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SHEVAT 5778 –
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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 2nd

FIRST FRIDAY

5:30 pm Pre-neg sponsored by grades 2&3

6:00 pm Shabbat Service followed by a

Pot Luck Dinner

A-M Salad – N-Z Pasta or Chicken

Please bring enough for 10-12 people

Thanks!

The Boy Scouts will be recognized at this service

Friday, February 9th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, February 16th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, February 23rd

7:00 pm Shabbat Services with choir

Saturday, February 24th

10:00 am 6th Grade Service

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5:30 pm Pre-neg sponsored by grades K&1

6:00 pm Shabbat Service followed by a

Pot Luck Dinner

A-M Pasta or Chicken – N-Z Salad

Please bring enough for 10-12 people

Thanks!

The Gan Mazon volunteers will be recognized at this service

Friday, March 9th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, March 16th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services – 5th Grade Service

Friday, March 23th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services with choir

Saturday, March 24th

10 am - 4 pm Shabbat Kallah with Susannah Heschel

Friday, March 30th

5:00 pm Shabbat Services because of 1st Passover Seder

Every Saturday morning in the Library learning is happening!!

9am-10:30am Torah Talks Study Session

We are now discussing King David and King Solomon's lineage



Open Doors, Open Minds

Syria Supper Club



Hosted by Monmouth Reform Temple

SALAAM ~ SHALOM

An Evening of Friendship & Welcome

332 Hance Avenue
Tinton Falls, NJ
732-747-9365

Saturday, February 10th

7:00 pm

DONATION: \$70 per person

TO PURCHASE TICKETS: go to
www.monmouthreformtemple.org
or stop by MRT's Main Office

*Please note that this is an
alcohol-free event.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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.

HIGH HOLIDAYS APPEAL

We are glad to publish this report acknowledging gifts to the Appeal by 112 households who generously supported our synagogue with a total of \$30,841 dollars. Those names of those who gave to the Appeal this year are presented below and to all of them we shout out our thanks and gratitude. Your support means so much to us and entire temple leadership. The High Holy Days Appeal is very important because it significantly improves MRT's financial footing while also demonstrating the spirit of generosity that pervades our temple membership. We are encouraged by the consistent participation in the Appeal of so many of our members year after year and gladly welcome those who gave for the first time this year. We are optimistic about a future in which 50%, 60%, 80% or more of our families proudly join with those listed below to celebrate MRT through the High Holy Days Appeal.

—Joel Morgovsky and Mark Gruensfelder

Addison, Alonzo & Laperdon-Addison, Doreen	Goodman, Eleanor	Miller, Barbara
Aho, Amy	Goodman, Samuel & Anne	Morgovsky, Joel & Marilyn
Auerbach, Philip & Cynthia	Gordon, Lawrence & Shelley	Murray, David & Linda
Baker, Peggy	Greenberg, Roslyn	Newman, James & Gail
Baskin, Nancy	Gruensfelder, Mark & Beverly	Niesenson, Emilie
Batzar, Seth & Rory	Guenzburger, Ernest & Rubinstein, Ellen	Placitella, Christopher & Rachel
Berger, Eileen	Hallard, Wayne & Deborah	Rachlin, Marcia
Berman, Alice	Halpern, Jim	Raybon, Greg & Judy
Bogdonoff, Morris & Addie	Hampel, Daniel & Rose	Reisner, Gerald & Rosalind
Borges, Donald & Barbara	Haratz, David & Rosalyn	Rivkin, David & Judith
Bosonac, Stephen & Barbara	Hayet, Bob & Mary Beth	Roffman, Jeffrey & Lorraine
Brandwene, Bernard	Heidema, John & Karl, Karen	Ross, Dean & Sharyn
Brandwene, Martha & McWilliams, Rita	Hillson, Harry & Dori	Rothman, Donald & Helaine
Brawer, Arthur & Carol	Jochowitz, Johann & Carol	Rubin, Eleanor
Brown, Richard & Sandra	Kahn, David	Sachs, Richard & Sheila
Burns, Linda & Crump, John	Kahn, Karen	Schaad, Joseph & Stacey
Butler, Harmon & Jill	Kalb, Michael & Madelyn	Shell, Van & Julie
Byck, Donald & Ellen	Kaplan, Deanna	Sills, Charles & Caryl
Calderwood, David & Lisa	Katz, David	Spector, Anita
Christie, John & Joyce	Kennedy, Stephen & Dari	Stein, Joseph & Karin
Cohen, William & Elizabeth	Klatsky, Alan & Maxine	Sussman, Robert & Lisa
Conway, Reid & Sukinik, Amy	Klein, Ronald & Bonnie	Tuchband, Stuart & Cora
Cook, Sanford & Harriet	Kline, Rabbi Marc & Bernard, Lori	Tuller, Brenda
Coyne, Kevin & Kaye, Jane	Kohn, Jack & Norma	Vicenzi, Eugene & Nadine
Eisen, Roy & Patricia	Krachman, Evan & Karry	Viscomi & David & Samantha
Familant, Elliot & Lynne	Lane, Betti	Weiss, Daniel & Grant, John T.
Feigus, Jay & Monica	Leifman, Faith L.	Weyser, Perry & Muster, Lynn
Fitzsimmons, Lloyd & Stephanie	Levinsky, David & Karen	Whyman, Susan
Forman, Brian & Susan	Levy, Alan R. & Nance	Wiesenfeld, Jay & Kay
Fox, Barbara	Levy, Marjorie	Wigdortz, Judith
Friedman, Ira & Linda	Lewis, Susan	Wilkes, Joeseeph & Lois
Gabel, Robert & Roosels, Marianne	Loebel, Arthur & Nancy	Wold, Robert & Marjorie
Gaudette, Stephen & Cheryl	Lubin, Marc & Mary Ellen	
Gelber, Roy & Susan	Mandel, Irwin & Roa-Mandel, Ruth	Berlin, Beverly
Gilstein, Zach & Sheila	Martin, Susan	Masia, Howard
Glassberg, Phyllis	McGovern, John & Pam	
Goldberg, Jay & Ellen	Melnick, Andrew	
Goldberg, Stuart & Margot	Metz, Larry & Paula	
Goldstein, Barbara	Meyer, Maurice & Irma	

FROM THE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Christmas was a little brighter for families in need in Monmouth County, thanks to our synagogue's annual Christmas gift delivery, led by temple member Cheryl Gaudette. Santa and his Elf delivered our synagogue's Christmas gifts to 10 families from the Family Resource Associates, Shrewsbury, as seen in the photo.

Two families and 75 adults from the Center at Asbury Park also received delivery of beautifully wrapped presents. A total of 85 MRT congregants contributed to this effort, including those who donated gift cards or cash for the purchases of clothing and toys. Karen Seligman and Rena Sztanko coordinated the 45 gifts from the religious school families. In addition, the our synagogue's Religious School and Religious Education Committee collected more than 700 books for the Bridge of Books program providing books to children who do not have access to them. Every year, our synagogue partners with St. Mary's Church, Colts Neck, to do the gift drive in December.

"At FRA, we used to only be able to sponsor a smaller number of families, with MRT helping so much and with so many in need, and extra money and toy donations, we could expand our efforts this year," said Gaudette. "We have so many generous and giving people in our MRT community."

Much thanks to EVERYONE who made this Christmas special for these families!

-Marjorie Wold



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Critical to MRT's mission is building communities of enduring relationships and taking action to improve the quality of human existence and to help heal our world.

In this spirit, we invite you to share a special meal with the Syria Supper Club, an organization dedicated to supporting families of Syrian refugees settled in NJ.

The meal will be prepared by one or more of our new Syrian neighbors who will share their cooking skills in a table full of traditional Syrian food. Come enjoy the food, the conversation, and the building of new relationships.

Learn more by visiting the
Syria Supper Club site:

www.theunitedtastesofamerica.org

BILLY JOEL PURIM SHPIEL

Come see the story of Purim with a Billy Joel twist
& then enjoy the Beer Fest Event hosted by the
Men's Club!

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD

PURIM SHPIEL: 6:00 pm in the MRT sanctuary

BEER FEST: 7:00 pm in the MRT Social Hall

SMaRTY Purim Carnival

When: Sunday, March 4th at 11:30 am

Where: MRT Social Hall

All religious school students welcome!
Come play games, have fun, & win prizes!
Religious School will end at 11:30.

MRT'S 4TH ANNUAL TENNIS SOCIAL

All Levels, Non-players, & Non MRT Members Welcome!

WHEN: March 10th from 6:45 - 10:00 pm

WHERE: Little Silver Raquet Club

**\$25 PER PLAYER
SPECTATORS ARE FREE**

This event will be a Round Robin format with 35-40 minute timed matches & breaks for socializing. Couples will not always be playing together. Players will be matched according to ability.

Bring your favorite snack & beverage to share

Please RSVP by February 22nd to
sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org
with the names of players & ability level
(Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) & non-players

Please send in your payment to the Temple or pay via PayPal on the Temple webstie under "commitees", "Sisterhood"

Questions? Contact Jill Austin (jilltennis@aol.com) or Gena Lande (gregandgena@gmail.com)



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MRT Shabbat Kallah*
With
Susannah Heschel
Chair of Judaic Studies Department
Dartmouth College

Saturday, March 24th
10am-4pm

Prophet or Profit? What Does Faith Demand of Us

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

Schedule of Events

10am-11:30am

Some are Guilty but All are Responsible

Followed by Buffet Lunch

12:45pm-2:15pm

The Prophetic Tradition and the Civil Rights Movement

Coffee Break

2:30pm-4pm

Ecstasy vs. Ethics: The Debate between Protestants and Jews over the Prophets

Susannah Heschel is the Chair of the Judaic Studies department at Dartmouth College. Her scholarship focuses on Jewish-Christian relations in Germany during the 19th and 20th centuries as well as the history of Biblical scholarship and antisemitism.

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

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

2nd Night Seder

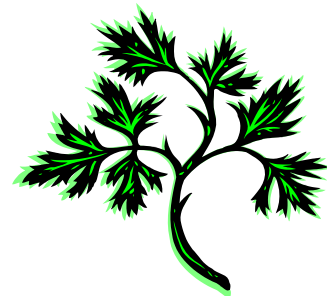
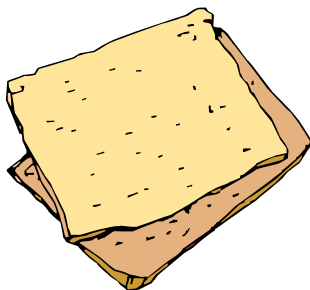
Saturday, March 31st at 6pm

Our dinner will be catered by the famous

Jerry and Harvey's of Marlboro!

**Donations of Peeled Hardboiled Eggs,
Horseradish, Matzoh, and Macaroons or other sweets
are appreciated!**

Please drop them off the week before the seder at MRT



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

Cost per person

\$36 Adult Members

\$50 Adult Non-members

\$10 Children 5 and older

Children under 5 free

BYO Wine

Please RSVP to the temple office: info@monmouthreformtemple.org or 732-747-9365

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FROM RABBI MARC KLINE



The world is in such a state of flux. Even as we move through our Biblical story through slavery and into freedom, our society is becoming more and more shackled to the political, racial, religious, cultural, and gender-based prejudices that serve only to rip our world further apart. People struggle to speak with each other, for fear of offending on the one hand, and fear of learning from and growing with each other. People are so entrenched in myopic points of truth that civility is a diminished value and victory (even at the expense of a relationship) is of primal importance.

We need to return to faith; not RELIGION, but faith. We need to go back to understanding what our traditions teach, not what our politics impose. People argue politics, without an understanding of what respective traditions really say about matters. Certainly, this is not everyone in the faith world, but the voices abusing religion are loud, obnoxious, and dangerous. The “Ministry of Prosperity” claiming that one’s faith breeds wealth violates

Christian tradition, even while it is mainstream televangelism today. Repeatedly, Torah tells us to give special care to the widow, the orphan, and the stranger, even as parts of our Jewish world want to foreclose any help to refugees or their children. Islam is a religion of peace ... it is in its very name. There is nothing in these respective traditions that support the calls from fundamentalists to live out perverse “translations” of religious text and tradition.

And, we wonder why good people are running from religion. It is not because of politics; it is because people know so little of why some ideologies matter beyond the politics that the separation between politics and religion no longer exists. Perhaps we need to talk more about the separation of God and religion than religion and state.

I don’t care what religious tradition speaks to your heart ... but let it speak from a voice of faith and not rhetoric. Invest yourself in study and prayer. Hold your clergy accountable when they preach exclusivism and pontificate that God likes some of God’s own children more than others. I do not mean to speak self-servingly in begging you to study; I simply know that the voice of faith will have no place in society unless you do. I am not right. You are not wrong. Anytime we cannot see each other’s soul we both lose. It is time for change. Hope to partner with you in leading it.

Tuesday morning study will meet on:

January 30th

February 20th

February 27th

March 6th

March 13th

March 20th

No class will be held on February 6th, February 13th, or March 27th

FROM CANTOR GABRIELLE CLISSOLD



I am writing this during the January 4th Blizzard!

The winter so far has been an incredibly cold--but here at MRT we have very warm hearts as we worship together on Shabbat every Sabbath.

I am looking forward to our King service on January 12th at 7 pm we celebrate Shabbat and the work of Rabbi Heschel and Dr. King with our Choir, Shir Chadash Band and Bema guests.

From January 21-28th I will be leading our Humanitarian Mission to Cuba, Putting this trip together has been amazing! I can't wait to share all the things we learned from this experience! While I am away the music will be led by student Cantor Ilana Goldman.

Now think Purim and Billy Joel and the He-Brew Fest because it is all coming together on March 3rd at MRT.

Our Billy Joel Purim and He-Brew Fest will be on the evening of March 3rd. Please check your weekly emails for further details!

If you would like to be in the play please come to our rehearsals in our sanctuary on Wednesday February 7, 14, 21, 28 and at 7 pm. It is a great way to meet new people and have a fantastic time! Please email me in advance so I can count you in!

Billy Joel Purim Shpiel performers needed! Rehearsals will be Wednesday 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, & 2/28 at 7pm. The performance of the shpiel will be Saturday, March 3rd at 6 pm. Please contact me if you are interested in participating!

L'shalom,
Cantor Gabrielle Clissold
cantorclissold@monmouthreformtemple.org

Please join us for our next Rosh Chodesh service led by Cantor Clissold



Rosh Chodesh
Women's Group
NEW MOON, NEW MONTH, RENEWED YOU

We will meet in the MRT Lounge for schmoozing, snacking, some learning, and a service for the new month!

Please bring a snack or dessert to share

Sunday, February 25th @ 5:00 pm

Please RSVP to sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org

FROM THE SISTERHOOD

Dear Sistahs,

Hopefully 2018 has been off to a good start!! That unexpected snow storm threw most of us for a loop, and hopefully no one sustained any property damage as a result!

Once again we had a WONDERFUL Chanukah party in December, organized by Anne Goodman! It's amazing how many attendees there were, despite the unwelcome weather that evening!

Here are some of the upcoming events. As always, please RSVP when you get the notices from Linda Murray. She always lists the hosts, but you can always RSVP to sisterhood@monmouthreformtemple.org as well!

MRT Sisterhood Book Club

Enjoy the evening with fellow book lovers and friends. Join us for some lively discussion and some delicious nosh. All Sisterhood members are welcome. Please feel free to bring a nosh.

January 29 – Monday – 7:15 PM – Before We Were Yours – Lisa Wingate – Host: Maxine Klatsky

February 25 - Sunday – 6:00 pm - Rosh Chodesh Event in New MRT lounge, led by Cantor Clissold

March 12 – Monday – 7:15 PM – America's First Daughter – Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie – Host: Margie Wold

March 18 - Sunday - 6pm - Our annual Women's Seder, Led by Cantor Clissold

Please remember to RSVP to your host.

We are always looking for hosts and book suggestions. Please let Linda Murray know if you have suggestions and are interested in hosting and leading the discussion. Feel free to partner with another member to host lwmurray610@gmail.com. Sisterhood is joining with Adult Ed to present guest lecturer Dillies Pilevsky, a history and literature teacher at Brookdale Community College.

You are encouraged to read a Roth novel prior to the talk.

Please note as well, that we will be having our annual Purim Shaloh Manot fundraiser, and will be looking for volunteers to help with the packing!

As always, hope to see you at as many events as possible!

Shalom,
Karen Kahn, Sisterhood President

Join us for "Ragtime" at the Axelrod Theater

Date: Sunday, March 11th

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Axelrod Performing Arts Center, 100 Grant Avenue, Deal, NJ

Ticket Price: \$32

A pre-theater lunch is in the works. We will let you know the details at a later date.

Please RSVP for tickets to EllenGoldberg-49sunnyside@gmail.com. Please also let her know if you are interested in lunch.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

2017 was the year for our revised Men's Club. As previously shared, Men's Club is starting to thrive with new members participating in various events, sharing ideas, volunteering, leading and supporting our temple.

Through the efforts of a small group of dedicated men, a number of social activities and events are being planned. I would like to thank the "small core group" (you know who you are) of Men's Club members for their dedication and ongoing support.

Upcoming events:

1/27/18 Saturday 7:00PM Family Movie Night at MRT (Social Hall)

1/28/18 Sunday 7:00PM Bourbon and Bible with Rabbi Kline at MRT (Lounge)

The topic will be: Jewish leadership vs. Jewish management - Do the prophets have anything to offer in the 21st century?

Men's Club will provide the Bourbon and snacks

BYOB in addition

Additional events in the process of being planned:

Beer Fest / combined with Purim play – Indoor Rock Climbing – Brewery Crawl – Attending sports events at local establishments – Meets-Ups: Bowling, Ice Skating, Silver Ball Arcade, Lakewood Blue Claws

These events are being planned by a small group of dedicated MRT male congregants, imagine what we can do if Men's Club had a larger active group!!

To continue hosting various social events, Men's Club needs additional energy, ideas, enthusiasm and financial support. We welcome men of all ages to share their many talents and ideas for the benefit of the community. If you are interested in becoming more fully connected with MRT and our congregants, taking on a leadership role with Men's Club, is a great way to get to know the MRT family and get involved.

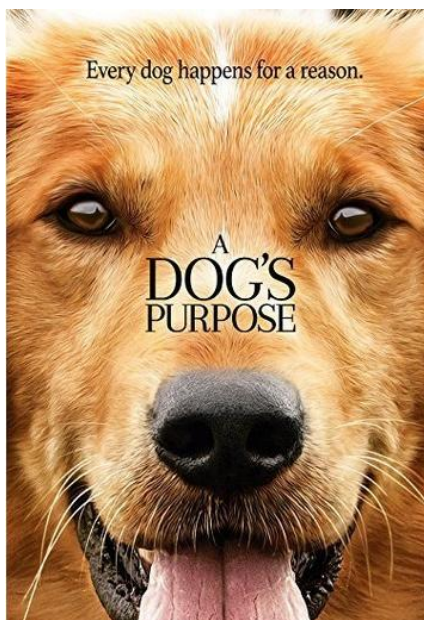
As a reminder, Men's Club meets monthly:

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

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

(scheduled to encourage dads dropping off their children for religious school to participate)

Come to one of our meetings or events and be a part of what's happening.



Saturday 1/27/18

Family Movie Night at MRT

7 PM in the Social Hall

Hosted by the Men's Club

Men's Club will provide snacks and soda, you can bring your own snacks as well

****This is NOT a drop your child off event****

Adults can enjoy the movie or hang out
BYOB and a snack to share:
(cheese & crackers, nachos & salsa, vegetables & dip, etc.)

Thank you
Scott Schneider
MRT Men's Club President
srsgroup25@gmail.com
732-500-3848

FROM ISRAEL AFFAIRS CHAIR ELEANOR RUBIN



Israel – A Good Neighbor Policy

Israel, the size of the State of New Jersey, is bordered in the north by Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, not very friendly neighbors. When professionalism, creativity and Jewish ethics come together, sometimes miracles happen. In a people to people program, enmities can be overcome and humanity can be served.

This is a story of Dr. Salman S. Zarka, Director General of Zvi Medical Center, an Israeli Hospital established on the Syrian border. Dr. Zarka was born in the Upper Galilee and is the first member of the Druze community to be appointed head of an Israeli hospital. The Druze are a unique religious, ethnic minority among Arab Israeli citizens who self-identify as Unitarians.

Dr. Zarka graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Technion in Haifa, holds a Masters Degree in Public Health from The Hebrew University and an additional Masters Degree in Political Science. He spent 25 years in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) where he served as Chief Surgeon in the Medical Corps and other positions advancing disease prevention and health programs among IDF soldiers.

The Zvi Medical Center was established for the purpose of providing medical care for Syrian men, women and children who do not have access to hospital care in areas of their country where they live, close to the Israeli border. They arrive needing medical attention by Israeli doctors under the leadership of Dr. Zarka. The hospital visit and all procedures are free, funded by the Israeli government and private donations. As patients, they may stay in the hospital for several days after treatment or longer when necessary. The motive for providing this free health care for hundreds of patients throughout the year is first and foremost humanitarian. Israelis, as a matter of Jewish ethics, do not stand aside and see their neighbors living in hard conditions and dying for lack of care. They are often first responders in parts of the world that have suffered environmental or humanitarian catastrophes.

An important secondary motive is to establish good will, hoping that the border will remain quiet despite the fact that Syrians have been taught to hate Israelis. Those who arrive for medical attention experience another side of who Israelis are and have been known to express their gratitude for the life-saving care they receive.

Recently in response to a request from Syrian doctors, the IDF facilitated the opening of a maternity hospital on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights where, in the entire region of some 250,000 people there was just one hospital for pregnant women. Since this new hospital has opened, they have treated more than 200 women and 30 of them have given birth. "It's a great thing we have made with the Syrian doctors. A lot of women are very grateful", stated the commander of Operation Good Neighbor. Several months ago, this field clinic was opened along the border in Syria and is staffed by American doctors. Israeli doctors do not enter Syria and within that country, in the hospital established by the Israeli government, American doctors provide the care.

In this very sensitive border area, human life is being honored, enmity is set aside and Israelis are providing a better and healthier life for their neighbors.

FROM GAN MAZON – MRT'S GARDEN OF PLENTY

Gan Mazon Volunteers to be honored at the March 2nd Family Service.

Please join the temple family at March 2nd's First Friday Service ---always joyous ---as past and present Gan Mazon volunteers are honored for their efforts to feed the needy in Monmouth County. Gan Mazon 50% larger in 2018.

Gan Mazon literally means "Garden of Food." Simplistic as that may sound, our goal is to provide produce to needy clients served by pantries located in Monmouth County. The Hebrew name for our garden reinforces the Jewish mandate of Tikun Olam, repairing the world; to which should be added "one harvest at a time." Keeping to its obligation and community need, Gan Mazon has evolved over the years, going from a 1,000-sq. ft. garden to 2,000-sq. ft. and is currently on the way to enclosing 3,000-sq. ft. Our new fence is scheduled for completion for early spring planting in April. Weather permitting, Brett Tuller, temple member and our master builder, will soon finish attaching deer and small animal barrier fencing to new 8ft posts. We are looking forward to having a respite from deer and rabbit intrusion with the taller and more stable enclosure, as well as more bountiful and varied vegetables.

A new way to look at Gan Mazon volunteers.

Through a successful volunteer drive last spring, a list of 25 temple (and non-temple) members was generated. Although, it appeared that Gan Mazon would be swamped with helpers last season, the reality was that only a few were available on any given morning. In fact, several volunteers helped only once or twice during the entire season, with most people giving one or two hours weekly or bi-weekly.

This experience taught that a cadre of dedicated volunteers, although great, is not necessary. The willingness to put in a few hours a week, month or throughout the growing season turned out to be a productive source for garden helpers. Gan Mazon is a terrific social action project for temple members with the desire to help the needy and limited free time. Furthermore, join the garden crew even if you hate bugs, do not want to dig around in soil, or have bad knees and/or back; there is no shortage of work in a 3,000-sq. ft. garden.

Cold winter days are the best time to plan your vegetable garden.

Now is the time to plan your 2018 vegetable garden. Do not wait until you are visiting a garden nursery and debating what plants and seeds to buy and where to plant them. Review what worked well last season and what needs to be thought through better. Also, re-examine fencing issues, animal intrusion and other impediments to successful harvests. There is plenty of guidance available on the internet. Visit seed company sites to view informative videos and articles, such as www.Burpee.com. Helpful videos created by academic institutions and hobbyists are plentiful at <https://www.youtube.com>.

Please contact me via email or telephone with gardening questions.

Best wishes,
David Levinsky
davidlevinsky@optonline.net

FROM SMARTY

The Letters of Social Action By: Emily Heath

S is for Support, encouraging everyone to share their thoughts

O is for Objective, when we gather and connect the dots

C is for Coordination, planning our event

I is for Inspiration, wanting to fix a problem with a positive intent

A is for Attentiveness, being ready for action

L is for Leadership, ensuring quality interaction

A is for Adaptability, preparing for any environment or situation we face

C is for Communication, so we are not all over the place

T is for Teamwork, uniting together, strong

I is for Imagination, using creativity to help everyone feel that they belong

O is for Outcomes, when we look back at all we have completed

N is for New Beginnings, the ones we've created for others and the ones that will soon be greeted

Social Action: A chance to make a difference in the community

The endless possibilities, to take a step and design your opportunity

With an intention to transform the quality of living

All one has to do is personally participate and influence helping and giving

ABOUT MONROE DEUTSCH FROM HIS DAUGHTERS

Our father, Monroe Karl Deutsch, passed away on November 19, 2017. Dad had a goal to reach a full century and he did it in his own inimitable style, celebrating his 100th birthday in September.

Our family moved to New Shrewsbury in the late 1950s. If he and our mom, Fanette, were not founding members of Monmouth Reform Temple, they were among the first families to join and support the congregation. And support it, they did. From the Sisterhood and Brotherhood to the building campaign and Temple governance, they were active members of the community for nigh on 20 years, serving in myriad volunteer and committee positions.

I can recall attending services and religious school in the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury, taking down and putting up the brass cross on Friday nights; Oneg Shabbat in the common room behind the sanctuary; I can visualize Dad singing with a few others in the choir box in the church; I remember conversations about the building fund and can visualize the “bricks” that symbolized the growth of the fund; and Purim carnivals with Dad as the swami fortune teller.

Dad lived life to the fullest. He was an avid golfer and fisherman. He could be found on Sea Bright or Long Branch beaches before dawn wrestling with some unknown object in the sea. Sometimes they were fish. He loved the out of doors and a good argument, ahem, discussion. He shared his opinions vocally and widely, tempered with a good ethnic joke or two with the accent to match.

In 1977, Dad and Mom moved west to Thousand Oaks, California where they lived in a sunny, snow-less clime and traveled the west coast, visiting Hawaii and Alaska before they retired. More travel followed during retirement. Finally at the ages of 97 and 93, they moved into an assisted living community in the Bay Area near their daughter, Robin. Having left Monmouth Reform Temple in 1977, they never found another congregation that really suited them. Though they joined a local conservative synagogue and made many friends, Dad never really found a replacement for the spirit or experience he enjoyed at Monmouth Reform Temple.

Fanette Deutsch can be reached at Francis House, 2449 Gill Port Lane, Walnut Creek, CA. 94598



Dad's 99th birthday with
Fanette



Dad's 99th birthday with
his daughters, Robin (l) and
Djodi (r)

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO

The family of James Haran, long time MRT member
 Marcy & Brian McMullen on the loss of her uncle, Samuel Baderman
 Anne & Sam Goodman on the loss of her grandmother, Dolores Keefe
 Nancy & Marty Johnson on the loss of her mother, Linda Klein
 Sue Barr on the loss of her mother, Henrietta Barr

YAHRTZEITS (read date based on when they occur)

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*James Abis, Stanley Brittman, Irving Burdas, William Calderwood, Frances Cole, Nina Etkin Ross, *Julius Fox, Louis J. Fox, Benjamin Frankel, *Al Goldstein, Bernice Horowitz, Raymond Johnson, Morris Kosberg, Dr. Paul B. Lerner, Marvin Levine, Clara Lipsky, Jack Lipsky, Roslyn Lissner, *Vallie Marks, *Philip Miller, Sylvia Moss, Leroy Nisenson, *Simie Nusbaum, *Clara Offenhenden, Sanford Rems, Leonore Rosen, Max Rosen, Freda Schneider, Norma Shechet, Marjorie Stenberg, Steven Weyser

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH SERVICES AT 7PM

*Isadore Abramowitz, *Sara Brightman, *Lynn Sternberg Donlan, Natalie Friedman, Regina (Cookie) Gillian, Sylvia Gordon, *Celia Karlman, David Allen Kline, Sarah Laperdon, *Eva Rotman Lite, *Carole Littenberg, Elsie Mazzarella, Robert Misch, *Milton Morris, Felice Nifoussi, Solomon Rems, Benjamin Roffman, *Rose Samo, Samuel D. Shagan, Ruth Stone, *Samuel Taksel, Matilda Tell, Iain Thomlinson, Rose Tiplitz, *Charles Wallerstein, Shirley Weyser

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH SERVICES AT 7PM

Edythe Albert, Phyllis Brodsky, Tom Dorf, Charles Feldman, Joseph Friend, Phyllis Gordon, Theo Jennings, *Marvin L. Kahn, Sadie Kosberg, *Florence Kridel, *Rose Littman, Joan Litwin, Beverly Maurer, Joseph Michalowitz, Elinor G. Newman, Sharon Rose Offenhenden, Lester Reiss, Jack Rosen, Morris Rosenberg, *Bob Rosin, *Rosalind Sadwith, *Robert Salomon, Rose Schiller, *Henry Schwartzman, Dorothy Sikora, Florence Snyder, Frances Sporn, Jean Stark, John Stern, *Lilian Trubin, Florence Ulanet, *Rebecca Wagner

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD SERVICES AT 7PM

Rae Barshack, *Lilian Bernstein, *Abraham Bialy, Casper Boyer, Martin Cole, *Jose Colmenares, Jean Fiegelman, Marjorie Fishman, Alan Gottlieb, Freida Kirschner, Anne Marriner, *Bernard Mausner, Rita Mercedes McWilliams, *Maurice Meyer Jr., Jean Morse, George Moss Jr., *Samuel Prusoff, *Harry Scherman, Ida Schlisserman, *Beatrice Silverman, Sophie Wald, *Max Walsky, Louise Zarin

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND SERVICES AT 6PM

*Dave Andersen, William B. Arend, Rita Bleetstein, *Neil Brandwene, Sylvia Carter, John Richardson Clissold, Alex Colin, Samuel Deutsch, Malcolm Fidell, Rose Field, Joe Friend Jr., Henry Ganz, Seymour Grauer, Donald J. Hallard, *Ida Huber, Jean Jochnowitz, Philip Kalb, David Kaplan, Leo A. Kauffman, Gaetano Labombarda, Reba Levin, Rose Levinsky, Melvin Nathanson, Lawrence Parkinson, Ruth Rekedal, James Rickard, Sylvia Sachs, Louis Schneider, *Bessie Schwartz, Frances F. Singman, Henry Weyser

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH SERVICES AT 7PM

Frank Abrams, *Lois Blonder, Abraham Bogdonoff, *Martin A. Brousell, Max Leo Brown, Michele Cooper, * Murray Kipnis, Hannah Lowenstein, *Sadie Metz, Samuel Milchman, Phyllis Misch, Joseph Perlman, Siegmund Rath, Elaine Rennert, Benjamin Ross, Kim Ross, *Beatrice Ruby, Michael Ruby, Etta Schatten, Alice Schneider, *Greta Singer, Paul B. Snyder, Irving Spumberg, *Harriet Weiss, Annette Wrobel

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH SERVICES AT 7PM

Solomon Attias, *Rose Blonder, *Irving Cohen, Rose M. Friedman, Evelyn Fryman, Marilyn Graboyes, Bertha Greenberg, Doris Hayet, Mildred Kantor, Tina Karl, *Hyman Karlman, Martin Metz, Carol Nash, Walter Parkinson, John Stokes Phillips, David Pintow, Michael R. Simon, *Max Tanenabum

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD SERVICES AT 7PM

Charles Baron, *Samuel Blonder, Blanche Civins, *Meyer Smolensky Collis, Alter Epstein, Leah Haback, *Doreen Harran, Alexander Kaplan, Adolf Klein, Cindy Jennings Kline, John Leverett, Rita Levy, *Samuel Mausner, Jane Medalie, *Michael Mintzer, Sharon Priesand, Ronald Schor, Murry L. Shektman, Loretta Stein, *Jacob Talberth, Robert Teitelbaum, Ira Walker

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH SERVICES AT 5PM

Sylvia Abrams, Jean Bosonac, Abe P. Cohen, C. K. Conklin, Frannie Copley, Herbert H. Gershan, *Isidore Grossman, Frank Haratz, *Gertie Hersch, Gail Lazar, Jack A. Leeds, Laura Munter, *Helen Nusbaum, Josephine Orange, Jacob Osofsky, Catherine R. Ricklin, *Theodore Tully Rubin, Howard Schneider, Leo Schneider, *Julius Snedcof, Eunice Stein, Ralph Uhrmacher, Mark Vickers

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
					12pm Office Closing 3:45 Chelsea Shabbat 5:30pm Preneg 2/3 6pm First Friday Shabbat Boy Scout Shabbat followed by Pot Luck	9am Torah Talks Study Session
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bag & Blox 9:45pm 4th grade siddur 12:15pm Madrichim 2pm Maurice Mahler Adult Ed--Chagall	Office Closed	NO Study Group 6pm Smarty 7pm Exec Comm	4pm Rel School 7:15pm Membership 7pm Purim Shpiel 7:30pm MCC	7:30pm Poker 7:45pm Choir	12pm Office Closing 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study 7pm Syria Supper Program
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Rel School 9:30am 5th grade Fam Ed 9:30am Men's Club	Office Closed	NO Study Group 7pm Orchid Society	4pm Rel School 7pm Ritual 7pm Purim Shpiel 7:30pm MCC	7:45pm Choir	12pm Office Closing 3:45pm Chelsea Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study 1pm Smarty Bowling
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No Religious School	Office Closed	9:45am Study Group 6pm Smarty 7pm Board Meeting	4pm Rel School 7pm Purim Shpiel 7:30pm MCC	7:45pm Choir	12pm Office Closing 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study 10am 6th grade service
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
9:30am Rel School 11am Rel Ed 12:15pm Faculty 5pm Sis Rosh Chodesh	Office Closed	9:45am Study Group	4pm Rel School 7pm Purim Shpiel 7:30pm MCC			

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
				PURIM	12pm Office Closing 5:30pm Preneg K/1 6pm Shabbat Services Celebrate Gan Mazon workers	9am Torah Talks Study Session 6pm Billy Joel Purim Shpiel 7pm Men's Club Brewfest
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bag & Blocks 11:30am Purim Carnival	Office Closed	9:45am Study Group 7pm Exec Comm	4pm Rel School 7:30pm MCC	7:30pm Poker 7:45pm Choir	12pm Office Closing 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study Session 6:45pm Tennis Social
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Rel School 9:45am Joys & Oys Book & Author 12pm Jr. Youth 12:15pm Faculty 1pm Smarty offsite	Office Closed	9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid 7pm Men's Club	4pm Rel School 7pm Ritual 7:30pm MCC	7:45pm Choir	12pm Office Closing 3:45pm Chelsea Shabbat 7pm 5th grade service	9am Torah Talks 10am 6th grade Bar Bat Mitzvah family ed
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Rel School 9:30am 2/3 Family Ed 12:30pm Smarty at the Chelsea 6pm Sisterhood Women's Seder	Office Closed	9:45am Study Group 7pm Board	4pm Rel School 7:30pm MCC	7:45pm Choir	12pm Office Closing 7pm Shabbat Services	SHABBAT KALLAH 9am Torah Talks Study Session 10am-4pm Susannah Heschel Shabbat Kallah
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
MODEL SEDERS 9:30am Rel School 11am Rel Ed	Office Closed	NO Study Group	MODEL SEDERS 4pm Rel School 7:30pm MCC		First Seder night Office Closed 5pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study Session 6pm Community Seder

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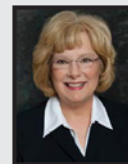
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