

Shabbat Services
 December 2016

Friday, December 2nd
Scholar In Residence Weekend
With Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

5:30pm Preneg
 6pm Shabbat Services
 Followed by Pot Luck Dinner
 (Please be enough for 10-12)
 A-F, R-Z Pasta/Chicken
 G-P Salad
 Rabbi Fuchs will speak at services



Saturday, December 3rd
 10am AM Session with Rabbi Fuchs *The Legacy of German Reform Judaism*
 Followed by Lunch
 1pm PM Session with Rabbi Fuchs:
To Replant and Rebuild

Friday, December 9th
 7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, December 10th
 Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Collicchio

Friday, December 16th
 7pm Shabbat Services conducted by
 SMaRTY—Sr. Youth Group

Friday, December 23rd
 6pm Shabbat Services followed by
 Chanukah party

Friday, December 30th
 6pm Shabbat Services

Friday, January 6th
#Hiddeninplainsight Shabbat
 5:30pm Preneg
 6pm Shabbat Services
 Followed by Pot Luck Dinner & Program
 See page 10 for details



Every Saturday morning
 in the Library:
 9am-9:30am Shabbat Services
 9:30am-10:30am Torah Talks Study Session

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.

Hanukkah Party

Friday, December 23

6pm: Shabbat Service

7pm: Dinner and Party



Please bring a side dish to share.
 Chicken, latkes, and dessert will be provided
 by Sisterhood and Men's Club.
 (Feel free to also bring a bottle of wine or your favorite adult beverage)

RSVP by December 16 to Anne Goodman goodmanannem@gmail.com

Don't forget about MRT's Diaper Drive (in the coatroom)
 for the Jersey Shore Dream Center's Baby Pantry!
 Please bring a box of diapers (especially newborn
 and size 4-5) to help the young children and
 families in need.



Chanukah Begins on
Saturday night, December 24th with the First Candle.

The 8th candle is lit on
Saturday night, December 31st.
Home Service for Chanukah can be found on
pages 14 and 15.



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Scholar-in Residence
Rabbi Stephen Fuchs. D. Min., D.D.
Friday, December 2nd
Saturday, December 3rd

Schedule of Events

Friday, December 2nd at 6pm

Rabbi Fuchs will speak at Shabbat Services

Saturday, December 3rd

Morning Session: 10-11:30am

The Legacy of German Reform Judaism
Followed by Lunch

Afternoon Session: 1-2:30pm

To Replant and Rebuild
Followed by Havdallah

Rabbi Fuchs is past president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Prior to that position he was Rabbi of Beth Israel in Connecticut with a membership of 1000 families. Rabbi Fuchs' career has embodied the essence of Jewish values expressed in concrete acts of caring and kindness including leadership positions in the Interfaith Fellowship for Universal Health Care, organizing, at Beth Israel, one of the largest Yom Kippur Food Drives in the country, receiving the "Unlimited Love Humanitarian Award" from the Bethel Center Human Services organization, the only non-African American among others honored. He is past chair of CCAR Committee on Inter-Religious Affairs. Rabbi Fuchs was ordained Rabbi at HUC Cincinnati, received Doctor of Ministry degree at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Doctor of Divinity Degree from Hebrew Union College, New York. Rabbi Fuchs is married to Victoria. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He is an avid reader, crossword puzzle solver and tennis player.

This event is open to the entire community. There is no charge

This event is supported by the MRT Scholar-in Residence Fund
RSVP to the MRT Office
helene@monmouthreformtemple.org
732-747-9365

We invite all adult members of MRT to join our Confirmation class in a Conversation with Rabbi Stephen Fuchs on the relevancy of Reform Judaism in the 21st century.

We will meet on Sunday, December 4th from 10:00 am until noon in the library.

Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair

Sunday, December 4, 9am – 3pm

Monmouth Reform Temple

332 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ

Free Admission

Local Vendors & Crafts People

- Jewelry
- Cosmetics
- Arts and Photography
- Handbags
- Clothing
- Yarn
- Woodwork
- Many Others!

**Breakfast and Lunch
Café**

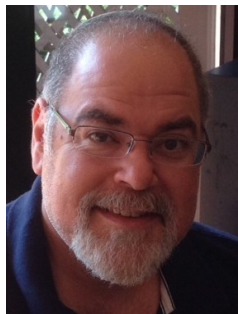
Gift Wrapping

Chance Auction

Sale of Pre-owned Art

**For information contact: Monmouth Reform Temple
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From Rabbi Marc Kline



This year has been tough. Over the course of this year, we have seen wars erupt in our streets, families split over politics, people poisoned from the misuse of resources, and more people find themselves in need than ever since the times of the Depression. At the same time, we witnessed the miracles of medical research saving lives, the miracles of people extending their hands to each other, the miracles of people still falling in love, and the greatest of miracles ... despite all the trauma in the world, we still cannot help but stop in our tracks and "coo" at a new born child. Somehow, in the midst of these miracles, we lose track of the madness that challenges us "out there." We celebrate hope and renewal and know that we never look forward to there not being tomorrow.

This year the Jewish and Christian holidays coincide in time. What a beautiful celebration it can be, if we will only choose to celebrate each other. We are blessed to have each other in life. Let's make sure that we spend some intentional time reaching past our own boundaries and celebrations to hold each other in the broader world over the course of this season.

Dear Members of our MRT family,

As we embarked on this new year, we read a litany of prayers calling on us to bring healing into the world. You will get to learn a lot about people in need this year, and about ways in which you can make their dreams of wholeness come true.

As we pledged to renew life, seeking our inscription in God's "Book of Life," I want to call attention to a way in which you can quite literally fulfill the pledge. Judaism teaches us that it is our sacred duty to save lives, "Pikuach nefesh." Saving lives and the value of living sets aside all other mitzvot and observances.

When my late first wife, Cindy, passed away from a heart attack, her corneas helped return sight to someone whose eyes had begun to fail him. She was an organ donor. I am a registered organ donor.

At this moment, more than 123,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for an organ. One more person is added to the national waiting list every 12 minutes.

Each of these people is in desperate need of a kidney, liver, heart, or other organ. More than 6,500 people a year -- about 21 a day -- die before that organ ever becomes available.

Organ donors are always in short supply. There are far more people in need of a transplant than there are people willing to donate an organ. Most of the organs that are available come from deceased donors, but a smaller number of organs come from healthy people. More than 6,000 transplants from living donors are performed each year.

I am providing a website address for you to use to learn more about organ donation and through which you can register through state and national databases. Please read and consider your role as an organ donor, resource donor, and/or volunteer.

<http://www.organdonor.gov/register.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

L' shalom,

Rabbi Marc Aaron Kline

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year! We get two chances to celebrate the New Year! I begin by thanking the MRT choir for continuing to create inspiring music on the High Holy Days, Thanksgiving and coming soon...MLK Weekend, January 13th. The choir will continue to sing on a monthly basis in February. How does this happen? Our choir "is" because volunteers work Thursday nights at 7:30 pm to rehearse. I have been actively planning since last March. With a choir, everything is done in advance: schedules, music, etc...and this information chain is run by more volunteers. Please keep an eye on your MRT calendar so you can enjoy the special Shabbatot when they enhance the music. Please come experience the beauty of our Shabbat worship in

musical harmony.

I commend our capable youth advisors, Amy Greenberg and Rosie Schreck for overseeing many successful youth events at MRT. If anyone is interested in joining the youth committee please contact Elise Aptaker. SMaTy will lead our Shabbat worship on December 16th followed by an overnight Shul-In. They work hard and deserve much credit for their success! (Yet, more amazing volunteers) Even if your child has never attended a Youth Group event, they are welcome to attend!

Please come to our first ever URJ-Camp Fair on January 22nd to meet leaders from our URJ Camps and summer teen programs during religious school. The most incredible gift you can give your child is 3.5 weeks at any of our URJ Camps! I plan to work again at URJ Camp Harlam second session. If you are considering Jewish camps for your children there are scholarships available as well.

Remember to join us on First Fridays of December 2nd and January 6th for our Band Shir Chadash and a Pot Luck First Friday "style" Shabbat at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to contribute and stay for dinner!

From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal

As I sit to write this I am filled with gratitude to be a member of our winning team here at MRT. We are coming off of a highly successful weekend where one of our programs was a positive Jewish experience that our children will take with them throughout their lives. Almost 50% of our registered 7th-9th graders traveled with us to Camp Bernie where they developed new bonds and strengthened existing ones fulfilling our mission of developing a kehillah kedosah (sacred community). Their excitement to come back into the building to see each other is tangible.



Upon returning from our trip I asked one student if she would go on this trip again next year. She emphatically responded, "I wouldn't miss it! And my sister has to cancel all of her plans right now so that she can be on this trip next year. She cannot miss it either!"

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, December 4 @ 9:30am/12:15pm - Religious School/Madrachim Meeting

Wednesday, December 7 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

Sunday, December 11 @ 9:30am - Religious School, 4th Grade Family Education

Wednesday, December 14 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

Sunday, December 18 @ 9:30am/11:30am - Religious School, Bagels and Blocks, Bridge of Books Collection/Community Chanukah Celebration

Wednesday, December 21 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

We will return from our Winter Break on Sunday, January 8th with our 5th Grade Family Education and a Madrichim Meeting after school.

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



At our recent Board Meeting, the Board overwhelmingly approved a new 5-year contract for Rabbi Kline, to take effect upon the end of his current contract – July 1, 2017.

The Board recognized the great energy that Rabbi Kline has brought to our community and the major steps forward in our congregation that he is leading. We have welcomed many new members in the last two years, and even more this year than last. Our school curriculum is undergoing a major upgrade that will enable us to better educate our children to live meaningful Jewish lives. We have a thriving group of engaged adults studying with the Rabbi regularly on Tuesdays.

We are enriched by his Heart Healthy Dose of Torah and the services that he leads with Cantor Clissold. He works ardently to increase our community's connection to their Jewish heritage in all life cycle events. When the Rabbi is able to join the Saturday morning Torah study, it is always an enriching experience. Rabbi Kline has pushed us to improve our marketing, and we have made great strides in our publicity, participation in community events such as the Red Bank street fair, and have made improvements to our web site.

But perhaps most of all, Rabbi Kline lives the commitment of a Jew to build a better world. He is engaged with the community and has built bridges to new areas that broaden our MRT community and enable fuller realization of our mission. He is working actively with the Social Action committee to increase opportunities for Temple members to get involved.

We are looking forward to growing Jewish capacity and building an even stronger community at MRT under Rabbi Kline's leadership.

The next step in the process is for the congregation to approve the contract in a special meeting. I expect that the special meeting will be scheduled for early January.

I would like to recognize the terrific work of Lynn Shapiro and the Ways and Means committee for the Vendor Fair, which is already sold out and should be a great fund raiser for MRT and for the Men's Club and Sisterhood. Thanks are also due to the Membership Committee for the warm and welcoming meet and greet wine and cheese gathering.

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

MRT Fundraising can Be Fun!**By Lynn Shapiro, Ways & Means Chair, lsshapiro2@gmail.com****VENDOR FAIR**

"If you build it they will come." I found out that if you put the word out that we are hosting a Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair – the vendors will come. We hoped to get 40 vendors and so we did. NOW we need our members and members of the wider MRT community to come and shop. This year's event is already a financial success beyond what we had all expected and it hasn't even happened yet. Let's think about the future now. If the vendors are successful, they will come back next year. So come and spend a part of DECEMBER 4th with us – we will have a fabulous café for breakfast and lunch (some amazing soups and chilis made by our own members) and more. The vendors are offering a wide variety of amazing gifts – jewelry, pottery, woodwork, yarn, candles, essential oils, chocolates, and much more including some interesting artwork. Also – FREE GIFT WRAPPING!!!

Thank you to our amazing Ways and Means Committee who made this happen – Jay Feigus, Jay Wiesenfeld, Margie Wold, Peter Zaslowe and Nancy Zaslowe. Men's Club and Sisterhood reps, Mark Kroen and Karen Kahn rounded up the troops to staff the café for breakfast and lunch, respectively. Also a hearty thank you to everyone who is bringing crockpots full of homemade fare (including both of our clergy) and to those who donated artwork. This was truly a collaborative effort that I am confident will reap big rewards!

BRICK WALKWAY

For \$100 you can have a meaningful life cycle event memorialized in our garden or remember someone who has passed. Buy a brick and help make our beautiful garden part of your family or make your family a part of our beautiful garden! OR BOTH!

SCRIP/Amazon Smiles

Watch for details from me in the next week or so regarding these programs. These are both such simple ways to support MRT while you are making the purchases you make every day anyway!!

FASHION SHOW

On April 1st, the social hall of MRT will be transformed into a red carpeted runway that will rival those of Fashion Week. Some of our very own religious school students, SMRTY members and Temple Leadership will strut down the red carpet with the fashions of spring and summer 2017! Watch for details. This major undertaking will need lots of volunteers so please contact me or Karen Seligman if you would like to help. We need help with props/design/lighting, promotion, and lots and lots of logistics. There is a job for anyone who wants to participate – male, female, young and old.

Please note!

Shabbat Services will begin at **6pm** on Friday, December 2nd, Friday December 23rd and Friday, December 30th.

**Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Colicchio****Saturday, December 10th at 10am****Mazel Tov!**

Summary of the November 15th Board of Trustees meeting: Mark Gruensfelder, Recording Secretary



The monthly MRT Board of Trustees meeting was once again enjoyable, enlightening, and a great opportunity for our temple leaders to help our congregation grow and thrive. I couldn't help thinking about this as the Board members took turns sharing MRT's "accomplishments of month." Some of the highlights included how the MRT's youth group visited Tinton Falls' Chelsea Senior Living facility and spent quality time with its residents, to how MRT was well-represented at a recent Chhange (Brookdale's Center for Holocaust Education) event, to how the Tuesday morning study group continues shine as a stellar mecca for inspiring discussion and education, to how two new committees – Technology and Security – held their inaugural meeting on the same night, and – perhaps most impressively - to how our upcoming Vendor Craft Fair (slated for December 4th) has sold out of its booths!

Of course, the Board members didn't spend the entire meeting patting each other on the back. They learned of the plans for the February 24th Social Action Shabbat, during which Daniel Siegel, a.k.a. "Mitzvah Maniac" – the world's biggest expert on philanthropy since 1962 - will be the featured speaker. The Board also learned about this year's Scholar in Residence program featuring Rabbi Steve Fuchs (the weekend of December 2nd). Board members also conducted a phonathon – calling over 150 member households to encourage our congregants to donate to MRT's High Holy Day Appeal. The Board happily accepted a new member application. The Board also reviewed the progress of MRT's Caring Network (chaired by Helaine Rothman) which provides funds for transportation, information about community resources, coordination for meals for families as needed, and follow-up calls for members who have been ill and may be in need for help.

But perhaps the most important act the Board members performed on this night was to approve a new 5-year contract for Rabbi Kline, to take effect upon the end of his current contract – July 1, 2017. The next step in this process is for the congregation to approve the contract, which will occur at a Special Congregation Meeting at a time to be announced soon.

Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah, wonderful holidays, and a great secular New Year!
Mark Gruensfelder, MRT Recording Secretary



MLK Shabbat Friday, January 13th Services at 7pm with the MRT Choir Guest Speaker: Diem Jones, Executive Director, Voices of Our Nations Foundation

Diem Jones is strategist, arts administrator, poet and musician. He is currently Executive Director of Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation, Chief Strategist at All One Consulting Group and recently Director of Grants at the Houston Arts Alliance. Mr. Jones was Deputy Director for Arts Council Silicon, and served as Administrative Director of East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at Saint Mary's College, National Director of Writers Corps, Grants Administrator at the DC Commission on the Arts, Associate Director of Associated Writing Programs and Art Director for George Clinton and the Parliament-Funkadelic.

In addition we hope you will join with the Pilgrim Baptist Church on Sunday, January 16th, time to be announced, for their MLK service.

Spotlight on our Board

Emily Heath & Jonah Brewer, SMaRTY Co-Presidents



Emily Heath is a Junior at Monmouth Regional HS, where she is active on the school tennis team playing 1st singles on the JV team and also playing many doubles matches for the varsity. She's also involved with the Art Club, Business Club, and writing for the school paper.

Emily believes her friends most admire her writing skill. She regularly writes short stories and poems and likes to help others with their writing. Given a free Sunday afternoon, Emily would most enjoy just hanging out with friends, but playing tennis, drawing, or writing would be almost as satisfying.

Emily is starting to look at colleges but hasn't settled on whether she wants to pursue science or English as a major. I'm sure she will excel in either.

Jonah Brewer is looking forward to being a primary school teacher in the future. He believes more male role models are needed in the primary grades. Jonah's friends think his best traits are his open mindedness and that he is a good listener. I'm sure these strengths will make him a great role model.

Jonah is a Junior at Middletown North HS, where he enjoys playing on the lacrosse team. An ideal Sunday would start out working in the MRT Religious School taking pictures and continue with skateboarding around Red Bank with his friends.

If he could just get around to it, Jonah would like to work on his tendency to procrastinate, but in the meantime, he's happy building up the SMaRTY youth group, skateboarding, and hanging with his friends.

Emily and Jonah both love the people and the Open Doors, Open Minds approach at MRT and are excited that there are over 15 active SMaRTY members this year.

Be sure to join with the SMaRTY group on Friday, December 16 when they lead a creative service!

SISTERHOOD, Karen Kahn, President

Dear Sistahs!!!

On December 4th, Way and Means is hosting a holiday vendor fair. There are many volunteers needed from sisterhood for various things. Please contact sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org if you want to help out with lunch or etc.

The Sisterhood book club movie night is being changed to Dec 19th. We will watch Julie & Julia at Maxine's house, and as such do French-themed snacks!

It's almost time for Chanukah! Please join us for our annual, temple wide Chanukah party on December 23rd - We'll provide the chicken and Latkes, and you bring the sides, according to the emails! We'll even have activities for the kids!

Please save the date from Sunday evening, February 26th. We will be trying a new event - a women's Rosh Chodesh (new month) service/shmooze/study with the Cantor. It sounds like it will be a wonderful event to share.

Wishing you all a Happy Chanukah and a safe, happy and happy "secular" new year!

Best wishes,
Karen Kahn



Arts and Deco, Kari Hershey, Chairperson

**Hidden in Plain Sight and Pot Luck Heritage Night
At Our January First Friday
Friday, January 6th
6pm Service followed by Potluck Dinner (see below) and Program**

IN HONOR OF THE WHYMAN FAMILY

The Whyman Family graciously donated much of the new furniture for the MRT Library in memory of Frank Whyman. We will recognize the family the night of the event.

MRT TREASURES: HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Arts and Deco will be hosting a trivia night to learn about Art and Judaica within the MRT walls. Have you ever noticed two menorahs in the Sanctuary and do you know why they differ? Rabbi Priesand will enlighten us and answer trivia questions about the history of our MRT culture.

POT LUCK HERITAGE NIGHT

Please bring a dish from your own heritage.

Please follow these guidelines when deciding what to bring to the Potluck Dinner. Members bring something according to the decade they joined MRT. No pork or shellfish.

- 1959-1969 Appetizer or Side Dish
- 1969-1979 Dessert or Fruit Salad
- 1979-1989 Meat, Chicken or Turkey Entree
- 1989-1999 Wine, Alcohol, Beer Juice or Soda
- 1999-2009 Side Dish or Vegetable
- 2009-Present Pasta, Bread or Rice Entree

If you would like to help organize the event, please contact Kari Hershey at karihershey@gmail.com or call 917-539-8522.

There is no charge for the dinner, but reservations are necessary so we know who supplying a dish. Please let the temple office know if you are coming (732-747-9365).

Thank you!!!! Kari Hershey

Help wanted!

Volunteers are need to visit Jewish patients at Riverview Medical Center on Mondays.

Training and assistance with the volunteer process at Riverview will be provided.

Please contact Helaine Rothman at helainerothman@gmail.com for more information.



We are really excited about our Arts & Deco-sponsored
#Hiddeninplainsight event on January 6th
Here's a question to get you going...can you answer this one?

**MRT TREASURES:
HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**

First Friday, January 6, 2017

Service at 6:00 - Dinner & Program at 7:00

This item can be found in the lobby display case.

Do you know what it is?



If so, send an email to rabbisally1@optonline.net.
Those submitting the correct answer will be eligible
to receive a special prize
at our Shabbat service on January 6.

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



Please stop by Gloria Gross' jewelry table at the December 4th Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair. Out of the goodness of her philanthropic heart, Gloria will donate 100% of the day's receipts to Gan Mazon, assuming all costs involved in the making of the bracelets, earrings, necklaces and other items on her table. Our garden is the beneficiary on the 4th; however, Gloria can be found at many crafts shows throughout the county selling her jewelry for the benefit of other worthwhile non-profit causes, and, as always, never deducting her costs. Not only is Gloria fundraising for MRT's garden, she is also a dedicated volunteer. Note: Gan Mazon does not receive any financial support

from MRT.

We have already begun preparing the garden for the 2017 season. While the religious school was closed for the NJEA break, several volunteers from MRT joined four Master Gardener colleagues to cart and spread rich, black leaf compost on the garden's seventeen planting rows. My thanks to MRT members Elmo Cohen, Wayne Hallard, Mark Kroen, and Jim Sabo and son Evan working so cheerfully. (Elmo wore two hats, as she was the fifth MG to participate.)



Thankfully, we can rely on temple member Brett Tuller to bring his large tiller to the garden to blend the fresh compost with several inches of top soil. Unfortunately for Brett, it will not be as warm when he tills in a week or two as it was in the file photo showing him in shorts on a warm day in May. Before the ground freezes, a soil sample will be sent to the Rutgers's laboratory for a soil analysis. Any deficiencies will be remedied as soon as the soil is workable in March, or, in recent years, in April. Home gardeners may work the compost into the soil as they plant in the spring.

We are gratified that the 2016 season ended with 1,335 lbs. delivered to local pantries. At only \$1.50 per pound, we delivered \$2,000 worth of fresh vegetables. With that said, we lost many pounds of vegetables because we did not have the volunteers to harvest in a timely manner. Our four consistent volunteers are unpaid helpers in other very worthwhile activities and cannot consistently harvest and deliver on vegetable ripening time. Although, we have the capability and experience to produce many more pounds, we may have to reevaluate our goals unless a few more volunteers step up. Remember, the time commitment is a few hours weekly or bi-weekly.

Contact David with your vegetable gardening questions.

Happy New Year, David and Christine



Our Annual Community Menorah Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 18th at 11:30am



Thanks to the vision of Interfaith Neighbors, a vibrant green urban farm has emerged from a vacant lot on the west side of Asbury Park. A 50' x 100' lot now houses a hydroponic greenhouse providing produce year-round for the Kula Café and other neighborhood restaurants. Local youth are learning about "farm to table" operations and gaining experience to enter the work force in our community.

Contributions to MRT's tzedakah box for the month of December will benefit the Kula Urban Farm. Matching donor is Semmes Brightman, one of several Rutgers' Master Gardeners here at MRT.

MRT's tzedakah box is located in the temple lobby and you can make a contribution whenever you are at temple, whether during the week, at services or on Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Chanukah begins on Saturday night, December 24th when we light the first candle. We increase each night until Saturday, December 31st when we light all eight candles.

MRT Home Service for Chanukah

Place the chanukiyah (Chanukah Menorah) on your front porch or in a window facing the street so that its lights proclaim to all that you are proud to be Jewish and share the miracle of Chanukah with the world. Place the candles in the menorah from right to left and light them from left to right ("newest" candle is lit first).

Each night, start with this prayer:

The lights of Chanukah are sacred. They are a symbol of our joyful connection to the Jewish people. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom: freedom to be themselves, to worship and live as Jews. There was a victory of the few over the many, the weak over the strong. It was a victory for all ages and all people. Let these lights shine forth for the world. May they illumine our lives and fill us with gratitude for all God's gifts.

Light the shamash and recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Use the shamash to light the chanukah candles as you recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam she-asah nisim l'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who wrought miracles for our ancestors in ancient days at this season.

On the first night only add:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-hechyanu v'kee-y'manu v'hi-gi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

With the candles fully aflame, offer the special reading for each night on the back of this page. Take turns each night with a different reader. Finish your Chanukah ceremony by singing "Ma-oz Tzur - Rock of Ages"

Ma-oz tzur yishu-ati, l'cha na-eh l'shabe-ach,
Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'zabe-ach,
L'eit tak-in mat-be-ach,
mi-tzar ha-m'na-be-ach,
Az eg-more b'shir mizmor,
hanukat ha-mizbe-ach

מַעֲזֵז צוּר יִשְׁעֵתִי לָךְ נֶאֱדָה לְשַׁבַּח,
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח,
לְעֵת תִּכְיֶן מִטְּבַח מִצָּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ,
אֲז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנוּכַת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

English Translation:

Rock of Ages let our song praise Your saving power
You amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower
Furious they assailed us but Your arm availed us
And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us

MRT Home Service for Chanukah

SPECIAL READINGS FOR THE EIGHT NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH

(insert each day after lighting the Menorah)

First Night: Freedom We kindle these Chanukah lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should be free to worship God as their hearts and minds dictated, they willingly gave their lives for freedom. Now, with these candles, we rededicate ourselves to the task of creating a world where all may know the joy of freedom.

Second Night: Family Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and concern. Now, with these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us always face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. May our love for each other increase through deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Third Night: Study of Torah On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of Torah. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our tradition, we too are duty-bound to sustain our heritage and deepen our understanding of it through study. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism, we become more sensitive to its abiding values and more aware of our responsibility to realize those values in our society. Study opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. Now, with these candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

Fourth Night: Hope Our ancestors taught us that in hope the future of humanity is illumined and made creative. Many people in the world live in fear and great despair. But like the Maccabees of old, we must learn to build our lives on hope: hope that ultimately truth will triumph over falsehood, and confidence that knowledge and understanding will finally depose superstition and tyranny. Now, with these Chanukah lights, may our lives be strengthened by the highest hopes and visions of our faith.

Fifth Night: Peace The candles of Chanukah remind us of our mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. Whenever we end disagreements through mutual understanding, whenever we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we are doing our part in making peace a living ideal. Now, with our Chanukah candles, let us rededicate ourselves with renewed strength to the task of securing peace.

Sixth Night: Tzedakah Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabean war for freedom, all Jews, both children and adults, contributed tzedakah toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. Many forms of oppression still exist in the world today: sickness, hunger, ignorance, prejudice. Tonight, we like our ancestors set aside gifts of tzedakah in order that we too may help bring an end to oppression. We pray that the gifts we offer will provide food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, knowledge for the ignorant, and equal opportunity for those afflicted by prejudice.

Seventh Night: Respect You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Respect for others is the basis for harmony among people and nations. With these candles, may we recognize the dignity of all people and remember the respect and honor we owe to others.

Eighth Night: Faith Tonight, all the candles in our Chanukah menorah are lit. Throughout the centuries, the menorah has been a symbol of our faith in God and our commitment to Judaism. Like the Maccabees of old, we rededicate ourselves to the task of living a more meaningful Jewish life. Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, says God.



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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, 11/18/16, 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



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

The Congregation mourns the loss of Frank Singer



May his memory be a blessing

December/Early January Yahrzeits (read date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, December 2nd (Services at 6pm)

*Mildred Abis, Bessie Abrams, *Gussie Avrin, *Abba Mayer Beerman, *Morris Berg, Roger Kenneth Berman, William Howard Chess, Helen Danzig Scorben, Phylliss Deitch, Joseph Dow, *Hugo E. Fleischman, Charles P. Gelber, Albert B. Gomberg, *Ruth Gottlieb, Richard Graboyes, Carol Gutterman, Charles Kirschner, Bessie Kline, *Harry Kohn, Shirley Kroen, Beatrice S. Leeds, *Bernard Levy, David Litwin, Cary Lowenstein, *Sol Mandel, Sylvia Mink, Brian Murray, Morton Rechnitz, Clara Reiss, *Jay Schulman, Helen Singer, *Dr. Irma Steisel, *Steven Stone, Howard Strauss, *Miriam Leavitt Welner, Ruth Kahn Wolff, *Risa A. Yagoda

Names to be Read on Friday, December 9th (Services at 7pm)

*Betty Bermann, *Isidore Bermann, Lewis A. Bernard Sr., *Flora Braunstein, *Benjamin Bregmann, Ted Choate, Leda Cohan, *Sol Cohen, *Helen Davis, Leo Deitch, Lawrence Friedman, Gertrude T. Gelber, Abraham Golden, Harry Haback, Melissa Haback, *Louis E. Jacobson, Joseph Levinsky, *Sally Mausner, Lester Morris, Dr. Harvey Mozer, Ruth Pearlman, Caryl Rubin, *Hilda D. Salomon, *Ruth Silverberg, *Celia Spring, Joel Wiesenfeld, Gertrude Wolf

Names to be Read on Friday, December 16th (Services at 7pm)

Lena Attias, *Sheldon Hillel Brown, Florence Elias, *Mary Fleischman, *Abraham Glasser, Robert Gordon, *Martha Lehrer Herzal, Irwin Kaltenbacher, Harry Katz, *Richard Klein, *David Lane, Herbert Leifman, Martha Meurer, *Ida Reisner, *Pearl Seitz, *Lois Baker Smith, *Beth Tanzman, *Herbert Tanzman, Patricia Ann Turner, Morris Weinstein

Names to be Read on Friday, December 23rd (Services at 6pm)

Aaron J. Abrams, Emanuel Barouch, Raymond Becker, Selma Burdas, Dorothy Davis, Harry Field, Evelyn Garfield, *George Glasser, Molly Gurevitz, Elizabeth Heidema, Irving Hoffman, Nancy Karl, Collette Katz, Ann Klatsky Kobrin, *Hyman Klein, Edward Klein, *Joseph Lansky, Jeff Lipson, Judith Lissy, *Nettie Morse, Clara Newman, Ace A. Orange, Lillian Pintow, Samuel Rivkin, Jennie Rosenweig, *Bette Halpern Schmelzle, Gertrude Snyder, Jessie Weiss, *Ann Weissman

Names to be Read on Friday, December 30th (Services at 6pm)

*Samuel Avrin, *Goldie Bialy, Fanny Bogdonoff, *Mortimer Brandwene, *Baldwin Davidson, Sylvia Davis, Herbert Friend, *Leonard Gattelson, Evelyn Anna Roe Gilstein, *Edith R. Ginzburg, Irving Greenberg, Pearl Katz, *Esther Komar, Alice McDermott-Pitchell, Vivianne Meistrich, Marshall Neuhauser, *Hyman Reisner, Lillian Rifkin, Harold Rubin, Howard Semer, Joseph Weisfogel, Herman Wilk, Morris Zaslowe

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

Sam Auerbach, Donald Bain, Eva Bernstein, Ruth Bernstein, Leonard Bleetstein, George Brandwene, Rose Bette Kosberg Brinkmann, Irving Llyon Chanenson, Robert Davidson, Robert M. Davidson, Saul Dersh, Nathan Lewis Franklin, Richard Gaudette, Betty Goodstein, Dorothy Eleanor Grauer, Else Graupe, Arthur Hayet, Fred Kardos, Abe Kipnis, Jordan Matthew Levinsky, Ruth Lubell, *Delores Phillips, Rose Rosen, Martin Ross, *David Sandman, *Bernice Schneider, Louis M. Smith, Irving Weiner, *Murray Zatt

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- Barbara and Donald Borges on the loss of her father, Frank Singer
- Linda and David Murray on the loss of her mother, Barbara L. Wien
- Bernard Brandwene on the loss of his son-in-law David Giovacchini
- Martha Brandwene and Rita McWilliams on the loss of Martha's brother-in-law David Diovacchini

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

- Nancy and Marty Johnson on the marriage of their son Drew to Abigail Wallace

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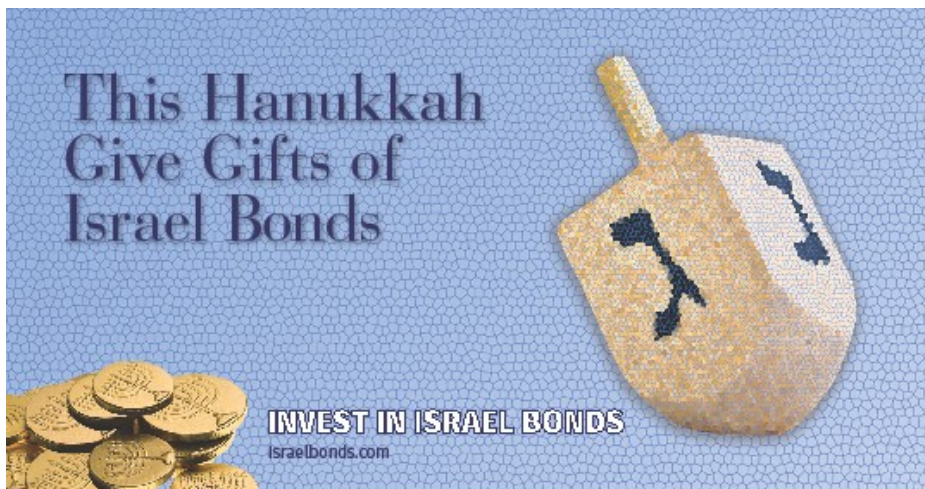
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*Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed**Thu*
1*Fri*
2*Sat*
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1pm Office closed
 3:45pm Shabbat @
 Chelsea
Scholar in Residence
 5:30pm Preneg
 6pm First Friday
 Shabbat Services
 With Pot Luck

9am Shabbat Service
 9:30am Torah Talks
 Study Session
Scholar in Residence
Rabbi Stephen Fuchs
 10am Morning
 Session
 1pm Afternoon
 Session

4

9am-3pm
 Vendor Fair
 9:30am Rel School
 10am Confirmation
 and Rabbi Fuchs
 12:15pm
 Madrichim meeting

5

1pm Office Closing
 7:30pm Men's
 Club Board

6

9:45am Study
 Group

7

4pm Religious
 School
 5pm Hazamir
 7pm Intro to
 Judaism
 7pm SMaRTY
 7:15pm
 Membership

8

7:30pm Men's
 Club Poker

9

1pm Office closing
 7pm Shabbat
 Services

10

9am Shabbat
 Service
 9:30am Torah
 Talks Study
 Session
 10am Gabrielle
 Colicchio Bat
 Mitzvah

11

9:30am 4th Grade
 Family Ed
 9:30am Rel School
 12pm Jr. Youth in
 Kitchen
 12:15pm Teacher
 meeting

12

1pm Office Closing
 6pm Red Bank Y
 Parent meeting

13

9:45am Study
 Group
 7pm Orchid
 Society
 7pm Exec Board

14

12pm 92y Lunch
 Program
 4pm Rel School
 5pm Hazamir
 6:30pm Ritual
 7pm Intro to Judaism
 7pm SMaRTY

15

1pm Office Closing
 7pm Shabbat
 Services—
 SMaRTY creative
 service with Shul In

16**17**

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

18

9:30am Rel School
 9:30am Bagels &
 Blocks
 11am Rel Ed
 11:30am
 Flamefest/Book
 collection
 3pm Red Bank Y in
 Social Hall

19

1pm Office Closing
 7pm Book
 Club/Sisterhood
 Movie offsite

20

NO Study Group
 7pm Board
 Meeting

21

4pm Rel School
 5pm Hazamir
 Rehearsal
 7pm Intro to
 Judaism

22

3pm Setup for
 Chanukah Party

23

1pm Office Closing
 6pm Shabbat
 Services followed
 by Chanukah Party

24

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

1st Chanukah
 Candle

25

NO Religious
 School

2nd Chanukah
 Candle

26

Office Closed

3rd Chanukah
 Candle

27

NO Study Group
 12pm Office
 Closing
 4th Chanukah
 Candle

28

12pm Office
 Closing
 5pm Hazamir
 5th Chanukah
 Candle

29

12pm Office
 Closing
 6th Chanukah
 Candle

30

12pm Office Closing
 6pm SMaRTY
 Chanukah Party
 6pm Shabbat
 Services
 7th Chanukah
 Candle

31

9am Shabbat
 Service
 9:30am Torah
 Talks Study
 Session
 8th Chanukah
 Candle

January 1

NO Religious
 School

2

Office Closed
 7:30pm Men's
 Club Board

3

9:45am Study
 Group

4

NO Religious
 School
 5pm Hazamir

5**6**

1pm Office closed
 3:45pm Shabbat @
 Chelsea
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 5:30pm Preneg
 6pm First Friday
 Shabbat Services
 With Pot Luck

7

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



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