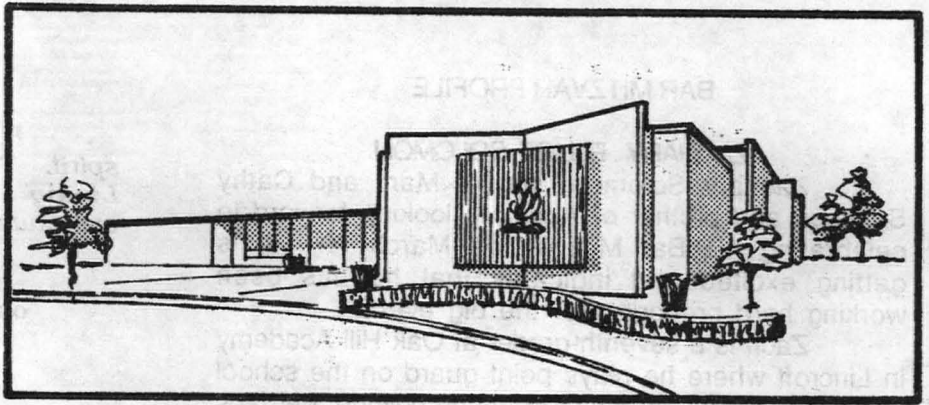


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MARCH 1992

WORSHIP

SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENINGS

OTHER SERVICES

- Mar. 6 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: *UNDERSTANDING OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE*
Torah portion: Exod. 38:21-40:38
- 13 - Shabbat Zachor - 8:15 PM
Family Service Conducted by the
Fourth Grade
Torah portion: Lev. 1:1-5:26
- 20 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: *GOD'S REDEMPITIVE POWER*
Torah portion: Lev. 6:1-8:36
- 27 - Outreach Sabbath - 8:15 PM
Oneg Shabbat Discussion: *WHEN
RELIGIONS DIFFER*
Torah portion: Lev. 12:1-13:59
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- Mar. 7 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: *AS OTHERS SEE US*
Bar Mitzvah of
ZACHARY ELLIOT SOLOMON
son of Marc & Cathy Solomon

- 18 - Wed - Purim Dinner - 5:45 PM
- Megillah Reading - 7 PM

Wednesday March 18th
5:45 PM
Come as you are

PURIM

covered dish, groggers
serious fun
mark the date and check mailings

BROTHERHOOD MEETING
Sunday, March 8 9:30 AM

Program: DON LEEDS will discuss:

"FAIRY TALES, FOLKLORE & COMICS"
(Reading for you and your child or grandchild -
Broader knowledge of oral & written language)
How to improve your child or
grandchild's reading habits.

Bagels, Coffee & Tea
Bring a friend.

WHEN CALLING THE TEMPLE
LET THE PHONE RING SIX TIMES

Many times the Rabbi or administrative
assistant have to put someone on hold on one line in
order to answer your call. Sometimes people have
to go from one area to another in order to reach the
phones in the front office or school office—and it's a
big building.

Thanks for your patience.

BAR MITZVAH PROFILE

ZACHARY ELLIOT SOLOMON

Zachary Solomon, son of Marc and Cathy Solomon and brother of Adam, is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on March 7. He is getting excited and indicates that he has been working hard preparing for the big event.

Zach is a seventh-grader at Oak Hill Academy in Lincroft where he plays point guard on the school basketball team. He plans to attend college, perhaps Duke University, and may have a career as a basketball player or businessman.

We all wish the best to Zach and his family, including grandparents who will travel from Florida to share in this milestone event.



MONMOUTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS MAKING HEADLINES—WE HOPE!

In an effort to get a record attendance at the 22nd Monmouth Festival of the Arts, I am sending out a wide variety of publicity releases to over 100 papers, magazines, radio and TV stations in the tri-state area. **I need the help** of all Temple members, their families and friends to get feedback on what has been printed or aired.

Please watch for such releases in all papers and clip and send me copies (including name of paper, date, page # if possible.) Also listen and watch for announcements on radio and TV and note the station and time. Please send all info to Barbara Goldstein, 87 Glenwood Drive, Tinton Falls; leave it for me at the Temple; or call me at 747-0824. **Only with your help can we have a good scrapbook of releases and know how the press and airways respond to our publicity requests.**

I also wish to express our special thanks to the Tinton Falls State Bank for helping us publicize the Festival by including an insert in their March statement mailing to over 4500 customers.

Starting in early March, additional Festival fliers, posters and lawn signs will be available at the Temple. If you can help with distribution please call me or Ellie Goodman (566-3217) as soon as possible.

---Barbara Goldstein

SUMMER KALLOT

Plan to be part of a unique adventure of the spirit. The UAHC-CCAR Commission on Religious Living announces Summer Kallot 1992 opportunities for adult Jewish learning.

July 8 - 12

*on the campus of Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts*

July 22 - 26

*on the campus of University of California
at Santa Cruz*

- * Outstanding Faculty
- * In-depth Study of Classical Jewish Texts
- * Discussion of Contemporary Jewish Issues
- * Cultural Activities
- * Options for Religious Living
- * Private Meditation
- * New Friendships

For additional information and brochures, contact the Temple office.

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.

BULLETIN & MAILINGS

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

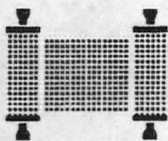
Mailing information is due by the 8th & 23rd of the month. Mailings go out on the 15th & last day of the month.

LUNCH BREAK

Reminder: Bring a can of food to Temple and place in the box in the coatroom. It will be delivered to Lunch Break which feeds approximately 60 grateful people a day five days a week. Make it a habit!

SPECIAL THANKS

to the Eatontown Public Library for donating a set of encyclopedias to our Temple Library.



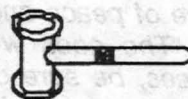
FROM RABBI PRIESAND

A recent question about leap years led me to do some research about the Hebrew calendar. This is what I learned. Until the middle of the 4th century, the calendar was determined by the Sanhedrin, the legislative body headquartered in Jerusalem. In order to maintain its authority over the Jews of the Diaspora, the Sanhedrin kept the rules governing the calendar a closely guarded secret. When the new moon emerged, the leaders of the Sanhedrin declared the beginning of a new month, and messengers were sent throughout the land to announce the date. Because of the distances involved, those Jews who lived beyond the borders of Israel did not always receive the news expeditiously, and therefore they adopted the practice of observing festivals for two days, just to be sure. Following the demise of the Sanhedrin, the task of establishing a permanent calendar was undertaken by the Patriarch Hillel II. The rules he published continue to govern Jewish calendar calculations to this day.

The Jewish calendar is lunar in nature. It consists of twelve months, alternating in length between 29 and 30 days. The greatest challenge it presents is balancing the lunar year (354 days) with the solar year (365 days). The eleven-day difference means that left as is, the festivals would move back eleven days each year, thereby destroying their link with the agricultural cycle and causing them to fall in the wrong season. This discrepancy between the lunar and solar years led to the development of a leap year, which on the Hebrew calendar, means not an additional day but an additional month (Adar II). In every period of nineteen years, there are seven leap years, falling in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years of the cycle. The addition of the leap year adjusts the lunar and solar years so that all our festivals will fall in their appointed seasons.

In order to determine a leap year, one divides the given Jewish year by 19. The quotient represents the number of cycles since the beginning of creation and the remainder shows which year it is in the current cycle. If the remainder is one of those fixed as leap years, then it is a leap year. Our current year 5752, for example, divided by 19, shows a quotient of 302 and a remainder of 14, indicating that it is the

14th year in the 303rd cycle; thus, it is a leap year. What that means in practical terms is that from this Purim until next all our holidays will appear later rather than earlier.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

MRT's membership is diverse, and each of us has different interests and different reasons for joining. Some of us join to attain a Jewish education for our children. Others join because they like our worship services and still others because our activities appeal to them. So, for much of the year the membership splits itself into "interest groups" and often these groups do not have common ground except for High Holy Day services.

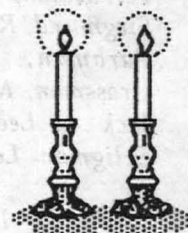
MRT does have one important non-religious event when the participation of every member is needed, sought and welcomed. The event is the Monmouth Festival of the Arts which opens April 4. I am sure that the Festival has a job for everyone of us, no matter what our likes or interests may be. Not only do we help MRT by working at the Festival, but we also have the opportunity to step over the boundaries of our special interest into new territory!

See another aspect of MRT, meet new people and enjoy yourself! If you have not already been called to work, please contact Susan Masluk, 530-9767, Betty Schulman 542-2092 or Lila Singer 542-2399, and volunteer.

---Rosalie Rosin

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Mar. 6 - 5:35 PM
13 - 5:42 PM
20 - 5:50 PM
27 - 5:57 PM



REFLECTIONS

Through prayer we struggle to experience the Presence of God. Let us be sure that the One we invoke is the Most High, not a god of battles, of state or status or 'success'—but the Source of peace and mercy and goodness. For, truly: "The gods we worship write their names on our faces, be sure of that. And we will worship something—have no doubt of that either. We may think that our tribute is paid in secret in the dark recesses of the heart—but that which dominated our imagination and our thoughts will determine our life and character. Therefore it behooves us to be careful what we are worshipping, for what we are worshipping we are becoming."

-----Author Unknown

YAHREZEITS

Mar.. 6- Simon Silverman, Julius Littman, Jeanette Borden, David Kaplan, Leo A. Kauffman, *Ida Huber, Celia Koslow, *Bessie Schwartz, Irving Spumberg, Charles Thomas Kelly, Dr. Alexander J. Reiss, Nat W. Bernard and Louis Feld.

13- Morton Cohn, Frank Abrams, *Jay T. Feigus, Sarah Rauch, Ida Sternberg, *Mayer Smolensky Collis, Max Tanenbaum, Mildred Kantor, Bertha Greenberg, Harry Koslow, *Rose Blonder, *Harry Scherman and *Bernard Mausner.

20- Richard Corbett, Lawrence Gale, Albert Israel Brown, Rose M. Friedman, Morris Gelb, Julia Korchin, Howard Rosen, Sally Kramer, Samuel Tanenbaum, Benjamin Corbett, *Samuel Blonder, Jacob Talberth, *Doreen Harran and Alexander Kaplan.

27- Morris Zager, *Samuel Mausner, Robert Teitelbaum, Abner Gitlin, *Michael Mintzer, Siegmund Rath, Catherine R. Ricklin, Helen Farbman, *Helen Nusbaum, *Isidore Grossman, Milton E. Lipstein, Fannie Copley, Jack A. Leeds, *Theodore Tully Rubin and Seligman Levi.

* Indicates a plaque.

JUDAICA SHOP

Sisterhood Judaica Shop will be open for Passover purchases on Sunday, April 12, 9 AM to 12:30 on and on Wednesday, April 15 from 4 PM to 6:30 PM.

Passover items will be on display in the lobby showcase after March 1st for purchase by contacting the Temple office or calling Fannie Klein 741-5675 or Gloria Kantor 741-3753.

Any special needs can be filled by calling Gloria or Fannie.

-----Gloria Kantor

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Our Goods and Service Auction was an unbelievable success thanks to the all out efforts of Lois Avrin, Dave Miller and Lois's committee. Special thanks to Larry Avrin and Brian Charnick who pitched in and kept things running smoothly. Most of all thank you to the donors and the purchasers. You made the evening a "happening."

A nominating committee is hard at work trying to fill vacancies for next year. If you are interested in any position, please get in touch with me. Sisterhood welcomes new faces with open arms.

-----Joanna Charnick

The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Bruce & Sandy Sternberg on the death of his sister

LYNN STERNBERG DONLAN

Sidney & Linda Littman on the death of his mother

ROSE LITTMAN

Barry & Susan Kahn on the death of his brother

MARVIN KAHN

Scott & Patricia Fass on the death of his brother

HARVEY FASS

May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Tinton Falls Cooperative Nursery School is a certified preschool sponsored by Monmouth Reform Temple. The school accepts children between the ages of 2 yrs 9 mos to 5 years. Parents may participate in the classroom; however, aides are available for those parents who are unable to help. The following morning and afternoon classes are being offered:

3 yr olds:	T & Th	AM or PM
4 yr olds:	M, W & F	AM or PM
3 day Pre-K:	M, W & F	PM
4 day Pre-K:	M thru Th	AM

Interested parents may contact the school for additional information.

----Susan Esposito
747-3990

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:

Karen Grieco, 2 Joseph Drive, Lincroft
07738

Steven Goodman, 465 Arbor Green Condos,
Edgewater Park 08010

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

NEW FUND RAISER from Ways & Means

The yellow cards received by each Temple family are the first step in a new Ways & Means fund raiser which has been approved by the Temple board. Food gift certificates will be purchased from supermarket chains at a 5% discount up front.

For example: the committee purchases \$1,000 certificates at a cost of \$950. Temple families purchase certificates for their favorite supermarket chain for use at their convenience (no expiration date). If only 25% of the 110 nursery school families and 25% of the 272 Temple families purchase certificates at the rate of \$50/week for 36 weeks, the Temple's annual net profit would amount to more than \$8,000. If 50% participate, profits would double that figure, just through your usual purchases from your chosen food store.

Other local congregations have had great success with this program. We're excited and will keep you informed as we work out the details. We hope you participate!

----Dean Ross

Back by popular demand! Another ADULT EDUCATION series!

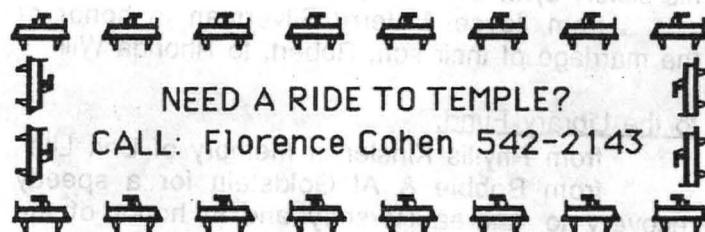
For three Thursdays in March—the 12th, 19th and 26th—at 8 PM, the Adult Education Committee has assembled a program it calls "Moments in Contemporary Jewish History" featuring a different videotape each evening.

The first program examines life in the Shtetl, the second reveals the plight of Jews in Poland prior to and during WWII, and the third presents a view of the Intifada through Israeli eyes. So much history and change in the character of a people in such a relatively short span! Come help us search for threads to bind these disparate experiences together. Bob Rosin, Debbie Greenfield and Joel Morgovsky will each act as moderator for one of the evenings.

If you enjoyed our Five Thursdays in October—you're sure to find this new series rewarding. If you missed the October sessions, then these Three Thursdays in March are just what you've been waiting for.

Plan to be there!

----Joel Morgovsky



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD

- Nominating Committee met and propose four trustees. Slate will be mailed 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Minyan Corps established to expand attendance by members at Bar/Bat Mitzvah services.
- Mortgage negotiations almost complete. Closing scheduled by end of February.
- Roofing repair scheduled to begin April 13th. Expected completion one month.
- 272 Dues paying units.
- We have adopted a Russian family—4 women—due to arrive March 3rd.

THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS as received in the Temple Office from January 16th through February 18th:

to the Rabbi's Fund:

from Caryl & Charles Sills in memory of Stella Seligman

from Joan & Jerry Lansky in memory of Gussie Avrin

from Bob & Rosalie Rosin in memory of her father, Ben Lite

from Semmes & Ian Brightman in memory of Joshua Dolinsky

from Selma & Blair Balk in memory of Ben Lite

from Julius & Mildred Snedcof in memory of all our deceased relatives

from Max & Lila Singer in memory of Ben Lite and to Joyce & Jerry Silverman in honor of Bob's marriage

from Betty & Bob Schulman in honor of the engagements of Elka Brandt, Richard Meyer, Eric Stevens and in honor of Joyce & John Christie's grandchild

from Helaine & Don Rothman in memory of Stella Seligman

from Bruce & Sandy Sternberg in memory of his sister, Lynn Sternberg Donlan

from Joyce & Jerry Silverman in honor of the marriage of their son, Robert, to Rhonda Wilk

to the Library Fund:

from Phyllis Kinsler in memory of Ben Lite
from Bobbie & Al Goldstein for a speedy recovery to Andrea Hershey and in honor of the engagement of Brian Litofsky

from Peggy & Jerry Baker in honor of the birth of David Kolchmeyer, in memory of Ben Lite and Steven Berg

from Gail & John Goldsmith in memory of Stella Seligman

from Howard & Barbara Fox in memory of Stella Seligman

from Lynne & Elliott Familant in honor of David Kolchmeyer

to the Fund for the Homeless:

from Sheila & Jim Leavitt in honor of Jeff Willard's Capital Leadership Award

from Ellen & Artie Rosten in honor of Lila & Max Singer for just being such wonderful and caring people

from Larry & Laurie Lowenstein get well wishes to Andrea Hershey, in memory of Ben Lite and happy anniversary to Barbara & Richard Gitlin

to the Greenfield Religious School Fund:

from Arlene & Jim Berg in honor of the birth of David Kolchmeyer

to the Prayer Book Funds:

from the Berg Family in memory of Ben Lite
from Sheila & Jim Leavitt in memory of Ben Lite - Gates of Prayer

from Stu & Cora Tuchband in memory of Ben Lite - Torah

to the Arts & Decorations Fund:

from Joyce & John Christie in memory of Ben Lite

from Marilyn & Peter Rice in memory of Ben Lite

from Irma & Peter Meyer in memory of Ben Lite and Stella Seligman, get well wishes to Andrea Hershey and to Stu & Cora Tuchband in honor of Elka's engagement

from Semmes & Ian Brightman in honor of Elka Brandt's engagement and Joyce & John Christie's new granddaughter and the recent naming of Sheila & Jim Leavitt's granddaughter

to the Scholarship Fund:

from Peggy & Jerry Baker in honor of Barbara Kesler's special birthday

from Betty & Bob Schulman in honor of Bob Silverman's marriage and in memory of Ben Lite

from Myra & Stanley Ostroff in memory of Ben Lite

from Barbara & Richard Gitlin mazel tov on Elka's engagement, mazel tov on the birth of a granddaughter to Dr. & Mrs. Jack Salz, a happy happy 25th anniversary to Steve & Trudy Goldsmith, in memory of Sophie Rich and Celia Kalet and in honor of Rachel Gunsberg's Bat Mitzvah

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund:

from Sandy & Bernie Brandwene in memory of Ben Lite

from Ellie & Bob Goodman in memory of Ben Lite, the fathers of Judy & Howard Bernstein and Gussie Avrin

from Baldwin Davidson in memory of Ben Lite and Richard Meyer's engagement

from Bobbie & Al Goldstein in honor of the engagement of Richard Meyer and in memory of Ben Lite

to the Altar Flower Fund:

from Barry & Susan Kahn in memory of his father Herman Kahn

from Ed & Susan Stone in memory of his mother Sunny Stone

from Ellie & Bob Goodman in memory of her father Emanuel Marks

MARCH EVENTS

MAR. 1 - SUNDAY, 9:30 AM SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE BAGEL
BREAKFAST & DISCUSSION

Topic: MEDIEVAL ILLUMINATED HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS

MAR 3 & 10 - TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:30 - 9:30 PM OPENING DOORS
A UAHC-sponsored program for discussion of Interfaith
relationships.

MAR. 6 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - regular SABBATH SERVICES

MAR. 7 - SATURDAY, 10:30 AM -SABBATH MORNING SERVICES
Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Elliott Solomon

MAR. 8 - SUNDAY, 9:30 AM - BROTHERHOOD MEETING
DON LEEDS will discuss
FAIRY TALES, FOLKLORE & COMICS

MAR. 12, 19 & 26 - THURSDAY EVENINGS - 8 PM
ADULT EDUCATION VIDEO SERIES

MAR. 13 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - FAMILY SERVICE
CONDUCTED BY THE FOURTH GRADE

MAR. 16 - MONDAY - PRESCHOOL PROGRAM - 7 PM

MAR. 18 - WEDNESDAY - PURIM COVERED DISH SUPPER - 5:45 PM
- MEGILLAH READING - 7 PM

MAR. 20 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - regular SABBATH SERVICES

MAR. 22 - SUNDAY, PURIM CARNIVAL - 11 AM - 1 PM

MAR. 27 - FRIDAY, 8:15 PM - OUTREACH SABBATH

MAR. 29 - SUNDAY - 10:30 AM - RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS MEETING

MAR. 29 - SUNDAY - 12 NOON - 6 PM - ARTS FESTIVAL SET-UP

MAR. 30 - MONDAY - ARTS FESTIVAL RECEIVING DAY - 11:30 - 7 PM

MAR. 31 - TUESDAY - ARTS FESTIVAL SET-UP DAY - 9 AM - 9 PM



M R T Religious School
Parent Group Meeting

Sunday, March 29

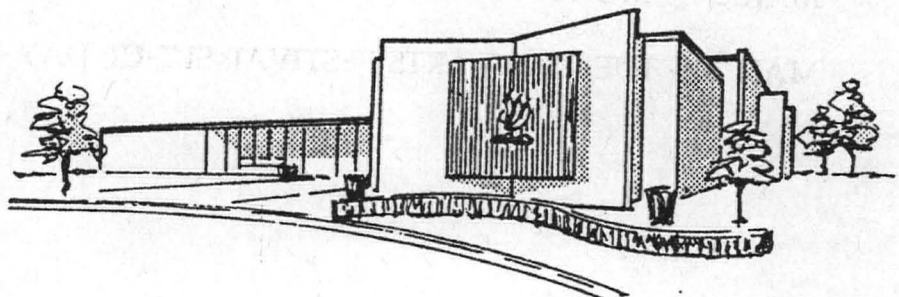
9:30 AM - Coffee, bagels
10 AM - Discussion begins

Topic: How to Talk to Your Children
About Sex, Abortion, and
Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Discussion will be led by
Phyllis Kinsler, Executive Director
Planned Parenthood of Monmouth County

A Reform Jewish Perspective will be discussed.

Any questions call: Amy Aho 530-7742
Sue Rekedal 747-8247
Susan St. Lifer 780-4778



Congregational Contributions (cont'd):
to the Altar Ffowr Fund (cont'd):

from Sheila & Jim Leavitt in memory of her grandmother Ida Levin

from Warren & Joan Feigus in memory of his sister Jeanne Liese

from Kenneth & Dolores Phillips in memory of his mother Fanny Tanenbaum

from Helen Marx in memory of her father-in-law Nathan Marx

from Mildred Dametz in memory of her father Nathan Marx

from James & Susan Harran in memory of his grandfather Max Rosenweig

from Spencer & Patricia Gaines in memory of their mothers Edith Ginzburg and Helen Taylor

from Florence & Herbert Korchin in memory of her parents Harry & Minnie Greenfield

from Joe & Susan Frankel in memory of his father Benjamin Frankel

from Howard & Barbara Fox in memory of his father Julius Fox and her parents Rose & Philip Samo

from Mary Pearlman & Lorraine Mosca in honor of the Fifth Grade Class

from Bruce & Sandy Sternberg in memory of his grandmother Ada Lustig

from Libby & Howard Sadwith in memory of her uncle Irving Moselowitz

from Dana & Jeffrey Brown in memory of her grandfather Henry Toof

from Joyce & John Christie in memory of her mother Edythe Albert and her aunt Sophie Wald

from Robert & Phyllis Rosenberg in memory of his father Morris Rosenberg

---Joan Spring 530-9546

---Barbara Miller 671-1849

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

Except for our newest families, it would be difficult to find a Temple family unfamiliar with the school's Janet Bell. I met Janet Bell nine years ago when I first arrived at MRT; then I marveled at her energy, creative teaching techniques and dedication to our children. As I write this column, Janet is as energetic this year as in any year past. Janet has always believed that our MRT children provide her with the inspiration and desire that maintains her vigor in the classroom. Her standards are high, as they have been for her sixteen years in our Religious School.

On Shabbat, February 7th, the Congregation certainly witnessed her dedication to the task of educating our students. Janet took over the 5th grade Hebrew class early in December, after Mrs.

Linda Gerstel took a leave following the unexpected death of her husband. Under the direction of Cantor Sussman and Janet Bell, the fifth grade class conducted an outstanding service. The students read their Hebrew and English parts with ease and appeared extremely well poised on the bema. Also, Janet put together a thought provoking and entertaining program. My thanks and congratulations to the fifth grade students for their efforts in making February 7th a memorable Shabbat for me.

On March 13th, we will again have the opportunity to enjoy Mrs. Bell's leadership when her fourth grade class conducts the Shabbat service.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at the Purim service on March 18th at 7 PM. A Temple family dinner precedes the service at 5:45 PM. Join Rabbi Priesand and Cantor Sussman as they lead us in the BOOS and HISSES every time that horrible person, Haman, is mentioned. As the story of Purim is read, we are reminded that while there are enemies facing the Jewish people, we can defeat them when unified in purpose and belief.

The Religious School's Purimsphiel (Show) and the Youth Group's Purim Carnival will take place on March 22nd. Aside from our usual silliness on this holiday, students in grades kindergarten through third grade will be invited to sing several Purim songs on the bema for your enjoyment (beginning at 10:15 AM). Students in grades four through seven will act out the story of Purim with their own original touches. Of course everyone is invited to the Temple's Purim Celebration. Since the entire social hall will be needed for our Purim Carnival, space in the sanctuary will be tight; therefore, I suggest that you and your guests arrive early for our Purimsphiel.

I would like to bring to your attention our schools' Model Passover Seder on March 12th. As in past years, our seder will be a school-wide effort. Each student will be assigned a specific holiday food to add to the seder. Class parents will be asked to serve the Passover foods brought in by the students. In keeping with the holiday traditions, all foods, if applicable, should be kosher for Passover.

----David Levinsky

HOSPITAL VISITS

A call to the Temple Office would be appreciated to let Rabbi Priesand know when a member of the Congregation is hospitalized so she may visit. Thank you.

LIBRARY NOTES

Columbus, the Jews and 1492

In 1992, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World, Jews should remember that 1492 was a very significant year for other reasons. Within a few months of Columbus' voyage, the Jews were expelled from Spain. By historians' estimates, some 300,000 Jews fled Spain and settled in Portugal, Italy, Morocco, Turkey and elsewhere. Some eventually ended up in the New World, the beginning of the North American Sephardic community. For many years, Jews were reluctant to return to Spain, and even in 1960 there were only about 3,000 Jews there. So 1992 is a good time to study up on Sephardic history and culture and to remember that if it weren't for the Jewish financiers at the court of Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus might not have made that historic voyage! Listed below are some books and tapes in the MRT library on Sephardic history and culture that you might enjoy.

Non-fiction

- **Don Isaac Abravanel: Statesman & Philosopher by Ben Zion Netanyahu.** A richly annotated biography of a commanding Jewish personality whose life and work epitomize the greatness of Iberian Jewish culture. 921 ABR

- **The Grandees by Stephen Birmingham.** Sephardism and the contribution of Sephardic Jews to America. 973 BIR

- **History of the Marranos by Cecil Roth.** Fascinating history told by a master historian. 946 ROT

- **The House of Nasi: Dona Gracia by Cecil Roth.** A biography of the famous Marrano, known for her philanthropy and aid to Jews escaping from Portugal. 946. ROT

- **The House of Nasi: the Duke of Naxos by Cecil Roth.** A 16th century Marrano who became an advisor to the Sultan in Turkey and helped Jews settle in Palestine. 946 ROT

- **The Jews of Islam by Bernard Lewis.** How Jews fared in various Muslim countries at different times. 959 LEW

- **Magic Carpet—Aleppo in Flatbush by Joseph Sutton.** About the Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn. 300 SUT

- **One People; the Story of the Eastern Jews by Dr. Dvora & Rabbi Menachem Hacohen.** A pictorial history of Jews in the East. 959 HAC

- **The Other Jews: the Sephardim Today by Daniel Elazar.** Discusses various Sephardic communities around the world but especially the status of Sephardic Jews in Israel. 300 ELA

- **The Rise and Fall of Paradise by Elmer Bendiner.** The history of the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry, engagingly told. 946.09 BEN

- **The Secret Jews by Joachim Prinz.** A chronicle of Marranos from the 15th century to the present. 946 PRI

- **The Last Crypto-Jews of Portugal by David Augusto Canelo.** A description and history of the modern Marrano community of Belmonte, Portugal. 946 CAN

Fiction & poetry

- **The Marranos by Liliane Webb.** FIC WEB

- **Solomon ibn Gabirol: selected religious poems.** Ibn Gabirol was the leading poet and philosopher of the Golden Age in A=Spain. 871.1 IBN

Cookbooks

- **From My Grandmother's Kitchen; a Sephardic Cookbook by Viviane Miner.** Recipes and memories. 641.5 MIN

Music

- **Kantikas di mi nona (Songs of my Grandmother) by Flory Jagoda.** Tape cassette. A Yugoslavian singer performing Ladino songs. TC 784.1 JAG

- **Sefarad: the Sephardic Tradition in Ladino Song by Nico Castel.** Traditional and well-known Ladino songs. Record 784.1 CAS

- **Sephardic and Oriental Jewry by Jane Gerber.** A series of 6 tape-recorded lectures from the Jewish People's University of the Air covering the history of the Sephardic people. TC 300 GER

Children's books

- **Butchers and Bakers, Rabbis and Kings by Jacqueline Greene.** The Jews of Tudela, Spain, in 1114, convince the king that they are essential to the functioning of his kingdom (4-8). J FIC GRE

- **The Cardinal's Snuffbox by Kenneth Roseman.** A You-Are-There format allows the reader to place himself in Spain during the Inquisition and make one of two choices for every dilemma in order to save himself (8-12). J FIC ROS

- **The Other 1492: The Jewish Settlement in the New World by Norman Finkelstein.** A well-written and researched account of the Jewish involvement in the discovery of the New World (10-14). J 946 FIN

- **Out of Many Waters by Jacqueline Greene.** An adventure story of two Jewish sisters who elude their Portuguese captors to escape by boat to New Amsterdam (12 and up). FIC GRE

----Rosalind Reisner

-----Joanna Charnick

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

The Social Action Sabbath will be held April 10, 1992. The speaker will be Dr. Seymour Sieglar and his topic will be "Anti-Semitism and Politics in the 1990's."

Another date to note on your calendar is April 11th. Monmouth Reform Temple will be presenting a program for the Children's Peace Fair and the event will be from 12 noon until 4 PM at Brookdale Community College.

MRT members should feel very proud of the fine job we did for the Toy & Food Drive during the holiday season. We received a very special thank you from the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County.

Planned Parenthood is sponsoring a march in Washington, DC on April 5th. The purpose of the march is to remind legislators and President Bush of the importance of the landmark supreme court ruling in Roe vs Wade and to maintain support for Women's Rights. Those who wish to have a space on the bus and to participate in the march, please call 842-9300.

Presently, there are large number of Haitians fleeing their country and there is no sanctuary for them. Worse, our government is now returning these refugees to Haiti. Please write letters to President Bush and your congressman voicing your outrage over this injustice. The following is the text of the letter which Rabbi Priesand has composed and which the Temple Board is sending to President Bush:

Dear President Bush:

As members of the Jewish community affiliated with Monmouth Reform Temple, we are particularly appalled by your decision to close the doors of our country to Haitian refugees seeking asylum. Like our fellow Americans, we have long taken pride in the compassionate response of our nation to the plight of those fleeing persecution. Successive American governments have responded to these tragedies by offering a haven in which to rebuild shattered lives.

Now we see Haitian refugees coming to our shores in search of freedom and justice and finding instead detention and deportation. Remembering that not long ago we Jews were the "boat people" of the world, we cannot remain silent in the midst of this injustice. We urge you to call an immediate end to the forced repatriation of Haitian refugees and to establish for them a provision of temporary protected status in our country. Please do not allow their perilous journey to end in heartbreak and tragedy.

----Paul Brenner

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FUNDS AVAILABLE

Many times when members or friends are thinking of making a donation in memory or honor of someone at temple we are asked: "What funds are available?" In answer to this question here is a list of them.

With a \$30 donation you can purchase The Torah with a bookplate in it, for \$15 a Gates of Song book with a bookplate. A donation in any amount you wish can go to: The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or The Cantor's Discretionary Fund. For our young people there are the Scholarship Fund, the Greenfield Religious School Fund and the Youth Group Fund. For the library you can choose the Library Fund, the Roslyn Garin Memorial Fund For Juvenile Library Books or the Fink Music Fund. For Arts and Decorations, the Landscape Fund, the Altar Door Fund or the Arts & Decorations Fund. There are also the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund, the Fund for the Homeless, the MAZON Fund and, last but not least, for our own Building Fund.

The Temple office will mail out a card to the recipient and to you upon receipt of a check. If you wish to contribute to the Sisterhood Building Fund or Altar Flower Fund, contact Joan Spring or Lois Avrin and they will be glad to help you.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

- Mar. 6 - Fri - Sabbath Eve Service - 8:15 PM
7 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
13 - Fri - Family Service - 8:15 PM
Conducted by the Fourth Grade
18 - Wed - Megillah Reading - 7 PM
20 - Fri - Sabbath Eve Service - 8:15 PM
27 - Fri - Outreach Sabbath - 8:15 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - 9:30 - Noon
Religious School

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24 - 9:30-11 AM
Rabbi's Study Group

Wednesdays, March 4, 11 & 25 - 4-6 PM
Hebrew School
No Session March 18

Thursdays, March 12, 19 & 26 - 8 PM
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MARCH CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mar. 1 - Sun - Scholar-In-Residence Bagel
Brunch & Discussion - 9:30 AM
18 - Wed - Purim Covered Dish Dinner -
5:45 PM
22 - Sun - Purim Carnival - 11 AM -1PM
29 - Sun - Religious School Parents -
10:30 AM
Arts Festival Set-up 12-6 PM
30 - Mon - Arts Festival Set-Up 9-9 PM
31 - Tue - Arts Festival Set-up 9-9 PM

MEETINGS

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