

Shabbat Services
 May 2017

Friday, May 5th
First Friday

5:30pm Pre-neg
 6pm Shabbat
 Services followed
 by Pot Luck
 Dinner
 A-F Salad G-Z Pasta/Chicken
 Please bring enough for 10-12



Saturday, May 6th

10am Camryn Osofsky Bat
 Mitzvah

Friday, May 12th

6pm Teacher Recognition Shabbat

Saturday, May 13th

10am Lexi Layton Bat Mitzvah

Friday, May 19th

Aufruf of Jeremy Gilstein
 7pm Shabbat Service
 Seeds of Spirituality: Love

Saturday, May 20th

10am Brandon Eisenberg Bar
 Mitzvah

Friday, May 26th

7pm Shabbat Services

Every Saturday morning
 in the Library:

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

Our live streaming link for Friday night can be
 found on our home page at
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.

Jews on the Chocolate Trail
With Rabbi Deborah Prinz,
Author & Lecturer
Sunday, May 7th 2-3:15pm

Followed by
The MRT Annual Meeting
At 3:45pm

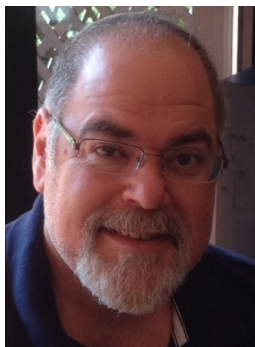
Join us for Chocolate Tasting &
Socializing
prior to the meeting
3:15-3:45pm



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
info@monmouthreformtemple.org
 732-747-9365

From Rabbi Marc Kline



The school year is winding down, as Spring is in full bloom. The Rabbis teach us that we are supposed to appreciate the blessings of nature, and yet the Mishnah provides us an interesting conundrum. "Rabbi Ya'akov says: One, who while walking along the way, reviewing his studies, breaks off from his study and says, "How beautiful is that tree! How beautiful is that plowed field!" Scripture regards him as if he has forfeited his soul (Ethics of the Fathers, 3:7)." On its face, the tradition seems to teach that appreciating nature is antithetical to study (as if to say): If one interrupts the reading of the text, one has abandoned everything blessed in life. Certainly, there are as many commentaries on this text as there are Rabbis to comment, but ultimately, the matter boils down to the intent of the individual. For me, if appreciating nature is an interruption of one's study, one was not studying with a proper intent. Everything we teach and do leads us to appreciate the blessings of the world around us. If one sees the text as the study and the blessing of nature as unrelated, then we have a problem.

We have to both study to open our hearts wider and then experience the elevation of spirit for the lesson to take hold. No differently, an athlete can read the playbook all day, but she/he never gets on the field to practice, the time spent in the playbook is meaningless. The intellectual study and the physical experience are absolutely tied into one inseparable whole.

Likewise, one who experiences nature but does not study ends up taking the miraculous beauty of our world for granted. So many abuse this earth, paying no attention to the way in which we deplete its resources, contaminate its being and disrespect our own futures tainted by what the earth will no longer be able to deliver. We cannot become attuned to giving back to the Earth if we do not train our eyes and hearts to pay attention to it, first.

As we prepare to enjoy ourselves outdoors, take some time to think about ways in which we can both celebrate our enjoyment of nature and celebrate its need to be nurtured. We have an amazing garden at MRT, and David Levinsky needs help tending to the over 1/2 ton of vegetables that grow there each year. Our parks and shores need clean up care. Our children need us to set examples for them to better care for the world around them.



Seen at the
MRT Fashion
Show

From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Cantor Gabrielle and John Clissold invite the entire congregation to Simon's Bar Mitzvah and luncheon. Please RSVP in advance so we can be prepared.

Simon is working to support Family Promise as a social action project. He pledges to match the donated proceeds of the Tzedakah box in the temple lobby to Family Promise.



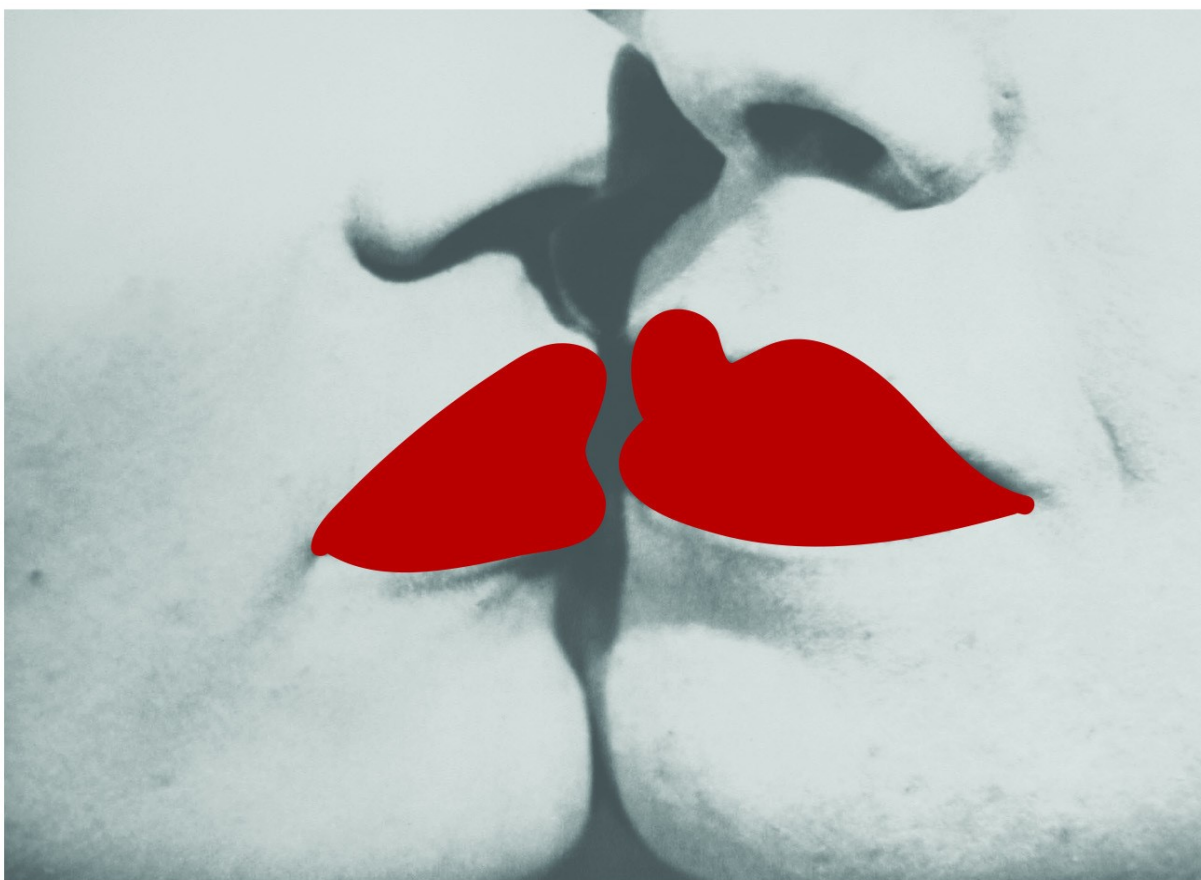
We invite you to share our joy
when our son
Simon Rachmiel
will become a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, June 17, 2017
at 10:00 AM
Monmouth Reform Temple
332 Hance Avenue
Tinton Falls, New Jersey
Join us for the luncheon
following the service

RSVP to gclissold@optonline.net

Cantor Gabrielle and John Clissold

FRIDAY | 19 May 2017 | 7pm



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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 (MRPTF) on how MRT can be an even more inclusive environment for all of our members. The proposed guidelines were sent out in a congregational email and we have had two discussion sessions to solicit congregational feedback on these proposed guidelines. I have also received email input from 8 congregants.

All of the feedback was shared with the Board and the members of the MRPTF. After listening to congregants concerns and feedback, it became clear to the Board that more education and discussion is required prior to taking any official action on these recommendations. At our most recent Board Meeting the Trustees decided to develop a plan for gathering more input and providing more insight into the reasons that lead to the task force recommendations.

The Board appreciates the work of the MRPTF and recognizes the significant accomplishment of framing the proposed changes into a coherent framework that allows for purposeful discussion. The Board is planning to hold a series of parlor meetings with as many of our congregants as we can to increase understanding and gain additional feedback. Gan Mazon – our Garden of Plenty – supports many families in need of food by contributing produce to local food banks. Last year we contributed over 1400 pounds of vegetables. But production takes work, and we need more volunteers.

This is a wonderful act of Tikun Olam that a family can do with their children and feel a real sense of contribution to repairing the world. Come out on May 7 and/or May 21 to help with the tilling and planting. Then volunteer through the growing and harvesting season. It can be an hour or two a week or every other week. For an eye-opening experience consider visiting a local Food Bank to understand that there are many people in our community who depend on ours and other's support to have food on their table.

Huge thanks to Lynn Shapiro and Karen Seligman for leading the Fashion Show fund raiser which was immensely fun and raised over \$8500 for the Temple and Religious School. Kudos to Eleanor Rubin and Adult Ed for the Shabbat Kallah with Rabbi Patz. It was a wonderfully thought-provoking series of lectures. Another big thank you to Lynn Shapiro for organizing the 2nd Night Community Seder which drew over 100 people. Finally, thanks to Cantor Clissold and the MRT Choir for heightening the joy of Friday night services.

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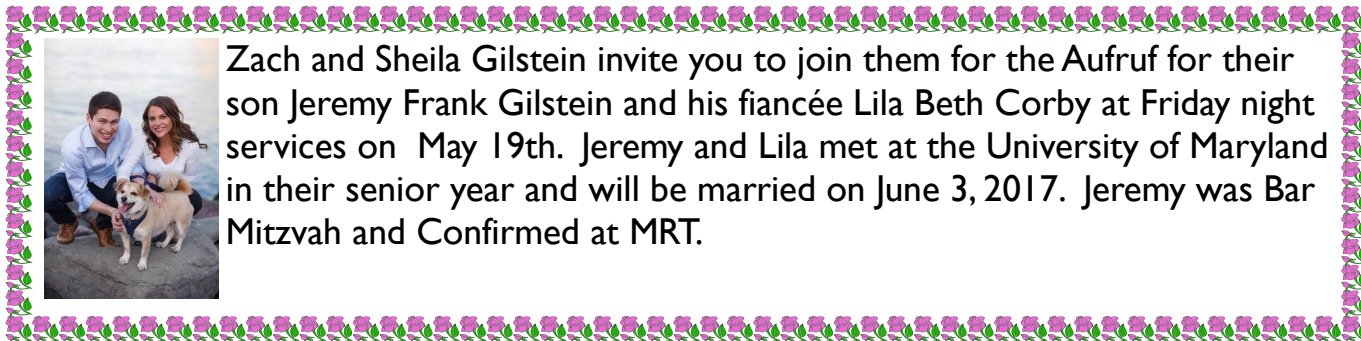
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Zach and Sheila Gilstein invite you to join them for the Aufruf for their son Jeremy Frank Gilstein and his fiancée Lila Beth Corby at Friday night services on May 19th. Jeremy and Lila met at the University of Maryland in their senior year and will be married on June 3, 2017. Jeremy was Bar Mitzvah and Confirmed at MRT.

Summary of the April 18th Board of Trustees meeting Mark Gruensfelder, Recording Secretary

The April Board meeting was attended by 18 Board members and guests. As usual, the meeting started with a meaningful D'Var Torah, this month led by Sam Goodman.

A major portion of the meeting was spent discussing the path forward for the recommendations of the Member Role Policy (MRP) Task Force. Earlier this year the Task Force reported its recommendations to the Board, the recommendations were communicated to the Congregation, and two congregation-wide meetings were held to discuss and provide feedback on the recommendations. Meaningful, well-considered feedback was also directly provided by a number of congregants. The Board decided to hold off adopting the recommendations at this time (with one exception) and therefore hold off moving forward with any Bylaw amendments. Rather, the Board will use the recommendations of the task force to serve as an excellent launch point to help educate the entire congregation as to the implications of this work.



And what was the aforementioned exception? Well, the Board voted to adopt the Recommendation of Section 5 – the shortest recommendation – which states, “MRT building space may be rented by non-Jewish Religious groups.” MRT was blessed that in the late 1950’s, our friends - the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church – allowed MRT to hold Shabbat services in its Sanctuary.

Rabbi Kline, Zach Gilstein, and others spoke of the many great events and volunteer accomplishments during the past month. Lynn Shapiro received the most accolades – and applause! - for leading not just one – but two highly successful events. The Ways & Means Fashion Show AND the 2nd Night Passover Seder. But wait, there’s more! Here’s a sampling: 25 MRT members participated in a service at the Masjid al-Aman Mosque in Middletown. Rabbi Norman R. Patz let what Zach termed “the best Shabbat Kallah that I can remember”. MRT was well-represented with its very welcoming booth at the recent Red Bank street fair, there is no doubt that MRT is becoming a recognized community fixture.

One of the guests at the Board Meeting, David Levinsky, spoke passionately about the Gan Mazon – “Garden of Plenty” that he has led for something like eight years! Each year the garden donates close to 1000 lbs of needed fresh produce to local food banks. However, as the years have gone by, the number of volunteers helping pull this off have dwindled – ***and without a positive change in this trend one or both gardens may have to lay fallow this year!*** David explained that while help has been generously forthcoming (and appreciated) during single day “special events”, it is the day-to-day maintenance and harvesting efforts that require a solid but hard to attain pool of reliable volunteers. The Board resonated with David’s plea and will see what it can do to help. (Needless to say, feel free to contact David directly if YOU would like to help!)

Enjoy the delightful season of Spring – of all the seasons, it’s my favorite – new beginnings, new awakenings!



More Scenes at the Fashion Show

From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal

As we round down the school year we look forward to the next year pulling from the last line of the Passover seder's "next year in Jerusalem". April brought us an incredible fundraiser for which we deeply thank all of you who put in time, effort, energy, and dollars to make it a success. Our model seders found connections to ancient traditions in our modern world, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) commemoration touched upon all the R's of Holocaust education in the school (remembrance, rescuers, resistance, and resilience) and our 7th graders have spent the last half of the year planning our Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) celebration for our KG-4th graders.



I strongly urge you to sign up your children in May for the 2017-2018 school year so we can be most accurate in our summer preparations. We intentionally plan each moment of our children's experience to provide them with the best experience possible and continue to carefully review the best and cost-efficient practices.

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, May 3 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

Sunday, May 7 @ 9:30am/9:45am - Religious School, Pre-Registration for 2017-2018, Mitzvah Academy Car Wash/4th Grade Service

Wednesday, May 10 @ 4:00pm - Midweek Religious School

Friday, May 12 @ 6:00pm - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Sunday, May 14 @ 9:30am - Religious School, Lag B'Omer Celebration, Happy Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 17 @ 4:00pm - LAST Midweek Religious School before Summer Break

Sunday, May 21 @ 9:30am - LAST Day of Religious School before Summer Break, Pre-Registration for 2017-2018, Field Day

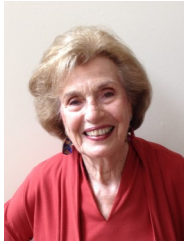
Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:00pm - High School Seniors and College Students —Israel on College Campus Primer and Martin Raffel conversation

Special Shavuot Program for High School Seniors and College Students And the Congregation Wednesday evening, May 31st at 7pm

Israel on College Campus Primer and Martin Raffel conversation

Martin J. Raffel of Long Branch is former senior vice president at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and frequent contributor to the New Jersey Jewish News.

From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chair



BDS??? What's That?

BDS (boycott, divestment, sanction) is a Palestinian led movement for freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinians living in the West Bank (west of the Jordan River). BDS upholds the principle that Palestinians are entitled to the same rights as the rest of humanity and that Israel's occupation and colonizing of Palestinian lands, discriminating against Palestinian citizens of Israel, denying Palestinian refugees the right to return to their homes is a crime against humanity. This sounds like a humanitarian movement that deserves respect and support. Why does such a situation exist today?

We know that the United Nations helped to legitimize Israel as a member of the international community when it was founded in 1948. A year before that, the UN General Assembly adopted the Partition Plan which would have meant establishing two states, one Jewish, one Arab in recognition that there were two populations living in the land then known as Palestine. The local Arab population rejected the proposal and refused to recognize a Jewish claim to any part of the land. Nevertheless, the State of Israel was established in part of the area and has endured more than 4 wars started by the surrounding nations in which Israel was victorious and, in fact, returned most of the land acquired from enemy territory during the conflicts.

There have been many opportunities to negotiate between Israel and the Palestinians in the West Bank and each time, the answer from the Palestinian side has been NO. At the outset of the peace process in the early 90's, under the leadership of Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, Israel engaged in negotiations whose ultimate outcome would be the emergence of a Palestinian state with the right to self-determination. Apparently, because agreement to the peace process would mean recognizing the actual existence of the State of Israel, alongside a legitimate State for the Palestinians, the proposals have always been rejected. Denying the Jewish people's connection to the land of Israel lies at the heart of the BDS movement.

A few facts* :

- Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages of Israel
- All Israeli Jews and Arabs can vote.
- An Arab political party has existed since the start of the nation
- The Arab party has 16 delegates in the Knesset.
- Polls show that 55% of Israeli Arabs would rather live in Israel than any other country.
- Over 100,000 West Bank Arabs have moved into Israel over the years.

According to Jonathan Greenblatt, National Director of ADL (Anti-Defamation League), at its core, BDS is an anti-Semitic movement part of the larger effort to delegitimize the Jewish state. BDS is a continuation, a modern version of the hatred of the Jewish people, reminiscent of the boycotting of Jewish stores in pre-war Germany, denying the rights of Jewish students to attend certain universities or professional academics to teach at the finest schools. In this new version of anti-Semitism, the existence of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is a "fundamental sin."

The BDS campaign is geared toward the purpose of making Israel a pariah state to set it up for destruction and disappearance from the world scene.

*Jonathan Adelman, Professor School of International Studies, University of Denver.

Lobby Tzedakah Box
May 2017
Family Promise
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Gan Mazon: MRT'S Garden of Plenty by David Levinsky, davidlevinsky@optonline.net



Help is needed from temple members to prepare Gan Mazon for the upcoming season. Remember: Your assistance in making the garden successful benefits many needy families. All levels of gardening knowledge are welcome; veteran gardeners love to share their passion. The two photos below are from our “compost spreading party” held at the end of the 2016 season.

For Sunday, May 7, let's gather around 9:30am for a short orientation and then form working teams so we can socialize while gardening. The necessary tools will be on hand; however, extra pitch forks, shovels and soil rakes would be helpful. After fertilizing, we will cover the two gardens with layers of *New York Times*, *Asbury Park Press*, *Wall Street Journal* sized newspaper. As an effective, final step to controlling weeds, the newspaper will be covered with salt hay. Remember, Round-Up is a forbidden control in an organic garden. A tip for home gardens is that newspaper and salt hay are an inexpensive, easy method for preventing weeds. Note: the suggestion is for salt hay, not just “hay.” Fifteen volunteers for May 7 would be great.

Sunday, May 21 is also a 9:30am start, with vegetable planting and the removal of encroaching vegetation behind the garden. Planting only requires a trowel; extras will be available. Vegetation removal could use a chain saw or hand saws and sturdy gloves. Volunteers planning to assist with vegetation removal should be prepared for the possibility of poison ivy. Twelve volunteers for this day would provide a fine start to the 2017 season.

As always, I suggest that volunteers bring gloves, water, a hat, and sun screen. If personal tools are brought, put an identifying mark on each one.



Aside from special work days like May 7 and 21, volunteers dedicate a few hours weekly from July through October. Our time in the garden is flexible and depends on several factors; whether there is a harvest, the amount of expected poundage and maintenance issues. Expect a telephone call from Elizabeth “Elmo” Cohen, a Gan Mazon friend since its installation eight years ago, to explain our methods more fully. To end on a high note, I am delighted to report that recently three new volunteers joined our Gan Mazon crew for the new season.

Please let me know that you are coming on May 7 and/or May 21, 732-536-1813 or email. Happy gardening, David

Ways and Means, Lynn Shapiro, Chairperson

With two successful events in the books this year, I would like to, one more time thank the people who helped make them a success.

Our clergy, Board of Directors, my fashion show co-chair, Karen Seligman and the dozens of volunteers who pitched in to make both events the success they were.

One major factor that helped make these events a financial success was the sponsors.

They are listed below and I am hopeful that everyone will patronize these businesses and let them know how much their support of MRT means to us.

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Watch for details of the June 11th Mah Jongg Tournament!!

A brick in our garden makes a wonderful confirmation gift, graduation gift or for any special occasion.

Lynn Shapiro

It's been a long winter...so step out this spring with
MRT Sisterhood and Men's Club.



Join us for our Springtime Out and About...

All MRT Temple members welcome!

Where: [Oyster Point Hotel](#)

When: [Thursday, May 18](#)

Time: [6:30 PM](#)

Meet new friends and re-connect with those you haven't seen in awhile. Drinks, appetizers and dinner available for purchase.

RSVP: sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org or kkahn1@verizon.net

Mazel Tov to our May B'nai Mitzvahs!



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.

Lexi Layton is in the 7th Grade at Shrewsbury Boro School. She is a competitive gymnast who is very dedicated to anything she starts. She loves animals and hopes to become a veterinarian someday.

Lexi will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 13th at 10am. She thanks the Rabbi, Cantor, and her Religious School teachers for all their help educating and preparing her for this special day.

Mazel Tov to Lexi and her family!

Brandon Eisenberg is a 7th grade honor roll student at Matawan Aberdeen Middle School. He enjoys playing tennis with his friends at Jersey 34 Tennis Club, boogie boarding at the beach and playing video games. To honor his grandparents who were United States Veterans, his Mitzvah Project is helping the VA NJ Health Care System, in Lyons New Jersey, with collecting toiletries. They will be distributed out to the veterans in need. Brandon would like to thank Rabbi Kline, Cantor Clissold and all his teachers through out the years at MRT for opening the door to a deeper understanding of Judaism.

Brandon will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends on Saturday May 20th, 2017. Mazel Tov to Brandon and his family.



SISTERHOOD, Karen Kahn, President



Dear Sisters!

It's May already! Summer is almost here. Hopefully no one is suffering too badly with allergy discomfort!

We had a wonderful women's seder in April, hosted by our lovely cantor. It was truly an enjoyable evening, surrounded by many remarkable women in our congregation.

We will be having our next book club on Monday May 8th at 7:15 pm where we will be discussing, "In The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan. It will be Hosted by Nancy Zaslowe. Please RSVP. Also, we have May 18th earmarked on our calendar for a combined Men's club/Sisterhood outing. We are currently investigating the event, and will send out more details when they surface.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday, and enjoyed their spring break (if they were lucky enough to have one)!

Shalom, Karen Kahn

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2017 Hebrew Nationals Softball Schedule

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Tue, 05/02 MT	Hebrew Nationals	Flying Pigs	
Tue, 05/09 MT	Screaming Chicks	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire
Mon, 05/15 MT	Stray Macs and Nads	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire
Tue, 05/23 MT	Those Guys	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire
Wed, 05/31 MT	Hebrew Nationals	Screaming Chicks	no umpire
Thu, 06/08 MT	Hebrew Nationals	Stray Macs and Nads	no umpire
Wed, 06/14 MT	O2 Fury	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire
Thu, 06/22 MT	Screaming Chicks	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire
Thu, 06/29 MT	Stray Macs and Nads	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire
Thu, 07/06 MT	Hebrew Nationals	Schwing and a Miss	
Wed, 07/12 MT	Hebrew Nationals	Screaming Chicks	no umpire
Wed, 07/19 MT	Hebrew Nationals	Stray Macs and Nads	no umpire
Tue, 08/01 MT	Screaming Chicks	Hebrew Nationals	no umpire



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Mission

- ***We are an inclusive community where creativity and openness to new ideas harmonize with the traditions of Reform Judaism.*** For all ages we provide multiple pathways to spiritual growth and lifelong learning.
- ***We seek to be inspired and to inspire each other in a spiritual journey.*** We engage in joyful, participatory, musical and meaningful experiences.
- ***We build communities of enduring relationships that nourish commitment to each other and to Judaism.*** We are a source of strength to one another as we share the joys and challenges of our lives.
- ***By speaking out and taking action, we seek to improve the quality of human existence and help heal our world.*** As we work together we create a Jewish presence in the community.
- ***We create opportunities for individuals and families to study and learn together.*** We enable members to learn about and connect with the evolving relevance of Judaism in our lives.
- ***We affirm our continuing support of Israel.*** We understand that to be a Jew is to be a part of the extended Jewish family.
- ***Each of us is a steward of MRT's financial, physical and human resources.*** This includes our temple's good name.

Values

In all aspects of temple life - spiritual, educational and social – these values are our common bond and support our common effort:

Spirituality

We are guided by Torah as we strive to live ethical lives. In search of spiritual and intellectual nourishment, we become aware of a sense of wonder, amazement and being in God's presence. Our deeds reflect our gratitude for the gift of life and its blessings.

Respect

In all our relationships we treat each other in a way that preserves individual dignity and welcomes new ideas. Courtesy, directness, and openness to others will guide our interactions and demonstrate our trustworthiness.

Inclusiveness

We welcome all who choose to embrace Judaism in their lives and homes, regardless of background. As builders of community, we care about each other in all our diversity.

Lifelong Learning

MRT is a center of life-long learning, where we search for meaning, we study, we question, and we seek the sacred. Learning enables us all to progress from knowledge to commitment to action.

Engagement

In partnership with clergy and staff, we count on our members to contribute their talents, resources and energy to ensure the vitality of MRT's community. We depend on our members to be informed and participate in decision-making.

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Alison and Christopher Heath on the loss of her father, David Gray
- Gail and Jim Newman on the loss of her sister, Amy Tell
- Brian and Faith Leifman on the loss of his mother, Irma Ruth Lester
- Rabbi Sally J. Priesand on the loss of her mother, Rose Priesand



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.

May Yahrzeits (read date based on when they occur)Names to be Read on Friday, May 5th (Services at 6pm)

Benjamin Eisen, Anne R. Klein, Daniel Lowenstein, Robert Ostrof, Robert Rosen, Bessie Rosenberg, *Burton M. Salomon, Catherine A. Saybolt, Ira Schatten, Joseph Szitanko

Names to be Read on Friday, May 12th (Services at 6pm)

Cynella Abrams, Zandra Brandwene, Samuel Cohn, Rose Getz, Benjamin Gurevitz, Belle Hocky, *Henry Jung, Marc Levin, Donald H. Mintz, *Irene Sandman, Sylvia Sills, Mae Sperling, Maxine Sterghos, Henry Weiner

Names to be Read on Friday, May 19th (Services at 7pm)

Irving Bergson, Pearl Eisner, John Herman, Jacob Kaufman, *Joyce Marks, Phillip Mozer, Frances Peskoe, Ira Schoen, Bessie Teitelbaum, *Ralph W. Tuchband, Harvey Weinstein, *Abe Zager

Names to be Read on Friday, May 26th (Services at 7pm)

Annemarie Anderson, Jacqueline Aronson, Charles Bernstein, Raymond Gittelman, Dorothy Goodstein, Arthur Joseph Kligman, Irving Kroen, Linda Kroll, *Sol Leisner, Irene Engle Leverett, *Bernard Littman, Harold Miller, Gerard Oestreicher, Jay Rappaport, Everett Rogove, Robert Rubin, Janet Scott, Lucas Viscomi

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*Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed**Thu**Fri**Sat***1**

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

2

9:45am Study
 Group

3

11am Religious Ed
 meeting
 4pm Religious
 School

4

Red Bank Y
 Cinco de Mayo

5

1pm Office closed
 6pm First Friday
 followed by Pot
 Luck Dinner

6

9am Shabbat
 Service
 9:30am Torah
 Talks
 10am Camryu
 Osofsky Bat
 Mitzvah

7

Mitzvah Academy
 Car Wash
 9:30am Rel School
 9:45am 4th Gr
 service
 2pm Rabbi Prinz
 Chocolate event
 3:15pm Approx
 choc and
 refreshments
 3:45 Annual
 Meeting

8

1pm Office Closing
 7:15pm Sisterhood
 Book Club

9

9:45am Study
 Group
 7pm Orchid
 7pm Exec Comm

10

4pm Religious
 School
 6:30pm Ritual
 7pm SMaRTY
 meeting

11

7:30pm Men's
 Club Poker

12

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

13

9am Shabbat
 Service
 9:30am Torah
 Talks Study
 Session
 10am Lexi Layton
 Bat Mitzvah

14

Mother's Day
 9:30am Religious
 School

15

1pm Office Closing
 7pm Mitzvah Day
 meeting

16

9:45am Study
 Group
 7pm Board
 Meeting

17

4pm Last
 Wednesday of
 Religious School

18

6:30pm Sisterhood/
 Men's Club Out &
 About at Oyster
 Point Hotel

19

1pm Office Closing
 7pm Seeds of
 Spirituality: Love

20

9am Shabbat
 Service
 9:30am Torah
 Talks Study
 10am Brandon
 Eisenberg Bar
 Mitzvah

21

9:30am Religious
 School
 (Last Sunday)
 9:30am Bagels &
 Blocks

22

1pm Office Closing

23

9:45 Study Group

24**25**

7:15pm
 Membership

26

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

27

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

28

10am Confirmation

29

Memorial Day
 Office Closed

30

9:45am Yizkor

31

Office Closed
 Shavuot
 6pm Incoming
 College Students
 7pm Adult/Ed
 Religious School
 joint event with
 Martin Raffel

June 1**2**

1pm Office Closing
 6pm First Friday
 6th/7th grade
 sponsors followed
 by Pot Luck

3

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

5

1pm Office Closing
 7:30pm Men's
 Club Board
 7:15pm Sis Book
 Club offsite

6

9:45am Study
 Group

7

11am Rel Ed
 Meeting

8

7:30pm Men's
 Club Poker

9

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

10

9am Shabbat
 Service
 9:30am Torah
 Talks Study
 Session
 10am Mia Gibilisco
 Bat Mitzvah



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