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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, November 2nd

6:00 pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, November 3rd

10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Gutsin

Friday, November 9th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, November 16th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, November 17th

10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Lily LeRoy

Friday, November 23rd

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, November 30th

Visual Worship

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, December 1st

10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Evan Sabo

Friday, December 7th

6:00 pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, December 8th

10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Seth Tolchin

Friday, December 14th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, December 15th

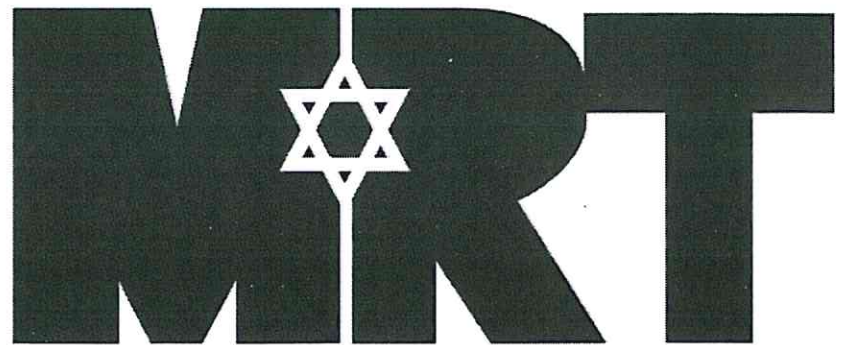
10:00 am Shabbat Kallah

Friday, December 21st

7:00 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, December 28th

7:00 pm Shabbat Services



Open Doors, Open Minds

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 HANUKKAH PARTY

6PM: SHABBAT SERVICE

7PM: DINNER AND PARTY



Fun and
games for the
whole family!

Please bring a
side dish to
share.

Chicken,
latkes, and
dessert will
be provided
by Sisterhood
and Men's
Club.

Feel free to
also bring a
bottle of your
favorite adult
beverage.

RSVP to Linda Burstein by November 30 at
LindaBurstein@aol.com

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.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monmouth Reform Temple & The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 8:00 PM

At The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury

352 Sycamore Avenue

Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

SERMON BY RABBI MARC KLINE

Featuring:

Combined Choirs & Shrewsbury Bell Choir

Men's Club



70'S / 80'S ROCK DANCE PARTY

LIVE DJ TO ROCK YOU ALL NIGHT LONG

Saturday
November
24th
7:00 PM

\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door
Checks payable to MRT Men's Club
Main course dinner will be provided
Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share
BYOB

DOOR PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED ROCKER!

MRT Home Service for Chanukah

Place the chanukiyah (Chanukah Menorah) on your front porch or in a window facing the street so that its lights proclaim to all that you are proud to be Jewish and share the miracle of Chanukah with the world. Place the candles in the menorah from right to left and light them from left to right ("newest" candle is lit first).

Each night, start with this prayer:

The lights of Chanukah are sacred. They are a symbol of our joyful connection to the Jewish people. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom: freedom to be themselves, to worship and live as Jews. Theirs was a victory of the few over the many, the weak over the strong. It was a victory for all ages and all people. Let these lights shine forth for the world. May they illumine our lives and fill us with gratitude for all God's gifts.

Light the shamash and recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Use the shamash to light the chanukah candles as you recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam she-asah nisim l'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who wrought miracles for our ancestors in ancient days at this season.

On the first night only add:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam, she-hechyanu v'kee-y'manu v'hi-gi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

With the candles fully aflame, offer the special reading for each night on the back of this page. Take turns each night with a different reader. Finish your Chanukah ceremony by singing "Ma-oz Tzur - Rock of Ages"

Ma-oz tzur yishu-ati, l'cha na-eh l'shabe-ach,
Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'zabe-ach,
L'eit tak-in mat-be-ach,
mi-tzar ha-m'na-be-ach,
Az eg-more b'shir mizmor,
hanukat ha-mizbe-ach

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבת,
תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבח,
לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח,
אז אגמור בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבח.

English Translation:

Rock of Ages let our song praise Your saving power
You amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower
Furious they assailed us but Your arm availed us
And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us

MRT Home Service for Chanukah

SPECIAL READINGS FOR THE EIGHT NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH

(insert each day after lighting the Menorah)

First Night: Freedom We kindle these Chanukah lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should be free to worship God as their hearts and minds dictated, they willingly gave their lives for freedom. Now, with these candles, we rededicate ourselves to the task of creating a world where all may know the joy of freedom.

Second Night: Family Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and concern. Now, with these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us always face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. May our love for each other increase through deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Third Night: Study of Torah On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of Torah. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our tradition, we too are duty-bound to sustain our heritage and deepen our understanding of it through study. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism, we become more sensitive to its abiding values and more aware of our responsibility to realize those values in our society. Study opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. Now, with these candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

Fourth Night: Hope Our ancestors taught us that in hope the future of humanity is illumined and made creative. Many people in the world live in fear and great despair. But like the Maccabees of old, we must learn to build our lives on hope: hope that ultimately truth will triumph over falsehood, and confidence that knowledge and understanding will finally depose superstition and tyranny. Now, with these Chanukah lights, may our lives be strengthened by the highest hopes and visions of our faith.

Fifth Night: Peace The candles of Chanukah remind us of our mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. Whenever we end disagreements through mutual understanding, whenever we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we are doing our part in making peace a living ideal. Now, with our Chanukah candles, let us rededicate ourselves with renewed strength to the task of securing peace.

Sixth Night: Tzedakah Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabean war for freedom, all Jews, both children and adults, contributed tzedakah toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. Many forms of oppression still exist in the world today: sickness, hunger, ignorance, prejudice. Tonight, we like our ancestors set aside gifts of tzedakah in order that we too may help bring an end to oppression. We pray that the gifts we offer will provide food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, knowledge for the ignorant, and equal opportunity for those afflicted by prejudice.

Seventh Night: Respect You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Respect for others is the basis for harmony among people and nations. With these candles, may we recognize the dignity of all people and remember the respect and honor we owe to others.

Eighth Night: Faith Tonight, all the candles in our Chanukah menorah are lit. Throughout the centuries, the menorah has been a symbol of our faith in God and our commitment to Judaism. Like the Maccabees of old, we rededicate ourselves to the task of living a more meaningful Jewish life. Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, says God.

SHABBAT KALLAH 2018

RABBI SCHMULY YANKLOWITZ LEADS SHABBAT KALLAH PROGRAM,

Finding Roots in Sacred Texts December 15

Modern Orthodox Rabbi Schmuly Yanklowitz comes to MRT on Saturday December 15 for our annual Shabbat Kallah, leading three talks on “Finding Our Roots in Sacred Text”. Rabbi Schmuly has been named one of the 50 most influential Jews (Rabbis) in America. His most recent book is, “Pirkei Avot—A Social Justice Commentary”. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University, University of Texas and Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

10 – 11:30 a.m // Saturday morning worship, followed by Rabbi Schmuly’s talk, “Jewish Pluralism: How Can We Disagree But Remain One People?”.

11:45 – 12:30 // Complimentary buffet lunch

12:45 – 2:15 PM // “Where Is Our Moral Courage?”

Coffee Break

2:30 // 4:00 PM “Interfaith Engagement: The Dignity of Difference

The Shabbat Kallah program is made possible by a generous bequest by Past President Robert Rosin. The community is welcome to attend. Donations to the MRT Adult Education Fund are always appreciated.

LIFE AND LEGACY PROGRAM

What will your legacy be?

An after life gift to one of MRT’s permanent endowments will help ensure the continued holiness of our Jewish community.

*For more information, please contact
Zach Gilstein, Eleanor Rubin, Bob St. Lifer, Joel Morgovsky
or speak to one of our clergy*

FROM RABBI MARC KLINE



The secular year draws to a close. We get time to reflect on the year that has been. Between our religious and secular calendars, we have lots of check-in holidays. I fear that we too often get so stuck in our routines that we need these “reminders” that life is not rooted in the full calendar, but in the values that we share and grow through participating in the activities that we choose. So, most simply, I want to ask each of us to take a step back to better appreciate the special/unique moments in life ... and they are all unique. How special they are really depends on our own perspective. We can experience amazing moments of joy and moments of tragic loss. Ultimately, the intrinsic value in each such moment has little to do with what happens during it and everything to do with what we do with what happened. Thanksgiving is a time for the family to gather and for us to be thankful. Given history, this sense of thanksgiving is not because of the Pilgrims or the ingenious Americans. For my family - Thanksgiving (even when we are all geographically separated) reminds me of how blessed I am to have my

family and my community. It also reminds me that my thankfulness is superficial if I do not commit to helping others become secure enough to celebrate their own plight and their families. Chanukkah and Christmas have become secular holidays (to the great demise of Judaism and Christianity) all about toys and gifts. Still, though, they build into our calendars family and community celebration time. Somehow, they get us past the noise that separates us and helps us find ways to communally celebrate - irrespective of the “other stuff.”

I recall the Christmas truce of 1914 - near the beginning of World War I. Thousands of British, Belgian and French soldiers put down their rifles, stepped out of their trenches and spent Christmas mingling with their German enemies along the Western front. Pvt. Albert Moren of the Second Queens Regiment recalled, “First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up ‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’ the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words *Adeste Fideles*. And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing – two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war.”

The next morning, in some places, German soldiers emerged from their trenches, calling out “Merry Christmas” in English. Over the course of the day, troops exchanged gifts of cigarettes, food, buttons and hats. The Christmas truce also allowed both sides to finally bury their dead comrades, whose bodies had lain for weeks on “no man’s land,” the ground between opposing trenches. If we can stop a gun based war on the battlefield, we can stop the verbal wars in our homes and communities.

Bottom line, we can ask why we need external reminders to feel blessed, but the answer would be most unsatisfying. We are time overprogrammed and spiritually underwhelmed. That said, let’s look at these “reminders” as blessings accept that whether or not we should need them to remember our blessings, we do need them. Let’s use them accordingly.

As the year winds down, I pray that each of us better appreciates each other and the blessings that we can share with each other.

FROM CANTOR GABRIELLE CLISSOLD



MRT is MUSICAL in November and December! I am deeply grateful for all the support and feedback you have given me about the Visual Worship service based on the ideas and images of "Bridges". Many people attended which was really exciting! It has been and remains very beneficial to me to learn how to create worship in the visual medium. None of this would be possible without your support and willingness to allow me to experiment. The next visual worship service is on November 30th at 7 pm. It is based on the concept and image of a rainbow. Guest musician Chris Mason will be rejoining us!

The choir has been rehearsing the Thanksgiving music for our Interfaith Thanksgiving service at 8:00 pm on Wednesday night November 21st at the First Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury. Our choirs will join in song have been working very hard on the music for the past few weeks. There are some new Thanksgiving Hymns we will be singing that have been selected

by the Church. I recommend putting your cooking aside to experience our loving interfaith community and Thanksgiving!

On December 7th we celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah with our First Friday Band! They are amazing volunteers and the music we sing is very joyous and contemporary! We are always seeking new musicians! If you play an instrument on an intermediate level and you think this would be fun-please let me know! We would love to have you!

On December 21st our service at 7 pm is led by our senior youth group-sMaRTy! After the service we have our shul-in (sleep over at the Temple). I hope you can come to hear the vibrant and exciting voices of our teens leading us in worship!

Come be with us on Shabbat every week and raise your voice in song!

FROM EDUCATOR MAGDA REYES



You might have seen flyers or e-mails sent home with invitations from groups with strange names such as SMaRTY and JrMints. It's not that we are affiliated with any strange cult nor are we introducing a foreign language to our Religious School students. The names stand for our Temple's youth groups.

Youth groups are an important part of the Religious School and supplement the more academic curriculum with a social component. Not only do they provide an opportunity to have fun in a safe and supervised setting, youth group events provide an opportunity to interact with Jewish kids in a Jewish environment. They play an important part in a child's Jewish education in that the time spent together allows the kids to interact socially outside the classroom. Many of the activities are scheduled right after Religious School ends in order to make the connection between the school and youth group and also to ease the burden of driving back and forth. The time spent doing

"Jewish stuff" together pays off later in a heightened feeling of Jewish identity, solidarity and a sense of belonging.

Our junior youth group, called the Jr Mints, schedules events about every six weeks after school and also off-site. Activities for the 4th – 6th graders range from Pizza In The Hut and games, led by the senior youth group, to the an outing to the movies, to a Chesed Day when we visit The Chelsea. Our senior group, SMaRTY, is affiliated with the reform movements' national youth organization and is organized along that group's guidelines. The group elects officers for its board and is advised by Amy Goldberg. The SMARTYs are always busy and their calendar includes monthly activities. Most recently, they participated in "Cardboard City", an event which aims to shed light on homelessness.

As for the names...SMaRTY stands for Monmouth Reform Temple Youth (since we didn't want to be called MaRTY, we added an "S" in front). And, as long we were talking candy.... JrMints seemed a great choice!

See you at Youth Group,
Magda

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 2018

Sunday, November 4 –

Religious School, K – 10th grades // 9:30 am
6th Grade Bar Mitzvah Orientation

Wednesday, November 7 &

Sunday, November 11

Religious School closed for NJEA

Wednesday, November 14

Religious School, 4th – 6th grades // 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 18 –

Religious School K – 10th grades // 9:30 am
Bagels & Blocks // 9:30 am
K/1 Family Program // 9:30 am
SMaRTY goes to the Chelsea // 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 21 &

Sunday, November 25 –

Religious School closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 28 –

Religious School 4th – 6th grades // 4:00 pm

FROM THE SISTERHOOD

Fun! Fun! Fun! Girls just wanna have fun! That is something that we do not lack in the MRT Sisterhood. Being together and just enjoying each others company, talking, laughing, comforting, caring, and just plain fun. There are plenty of things that we do to help the temple or help in the community as well, but when we do these things together, we always seem to have fun.

In the month of September we had a wonderful time at Sisterhood in the Sukkah. Although we could not actually eat in the Sukkah, we had a lovely dinner catered by Kitchen Witch in the Social Hall. Thank you to Cantor Clissold for coming out and being our spiritual leader that evening. We also welcome Magda Reyes to the Sisterhood. It has been a pleasure getting to know her. As you can see from the photos, we had a very nice turnout and everyone had a great time.

For the month of October, there were several activities that we were involved with. We hosted our first Out and About where we went to The Marina Restaurant in Oceanport. We had a lovely time at dinner with a glass of wine and wonderful conversation. Sitting at a table that overlooked the water made it that much more special.

Our next activity was the American Cancer Society walk to end breast cancer. That was held on Sunday, October 21, in Point Pleasant beach. It was a beautiful, chilly day with bright sunshine and thousands of participants. The Sisterhood raised well over \$4000 for this important cause and everyone that walked made it to the finish line.

For our last activity of the month, a dozen members went to play Monster Mini Golf in Eatontown on a Wednesday night. Complete with snacks, treats, and wine, we were given a fully Halloween decorated room to relax in. After schmoozing for about a half hour, we broke into small groups to play mini golf in the dark! Well, ok, there were black lights so we could sort of see. It was a whole lot of fun!

Mark your calendars for MORE fun: Saturday November 24 is the Sisterhood/Men's club rock and roll dinner dance. Friday December 7 is the temple Chanukah party for the whole family. December 13 is Book Club movie night. Lastly, for now, Saturday, February 9 will be our Murder Mystery dinner. You do not want to miss any of these amazing activities!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Chanukah!

Ellen Goldberg and Nancy Zaslowe
Sisterhood Co Presidents

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Once again, Men's Club has been active in planning various activities for MRT including organizing ushers for High Holy days, building / taking down our Sukkah, dinner in the Sukkah, organizing social activities, poker games, meeting at local sports bar establishments, and Jewish Heritage Discussions with Rabbi Kline. We also lead and co-plan events with Sisterhood including the 70s / 80s Rock Party/Dance, our Chanukah party, and future events such as Murder Mystery Night, Purim Spiel / Beer Fest, Beer Crawl and ???

Our new series, Jewish Heritage discussions with Rabbi Kline was off to a fun start with "Prophets and Patron" we will be continuing these lively discussions.

Check the MRT calendar and Men's Club emails for upcoming events.

If you have read some of my recent Men's Club articles – thank you, and once again, I am inviting you to become a member and be active in our Men's Club.

In order for us to continue running various 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 can be:

- Brought to a Men's Club meeting or event
- Dropped off at the MRT office
- Mailed to MRT (made payable to Men's Club)
- Submitted via the MRT website

Men's Club meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of odd months, from 7 – 8:30 PM
Come to one of our meetings or events and be a part of what's happening.

If you have an idea for an event, please let me know.

Thank you for your support!!

Scott Schneider
MRT Men's Club President
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732-500-3848

UPCOMING EVENT

Men's Club: Jewish Heritage Discussions
Miracles, Menorahs, Manischewitz, Merlot and Michelob
Sunday, November 18th 7pm-8pm in the MRT Library

FROM GAN MAZON – MRT'S GARDEN OF PLENTY



Dear Gan Mazon Volunteers,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making this season a record breaking one. Gan Mazon delivered approximately 2,000 lbs. to the Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Monmouth County in Asbury Park and about 200 lbs. to Open Door in Freehold. Our total was 2,240 lbs. for the 2018 season, an 805 lbs. increase over last season. Your commitment to our objective overcame weather not especially kind to us this season. A late start, very hot days and frequent rain were taxing; yet, you harvested over a ton of healthy vegetables.

October 14, Mitzvah Day, was really the start of Gan Mazon's 2019 season, when 5+ yards of compost were wheelbarrowed into and evenly raked throughout our 3,000 square foot garden by Doreen Laperdon-Addison, Elmo Cohen, Gloria and Charlie Gross, David Kahn, and me. The soil will have months to blend with the compost's



beneficial properties for early planting in March or April. First-time volunteer, Brian Forman, foreground, right photo, joined us on Mitzvah Day when he saw that we needed another person to cart the compost into the garden.

In addition to those mentioned above, we are very fortunate to have a cadre of volunteers this season making our mission a reality: Barbara Miller, Brett Tuller, Denise Fredericks, Elise Aptaker, Ellen Goldberg, Jerry Korn, Judy Rivkin, Michelle Nathanson, Semmes Brightman, Sue Malmi, Susan St. Lifer, and Wayne Hallard. Our volunteers are temple members and non-temple members. We reached this season's record harvest because of your commitment to our mission to provide nutritious produce to needy families.



Doreen Laperdon-Addison with rake and David Kahn with his hands on the wheelbarrow stopped for a few minutes on Mitzvah Day to allow Sue Barr to add another photo to her Gan Mazon 2018 Mitzvah Day photo shoot.

The photo of an always smiling Denise Fredericks, on the left, caught her early in the season spreading salt hay to deter weeds. A certified Master Gardener, Denise epitomized the spirit



of our non-member volunteers by accepting any task needed to be done. Other non-member angels are Jerry Korn, Sue Malmi and, of course, Gloria and Charlie Gross.

Please add to your calendars that current and past Gan Mazon volunteers will soon receive an invitation to JFCS' annual meeting on December 11. During the evening's program, Gan Mazon will be recognized for our dedication toward the agency's pantry recipients. As I mentioned in the last Bulletin, we are the only large garden providing produce for its pantry, saving the agency thousands of dollars each season. A program highlight will recognize Gloria for the leadership role she has taken on at Gan Mazon.

Just mentioning names does not do justice to your contributions to the garden; yet, I can assure you that we did well and you are justified in feeling proud that people have benefited from our hours in the garden. I enjoyed working with each one of you and look forward to next season.

Best Wishes, David

FROM ISRAEL AFFAIRS CHAIR ELEANOR RUBIN



Why are Israelis so happy?

In recent months, 17,000 incendiary kites were launched from Gaza into Israel destroying hundreds of acres of farmland and forests. Iran constantly threatens to destroy Israel. The Palestinian Authority dreams of wiping Israel out altogether from the river to the sea. Part of world opinion blames Israel for the poverty and miserable conditions of lives in Gaza and among the Palestinians. Despite long lasting peace treaties with Jordan and Egypt, Israel resides in a dangerous neighborhood.

So what's with this 'happiness' claim? Since 2012, the World Happiness Report, a publication of United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, has annually ranked 156 nations by their self-evaluated happiness levels. Editors of the happiness report are 3 of the world's top economists, John Helliwell, Richard Layard and Jeffrey Sachs.

Israel ranks # 11 among the 156, following countries such as Finland, Norway, Denmark and other social democratic countries. The United States ranks # 18. The Palestinian Authority ranks #104. Questions that are used to determine happiness level include income satisfaction, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom to make life choices, generosity and perceptions of corruption in government.

Though the median income is not high, according to our standards, Israelis report general satisfaction. One suggestion is that higher income would require more hours of work robbing time from family and friends. Health care in Israel is among the best in the world. The country, slightly larger than New Jersey, means that family members are, at most, several hours from each other and more likely very close by. Israel is a collective society meaning that everyone knows everyone else or knows someone who knows someone.

An example of knowing someone who knows someone is a constant in the lives of Israelis when it comes to army service. The IDF (Israel Defense Force) is a citizen's army consisting of fathers, brothers, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, and friends. Every household or neighbor knows someone who is in the Army or serving in the Reserves and this closeness and personal experience creates compassion and understanding for the pain or worry of others. Many men and women serve in the Reserves until age 40 with exceptions for those with children or other reasons for exemption. Reserve duty may be required a couple of times a year, for several weeks or a month at a time and usually one is assigned to the same unit every time fostering companionship and cohesiveness among the group. Israelis do not love war but they are always prepared. Perhaps, as a result of compassion and understanding and empathy for their soldiers and families, reported cases of PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) among Israeli soldiers are among the lowest in military forces worldwide as reported in the Jewish press. Israelis LOVE their soldiers. We HONOR our soldiers. There is a difference.

The writer of an article in the Jerusalem Report, about Israeli happiness, Shlomo Maital, says, "Israel gives meaning to my life and is a source of deep happiness. Whatever the year brings, good and bad, Israelis will embrace it, deal with it and remain against all odds among the world's happiest people."

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Members of the Ritual Committee were happy with the services during the High Holy Days and Purim. We look forward to the upcoming year of Sabbath services and other holiday celebrations. Our services are traditional, but with changes, reforms, every year. There are always changes to discuss in the content and format of our ancient, medieval, but modern holidays. There will be more visual Shabbat services through the work of Cantor Clissold, always musical services, a first of the month service with meals served and a service tilted to families and children, and now Limud services on mainly the third Friday of each month with congregational study and participation. Always the Friday evening services and the Saturday morning services are a source of Sabbath joy, rest and inspiration. Over the next few we will be seeking volunteers to hold a home dinner for Temple members in lieu of the sanctuary service. (That is, a dinner and a personal service on a Friday evening in March, 2019. Dinner with local members.)

We continue to urge members to avoid strong perfumes at services to accommodate for our chemically sensitive and asthmatic members, as well as to make sure cell phones are shut off.

If you are interested in our meetings and our work to help Rabbi and Cantor create beautiful and meaningful Temple experiences email me (Rgabel48@aol.com). Any suggestions or complaints at service and for Rituals you can contact me. We will always discuss and do what we can.

Bob Gabel
Ritual Committee Chair

HOLIDAY FAMILY SPONSORING

Each year MRT members have been extremely generous in sponsoring families in need during the holiday season! These include adults (who may be in shelters, group homes or homeless) and families through The Center in Asbury Park, and families from FRA (Family Resource Associates) which serves babies and children with special needs. Any help is appreciated and many times volunteers help with part of a family's needs or even gift cards.

Last year alone MRT sponsored 85 adults in need from The Center and about 15 families of various sizes! We are a very caring community!

To volunteer or for more information, please email Cheryl Gaudette at cbgaudette@gmail.com or call or text at 908-489-0055. Thanks!

Thanks!!!!
Cheryl Gaudette

MAZEL TOV!



Lily LeRoy will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 17th at 10am. Lily LeRoy is a 7th grader at Forrestdale Middle School in Rumson. She loves to dance. For her bat mitzvah project, she chose to collect new and gently used dance shoes to donate to needy kids through an organization called Footloose.

Evan Sabo will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 1st at 10am.

Hi, I am Evan Sabo and this is my bar-mitzvah bio. I am a 7th grader at the Rumson Country Day School in Rumson New Jersey. I am funny and I like to have a good laugh with my friends and family. I play baseball and basketball all the time and my favorite video game is NBA 2K 19. For my bar-mitzvah project I am collecting sports balls all around where I live and I will send them to a school and the YMCA of San Juan in Puerto Rico for hurricane relief.



Seth Tolchin will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 8th at 10am.

Seth lives in Colts Neck with his parents Liz and Harold, his older sister, Reese, his younger brother, Eli, his Bubby and Zayde and his dog, Andi. It's a lively household and Seth wouldn't have it any other way. He's a 7th grader at Ranney School and enjoys playing tennis, running, building Legos, drawing, playing video games and hanging out with his friends. Seth loves spending his summers at Perlman sleep away camp and the beach. He is known for his sense of humor and wicked dance moves!

Seth would like to thank Cantor Clissold, Rabbi Kline, his Hebrew School teachers and his family for helping him to reach this important day.

YAHRTZEITS (read date based on when they occur)

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

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

*Lola Baum, Patricia A. Hallard, *Maurice Meyer, Elaine Sherman, Ida Steinberger, Lenny Horowitz, Sidney Moskovitz, Fruma Bernstein, Sally T. Frankel, *Frances Lithauer Goldstein, Shirley Kosene, Phillip Gutsin, Gail Joseph, Helen Singer, Molly Stark, *Emily Talberth, Dolores Gale, *Regina Sherman, Anne Straus, Edith Halpern, *Anna Singer, *Tally Smith

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

*Pauline Dworkin, *Pauline Gold, Shirley Greene, Arlene Kayser, Minna K. Litwin, Jay Manacher, Jennifer Reiches, Annita Suffian, Calmon Sperling, Max Finkelstein, *Albert Garin, *Julian Gottlieb, *Sandy Liebesman, Edwin Moore, *Max Singer, Elaine Spector, David Spellman, Rose Burns, *William Goldstein, *Rose Welner Lifschitz, Norman Semler, Lucie Wiesengrund, *Helen R. Jacobs, Alan Pratt, Philip Schlisserman, Paula Wiesenfeld

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

Seymour Baum, *Hugo E. Fleischman, Dennis Malley, *Sally Mausner, Edie Cohan, Rosalie Bayroff Frank, Bertha Friend, *Nachman Bregman, Joni Dowler, Theodore Wilcox Leverett, Allen Fishman, *Ian Brightman, *Cynthia Ruth Fox, *Robert Goodman, Joan Manacher, Sophie Weinstein, Barbara N. Wien, *Max Bodner, Dr. Hyman H. Graver, Louise Jennings, *Bertha Kridel, Ann Schneider

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

Louis Kletter, Iris Ourach, Arthur Schechter, *Frank Singer, Emma Tettermer, Louis Boxman, *Mary Fleischman, *Sheldon Hillel Brown, *Sylvia Sulkin, Anna Murray, *Isabel Colmenares, Charlotte Graver, Peter Gutterman, *William Ostrov, Joyce Chalnack, Alice Smith, Betty Jumper, Charlotte Apter Rems

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH SERVICES AT 7PM

Samuel Baderman, *Ida Mann Falk, *Joan Feigus, Nancy Karl, Richard Nathanson, Meir Reichman, Albert B. Gomberg, *Ruth Gottlieb, Dolores Keefe, Charles Kirschner, Linda Kosene, Shirley Kroen, Ace A. Orange, Helen Singer, Charles P. Gelber, Carol Gutterman, *James Harran, Beatrice S. Leeds, Samuel Rivkin, Al Shapiro, Barry Bernstein, Cary Lowenstein, *Risa A. Yagoda, *Mildred Abis, *Morris Berg, William Howard Chess, Helen Danzig Scoben, Phylliss Deitch, *Steven Stone, Howard Strauss, *Miriam Leavitt Welner, Robert Halpern, Bessie Kline, *Bernard Levy, David Litwin, *Sol Mandel, Morton Rechnitz, Ruth Kahn Wolff

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH SERVICES AT 6PM

*Gussie Avrin, *Abba Mayer Beerman, Roger Kenneth Berman, Joseph Dow, Sylvia Mink, *Jay Schulman, *Mortimer Brandwene, Richard Graboyes, *Harry Kohn, Brian Murray, Clara Reiss, *Delores Abramowitz, *Flora Braunstein, Lawrence Friedman, Gertrude T. Gelber, *Hilda D. Salomon, Gertrude Wolf, *Benjamin Bregmann, *Ruth Silverberg, Joel Wiesenfeld, *Betty Bermann, *Isidore, Bermann, Leda Cohan, Harry Haback, Ted Choate, *Nancy Louise Egan Grant, Lester Morris, Harvey Mozer, *Helen Davis, Leo Deitch, Abraham Golden, *Louis E. Jacobson, Eleanor "Peach" Krachman, *Celia Spring

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH SERVICES AT 7PM

Melissa Haback, Joseph Levinsky, Ruth Pearlman, Lewis A. Bernard Sr., Pearl Katz, Vivianne Meistrich, Caryl Rubin, Irwin Kaltenbacher, Herbert Leifman, Martha Meurer, Patricia Ann Turner, Morris Weinstein, Florence Elias, *Abraham Glasser, Lena Attias, Robert Gordon, Marilyn Lappen, *Pearl Seitz, Frank Bouju, *David Lane, *Ida Reisner

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST SERVICES AT 7PM

George Brandwene, Harry Katz, *Lois Baker Smith, Sylvia Katz, *Richard Klein, *Beth Tanzman, *Herbert Tanzman, Dorothy Davis, Harry Field, *George Glasser, Molly Gurevitz, Jeff Lipson, *Bette Halpern Schmelzle, *Ann Weissman, Raymond Becker, Clara Newman, Sal Katz, Edward Klein, Paul Knopf, *Nettie Morse, *Sylvia Shertzer, Emanuel Barouch, Evelyn Garfield, Lillian Pintow, Betty Rivkin, Irving Hoffman, Collette Katz, Judith Lissy

NAMES TO BE READ ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH SERVICES AT 7PM

Elizabeth Heidema, Ann Klatsky Kobrin, Jennie Rosenweig, Jessie Weiss, Selma Burdas, *Joseph Lansky, *Lora G. Miller, Gertrude Snyder, *Leonard Gettelson, *Esther Komar, Herman Pernick, *Hyman Reisner, Howard Semer, *Edith R. Ginzburg, *Goldie Bialy, Irving Greenberg, *Samuel Avrin, *Abraham W. Miller, Lillian Rifkin, Herman Wilk, *Baldwin Davidson, Sylvia Davis, Herbert Friend, Evelyn Anna Roe Gilstein, Alice McDermott-Pitchell, Marshall Neuhauser, Joseph Weisfogel

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Thanks to Rabbi Priesand—Jane Graver

November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:30am Rel School 1pm Smarty Creative Service planning	Office Closed	8am Coffee & Conv at Shapiro's 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid 7pm Exec Comm	No Religious School 7:30pm MCC		11:30am Office Closing 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 6pm First Friday 6/7 Host	9am Torah Talks Study 10am Jacob Gutsin Bar Mitzvah
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Religious School	Office Closed 6pm Sis Book Club 8:15pm Men's Club at Jack's	NO Study Group 6pm Smarty 7pm Men's Club	4pm Rel School 7pm Ritual 7pm Membership 7:30pm MCC	Red Bank Y in Social Hall all day	11:30am Office Closing 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No Religious School	Office Closed 6pm Sis Book Club 8:15pm Men's Club at Jack's	NO Study Group 6pm Smarty 7pm Men's Club	4pm Rel School 7pm Ritual 7pm Membership 7:30pm MCC	Red Bank Y in Social Hall all day	11:30 am Office Closing 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study 10am Lily LeRoy Bat Mitzvah 1pm Smarty Chinese Buffet
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Rel School 9:30am K/1 Family Ed 9:30am Bagels & Blocks 1pm Smarty at Chelsea 7pm Men's Club Discussion	7:30pm MCC	8am Coffee & Conv at Shapiro's 9:45am Study Group 7pm Board meeting	No Religious School 8am Interfaith Thanks at Presbyterian	Office Closed Thanksgiving	Office Closed 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study 7pm Men's Club 70/80s Rock party
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
No Religious School	Office Closed	8am Coffee & Conv at Shapiro's Deli 9:45am Study Group	4pm Rel School 7:30pm MCC		11:30am Office Closing 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks Study 10am Evan Sabo Bar Mitzvah
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9:30am Rel School 9:30am 4th Gr Fam Ed 9:30am MA Minitrip Chanukah 1st candle	Office Closed Chanukah 2 candles	8am Coffee & Conv 9:45am Study Group 7pm Exec Comm Chanukah 3 candles	4pm Religious School 7:30pm MCC Chanukah 4 candles	Set up for Chanukah Party Chanukah 5 candles	11:30am Office Closed 3:45pm Chelsea 6pm Shabbat Services followed by Chanukah Party Chanukah 6 candles	9am Torah Talks Study 10am Evan Sabo Bar Mitzvah 4:30pm Smarty at Ronald McDonald
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30am Rel School 9:30am Bagels & Blox 11:30am Community Menorah Lighting 1pm Smarty Rehearsal	Office Closed	8am Coffee & Conv 9:45am Study Group 7pm Orchid	4pm Rel School 7pm Ritual 7:30pm MCC	Red Bank Y using Social Hall	11:30am Office Closing 3:45pm Shabbat @ Chelsea 7pm Shabbat Services	Shabbat Kallah with Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz 10am-4pm Light lunch included
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am Rel School	Office Closed Red Bank Y using Social Hall	8am Coffee & Conv 9:45am Study Group 6pm Smarty Rehearsal 7pm Board	4pm Rel School		11:30am Office Closed 6pm Shabbat Services by Smarty Shul-In	9am Torah Talks
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
No Religious School	Office Closed	No Study Group 12pm Office Closed	12pm Office Closed No Religious School	12pm Office Closed	12pm Office Closed 7pm Shabbat Services	9am Torah Talks
30	31					
No Religious School	Office Closed					

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