When attending services, and 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.
Got Stuff?
Drop it off and Make it Count!

The Mitzvah Day Committee is sponsoring
MRT DONATION DAYS
During the month of October

It’s time to clean out those closets or go shopping for a good cause!

During the entire month of October, MRT will be collecting:

- Gently used and new coats
  for men, women, and children for Family Resources Agency in Shrewsbury
- Eyeglasses
  for the Lions Club
- Old cellphones
  for local police departments
- New socks of all sizes
  for Holiday Express

Boxes will be set up for donations in the lobby closet.
Hangers will also be in the back of the closet for the coats.

Please take a few minutes to make a difference in someone’s life!

Mitzvah Day will take place on Sunday, October 29th...watch emails for information!
Festive Fun and Gifts for the Whole Family!

HOLIDAY VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
9AM TO 3PM

Monmouth Reform Temple, 332 Hance Ave., Tinton Falls, NJ

FREE ADMISSION

Featuring Local Vendors, Artisans and Crafters
Woodwork, Yarn Crafts, Trendy Clothing,
Photography, Jewelry, Fashion Accessories,
Essential Oils, Soaps, Candles, Handbags ... AND MUCH MORE!

Breakfast and Lunch Café
Chance Auction - over 40 items!!

Contact: Monmouth Reform Temple, www.monmouthreformtemple.org, 732-747-9365
Join us as we celebrate
Hanukkah and Women Heroes
Thursday, November 30
7-9PM
Where:
Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County,
310 Mounts Corner Drive,
Freehold
Presented by the Jewish Federation’s Women’s Philanthropy

Come celebrate Hag HaBanot (Festival of our Daughters) as part of our Hanukkah celebration led by Cantor Gabrielle Clissold from Monmouth Reform Temple.
Please bring toiletries and baby products to donate to the Women’s Aware Shelter.
We will share our stories and family Hanukkah traditions. Please bring a menorah to light.
Couvert: $36 per person, includes latkes & dessert
Dietary laws observed
RSVP by November 15: jewishheartnj.org/latkes
Contact:
Lisa Adler
lisaa@jewishheartnj.org
732-588-1800
Yom Hodu sameach! Literally, this translates two ways. The first, and more common, is Happy Turkey Day (Thanksgiving)! November is the month of this great holiday in American culture. Yes, we have whitewashed the holiday a little. I am not completely sure that the Pilgrims and “Indians” were that cozy, or that the Pilgrims had much respect for the life, well-being, or dignity of the indigenous population. However, folklore reminds us that we should find a way to share and get along ... and build community, whatever the original story. I do not like the history, I love the attempt at positive lesson building.

The second translation for Yom Hodu sameach is “Happy Day for Giving Thanks.” Hodu means turkey and thanks, depending on context. Whether this dual reality had anything to do with the confluence of both in this holiday, I have no idea ... but it works. It also allows me to think of the Rabbinic story where Rabbi Eliezer greets his pupils who have a question to ask. “Rabbi, how does one know when one is supposed to atone?” He replied, “You are supposed to clean everything up one day before you die.” Immediately, the students responded, “How does one know when that will happen?” The sage Rabbi said, “You do not know, therefore atone every day. Greet people with appreciation every day. Celebrate living every day. Each may be your last.” Hence, every day is, or should be, a Yom Hodu Sameach.

So, I hope that Turkey Day brings all the joy for which we might pray. I hope that our families come together to enjoy each other. More importantly, I hope that we find ways in which we can better appreciate each other better every day.
Building community through multiple avenues to enliven Jewish education is a continued goal of the Religious School in 5778. With 110 registered students in the school, 18 consecrants, 2 senior-year interns, & 3 in our pilot Kesher Kids program we have a lot for which to be thankful. The school has adopted the motto “MRT: We are Mindful and Respectful of our Traditions” and is focusing on that during Kehilah (community) building particularly with our 4th-7th graders.

Kesher Kids is a transitional program for Pre-K (4-year-old) children and their parents. The first half hour is with Bagels & Blocks. Then children head to their own classroom to spend an hour with a teacher followed by our play-based Jewish curriculum. This program is $100 for the year and open to anyone raising a Jewish child. Registration is required.

We are proud to support & grow our children in every way. Two of our seniors, Ilana Gaudette and Rachel Kline, applied for and were accepted as interns this year. They take on more responsibility in the running of the classroom, & preparation work for the day. All of our madrichim are spending the year learning about Sean Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens as the school strives to develop our children Jewishly & to be effective adults.

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, October 22 9:30/11:30/12:15pm - Bagels & Blocks, Kesher Kids, 8th Grade Family Education/Blessing of the Animals/
Madrichim Meeting
Wednesday, October 25 4:00pm - Religious School
Sunday, October 29 9:30am - Mitzvah Day
Wednesday, November 1 4:00pm - Religious School
Friday, November 3 5:30/6:00pm - 6th and 7th Grades Sponsor First Friday Pre-Neg/Service
Sunday, November 5 9:30am - Daylight Savings Time Ends, Religious School
Wednesday, November 8 - NO SCHOOL
Sunday, November 12 - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 15 4:00pm - Religious School
Sunday, November 19 9:30/10:00/11:00/12:15pm - Bagels & Blocks and Kesher Kids/Mitzvah Academy Mini-Trip to The Center,
Religious Education Committee Meeting/Faculty Meeting
Wednesday, November 22 - NO SCHOOL
Sunday, November 26 - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 29 4:00pm - Religious School

MAZEL TOV TO OUR NEW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS!
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH WE WELcomed the following students into formal Jewish education:

Luke Blumberger
Eve Brustein
Elle Dollar
Benjamin Falana
Ashley Forman
Coleton Fox
Greyson Fox
Silver Fox
Ariel Hecht

Cooper Lowenstein
Kara Lowenstein
Lindsay Makower
Matthew Makower
Aiden Patterson
Marlowe Schorr
John Trotte
Nina Wood
Lucy Wood

MAY A LOVE OF TORAH GUIDE THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES, AND MAY THEY FIND PEACE AND JOY WITHIN OUR TEMPLE.
Dear Sistahs,

Hope the new year/new school year has gotten off to a great start!

I know everyone is extremely busy this time of year, but am wishing everyone good health and good tidings for the new season, as the leaves start to fall and the weather turns colder.

Book club was great fun, talking about Trevor Noah’s book. We had a room full of women with a room full of opinions.... We need to figure out a way to invite him to our next event so that we can ask him a TON of questions! Thanks to Monica for opening up her house to us for the meeting.

Our annual sisterhood in the sukkah event was a blast! Delicious and abundant food from Kitchen Witch! Thanks to Cheryl Gaudette and Kay Wiesenfeld for organizing the event! The weather was perfect for an event in the sukkah!

Please keep an eye out for emails regarding upcoming events from Linda Murray, as well as taking a look at the weekly temple e-blast from Helene Messer. Sometimes we add things last minute that aren’t on the temple calendar.

Best wishes,
Karen Kahn, Sisterhood President

FROM THE MEN’S CLUB

During our first meeting of the 2017/2018 season, we discussed many interesting topics including ideas and preliminary planning of upcoming social events, Bar/Bat Mitzvah presenters, and other significant topics.

A special thanks goes out to Bob Gabel and Harry Hillson for coordinating ushers and greeters for the High Holy Days.

As a reminder, Men’s Club monthly meeting schedule is:
Odd months – 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Even Months – 2nd Sunday of the month 9:30 – 11:30 AM

I would like to thank the following members for their MRT Men’s Club donations:

Larry Avrin
Mitch Baum
Arthur Brawer
James Brewer
Bob Gabel
Stephen Gaudette
Zach Gilstein
Ernie Guenzburger
Mark Gruensfelder
Wayne Hallard
Jim Halpern
Harry Hilson
David Levinsky
Scott Schneider

Thanks,
Scott Schneider, President
November 19th is the vendor fair at MRT and we will have 40 amazing vendors selling some of the following items:

JEWELRY       WOODWORKING       ART       ESSENTIAL OILS       SOAPS       CHOCOLATE
TIE DYE
KNITTED ITEMS       BOOKS/TOYS       CANDLES       HEALTH PRODUCTS/SERVICES
CLOTHING
And much more!

This is a great opportunity to do a lot of your Holiday shopping and support local artisans and MRT all at the same time – WIN – WIN – WIN!! Please plan to attend and to spread the word to your friends and if you can help by putting up posters in your community, please stop by the office to pick one up.

There will be a fabulous café serving breakfast and lunch – if you are able to make a crockpot of soup or chili to donate to the café, please contact Linda Murray.

There will also be a wonderful auction featuring many of the vendor’s work and more!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 19TH AT THE VENDOR FAIR!!

Lynn Shapiro
Chair, Ways and Means
It should be no secret that Gan Mazon is getting a new fence: Deer and burrowing small animals have forced the fence’s replacement. A volunteer team recently turned out to install the new 8 ft. posts. Our project director, Brett Tuller, is shown working to extend previously installed posts. Special thanks to Steve Kennedy who saw the need for a new fence last season and started the project on his own.

The new fence’s dimensions will measure 110 ft. x 27 ft. x 8 ft., enclosing 2,970 sq. ft., 970 sq. ft. larger than is currently under cultivation. The addition of the grassy area between the existing two gardens and adjustments to their 25-ft. x 42-ft. and 20 ft. x 25- ft. dissimilar dimensions account for the increased footage. It is expected that the grassy area will remain for collecting produce, weighing, and other gardening responsibilities. Gan Mazon is looking for angels to finance the fence installation.

Please volunteer to work in the garden on Mitzvah Day---Sunday, October 29. Our task will be to remove the existing 284 ft. of fencing, a job that must be done before the new fencing can be attached. The Mitzvah Day portal is on the temple’s home page. Remember: removing the old fence is a hard job for the few, an easy one for the many.

Gan Mazon has gardening tools. To ensure that no one must wait for a tool, it would be helpful if volunteers brought a shovel and a long-handled rake, however, none are required. Put your name, tape or some other identifying mark on your tools. If the weather report predicts a sunny day. I suggest that all volunteers wear hats and sun screen. Gloves would be advisable. Suitable for volunteers 14+.

I am often asked why the produce from MRT’S vegetable garden is harvested and delivered on Thursday mornings instead of Sunday mornings when more volunteers are available. Since Gan Mazon volunteers often tend the garden on Sundays but not harvest, the paradox seems more puzzling. The answer is that our harvest timetable is predicated on the distribution schedule of the pantry or pantries supported by Gan Mazon in any given season. Our principal recipient for this season and last has been the Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Monmouth County; its food distribution center is in Asbury Park. JF&CS receives food donations on Thursdays and distributes on Friday mornings. The agency does not have refrigerated storage, and therefore, cannot accept Gan Mazon’s produce on Sundays. More importantly, JF&CS follows a philosophy that is in accord with Gan Mazon’s: its pantry is non-sectarian and all delivered produce is given to its clients. Also, JF&CS needs MRT; Gan Mazon is the only large-scale garden that supplies its pantry with fresh produce---with deliveries in season of 80 lbs. to 200 lbs. weekly.

With the above said, the previous question is no less valid. Once the harvesting season begins, we rarely have enough volunteers on Thursday mornings to harvest and tend to maintenance chores. A plan to make better use of Sunday volunteers is needed. Suggestions are invited.

A record to report: As of October 6, Gan Mazon raised 930.50 lbs. with Gloria Gross contributing 492.50 lbs. from her garden for a total of 1,423.00 lbs. I am curious how much our last major harvest of butternut squash will add to our season’s total. Happy gardening, David Levinsky // davidlevinsky@optonline.net
“Tzedaka may not save us, but it makes us worth saving.” We think of the word tzedaka as meaning “charity” but we know it means “justice”. How come? Because tzedaka is the feminine form of the word tzedek, justice in Hebrew. We are fully and constantly made aware of Israel as a nation full of contradictions. Is it a Jewish nation? for all Jews or only certain Jews? is it a democracy? the only one in the Middle East? Is it the home of Jews who live all over the world? Are we all welcome there? Do we care?

It is a nation of great technological advances that benefit all the world, from medical advances developed in their laboratories to inventions that can solve problems in agriculture to developing a water source in desert areas. Israel is, as coined by the late Shimon Peres, a “Start-Up” nation where innovation is encouraged, while at the same time integrating thousands of refugees from all over the world, unearthing and preserving ancient artifacts that reveal our history. But there is yet another facet of Israeli organizational life and that is international charitable work. Work that is essential to save lives and promote justice.

This exemplifies Israeli ethical culture which is expressed in certain charitable organizations, in this instance, particularly by the organization called IsraAID which, in the name of justice, provides charity in the form of help, assistance, and rebuilding. IsraAID is an Israeli based humanist aid agency that responds to emergency crises and engages in international development. For the past 15 years, it has been helping people all over the world to overcome extreme crises and has provided millions with the support needed to move from destruction to reconstruction and eventually to sustainable living.

Examples of areas where IsraAID workers and volunteers have responded to needs are in Fiji, after Cyclone Winston, the 2nd strongest land-falling cyclone in recorded history. IsraAID has been in Sierra Leone, Philippines, South Sudan, Japan, Haiti, Kenya, Jordan, and United States. Since 2015, IsraAID has been sending relief, clean-up, rehabilitation to areas in the U.S. that have been exposed to extreme weather. They were present in October, 2012 when Superstorm Sandy hit and devastated our local area and beyond and they were present when tornadoes swept through Oklahoma in May, 2013.

In the wake of superstorm Harvey that hit Houston it was announced by MK Naftali Bennett who holds Diaspora Affairs portfolio that Israel would provide 1 Million dollars in aid to Houston’s Jewish community for clean-up and rehabilitation and IsraAID is again in Mexico after the 7.1 magnitude earthquake. Since May of 2017 they are working in Libya to reduce gender based violence.

In recent years, Germany has received more than 1 million asylum seekers who made the treacherous journeys from war-torn Middle East nations seeking refuge. With the request of Germany, IsraAID deployed a team of Arabic and English speaking psycho-social specialists to help with the refugees who suffer from severe mental anguish and physical disease.

IsraAID, through its history of successful humanitarian work has acquired many co-sponsors including Jewish Federations in the U.S., American Jewish Committee, Habitat for Humanity, Ben Gurion University, International Rescue Society and many more.

Without Israeli assistance, parts of the world may not perish but would surely be worse off. These organizations, part of our Israeli family, deserve our thanks and our support.
Jacob McGowan will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 28, 2017. He has an older sister, an older brother, and 3 cats and is a good student. When Jacob isn’t focusing on his academics, he enjoys watching Star Wars and The Big Bang Theory, spending time with his friends, playing soccer, and doing kung fu and aikido. He also has a black belt in karate.

Ethan Smith will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 18, 2017. He attends Forrestdale Middle School in Rumson, New Jersey and has a sister Rachel who is 15. His favorite sports are Lacrosse, football and basketball. He has a pet Bunny Lily and loves animals. Ethan is passionate about things he cares about and has a big heart. He is running a food drive through his school for Lunch Break, as his Mitzvah project.
# Welcome to Our New Members!

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THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO

Sharyn & Dean Ross on the loss of her brother, Tom Patten
Alan & Nance Levy on the loss of his father, Edwin Levy
Brad & Barbara Feigus on the loss of his sister, Diane Feigus
Jay & Monica Feigus on the loss of his sister, Diane Feigus
Matthew & Fran Stern on the loss of his mother, Pauline Stern
Judy & Greg Raybon on the loss of her father, Stephen Schwirck

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO

Karen & David Levinsky on the birth of a grandson Elias Birdsong Levinsky
Rabbi Marc Kline & Lori Bernard on the wedding of their son Joshua Kline to Emily Rubinson

YAHRTZEITS (read date based on when they occur)

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.

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH SERVICES AT 7PM


NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH SERVICES AT 7PM


NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD SERVICES AT 6PM


NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH SERVICES AT 7PM


NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH SERVICES AT 7PM


NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH SERVICES AT 7PM


*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.
### 2017 October

**SUNDAY**
- 22: 9:30am Rel School
  - 9:30 am 8th Gr Fam Ed
  - 9:30am Bagels & Blocks
  - 11:30am Bless Animals
  - 12:15pm Madrichim

**MONDAY**
- 23: Office Closed

**TUESDAY**
- 24: 9:45am Study Group
  - 7pm Board

**WEDNESDAY**
- 25: 4pm Rel School
  - 7:30pm MCC

**THURSDAY**
- 26: 10am RBY in Library
  - 7:45pm Choir

**FRIDAY**
- 27: 1pm Office Closing

**SATURDAY**
- 28: 9am Shabbat Service
  - 9:30am Torah Talks
  - 10am Jacob McGowan Bar Mitzvah

**SUNDAY**
- 29: MITZVAH DAY
  - 9:30am Rel

**MONDAY**
- 30: Office Closed

**TUESDAY**
- 31: 9:45am Study Group

**2017 November**

**SUNDAY**
- 29

**MONDAY**
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**TUESDAY**
- 31: 4pm Rel School
  - 7:30pm MCC

**WEDNESDAY**
- 01: 7:45pm Choir

**THURSDAY**
- 02: Office Closing
  - 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea

**FRIDAY**
- 03: 1pm Office Closing
  - 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea
  - FIRST FRIDAY
  - 5:30pm Preneg 6/7
  - 6pm Service followed by Pot Luck

**SATURDAY**
- 04: 9am Shabbat Service
  - 9:30am Torah Talks

**2017 November**

**SUNDAY**
- 05: 9:30am Rel School

**MONDAY**
- 06: Office Closed

**TUESDAY**
- 07: 9:45am Study Group
  - 6pm Smarty
  - 7pm Exec Comm

**WEDNESDAY**
- 08: NO Rel School
  - RBY in Social Hall
  - 7pm Ritual
  - 7:30pm MCC

**THURSDAY**
- 09: RBY in Social Hall
  - 7:30pm Poker
  - 7:45pm Choir

**FRIDAY**
- 10: RBY in Social Hall
  - 1pm Office Closing
  - 7pm Shabbat Services

**SATURDAY**
- 11: 9am Shabbat Service
  - 9:30am Torah Talks

**SUNDAY**
- 12: NO Rel School

**MONDAY**
- 13: Office Closed
  - 7:15pm Sis Book Club

**TUESDAY**
- 14: 9:45am Study Group
  - 7pm Orchid
  - 7pm Men's Club

**WEDNESDAY**
- 15: 4pm Rel School
  - 7:30pm MCC

**THURSDAY**
- 16: 7:45pm Choir

**FRIDAY**
- 17: 1pm Office Closing
  - 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea

**SATURDAY**
- 18: 9am Shabbat Service
  - 9:30am Torah Talks
  - 10am Ethan Smith Bar Mitzvah

**SUNDAY**
- 19: VENDOR FAIR
  - 9am-3pm
  - 9:30am Rel School
  - 9:30am Bag & Blocks
  - 9:30am MA Trip
  - 11am Rel Ed
  - 12:15 Smarty
  - 12:15pm Faculty

**MONDAY**
- 20: Office Closed

**TUESDAY**
- 21: 9:45am Study Group
  - 8pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at MRT

**WEDNESDAY**
- 22: NO Rel School
  - Interfaith Service will be held on Tuesday, 11/21

**THURSDAY**
- 23: OFFICE CLOSED
  - Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY**
- 24: OFFICE CLOSED
  - 7pm Shabbat Services

**SATURDAY**
- 25: 9am Shabbat Service
  - 9:30am Torah Talks

**SUNDAY**
- 26: NO Rel School

**MONDAY**
- 27: Office Closed

**TUESDAY**
- 28: 9:45am Study Group
  - 7:15pm Membership

**WEDNESDAY**
- 29: 4pm Rel School
  - 7:30pm MCC

**THURSDAY**
- 30: RBY Holiday Party in Social Hall

**FRIDAY**
- 01: Office Closed

**SATURDAY**
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