### Shabbat Services July/August 2017

**Friday, June 30th**
7pm Shabbat Services
Rabbi Priesand: Understanding Our Worship Service—The Sh’ma and it’s Blessings

**Fri, July 7th**
6pm Shabbat Services
Rabbi Priesand: Understanding Our Worship Service—The Amidah

**Friday, July 14th**
6pm Shabbat Services
Rabbi Priesand: Understanding Our Worship Service—Concluding Prayers

**Friday, July 21st**
6pm Shabbat Services

**Friday, July 28th**
6pm Shabbat Services
Musical Accompaniment: Ilana Goldman

**Friday, August 4**
6pm Shabbat Services
Musical Accompaniment: Ilana Goldman

**MRT Beach Service II**
Friday, August 11
Seven President’s Park
6pm Bring dinner and a beach chair
7pm Service

**Friday, August 18th**
6pm Shabbat Services
Musical Accompaniment: Ilana Goldman

**Friday, August 25th**
6pm Shabbat Services
Musical Accompaniment: Ilana Goldman

**Fri, September 1st**
6pm Shabbat Services

All Friday night services this summer will be followed by a “chat and snack” oneg

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**Save the Date!**

**Welcome Back Shabbat!**
Friday, September 8th
Fully catered buffet dinner
5:45pm
Shabbat Services
7pm
(Select wines will be provided)

All congregants and their children are invited!
There is no charge for this event

RSVP to the MRT office
so we can appropriately plan
732-747-9365
helene@monmouthreformtemple.org

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**MRT Shabbat on the Beach II**
**at**
Seven President’s Oceanfront Park
221 Ocean Avenue North, Long Branch
**Friday, August 11**

6pm: Bring your own Picnic Dinner at the Shelter
7pm Service (Bring a beach chair!)
Invite a friend to join us! (Rain call at 2:30pm via email)

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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.

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Our live streaming link for Friday night can be found on our home page at www.monmouthreformtemple.org
Welcome to summer. For many of us, we are due, maybe long overdue for a big sigh of relief. Winter is over. Spring (where people actually get Spring) wetted our appetites for the allure of the next season. The ocean will start warming. Even those who do not get summers off can’t wait for summer. Symbolically, summer makes us feel younger. With the call to fun and relaxation all around, I wanted to share a few thoughts for making it a Jewishly productive summer:

1. Shabbat services will move to 6:00 on July 7. The earlier service allows us to come and welcome Shabbat and then have the rest of the evening to leisurely dine and relax with family and friends.

2. We have two scheduled Shabbat services on the Beach. I could never have imagined how beautiful a setting the beach could be, but it is simply majestic. Our next one is August 11!

3. Speaking of the beach, as many of you will spend time out there, bring an extra 2 plastic bags with you. One can serve as a glove, while the other can serve as the receptacle for trash you pick up with the gloved hand. Help clean up the beach you love to visit.

4. If touring by car, stop on the road to read historical markers/visit historical sites. The Talmud teaches us that we have to be good citizens in any place that we live. In this country, we know that knowing our history helps us both understand the present and also forge a better future. In this respect, there really is nothing secular about learning. The morning blessings remind us that one of the daily miracles we celebrate is the ability to expand our minds.

5. Wherever you travel, visit the local synagogue and compare it to ours. Come back with information what other places look like and unique things that they do.

6. Commit to some family community service.

7. Create a list of Jewish questions to stump Cantor and me and challenge us to respond.

8. Find a kosher restaurant to eat at and see if the food tastes any different.


10. When gathering with friends, randomly pick any texts from the Torah and act them out seeing if making the text live changes your understanding of its value.

11. Commit to saying, "Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech haolam, hamotzee lechem meen ha-aretz" before at least one meal each day.

12. For at least the summer, commit one hour each Shabbat to listening to someone else and finding a way to celebrating your time with them.

13. Practice your Hebrew!

14. Watch an Israeli movie (with subtitles if needed).

15. Volunteer time at Temple!

16. Spend time listening to Jewish Rock Radio (yes, it is an internet music station ... http://www.jewishrockradio.com/).

17. Study any Jewish text (I am more than happy to provide accessible and interesting ones).

18. Better yet, come spend time with Cantor or me over texts, over coffee, walking the boardwalk, or just schmoozing! Have a great summer ... personally, I like #18 best for each of you!

All those who are interested in getting involved in a social action project(s) are invited to the home of Margie Wold to brainstorm and share ideas.

Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm

Please RSVP to woldiem@aol.com for more information.
This has been a very special year for my family. Having many of you come and be part of Simon’s Bar Mitzvah was incredible. Placing the Torah preserved from the Shoah into your child’s arms on the exact spot where he had his b’rit milah was truly incredible. John and I will never forget the immensity and magnitude of the weekend. We feel truly blessed to be part of MRT as a family. I thank everyone for their support and love!

Over the summer when I am away on July 28th, August 4th and August 25th Shabbat music will be led by Student Cantor Ilana Goldman from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Ilana grew up in Monmouth County and has just completed her Year-in-Israel studies. She will be working at Temple Micah in Washington DC during the year but will be here for the summer and we are so fortunate to have help while I am away. She will be celebrating her aufruf on August 4th and I hope you will all give Ilana, her fiancé Alex and her family a warm MRT welcome!

I hope to see you at our beach service on August 11th at Seven Presidents in Long Branch. We now have nine individuals registered for the trip to Cuba in January. Please consider going on this incredible opportunity with your temple family. I hope everyone has a spectacular, safe and healthy summer. On July first I begin my sixteenth year as your Cantor, I am humbled and honored to be part of our sacred community.

From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal

Summertime broadly brings out the happy, playful atmosphere here as we are close to the beach and enjoying the time. It is great for reflection, creativity, and relaxation. I invite all of you during these months to share your thoughts with me as we continue to mold the program into the absolute best for our kids and our congregation.

The week of July 16th registration forms will be sent for those who did not pre-register. School begins Sunday, September 10th - see you then.

SISTERHOOD, Karen Kahn, President

Dear Sistahs,

We are lucky to be living near the beautiful Jersey Shore. I hope you all have some free time this summer to enjoy it!

In July, we are planning an art event on July 12th with the Creative Spirits Art Workshops. It is limited to 10 people, so first come first serve, but we hope to have futures events for a much larger crowd. Margie Wold is taking RSVPs.

Our Summer pool party at Elise Aptaker's house will be held on the evening of August 16th. Our book club will be held at the Shrewsbury Yacht Club on the evening of August 21st.

I’d like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the winners of this year's Sisterhood Scholarship for our graduating seniors. The winners are Alex Austin, Courtney Aptaker and Julia Feigus. All three sent in complete applications explaining their achievements, community service, and especially service to MRT. I want to wish them the best of success in college.

Stay cool, Have fun, and be safe!

Sincerely,     Karen Kahn
It is an honor and a privilege to assume the role of President of MRT. I would first like to thank Zach Gilstein on his successful 2 year term. I would also like to thank my wife Monica, daughters Julia and Kate for sharing me with the MRT community for the next 2 years!!

My goal over the next 2 years is to solidify the MRT Story. What does it mean to be a member at Monmouth Reform Temple? What makes you proud to say “I belong to MRT”? We are a diverse community with many facets, strengths and views about life. It is through these differences and world views that I hope to forge a common thread, a shared story, that encompasses what it means to be a member of Reform Judaism and, specifically, a congregant and family member here at MRT. I am open to all thoughts and welcome your comments and stories. I can be reached at the numbers and email below. I look forward to working together with all of you to refine our community and better live our combined spiritual message.

Jay Feigus
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2017 Hebrew Nationals Softball Schedule

All games are played at 6pm at the AT&T Campus on Laurel Avenue in Middletown

| 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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On Wednesday evening, May 31, MRT hosted Martin Raffel, columnist for the New Jersey Jewish News, co-author with Gil Troy of an article on the Six Day War, 1967, recently appearing in Hadassah magazine, past Vice-Chair of Jewish Affairs at JCPA (Jewish Council for Public Affairs) and current spokesperson for the Israel Action Center of JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America).

Mr. Raffel was invited to speak on the subject of BDS, Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions against Israel. Members of the congregation and guests were joined by several Religious School students who will be going off to college in the near future and have a need to know what they may be facing on a college campus.

The first and most important thing we learned about so-called BDS activity is that it is actually a movement for the DELEGITIMIZATION OF ISRAEL, meaning that Israel does not have a right to exist among the nations. This despite the fact that Israel was established with the blessings of the United Nations in 1948 as a Jewish nation. The BDS movement calls for the “right of return” for millions of Palestinian refugees from the wars of 1948 and 1967 (both fomented by their Arab neighbors) and all of their descendants which would, of course, be the end of Israel as a Jewish nation. Israel is both a Jewish state and a democracy, the only democracy in the Middle East.

This delegitimization of Israel is carried out in the world of governments at the United Nations, with the European Union, with the International Court of Justice, with UNESCO and in the UN Security Council where the only reliable friend in the world for Israel is the United States. It is also being promoted in non-governmental arenas, or civil society, in certain churches, on college campuses, in labor unions, the LGBTQ community, and minority ethnic groups. The movement has broadened its appeal to groups that feel neglected, disrespected, disenfranchised and, in general, disgruntled by the way society is treating them. The conceived ill treatment of certain minority groups such as African Americans, Latinos, feminists find that their cause “intersects” with the treatment by Israel of the Palestinians, thus we have the word “intersectionality” and the movement gains supporters of groups who probably have no real interest in Israel or the Palestinians.

On some college campuses there will be an annual Israel Apartheid Week, likening Israel’s treatment of the Palestinians to South Africa’s Apartheid regime. There is sometimes harassment of Jewish students on campus especially if there is an active chapter called Students for Justice in Palestine. Justice is to be sought for anyone and so the organization with such a title may sound appealing. Its real mission must be understood. Mr. Raffel spoke directly to our students and encouraged them to learn about the issues and how to deal with them through involvement, on campus, with Hillel, AIPAC, JStreet U and other organizations.

And he encouraged all of us, the Jewish community, to be involved with the concerns of other religious and ethnic groups, to build relationships with our neighbors, and to seek social justice for all. We may then find partners who may help us with Israel advocacy and combatting anti-semitism.

Of particular mention were the following references:
Israel Action Network website israelactionnetwork.org
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)
Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)
Videos of events surrounding the Six-Day War www.israelactionnetwork.org
Gan Mazon: MRT’S Garden of Plenty
by David Levinsky, davidlevinsky@optonline.net

Gan Mazon survived its first problem of the young season in the form of severely nibbled plants and eaten seeds caused either by a rabbit or groundhog. The animal or animals were never spotted, but the damage was obvious. Fortunately, the attacked pepper plants appear to be coming back. Several tomato plants were replaced and the squash crop had to be reseeded. Although momentarily disheartening, damage from disease, insects and animals are just inherent to gardening and must be taken in stride.

There are simple cultural remedies, not requiring chemicals, that any gardener can do to reduce potential problems. To limit fungal diseases, it is best to water at the base of each vegetable or fruit plant. It is not advisable to wet leaves. If you must spray with a garden hose, water plants in the morning to give leaves time to dry. It is best to prune leaves touching the ground to keep soil borne diseases from contact with plants. No one likes to weed. A weed preventing technique used in Gan Mazon is to cover the soil with layers of New York Times and Wall Street Journal sized newspaper; then cover the newspaper with salt hay. Remember: Do not use just hay, as it contains unwanted seeds.

A standard cultural remedy requires carrying a small magnifying lens; my lens cost $2.50 on line. Vegetable and fruit plant leaves should be examined frequently for insects. Often, they appear as specks of dirt. Insect movement is too difficult to discern without the aid of a magnifier. Tiny insects can be easily removed with moderate force from a garden hose—another reason for gardening in the morning. With a gloved hand, remove damage causing larger bugs instead of applying chemicals.

Garden debris often becomes home for fungal spores. Fungus can easily infect a plant when spores are projected onto a plant by water from a garden hose. Remove from the soil leaves that fall to the ground on their own or anything pruned.

How is this for a great tip: Rutgers makes available many publications and fact sheets for the home gardener through www.njaes.edu/pubs/. Click on “Gardening and Landscaping”, and then click on “Vegetable and Herb Gardening”. First try accessing my recommended fact sheets below by clicking on the titles.

FS129 Planning a Vegetable Garden (2 pp.)
FS626 Fertilizing the Home Vegetable Garden (4 pp.)

FS678 Growing Tomatoes in the Home Garden (4 pp.)

FS681 Varieties for New Jersey Home Vegetable Gardeners (4 pp.)

FS547 Diagnosing and Controlling Fungal Diseases of Tomato in the Home Garden (4 pp.)

FS011 Blossom-End Rot: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant (2 pp.) Note: Bottom End Rot is a common problem. The condition looks like a disease, but is easily curable.

Have a joyful and safe summer, and happy gardening,

David
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Vision
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Monmouth Reform Temple – Our Spiritual Community - Where We Nurture Meaning in Our Lives

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 Acknowledges with Thanks the Following Contributions:

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**
In Memory Of:
- Henry Greenberg—Roslyn Greenberg
- Joseph Frankel—Anne and Sam Goodman
- Stephen Woodard—Anne and Sam Goodman
- Maurice S. Byck—Ellen and Don Byck
- Howard Fox—Amy Aho
In Honor Of:
- Our daughter Devyn’s Confirmation—Dari and Stephen Kennedy
- Rabbi Kline’s assistance with Simon’s Bar Mitzvah—Joe and Carol Jochnowitz

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In Honor Of:
- Rabbi Sally J. Priesand celebrating her 45th year Anniversary—Dari and Stephen Kennedy

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In Memory Of:
- Martha Vicenzi—Nadine and Gene Vicenzi
In Honor Of:
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- Ellen Goldberg on her retirement—Sharyn and Dean Ross
- Simon Clissold’s Bar Mitzvah to Family Promise—Richard and Sheila Sachs, Ernie Guenzburger and Ellen Rubinstein

**Garden Walkway**
In Memory Of:
- Simon Clissold’s Bar Mitzvah—Lynn Shapiro

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**Save the Dates!**

Welcome Back Shabbat
Friday, September 9th

First Day of Sunday Religious School
Sunday, September 10th

First Day of Wednesday Religious School
Wednesday, September 13th

Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 20th at 7:45pm
Thursday, September 21st at 10am

Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre—Friday, September 29th at 7:45pm
Saturday, September 30th at 10am

SAVE THE DATE!
July Yahrtzeits (read date based on when they occur)

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

Names to be Read on Friday, July 14th (Services at 6pm)

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

Names to be Read on Friday, July 28th (Services at 6pm)

*Indicates that a Memorial Plaque is hanging in the MRT sanctuary ensuring that their yahrtzeit will be observed in perpetuity. Plaques can be purchased by contacting the MRT office. They are hung on the side walls of the sanctuary. Space is available on both walls. Cost per plaque is $400.

The Congregation mourns the loss of Joseph Frankel
May his memory be a blessing

The Congregation mourns the loss of Stephen Woodard
May his memory be a blessing

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

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

- Zach and Sheila Gilstein on the marriage of their son Jeremy to Lila Corby on June 3, 2017

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Susan Frankel on the loss of her husband Joseph
- Toby Woodard on the loss of her husband Stephen

Zach and Sheila Gilstein on the marriage of their son Jeremy to Lila Corby on June 3, 2017

The Congregation mourns the loss of Joseph Frankel
May his memory be a blessing

The Congregation mourns the loss of Stephen Woodard
May his memory be a blessing
August Yahrtzeits (read date based on when they occur)

Names to be Read on Friday, August 4th (Services at 6pm)

Names to be Read on Friday, August 11th (Services at 7pm)—at the Beach—Seven Pres Park

Names to be Read on Friday, August 18th (Services at 6pm)

Names to be Read on Friday, August 25th (Services at 6pm)

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

Have you purchased a Brick on our Walkway yet?

In HONOR of:
Graduations, Weddings, Anniversaries Confirmations, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Special Birthdays, etc.

In MEMORY Of:
Those you love. Or other wording you desire.
Then you and others will enjoy seeing them while walking the path when at Temple.
Purchases by individuals or groups are welcome $100/brick, 5 bricks for $400.

Please contact the MRT office for more information!
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