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## Monmouth Reform Temple High Holy Days 2016/5777

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

(Evening before)

Sunday, October 2nd at 7:45 pm

### KOL NIDREI (Yom Kippur Eve)

Tuesday, October 11th at 7:45pm

### ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Monday, October 3rd

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Morning Service                | 10:00 am |
| Family (Children's) Service    | 3:00 pm  |
| Followed by a walk to Tashlich | 4:00 pm  |

### YOM KIPPUR DAY

Wednesday, October 12th

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Morning Service              | 10:00 am |
| Family (Children's) Service  | 2:00 pm  |
| Yom Kippur Afternoon Program | 3:00 pm  |
| Yizkor Service               | 4:45 pm  |
| Closing Service/Neilah       | 5:30 pm  |

### **Yom Kippur Afternoon Session (see next page for details)**

Wednesday, October 12th from 3pm-4:30pm – There are three options:

### *Healing Service*

conducted by Doreen Laperdon-Addison

### *Forgive? WHO HOW? WHEN?*

Panel with Reverend Gilbert Caldwell and Rabbi Marc Kline

### *Sin, Guilt, Shame & Emotional Healing:*

### *A Three Session Discussion Series starting Yom Kippur Afternoon*

Discussion led by Elliott Familant

Our live streaming link can be found on our home page at [www.monmouthreformtemple.org](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org)

Thank you....

When attending services and all other events at MRT remember that people around you are sensitive to sound, fragrance, and distraction. Please always enjoy being here in ways that help others enjoy being here, too.

**YOM KIPPUR HEALING SERVICE****Yom Kippur Afternoon—Wednesday, October 12th 3pm-4:30pm****Conducted by Doreen Laperdon-Addison**

The Healing Service provides a quiet space and time for reflection, meditation, movement and prayer in a supportive, nurturing, and safe environment. This service is open to everyone, those personally going through physical, mental or emotional life challenges and health issues or who have loved ones, friends and family members facing health and other life situations who are in need of healing.

**SIN, GUILT, SHAME, and EMOTIONAL HEALING****A Three Session Discussion Series Starting Yom Kippur Afternoon****Yom Kippur Afternoon—Wednesday, October 12th 3pm-4:30pm****Discussion series led by Elliott Familant (efamilant@gmail.com)**

During the Days of Awe, we spend a lot of time hearing about sin and repentance but these terms are problematic in these days where we make everything a pathology. This discussion group will explore these topics in a guided but relatively free form discussion group.

**Session 1: The Problem of Sin—Yom Kippur Afternoon at 3pm**

The Stanford University rape case illustrates part of the problem. The case that received notoriety because of the unusually light sentence that the defendant received was exacerbated by the failure of the defendant to take responsibility for his actions. Instead he blamed it on a campus atmosphere that tolerates binge drinking and sexual promiscuity. His implicit message? "My actions were excusable because of the environment I (unfortunately) found myself in." But where is his acceptance of personal responsibility in all this?

This case is not unique. It occurs in a culture where actions which used to be called sins are now excused as the products of mitigating circumstances, cultural norms or misguided childhood rearing practices (remember the teenager who received a light sentence for a drunk driving manslaughter conviction because of a childhood that was characterized as one in which the parents "never set limits for the boy and gave him everything he wanted" so called affluenza). Where the deadly sins of lust, greed, and gluttony, are now construed as psychological maladies, addictions to sex, money and food.

If everything is a product of our environment or the unfortunate outcome of a psychiatric problem, what exactly are we atoning for on Yom Kippur? How do we reconcile the more sophisticated conceptions of human behavior brought about by modern psychological science with our more traditional notions of sin? During session one of this series we we grapple with these issues.

**Session 2: Guilt And Shame—Sunday, October 30th from 7-8pm**

If personal responsibility still has a role in the way we think about ourselves, how does our response determine what happens to our lives next? We frequently talk about guilt and shame as if they are interchangeable concepts. They are not. One can lead to personal growth and allows us to move on with our lives. The other can easily lead to self doubt, anger, depression and inaction. One way to find out how we typically respond is to take a self evaluation test. In the second part of this discussion, we will have the opportunity to take a test specifically designed to uncover how we tend to respond when we do something wrong. We will discuss why guilt can be good (if not to excess) and shame is bad and discuss strategies for dealing with these feelings in an effective and growth promoting way.

**Session 3: Emotional Healing—Sunday, November 13th from 7-8pm**

Both Jewish tradition and psychological research point to the importance of forgiveness and repentance in the healing process. In this last session we will explore repentance and forgiveness as tools for promoting emotional healing. We will look at the kinds of responses you can have when someone does something to you and you don't forgive them. What happens to you when you live with lingering feelings for a long time. How does forgiveness (even if the perpetrator does not apologize and does not repent) help you to make your life better. We will look at effective and ineffective ways to forgive. We will then look at the flip side and look at apologies and repentance. There are effective apologies and ineffective apologies. Knowing the difference can mean the difference between a good outcome and one that is not. We will look at examples of each and look at the five components that are present in effective apologies. Finally, we will consider forgiveness and repentance in the context of spiritual and personal development.

**FORGIVE? WHO HOW? WHEN?****Yom Kippur Afternoon—Wednesday, October 12th 3pm-4:30pm****Panel with Reverend Gilbert Caldwell and Rabbi Marc Kline**

While the tone of our conversations become less and less civil, we know that we need to not only find a way to tone down "the ugly," but also a way to move forward ... together ... despite "the ugly" that we have freely shared. Religion has a lot to say about the way we speak to each other ... and a lot to atone for in what it has allowed.



### **Announcing the 2016 High Holy Days Appeal**

What a year! Our congregation is growing! More people are doing more here! Mitzvah Day saw MRT people all over the community doing wonderful acts of tzedakah. Our innovative religious school, youth group and adult education activities, are thriving. From the word on the street at the Red Bank Street Fair, people are paying attention. We need to keep our energy growing.

So, especially at this High Holy Day season, where people are looking deeply within, we want to provide compelling reasons for our members to make a greater investment in our mission of bringing our community closer together. We want to celebrate our Jewish tradition and fulfill our obligation to do healing work in the wider world. We provide many avenues through which to exercise generosity and investment in our synagogue. The High Holy Day Appeal affords us the opportunity to make meaningful strides into the year's commitments. We historically know that pledges do not cover all of the expenses of our congregational efforts. The HHDA is the principal mechanism for closing the gap, thereby ensuring that we continue accomplishing the amazing array of good things we do here to enhance your lives and those of members in the wider community.

We are blessed with Rabbi Kline's and Cantor Clissold's enthusiasm, energy, foresight and creativity. Part of what sustains them is your demonstration of appreciation and generosity through this Appeal, in particular, and the other ways you support the efforts of Sisterhood, Men's Club, Ways and Means, and the Life & Legacy program, to name a few.

The High Holy Days Appeal committee asks that you make a contribution that helps close the gap between the total annual Fair Share Pledge Commitments (Sustaining Level=\$2200 on average) and our operating costs. This will allow us to continue building our spiritual community, enriching the spiritual lives of our young people, and broadening outreach and impact in the larger community.

Your High Holy Days Appeal gift also gives you the chance to reach one of our "giving circles". This year, the Circles ("Double Chai"> \$3600, "Torah">\$5000, "Sinai">\$10,000) will be based on all of your financial gifts to MRT. Membership investment and HHDA are foundational for our work, but all contributions matter.

Is it possible at MRT to achieve 100% participation in the HHDA? Every year we encourage you to make a HHDA gift of any size. Any size! Size does not matter. Generous unity is the goal and the fuel that makes the gears turn. And yet, that goal of 100% participation remains to be achieved. This is the year to reach that milestone - and how wonderful it will be.

You may make your donation by check, or through Paypal via our temple website Donations page.

Show your love for MRT and make a resounding show of support for Rabbi Kline, Cantor Clissold, Principal Fields, our lay leaders on the Board, and our hard-working staff by making a gift to the 2016-17 MRT HHDA.

Mark Gruensfelder and Joel Morgovsky, HHDA Co-Chairs

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



I would like to wish everyone in the MRT Community a happy and healthy new year! We are truly blessed to have a vibrant Jewish community in which we can pray, play, and study together as well as join our efforts in building a better world. I look forward to connecting more deeply and more broadly with our community in 5777.

There are exciting things afoot at MRT. The Welcome Back Shabbat brought out over 160 of our congregants to share a Shabbat meal or join for the Ice Cream oneg following the family service.

We were well represented at the Red Bank street fair and introduced a new banner that now shows in our lobby. We recently completed a short film that captures the spirit and value of being a part of our holy community. It is definitely worth a look. You'll find a link in the first paragraph about MRT on our website.

Religious School has started. A year ago, I spoke of the potential to build a more enriching learning environment for our children under the leadership of Principal Stephanie Fields. I am pleased to report that the potential energy is turning kinetic as we revamp the curricula and incorporate new modalities of learning. It is also exciting to see that we have so many 8th and 9th graders returning that we actually had to split the class, and I see more of our young leaders returning to help in Religious School post-Confirmation.

Adult Education has outlined a broad array of study opportunities to deepen our Judaic understanding and enrich our Jewish lives. Social Action is looking at ways to engage more of our congregation in Tikun Olam initiatives. Sisterhood and Men's Club have many social activities planned. Ways and Means is planning a Vendor Show in December and Fashion show in April. Look for a Save the Date listing of all of the major activities at the temple.

The High Holiday season began last night with a Selichot study session and service. We are challenged to build a better life for ourselves and our community. I'm sure we can achieve this if we each take just one small step forward. Our High Holiday Appeal is underway. We know that membership pledges only contribute about 70% of the money we need to sustain our mission. The HHDA is our largest giving initiative to help close the gap. Please give generously, but most importantly I ask that everyone give something.

I would like to offer special thanks to the Membership Committee and all who helped make the Welcome Back Shabbat such a success and to the Marketing Committee and all who contributed to making MRT's presence at the Red Bank Street Fair another step forward for enabling the broad community to see all that we have to offer.

L'Shanah Tovah!  
Zach Gilstein

### Shabbat Services October 2016

#### **Saturday, October 1st**

10am Henry Shell Bar Mitzvah  
(bio in September Bulletin)

#### **Friday, October 7th**

6pm Shabbat Services (Shabbat Shuvah)

### **Friday, October 14th** 7pm Shabbat Services

#### **Friday, October 21st**

6pm Shabbat Services  
followed by BYO Dinner in  
the Sukkah

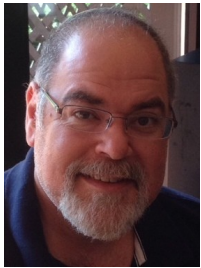
### **Friday, October 28th** 7pm Shabbat Services

Our live streaming link can be found  
on our home page at  
[www.monmouthreformtemple.org](http://www.monmouthreformtemple.org)

#### **Every Saturday morning in the Library:**

9am-9:30am Shabbat Services

9:30am-10:30am Torah Talks Study Session

**From Rabbi Marc Kline**

It's October. We are in the midst of celebrating a new year. Creation ... is. Our place in creation ... is.

We are blessed to be here every day that we are, and even as a time will come when we will leave this earthly course, we will have been blessed to be here and will have blessed so many others.

With all of the rhetoric in the news; all of the ugliness bent on distracting us from each other's holiness ... with all of the noise, it is easy to lose track of all that is sacred.

There is, however, nothing more sacred than our relationships and nothing more holy than our need for each other.

May this be the year that we end the exile that keeps too many of us apart.

May this be the year that sees us share in each other's blessings. May this be the year we know peace.

**Lobby Tzedakah Box**  
**September/October 2016**  
**IsraAID**

**Co-sponsored by Eleanor Rubin**

IsraAid is an Israeli humanitarian aid agency that responds to emergency crises and engages in international development around the world. Most recently rescuing boat people as they approached Lesbos, Greece after fleeing from Syria.



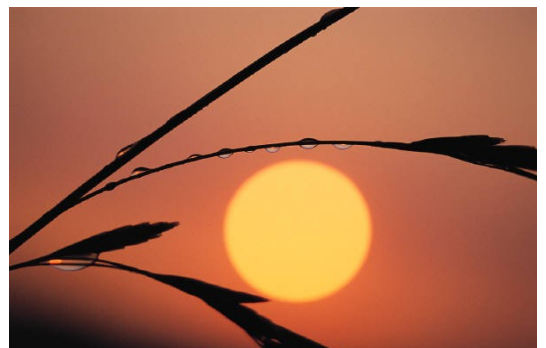
**ANNUAL MITZVAH BAG &  
LOBBY FOOD WALL**

Pick up your bags on Rosh Hashanah and return them to MRT  
at the Yom Kippur morning or Family Service.

Fill your bag and help fill the pantry at the  
Center in Asbury Park

Flyers attached your bag with suggested donations.

**Rise and Shine!**  
**Celebrate Sukkot with MRT**  
**Sunrise Service**  
**Monday, October 17th at 6:30am**  
Followed by Bagels and Coffee in the Sukkah



## Summary of September 20th Board of Trustees meeting: Mark Gruensfelder, Recording Secretary

The September MRT Board of Trustees meeting started off, as usual, with Board members recounting MRT's positive accomplishments during the past month. Some examples of these accomplishments are:



Over 160 people attended the September 9<sup>th</sup> Welcome Back to MRT Open House Shabbat Dinner and Services!

At the Red Bank Street Fair on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, MRT had a booth thanks to the efforts of 25 MRT volunteers. The well-decorated booth had many visitors!

Among other items, MRT's booth featured its new video showing what MRT is really about. (You can view the video here: <https://youtu.be/TUbmDP8vBjg>.) The video features an original song written by Dan Kahn.

The First Day of Religious School – also on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – was full of energy and tremendously exciting! Our first Adult Jewish Learning program was held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and featured several speakers articulating the History of Jews in Monmouth County. A lively discussion by the engaged audience followed each presentation.

On Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, the Hebrew Nationals softball team played their first softball game ever against another temple – Temple Beth Miriam. While our team didn't win, both teams were winners as an enjoyable time was had by all!

The meeting continued with reports from a variety of committees. The Membership Committee presented 8 new membership applications, all of which were approved! Please welcome the following new members:

*Rabbi Robert & Linda Ourach, Brian & Ashley Bosonac, Stephen & Barbara Bosonac, Joe & Lois Wilkes, Jonathan & Stacie Bender, Robert & Joan Rechnitz, Jason & Rori Davis, and Gerri Kantrowitz.*

Six committees/auxiliaries presented their 2016-17 Goals: Religious Education, Ways & Means, Ritual, House, Sisterhood, and Youth. Each committee's goals were well-thought out with the intent of MRT making significant progress towards its overall mission during the 2016-17 year.

During the President's report, Zach announced that a "Giving Circles" insert will be provided in the High Holy Day service handouts. The insert will identify generous financial contributors as well as the volunteer groups who have made MRT such a warm, welcoming, and lively community. Meanwhile, the High Holy Day Appeal campaign begins as we enter into the High Holy Days. And the Life Legacy Giving campaign is also in full swing with 12 members pledging to participate.

Finally, a request was made to locate some technology-aware members to augment Jim Halpern in his efforts to help various groups at MRT utilize our on-hand technology. Anyone having such an interest please contact Margie Wold, MRT's 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year! L'Shana Tova!



### Men's Club Annual Sukkah Building

Sunday, October 16th starting at 8:30am

And when the holidays are over help us take it down- Sunday, October 30th at 9:30am



**And then a moment later...It's Sukkot and Simchat Torah!**

*The MRT Sukkah is open for all to enjoy.  
Please note the following events during Sukkot:*

Help the Men's Club build the MRT Sukkah  
Sunday, October 16th at 8:30am  
(Sukkah will be taken down on Sunday, October 30th at 9:30am)

Religious School Families Sponsor BYO  
Sukkah Dinner

Sunday, October 16th at 5pm

Sukkot Sunrise Service

Monday, October 17th at 6:30am  
(coffee & bagels will be served)

Men's Club in the Sukkah

Monday, October 17th at 7:30pm

Board Pizza dinner in the Sukkah  
Tuesday, October 18th at 6pm

SMaRTY in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm

Sisterhood in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 20th at 6:30pm

Shabbat Services at 6pm followed by BYO  
Sukkah Dinner

Friday, October 21st—Services at 6pm  
Dinner follows

Saturday, October 22nd—TBA

## **Festival Yizkor will take place on Tuesday, October 25th at 9:45am**

### **CONSECRATION & SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

Sunday, October 23rd at 11am

Celebrate the completion of another Torah cycle

Music! Fun! Dancing!

Our newest Religious School students will be consecrated.



## **Welcome New Members!**

### **Bender, Jonathan & Stacie**

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#### **Ellie Bender (8)**

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#### **Reese Bosonac (11)**

#### **Chase Laden Bosonac (2)**

#### **Cole Joseph Bosonac (0)**

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#### **Ethan Davis (8)**

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#### **Lois Wilkes**

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### **Kantrowitz, Gerri**

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## MRT Fundraising can Be Fun!

**By Lynn Shapiro, Ways & Means Chair, lsshapiro2@gmail.com**

The Ways and Means Committee is reviving two oldies but goodies and planning two new and exciting events.

### **OLDIES BUT GOODIES:**

The oldies but goodies – watch for **bricks** for the garden walkway being sold in the lobby and you can always just call and order one. Honor your bar or bat mitzvah student, commemorate the loss of a loved one, congratulate someone for a milestone birthday or anniversary. What a wonderful way to truly become part of the temple garden!!

Also watch for the sale of **scrip** and it too can always be obtained just by calling the office. You are using these stores anyway, why not allow the temple to make some money on your purchase? Also think of MRT when you buy on Amazon.

### **NEW EVENTS:**

**VENDOR FAIR** – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Come and shop for your holiday gifts from local vendors selling everything from jewelry, clothing, crafts, etc. Gift wrapping will be available as well as food concessions. If you have a business and are interested in securing a booth we would love to include you. We will also have an art sale in our café (old youth lounge). The art will be pictures, wall hangings, mirrors, etc that we are asking you, our members, to donate. If you have something you would like to donate give me a call and we will gladly take it off your hands, give you a charitable donation form and put in our sale.

**FASHION SHOW**- Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Come watch our religious school students, youth group and MRT Leadership strut the season's hottest fashions down a red carpeted runway. This is going to be a not-to-be missed event. We have many exciting plans for this that will unfold over the next several months. Anyone interested in helping with music, props, fashion, logistics, auction please contact me. There is a place for everyone to help with this fun event.

## Ritual News, by Sam Goodman, Ritual Chair

*"Here comes the water  
It comes to wash away the sins of you and I  
This time, you'll see"*  
**-Slither, Velvet Revolver**

The High Holidays are nearly upon us, and once again we will be celebrating Tashlich, one of my favorite Jewish rituals. The centerpiece of the Tashlich ritual is the literal casting of sins, often in the form of breadcrumbs, into bodies of flowing water. In this way, we echo God's actions in Micah 7:19: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." At MRT, this will take place immediately following the Family Service at 4PM on Rosh Hashanah, October 3rd.

Dropping a few grams of breadcrumbs from my pockets seems to lift tons of weight from my soul. The sins which have been weighing down my footsteps and my psyche are – all too temporarily – cast off. If only I could live sin- and guilt-free the rest of the year... but unfortunately I always seem to fall short of my ideals.

One of the goals of the Ritual committee for this year is to find new ways to engage our community in ritual practices. Past innovations have included the wonderful Seeds of Spirituality(TM) services, which have allowed us to use our Friday night worship service to explore particular themes, such as Family, and Liminality; and our ability to live-stream services, so that those who are physically unable to attend services are still able to connect with our communal prayers. We hope to continue this experimentation in order to better fulfill the spiritual needs of the congregation.

What is your favorite Jewish ritual? What do you like about it? How can we share that experience with other members of the community? Please reach out to me with your ideas, or come and share them with the committee at our next meeting, at 6:30PM on Wednesday, October 19th at MRT.



## **Gan Mazon: MRT'S Garden of Plenty by David Levinsky, davidlevinsky@optonline.net**



### **Gan Mazon Already Surpassed Its All-time Total Harvest**

**As of today, September 22, Gan Mazon delivered a combined 1,085 lbs. to the Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Monmouth County in Asbury Park and to the Freehold Open Door Food Pantry ---surpassing our all-time high reached last season at 1,055 lbs. Gan Mazon's Thursday morning harvest is delivered weekly to the JF&CS by temple member Judy Rivkin ---approximately 550 lbs. in the last five weeks.**

For this month's Bulletin article, I spoke with the Executive Director of the JF&CS, Paul Freedman, to find out the criteria to receive food assistance and the procedure for the distribution of dry groceries and produce to agency clients. I was frankly pleased that JF&CS accepts people at their word that they have low incomes and are in need of help providing nutritious meals for their families or themselves. The agency requires a proof of residence, but will make allowances when proof cannot be given. I learned that rules under which pantries operate are not uniform throughout the county.

On Thursdays, volunteers at JF&CS pack 35 bags of dry groceries for distribution on Friday morning. Clients line up about two hours before the pantry opens with the first 35 families given one bag previously packed and a second bag of "wet" items such as eggs, produce, frozen chicken and fish. The actual contents from week to week depend on what the pantry has in stock. Paul informed me that 600 people, 160-180 families, receive approximately 3,000 meals monthly, half going to children. Clients obtain their food allotment once monthly from JF&CS and other pantries on alternate weeks. I received the impression that although not perfect, the system works and food is available in the county.

JF&CS is able to purchase food from the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties when donations are low. The agency pays \$.18/lb. for persons qualifying under state guidelines and no charge for clients qualifying under federal rules. Costs seem low, but total purchases amount to around \$40,000 annually. Paul is adamant that families receive fresh vegetables every week and is grateful for MRT's commitment to provide them. MRT is the only large garden supplying JF&CS with produce.

Readers of my column should be familiar with the dedication of Master Gardeners Gloria Gross and Sue Malmi to Gan Mazon. In addition to their labor and extended horticultural knowledge, these ladies have also added many, many pounds of vegetables from their home gardens to the totals from Gan Mazon. While not members of MRT, Gloria and Sue are repairing the world by feeding the needy one cucumber, pepper, squash, tomatillo, and tomato at a time; and, they do not care who gets the credit.

I encourage MRT families with home gardens to add a row or two next season and combine the produce harvested with Gan Mazon's. My guess is that hundreds of additional pounds for the needy would be the result.

L'Shanah Tovah—A Happy and Sweet New Year to All,  
David

## From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal

Innovation is the name of the game here in the Monmouth Reform Temple Religious School. The month of September brought the beginning of the school year, Hebrew Boot Camp (intensive Hebrew review), Bagels and Blocks, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Family Education, and our first Madrichim meeting.

In the month of October Mitzvah Academy (7th-9th grade Sunday program) chugim (elective) classes begin, our new Hebrew curriculum takes off and the school is in full swing. The entire congregation is welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 19th welcoming the Torah Sofer and on Sunday, October 23rd for the congregational Simchat Torah celebration.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, October 2 @ 9:30am - Religious School

Wednesday, October 5 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

NO SCHOOL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Sunday, October 16 @ 9:30am/12:15pm - Religious School and 7th Grade Family Education/Madrichim Meeting

Wednesday, October 19 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School, Sukkah visits grades 4-7, Torah Sofer program

Sunday, October 23 @ 9:30am/11:00am - Religious School, Bagels and Blocks, Sukkah visits grades K-3, Mitzvah Academy, and Confirmation/Join with congregation for Simchat Torah and Consecration

Wednesday, October 26 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

Sunday, October 30 @ 9:30am/11:00am - Religious School/Religious Education Committee Meeting

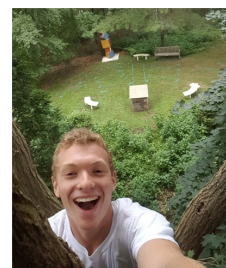
Wednesday, November 2 @ 4:00pm-7:00pm\* - 4th-7th Trip (\*Details forthcoming for special trip)

G'mar chatima tova!



## Eagle Scout Project to Benefit MRT—by Alex Austin

During the month of October, the prayer/meditation garden at Monmouth Reform Temple will be receiving a facelift. I am member of the temple and Troop 155 in Freehold. I am working to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America. This rank is achieved by less than 5% of all boys that join Scouting. Along with scout and temple volunteers, we will be building ten benches and beautifying the garden for my Eagle Scout Project. These benches will be made out of pressure treated wood that is safe to sit on. They will be six feet long, which can accommodate about three or four people.



I am doing this because I feel that the prayer/meditation garden is a very underutilized area. For this project, most of the materials have been graciously donated by Builder's General in Little Silver. I will be relying on volunteers from Boy Scouts as well as the temple to help build the benches and complete the project. We plan to have adults cut and pre drill the wood on October 1st at 3 p.m. at my house and have everyone clean up the area and assemble the benches on October 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the temple. If you would like to participate with the build, please contact me at 732-470-6724 (not during school hours please) or [biking127999@gmail.com](mailto:biking127999@gmail.com) with a cc to [jilltennis@aol.com](mailto:jilltennis@aol.com). This is just one of the many Eagle Scout Projects to grace the temple over the years.

**SISTERHOOD, Karen Kahn, President**

September has been a very busy month for the "Sistahs" of MRT. We had a fun "Meet & Greet" and Judaica sale (A shout of thanks to everyone who assisted in this endeavor.. Kay Wiesenfeld, Ruth Ann Sokol, Jill Austin, Cheryl Gaudette, Linda Murray, Ellen Nash and Lois Wilkes).

We had a wonderful time at Ellen Nash's house for members of our book club, and we laughed a whole lot at our "Out & About" at the Watermark on the first night of Autumn. The sunset was spectacular over the ocean....

For all of you who ordered apple cake or babka and honey for the new year, please enjoy it! They are super delicious!

Wishing everyone a Chag Sameach, a very happy and healthy Rosh Hashana, and G"mar Tov for Yom Kippur!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah (Paid up membership dinner)!

Very sincerely,  
Karen Kahn



Join MRT Sisterhood at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Point Pleasant Beach on Sunday October 16th.

Contact Margie Wold ([woldiem@aol.com](mailto:woldiem@aol.com)) or Nancy Zaslowe ([nzaslowe@weichert.com](mailto:nzaslowe@weichert.com)) for details. Join our team and/or donate to help us make more birthdays!

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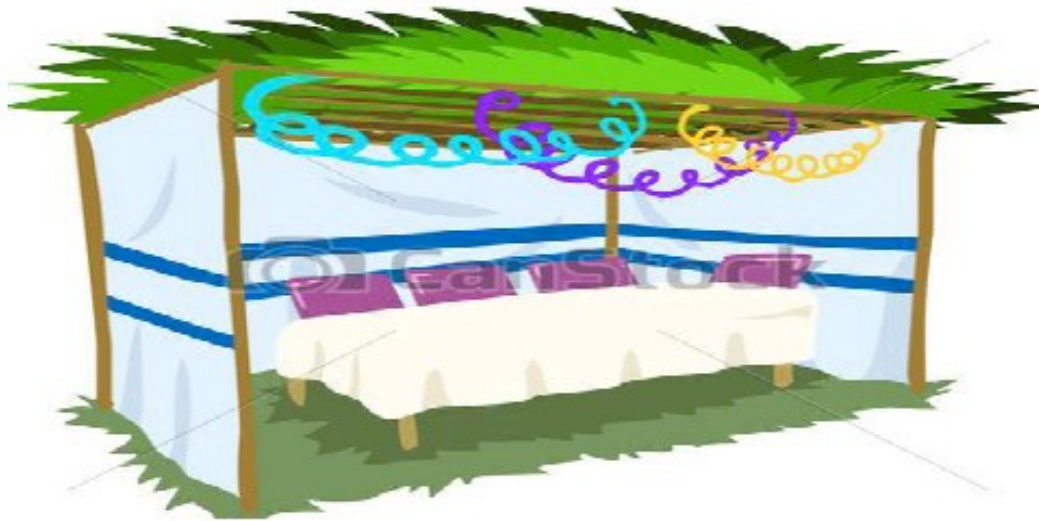
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**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**JOIN US FOR DINNER IN THE SUKKAH**

**Sunday, October 16th 5-7pm**

**MRT back patio**

***(Or Social Hall, if inclement weather)***

**All are welcome, and bring a friend!**

***BYO Picnic Dinner***

***along with a dessert to share***

***Questions? Contact Amy at [asukinik@gmail.com](mailto:asukinik@gmail.com)***

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# Y in the afternoon

Archived **92Y** program | Bring your own lunch  
**Wednesday, 26 October at 12pm**

**Niall Ferguson with David Gergen:  
On Henry Kissinger**

Historian Niall Ferguson's definitive biography of Henry Kissinger—the single most important strategic thinker America has ever produced—is joined by David Gergen, senior CNN political analyst, former advisor to four US Presidents and professor of public leadership at Harvard.

Learn why Ferguson, through unprecedented access to the Kissinger private papers/archives around the world, considers Kissinger to be far from the ruthless arch-realist he's viewed to be, but rather an idealist. In so doing, he recasts the cold war world.

**\$15. at the door**



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Back by Popular Demand  
***Memoir Writing with Sylvia Kramer***  
**Tuesday, November 1st and 15th**  
**1pm-2:30pm**



Sylvia Kramer is a published author, poet, lecturer and poetry therapist. For over 40 years she has conducted workshops and given lectures at colleges and high schools and has been a frequent guest lecturer at Poetry Therapy Association in New York.

Last year, she conducted two Memoir Writing sessions at MRT which were greatly enjoyed by those who participated and we are pleased she is returning for another two sessions of personal introspection and creative thinking. Memoir writing is a gift to your family. It's fun for you and a beautiful legacy for your children and grandchildren.

This event is open to the community.  
Members \$15 Non-members \$20  
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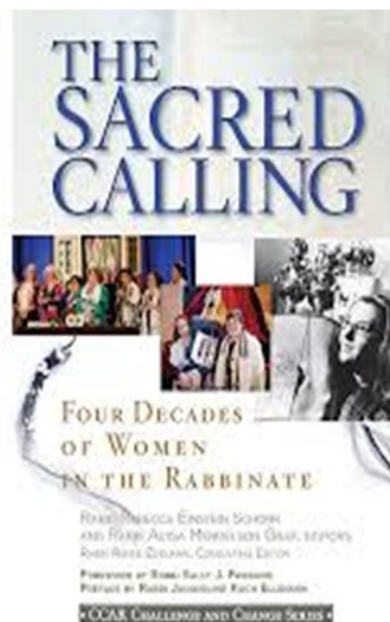
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# ***The Sacred Calling***

is a history and celebration of the  
ordination of women as rabbis  
Join us for this distinguished gathering  
of Rabbis in a panel discussion

**Sunday, November 20th**  
**4pm-5:30pm**

Light Refreshments will be served.



## **Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, Moderator** **Guest Panelists**

Rabbi Melinda Panken, Temple Shaari Emeth

Rabbi Shira Stern, Temple Rodeph Torah, Center for a Jewish Future

Rabbi Mary. L. Zamore, Executive Director, Women's Rabbinic Network

Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, NJ

You won't want to miss this illustrious gathering of heroic women as well as a response to the impact of women rabbis on male rabbis.

This event is free and open to the entire community.

Please let us know you are coming.

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### Ritual

**First Friday** a family service (first Friday of most months)  
**Seeds of Spirituality (TM)** a visual service (9/23/16, 10/18/16, 4/28/16, 5/19/16)  
**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** Wednesday, 11/23 8pm at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury  
**MLK Shabbat at MRT** Friday, 1/13 7p m  
**Community Seder** Tuesday, 4/11 6pm  
**Confirmation** Sunday, 6/4 10am  
**Beach Service** Friday, 6/23 7pm  
**MRT Choir** participates in High Holy Day services and Shabbat throughout the year

### Adult Ed

**Tuesday Morning Study Group**  
 Tuesday mornings (weekly) beginning 9/6/16 9:45am-11am in the MRT Library  
**92Y in the afternoon (with your own brown bag lunch)**  
 Wednesdays 9/14/16, 10/26/16, 12/24/16, 1/11/17, 2/8/17 12pm  
**Sin, Guilt, Shame, and Emotional Healing:**  
**A Three Session Discussion Series-Starting Yom Kippur Afternoon 10/12 at 3pm**  
 Next two sessions: Sunday afternoons 10/30, 11/13 4-5:30pm  
**The Joy of Memoir Writing (with Sylvia Kramer, poet)**  
 Tuesdays, 11/1 and 11/15 1-2:30pm  
**Introduction to Judaism**  
 Wednesday evenings beginning 11/2/16-12/21/16 (no class 11/23) 7-8:30pm  
**The Sacred Calling Panel Event**  
 Sunday, 11/20 4-5:30pm  
**Scholar-In-Residence: Rabbi Stephen Fuchs**  
 Friday, 12/2 and Saturday, 12/3  
**Art Historian: Maurice Mahler**  
 Sunday, 1/22 2-3:30pm  
**Shabbat Kallah: Rabbi Norman Patz**  
 Saturday, 4/15 Times TBA  
**Rabbi Prinz & The Chocolate Trail**  
 Sunday, 5/7 2-3:30pm

### Ways & Means

**Vendor Showcase** Sunday 12/4/16  
**Kids Fashion Show** Saturday 4/1/17

### Sisterhood & Men's Club

**Sisterhood/Men's Club Chanukah Party & Service**, Friday, 12/23 at 6pm  
**Tennis Social** Saturday, 2/25/17  
**He-Brew Fest** Saturday, 2/4/17  
**Adult Purim Party** Saturday, 3/11/17  
**Women's Seder** Sunday, 4/2/17 at 6pm  
**Sisterhood Book Club and Sisterhood Out & About** various dates throughout the year  
**Men's Club Poker** 2nd Thursday of each month

### For Young Families

**Bagels & Blocks** (for the pre-school set) Sunday mornings  
 9/18/16, 10/23/16, 11/20/16, 12/18/16, 1/22/17, 2/12/17, 3/12/17, 4/30/17, 5/21/17 9:30-11:30am

**THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Peggy Baker on the loss of her husband, Gerald
- Suzanne Baker on the loss of her father, Gerald
- Jill and Jim Austin on the loss of her father, Gerald
- Ellen Goldberg, on the loss of her father, Robert Maurer
- The family of Charles Bernstein
- Dorothy Jones on the loss of her husband, David
- Rabbi Sally J. Priesand on the loss of her sister, Esther Kornitzky

The Congregation mourns the  
loss of Gerald Baker



May his memory be a blessing

The Congregation mourns the  
loss of Charles Bernstein



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The Congregation mourns the  
loss of David Jones



May his memory be a blessing

**THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:**

- Mindy and Richard Gorowitz on the marriage of their daughter Jamie to Stephen Kreick
- Cynthia and Philip Auerbach on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Theodora Schwallie in Johannesburg, South Africa

**October Yahrtzeits (read date based on when they occur)**

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

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

Irene Baderman, \*Philip Falk, \*Stanley Familant, \*Louis Feinman, Frank Froelich, \*Frances Gettelson, Ruth Goldenberg, Manley Gutterman, Richard Kaye, \*Henry Kipnis, Edward Leimberg, Frances McNew, Faye Morer, Stanley Pearlman, Paul Rapisardi, Elaine Roffman, Norman Schlosberg, Shelley Stern, Ezra Ure, \*Max David Weissman, Audrey Wertheim

Names to be Read on Friday, October 14th (Services at 7pm)

\*Ruth Brenner, Maxine Byck, Theodore Canbria, Karen Lynn Ciorciari, Bernard Cohen, Jim Cook, Luise Davidson, \*Adam Diller, Charles Michael Ferraro, Sadie Finkelstein, Heinz Guenzburger, Betty Henken, Rose Hoffman, Frederick Jones, \*Suzanne Kretzmer, \*Miriam Kridel, Lynn Lowenstein, Arthur Mrozek, Renee Schoen, Bernice Spiegelman, David Weiner, \*Murray Weiss, Murray Wenig

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

\*Philip Alter, \*Harry Braunstein, \*Charles Cooper, \*Samuel George Coppersmith, Eric Davis, John Clifford Devine, Theodore Ferencz, Irving Greenberg, Henry Hoffman, Ida Hoffman, William I. Klatsky, Samuel Kramer, Mildred Melnick, Sheila C. Newell, Madlyn Rickard, Irving Rollins, Jacob Saperstein, \*Frieda Sapozhnikova, \*Gerald G. Silverman, Ruth Teitelbaum Failer, Frank Welton

Names to be Read on Friday, October 28th (Services at 7pm)

\*Lola Baum, \*Leo Bernstein, \*Sandy Brandwene, \*Bertha Bregman, \*Jess Cohen, \*Harry Fryman, Ruth Greenwald, Alexander Grieco, Patricia A. Hallard, Lawrence Hoffman, \*Henry Jacobi, \*Becky Jaffe, William Joseph, Dr. Bertram Kaswiner, \*Joan Lansky, Sylvia Leimberg, \*Maurice Meyer, Barry Miller, Clara Miller, \*Fanny Obstgarten, Bernard Peskoe, Polina Plaksina, Carolyn Schindler, Charles Schleifer, Elaine Sherman, Fanny Silverman, Ida Steinberger, \*George Weinberg, \*Tess Weiss

\*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

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Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

**1**

9am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Torah Talks Study Session  
10am Henry Shell Bar Mitzvah

**2**

9:30am Pick up your Applecake & Babka  
9:30am Rel School  
**7:45pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**

**3**

**ROSH HASHANAH**  
10am Morning Serv  
3pm Family Serv  
4pm Walk to Tashlich

**4**

9:45am Study Group

**5**

4pm Rel School  
5pm Hazamir  
7pm SMaRTY meeting  
7:45 Choir

**6**

1pm Office closing  
3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea  
6pm Shabbat Services

**7****8**

9am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Torah Talks Study Session

**9**

NO REL SCHOOL  
1:15 Golf outing

**10**

OFFICE CLOSED  
7:30pm Men's Club Board

**11**

NO Study Group  
12pm Office closing  
**7:45pm Kol Nidrei Service**

**12**

**YOM KIPPUR**  
10am Morning Service  
2pm Family  
3pm Afternoon Study  
4:45pm Yizkor  
5:30pm Neilah

**13**

7:30pm Men's Club Poker

**14**

1pm Office Closing  
2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton  
7pm Shabbat Services  
**CARDBOARD BOX CITY**

**15**

9am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Torah Talks Study Session

**16**

8am Cancer Walk  
8:30am Build Sukkah  
9:30am Rel School  
9:30am 7th Fam Ed  
12:15pm Madrichim  
5pm Rel Ed Family Sukkah BYO Dinner

**17**

OFFICE CLOSED  
**SUKKOT**  
6:30am Sunrise Service  
7:30pm Men's Club in the Sukkah

**18**

9:45am Study Group  
6:30pm Exec Comm  
6:30pm Board  
Pizza Social in Sukkah  
7pm Board Meeting

**19**

4pm Rel School  
4pm Sofer Program  
5pm Hazamir Rehearsal  
6:30pm Ritual in Library  
7pm SMaRTY in the Sukkah

**20**

6:30pm Sisterhood in the Sukkah

**21**

1pm Office Closing  
3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea  
6pm Shabbat Services  
Followed by BYO Sukkah Dinner

**22**

9am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Torah Talks Study Session

**23**

9:30am Rel School  
9:30am Bagels & Blocks  
11am Consecration & Simchat Torah

**24**

OFFICE CLOSED  
**SIMCHAT TORAH**

**25**

9:45am Festival Yizkor

**26**

12pm 92Y Program  
4pm Rel School  
5pm Hazamir

**27**

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

**28**

1pm Office Closing  
2:15pm Shabbat @ Brighton  
7pm Shabbat Services

**29**

9am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Torah Talks Study Session

**30**

9:30am Rel School  
9:30am Take Down Sukkah  
11am Rel Ed  
12:15 Teacher  
7pm Guilt, Shame Discussion

**31**

1pm Office Closing



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