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

Schedule of Shabbat Services April/Early May 2016



Friday, April 1st

First Friday
5:30pm Pre-neg by Grade 5
6pm Shabbat Services Followed by
Potluck dinner
A-F Pasta/Chicken G-M Salad
N-Z Pasta/Chicken
Please bring enough for 12-14

Saturday, April 2nd

10am Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Layton

Friday, April 8th

7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 9th

10am Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Katz

Friday, April 15th

7pm Shabbat Services with Choir
Social Action Shabbat

Saturday, April 16th

10am Bat Mitzvah of Anna Chalnick

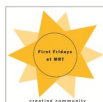
Friday, April 22nd

5pm Shabbat Services

Friday, April 29th

7pm Shabbat Services with Festival Yikzor
Holocaust Torah Service

Friday, May 6th



5:30pm Pre-neg by 4th grade 6pm
Shabbat Services followed by Pot
Luck Dinner
A-M Pasta/Chicken N-Z Salad
Please bring enough for 12-14

Saturday, May 7th

10am Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Bosnac
3pm Shabbat Kallah with Rabbi Uri Regev
followed by light dinner and Havdallah
8:15pm Shabbat Kallah discussion

Our live streaming link can be found on our home
page at www.monmouthreformtemple.org

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

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

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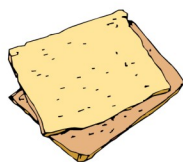
2nd Night Seder

Saturday, April 23rd at 6pm

Our dinner will be catered by the famous

Jerry and Harvey's of Marlboro!

Donations needed in advance:
Horseradish, Gefilte Fish, Matzoh & peeled hardboiled eggs



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

Cost per person

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

BYO Wine

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

www.monmouthreformtemple.org click on the Donate tab on the upper right

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Save the Date! Mitzvah Day—Sunday, May 22nd at 10am

Mitzvah Day plans are well underway. There are many exciting projects as well as a number of projects that your entire family can do together. Mitzvah Day is Sunday, May 22, 2016--the last day of religious school. For parents with children in religious school, please park your cars and see your children to their classrooms, then join us in the social hall for some coffee, noshes and conversation

Look for your save the date postcard in your mailbox soon. Visit the URL and look over the projects, signing up for those that interest you most.

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

Our vision for MRT bears repeating from last month. As we look out 3 to 5 years, we would like MRT to:

- Engage our congregants so that each is fulfilled in her/his spiritual journey through whatever portal he/she chooses. Motivate each family to be actively engaged in some task force, committee, program, social action or whatever expands their Jewish identity.
- Be the go-to place for Judaic connection, experiences, and lifelong Jewish learning for our member community as well as the broader community to meet the needs of the unaffiliated and the searching.
- Have an accredited Religious School that effectively prepares our young people to lead meaningful, engaged, Jewish lives.
- Actively broaden our commitment to and demonstration of Tikun Olam and strengthen our connections with the interfaith community



Achieving this vision and realizing our mission of spirituality, lifelong Jewish learning, social action, and social engagement requires our intentionality and commitment to do the work to continuously strengthen our holy Jewish community.

It also takes financial resources to sustain our MRT community and evolve and expand our mission.

Toward this end, we are initiating a **Life and Legacy** initiative to grow our endowments to provide a firm financial foundation for our future.

Our MRT community is blessed to have several endowments that help sustain us. The Wachtel Memorial Fund was a generous legacy left to MRT to support religious education and building expenses. The Rabbi Sally J. Priesand Endowment was initiated shortly before Rabbi Priesand's retirement and continues to grow with contributions. The Gardy Endowment Fund is another legacy contribution. Together these endowments have around \$1.3M in assets and the income from these endowments contributes approximately \$40,000 to our operating budget each year.

But what if our endowments were double or triple this amount and contributed 2 or 3 times as much income to grow our mission. We would be financially sound and could focus our energy on expanding Jewish learning opportunities, furthering social action engagements, enriching our spiritual programs, and other important work that deepens our Jewish lives and that of our broader community.

The Life and Legacy program is focused on giving all an opportunity to make a lasting difference in sustaining our Jewish community and heritage. Gifts may be in the form of contributions to our current endowments or even starting a new one focused on supporting what our donors feel most passionate about. Alternatively, a legacy gift may be made that requires no outlay of money now, but ensures that our endowments will grow in the future and sustain our Jewish community.

Members of our Life and Legacy task force are Eleanor Rubin, Bob St. Lifer, Joel Morgovsky, Rabbi Marc Kline, and me. Feel free to reach out to any one of us if you would like more information. We hope to have personal conversations with many members of our community over the next two years.

I wish you all a wonderful Passover and look forward to joining with many of you at our community Seder on the second night.

Huge thanks to Lynn Shapiro and Rachel Placitella for running a highly successful rummage sale. It gave us a chance to clean out our closets and basements, raise money for the temple, but also provided a service to the community by offering clothes and other goods at nominal prices. Thanks to Men's Club for sponsoring the HeBrew, which made for a fun social evening.

MRT Shabbat Kallah 2016: Rabbi Uri Regev

Saturday, May 7, 2016



Monmouth Reform Temple is greatly honored to be hosting an outstanding Israeli Rabbi as our Shabbat Kallah guest on Saturday, May 7th. Rabbi Uri Regev is an internationally renowned leader and advocate of religious liberty and the liberal movements of Judaism in his native Israel and around the world.

Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of an educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, “Freedom of Religion for Israel” and its counterpart, called “Hiddush — for Religious Freedom and Equality” which he founded in 2009.

For seven years (2002-2008) he served as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the global umbrella organization of the Progressive, Reform, Liberal and Reconstructionist movements. As head of the World Union, Rabbi Regev worked to strengthen modern, pluralistic Jewish life and democracy in the Jewish state and throughout the world.

Rabbi Marc Kline says of Uri Regev, “For the entirety of my 26 years in Rabbinical work, I have known Uri to be a beacon of light in the world of justice and peace. He holds the respect of leaders across the Israel and World Jewish political/religious spectrum.” We are truly privileged to welcome Rabbi Regev as our guest speaker.

Rabbi Regev will deliver several text-based talks on the theme “Using our Tradition to Forge a Progressive Israel.” The program will begin at 3pm on Saturday afternoon for the first talk. An early dinner will then be served followed by Havdalah with Rabbi Kline and Rabbi Regev participating. A final talk including time for questions and discussion will end the program at 8:15pm.

This special event is open to the community and is free of charge.

Shabbat Kallah is funded by a generous bequest from Robert F. Rosin, past president of MRT.

Schedule of Events: Saturday, May 7th
SHABBAT KALLAH with Rabbi Uri Regev
Topic: Using Our Tradition to Forge a Progressive Israel
3pm First Talk
Followed by Early Dinner and Havdalah
Conducted by Rabbi Kline and Rabbi Regev
8:15pm Final Talk with Q&A and Discussion

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From Rabbi Marc Kline



Passover is a holiday about second chances. We were slaves in Egypt, but before that we were free people who lost that freedom. Some say we sold it for power in Egypt and then got caught in the backfire. Some say it was stolen from us, as we came to thrive in a land, as guests of people who ultimately rejected us. Either way, with the beginning of the Passover story, we had a second chance at freedom and liberty. If Yogi Berra were alive back then, he would have reminded us that it is not over until it's over.

This notion that we have second chances is what makes our religion work. The gates for returning to the path of doing what we know we should be doing, but aren't current doing, are always open. Every year, we take time out of the calendar to relive moments from years past. Some are our moments; some belong to others, but still have an impact on our lives. Each time we retell/rethink these stories, we learn new things about what was right, or what was challenging, about those episodes. As we grow, we have new insights to bring to old stories. Where we pay attention, even the most difficult of stories can yield the most wonderful long-term blessings.

For any of these retrospectives to have value, we need to be prepared to face the truths that unfold along the journey. We need to find ways to increase our celebration of the blessings and learn from and change ourselves in the face of the places where we found the greatest challenges. Admitting we erred is a greatest of challenges, yet, where we are unwilling to see ourselves with open eyes, we will be both unable to replicate the blessings, and unable to change the places of our greatest difficulties.

This truth is, perhaps, the greatest blessing of our holiday cycle. Many times a year, we have an opportunity to start over. The message that rings true for me is that it should not take the holiday to provide this gift; the holiday should be only a reminder (regularly spaced check-ins) that continual renewal is our everyday goal. Whether our behaviors provide the blessings or challenges in our interpersonal relationships, our commitment to our career and community, or our journey in faith, every day is a chance to take first steps to affirm the gift or to create a more beautiful destiny.

Make this Passover a time where you give greater focus to this need for change and/or affirmation, and it will make the teachings shared at Seder that much more real. We are wanderers in search of our Mt. Sinai; in search of our connection with divinity. With each sip of wine; with each prayer; with each exchange of stories, we can change the world that is into the one of enlightenment for which we pray. HAPPY PASSOVER!

MRT at the Red Bank Street Fair

Sunday, April 10th from 11am-5pm (setup 9am)

Meet the wider community and showcase MRT!

MRT will have a booth at the Street Fair in Red Bank on Sunday, April 10, where we will meet members of the broader community, demonstrate our presence in the community, and interest potential new members. We will have food and handouts reflecting the Passover season and the variety of activities we support—from religious school and youth groups, to social action and education, to Sisterhood and the Men's Club, to our worship services.

We need volunteers to set up and take down the booth, and to staff the booth. The booth fair is open between 11am and 5pm. Set-up will begin at 9 am and take down begins at 5 pm.

Please contact Jay Wiesenfeld (jmwiesenfeld@yahoo.com) for information. Please go to Red Bank Street Fair MRT booth volunteer sign-up to volunteer which can be found in the weekly eblast.

Summary of March 15th Board of Trustees meeting: Jim Halpern, Recording Secretary



Our Rummage Sale successfully sold about \$7000 worth of goods. These funds help us to achieve our mission as an active Temple in our community. On March 12th, a Havdalah event was held at Rabbi Kline and Lori Bernard's house. The next adult education Sunday session will be on March 20th. In addition, Adult Ed is having a Book Talk on April 3rd--*The Nazi Account*--cosponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. Keshia Thomas was a guest speaker at our Friday Shabbat Service. The word is getting out, MRT was mentioned in several articles in the NJ Jewish News about the activities at our Temple. Our Men's Club held a successful event with Keith Glass. They also hosted the He-Brew fest, which included a live jazz trio this year. Rabbi Kline brought back many interesting stories from his visit to Israel last month with an inter-faith mission.

In his president's report, Zach Gilstein asked the Board to consider several alternative dates for our Annual Meeting in May. This year Passover and Mother's Day make moving the date desirable. The Board passed a resolution to set the date of the Annual Meeting to Sunday, May 15, 2016. In preparation for the meeting, Zach asked each committee chair to prepare a list of work that was ongoing this past year to be included in our Annual Report. Zach and several other representatives attended a workshop on how to encourage Legacy Giving by our membership. This important program is about current members recognizing the importance of endowment giving to set up a sustainable and stable financial future for our Temple. Zach also reported back to the Board that the response to last month's letter about our need to increase giving in the current year was generally positive. To date, we have received additional donations that will make up one half of the shortfall through the generosity of members. We hope that during the final months of this fiscal year, other members will consider contributing a bit more to help us bridge the shortfall.

This year MRT will again have a booth at the Red Bank Street Fair on April 10th. We are looking for volunteers to help man our booth. This is an outreach activity to help promote our Congregation and let everyone know about the things we do.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of one family from our congregation bringing our total membership to 312 families.

The Finance Committee presented a working copy of the 2016/2017 budget to the Board for review and advice from the Board. This year's budget focuses on how to more accurately predict what actual income membership dues will produce and continue to find methods to present the information in a manner that is clear as to where our Temple spends its funds. A special focus this year will be given to the educational program of our religious school and how important it is for our children. The Finance Committee has reviewed every expense item and has made adjustments to allow a greater percentage of our funds to assist our Religious School to provide the quality education that is important to our children.

The Board voted to approve the members of our Nominating Committee, who assemble the slate of candidates for our Board of Trustees. This year, eight positions were open. To date, the Nominating Committee has found candidates for six of these positions and is still looking for members to fill the remaining two. If you are interested in working on our Board, please contact Jay Wiesenfeld.

Cantor Clissold was happy to report that our 2nd and 3rd grade children, and our 5th and 6th grade children had an opportunity to lead our Shabbat services. Because we now Live Stream our services, a lot of grandparents and relatives in warmer climes were able to tune in and watch their grandchildren. We have an audience in South Florida. Leading parts of our worship service as part of religious education is extremely important and fulfilling to our children and their families. A number of children had to conquer their fear of getting up in front of people. This is a very important part of their development. Our Cantor is grateful to our congregation for supporting the children.

This year's Megillah reading will be on March 23rd at 5 pm. It will be very entertaining and engaging! Bring your pasta grogger! Costumes will be provided! Our youth group is working hard to prepare for our Purim Carnival on March 20th and our entire school loves this event! Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

**Ways and Means Update:
Rummage Sale and
A Day at Monmouth Park Races
By Rachel Placitella and Lynn Shapiro**

Thank you to the many temple volunteers who graciously donated their time and personal items to the Rummage Sale. We raised nearly \$7,000 and expect to exceed that with items still being sold online and for consignment. and are very pleased with the turnout considering the heavy rain on Monday. Our next event is A DAY AT MONMOUTH PARK RACES on Sunday, June 5th starting at 11:45 am. This fundraiser is open to all members as well as family and friends. A delicious buffet lunch will be served. Total cost for admission and lunch is \$50 per person. There will be a silent auction of beautiful gift baskets. Please bring your friends and family and enjoy an exciting afternoon at the races!

Shalom,

Rachel Placitella and Lynn Shapiro



**Please join us at the Social Action Shabbat on
Friday, April 15, 2016 at 7pm
for special readings about Social Justice**



Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County celebrates its 10th Anniversary and honors four MRT members

For the past 10 years, the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County has been educating, enlightening and preserving local Jewish history through workshops, exhibits, lectures and performances. The Museum will commemorate its 10th anniversary with a Gala Brunch at 11:00AM on Sunday, April 10 at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan.

Whenever an institution is founded, the steadfastness and perseverance of its early members and contributors are essential and vital. The Museum will pay tribute to 17 people who have been instrumental in the early growth of the Museum, including 4 members of the MRT family: Linda Friedman, Rabbi Sally Priesand, Caryl Sills and Charles Sills. Three MRT members currently serve on the Museum Board, continuing our temple's community involvement: Alice Berman, Cindy Quitt and Dean Ross.

For more information, to purchase tickets to the event, or place an ad in the journal, call the Museum at 732-252-6990, or visit jhmomc.org.

Wanted: Old Newspapers for Gan Mazon!

Please consider donating your bundled newspapers to our temple's vegetable garden. One, two or even more would be appreciated. Drop them off in the shed located in the parking lot near the religious school entrance.

Thank you, David Levinsky, Gan Mazon/ Garden of Plenty Committee Chair

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SISTERHOOD, Jill Austin & Cheryl Gaudette, Co-Presidents



Spring is here! And as always, Sisterhood is busy with many enriching events for our MRT community!

We have packed and distributed Shalach Manot filled with yummy hamantashen and goodies for entire congregation!

Our next book club to discuss "In the Unlikely Event" by Judy Blume is Monday, April 4th, hosted by Nancy Zaslowe. RSVP nzaslowe@weichart.com.

Shop our Judaica sale on April 10th, 9:30-12:30 and at 5:30, featuring lovely Passover items to enhance your table! Our Women's Seder is later on April 10th, at 6pm. This is a beautiful community event for women! Bring your friends to this public seder - \$25.00 for Sisterhood members, \$30.00 for others.

Sisterhood is continuing the MRT Annual Flower Sale. Order forms are available at the temple or online. Orders are due April 15th.

Applications for Sisterhood's scholarship for graduating seniors will be available later this month.

Mark your calendars for our next Out and About on May 12th!

On June 23rd, join us at Two River Theater for "I Remember Mama", preceded by a lecture and dinner. Interested? Contact Kay Weisenfeld.

We will end the programming year once again with our July summer pool party.

On a final note, Jill and Cheryl have been co-presidents of Sisterhood for three years and it has been a wonderful experience filled with Jewish meaning, friendship and fun! We will be stepping down and need to solidify new leadership. This will be a two+ person team joining Karen Kahn at the helm. If interested, call us.

Chag Samayach.

Sisterhood Judaica Sale

April 10 from 9:30 -12:30,
and 5:30 pm before the
Sisterhood Seder.



We will feature lovely Passover items to enhance your table. Browse through a beautiful selection of bar and bat mitzvah gifts, Shabbat and holiday items and beautiful jewelry.

Women's Seder Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sunday, April 10th at 6pm
Sisterhood Members: \$25
Non-members: \$30

Join us for this fun and uplifting event.
Payment online on our website on the
Sisterhood page or by RSVP to
sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org

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Passover

Gan Mazon's "Garden of Plenty"**David Levinsky****davidlevinsky@optonline.net**

Since 2010, I have been a member of the Master Gardener's Association of Monmouth County. Yes, there are many colleagues in the association who are truly master gardeners. They can identify most trees and flowers by their Latin and common names, and then dazzle with the growing habits of each one. Most master gardeners are not as knowledgeable, having a mastery in one or two horticultural areas. What we all have in common is the desire to keep learning about all facets of gardening and to share our knowledge and interest with others. In fact, the master gardener helpline is available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at **732-303-7614** or e-mail us at Master.Gardeners@co.monmouth.nj.us with your questions, photographs and general gardening inquiries. Voice mail is available and your calls will be answered.

Increase Your Knowledge of Gardening

Luckily for MRT and the many Monmouth County residents who depend on our produce for their fresh vegetables, several master gardeners have agreed to bring their expertise to Gan Mazon for the upcoming season. Although not members of our temple, they endorse our community garden model and appreciate the dedication our temple volunteers have shown for Gan Mazon and the non-sectarian pantries it supports. I expect to learn much from my colleagues and I know that temple members will too regardless of current skill levels.

Volunteer According to Your Personal Schedule

Everyone is welcome: whether a volunteer gives two hours over the course of the season, two hours weekly or two hours monthly. For example, many families volunteered on Mitzvah Day last year and did not return to Gan Mazon for the rest of the season. Yet on that day, we harvested 50 lbs. of lettuce, spread a truck load of compost, planted forty tomato plants, two rows of eggplant, and a row of onions. All in three hours. I anticipate that this year's Mitzvah Day will be just as productive for Gan Mazon.

Giving Gan Mazon only two hours can be especially helpful on a harvest day when 50 lbs. to 100 lbs. or more have to be picked, bagged and weighed. Spreading newspaper, compost or woodchips for a few hours by younger, energetic volunteers reduces the burden for older gardeners --- like me. I ask temple members to keep my email address handy and contact me when they wish to be involved with Gan Mazon; that may be the day that you are most needed.

Donated Services

Cannot work in the garden? Perhaps you have a skill or product to donate on a one-shot basis. The list of Gan Mazon angels includes the temple members Brett Tuller for the construction and installation of a new garden door and Barbara and Brad Feigus, owners of the Nevergreen Horse Farm, Farmingdale, for delivering a truckload of "black gold" (or composted manure) to provide nutrients to our soil this season and last. Supreme angels are Dari and Steve Kennedy, owners of the Dew Drop Lawn Sprinklers, LLC, for originally installing Gan Mazon's drip system and revamping it yearly to support our vision for the new season.

Monetary Donations

Families who labor in their backyard vegetable gardens understand that such endeavors require a financial commitment. Gan Mazon is self-funded and depends on donations for its continued operation.

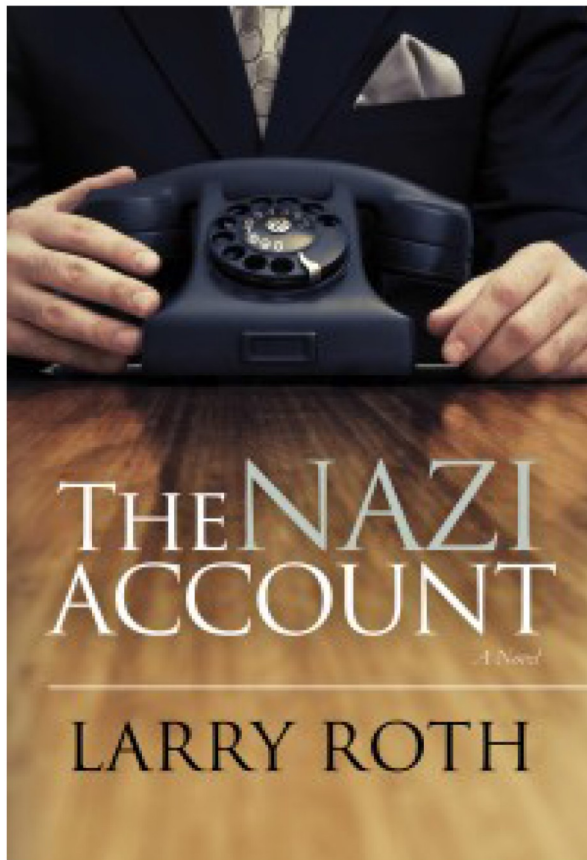
I would certainly appreciate it if members would consider naming Gan Mazon as the recipient fund when making a contribution in recognition of a simcha or in memory of a beloved family member or friend.

Best wishes,
David

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

Author/Book Talk

Sunday, April 3rd from 2-3:30pm



Join us for a fascinating trip through this hard to believe story based on a true event which occurred in 1930's depression era New York City. The moral conflict nearly destroys Logan Hunt, protagonist.

Open to the Entire Community

No charge for Admission. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

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SAVE THE DATE!
Bring your friends and family!



An Afternoon at Monmouth Park

Sunday, June 5th
starting at 11:45am

Cost: \$50 per person
includes
Buffet Lunch
Silent Auction Gift Baskets

Sponsored by
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“A Night at the Museum!”



Thursday Evening, April 14

7:00PM – 8:30 PM

**Private Guided Tour of “NJ Emerging Artist Series”
Photographer Danielle Austen**

Adult Only \$7 Per Person (Pay at the Door)

RSVP to artsdecomrt@gmail.com

MONMOUTH MUSEUM

765 Newman Springs Rd. Lincroft, NJ 07738

Organized by the MRT Arts and Deco Committee

Spotlight on our Board

Jay Feigus, Sr. Vice President by Bob St. Lifer



Busy, busy, busy. If he's not coaching his daughter's softball team or running his office furniture business, he's at MRT volunteering. Jay Feigus is a busy person.

Born in Brooklyn, NY he moved to Middletown when he was 3. His grandparents and parents joined MRT at that time. The Feigus's are now a 4th generation MRT family. Jay was Bar Mitzvahed at MRT by Rabbi Winters and has good memories from those days.

He went to Middletown South High School where he played football and baseball. He then attended Rutgers where he played baseball and majored in Economics. He graduated in 1987.

The family office furniture business was waiting for him and he is now partners with his brother.

Rabbi Priesand married Jay and his first wife Cynthia in 1996 and she also named their daughter Julia. After Cynthia passed away Jay married Monica in 2003 and Kate was born in 2005. Jay was always somewhat active in MRT with the Arts Festival but as his children became more involved so did he.

With a push from Gaby and Rabbi Pearlman Jay joined some committees but it was Semmes Brightman constantly calling him that finally did it.

Jay found that the more he volunteered the better he felt. "I like to help people," is a constant refrain from Jay. "If I can make changes to help people I feel better. I like volunteering because I can make a difference."

In his "free" time, Jay enjoys golf, football games and Mets games.

Boy are we lucky to have Jay at MRT!!!

Bonnie Klein, Religious Ed Chair by Jay Feigus



Bonnie grew up in Shrewsbury, NJ. Her ties to MRT go all the way back to 1961. Her parents joined MRT that year when it was housed in the Presbyterian Church. She was confirmed at MRT by Rabbi Ellenbogen.

Bonnie also started her volunteering at MRT at a young age. While attending Red Bank Regional High School she also found time to be involved with the MRT Youth Group, and was President from 1970-1971. Her daughter Sarah has followed in her footsteps serving as Youth Group President in recent years.

Bonnie went on to college at SUNY – College of Environment Science and Forestry at Syracuse University. After college she met her husband, Ron, in Texas and they have been married for 26 ½ years. They have three children. Zoe is 33 and lives in Houston. Adam is 31 and lives in Lake Charles, LA. He is married to Katherine and they have a one year old son named George. Sarah is 18 and lives at home. She will be attending Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville NY in the Fall.

Bonnie and her family moved back to Red Bank in 2012. She spent most of her career as a major department store retailer and retired after 27 years. She currently sits on the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation Board as well as the MRT Board as Chair of the Religious Education Committee.

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Mother's Day Brunch

YOUR KIDS
WANT
TO TAKE YOU
TO BREAKFAST
ON
MOTHER'S DAY!
RIGHT HERE AT
MRT



Sunday, May 8th

8:30am-11:30am

MRT Social Hall

Adults \$10, Children \$4

**FOOD & FUN PROVIDED BY MEN'S CLUB
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MRT SOCIAL EVENTS**

Kids

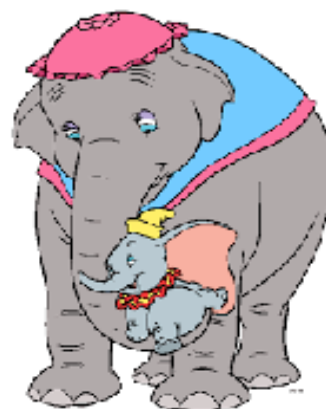
Doors open at 8:30am so you can spend time with Mom
before school

(Kids under 13 who treat their Moms eat free)

Parents

Join us before Religious School and stay and relax while
your child(ren) are in class

All you can eat!
Eggs, Gourmet Home Fries,
Blueberry & Regular Pancakes,
Bagels, Fruit, Juice, Coffee



Mazel Tov to our April/Early May B'nai Mitzvahs!

Sarah Layton will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 2nd. Sara is in the 7th grade in Shrewsbury Boro School. For her Bat Mitzvah project she has been collecting prom attire for Lunch Break's prom program in Clara's Closet. She is happy that people who cannot afford dresses and tuxes can still have the experience of the prom and getting dressed up. She would like to thank all the MRT donors and a special thanks to the Rummage sale for helping her reach her goal of donating 75+ prom attire items.

Sarah would also like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline and all her teacher at MRT for all their help and support in making this day possible.



Daniel Katz will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on April 9th. He lives in Port Monmouth with his dad, sister Victoria, and his two Maltese dogs Rascal and Skippy. He is in 7th grade at Thorne Middle School in Middletown. Dan has made the high honor roll for all his quarters of attendance there. His best subject is math. He plays trumpet in the middle school band.

For Dan's Mitzvah project he helped Camp Jinka with their major fundraiser for the year. Camp Jinka is a free summer program for kids and teens whose lives have been impacted by the diagnosis of a brain tumor.

Daniel would like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for all their help and support in preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah.

Anna Chalnack will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday April 16, 2016. Anna is a seventh grade student at Ranney School in Tinton Falls.

She enjoys being on the soccer, tennis, basketball and softball teams at her school. Anna and her Middle School Basketball Team won the Shore Conference Championship this year.

She recently received the Citizen of the Month Award for Honesty. Math and Art are her favorite subjects. Anna loves hanging out with her friends and listening to music.

Anna is hosting a series of bake sales for NoKidHungry.org for her Bat Mitzvah project. She and her friends have been baking up a storm. She has already raised over \$1100 and is looking forward to raising more.

She would like to thank her friends for their help and support.

Anna would also like to thank her Hebrew school teachers, Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for helping her achieve this milestone.



Brooke Bosnac will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on May 7th. Mazel Tov to her and her family!

Mazel Tov

**Our Stories, Our Lives: Love, Marriage and Children
Monmouth Reform Temple 2015 Sunday Discussion Group
Next Meeting: Sunday, April 17th, 2015
4-5:30pm in the Library**

For many of us, our families are the core of our lives. But how we established our families is frequently a twisted journey filled with surprising, uplifting, inspiring and sometimes heart-breaking stories. Our next discussion group will focus on sharing these stories with each other. As before we will start by answering some simple questions meant to get the conversation going which include:

- What was dating and courtship like for you?
- How did you meet your spouse?
- What was your wedding like?
- What was the birth or adoption of your first child like?
- How did your marriage change after you had children

This will then lead to a more free form story telling session where we will swap stories about any aspect of our lives. This is a warm and supportive group. There is no expectation of sharing if you don't feel comfortable doing that. Some people come, just to listen to the stories of others. And the stories themselves are frequently fascinating gems that we rarely get to hear. I hope to see you there.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Elliott Familant at 908-510-5136 or efamilant@gmail.com.

From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chair

ISRAEL — Vegan Nation

A threatened revolt among the Israel Defense Forces was met with serious changes in the meal preparations for a growing number of soldiers. Israel is the most vegan nation in the world, per capita, now with 5% of Israelis dining meatless. Because Israel has mandatory military service the surge in veganism nation-wide has translated into a substantial number of vegan recruits.

This trend was apparently initiated by a visit in 2012 by American animal-rights activist Gary Yourofsky. His crusade was seen on a You Tube video by some million viewers who took his message to heart. Israeli restaurants, eager to please their diners, soon began providing vegetarian and vegan menus which include no meat or fish, no dairy, no eggs and nothing that is produced by or takes the life of a living creature, even including honey. Imagine!

Meals for the vegan warriors, prepared with cognizance of the need for a healthy, strength building diet include tahini, nuts, and dried fruit offered for breakfast and soy based meat substitutes for dinner which may include soy-beans, legumes and lentil-based hamburgers. Those who register vegan receive leather-free combat boots and wool-free berets.

The vegan trend has reached the highest levels of Israeli government with Prime Minister Netanyahu having expressed support for "Meatless Monday" and has adopted a vegetarian day for his staff and family each week.

**April and May Lobby Tzedakah Box
Social Action Fund: Mitzvah Day
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THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Judith Wigdortz on the death of her cousin, Michele Cooper
- Dean and Sharyn Ross on the death of his father, Benjamin Ross
- Leslie Rennert on the death of his wife, Elaine Rennert
- Rachael Rennert and Mark Arend on the death of her mother, Elaine Rennert



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. Space is available on both walls. Cost per plaque is \$400.

The Congregation mourns
the loss of Elaine Rennert



May her memory be a blessing

April/Early May Yahrtzeits (read date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, April 1st (Services at 6pm)

Sylvia Abrams, Abe P. Cohen, C.K. Conklin, Fannie Copley, *Rebecca Fineman, Herbert H. Gershan, Frank Haratz, Ronald C. Herriges, *Gertie Hersch, Jack A. Leeds, Josephine Orange, Florence Pearl, *Theodore Tully Rubin, Howard Schneider, Leo Schneider, *Morris Silverberg, *Julius Snedcof, Gabriel Young

Names to be Read on Friday, April 8th (Services at 7pm)

*Gabriel Barnett, Sydney Coplevitch, *Rebecca Davidovits, Max Drath, Ruth Fidell, Anne Gitlin, Paul Katz, *Alberta Kramer, Mary Lipschutz, *Alice Mandel, M.E. Medalie, *Carolyn B. Meyer, *Morris Miller, Gladys Morris, Anita Palmer, Patricia Richman, Dr. Ellis Rivkin, *Harriet Rosenzweig, *Anna Rosin, *Barbara Schor, *Rose Straus, Irene Weisbrot

Names to be Read on Friday, April 15th (Services at 7pm)

Michael Aho, Lucille Brousell, Bettye Clissold, *Anna Cohen, *Dorothy Feinberg, David Fishman, Sadie Greenglass, Sister Mel Herriges, Ada Kalb, *Fannie Kipnis, *Robert J. Lane, Louis Levin, Charles Loebel, Sanford Luger, *Alfred Mannheimer, Sophie Milchman, *Bert Samuel Morgovsky, Samuel Nash, Osborn Patten, Albert Rifkin, Elizabeth Ruby, Leonard S. Snyder, Harry Stein, *Sam Surry, Simon Wiesengrund

Names to be Read on Friday, April 22nd (Services at 5pm)

Arlene Batzar, Philip Butler, Pearl Cohen, Yetta Drath, Gerry Huegel, Violet Johnson, Sigmund Kaswiner, Jeffrey Korman, *David Metz, Harold Newman, *Rae Ostrov, Howard Romanick, *Rose Rubinstein, Blanche Schleifer, Rose Spellman, Frank Whyman

Names to be Read on Friday, April 29th (Services at 7pm)

Dorothy Canbria, *Lena Smolensky Collis, Mark Davis, Sheldon Fierstein, Eleanor Gaudette, Laura Holzman, Solomon Jochnowitz, Eli Klein, *Paul Kramer, Harry Levine, Annette Marks, *Sidney Martin, Esther Grace Milchman, *John A. Munch, Irma Oestreicher, Bessie Rosenberg, *Michael B. Ruggera Jr., *Wendy Salomon, *Ruth Singer, David F. Whyman

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

Joseph Algava, Samuel Cohn, *Bella G. Coppersmith, Alma Diller, Sarah Einhorn, Benjamin Eisen, Harry Gale, Benjamin Gurevitz, Elouise Herriges, Anne R. Klein, Ruth Kornbluth, Marc Levin, Robert Levy, Daniel Lowenstein, *Dinah Newman, Robert Ostrof, David Resnikoff, Robert Rosen, *Burton M. Salomon, Catherine A. Saybolt, Irv Seltzer, Sara Seltzer, *Scott Siebert-Johnson, Lawrence Sobol, Joseph Szitanko, *Lena Tanenbaum, Sidney A. Wien

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- 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!



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