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Monmouth Reform Temple  
The More Torah, The More Life  
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## Schedule of Shabbat Services December 2015

### Friday, December 4th (service at 6pm)



5:30pm Pre-neg sponsored by  
7th grade  
6pm Shabbat Services  
Followed by Pot Luck Dinner  
A-P Pasta Chicken/Q-Z Salad

### Saturday, December 5th at 10am

10am Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Smith

### Friday, December 11th (service at 6pm)

Community Chanukah Party  
6pm Shabbat Service  
Followed by dinner – RSVP a Must!

### Saturday, December 12th

10am Bat Mitzvah of Lula Grand

### Friday, December 18th

7pm Shabbat Services  
Services conducted by SMaRTY  
(MRT Senior Youth Group)

### Friday, December 25th (service at 6pm)

6pm Shabbat Services

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

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!



## MRT's COMMUNITY CHANUKAH PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

DINNER...ADULT SCHMOOZING...  
ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH...  
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

**SPECIAL CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE AT 6PM!  
DINNER AND PARTY AT 7PM!**

**CHICKEN & LATKE SUPPER  
WITH POT LUCK SIDES & SALADS**

**CHICKEN, LATKES AND DESSERT PROVIDED BY  
SISTERHOOD AND THE MEN'S CLUB**

**YOU BRING A FAVORITE POT-LUCK SALAD, OR SIDE**

**RSVP REQUESTED BY DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> TO  
[SISTERHOOD@MONMOUTHREFORMTEMPLE.ORG](mailto:SISTERHOOD@MONMOUTHREFORMTEMPLE.ORG)  
SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND TABLES FOR DINNER**



**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE  
OR YOUR FAVORITE ADULT BEVERAGE**

## MRT Community Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 13th at 11:30am

Bring your menorahs and continue this MRT tradition and light the 8th  
candle together in the Social Hall  
Latkes will be served!

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

The Jerusalem Talmud states, "Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world."

Today I watched two films about incredible acts of saving lives. The first was about Gilbert and Eleanor Krauss, a couple from Philadelphia, who saved 50 children from Nazi Austria in 1939. They relentlessly found a way around the US State Department quotas for visas for Jews and travelled to Nazi Austria and Germany to secure the visas and German passports for 50 children and transport them to safety and resettlement in the United States. (*50 Children* is currently available on HBO Go Documentaries.)

The second was about a group of people- Manuel Quezon, the first president of the Philippines; American High Commissioner Paul McNutt, who defied the U.S. State Department by issuing U.S. visas to Jews trying to leave Germany and Austria; then Colonel Dwight Eisenhower, the U.S. military commander in the Philippines, which had been under American rule until about five years earlier; and the Frieder brothers, five Jewish American brothers, who were based in Cincinnati, but had a cigar manufacturing business in the Philippines. This group was responsible for bringing nearly 1300 Jews from Nazi Europe to the Philippines, perhaps the only nation that opened its doors to Jews trying to escape Nazi persecution. (Excerpts of *Rescue in the Philippines* may be found on youtube.)

The films were part of an exceptional event sponsored by MRT Adult Education.

These stories are incredibly life-affirming about the goodness that is within people who stretch themselves to do such heroic things in the face of tremendous adversity. It is the most Jewish act to extend oneself to your fellow man or woman when they are in need.

I watch these films or read of similar stories and feel incredibly unworthy. I do not believe I would have the strength to commit myself so selflessly to an endeavor of this magnitude. Complacency is safe and easier. Repairing the world takes intention and sometimes a lot of courage.

As we are now engaged in a debate of what America can and should do in support of the Syrian refugees, I wonder if we as a Temple community would have the courage to help a refugee family resettle in Monmouth County.

Imagine, as my wife commented, if every house of worship in our country helped a refugee family resettle.

Email me your thoughts.

I wish everyone a wonderful Chanukah! May each candle we light inspire us to be the best we can be. Please join in the great community Chanukah celebration on Friday evening December 11 in the Social Hall.

Zach Gilstein, Zachmate2@gmail.com

**HHDA Update:  
Looking for YOU!  
We thank our additional donors  
as of 11/24/2015**

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

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

This month our Sisterhood held a book club event and reviewed *Orphan Train*. Next month they will be viewing the film *Woman in Gold* at an offsite location. The book, is based on the true story of the late Maria Altmann, an elderly Jewish refugee living in Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles who tries to reclaim Gustav Klimt's iconic painting of her aunt, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*, which was stolen from her relatives by the Nazis. In addition, Sisterhood along with the Men's Club are planning our temple Chanukkah party. Our Men's Club is planning another football event outing on the heels of their successful event last month. They are also helping with the logistics of our Thanksgiving service this year. The Ritual Committee coordinated the last Seeds of Spirituality Shabbat Service for this year. Keep an eye out for next year's services. On Sunday, November 22nd, Adult Education will present two films on the holocaust, *50 Children* and *Rescue in the Philippines*. Tickets for this event are free. And on a very special note: our Torahs are undergoing repair and the Ark in the sanctuary is being updated to hold all four of MRT's Torahs.

In his President's report, Zach Gilstein initiated the final "call-a-thon" for the High Holy Day Appeal. To all those who have generously given, thank you for your support. To those that have not yet had the opportunity to make their pledge, Board Members will be calling to ask if you would please consider a donation to support our Temple's mission.

The Board voted to "Live Stream" Shabbat services on our website to allow for those who cannot attend our services to participate. As part of this project a new high definition camera will be installed in the sanctuary to replace the one that is 20 years old. Look for more information about how to see the broadcasts when they are "streaming". The Live Streaming equipment and installation is being underwritten by the Cantor's Discretionary Fund.

The Membership Committee asked the Board to approve membership for one family and reports that we now have 316 family memberships at MRT.

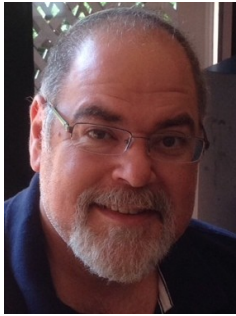
The Board reviewed the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2015. While we are currently staying within our budget, it is important for everyone to get their pledge money in on time, so we can have the working capital for everyday operations.

Rabbi Kline reported he is having a Havdalah Service at his home this Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> which is part of our new member welcoming events. He is looking forward to our Thanksgiving service which we celebrate with the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury. Thanksgiving Services will be at MRT this year. This is also the last Thanksgiving with us for Reverend McKirachan, who will be retiring in 2016, we all wish him well. Our Rabbi has joined with local police to help establish a Chaplain Team to assist law enforcement during times of when clergy are needed. He is also continuing to plan for Dr. Martin Luther King weekend which we will be celebrating with the Pilgrim Baptist Church. Rabbi told the Board about his attendance at the URJ Biennial event in Orlando this month. He reported that URJ was very focused on many relevant topics including, "How to hear conservative voices in reform settings", "Financing congregations" and a topic called "Audacious hospitality" which will assist us in marketing our congregation as we grown.

Cantor Clissold reports that it was a true learning experience to watch Neil Yurman repair our Torahs. Cantor is teaching Jewish cooking at our Mitzvah Academy. She is working with our Choir to prepare for Thanksgiving services. Cantor Clissold thanked the Ritual Committee for their support of Seeds of Spirituality, and especially Semmes Brightman for her wonderful artwork. Cantor is looking for volunteers for our Youth Group and Shul event of December 18<sup>th</sup> when our youth sleep over at MRT.

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.

## From Rabbi Marc Kline



The secular year 2015 is about to come to an end. Even while we celebrate a different yearly cycle on the Jewish Calendar, the secular calendar is still most significant in our daily lives. I could recount the many amazing things that we have accomplished this year. I could share some of the challenges that we face. I would love to do both, and this would best happen while we meet together and share our stories with each other. What I will point out is that we have dedicated lay leaders who have filled our calendar with opportunities for growth, for service, for fun, and for spiritual fulfillment. We just ask that you take advantage of the variety.

To that end, I wanted to share something both mystical and fun. Gematria is the "science" of matching words with the numerical values of their letters. Some words have high "spiritual values" than others, based on their numeric equivalence with other words or situations. The most common example is the word for "life" in Hebrew: "khai." The word comprises of two Hebrew letters. The first is a khet and the second is a yod. Each letter has a numerical value: the yod is 10 and the khet is 8. Thus we say that "18" is a holy number, for it has the equivalence of life.

SO, my wish for this coming year comes from the year number, itself. 2016 has the numerical equivalence of the joyous song title of Disney's Seven Dwarfs, "I Whistle a Happy Tune." Now, granted it is using the phonetic Hebrew equivalents of the letters, but I like to think that we have a lot to celebrate looking ahead. Yes, there is noise ... maddening noise in the world, but we can never forget the teaching from Mishnah, "In a world where no one is behaving like a human, make sure to behave like a human."

May the coming year see us healthy and celebrating joyously with each other. May we overcome challenges personal and communal, and have the faith and strength to always remember that faith is an amazing tool when we search for peace.



### MRT Trip Israel Led by Rabbi Marc Kline

More information forthcoming

July 3rd –14th, 2016

Please contact Rabbi Kline if you are interested.



Save the dates...Upcoming in January



#### **Justice Weekend**

January 15th and 16th



#### **A Day of Inspiration/Healthy Living**

Sunday, January 31st



Watch your inboxes for more information!



## BROOKLYN JOURNEY

Semmes Brightman, for Ritual Committee



Sunday, 8 November 2015

### 20 August 2015:

To some of us Brooklyn is like visiting old relatives, while to others, it's a foreign territory. For 3 of us from the Ritual Committee it was both as we ventured to Brooklyn searching for a Torah mantel for our Holocaust Torah. Doreen Addison (ritual chair), Len Teitelbaum and Semmes Brightman (committee members), traveled there like 3 pilgrims!!

After visiting several Judaic suppliers we found Best Embroidery to work with. Not only did they have a loom on premises, they had a designer, a very patient designer!

### 8 November 2015:

Other than parking issues, Sunday is definitely the best day to go to 14th Avenue in Brooklyn. The streets are busy with activity - people rushing from the market to home, to the school with children. It is quite a community.

While we waited for the designer to become available, another customer became interested in our Torah, especially the **wimple**. (The wimple is a long, linen sash used as a binding for the Sefer Torah by Jews of Germanic (Yekke) origin. It is made from the cloth used to swaddle a baby boy at his bris milah, uniting the communal world of the synagogue with the individual's own life cycle.)

Our wimpel, decorated with red stitching, fascinated the other customer, especially the writing on the sash. He spent close to an hour translating the Hebrew for us, getting more and more excited with the challenge!

Our wimple says that *"the boy Gerson, the son of Rabbi Johanson, from the family holy community of Kosovitz was born Mazel Tov the day of Rosh Hashana in the year of 1802 to the small counting."*

Our teacher explained that this wimple is very valuable; explained how to fold it and not to have it cleaned as that will violate the integrity of the fabric; and he showed us how to wrap the Torah. This was an incredible teaching moment and one of the many rewards for being on this committee!

Once we agree on the final design, tweaking is important, the production takes from 2-4 weeks **and** we will again be Brooklyn bound!

Soon everything will be in place (Torah mantel and stand). At that moment Rabbi Kline and Cantor Clissold will "marry" this Torah into the ark.

## From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal



As we make our way into our last few days of the winter semester for the Religious School I want to take a moment to highlight some of the amazing progress that we have made over these past three months. We began the school year with tie-dying minions and learning a little bit about Israel. We continued with the celebration of consecrating 18 new students into our Religious School program and ended the month of October with a school-wide lego program that built a model of Jerusalem the size of our dance floor. Mitzvah Academy spent a day collecting 5 full shopping carts of donations for Lunchbreak, and our youngest students will be bringing in books to support Bridges of Books in just two weeks on December 13th. We will have ended the school year with a commitment to education, social justice, and creating our kehilah kedoshah (holy community).

May you all enjoy the holiday spirit of this time and enjoy the holiday season. It is customary to wish someone celebrating Chanukah "chag urim sameach" just another Jewish way to say "Happy Chanukah". (chag - holiday) (urim - lights) (sameach - happy).

*Chag urim sameach!*

### SMaRTY Creative Service: Friday, December 18th at 7pm



On Friday night, December 18th the MRT Senior Youth Group will conduct Friday night services. The creative service will combine music, readings and the group's thoughts and feelings about Torah.

Following the service there will be a "Shul-In" for the group and their friends. They will sleep over at the temple with programming that includes games, food, and fun! The "Shul-In" will conclude Saturday morning at 8am.

### Social Action & Mitzvah Day

**Plans for the 2016 Mitzvah Day are underway** and we invite all who are interested to help. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7 PM in a second floor classroom. Please notify Kerry Krachman if you wish to get involved and/or are able to attend the meeting by emailing her at [kerrykrachman1956@gmail.com](mailto:kerrykrachman1956@gmail.com).

#### Gift Card Donations wanted for needy families

Target, Shoprite, and Foodtown

Drop them off at the office in the Social Action mailbox.

Email Cheryl Gaudette at [cbgaudette@gmail.com](mailto:cbgaudette@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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 some insights from Liz Moss, Yoga Instructor**

### **Why Yoga is Important to Me: by Liz Moss**

What prompted me to begin a yoga practice? An athletic and avid tennis player in my youth, I began running (even competing in local 5K races) and biking as an adult. To complement my workouts, I started attending yoga classes and discovered one benefit of yoga: a good stretch! Initially I enjoyed the practice for the physical benefits. Over time I welcomed the 'mind-body' balance, improved strength and flexibility and an increased sense of inner calm post-class, as I learned to leave what I didn't need on the mat. Yoga practice soon became an important and regular part of my weekly fitness routine.

Encouraged by one special teacher, I completed my first teacher training in April 2006. I have taught locally for the past 9-1/2 years, and with several other trainings under my belt, am excited to encourage my students to return to their mats, class after class. They continue to discover, as I had, that a yoga practice is more than a good stretch and that it is not only for the flexible; it offers many health and wellness benefits. Who doesn't want to increase their strength, flexibility, balance and agility, manage stress or challenge their physical and mental abilities? Yoga enables you to accept the inevitable ups and downs of life (much like the physical challenges on the mat) with an interior calm and steady, even breath.

The benefits of yoga have supported my commitment to a lifestyle of wellness through healthy eating and exercise. Developing and maintaining my mind-body connection was an unexpected bonus. As a teacher, it is gratifying to guide my students on this journey and enable them to 'feel better in their bodies'.

*Liz Moss will be teaching a sample yoga class at the Day of Inspiration on Sunday, January 31.*

### **Mazel Tov to Rachel Smith as she celebrates her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 5th**



Rachel Smith lives in Rumson with her parents, Jamie and Michael, younger brother Ethan, and bunny Lucy. Rachel is in 7th grade at the Forrestdale Middle School in Rumson. She enjoys art, cheerleading, gymnastics, listening to music, baking, reading, and writing. If it was up to Rachel, she would stay up all night reading. Her favorite subjects in school are math, language arts, Spanish, and art.

For Rachel's Bat Mitzvah project, she has been volunteering at Deane Porter Elementary School in Rumson at the aftercare program. She has thoroughly enjoyed this experience working with children and asked if she could stay on until school is over in June.

Rachel would like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for all of their help and support in making this day possible. She would also like to thank all of her teachers at MRT for their time and effort over the years. This has been an incredible Jewish experience for her.

Rachel is excited to share this special day with her friends and family as she celebrates her Bat Mitzvah.

## From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chair

### HIPPY — an Israeli export to the world

In the early 1950's, after the State of Israel was established by the United Nations, there was an influx of Jews from North African countries such as Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia who were no longer welcome in their homelands and sought refuge in the new home for Jews. Many of the poor, religious and non-religious families who emigrated to Israel were mostly illiterate. They were to join a modern, western style nation and needed help to become assimilated into the new surroundings.

Israel tackles big problems in ways that are one small step at a time, individual by individual. An educational program was designed by researchers at the National Council of Jewish Women's Research Institute for Innovation in Education, at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, to educate these newcomers, not just the children, but the mothers as well. The program was called Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youngsters (HIPPY) and it was run in small groups in communities where these populations resided. It was designed to teach mothers basic skills such as names of shapes and colors, numbers, letters, how to write, and how to read in Hebrew. Each week, a group of women would come together for the class, learn the lesson of the day using worksheets, and basic books, take the material home and become role models as they taught their children what they had learned. The program was addressing the needs of parents (mostly women) and their children at the same time.

As the programs progressed, instruction became more sophisticated and kids who were then old enough for kindergarten or GAN, would be somewhat prepared to interact with success along with their peers. When one of the mothers showed particular promise, she was invited to lead a group in the next town or village thereby giving her employment, self-esteem and a pathway to a career.

HIPPY, still operating in Israel, came to the United States in 1980 and there are now 140 HIPPY sites in 23 States and the District of Columbia. The program is adaptable to all nationalities and ethnic groups and is currently being used in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany and New Zealand. HIPPY USA national office is now in Little Rock, Arkansas on the campus of Arkansas Children's Hospital where it was first brought to the United States during the Clinton gubernatorial years.

This program, led by the late Dr. Avima Lombard, is perhaps one of the most valuable gifts that Israel has bequeathed to the nations.

## Mazel Tov to Lula Grand who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on December 12th



Lula Grand is in 7th grade at Forrestdale School in Rumson, NJ. She lives with her Mom Lisa, her Sister Juniper and her dog Beckett in Rumson, NJ.

She is into drama club and the performing arts. She loves music, animals and chocolate. For Lula's Mitzvah project, she helped organize a coin drive fundraiser at her school, and helped raise over \$2,300 for the Kortney Rose Foundation, for research for Pediatric Brain Cancer.

Lula would like to thank Mrs. Leavitt, Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for all the support in getting ready for her Bat Mitzvah!

## Day of Inspiration Set for Sunday January 31 at MRT: Get Healthy Together!

Mark your calendars for a Sunday afternoon this winter that aims to recharge and revitalize your sense of health and wellness. The entire program on January 31 will be staffed and run by MRT congregants and is open to all members, family and friends. There is no charge.

Rabbi Marc Kline will kick off the program in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. with a few words of Jewish connection with a healthy mind and body, after which, a light healthy luncheon will be served in the Social Hall.

Personal Trainer Joe Stein will speak at 1 p.m. "How Exercise and Nutrition Can Keep You Health, Wealthy and Wise". Margie Wold will then introduce the instructors for the day and point out the tables of information staffed by MRT congregants.

Workshops will have preplanned sign up lists. Each will be about 30 minutes with 10 minutes in between for restroom breaks and travel to other rooms. The workshops will be located in the Library, the Sanctuary, and the former youth lounge, "The Blue Room".

Sample workshops for the day are tentatively as follows:

- Yoga with Liz Moss
- Pilates with Nadine Vicenzi
- Stress Management with Lisa Sussman
- Dance Movement with Doreen Laperdon-Addison
- Balance Training and Fall Prevention with Joe Stein
- Claudia Heugel: Healthy Eating

Our team invites comments and suggestions as we plan this wonderful day to connect with ourselves and each other. Contact Margie Wold for more information, woldiem@aol.com, cell: 732-241-9941.

## SISTERHOOD



**We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!**

Sisterhood is always busy and this month is no exception.

Our **HOLIDAY JUDAICA SALE** was a great success and 5% of the sales were donated to the religious school. Our Shop is open all the time! If you wish to purchase something, contact Ruthanne Sokol, Jill or Cheryl.

Each month our **BOOK CLUB** meets in a member's home. Our November book, *The Orphan Train* spawned lively discussion revolving around a little known period of US history. We had fun researching and eating foods from Minnesota, the setting of the story. In honor of their love of potatoes, fried foods and anything on a stick, we served tater tots and corn dogs!

On **December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm, in lieu of a read book, we will show the **movie, *A Woman in Gold***. Please join us at the Admiralty in Monmouth Beach for the movie and pot luck Viennese themed dinner. RSVP to Linda Murray: [lwmurray610@gmail.com](mailto:lwmurray610@gmail.com).

Our Temple wide **CHANUKAH PARTY** is **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** following the 6PM service! Men's Club and Sisterhood will provide Chicken, Latkes, Desserts and fun for the children. We ask congregants to bring a side or salad and to RSVP to [sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org) by December 6th. We hope you will be there to celebrate together! Please consider joining Sisterhood, a warm, welcoming and fun group of women of all ages. You will feel a real sense of community and friendship. Contact us with any questions.

**HAPPY CHANUKAH!** Cheryl Gaudette [cbgaudette@gmail.com](mailto:cbgaudette@gmail.com) & Jill Austin [jilltennis@aol.com](mailto:jilltennis@aol.com)

## Spotlight on our Board

### Eleanor Rubin, Adult Ed Chair—by Harry Hillson



Eleanor Rubin is in a unique position among MRT congregants because she is the chair of two different committees – Adult Education and Israel. In seeing first-hand Eleanor's active involvement in these two positions, I was eager to learn more about her life and previous involvements.

Eleanor initially became interested in MRT by attending the Arts Festival. MRT's welcoming environment, the ambassador program, our clergy, and programs offered all contributed to Eleanor becoming a member in 2011.

Eleanor was an elementary school teacher in Livingston, NJ for several years. Wanting to become more involved in Jewish areas and activities, she received a Masters Degree from Seton Hall University in Judeo-Christian studies. Her thesis research was to examine different religious communities' responses to the needs of the elderly. Her finding was that the Jewish community was far ahead of other religions in providing eldercare, and since then this has been her focus.

In the mid-1980's Eleanor helped start the National Association of Geriatric Care Managers. These managers assure that their elderly clients and families properly receive the medical, legal, social, safety and home care services needed for a better quality of life.

Eleanor's proudest accomplishment was being the local chair of the National Council of Jewish Women. The primary goals of this organization are social justice and concern for the safeguarding of rights and liberties for women, children and families.

Eleanor feels her most interesting achievement was serving as president of the Jewish Federation of Central NJ in the early 2000's. After the Federation received an \$18 million endowment, Eleanor and her staff helped steer much of that funding to businesses in the developing Negev region of Israel, where obtaining standard loans was quite difficult. And, during her time as president, she also greatly increased home and hospital visitations provided by the Federation.

Eleanor's goals as committee chair are the following:

Adult Ed - to provide a variety of interesting and educational events for congregants and members of the community of all ages – through discussion, film, lectures, music - and to include more morning and afternoon programs so that those who prefer daytime programs can find it easier to attend.

Israel - to provide reliable and knowledgeable information to congregants about both the successes and challenges of daily life in Israel. Eleanor is able to provide personal insights as her son and daughter-in-law have lived in Israel for 30 years, along with 5 of her 9 grandchildren and both her great-grandchildren.

I am very glad for two things – that I got to learn much more about Eleanor Rubin and that she is a talented and valuable member of our MRT family.

## MEN'S CLUB...A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!



Henry Hudson Trail Cleanup



Men's Club Sukkah Take-Down



Men's Club Giants Football Social

Please visit the MRT Men's Club page on the website for more information.

## Spotlight on our Board

### Margie Wold, 2nd Vice President—by Jill Austin



Marjorie (Margie) Wold is a stalwart supporter of the temple and all things Jewish. As 2nd Vice President, Margie got her Jewish start as a young girl growing up on Long Island. Although Margie has two sisters, they are both much older (10 and 14 years), so Margie grew up much like an only child.

Margie's temple life experiences mirror what happened here at Monmouth Reform Temple. When Margie was 9, her family moved to Mahwah, NJ and joined a reform temple (which also initially met in a church), but soon, their beloved rabbi moved to North Carolina. As a result of a new Rabbi transition, a number of families including Margie's, found that the temple no longer suited them. A dozen families started a Jewish Havarah, holding Shabbat services each week in each of their homes. These services were lay lead and allowed all the family members, including Margie, to run the service. Margie became a Bat Mitzvah at that time with the rabbi who moved to North Carolina leading the service in a restaurant. Margie's religious upbringing really supports the notion that you can be Jewish anywhere.

Margie received her BA in English and Political Science from Rutgers College. Margie followed her dream to be a reporter with her college newspaper, then at the *Princeton Packet*. Margie and her husband, Rob, met at Rutgers and moved to White Plains to enable Rob to finish his residency. At that time, Margie worked for SUNY Purchase, and then was able to travel while working for *Progressive Grocer*, writing Marketing pieces for them.

With the birth of Lindsay, Margie stopped working in corporate America. The Wolds moved to New Jersey, first to Tinton Falls, then to Colts Neck, just when Margie was ready to give birth to their identical twins, Amanda and Jaclyn.

Margie and Rob affiliated themselves with Rob's family's temple, but did not feel comfortable with the very conservative approach. In 1999, the Wolds joined MRT where they embrace the culture and Lindsay began 1st grade.

As with most parents, Margie's greatest accomplishments are her daughters. Lindsay is currently living and working in NYC at Conde Nast, Jaclyn is a junior at University of Michigan and Amanda is at Rutgers.

Margie is a big believer in volunteerism and has given so much of herself, first to the Colts Neck PTO where she became President, and now at Jewish Federation and MRT. She became active at MRT through the Arts Festival. Margie has been involved in many committees and heads up most of our public relations efforts. Margie can be found at nearly every event at the temple where she welcomes you with a smile and friendly conversation. I am always amazed at Margie's uncanny ability to say such complimentary things when she greets you, comments on Facebook, answers an email or at a meeting. We are lucky to have such a great leader!

### Kerry Krachman, Social Action Chair—by Doreen Laperdon-Addison

"He's laughing all the way to the bank," is one of Kerry's favorite quotes. And if you want to know why you will just have to ask her. A long time member of MRT she joined with her husband Evan and their 2 children more than 20 years ago, but her affiliation goes back even further. Her parents were members of MRT. She has vivid memories of attending services and onegs at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury as a child.

Kerry likes to mix it up when it comes to exercise and enjoys reading. Istanbul and Turkey are places she would love to visit and of course Israel.

If she ever won the lottery Kerry would set up a philanthropic foundation focusing on less popular causes that need attention. She is also very concerned about animal welfare. Good luck on winning the lottery Kerry and thank you for all you do for MRT.

## 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.)

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

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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:**

- Joan Feinberg, on the loss of her husband William
- Charles Bernstein, on the loss of his wife, Norma
- Jane Graver, on the loss of her mother, Charlotte Graver



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.

## December Yahrzeits (date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, December 4th (Services at 6pm)

Cary Lowenstein, \*Risa A. Yagoda, \*Mildred Abis, \*Morris Berg, William Howard Chess, Helen Danzig Scoben, Phylliss Deitch, Nancy Karl, \*Steven Stone, Howard Strauss, \*Miriam Leavitt Welner, Bessie Kline, \*Bernard Levy, David Litwin, \*Sol Mandel, Ace A. Orange, Ruth Kahn Wolff, \*Gussie Avrin, \*Abba Mayer Beerman, Roger Kenneth Berman, Joseph Dow, Sylvia Mink, Samuel Rivkin, \*Jay Schulman, \*Harry Kohn, Brian Murray, Clara Reiss, \*Dr. Irma Steisel, \*Flora Braunstein, \*Sol Cohen, Lawrence Friedman, Gertrude T. Gelber, \*Hilda D. Salomon, Gertrude Wolf, \*Benjamin Bregmann, \*Ruth Silverberg, Joel Wiesenfeld

Names to be Read on Friday, December 11th (Services at 6pm)

\*Betty Bermann, \*Isidore Bermann, Leda Cohan, Harry Haback, \*Mortimer Brandwene, Ted Choate, Lester Morris, Dr. Harvey Mozer, \*Helen Davis, Leo Deitch, Abraham Golden, \*Louis E. Jacobson, \*Celia Spring, Melissa Haback, Joseph Levinsky, Ruth Pearlman, Vivian J. Russo, Lewis A. Bernard Sr., Caryl Rubin, Irwin Kaltenbacher, Herbert Leifman, Martha Meurer, Patricia Ann Turner, Morris Weinstein

Names to be Read on Friday, December 18th (Services at 7pm)

Florence Elias, \*Abraham Glasser, Lena Attias, Robert Gordon, Pearl Katz, \*Pearl Seitz, \*David Lane, \*Ida Reisner, Harry Katz, \*Lois Baker Smith, \*Richard Klein, \*Beth Tanzman, \*Herbert Tanzman, Dorothy Davis, Harry Field, \*George Glasser, Molly Gurevitz, Jeff Lipson, \*Bette Halpern Schmelzle, \*Ann Weissman, Raymond Becker, \*Hyman Klein, Clara Newman

Names to be Read on Friday, December 25th (Services at 6pm)

George Brandwene, Edward Klein, \*Nettie Morse, Emanuel Barouch, Evelyn Garfield, Lillian Pintow, Irving Hoffman, Collette Katz, Aaron J. Abrams, Elizabeth Heidema, Jennie Rosenweig, Jessie Weiss, Selma Burdas, \*Joseph Lansky, Vivian Meistrich, Irving Priesand, \*Sylvia Shertzer, Gertrude Snyder, \*Leonard Gettelsohn, Sal Katz, \*Esther Komar, \*Hyman Reisner, Betty Rivkin, Howard Semer, \*Edith R. Ginzburg

The Congregation mourns  
the loss of William Feinberg



May his memory be a blessing

The Congregation mourns  
the loss of Norma Bernstein



May her memory be a blessing

**The Congregation Acknowledges with Thanks the Following Contributions:**

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

In Memory Of:

Barry Miller

Irma and Peter Meyer, Dee Kaplan,  
Barbara Miller & Family

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Kline

Katherine Green

**Baldwin Davidson Scholarship Fund**

In Memory Of:

Barry Miller

Cheryl and Steve Gaudette

Bill Feinberg

Cheryl and Steve Gaudette

In Honor Of:

Caryn Berman on her son Matthew's Bar  
Mitzvah

Cheryl and Steve Gaudette

Faith and Brian Leifman on the Bat Mitzvah of  
their daughter Amy

Cheryl and Steve Gaudette

Monica Schneider-Brewer and James Brewer  
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Lev

Cheryl and Steve Gaudette

**Cantor's Fund**

In Memory Of:

Barry Miller

Barbara Miller and Family

**General Fund**

In Memory Of:

Barry Miller

Chris Jimieson

**Homeless Fund**

In Memory Of:

Barry Miller

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Bill Feinberg

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**Adult Ed Fund**

In Memory Of:

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and Jerry Baker, Bernard Brandwene,  
Elaine Espey and Herb Sorkin, Robin  
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In Memory Of:

Ruth Cowan

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In Honor Of:

Sharyn and Dean Ross on their grand-  
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## December 2015

For the most up-to-date information: [www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org/calendar)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:45am Study Group 7pm Health Initiative meeting	<b>2</b> 4pm Rel School 7pm A&D 7pm SMaRTY	<b>3</b> 7pm Intro to Judaism	<b>4</b> 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea First Friday 5:30pm Preneg 7th 6pm Shabbat Services followed by Pot Luck	<b>5</b> 9am Torah Talk 10am Service 10am Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Smith
<b>6</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am 4th grade PACT 9:30am Knitting Group 12pm Faculty Meeting 12pm Jr Youth 1st CANDLE	<b>7</b> 7:15pm Sis Movie Night offsite 7:30pm Men's Club Board 2nd CANDLE	<b>8</b> 9:45am Study Group 6pm Orchid 7pm Exec Board 3rd CANDLE	<b>9</b> 4pm Rel School 6:30pm Ritual 7pm SMaRTY 4th CANDLE	<b>10</b> 7pm Intro to Judaism 7:15pm Membership 7:30pm Poker 7:45pm Choir 5th CANDLE	<b>11</b> 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 6pm Services followed by Chanukah Party 6th CANDLE	<b>12</b> 9am Torah Talk 10am Service 10am Bat Mitzvah of Lula Grand 7th CANDLE
<b>13</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels & Blox 11:30am Community Menorah Lighting 8th CANDLE	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:45am Study Group 7pm Board	<b>16</b> 4pm Rel School 7pm SMaRTY 7pm Youth Committee	<b>17</b> 5pm Red Bank Party 7pm Intro to Judaism 7pm Mitzvah Day meeting	<b>18</b> 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 7pm Shabbat Services with SMaRTY Shul in	<b>19</b> 9am Torah Talk 10am Service
<b>20</b> 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Men's Club Brakfast with Keith Glass	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:45pm Study Group 7pm Adult Ed	<b>23</b> <b>NO Rel School</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closing at 1pm	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED 2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton 6pm Shabbat Services	<b>26</b> 9am Torah Talk 10am Service
<b>27</b> <b>NO Rel School</b>	<b>28</b> Office Closing at 1pm	<b>29</b> Office Closing at 1pm	<b>30</b> <b>NO Rel School</b> Office Closing at 1pm	<b>31</b> Office Closing at 1pm	<b>January 1</b> OFFICE CLOSED 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services	<b>2</b> 9am Torah Talk 10am Service



## Mark Your Calendars: 2nd Annual Tennis Social

Saturday, February 6th at 7pm  
Players and non-Players welcome



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