns, Edie Cohan, Bertha Friend, *William Goldstein, *Helen R. Jacobs, Theodore Wilcox Leverett, *Rose Welner Lifschitz, Alan Pratt, Philip Schlisserman, Paula Wiesenfeld, Lucie Wiesengrund

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

*Max Bodner, Louis Boxman, *Ian Brightman, Allen Fishman, *Hugo E. Fleischman, *Cynthia Ruth Fox, *Robert Goodman, Dr. Hyman H. Graver, Louise Jennings, Louis Kletter, *Bertha Kridel, Joan Manacher, *Sally Mausner, Anna Murray, Ann Schneider, Isabel Seidman, *Sylvia Sulkin, Sophie Weinstein

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

Bessie Abrams, *Sheldon Hillel Brown, Joyce Chalnicks, *Isabel Colmenares, *Ida Mann Falk, *Joan Feigus, Mary Fleischman, Charles P. Gelber, Albert B. Gomberg, *Ruth Gottlieb, Carol Gutterman, Peter Gutterman, *Martha Lehrer Herzog, Jeff Horn, Betty Jumper, Charles Kirschner, Beatrice S. Leeds, *William Ostrov, Charlotte Apter Rems, *David Sapozhnikov, Helen Singer, Alice Smith

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Rabbi Kline and Lori Bernard for opening your home during Sukkot
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In Honor Of:

Faith and Brian Leifman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Amy
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Elizabeth Cohen and Family
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In Honor Of:

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Cantor Menorah Winston
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Rachel and Christopher Placitella

MRT Vision, Mission, Values***Vision***

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

Mission

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

Values

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

Spirituality

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

Respect

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

Inclusiveness

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

Lifelong Learning

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

Engagement

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

November 2015

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Clean up Henry Hudson Walk 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Knitting 9:30am Assemble bags	2 7:30pm Men's Club Bd	3 9:45am Study Group 7pm Mitzvah Day Meeting	4 No Rel School	5 7pm Intro to Judaism 7:45pm Choir	6 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services	7 9am Torah Talk 10am Service
8 NO Rel School 8pm 92Y Live— Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks	9 7pm Orchid Society	10 9:45am Study Group 7pm Exec Board	11 4pm Rel School 6:30pm Ritual 7pm SMaRTY	12 7pm Intro to Judaism 7:30pm Poker 7:45pm Choir	13 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 6pm First Friday, Seeds Service NO Pot Luck	14 9am Torah Talk 10am Service
15 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels & Blox 9:30am Gift shop 12pm Jr Mints program	16 7:15pm Sis Book Club offsite	17 9:45am Study Group 7pm Board	18 4pm Rel School 7pm Federation 7pm Youth Committee	19 7pm Intro to Judaism 7:45pm Choir	20 7pm Shabbat Services	21 9am Torah Talk 10am Service 10am Bat Mitzvah of Cameron Nifoussi 6pm Welcome offsite
22 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Gift Shop 11am Holocaust Movies 12pm Skittles program	23	24 9:45pm Study Group 7pm Adult Ed	25 NO Rel School 8pm Interfaith Thanksgiving	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED 2:15pm Brighton 7pm Shabbat Services-Social Action	28 9am Torah Talk 10am Service
29 NO Rel School	30					

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