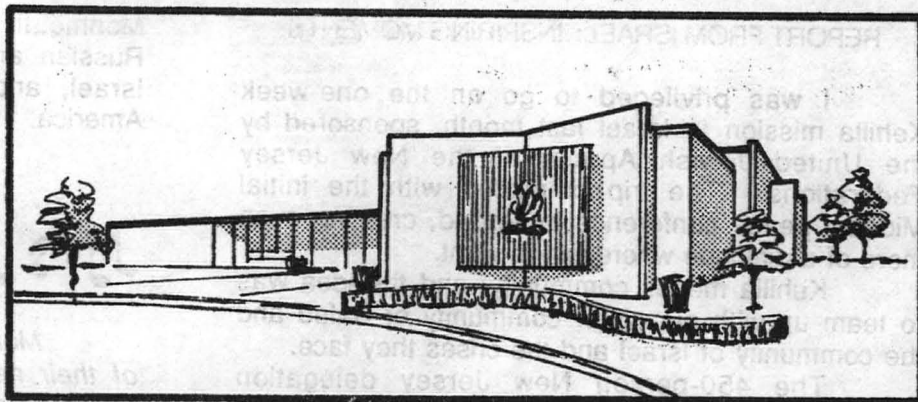


# monmouth reform temple *bulletin*



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No. 4

KISLEV - TEVET 5752

DECEMBER 1991

## WORSHIP

### FRIDAY EVENINGS

Dec. 6 - Chanukah Family Service - 8:15 PM  
Conducted by Sixth Grade  
Torah portion: Gen. 41:1-44:17

13 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: *LIVING IN THE DIASPORA*  
Torah portion: Gen. 44:18-47:27

20 - Jewish Book Month - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: *DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL*  
Torah portion: Gen. 47:28-50:26

27 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: *PORTRAIT OF A LEADER*  
Torah portion: Exod. 1:1-6:1

### BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Sunday, December 8 9:30 AM

Program: "BACKGROUND OF THE TALMUD"

By: BARRY MILLER

Bagels, Coffee & Tea served

Plan to attend!

## SERVICES

### NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees of Monmouth Reform Temple, I warmly welcome the following members to our Temple Family:

Pamela Kaplan, 1518 Garden Road, Bldg 29  
Apt 1 Ocean 07712; child Danielle Bainbridge  
GiGi & Michael Karp, 15 Kremer Avenue,  
Eatontown 07724

Neil & Ellen Robinson, 2 Thistle Lane,  
Hortland 07733; children Brian & Jill

May their presence add to the vitality and spirit of our Congregation.

----Rosalind Reisner

### ARTS & DECORATIONS

The Arts & Decorations Committee would like to landscape around the new Monmouth Reform Temple sign and we are in need of donations to the Arts & Decorations Fund to complete this project.

----Zee Jay Cooper

To our Temple Family —

We invite you to share our joy at the naming of our granddaughter, Isabell, at Shabbat Services on December 27th. Please join us at the Oneg Shabbat in her honor following services.

----Sheila & Jim Leavitt

## REPORT FROM ISRAEL: INSPIRING MOMENTS

I was privileged to go on the one-week Kehilla mission to Israel last month, sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal of the New Jersey Federations. The trip coincided with the initial Mideast peace conference in Madrid, creating even more of a dialogue wherever we went.

Kehilla means community, and the idea was to team up with our sister community of Safed and the community of Israel and the crises they face.

The 450-person New Jersey delegation included 34 from Monmouth and 14 from Middlesex counties who shared a bus and experiences. Using Jerusalem as a base, we visited in addition to the usual tourist destinations—Efrat, one of the controversial West Bank Jewish settlements in Judea; Kibbutz Misgav Am, directly on the border with Lebanon; Isfaya, a Druse village; a Bedouin encampment near Beersheva; the Kadoori Caravan housing project for Ethiopians rescued during the dramatic two-day Operation Solomon in May; and the Ramat Ha'Negev agricultural experiment center where miracles are being performed in the desalinization of water and in developing unique winter agriculture.

Obviously, the Arab Quarters and East Jerusalem were off limits—a sad situation. Although the Intafada had generally calmed down, incidents to terrorism designed to interfere with the peace conference punctuated our visit. Terrorist attacks on a Tel Aviv bound bus and attempted border raids resulted in injury and death. These incidents dramatized the constant threat to Israeli border settlements and other wise our sister community of Safed—facts too often conveniently ignored by the world community.

Ironically, the highlight of the trip was being routed out of bed at 2 am to greet 230 Russian Jewish immigrants at Ben Gurion airport as they arrived from Bucharest. Seeing them descend from the airplane—babies, children, the young adults, the middle-aged, and the elderly was a scene we will never forget. Many of them were overwhelmed by this personal greeting by 450 people, but we were even more overwhelmed. Yet we also felt saddened that the greeting was the limit of our personal contact with the new immigrants.

We realized that while we had been privileged to see the Russians, the Ethiopians, heroic Jewish leaders on the West Bank, Kibbutz leaders, and the incredible transformation of Safed from a poor community to a solid, sustaining one and while our spiritual support was crucial to all these people, money is still desperately needed for these and the other worthy programs of UJA. Each of us to do the best we can.

The funds are desperately needed NOW, and anything you personally can send to the UJA, c/o

Monmouth Reform Temple, will be used for the Russian and Ethiopian immigrants, the people of Israel, and the many worthy UJA programs in America.

----Charles Bernstein



## CANTOR'S CORNER

Monmouth Civic Chorus under the direction of their new director Mark Shapiro will present a delightful evening of music on Saturday, December 7, 8 PM at the First Presbyterian Church at Tower Hill, Red Bank. The evening's program will include **FOUR MOTETS** by Aaron Coplan, **CHICHESTER PSALMS** by Leonard Bernstein and **MISSA BREVIS** by Zoltan Kodaly. For reservations or further information contact our own **MIRIAM HARRIS** or **MARIAN MEARNS** 493-3730.

---Ellen Sussman

## RITUAL NEWS

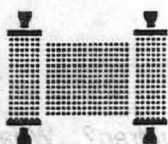
The Ritual Committee, after considering all the opinions given at the open Ritual Meeting on October 27, 1991, as well as written opinions submitted to the committee, has decided unanimously to maintain the present policy of allowing only Jewish Temple Members in the Temple Choir. This decision was based on the purpose of the Ritual Committee as stated in the Temple Constitution viz: to determine and encourage ritual practice at MRT. Fostering meaningful prayer is one of our obligations and that was the deciding factor in our considerations. We felt that the Choir leads us in prayer, and as such, their words have a deep significance to many of our worshipers. Having an All-Jewish Choir which affirms Jewish faith and practice through song makes prayer meaningful; and this was the basis of our decision.

----Barry Miller

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Plaques, which are dedicated to a Family Member, can be purchased through the Temple Office. They are hung in the entrance way to the sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost is currently \$350. Please call the office for details.





## FROM RABBI PRIESAND

One of the things we cherish most about Reform Judaism is the freedom it gives us to choose those customs and ceremonies which are meaningful to us. Those of you who have been to services recently know that I have chosen to exercise that freedom by wearing a new tallit that is somewhat more traditional than the one I usually wear. Actually it was a gift to me from the congregation to mark the eighteenth anniversary of my ordination (although it has taken me a year and a half to find just the right one). I am most grateful for the generosity that has made such a special gift possible.

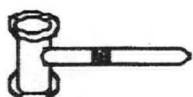
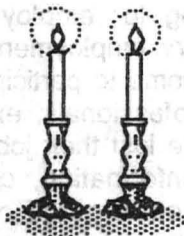
The command to wear a tallit comes to us from Torah (Num. 15:37-41) where we are told that its fringes are to remind us of God's Commandments. Traditionally, a tallit was worn only during the morning service when Torah was read, but since we Reform Jews read Torah on Friday nights, at what has become our main service, it seems to me to be appropriate for anyone who wishes to wear a tallit to do so.

I am not certain that I can articulate for you my reasons for choosing to wear a more traditional tallit, and I don't know if I will wear it every week, but this I do know: it's something that I've been wanting to do for a long time, something which I believe gives me an opportunity to grow spiritually and with which I want to experiment, and it's only through trying something that any of us can know whether it is a custom that holds meaning for us. I hope, therefore, that you will bear with me as I engage in my own personal search for new ways of opening my life to greater spirituality and cementing those bonds which link me to the tradition of our people.

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## TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Dec. 6 - 4:11 PM  
13 - 4:11 PM  
20 - 4:13 PM  
27 - 4:17 PM



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The recent growth in Monmouth Reform Temple's membership has promoted the Board to look at the opportunities and difficulties that come with such change. We expect to have greater income as well as greater expenses, and the two factors must be kept in balance.

One area most visibly affected by the growth is Religious School which has approximately 35 more students than last year and is bustling with activity. For the first time in several years there are separate kindergarten and first grade classes, and an additional teacher and aides have been hired. The classrooms are full.

I have established a task force on Temple growth, headed by Arlene Berg. It is studying various facets of Monmouth Reform Temple, such as Religious School, facilities and staff roles. The task force will attempt to find short-range solutions for problem areas. We cannot be certain that growth will continue at the same rate in the future but we must be prepared.

---Rosalie Rosin

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## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Adult Education Committee hopes you will reserve Saturday night, January 4th, 1992 for this year's Adult Education Night.

Our Program will explore four topics:

- Being Jewish in the Work Place
- Great Cantors of the Golden Age
- Yiddish: the Mother Tongue
- Torah Study: The Joseph Stories

Watch for more information to come by flyer! Mark the date on your calendar.

----Joel Morgovsky

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## OPENING DOORS: A LIBERAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON INTERMARRIAGE

A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place at Monmouth Reform Temple beginning Tuesday, January 21. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples. For further information and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator, at 201-599-0080.

----Arthur Birnkrant

## YAHREZEITS

## REFLECTIONS

Dec. 6 - Sadie Stempler, David Litwin, Anne Small, Martin Baronoff, \*Jay Schulman, Joseph Dow, \*Abba Mayer Beerman, \*Harry Kohn, \*Dr. Irma Steisel, Gertrude Wolf, \*Sol Cohen, \*Flora Braunstein, \*Isidore Bermann, \*Betty Bermann and Mortimer Brandwene.

13 - Ruth Welt, \*Helen Davis, \*Louis E. Jacobson, Susan Rosemann, Morris Weinstein, \*Abraham Glasser, Norman K. Brenner and \*Pearl Seitz.

20 - \*David Lane, Ida Reisner, Leo Goodman, Harry Katz, Herbert Tanzman, Alvin Stone, \*Richard Klein, \*Bette Halpern Schmelzle, \*George Glasser, Molly Gurevitz, Philip Kramer, Edward Klein, Bernard Rosenberg, Kate Cohen and Irving Priesand.

27 - Sylvia Snedcof Musicus, Jennie Rosenweig, Jessie Weiss, Gertrude Snyder, \*Joseph Lansky, \*Esther Komar, \*Leonard Gettelson, \*Edith R. Ginzburg, Marvin Toll, \*Goldie Bialy, Max Abraham Trauben, \*Samuel Avrin, \*Lora G. Miller, \*Abraham W. Miller and Louis Cohen

\* Indicates a plaque.

The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Vera & Vladimir Bolotin on the death of her sister

FRIEDA SAPOZHNIKOVA

Bernard & Phoebe Shagan on the death of his aunt

ANNE STRAUS

May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.

## BULLETIN & MAILINGS

Bulletin information is due in the office by the 10th of the month.

Mailing information is due in by the 8th & 23rd of the month. Mailings go out on the 15th & last day of the month.

What is it we want for our children? What is it we want their Jewishness to mean to them?

We want their Jewishness to be neither a burden, nor a source of shame or contempt to them....We want their Jewishness to be as natural to them as their breathing.

We want our children to have a religious attitude toward life, to have a reverence for all that enhances life; to develop a sense of awe and mystery about the known as well as the unknown....

We want our children to appreciate the beauty and the richness of our customs and ceremonies, and to observe them, not out of a sense of guilt, not out of a belief in their magical quality, not even to hallow the memory of an ancestor; but rather as an expression of their own felt needs....

We want them to appreciate that their religion is concerned with all reality; that it can flourish only when the mind is open and free;...and that no religion is worth its salt unless it can liberate rather than shackle....

We want our children to learn how to love, to love themselves, to love one another, to love humanity—for the world needs so much love....

We want them to look upon religion not as something to be inherited, but rather as something to be discovered.

-----Rabbi Leonard I. Beerman

NEED A RIDE TO TEMPLE?  
CALL: Florence Cohen 542-2143

## LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

A Career Development Support Group has been established, with the help of the New Jersey Association of Reform Rabbis, to assist all those searching for employment or seeking to upgrade temporary employment. Recent college graduates are welcome to participate in the program as well as older professionals, executives and clinical workers who have lost their jobs through this recession. For further information, contact Temple Beth El, 221 Schraalenburgh Road, Closter, NJ 07624, (201)768-5112.

# December 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Kislev 5752  NO Religious School <b>1</b>	25 Kislev 5752 1 Chanukkah.  Preschool - 7-8 PM <b>2</b>	26 Kislev 5752 2 Chanukkah.  Study Group - 9:30 AM Religious Education - 8 PM <b>3</b>	27 Kislev 5752 3 Chanukkah.  Religious School - 4 PM Ritual - 8 PM <b>4</b>	28 Kislev 5752 4 Chanukkah.  <b>5</b>	29 Kislev 5752 5 Chanukkah.  Family Service - 8:15 PM Sixth Grade <b>6</b>	30 Kislev 5752 Mi-Ketz 6 Chanukkah. Rosh-Chodesh. <b>7</b>
1 Tevet 5752 7 Chanukkah. Rosh-Chodesh. Chanukah Latke Party Religious School - 9:30 AM Brotherhood - 9:30 <b>8</b>	2 Tevet 5752 8 Chanukkah.  <b>9</b>	3 Tevet 5752  Study Group - 9:30 AM Social Action - 8 PM <b>10</b>	4 Tevet 5752  Religious School - 4 PM Outreach - 8 PM <b>11</b>	5 Tevet 5752  <b>12</b>	6 Tevet 5752  Services - 8:15 PM <b>13</b>	7 Tevet 5752 Va-Yiggash  <b>14</b>
8 Tevet 5752  Religious School - 9:30 AM RS Parents Association - 10:30 AM <b>15</b>	9 Tevet 5752  <b>16</b>	10 Tevet 5752 Asera be'Tevet.  Study Group - 9:30 AM Temple Board - 8:15 PM <b>17</b>	11 Tevet 5752  Religious School - 4 PM <b>18</b>	12 Tevet 5752  <b>19</b>	13 Tevet 5752  Services - 8:15 PM <b>20</b>	14 Tevet 5752 Va-Yechi  <b>21</b>
15 Tevet 5752  NO Religious School <b>22</b>	16 Tevet 5752  <b>23</b>	17 Tevet 5752  NO Study Group <b>24</b>	18 Tevet 5752  NO Religious School <b>25</b>	19 Tevet 5752  <b>26</b>	20 Tevet 5752  Services - 8:15 PM <b>27</b>	21 Tevet 5752 Shemot  <b>28</b>
22 Tevet 5752  NO Religious School <b>29</b>	23 Tevet 5752  <b>30</b>	24 Tevet 5752  NO Study Group <b>31</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>UP COMING EVENTS</p> <p>January 4 - 8 PM - ADULT EDUCATION NIGHT</p> <p>January 25 - 8 PM - SISTERHOOD GOODS &amp; SERVICES AUCTION</p> </div>			



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

I am deeply troubled by the double standard some parents apply to their children's religious school education. In secular schools it is expected that professionals or knowledgeable lay people will develop all phases of the curriculum and that children will graduate from their respective schools having taken courses based on that curriculum. Courses such as foreign language are taught founded on the assumption that the language of a culture is inherently valuable to our children's total education. This notion is held even when the main population of that culture lives thousands of miles from the United States.

My wife and I have reviewed countless vocabulary words with our three children over the years. Our private thoughts regarding the value of so many years involved with a language that my children will never master did not prevent us from taking the subject seriously, and therefore, encouraged our children to view the subject in the same manner.

Shouldn't a language as close to us as Hebrew be given the same parental concerns as any foreign language taught in secular school? Hebrew is the language of our religious services and an intrinsic part of our culture. Our Religious School requires your children to know a fundamental vocabulary and to read several basic prayers, plus their bar/bat mitzvah material.

These requirements have definite purpose. A knowledge of vocabulary is absolutely necessary to understand the ideas expressed in our prayers. A strong vocabulary will allow your children to see the same words repeated in several prayers, and therefore, assist them to see major themes. Add the ability to read, and you will see your children experience a high comfort level at services.

Just as most parents have forgotten their algebra and chemistry from their high school days, it does not matter if they cannot assist their children with Hebrew practice. The magic word is practice. I cannot explain why what I am going to say works, but it does. **Once children know the Hebrew alphabet and a few blending skills they will learn to read through consistent practice.** The system does work. Trust me!

Hebrew is inherent to a Jewish education. Without your direct insistence at home, the Religious School's job is much harder. I look forward to your cooperation by your insistence on hearing your children practice Hebrew, even though you cannot correct their efforts. **The system does work.**

---David Levinsky

## BLOOD—In Case of Need

You may not know that blood is available to members of our Temple family through blood donor contributions which have been made to the Central Jersey Blood Bank. A group of Temple members has been donating blood on a regular basis and requesting that it be credited to the Temple account. It is available, in case of need, to you or a member of your family, by calling the Temple office or Bob Koslow. We can also respond to emergency needs for contributions to be directed to an individual.

If you haven't considered donating blood, maybe now is the time. It's safe (all equipment is used only once), comfortable, and you'll feel good about helping others in this very special way. If you have questions about the procedure and Monmouth Reform Temple's involvement in the program, Bob Koslow (222-9067) will be happy to answer your questions.

Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 8 PM, and Saturday 10 AM - 1 PM, at the Central Jersey Blood Bank, 494 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury (across from Lawes), 842-5750. Ask that your donation be credited to the Temple.

---Peggy Baker

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

*We hope you enjoyed using the Chanukah candles Sisterhood gave to every Temple family. The children in Religious School happily received dreidels and chocolate gelt. We are now looking forward to our Good and Services Auction to be held at Temple, January 25th. If each one of you comes and brings a friend or two it will be a huge success. Many goodies in store. See you there.*

---Joanna Charnick

## GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

January 25th 8 PM at MRT

*Brighten up your winter doldrums and join us in the Social Hall to win your choice of an exciting array of items. Examples: a week in a condo in Sanibel, Florida, boat trip, antiques, homemade desserts, handcrafted items, lessons of all kinds to help you learn an interesting new skill.*

*Admission charge: \$2.50 (includes refreshments). All Temple members, their friends and family are welcome. Door Prizes.*

*For reservations call: Florence Diller (747-9489) or Francine Guttentag (946-8207).*

---Lois Avrin

THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS as received in the Temple Office from October 18th through November 20th:

to the Rabbi's Fund:

from Hilda Schnabolk and family in memory of Harold Schnabolk

from Semmes & Ian Brightman wishes of good health and speedy recovery to Betty & Bob Schulman, Irv Cohen, Al Goldstein and Michael Brightman

from Bernard & Phoebe Shagan in memory of Anne Straus

from Connie & Milton Klein get well wishes to Irving Cohen

from Ellie & Bob Goodman

from Vera & Vladimir Bolotin in memory of her sister, Frieda Sapozhnikova

from Candy Blum and Marc Bernstein in honor of their marriage

from Bob Woolf & Rosalind Collis in memory of Donald Borges mother

from Max & Lila Singer get well wishes to Al Goldstein and Bill Feinberg to Fannie & Hy Klein in honor of Liz's marriage and to Susan Schwartz thinking of you

from Arlene & Kenneth Philipson in honor of the naming of their daughter, Jari Anne

from Helaine & Donald Rothman in honor of Helaine's parents 50th anniversary

from Connie & Milton Klein get well wishes to Al Goldstein

to the Cantor's Discretionary Fund:

from Ellie & Bob Goodman

to the Building Fund:

from Bob Woolf & Rosalind Collis get well wishes to Al Goldstein

to the Library Fund:

from Joyce & Jerry Silverman in memory of Florence Login and Harold Schnabolk, sincere condolences to Donald Borges on the death of his mother and to Hy & Fannie Klein congratulations on Liz's marriage

from Steven & Trudy Goldsmith in memory of Arthur Baker, Harold Schnabolk and Lillian Greenfield, get well wishes to Irv & Florence Cohen and Richard Yagoda and in honor of the engagements of Margo Lane and Jill Baker

from Bob Woolf & Rosalind Collis in honor of Liz Klein's marriage

to the Fink Music Fund:

from Sheila & Jim Leavitt get well wishes to Richard Gitlin and Irving Cohen and in honor of Mitchell Fink's 21st birthday

to the Scholarship Fund:

from Debbie & Phil Hueston in honor of Jeff Bodner's Bar Mitzvah and congratulations to Jill Baker on her engagement

from Dolores & Ken Phillips to Ed & Ruth Slater congratulations on the birth of grandsons Benjamin & Samuel

from Jill, Joe, Rachel & Alison Ferst

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein in honor of Jeff Bodner's Bar Mitzvah

from Betty & Bob Schulman get well wishes to Bob Rosenberg, Al Goldstein and Bill Feinberg

from Peggy & Jerry Baker get well wishes to Al Goldstein and Irv Cohen

from Joyce & Jerry Silverman to Paul Diller in honor of being a merit scholarship semi-finalist and to Fannie & Hy Klein congratulations on Elizabeth's marriage

from Philip & Anna Balaban in honor of Richard & Barbara Gitlin's 25th anniversary

to the Fund for the Homeless:

from Peggy & Jerry Baker to Joan & Gordon Litwin congratulations on your new grandchild

from Al & Barbara Goldstein get well wishes to Bob Rosenberg

from Joan & Bill Feinberg with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Al Goldstein

to the Greenfield Religious School Fund:

from Florence & Irving Cohen get well wishes to Michael Brightman

to the Prayer Book Funds:

from Steven & Trudy Goldsmith in memory of Henry Kipnis

to the Altar Door Fund:

from Betty & Bob Schulman mazel tov to Hy & Fannie Klein on Elizabeth's marriage

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund:

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein in memory of Frances & William Goldstein

from Ike & Lois Blonder get well wishes to Al Goldstein

from Claire & Milton Mausner in honor of Jeff Bodner's Bar Mitzvah and get well wishes to Al Goldstein

from Ellie & Bob Goodman get well wishes to Al Goldstein



## CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (cont'd):

### to the Altar Flower Fund:

from Henry & Rosalind Greenberg in memory of their fathers Irving Greenberg and Charles Schleifer

from Andrew & Eunice Melnick in memory of his mother Mildred Melnick

from Bob & Ellie Goodman in memory of his mother Bessie Goodman

from Warren & Joan Feigus in memory of her mother Martha S. Kaufmann

from Richard & Evelyn Woolf in memory of her mother Ruth Rassas Smith

from Howard & Sheila Bodner in honor of their son, Jeffrey's, Bar Mitzvah

from Joseph & Susan Frankel in memory of his mother Sally T. Frankel

from Henry & Lillian Littman in memory of her mother Minnie Small and her sister Shirley Small Hartman

from Morton & Helen Jacobs in memory of her father David Raschkover

from Spencer & Patricia Gaines in memory of their daughter Amy Gaines

from Arthur & Miriam Harris in memory of his father Emanuel Knight Harris

from Milton & Claire Mausner in memory of his mother Sally Mausner

---Joan Spring 530-9546

---Barbara Miller 671-1849

### SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

Temple members have been busy throughout the fall engaging in numerous Social Action causes. On October 6th, the Committee held a Social Action Seminar that featured a key note address on the Plight of Syrian Jewry where 4500 men, women and children are confined to Ghettoes of Damascus, Aleppo, and Gamishli. Gerrie Bamira of Jewish Federation, Monmouth County, showed a heartbreaking film and spoke about the plight of our Jewish brothers and sisters in Syria. Participants commented that in 1990, Ethiopian Jews were freed: "Now let us direct our attention to Syrian Jews."

The second half of the seminar featured an inspiring talk by two youths who visited Somalia and Israel. Talia Robinson and Joshua Bard told of their experiences and observations of the contrasting African and Israeli cultures. Participating in a dynamic program with two bright and animated students, one black and one white, provided a wonderful feeling that interracial warmth and cooperation can enrich us all.

A week later, Al Paley organized and led a small contingent of Temple members in a march against anti-semitism in New York City. Our group, with its colorful blue MRT banner, joined more

than fifteen thousand marchers. Deeply moving speeches reminded us that the Crown Heights violence in September was the first pogrom ever in the United States. Mayor Koch eloquently stated that...when hoards of people rampage through the streets of a city screaming kill the Jews," we indeed are in the midst of a pogrom. After the singing of Hatikvah, the rally concluded with the recitation of kaddish for Yankel Bosenbaum, a Jewish man violently murdered in Crown Heights.

Monmouth Reform Temple hosted with Sister Bea Scanlon as keynote speaker the annual meeting of Interfaith Neighbors. Presentations and awards were given to numerous volunteers who serve over 200 homeless families in Monmouth County. Several recipients of assistance spoke about their personal experiences, describing how the programs of Interfaith Neighbors have given them opportunities to restart their lives.

Temple members participated in the annual Crop Walk. Other members continue to volunteer at Lunch Break each month, and a steady contingent conducts Shabbat Services at three local nursing homes.

The Social Action Table at Shabbat services always has matters of current interest and importance. In the weeks ahead, watch your mailings and the Social Action Table for the following :

1) Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1991 (RFRA): this bill (HR 2797) seeks to counter a recent Supreme Court decision (Oregon vs Smith) which severely threatens the fundamental right for Americans to freely exercise their religious rights.

2) Toy Drive: watch for fliers and instructions requesting families to provide Chanukah gifts for needy children in a drive sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County.

3) Choice: "Right to Choose" is dedicated to ensuring that women will always have the right to safe abortion. Each year, this organization sponsors an advertisement in the New York Times and your support is urged.

Social Action issues proliferate throughout our society. Our committee is very small and our corps of volunteers does its best. We all share responsibility to help "Repair the World"—Tikun Olam. Please offer your support to one or more of the causes for which we are working.

---Paul Brenner

### BAR/BAT MITZVAH FAMILIES

If you have any questions, please call Gene Gilbert 530-9499 or the Temple office 747-9365. We'll try to help.



## MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

### Worship Services

- Dec. 6 - Fri - Family Service - 8:15 PM -  
6th Grade Presentation  
13 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
20 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
27 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM

### MEETINGS

- Dec. 2 - Mon - Preschool Program - 7 PM  
3 Tue - Religious Education - 8 PM  
4 - Wed - Junior Youth - 6 PM  
- Senior Youth - 7:30 PM  
- Ritual - 8 PM  
8 - Sun - Brotherhood - 9:30 AM  
10 Tue - Social Action - 8 PM  
11 - Wed - Outreach - 8 PM  
17 - Tue - Temple Board - 8:15 PM  
18 - Wed - Junior Youth - 6 PM  
- Senior Youth - 7:30 PM

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Jeremy Berg.....Senior Youth Pres.  
David Levinsky.....Rel. Sch. Principal  
Marilyn Rice.....Administrative Assistant

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Peggy Baker

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec. 8 - Sun - Nursing Home Visits &  
Chanukah Latke Party  
- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
15 - Sun - Religious School Parents  
Program - 10:30 AM

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Sundays, December 8 & 15 - 9:30 - Noon  
Religious School  
NO Sessions December 1, 22 & 29  
Tuesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 - 9:30 - 11 AM  
Rabbi's Study Group  
NO Sessions December 24 & 31  
Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18 - 4-6 PM  
Hebrew School  
No Session December 25

### TIME VALUE

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