

Shabbat/ Festival Services  
 April 2017

**Friday, March 31st**

7pm Shabbat Services with Choir

**Saturday, April 1st**

10am Jack Greenberg Bar Mitzvah

**Friday, April 7th**



**First Friday**

6pm Shabbat Services  
 Followed by Pot Luck Dinner  
 A-Q Pasta/ Chicken R-Z Salad  
 Please bring enough for 10-12

*PASSOVER begins on April 10th at  
 Sundown and ends on April 17th at  
 Sundown.*

**Tuesday, April 11th**

6pm MRT Community Seder  
**BY RESERVATION ONLY!**  
 Please see page 3 for info

**Friday, April 14th**

7pm Shabbat Services

**Saturday, April 15th**

10:30am-2:30pm Shabbat Kallah with  
 Rabbi Norman Patz

**Tuesday, April 18th**

9:45am Festival Yizkor

**Friday, April 21st**

7pm Shabbat Services with Choir

**Saturday, April 22nd**

10am Jake Gottfried Bar Mitzvah

**Friday, April 28th**

7pm Shabbat Services — Seeds of  
 Spirituality: Duality

**Saturday, April 29th**

10am Hope & Dylan Schneider B'nai  
 Mitzvah

Every Saturday morning  
 in the Library:

9am-9:30am Shabbat Services

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



## **MRT Shabbat Kallah\* With Rabbi Norman Patz Saturday, April 15th 10:30am-2:30pm**

\*Shabbat Kallah is made possible through a generous bequest from  
 Bob Rosin, Past President

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Morning Talk**

**10:30am-11:45am**

*Hidden Treasures of the 2nd Temple*  
**Followed by Buffet Passover Lunch**

#### **Afternoon Talk**

**1pm-2:30pm**

*The End of the American Jewish Golden Era*

Rabbi Patz is a distinguished scholar, teacher, and Rabbi. He is Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Shalom of West Essex, Cedar Grove. He is President Emeritus of the History of Czechoslovak Jews; Immediate Vice-Chairman of the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education.

This event is open to the entire community. There is no charge.  
 Donations are welcome and appreciated.

Please call or email your RSVP to the MRT Office  
[info@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:info@monmouthreformtemple.org) or 732-747-9365

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

# MRT ROCKS THE RUNWAY

## The Fashion Event of the Year!!!

Fashion Week is coming to MRT on April 1st! Our youth and students will walk a real runway complete with lights, music, and two of the area's most fashion-forward MCs (Rabbi Kline and Cantor Clissold). Local stores have graciously donated clothing and accessories from their spring lines for our show. If fashion isn't quite your thing, there will be plenty of excitement to be had with our Chance Auction and 50/50 Raffle.

You should have recently received an invitation in the mail for this red carpet event, and we have sponsorship opportunities at every level. Even if you cannot make it, we hope you will consider taking an ad in our journal, purchasing a 50/50 ticket, or supporting our endeavor with a donation.

A portion of the night's proceeds is earmarked for upgrades to our school security. When we talk about creating an environment conducive to learning and fostering community, a basic sense of safety is a foundation from which we build. Won't you help us reach this worthy goal?

Hope to see you on the red carpet!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**



**Join us on the Red Carpet as our students and youth model the latest fashions from some of the area's hottest stores!**

**7pm-9pm  
Social Hall**

**Light Refreshments and Drinks  
Chance Auction  
50/50**

A portion of the event proceeds will be used to upgrade our school security.

### SPONSORSHIPS AND PRICING

#### \_\_\_HAUTE COUTURE PACKAGE - \$200

Preferred seating for 4 - Full page ad in the program and on video screen (advertise your business or congratulate your favorite model) - Two 50/50 tickets and three sheets of chance tickets for the auction (75 chances for the auction and three for the door prize).

#### \_\_\_DESIGNER PACKAGE - \$150

Preferred seating for 2 - Full page ad in the program and video screen - Two 50/50 tickets.

#### \_\_\_TRENDSETTER PACKAGE - \$100

General Unreserved Seating for 2 - Half page ad - Three sheets of chance tickets for the auction (75 chances for the auction and three for the door prize).

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS - \$20 EACH

FULL PAGE ADS - \$100 - 5.5" x 8.5"

HALF PAGE ADS - \$75 - 5.5" x 4.25"

50/50 TICKETS - \$20 EACH

SHEETS OF AUCTION TICKETS - \$10 EACH/3 FOR \$20

Each sheet has 25 auction tickets and 1 door prize ticket

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.

Monmouth Reform Temple

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder

Tuesday, April 11th at 6pm

Our dinner will be catered by the famous

**Jerry and Harvey's of Marlboro!**

Please bring some Horseradish, Matzoh and Macaroons to share



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

Cost per person	\$25 Adult Members
	\$36 Adult Non-members
	\$10 Children 5 and older
	Children under 5 free

**BYO Wine**

Please RSVP to the temple office: [info@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:info@monmouthreformtemple.org) or 732-747-9365

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## From Rabbi Marc Kline



I wish I could wave a magic wand and change the world. I wish there would be no war and no violence of body or word. I wish that, in faith, we would make the prophecy of Ezekiel come true: we would experience the ingathering of all people returning from our exile. I wish that we could find fulfillment and enlightenment in each other's presence. I wish ... we would take Passover seriously.

Passover is a great time for families and friends to gather and share a meal around an ordered service. The focus of the meal is the Haggadah, the book detailing the story of the Exodus from Egypt and ancient Israel's journey into freedom. Many new versions of this ceremony keep appearing on the bookshelves of Judaica stores and libraries around the world. I wrote a social justice themed Haggadah that we use at our congregational seder. They come in all shapes and sizes ... and themes. I just read the "Hogwarts Haggadah" intended to entice "Harry Potter" fans to enjoy the seder. The food is usually awesome. The atmosphere can often be fun. We host up to 30 at our home for the first night and welcome well over 100 for the second night at temple.

All is good, sort of. The holiday lasts for 7 or 8 days (depending on one's traditional background), and if observant, we eat nothing leavened for that period of time. It is not a horrible, as there exist great recipes using matzoh and eggs without other flour or yeast to get us through the week. We make matzoh pizza and lasagna, flourless chocolate torts, and a host of other appropriate meals. It is all good, sort of.

What happens after Passover? Many go to one seder. Some people go to two or more over the course of the week. But what happens after the holiday is over? For too many, the conversation ends until the next year. We put the Haggadah, Passover dishes, and leftover matzoh meal away, and dive back into real bread and dessert. Passover is not supposed to be done this way. Passover should be the holiday where renew the conversation about our journey towards freedom, empowering us to spend the next year working toward that ultimate goal of peace. Every seder ends, "Next Year In Jerusalem." The statement does not give us permission to sit and wait to see what happens. This statement is a call to action. For all of the things we just read around the dinner table, we have to walk from the seder committed to making next year ... Jerusalem, the fulfilled vision of peace in our homes and communities. It will not happen unless leaving the seder table we accept the empowerment and challenge to change the world.

However you celebrate the holiday this year, make sure that your take away is to build peace into the world around you. Otherwise, it becomes simply a nice meal revolving around a meaningless and empty ritual. I wish that we would find our way into living the blessing and challenge of this upcoming holiday. Tradition teaches that Elijah the prophet will come during Passover to announce the coming of the messianic age. As we open the door for Elijah next year, may our diligent efforts towards peace over this whole year facilitate his joining around our table.

### **JUMA (Friday Prayer) on 4/7/17 from 12:30pm-2pm**

After a series of wonderful interactions, the Islamic Society of Monmouth County (Masjid Al-Aman) invites our congregation to join them for Juma (Friday Prayer) on April 7, 2017. We should be at the Mosque by 12:30 and expect to leave by 2:00. We will be hosted into their worship, to hear the sermon (in English for our benefit), and for a tour of the Mosque and conversation afterward. The membership is excited that we have asked to come. Please let the office know you are coming, for I need to give them a number by the beginning of that week. If you are coming, we can meet at Temple at noon and caravan, otherwise, the address of the Mosque is 496 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748. Also, please dress modestly.

Hope you will join us!

Rabbi Marc

## From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



One year ago I was contacted by HaZamir. I had heard of it but really didn't know what it was all about. After several conversations with the support of our temple leadership I agreed to start our very own chapter for Monmouth County called, "HaZamir Jersey Shore". HaZamir is an International Jewish High School Choir composed of a network of chapters across the United States and Israel which provides Jewish teens with a high level choral experience in a Jewish environment. HaZamir transcends denominational boundaries, giving all teenagers a valuable and rare trans-denominational experience as an opportunity to forge close bonds and unite in a common goal: Jewish music.

Each week, we meet to rehearse a shared repertoire before coming together for regional, national and international events where all chapters met, rehearsed and grew in friendship before the season culminated in the Annual Gala Concert in New York City on March 26th. This year it was at Lincoln Center at the Metropolitan Opera. The gala performance brought together music, Judaism, community and spirituality in a powerful blend that was nothing short of life-changing for all of us.

There are 35 HaZamir chapters across the United States and Israel. Since its establishment 24 years ago, HaZamir has now two generations of Jewish teens across the United States and Israel in ways that going on to form classical choirs and a cappella groups, study for the rabbinate and cantorate, sing in adult choirs and assume leadership roles, both lay and professional, in the Jewish community. HaZamir reaches an emotional core in young people. I could see that participation in HaZamir lays an important foundation for continuing Jewish values later in life, as well as offering the ability to meet challenges and develop personal skills within a communal context. HaZamir invests in Jewish teens with the goal of shaping the next generation of Jewish adults with a deeper understanding of the values, tradition and glory of Judaism and artistic expression.

Next August we will begin auditions for next year. Any Jewish teen in our temple and wider community is welcome to audition. I am grateful to have had this incredible professional growth experience and hope that our chapter HaZamir Jersey Shore will continue to develop and thrive in the coming year.

## Passover/Festival Yizkor (Memorial) Services will take place on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:45am



The 2017 Shine-a Light Team installed 22 bike lights on Monday, March 27th at St. Anthony's Church in Red Bank.

The team consists of left to right: Dean Ross, Jay Wiesenfeld, a beneficiary, Stephen Gaudette, and Mitch Baum

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

I have spoken in the last two months of the proposed guidelines from the Member Role Policy Task Force on how MRT can be an even more inclusive environment for all of our members. The guidelines were sent out in a congregational email last week.

There are a number of guidelines about ritual as well as guidelines about governance and religious school. There are several key points that will require changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 3:30pm.

First, we are proposing to eliminate the clause that requires household members to not be practicing another religion in order to be considered a member of MRT. We would consider all household members to be MRT members, while recognizing that each individual can choose how much and in what ways they would like to engage in our Jewish community.

We are also proposing removing the restriction that a child not be practicing another religion to participate in our religious school. While we strongly recommend that a child be brought up in only one religion, we would no longer make this a requirement of matriculation. We will require that a child who wishes to become B'nai Mitzvah or Confirmed not be practicing another religion, since these rituals are meaningful only if there is a personal commitment to live a Jewish life.

We are proposing to open up membership in the Religious Education, Israel, and Philanthropy committees to all members. These committees are currently limited to those who are Jewish. The Task Force and Board felt that all members who could contribute and find meaning by serving on these committees should be able to do so. We are also proposing to open up leadership of non-Board level committees, other than Human Resources, to all members. The proposed ritual guidelines, while not Constitution and Bylaws impacting, have been modified to enable broader participation in our services and B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies, while recognizing that there are some prayers and rituals that should only be led by Jewish members. Of course, no expectation is made of any member on how she or he should participate. This is always a personal choice.

The objective of the Task Force and the Board was to develop a set of guidelines that would enable us to more fully achieve our Mission and Values Statements – “We are an inclusive community where creativity and openness to new ideas harmonize with the traditions of Reform Judaism” and “We welcome all who choose to embrace Judaism in their lives and homes, regardless of background.”

As promised, we had a congregational meeting to discuss the proposed guidelines and gather additional feedback from a broader community. The turnout beyond the Task Force and Board members was small so consideration is underway of how we might engage more members, especially from families that have non-Jewish members. I highly encourage you to review the guidelines and reach out to me, our clergy, or other members of the Board to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

Huge thanks to Cantor Clissold and the Purim Spiel players for another rousing Purim Spiel and party. Big thanks to the Social Action Committee for making Social Action weekend with Rabbi Danny Siegel an inspiring set of talks. Thanks to Rabbi Kline for organizing an interfaith prayer session with a broad cross section of faith leaders from our community inspiring us to join together to create a better world.

## Summary of the February 21st and March 21st Board of Trustees meeting: Mark Gruensfelder, Recording Secretary

Happy Spring! Due to the fact that the February Board Meeting occurred after the March bulletin deadline, this article will summarize the key results of the February and March Board Meetings.

During both meetings, MRT President Zach Gilstein expressed appreciation for various events and reminded the Board of upcoming events and activities. Among his comments were the following:

1. Our Life and Legacy program now has 18 committed donors! As a result, the Grinspoon Foundation will donate \$7,500 towards one of our endowments. MRT's Purim Celebration was a hit for all members of the community. An Adult Purimspiel headlined the Saturday night, followed by a dinner catered by Harolds.
2. On Sunday morning, a Rabbi Kline-authored purimspiel educated and enthralled our students – and that was followed by the SMARTY's annual Purim Carnival!
3. Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> is the Red Bank Street Fair, and once again MRT has its own booth. Volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and staff the booth throughout the day. Our presence helps make MRT known in the community as well as enhances MRT's attractiveness to potential new members.
4. Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon is our Annual Meeting. It is preceded by a not-to-be-missed Adult Learning program "On the Chocolate Trail" with Rabbi Debbi Prinz. Committee Chairs are in the process of summarizing their committee's accomplishments for the Annual Report.



The Board continued its discussion about the Member Role Policy Task Force recommendation report. Zach reported that an informal poll of Board and MRP task force members indicated that there is an inclination to permit non-Jews to assume some of the Board positions. However, there was also discussion of studying and modifying MRT's governance structure. Zach plans to convene a governance structure task force. When that completes, the non-Jew Board Member discussion could be taken up.

Lynn Shapiro enthusiastically described the Ways & Means sponsored Fashion Show to take place on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Unlike the vendor fair, much of the funds for this event will end up coming from MRT congregants and their families. Funds raised will be split between Religious School activities and the MRT operating account. As a special attraction, MRT Board Members will also (attempt to) model some of the most contemporary fashions. This should be a really fun evening, the first of its kind at MRT!

Several other actions and discussions occurred during these two Board meetings:

- The Board approved a membership application.
- The Nominating Committee presented its slate of candidates for expiring MRT positions. Jay Feigus was proposed for MRT President, Rachel Placitella for Senior VP, Jim Halpern as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Zach Gilstein as Immediate Past President. For the other four open positions, the committee proposed that incumbents be re-elected to another term.
- The proposed 2017-18 MRT operations budget was presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. This budget will be brought to the Annual Meeting for approval.
- The MRT Security Committee, based on discussions with the Tinton Falls police, is now allowing access only through the Religious School entrance during Religious School. Consistent with MRT's increased emphasis on safety, we are applying for a Homeland security grant.

## See you again soon...from Margie Wold

### My last 9 years

I've been a member of Monmouth Reform Temple for 18 years. I distinctly remember when we joined MRT because it was the same year that my father died. I remember feeling at the time that Rob and I needed to belong to a Reform synagogue where we could experience a feeling of community.

Not long after joining MRT I volunteered to work in the temple library and assist in publicity for the Monmouth Festival of the Arts. The more I volunteered, the more people I met---all ages, all backgrounds. We have a lot of cool people at MRT but if you don't lend a hand or show up to programs, you really never get to meet most of them.

Fast forward to about 9 years ago, when I decided to join the Board of Trustees as the Chair of Adult Education. I had little idea about Adult Ed programs, but in memory of my dad who ran a discussion group as a retiree, I figured it might just be worth my time. After doing Adult Ed, I was asked to join the Executive Board and I was honored to accept the position as Second VP, where I oversaw Adult Education, Membership, Social Action, Arts & Deco and Ritual Committees.

Facing now a restriction upon consecutive terms in our by-laws, I must step down from the Board for at least one year. I will continue my work with various committees but I will no longer be a voting member of the Board.

I write all of this in the hopes that someone is reading this and saying, *I would like to do my part at MRT to help keep the mission strong and vibrant.* We are a phenomenal congregation filled with dedicated volunteers and amazing clergy. How will you be a part of the puzzle that is the mosaic of Monmouth Reform Temple?

Wishing our Temple Board of Trustees much success!

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Wold



## Collecting bicycle helmets for Shine-a-Light

Under the leadership of Dean Ross, MRT has been working with St. Anthony's Church in Red Bank to provide and install bicycle lights, without charge, to those who need them, most recently on the evening of March 27. The program enhances the safety of many who use bicycles for transportation around the Red Bank Area. Over 200 sets of bicycle lights have been donated and installed over the past two years. As part of the program, we also give away bicycle helmets. The next evening installation for lights will be on April 17.

**A box will be placed in the cloak room at MRT to place donated helmets.**



FRIDAY | 28 APRIL 2017 | 7pm

Celebrate the **joy** of Shabbat!

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## Ways and Means, Lynn Shapiro, Chairperson

By the time you are reading this the MRT Rocks the Runway Fashion Show will be a distant but fabulous memory. In addition to raising money for both the Ways and Means budget, we also contributed to the Religious School's efforts to upgrade the Temple's security system. What a great collaborative effort and fun way to include our students in the process!

Sooooo – on to the next exciting event. **It's a MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT!**

June 11<sup>th</sup> at MRT catered by SHAPIRO'S DELI in Red Bank. Despite my telling everyone it is a relative, it really is not! BUT it is co-owned by our very own DEAN ROSS – so you KNOW it has to be good!!!!

Watch for details or contact me directly with questions. Please help us spread the word!

Spring is here and the garden will be blooming soon – please consider having a brick inscribed for a family member, lifecycle event or other occasion.

Scrip for Acme, Foodtown, Stop & Shop and Shop Rite are available in the office.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – when you use Amazon (and who doesn't), go to Amazon Smiles and the Temple will receive a portion of your sale.



Join your Sisters for a special Seder.

It's time to rejoice and celebrate!

Our services will be led by Cantor Clissold.

Friends are welcome!



When: Sunday, April 2

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$18

If you are able to help set up or donate wine, please let us know.

RSVP to Karen at [kkahn1@verizon.net](mailto:kkahn1@verizon.net) or [sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org)



**MRT will be at the Red Bank Street Fair-Sunday, April 9,**

**11am-5pm**

*Engage with our wider community*

*Develop new contacts & members*

*We need your help!*

Visit the MRT booth

Help plan, set-up, or staff the booth—2 hour shifts

For info or to sign up: contact Jay Wiesenfeld

([jmwiesenfeld@yahoo.com](mailto:jmwiesenfeld@yahoo.com)) or the MRT office

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**The Associated Humane Societies are the largest animal sheltering system in New Jersey. They have three shelters located in Newark, Forked River, and Tinton Falls. They also run Popcorn Park, which is a sanctuary for abandoned, injured, ill, abused, and elderly wildlife.**



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Poop bags  
Towels/washcloths

Collars, leashes, and harnesses  
Office supplies: Copy paper, stamps, pens, tape, staples, post it notes  
Clippers  
Ziploc bags  
Gift certificates: Staples, Home Depot, Walmart, PetCo, Pet Smart

My goal is to collect over 50 items and to help raise awareness to get more animals to be adopted.

We will have a box in the coat room for your donations, or you can call or text 908-601-2051, and we will pick up any donations.

Thank You!  
Lexi Layton



### PASSOVER MENU ORDER TO GO

**Passover 2017 is April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Please place your order before 4/6. Pick up for first night is between 8AM and 4PM on 4/10 and the second night between 8AM and 4PM 4/11.**

Chicken Soup (no noodles) – quart 2-3 servings	\$7.00 p/qt
Matzo Balls (by the piece or the dozen)	\$1.00 /\$12.00
Haroset	\$6.00 ½ lb
Gefilte Fish (by the piece)	\$2.75 ea
Horseradish (red or white)	\$4.00
Chopped Chicken Liver	\$15 per lb
Brisket/Gravy (1 lb serves 3)	\$19.00 per lb
Roasted Chicken	\$14.00 ea
Stuffed Cabbage (2 or 4 pieces)	\$9.00/\$18.00
Roasted Potatoes	\$8.00 lb.
Roasted Mixed Vegetables	\$6.00 lb.
Goat Cheese Mashed Potatoes	\$10.00 lb.
Latkes	\$3.00 ea
Babka (Chocolate or Cinnamon)	\$12.75

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## **Jews on the Chocolate Trail**

**With Rabbi Deborah Prinz, Author & Lecturer**

**Sunday, May 7th 2-3:00pm**

**Followed by**

## **The MRT Annual Meeting**

**At 3:30pm**

**Join us for Chocolate Tasting & Socializing  
prior to the meeting  
3-3:30pm**



Rabbi Deborah Prinz draws from her world travels on the trail of chocolate to enchant chocoholics everywhere as she unwraps the role of Jews in the trade, retail and manufacture of chocolate. She has written the first book ever on the topic "On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao." Rabbi Prinz lectures about chocolate and religion around the world.

Please call or email your RSVP to the MRT Office  
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## From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal

The school is appreciative of everyone who is going to participate and contribute in any way for the Fashion Show on Saturday, April 1 from 7-9pm. March came in like a lion with our First Friday sponsored by our Kindergarten and First graders to the Sunday of our first 8th/9th grade family education where we took a deeper look at how the Talmud and Jewish commentary evolved and continues to evolve. We all enjoyed a Purim Schpiel performed by our 7th graders and the Carnival afterward put on by SMaRTY (our senior youth group). 5th and 6th graders learned the art of a mezuzah (a piece of parchment inscribed with the shema and v'ahavta affixed to the doorframe). 6th graders personalized a yad (Jewish ritual pointer specifically for reading Torah), our second graders are becoming more familiar with the modern state of Israel, and our 3rd graders have learned a majority of their letters and vowels. We finished the month with teacher observations and a shelter-in-place drill to ensure that we are prepared. Stay tuned as April will bring us Passover celebrations, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust) observation, and a Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) fair designed by our 7th graders for our younger students.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, April 2 @ 9:30am/11:00am/12:15pm - Religious School/Model Seders Grades KG-3, 7-9/Last Madrichim Meeting

Wednesday, April 5 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School, Grades 4-7 Model Seder

### SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, April 19 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

Sunday, April 23 @ 9:30am - Religious School, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust) Observance

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

Sunday, April 30 @ 9:30am/12:15pm - Religious School, Bagels and Blocks, Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) Celebration/Faculty Meeting

## SISTERHOOD, Karen Kahn, President



Dear Sistahs,

March was crazy busy, Purim (What a hilarious Purim shpiel!), Book club (The Sympathizer is a great read! Thanks for your hospitality, Maxine Klatsky!), Massage day (Thanks a million Sharyn Ross!!!! I had the absolutely best massage! Thanks to Lois Wilkes as well for coordinating the scheduling!)... I just love seeing all of this activity!!

Thanks to everyone who came to Sisterhood/Men's club Shabbat, and a special thanks to those who baked yummy desserts!

April 2nd is going to be our women's seder at 6pm, led by our lovely cantor! Please join us for this much loved annual event!

Speaking of Passover, we have many new seder plates and decorative matzah plates that can be purchased at our Judaica shop for your own use or for gifts. Prices in general range from around \$18 to \$60. We also have Elijah and Miriam cups, as well as a variety of Passover games and books for children. If you want to see what we have, please contact Kay.k.wiesenfeld@gmail.com or me sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org, and we will be happy to assist you at your convenience. We also have Mezuzahs (and the accompanying Clafs), necklaces, and other gift items. We have a small selection in the glass cases across from the MRT restroom, but have a lot more in our closet.

I wish you and your families a "Zissen Pesach" - a sweet holiday!

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



### GOOD NEWS

I am happy to report that Maxwell Bodner, grandson of Howard Bodner, is working on an eagle scout project to honor the memory of his grandfather. The project will add picnic tables to the grassy space between the two 1,000 sq. ft. gardens of Gan Mazon. Howard was instrumental in the creation of the first vegetable garden. He guided its creation as an eagle scout activity and then became its director for three years. Maxwell selected a fitting tribute to a man who cared deeply for our temple and for the people receiving the fresh produce grown at MRT.

Gan Mazon, in garden parlance, is referred to as a PAR garden. PAR stands for "Plant a Row for the Hungry"; our entire harvest is donated to local food pantries. Community gardens renting small plots to individuals or families for their personal use may also set aside PAR space maintained by volunteers.

### NOT SO GOOD NEWS

While our production has been commendable in recent seasons, the volunteers that it takes to manage the garden has decreased from season to season. Volunteers do show up for special events, such as when we spread compost throughout the gardens, cut down encroaching trees and Mitzvah Day. Help is not there on a day-to-day basis. Last season two temple members and two non-temple members could be relied on to tend the garden on a regular basis. When any of us go on vacation or visit family and friends during the summer, garden work falls to one or two helpers, including deliveries if no-one else is available.

As I have written previously Gan Mazon's principal beneficiary, the non-sectarian pantry operated by the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Monmouth County, located in Asbury Park, has no PAR garden providing fresh produce. Without Gan Mazon deliveries, JF&CS would have to **purchase** produce from the Food Bank of Ocean and Monmouth Counties.

**Four additional temple members (experience is not a pre-requisite) willing to dedicate on an average of 1-2 hours per week would be enough for Gan Mazon to continue as it has in the past. The sad news is that without additional volunteers, I will have to allow one of our 1,000 sq. ft. gardens to be inactive for the 2017 season; a loss of potentially 500 lbs. or more of produce for the needy families.**

Gan Mazon fulfills the essence of Tikun Olam (repairing the world). From the many thank you letters that I receive from JF&CS, I know that our efforts are needed and appreciated. Please step up to continue MRT'S tradition as a caring temple.

Best wishes, David Levinsky (732-536-1813)

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## Spotlight on our Board

### Karen Kahn, Sisterhood President by Linda Burns



Karen, the current President of Sisterhood, has always had a strong Jewish underpinning, beginning in 1st grade, when she began her schooling as a Yeshiva student, because her parents did not want to send her to public school.

In fact, her family were never members of a temple, and would attend High Holiday services at the Jewish Theological Seminary “because the services were free”. She has been to Israel several times, and twice for a semester-once as a senior in high school and the second time as a Brandeis University student as part of a multinational group. Due to her Yeshiva background, she is fairly fluent in modern Hebrew, and often served as the translator for the group when they were travelling off the beaten path.

In August 1997, she and her former husband joined MRT due to their move from East Brunswick, NJ to Monmouth County, mainly because he had been raised in the Reform movement and gravitated to a Reform synagogue, while she had no particular affiliation. Karen said that attending Reform services “was extremely awkward” for her in the beginning, but that she “got used to it”. Her entry point was the Tot Shabbats which she attended with her two young toddlers, Danny & Rachel. Her children progressed through Hebrew School, Confirmation, and MRTSY & NIFTY Board positions, while she always volunteered to read Torah if Cantor Gaby needed her and was an active member of Sisterhood. When I asked her why she assumed the role of President, she said that she was going to do it a few years ago but waited until she was an empty nester and had more time.

An economics major in college, Karen is on her fourth career, as a School Nurse by day and an Instructor in Brookdale’s Associates in Nursing program for RNs in the evening. Her prior jobs were as an Accountant, a Recruiter for an Accounting Employment Agency, and at AT&T in Change Control managing software projects. In order to recreate herself, she went back to school 14 years ago and earned both an Associates & Masters degree in Nursing.

In her free time, she enjoys taking long walks, yoga, travelling, attending the opera, and kvelling about her children Danny-an Environmental Engineer in Syracuse, NY- and Rachel-who finished college in December with a major in Psychology & Criminal Justice and who works in the Public Defender’s Office in Washington, D.C.

When I asked her why she remains at MRT, she said that it is like the warm and friendly bar in the T.V. show ‘Cheers’-“a place where everybody knows your name”.



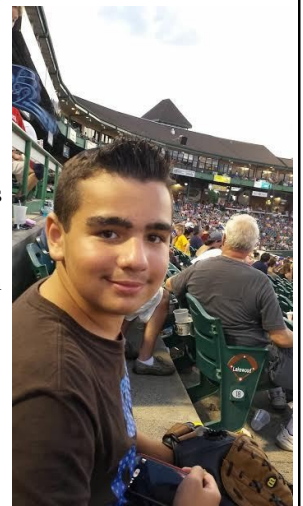
## Mazel Tov to our April/early May B'nai Mitzvahs!

**Jack Greenberg** is a 7th grader at Cedar Drive Middle School. He enjoys playing sports, especially tennis, and has a knack for finding underdog professional sports teams that ultimately break his heart. For his mitzvah project, Jack raised money to help support Heifer International, a global non-profit working to eliminate poverty and hunger through holistic community development. He would like to thank Rabbi Kline, Cantor Clissold, his Hebrew school teachers, and his family for all of their help with his Bar Mitzvah preparations.



Jack will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on April 1, 2017. Mazel tov to Jack and his family!

**Jake Dylan Gottfried** is an honor role student at Tinton Falls Middle school where he participates in many activities with meaning such as Community Service Club, Stem, Steam, basketball and anything else that has a creative side to it. He enjoys giving his time to worthy causes to gain experience and get to know others and their story. Jake is a math wiz but his passion is writing and creating stop motion videos. His favorite season is summer because he loves to surf and spend time with his brothers, and friends at the beach. Most of all he enjoys writing short stories, and movies he aspires to be a writer or cinematographer. When hes not creating he loves spending time with his family watching movies, taking trips and just having a good time.



Jake will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on April 22nd at 10am. Mazel Tov to Jake and his family!



**Dylan Schneider** will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on April 29th at 10am.

Dylan Schneider is an A+ student in 7th grade at Tinton Falls Middle School. He enjoys reading, arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and spending time with family and friends. For their Mitzvah project, Hope and Dylan raised \$3300 for the American Cancer Society, in memory of their grandfather. Dylan would like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline, for all their hard work, to prepare him for his Bar Mitzvah.

**Hope Schneider** will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on April 29th at 10am.

Hope is an A+ student in 7th grade at Tinton Falls Middle School. She enjoys music, art, running, reading, swimming, and spending time with family and friends. Hope is looking forward to being in her school play, "The Wizard of Oz." For their Mitzvah project, Hope and Dylan raised \$3300 for the American Cancer Society, in memory of their grandfather. Hope wants to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Kline for all their hard work to prepare her for her Bat Mitzvah.



Mazel Tov to the Schneider family on the B'nai Mitzvahs of Hope and Dylan!



**Camryn Osofsky** will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on May 6th, 2017 at 10am. Mazel tov to Camryn and her family.

Camryn is a student at Forrestdale Middle School in Rumson, NJ. She loves to be onstage, go on crazy roller coasters with anyone who is brave enough, and spend time with her friends and family. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she helped the families and children who live at the Ronald McDonald House. She would like to thank Rabbi Klein for always helping her and supporting her, Cantor Clissold for helping her read Hebrew, and her family for supporting her through her coming of age.

**THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Gary Bleetstein on the loss of his mother, Rita Bleetstein
- John and Cantor Gabrielle Clissold on the loss of his father, John Richardson Clissold
- Ruth Sherer on the loss of her husband Rabbi Harry Sherer, former Rabbi of MRT
- MaryBeth and Bob Hayet on the loss of her mother, Phyllis Misch
- Larry and Paula Metz on the loss of his brother, Martin Metz
- Jeffrey and Lorraine Roffman on the loss of her brother, Martin Metz
- The family of Stanley Abrams, MRT member



*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 Stanley Abrams



May his memory be a blessing

**April Yahrzeits** (read date based on when they occur)Names to be Read on Friday, April 7th (Services at 6pm)

Sydney Coplevitch, Max Drath, Oscar Haber, Paul Katz, Mary Lipschutz, \*Alice Mandel, Donald Marriner, \*Carolyn B. Meyer, Gladys Morris, Anita Palmer, Dr. Ellis Rivkin, Doris Seglin, \*Rose Straus, Irene Weisbrot

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

Bettye Clissold, David Fishman, Sadie Greenglass, Ada Kalb, Martin Kantrowitz, \*Robert J. Lane, Charles Loebel, M.E. Medalie, \*Bert Samuel Morgovsky, Samuel Nash, Elizabeth Ruby, Harry Stein, Simon Wiesengrund

Names to be Read on Friday, April 21st (Services at 7pm)

Michael Aho, Arlene Batzar, Philip Butler, Pearl Cohen, Yetta Drath, Gerry Huegel, Violet Johnson, Sigmund Kaswiner, Jeffrey Korman, Louis Levin, \*David Metz, Sophie Milchman, Harold Newman, Jane T. Olshan, Osborn Patten, Howard Romanick, Leonard S. Snyder, Rose Spellman, Frank Whyman

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

Dorothy Canbria, Sheldon Fierstein, Harry Gale, Eleanor Gaudette, Susan Harran, Laura Holzman, Solomon Jochnowitz, Annette Marks, \*Sidney Martin, Esther Grace Milchman, Irma Oestreicher, \*Wendy Salomon, Herbert Shapiro, Lillian Shapiro, Ruth Singer, Murray Sussman, David F. Whyman, Sidney A. Wien

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*Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed*  
**29***Thu*  
**30***Fri*  
**31***Sat*  
**1**

12pm Movie:  
Broadway  
Musicals—A  
Jewish Legacy  
4pm Religious  
School

6pm Red Bank Y in  
Social Hall

1pm Office closed  
7pm Shabbat services  
with Choir

9am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Torah Talks  
10am Jack Greenberg  
Bar Mitzvah  
7pm MRT Rocks the  
Runway

**2**

RS Model Seders  
9:30am Rel School  
12:15pm  
Madrichim meeting  
6pm Women's  
Seder

**3**

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

**4**

9:45am Study  
Group

**5**

11am Rel Ed  
Meeting  
Model Seders  
4pm Religious  
School  
7pm Ritual

**6****7**

1pm Office closing  
3:45pm Shabbat @  
Chelsea  
6pm First Friday  
Followed by Pot  
Luck dinner

**8**

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

**9**

No Religious  
School

**10**

12pm Office  
Closing

**11**

Office Closed  
NO Study Group  
6pm Community  
Seder

**12**

12pm Office Closing  
NO Religious School

**13**

12pm Office  
Closing  
7:30pm Men's  
Club Poker

**14**

1pm Office Closing  
7pm Shabbat  
Services

**15**

**SHABBAT  
KALLAH**  
9am Shabbat  
Service  
9:30am Torah  
Talks Study  
10:30am-2:30am  
Shabbat Kallah  
with Rabbi Patz  
and Lunch

Red Bank Street  
Fair  
11am-5pm  
2pm Monmouth  
winds in Social  
Hall

First Passover  
Seder

1st Day of  
Passover

2nd Day of Passover

3rd Day of  
Passover

4th Day of  
Passover

**16**

No Religious  
School

**17**

Office Closed  
  
7th Day of  
Passover

**18**

9:45 Festival  
Yizkor  
6:30pm Exec  
Board  
7pm Board  
Meeting

**19**

4pm Rel School

**20**

7:30pm  
MRP/Membership

**21**

1pm Office Closing  
3:45pm Shabbat @  
Chelsea  
7pm Shabbat  
Services with Choir

**22**

9am Shabbat  
Service  
9:30am Torah  
Talks Study  
Session  
10am Jake  
Gottfried Bar  
Mitzvah

**23**

9:30am Rel School  
9:30am Yom  
Hashoah at Religious  
School  
10am Religious Ed  
Meeting

**24**

Yom Hashoah  
1pm Office Closing

**25**

9:45am Study  
Group

**26**

4pm Religious  
School

**27****28**

1pm Office Closing  
7pm Shabbat  
Services with Seeds  
of Spirituality:  
Duality

**29**

9am Shabbat  
Service  
9:30am Torah  
Talks Study  
Session  
10am Dylan and  
Hope Schneider  
B'nai Mitzvah

**30**

Yom Haatzmaut  
Program  
9:30am Rel School  
9:30am Bagels &  
Blocks  
12:15pm Teacher  
Meeting

**May 1**

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

**2**

9:45am Study  
Group

**3**

11am Rel Ed  
Meeting  
4pm Religious  
School

**4**

Red Bank Y  
Cinquo de Mayo  
7:15pm  
Membership

**5**

1pm Office closing  
6pm First Friday  
Followed by Pot  
Luck dinner

**6**

9am Shabbat  
Service  
9:30am Torah  
Talks Study  
Session  
10am Camryn  
Osofsky Bat  
Mitzvah



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