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Monmouth Reform Temple
The More Torah, The More Life
מרבח תורה, מרבח חיים

Shabbat Services

Friday, September 1st
6pm Shabbat Services

Friday, September 8th
Welcome Back Shabbat
5:45pm Dinner
7pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, September 9th
10am Jason Stern Bar Mitzvah

Friday, September 15th
7pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 16th
10am Jared Uklist Bar Mitzvah

Friday, September 22nd
7pm Shabbat Services

Friday, September 29th
7:45pm Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 30th
Yom Kippur
10am Morning Service
2pm Family Service
3pm Afternoon Program
4:45pm Yizkor
5:30pm Closing Service/Neilah

Friday, October 6th
6pm Shabbat Services
Bring your own dinner in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 7th
10am Bar Mitzvah of Aaron and Joshua
Szitanko

Friday, October 13th
6pm Simchat Torah and Consecration

Saturday, October 14th
10am Bat Mitzvah of Ryan Lindner

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

Our live streaming link can be found on our
home page at

Monmouth Reform Temple High Holy Days 2017/5778

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 16th at 7pm
Video "Making of a Mensch" followed by conversation about
character building and improvement
Following the film (approx. 8pm) Join with our choir in prayer
and introspection at our Selichot Service.
Refreshments will be provided.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH (Evening before)
Wednesday, September 20th at 7:45 pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Thursday, September 21st
Morning Service 10:00 am
Family (Children's) Service 3:00 pm
Followed by a walk to Tashlich 4:00 pm

KOL NIDREI (Yom Kippur Eve)
Friday, September 29th at 7:45pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY—Saturday, September 30th
Morning Service 10:00 am
Family (Children's) Service 2:00 pm
Yom Kippur Afternoon Program 3:00 pm
Yizkor Service 4:45 pm
Closing Service/Neilah 5:30 pm

Yom Kippur Afternoon Session

Saturday, September 30th from 3pm-4:30pm—There are three options:

Meditation and Motion Experience—Conducted by Doreen Laperdon-Addison
Explore the journey into inner peace and sanctuary through a guided mediation and
worship experience

A Look at Job and His Friends' Advice—Conducted by Sam Goodman
Job is one of the more complex books of the Bible. Job faces a series of trials and
tests of faith. We will look at the advice he gets from his close friends and discuss
the value of his counsel.

An Interfaith Dialogue About Faith and Forgiveness
Conducted by Rabbi Marc Kline and Friends

Experience faithful approaches to forgiveness and healing in a variety of religious
contexts. In a time when public rhetoric and fear serves to drive people apart, we
find it important to know just how much we have in common.

Yizkor (Memorial Service) at 4:45 pm

Closing Service (Neilah) at 5:30 pm

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.



OPEN HOUSE SHABBAT

Friday, September 8th

Catered Dinner is On Us!

Then stay for Shabbat Services

Catered buffet dinner at 5:45pm

(select wines will be provided)

Family-friendly Services at 7pm

All congregants and their children are invited!

There is no charge for this event

Please RSVP to the MRT office

so we can appropriately plan

732-747-9365

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2017: A Year of Anniversaries

Sunday, September 17th

2-3:30pm

**From the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration to the
50th Anniversary of the 6-Day War and more...**

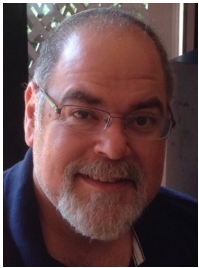
Speaker: Martin Raffel
Project Director of the Israel Action Network, JFNA



This event is open to the entire community. Please let us know you are coming.

Please call or email your RSVP to the MRT Office
info@monmouthreformtemple.org 732-747-9365

From Rabbi Marc Kline



It is time! It is time to get back to school! It is time to get back to schul! It is time to put summer behind (sort of) and to make plans for the coming year. For some, this is a milestone year. This may be the first year without children or without a sacred partner at home. For some (like us), this is the last year with a child at home. For most people, it is another year. The question we all have to face is this, "Mah nishtanah ha-shanah hazot micol ha-shanot (What makes this year different from all other years?)."

I would like to think that this year, with all of the rhetoric flowing that separates us, we can figure out how to become less distracted; how to return from our exile from each other. We experienced a year when, because of a horrifically divisive electoral campaign, our nation began to rip apart. We all let it happen. In fact, many of us (on all sides) blindly participated in it. In light of the recent "Civil War" statue controversies, I had to take a step back and remember the last time that we allowed brothers to point weapons at each other on opposing sides of the battlefield. You know, no political dispute is worth what we have let happen. In this country built on diversity, so many seem to now believe that if you don't agree with them, you have no value as a human. I am not willing to relive the Civil War. This year needs to be different.

It is time to right the ship. It is time to get "undistracted." We can disagree and still love and respect each other. So, welcome into the new year, may it bring us hope and joy, and back into each other's grace.

Lobby Tzedakah Box

September 2017

Family Promise—Cardboard Box City
Co-sponsored by Jay and Kay Wiesenfeld



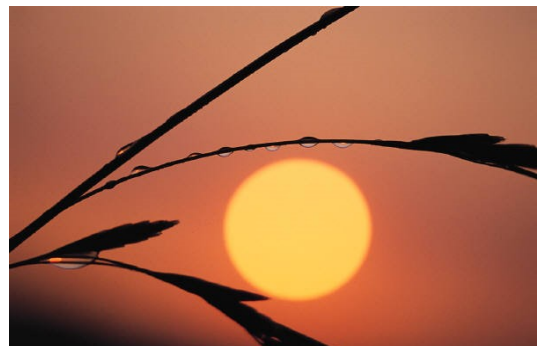
ANNUAL MITZVAH BAG & LOBBY FOOD WALL

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

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

Flyers attached your bag with suggested donations.

Rise and Shine!
Celebrate Sukkot with MRT
Sunrise Service
Thursday, October 5th at 6:30am
Followed by Bagels and Coffee in the Sukkah



From Cantor Gabrielle Clissold



Summer at the Jersey Shore is always amazing. We are so fortunate to live in a place where people choose to vacation! The problem is for us “locals” that it adds traffic and at the same time this traffic is good for our local economy. There is always the “bitter and the sweet” in life. Often the best times in our lives are bracketed by some of the largest challenges. Very rarely is anything ever “perfect.” This is why when things are wonderful—we have to celebrate those moments and truly appreciate all that we have.

In the book “I, Robot” by Isaac Asimov we see the futuristic possibility of a whole world of robots who will do everything for us. In his construct we can even have robots do our “worrying” for us. If we could live in a world where everything challenging can be given away for a robot to handle... I asked myself, “What would I give away?” And then I thought...Should one give away every struggle and challenge—is that really a life?

As the High Holy Day’s approach we start the process of Cheshbon Hanefesh; a checklist of our soul. What can we give away that isn’t helpful? What should we change in order to truly be our best selves? After you have conquered a challenge isn’t life that much more meaningful? Aren’t the best things in life inevitably what we had to work hardest to accomplish? We don’t need a robot to carry our load. We need moments of prayer and reflection during the High Holy Days to sift through our choices and do better in the days to come!

L’shanah Tovah U’mtukah! May this coming year be a year of sweetness and good!



MRT will be at the Red Bank Street Fair Sunday, Sept 10th, 11am-5pm WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Engage with our wider community
How Can YOU Participate?*

- 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) or the MRT office (info@monmouthreformtemple.org)

Time slots for Volunteers:

- 9:30am - 11am: set-up
- 11am - 1pm: booth duty
- 1pm - 3 pm: booth duty
- 3pm - 5 pm: booth duty
- 5pm - 5:30pm: take-down

Help plan, set-up, or staff the booth

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From Stephanie Fields, Religious School Principal

Welcome back from summer! The final details of the school year are falling into place and we are looking into a year full of compassionate and active learning. ולפני עור לא תתן מכשל "Do not place a stumbling block before the blind" is a commandment, מצוה found in Leviticus 19:14. During the school year, our children will grapple with the many facets of this phrase in addition to four other highlighted values of the year. You can find these 5 values highlighted on the bulletin boards in the school on the first floor. On the first day of school, each grade will participate in opening activities designed to share how each of us has something that is easy and something that is hard. Children will focus on how we can best support each other in our Kehilah Kedoshah, holy community. Later in the year, we will focus on how we are being proactive in removing stumbling blocks between individuals, groups, and in the larger society.



UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

If you have not already sent in your registration paperwork, please do so immediately so we are properly prepared for your children on the first day of school.

I thank Mrs. Sheila Leavitt and Mr. Jeremy Kaplan for their dedication and commitment to our children's Jewish education. I wish them the best of luck this upcoming year and hope to see them around. Please join me in welcoming Dror Lavan moving from 5th/6th Judaics to 9th Grade this year. Marci Rubin will be the 8th grade teacher. We also welcome Lindsey Skerker transitioning from working in the office to 4th Grade on Sundays and Wednesdays and will be working with our 4th-6th graders in the Reading and Recording Room.

The school is offering a transitional program for Pre-K (4-year-old) children and their parents called "Keshet Kids". The first half hour of each session is combined with Bagels & Blocks. Then the children will head to their own classroom to spend an hour with a teacher following our play-based Jewish curriculum. This program is \$100 for the year and open to anyone raising a Jewish child. Registration is required.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, September 5 5:00pm-8:30pm - Madrichim and Faculty Jewish Educator's Conference at EBJC
 Sunday, September 10 9:30am - First Sunday! Parents and guardians are encouraged to join us until 10:30am
 Wednesday, September 13 4:00pm/5:30pm - First Wednesday and Hebrew Boot Camp! 4th Grade Parent Meeting, 7th Grade Parent Meeting
 Sunday, September 17 9:30am/12:15pm - Bagels & Blocks, Keshet Kids, MA Mini-Trip/Madrichim Meeting
 Wednesday, September 20 - NO SCHOOL, Rosh HaShanah Erev Services begin at 7:45pm
 Sunday, September 24 9:30am - K/1 Family Education
 Wednesday, September 27 4pm - Hebrew Boot Camp
 Sunday, October 1 9:30am - Religious School

Welcome New Members!



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Summary of July and August Board of Trustees meetings: Mark Gruensfelder, Recording Secretary

Synopsis of the August 15th Board Meeting

It's been a while since I've had to write one of these synopses. Hope everyone has had a nice summer. And there is more summer to go!

This was the second Board Meeting with Jay Feigus as MRT President. Unlike many of his predecessors (in particular, yours truly) Jay's meetings are short! Each has somehow completed in less than 1 ½ hours! And the shorter the meeting, the shorter the meeting minutes, making me happy.



OK, now down to the hard facts. As is typical, Board Members had the opportunity to express their appreciation for MRT accomplishments. The recent Beach Service (Friday, Aug. 11) was the hands-down winner! But, not to be denied, appreciation was expressed for Scott Schneider elected as Men's Club President, MRT's Live Streaming technology, Margie Wold for hosting a Social Action brainstorming session at her house, and even for the opportunity to bid on (and win!) Yankees tickets in last year's Fashion Show fund-raising event.

Between the most recent Executive Committee meeting and this Board Meeting, members and clergy identified around 30 "goals for the year". One heavily repeated theme was to increase congregational participation in our events and services. Jay Feigus plans to cull these goals into a manageable and present them to the Board for comment at the next Board meeting.

During the meeting, the Board approved two new member families: Lia & David Hecht (Lincroft) and Jay & Jayme Lowenstein (Holmdel). We welcome these families to MRT!

Finally – and most importantly – the Board approved the details of, and prepared to sign, a 3 year full-time contract with Religious School Principal Stephanie Fields. This bodes well for the MRT and its Religious School; we wish the best of success for Stephanie with this new contract.

*Mark Gruensfelder,
MRT Recording Secretary*



SAVE THE DATE!

MRT MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, October 29th

POSTCARDS will be mailed shortly

Lots of information is forthcoming.

Everyone (Kids, Adults, Families) will have a way to participate!

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

The MRT Sukkah is open for all to enjoy.

Help the Men's Club build the MRT Sukkah
Sunday, October 1st at 8:30am

Sukkot Sunrise Service
Thursday, October 5th at 6:30am

Sisterhood in the Sukkah
Thursday, October 5th at 6:30pm

Shabbat Services at 6pm followed by BYO
Sukkah Dinner
Friday, October 6th—Services at 6pm
Dinner follows



Sukkot Open House
at Rabbi Kline and Lori's
Saturday, October 7th
5-8pm
Havdalallah at 6:30pm

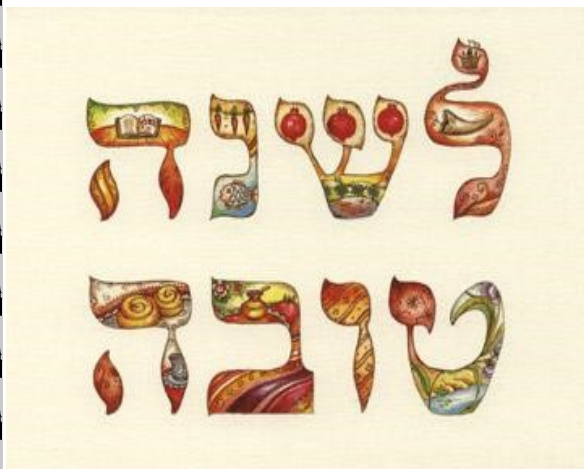
**CONSECRATION &
SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

Friday, October 13th at 6pm
Celebrate the completion of another Torah cycle
Music! Fun! Dancing!
Our newest Religious School students will be consecrated.

Shanah Tovah!

As we prepare to welcome new year 5778,
the Ritual Committee is seeking greeters to
welcome guests and congregants attending
our High Holy Day services.

Please email Harry Hillson:
harryh95@aol.com

**Selichot Program and Service**

Saturday, September 16th

7pm Short Video and Discussion

After we view the video "Making of a Mensch" we will engage in conversation about character building and improvement

8pm Service with Choir

From the President, Jay Feigus Email: feigus1006@gmail.com



It is that time for me to write to everyone again. It is a time to reflect, a new year is upon us, what will we change, what will we do differently? How can we improve upon that which we have done already?

In researching this, one can find an infinite number of quotes, mantras, reflections, ideologies on how to approach a new beginning, a fresh start. How can I be a better member of MRT, how can I contribute more?

One quote that kept coming up was from Mary Pickford and it goes something like this,

“You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call failure, is not the falling down, but the staying down.”

A fine quote at face value and motivating for many, but why does a “fresh start” have to come after failure? Why can’t we decide to have a new beginning at any time? Why does it have to be upon this idea of falling short? Why can’t we take our actions and change them, or redirect them, solely for the purpose of finding a new path, taking a different run, trying something out of our norm for growth?

This is what I propose. Let’s take this time of year, clearly a time of reflection for many different reasons, and make it a time to take a new turn. Really embrace the “fresh start” idea of many of these mantras, and do something fantastic with it. Focus on the new possibilities, instead of possible missed opportunities. My hope is that you renew your engagement with MRT. Focus your involvement with Reform Judaism and challenge it. Let it grow and expand. If one of us grows, we all do, collectively.

I don’t condemn any one of us for a “failure” on our individual paths in life. But, I do applaud those that choose to seek out a new trail, take on new responsibilities, venture out of their comfort zones. My hope is that we focus less on perceived “failures” and more on opportunities that lay before us.

*For what it’s worth:
It’s never too late or, in my case, too early
To be whatever you want to be.
There’s no time limit,
Stop whenever you want.
You can change or stay the same,
There are no rules to this thing.
We can make the best or the worst of it.
I hope you make the best of it.
And I hope you see things that startle you.
I hope you feel things you never felt before.
I hope you meet people with a different point of view.
I hope you live a life you’re proud of.
If you find that you’re not,
I hope you find the strength
To start all over again.
—F. Scott Fitzgerald*

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Announcing the 2017 High Holy Days Appeal

We are excited to announce this year's High Holy Days Appeal and ask that you contribute. The Appeal helps close the gap between the total annual Fair Share Pledge Commitments (Sustaining Level=\$2200 on average) and our operating costs. More important, your HHDA gift will allow us to continue building our spiritual community, enriching the spiritual lives of our young people, and broadening outreach and impact in the larger community.

Make this the year when you increase your generosity and reach one of our giving circles. They are: Double Chai > \$3600, Torah >\$5000, and Sinai >\$10,000. The circles are based on all your financial gifts to MRT. Membership investment and HHDA are foundational for our work, and all contributions matter, size DOES NOT matter but participation definitely does. Our goal continues to be 100% participation. Is it possible to achieve that? Of course it is and 5778 is the year to finally do it. If you have not contributed to the HHDA before, please consider doing it this year.

MRT's programming and offerings for spirituality, lifelong Jewish learning, social action and socialization are extensive. Our Vision of Open Doors, Open Minds signifies our commitment to building a Jewish community in which every member can find a portal that satisfies her or his personal needs or interests to live a more meaningful Jewish life. We offer a wide variety of Shabbat Services (e.g. First Fridays, Beach Services, Justice Weekend Service) and beautiful High Holy Day services and programs. We celebrate our holidays in ways involving our entire community. We engage folks in wonderful Adult Education Enrichment programs as well as weekly Torah Study. We have upgraded our Religious School and now have a full-time Principal Stephanie Fields and in the past year we celebrated 22 B'Nai Mitzvahs! We are heavily involved in numerous Tikkum Olam initiatives, including our upcoming Mitzvah Day on October 29th. We have a variety of social activities, thanks to our strong Sisterhood, Men's Club, and fun fund-raising activities (e.g. MRT Rocks the Runway Fashion Show). During the past year we gained 18 new member families and 20 charter members in our Life & Legacy Program. And last but certainly not least we are blessed to have the energetic, creative, spiritual, and stable clergy leadership of Rabbi Kline (who's contract we recently renewed) and Cantor Clissold.

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

We thank you in advance for your 2017-18 HHDA gift in support of our MRT community.

Mark Gruensfelder and Joel Morgovsky, HHDA Co-Chairs

SISTERHOOD, Karen Kahn, President

Dear Sistahs,

Where did the summer go???

Just wanted to write a really quick note to wish you and your loved ones a Shana Tova! A year filled with good health and happiness!

Please keep an eye out for mail from us to update membership and get a glimpse of what's going on this coming year.

Best to you all,
Karen Kahn, Sisterhood President

**Join MRT Sisterhood at the
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
Point Pleasant Beach
Sunday, October 15th**

8am Registration

9am Opening Ceremony

9:40am Warm up

10am The Walk Begins

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

Type in <https://tinyurl.com/yanbkg7o> to reach the Sisterhood registration page.

Once you join the MRT Sisterhood team you can have donations posted to the team or your individual page.



Gan Mazon: MRT'S Garden of Plenty

by David Levinsky, davidlevinsky@optonline.net



Today, August 17, was a typical morning in the garden. The garden's pool of volunteers consists of temple members and two non-member master gardeners, Gloria Gross and Sue Malmi. Since May 24, twenty-one people have volunteered in the garden at some point, a few only once, others two or three times, and several five or six. Some choose to garden on their own, others prefer the comradery of our regular Thursday morning get togethers. The average time spent in the garden is two hours on any one morning. Everyone is welcome regardless of their gardening skill level; there is always something to do, even for helpers with bad knees or an aversion to insects.

Today's volunteers included Zach Gilstein, Susan St. Lifer, Elise Aptaker, Gloria Gross (my co-director), Doreen Laperdon-Addison, and me. This morning was spent harvesting and weighing produce. Zach Gilstein, our immediate Past President, arrived at 7:00 am to weed and harvest before changing into his business attire around 8:00 to head off to work.



At left, Gloria is surveying our squash patch for deliverable candidates. 13.5 lbs. were picked this morning from the MRT garden; however, Gloria contributed 12 lbs. to our total from her own garden. At right, Sue is patiently harvesting beans from the plants that she planted on May 24.



Beans are popular with many clients, although too light to add much to our season's total poundage. Below left, I am examining our tomatillo crop for insects and disease. Happily, this distant tomato relative usually grows trouble free. At right, Elise is removing ripe cherry tomatoes for delivery, after first snipping off several pounds of peppers.

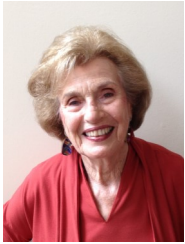
All in all, this was a very productive morning. I brought tomatoes from my garden weighing 12.25 lbs. In addition to squash, Gloria included tomatoes and cucumbers from her garden for a 37-lb. total. Gan Mazon rounded out the morning's effort with 68.5 lbs. of its own for a one-day total of 117.75 lbs.



Gan Mazon is fortunate in having Barbara Miller and Doreen sharing the job of delivering our produce every Thursday morning to the Jewish Family & Children's Service's non-sectarian food pantry. Today, our beans, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes and squash were loaded into Doreen's car destined for grateful families in Monmouth County. (Gan Mazon does take a committed temple membership to feed the needy.)



Best wishes to all, David

From Eleanor Rubin, Israel Affairs Chair**How we Feel About Israel**

Full disclosure: I love Israel . My youngest son made Aliyah 35 years ago. I have 5 Israeli grandchildren and 2, almost 3 Israeli great grandchildren. I have been supportive of Israel, through a N.J.Federation for many years, especially in the development of the Negev.

And so it pains me to learn of the current situations embroiling Israeli society. Three recent events have caused me to feel both anger and sadness. First, a change to egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall has been fought over for several years. Recently, after much controversy, a plan was proposed to establish an egalitarian area for those who chose to pray that way. The change was promised to take place but was summarily canceled by the Prime Minister probably bowing to pressure from the Ultra-Orthodox hierarchy. Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism called the decision “unconscionable”. In Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) took out an ad in major Israeli newspapers “slamming” Prime Minister Netanyahu’s decision to suspend the previous agreement to establish an egalitarian space for men and women. When visiting the Western Wall, we as Reform Jews are subject to the discriminatory practice of separating men from women, even as families wish to pray together. This distressful situation probably keeps many folks away from the Wall.

Second, a lengthy and brilliant article by Israeli Daniel Gordis, Senior Vice-President at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem entitled “Israelis don’t care that you’re insulted: An open letter to American Jews” caused me to feel both offended and irate. American/ Israeli relationships have weakened in recent years as Israel goes the way it must and we, here at home wish they would change their policies. Gordis points out dispassionately the changes in attitude as we, here in America read news from abroad. He says Americans “feel pride in Israel’s extraordinary accomplishments, worry when Israel faces frightening threats, and feel ashamed when Israel makes bad decisions.” But the fact is that “we don’t have skin in the game.” We re not sending our children to risk their lives to protect their towns and villages. Many Israelis want to end the occupation and are working toward that end but the risks that that will entail are too well known to those on the ground.

Gordis wants, on the one hand, for us to butt out when it comes to policies affecting security of the country, and on the other hand to be totally engaged in caring about Israel, urging that democracy in civil life is safeguarded and remembering that, in the long run, we are all family members of Jewish peoplehood, despite our differences. The third, and most shocking bit of news out of Israel that caused me to be disgusted was the report that the Chief Rabbinate in Israel has blacklisted 160 Rabbis from around the world as being unfit to approve Jewish and marital status. Some of the Rabbis named are Orthodox and others are from other strains. Several local New Jersey Rabbis have been named. After the sense of shock, this felt almost ludicrous to me. This story is not over and is probably causing much backlash among Rabbis and their communities. We will stay tuned to learn the final outcome of this astonishing and “unthinkable” act.

But I still love Israel. I am constantly amazed at its accomplishments, the spirit of its people and its can-do and will-do attitudes. We, here at home, need to keep an open mind about the life of this remarkable country, situated in a dangerous neighborhood , and remembering that with all of our differences, we are all in the same family.

Men's Club, Scott Schneider, President

Hello male members of MRT,

As the new President of the MRT Men's Club, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year!

MRT Men's Club promotes camaraderie and Judaism among MRT males, harmony and spirit in our temple, and acts as a service arm to our congregation and community.

I am inviting you to become a member of our Men's Club.

Some of our events and programs include:

Sukkah Set Up / Take Down • Beer Fest / Beer Run • Bar / Bat Mitzvah Gift Presenters • Attending Sports Events at Local Bars • Dinner in the Sukkah • Fund Raising Events • Family Based Activities / Meet-Ups • High Holy Day Ushers / Greeters • Mother's Day Celebration • Softball Team • Charitable Events • Participation in Mitzvah Day • Joining Sisterhood on Various Events • Supporting Our Religious School • Supporting Our Youth Group • Assist in the Red Bank Street Fair • Golf / Sailing Outings • Vendor Day • Poker Games • Social Gatherings • Guest Speakers

In order for us to continue these events and programs – and more, we need your support: a little of your time, your ideas and enthusiasm, and yes a little gelt. Suggested annual donations are \$36.00.

Your Men's Club donations (check payable to MRT Men's Club) can be:

Dropped off at the MRT office · Mailed to MRT · Submitted via the MRT website · Brought to a Men's club meeting

Meetings will be held once a month, our first meeting will be:

Tuesday, September 12, 7 PM in the MRT library

****Pizza will be served, if you would like you can also bring a snack or your favorite beverage****

Going forward, the planned schedule for our meetings will be:

Odd months: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Even Months: 2nd Sunday of the month 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Note: Ushers are still needed for the High Holy Days, to volunteer contact Bob Gabel at rgabel48@aol.com
Building of the Sukkah will be Sunday, October 1 at 8:00 AM (donuts and coffee will be on site)

Golf Outing, Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 PM, contact Zach Gilstein at zachmate2@gmail.com or 908-216-8220
Thank you for your support!!

Scott Schneider
MRT Men's Club President
srsgroup25@gmail.com



Men's Club Annual Sukkah Building

Sunday, October 1st at 8:00am—(donuts and coffee on site!)

And when the holidays are over help us take it down- Sunday, October 15th at 9:30am

Mazel Tov to our upcoming B'nai Mitzvahs!



Jason Stern will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 9th.

Jason enjoys skiing and hiking. He plays drums and performs in rock shows. He is learning guitar. He likes to learn about new things and particularly computer science. He has a passion for protecting the environment and especially sea turtles. He looks forward to his Bar Mitzvah and graduating middle school in the spring.

Mazel Tov to Jason and his family!

Hi, my name is Jared Uklist. I go to Maple Place Middle School, and I've just started 8th grade. I play drums and am in the Jazz Band and Charger bands at school. I also play on the rec soccer team. In my free time I like to play video games, listen to music and read. I'm interested acting, and hope to be in this year's school play.

Jared will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 16th. Mazel Tov to Jared and his family!!



Ryan Lindner will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on October 14, 2017. Mazel Tov to Ryan and her family!

Ryan is a student at Thompson Middle School in Middletown. She is energetic and fun loving.

She has a passion for Broadway musicals, animals and enjoys cheerleading.

She is a loyal friend and stands up for the underdog.

She would like to thank all those who have helped her prepare and get ready for this special day, especially the Rabbi and Cantor.



Aaron and Josh Szitanko will celebrate their B'nai Mitzvahs on Saturday, October 7th at 10am. Mazel Tov to Aaron, Josh and their family!

Hi my name is Aaron Szitanko. I am a 7th grader at Thompson Middle school. I love sports and play baseball, basketball and football competitively. I have a twin brother Joshua and a younger sister, Emma.

My favorite sports teams are the Yankees and the Giants.

Hi my name is Joshua Szitanko and I am a 7th grader at Thomson Middle School. I am a member of the men's gymnastics team at Premier gymnastics and I also play baseball and football. In my free time I like to relax and hang out with friends. In the future I hope to become a Physical Therapist.

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

- Joan Leeds on the loss of her daughter Nancy Leeds

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

- Sharon Baron and David Shur on their marriage



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 or Cantor just prior to services.

*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.

Yahrtzeits (read date based on when they occur)**Names to be Read on Friday, September 1st (Services at 6pm)**

Theodore Atlas, *Ann Baron, Penrose Berman, *Isaac Blonder, *Bernard Goldberg, Fay Grand, Samuel Haratz, David Jones, *Frieda Jung, Lillian Davis Kaswiner, Edward Keezer, *Karen Kleinman, *Leonard Kleinman, August Knop, *Lillian Kohn, *Eve Leppel, Alan Lowenstein, Milton Mausner, Milton Stone, Louis Tiplitz, Anita Uhrmacher, Morris Yellenberg

Names to be Read on Friday, September 8th (Services at 7pm)

Grace Arnold, Doris Boxman, *Ann Bregman, Herman Burns, *Clayton Fishman, Edward Gold, *Bella Gruensfelder, Anna Haran, Meyer Heyman, Morris Kalkstein, Isadore Levin, Benjamin Lissner, Jr. *David Marks, *Stanley Elliot Mitchell, William Palmer, Israel Ruby, *Richard Salomon, *Gloria St. Lifer, Seth Tobias, *Bob Woolf, *Michael Yagoda, Mildred Zaslowe

Names to be Read on Friday, September 15th (Services at 7pm)

*Harriet Austin, Gerald Baker, Gerald Baker, Mae Danzig, Leah Epstein, *Cynthia G. Feigus, *Donald L. Fink, Eva Fryman, Florence Ganz, Lester Gutterman, Cheryl Bergson Horowitz, Anna Jarvis, *Roberta Kirsch, *Sid Komar, *Oscar Kurry, Alice Loebel, Robert Maurer, *Harold Mausner, Sidney Melnick, Sam Mink, John Potter, Todd Richman, *Rosalie Rosin, Florence Chatin Schlenoff, Michael Schneider, *Gladys Pfeffer Simms, Jeff Smith, Allan Sobelman, Robert Steiner, *Irene Tuchband, Alice Walker

Names to be Read on Friday, September 22nd (Services at 7pm)

Roslyn Berkowitz, *Stella Bernstein, *Sonya Brecker, Sheldon Chaplowitz, Brandon Dowler, *Morris Dworkin, *Philip Falk, *Warren Feigus, Esther Kornitzky, *Lillian Lane, Gertrude L. Marx, Dorothy Merchasin, *Blume R. Miller, Elaine Miller, Jessie Miller, Gilda Moss, Walter Peskoe, Robert Rekedal, *Anne Rogovin, *Ruth Rothman, Susan Sachs, Daniel B. Salomon, *Gilbert H. Salomon, David Spector, Marion Spumberg

Names to be Read on Friday, September 29th Kol Nidre (Services at 7:45pm)

Geri Bernard, Lynn DiMatteo, Babette Kaltenbacher Flaum, *Roslyn Falk Garin, Esther Hauser, Abraham Hirsh Goldenberg, Barbara Hollander, Solomon Kahn, Linh Katz, Renee Kaye, David Kornitzky, *Abram Kridel, Alex Messinger, Janet Ruston, *Herman Solomon, *Martha Weinberg, *George Welner

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

Irene Baderman, Arnold Burns, *Charles Cooper, *Stanley Familant, *Louis Feinman, Frank Froelich, *Frances Gettelson, *Herbert Ginzburg, Ruth Goldenberg, Heinz Guenzburger, Manley Gutterman, Murry Horowit, *Ludwig L. Jacobi, Richard Kaye, *Henry Kipnis, Edward Leimberg, Faye Morer, Stanley Pearlman, Elaine Roffman, Shelley Stern, *Michael Weiss, *Max David Weissman, Audrey Wertheim

Names to be Read on Friday, October 13th (Services at 6pm)

*Ruth Brenner, Maxine Byck, Bernard Cohen, Jim Cook, Charles Michael Ferraro, Sadie Finkelstein, Betty Henken, Frederick Jones, *Suzanne Kretzmer, *Miriam Kridel, Lynn Lowenstein, Frances McNew, Paul Rapisardi, Renee Schoen, *Greta Singer, Bernice Spiegelman, Ezra Ure, David Weiner, *Murray Weiss

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September 2017

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*Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed**Thu**Fri**Sat***3****4**

Office Closed

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7pm Exec Comm

67:30pm Monmouth
Civic Chorus
(MCC)**7**6:30pm Shofar
Blowers
7:45pm Choir**1**12pm Office
closing
3:45pm Shabbat @
Chelsea
6pm Shabbat
Services**2**9am Shabbat
Service
9:30am Torah
Talks Study
Session**8**1pm Office Closing
3:45pm Shabbat @
Chelsea
5:45pm Welcome
back Shabbat
Dinner
7pm Shabbat
Services**9**9am Shabbat
Service
9:30am Torah
Talks Study
Session
10am Bar Mitzvah
of Jason Stern
6pm Jr. Youth in
Library**10**9am-5pm Red Bank
Street Fair
9:30am Rel School**11**Office Closed
7pm Orchid
Society**12**9:45am Study
Group
7pm Men's Club
7:45pm Choir**13**4pm Rel School
5:30pm 4th grade
Parent
5:30pm 7th grade
parent
6pm Shofar
7pm Ritual
7:30pm MCC**14**7:30pm Men's
Club Poker
7:45pm Choir**15**1pm Office Closing
7pm Shabbat
Services
CARDBOARD
BOX CITY**16**9am Shabbat
Service
9:30am Torah
Talks Study
Session
10am Jared Uklist
Bar Mitzvah
7pm Selichot
Program
8pm Selichot
Service**17**8:30am Sis Meet &
Greet
9:30am Rel School
9:30am Bagels and
Blocks
9:30am MA Mini
trip
12:15pm
Madrichim
2pm Martin Raffel
Adult Ed
5pm 10th Gr Parent
meeting**18**

Office Closed

199:45am Study
Group
7pm Board
Meeting
7:45pm Choir**20**NO Rel School
7:45pm Rosh
Hashanah Eve**21****ROSH
HASHANAH**
10am Morning
Serv
3pm Family Serv
4pm Walk to
Tashlich**22****Office Closed**
3:45pm Shabbat @
Chelsea
7pm Shabbat
Services**23**9am Shabbat
Service
9:30am Torah
Talks Study
Session**24**9:30am Rel School
9:30am K/1 Family
Ed
12:15pm Smarty
12:15pm Faculty**25**

Office Closed

269:45am Study
Group
7:45pm Choir
Rehearsal**27**4pm Rel School
7:30pm MCC**28**7:45pm Choir
Rehearsal**29**

7:45pm Kol Nidre

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

First Half of October 2017

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| Oct 1 8:00am Men's Club Sukkah Bldg 9:30am Rel School 1pm Men's Club Golf Outing | 2 Office Closed 7:15pm Sis Book Club offsite | 3 9:45am Study Group 7pm Exec Comm | 4 4pm Rel School 7:30pm MCC | 5 Office Closed Sukkot 6:30am Sunrise Service 6pm Sis in the Sukkah | 6 Office Closed 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services Bring your own dinner in the Sukkah | 7 9am Shabbat Service 9:30am Torah Talks Study Session 10am B'nai Mitzvah of Aaron and Joshua Sztanko 11am Smarty Apple picking 5pm Rabbi Kline and Lori Sukkah Open House |
| 8 9:30am Rel School 9:30am Men's Club 9:30am 7th grade Family Ed 12pm Jr. Youth in Sukkah 12:15pm Madrichim | 9 Office Closed | 10 9:45am Study Group | 11 4pm Rel School 7pm Ritual 7:30pm MCC | 12 Office Closed Simchat Torah 7:15pm Membership 7:30pm Men's Club Poker | 13 Office Closed 6pm Consecration and Simchat Torah celebration | 14 9am Shabbat Service 9:30am Torah Talks Study Session 10am Bat Mitzvah of Ryan Lindner 6pm SMaRTY 8th grade bowling |

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