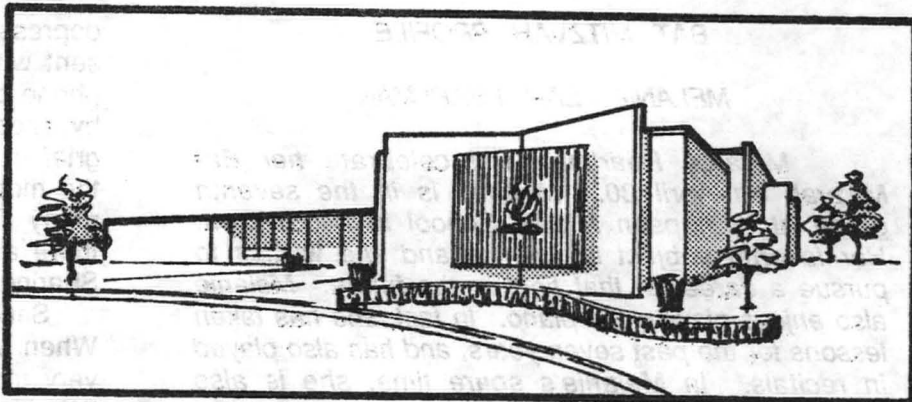


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WORSHIP

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Apr. 1 - Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesach - 8:15 PM

Sermon: *THE ROAD TO FREEDOM*

Torah portion: Exod. 14:30 - 15:21

8 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM

Sermon: *THE EIGHTH DAY*

Torah portion: Lev. 9:1-11:47

15 - Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration - 8:15 PM

Video: *LAND OF PROMISE:*

PALESTINE IN THE 1930's

Torah portion: Lev. 12:1-15:33

22 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM

Sermon: *BEFORE AND AFTER*

Torah portion: Lev. 16:1-20:27

29 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM

Conducted by the Fourth Grade

Torah portion: Lev. 21:1-24:23

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WHEN CALLING THE TEMPLE

LET THE PHONE RING SIX TIMES

Often 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.

SERVICES

OTHER SERVICES

Apr. 2 - Sat - Passover Yizkor - 10:30 AM

Sermon: *A SONG OF FAITH*

7 - Thu - Yom HaShoah Service - 8:15 PM

Video: *THERESIENSTADT: GATEWAY TO AUSCHWITZ*

23 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM

Sermon: *A CODE OF CONDUCT*

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Workshop will take place after this service.

30 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM

Sermon: *THE STAFF OF LIFE*

Bat Mitzvah of

MELANIE LEAH PEARLMAN

daughter of Wade & Mary Pearlman

See Profile page 2

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Sunday April 10, 1994

TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEX
and

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Guest Speaker: PHYLLIS KINSLER

Executive Director of Planned Parenthood

9:30 AM Refreshments, 10:15 AM Discussion

Contact Susan St. Lifer 780-4778

or Bari Kaye 842-9422 for information

BAT MITZVAH PROFILE

MELANIE LEAH PEARLMAN

Melanie Pearlman will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on April 30. Melanie is in the seventh grade at Thompson Middle School in Middletown. Her favorite subject is science and she wishes to pursue a career in that field in the future. Melanie also enjoys playing the piano. In fact, she has taken lessons for the past seven years, and has also played in recitals. In Melanie's spare time, she is also active in Lincroft Softball where she is the assistant coach for her team.

Melanie said she has enjoyed working towards this goal and looks forward to celebrating the day with her family. Mazel tov to her parents, Wade and Mary and to sisters, Neysa and Nancy.

----Beverly Gruensfelder

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BIKUR CHOLIM

Ways to Express Your Sympathy

Look for an immediate need and fill it. The first few days are filled with a great many things you can do. Offer to answer the telephone and call those who need to be notified; meet incoming relatives at the airport, train or bus depot; offer a spare room to an overnight visitor; provide transportation as needed; if there are children in the family, offer to baby-sit or take them out while funeral arrangements are being made. Be there when needed.

Provide food.

When taking food to someone's home, mark your dish so it doesn't get lost. Then go back later and pick it up so the family doesn't need to be concerned about returning dishes. It is even easier if you deliver your contribution in a container that can be discarded.

Donate to a favorite charity.

Donations to a charity or foundation in the name of the deceased are always thoughtful. If the person had a special interest, that too can offer possibilities.

Reach out and touch.

Many people have a need—whether they recognize it or not—to be touched during a difficult time. People who are grieving can be greatly comforted by a kiss on the cheek, a warm hug or a handclasp. It's amazing how much a simple touch can communicate when words fail.

Listen

Listening can be one of the best ways to help a person work through feelings of grief. Most people's initial reaction to the death of a loved one is shock. There's a need to talk about the loss, because unexpressed grief often leads to prolonged

depression. I will always cherish the card a friend sent with the words, "If talking helps, I am only a phone call away." "Don't be afraid of causing tears by encouraging a friend to talk. Crying expresses grief in a normal way." Above all, be sensitive to the mood of the bereaved family. While there are many times they may want to talk of their loss, there are other times they may appreciate silence. Sharing this silence is another way of listening.

Send a note or make a phone call.

When you can call or write you don't have to say very much to make your feelings known—a simple "We love you" speaks volumes. A condolence letter is easy to write if you keep a few special things in mind. It can be comforting to recall a shared event, such as a dinner or picnic, or a special quality of the deceased.

Encourage the bereaved to get out of the house.

Many people are especially sensitive to the times when they are alone for a few days. Call and ask. "Do you still have company?" If the answer is "no," say, "We'd like you to have dinner with us. We'll come and pick you up."

Help in the days ahead.

Too often a person who has lost a loved one is surrounded by relatives and friends for a week or so, then the house is empty. It is when people have swung back into their daily routines that friends are needed most—grief and loneliness last for many months.

Remember to stay in touch.

See your friend more often than you did before, perhaps for lunch, shopping, a museum outing, a movie. Weekends and holidays are especially difficult; these are times when others are apt to be busy with their own families. Make a special effort to include a bereaved friend in your family activities.

Encourage the person to become active again.

This may mean painting the garage with the bereaved, helping with a hobby or getting your friend to pick up a favorite sport again.

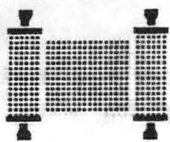
By being more realistic about death, we live more fully ourselves. To help out friends and relatives work through their grief in a healthy and constructive way is to help them get back into the mainstream of productive living.

----Helaine Rothman

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LUNCH BREAK

Reminder: Bring a can of food to Temple and place in the wicker container 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!



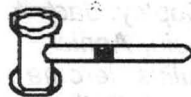
FROM RABBI PRIESAND

As I write this article, Israel is beginning a formal inquiry into the tragic massacre that occurred in Hebron where Moslem worshippers were murdered as they engaged the act of prayer. By the time you read these words, who knows how history will have changed? As Jews, we must condemn in the strongest possible terms the actions of Dr. Baruch Goldstein and the fringe element of the Jewish community that he represents. The murder of innocent people is a desecration of those values and ideals that our tradition holds sacred.

That some Jews, who call themselves religious, could actually salute this despicable deed as an act of martyrdom is beyond belief. Clearly what they want to accomplish is an end to the peace process begun with such high hopes last September as we celebrated Rosh Hashanah, remembering as we did that both Isaac and Ishmael were sons of Abraham. Who among us can forget the tears of joy we shed as we witnessed that historic handshake on the White House lawn? Yes, there was some apprehension, even fear, in our hearts, but the promise of peace was such that we dared to hope that this new beginning would bear fruit and be the foundation of a new Middle East in which Arabs and Jews could live side by side, sharing the land that God promised to Abraham's descendants. No act of terror should be allowed to shatter the progress that has already been made. That's what Goldstein wanted to accomplish; it is a victory we should deny him.

There are moments in every person's life, and in the life of a people, when we are challenged to take problems and turn them into opportunities. We must find a way to continue the healing process between Isaac and Ishmael that Rabin and Arafat so courageously began last fall. Always to pursue the path of peace—that is the challenge of our tradition. Unless we repudiate the acts of extremists, on both sides, we cannot hope to achieve reconciliation between the citizens of Israel and the Palestinian people. May God bless those who lead and those who follow with wisdom, courage and restraint in days to come, strengthening their resolve—and ours—to make this world a better place in which to live,

a world of peace instead of strife, of love instead of hate, of hope instead of hurt.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hopefully, you all have weathered the winter and as I, look forward to warm sunny days.

Now that we have concluded our Passover observance we can look forward to Arts Festival. By now, almost all of our membership have been called and asked to volunteer their time to work at Festival. As you know, the Monmouth Festival of the Arts is one of the major fund raisers of the Temple. Your help is sorely needed to help keep Festival as successful as it has been. It runs from April 17 to 20. Setup days are April 10 to 15. Please be as generous with your time as possible. If you have not yet been called, I'm sure you will be shortly. If you have already been contacted and volunteered, please see if you can squeeze another shift. Afternoons during sales days are always shorthanded as is breakdown Thursday afternoon and evening April 21.

Our annual Yom HaShoah service will be held Thursday evening April 7 at 8:15. It is so important that we continue to remember the six million. With each passing year there are fewer survivors left to relate their experiences. It falls upon us to keep the memory alive and pass on the lessons learned to future generations. This is always a moving service and I urge you to attend.

I would be remiss if I didn't express a big thank you to Joel Morgovsky and the Adult Education Committee for the wonderful Scholar-In-Residence weekend held last month. The weekend was well attended, topped off by an audience of almost 200 people for the Sunday presentation. Great job Adult Education Committee.

Shalom,

-----Baldwin Davidson

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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.

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YAHREZEITS

Apr. 1 - Pearl Goldberger, Fannie Copley, Jack A. Leeds, *Theodore Tully Rubin, Annie Zegman, Bernard Mark, Julius Jerome Friedman, Norman Schottland, Esther Isquith and Eli Klein.

8 - Ray Persoon, Rose Bakal, *Rebecca Davidovits, Gabriel Barnett, Alberta Kramer, *Carolyn B. Meyer, *Anna Rosin, Louis Stanger, *Morris Miller, *Rose Straus, Sadie Dlugacz Klein and M. E. Medalie.

15 - Elizabeth Ruby, Charles Loebel, Leopold Fuchs, *Alfred Mannheimer, *Fannie Kipnis, Simon Wiesengrund, *Dorothy M. Feinberg, Hyman Goldberg, Sadie Greenglass, Bernard Fain & Alan Bruce Fain, Louis Levin, Ceceilia Toof, Howard Klein and Leonard S. Snyder.

22 - Yetta Drath, *Rose Rubinstein, Sigmund Kaswiner, Rebecca Birnkrant, *Rae Ostrov, Molly Pickus and Tybee Arfa.

29 - Mollie Reiss, Jack Salzman, Boshia Schwartz, Lena Collis, Jesse Davidson, *Wendy Salomon, Laura Holzman, Harry Levine, *Paul Kramer, Anna Lebedon, Beatrice Davidson, Annette Marks, David F. Whyman, *John A. Munch, Bessie Rosenberg, and John Herman.

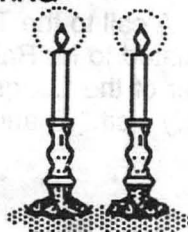
* Indicates a plaque.

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.

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Apr. 1 - 5:56 PM
8 - 7:03 PM
15 - 7:11 PM
22 - 7:18 PM
29 - 7:29 PM



REFLECTIONS

The Rabbinical Advisory Council of New York's UJA-Federation suggests the following ten ways to enhance your Jewish identity:

- 1) Invest yourself. Make the time and commitment necessary to enhance yourself Jewishly and add meaning to your life and home.
- 2) Share your journey with friends in a community context.
- 3) Seek opportunities for serious study to increase your knowledge and to gain intellectual awareness and historical perspective.
- 4) Seek a religious-spiritual component to your life with all your heart and soul.
- 5) Pray every day with both a meditative and intellectual contemplation. Let your soul feel the spirit which is holy.
- 6) Bless God when you eat your food. Turn your table into an altar.
- 7) Make the Sabbath and festivals holy. Enhance them with ritual and delight at home and in the synagogue.
- 8) Involve your family.
- 9) Be aware and involved in Jewish causes. Be supportive in action. Don't separate yourself from the community.
- 10) Make a pilgrimage to Israel.

ARTS FESTIVAL '94

Thanks to a super effort on the part of our Ad Journal salespeople and all Temple members who placed ads, the Ad Journal has exceeded this year's goal. It was your time and effort that accomplished this—Thank you.

If you missed the Friends of Festival deadline, fear not. We hope you will still join us at the Pre-Opening Gala Reception on Saturday, April 16, from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

For security reasons, we request that no one walk through the show until Opening Night, unless you are on the premises to volunteer in setting the show.

Please remember that we are not using the adjacent church's parking lot during the Festival. Valet parking is available on Opening Night.

FYI: In 1993, 300 students from nine schools, and, 113 people from five community groups viewed the show.

----Semmes Brightman

SHARING SIMCHAS

The Temple family extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

Barry & Barbara Miller on the birth of a grandson, Benjamin

Connie & Milt Klein on Wendy's marriage to Bruce Faller

For future columns, please contact Elaine Weisbrot 291-9630, by the 10th of the month, to share your news.

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RITUAL NOTES

The work of the Ritual Committee is visible primarily in the sanctuary. It is under the committee's aegis that liturgy is selected, cantor and organist are chosen, special observances, such as Yom HaShoah, are arranged, and congregants are invited to serve on the bimah. The members of the committee along with Rabbi Priesand put together the alternative prayer book we use frequently.

For many years there has been a small, stable core of members who continue to do the work of the committee. It is essential to enlarge that group in order to meet the changing needs of the membership.

Many people seem intimidated by the idea that they could have something to say about ritual. But, with the exception of Rabbi Priesand, no one on the committee is an expert. All of us are learning, and each of us would be happy to have new members join us in the experience.

If you would like to see what the committee is about, please visit us the first Wednesday of the month at 8 PM. The next meeting is April 6. If you have questions, please call me at 747-7019.

Remember: Yom HaShoah service, April 7, 8:15 PM.

----Rosalie Rosin

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HELPFUL HINT

When you mail a letter or card to a patient in the hospital, do not put your return home address, put the patient's home address. Then the card will be forwarded to them if they have left the hospital.

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 in the fall:

3 yr olds	T & Th	AM or PM
4 yr olds	M, W & F	AM or PM
4 day Pre-K	M thru Th	AM
5 day Pre-K	M thru F	PM
5 day advanced Pre-K	M thru F	AM
Mom & Me	Fri	AM
Extended Care	M thru Th	11:30 - 3

Interested parents may contact the school for additional information.

----Susan Esposito
747-3990

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood is pleased to announce the winners of the raffle. First prize - Jeff Willard, 2nd prize - The Lowenstein Family, 3rd prize - Wendy Cohen. Congratulations to all. Thanks to all members for your support.

Sisterhood's Theater Party will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 8 PM at the Strand Theater in Lakewood. The play will be "West Side Story." Tickets are twenty dollars per person. After the performance we will be returning to MRT for refreshments. Please call Lisa Aronow (671-2463) for reservations and or additional information.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 1994-5

Co-President - Lisa Aronow

Treasurer- Joyce Silverman

Financial Sec'y - Phyllis Rubinstein

Corresponding Sec'y - Karen Grieco

Shalom,

----Florence Diller

----Elaine Espey

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When making donations to the Temple, please include your name and fund contributing to on the slip when you write down the information needed for the card to be sent. Occasionally the slips get separated from the checks and it is then difficult to match a donation with a name. Thank you.

SHORE AREA WALK FOR ISRAEL

Attention members of MRT: Please save Sunday, April 24, for this annual event to express support and encouragement for Israel and World Jewry and to raise funds for Keren Klitah, a Jerusalem-based volunteer organization which supports new immigrants to Israel. You will be joining walkers from congregations throughout the area.

The walk will start at 9 AM from Congregation B'nai Israel, Hance and Ridge Roads, Rumson and will follow a 25-kilometer circular route, along the shore and returning to B'nai Israel. Participants who choose to walk a lesser distance will be transported back to B'nai Israel by vans. Walkers will receive T-shirts. Four rest stops along the way will provide snacks and a place to rest and visit.

This is a great opportunity for families (all ages) and friends to walk together, even if for a short distance. If you are unable to walk, please sponsor one or more of the walkers. Registration forms are available in the Temple office or by contacting Susan Rekedal (747-8247). Walkers, don't forget to take a sponsor sheet to your seders. This is a great idea for getting sponsors. Sponsor sheets will be given out at Hebrew School and children who attend the walk will get credit for religious school attendance that day.

Volunteers from our congregation are needed to work at registration, rest stops and to drive vans. Please contact me if you are able to help.

----Susan Rekedal

ADULT EDUCATION NOTES

In spite of another snowstorm on March 2, the sun appeared and shone upon our Scholar-In-Residence Weekend March 4, 5 and 6. Deborah Lipstadt gave us three engaging and insightful presentations on the bases of Jewish identity today; the pleasure and pain attendant on Jewish identity and the keynote talk on the nature of Holocaust denial. Attendance at Sunday's bagel breakfast reached 194! Many of you have come to me offering thanks and praise for a fine weekend and, while pleased that you were satisfied, must tell you that a complex project like SIR weekend is a group effort. The Adult Education Committee members: Adam Diller, Karen Karl, Minna Lee, Jay Wiesenfeld, Elliott Familant, Florence Korchin, Barry Miller, Gloria Hoffman, Bob Koslow and Bob Rosin. Everybody worked

Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning, including Rabbi Priesand, and that's why the weekend succeeded. Say "Thank you" to them too when you see them next. Special thanks is also due to Dean Ross for the bagels and spreads on Sunday.

For me the weekend was a complete pleasure in spite of the work involved. Dr. Lipstadt turned out to be wonderfully relaxed and personable, filled with humor and interesting anecdotes. For weeks I was looking forward to conversing with her about the degree of correlation between Holocaust denial tactics and what I have come to call Farrakanism. Because Professor Tony Martin's speech at Brookdale had such an unexpectedly sharp impact on me and many of my colleagues, having the opportunity to talk things over with a nationally recognized author on anti-Jewish matters provided a special kind of catharsis. I feel, as did most of the people at the bagel breakfast, that Dr. Lipstadt's analysis of hate-speech sharpens my thinking and helps me see certain events more clearly.

The Scholar-In-Residence Weekend is the apex of the Adult Education Committee's programming for the year. It is a costly endeavor but one which always repays us with special experiences and unforgettable interactions with Jewish intellectual leaders. The Committee wants to continue to bring people like Deborah Lipstadt to Monmouth Reform Temple year after year. To ensure that, we need you to support Scholar-In-Residence through continued generous donations to the Joan Goodman Fund. Please keep this in mind whenever making special contributions to the Temple. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we all enjoyed a fabulous weekend with Professor Lipstadt.

Tired of sitting on the sidelines of Adult Education? Want to join us on the committee? Everyone is welcome. Just give me a call 747-9256

----Joel Morgovsky

The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

John & Joyce Christie on the loss of his mother

MARJORIE CHRISTIE

May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.

APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 1 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESACH

APRIL 2 - SATURDAY - 10:30 AM - PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE

APRIL 5 - TUESDAY - 8 PM - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING

APRIL 6 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30 PM - ARTS FESTIVAL MEETING
- 8 PM - RITUAL MEETING

APRIL 7 - THURSDAY - 8:15 PM - YOM HaSHOAH SERVICE

APRIL 8 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE

APRIL 9 - WEDNESDAY - 8 PM - YOUTH MEETING

APRIL 10 - SUNDAY - 9:30 AM - RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS MEETING
- NOON - ARTS FESTIVAL SET-UP

APRIL 11-15 - MONDAY - FRIDAY - ARTS FESTIVAL SET-UP

APRIL 12 - TUESDAY - 8 PM - SOCIAL ACTION MEETING

APRIL 13 - WEDNESDAY - 8 PM - YOUTH MEETING

APRIL 15 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - ISRAEL SABBATH SERVICE

APRIL 16 - SATURDAY - 7:30 PM - ARTS FESTIVAL CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

APRIL 17 - SUNDAY - NOON - ARTS FESTIVAL FAMILY DAY

APRIL 18-20 - MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - ARTS FESTIVAL SALES DAYS

APRIL 21 - THURSDAY - ARTS FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP

APRIL 22 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE

APRIL 23 - SATURDAY - 10:30 AM - SABBATH MORNING SERVICE
The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family workshop takes place after this service.

APRIL 24 - SUNDAY - 9 AM - WALK-FOR-ISRAEL

APRIL 25 - MONDAY - 7 PM - PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

APRIL 26 - TUESDAY - 8:15 PM - TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 27- WEDNESDAY - 7:45 PM - WAYS & MEANS MEETING

APRIL 29 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE
Conducted by the Fourth Grade

APRIL 30 - SATURDAY - 10:30 AM - SABBATH MORNING SERVICE
Bat Mitzvah of Melanie Leah Pearlman
- 8 PM- SISTERHOOD THEATER PARTY

JEWISH FEDERATION JOB BANK

Sick and tired of trading hours for dollars? Try residual income. Call Geoffrey 908-892-2210.

Part-time staff associate sought by UJA/Federation of Greater Monmouth County to work with individuals in western and northern Monmouth County to develop a framework for a stronger community. Candidates must possess the following qualifications: excellent interpersonal skills, knowledge of the Jewish community, leadership and motivational skills. Send resumes to: Bonnie Komito - Executive Director, UJA/Federation of Greater Monmouth County, 100 Grant Avenue, Deal, NJ 07723.

Sales person for better priced ladies store in Matawan. Call 290-9182.

Sales P/T days and evenings. Experience helpful but not necessary. Must be outgoing, energetic and like to have fun with clothes. Forever Chic, apply in person, Route 35 and 3rd Avenue, Neptune City (Foodtown Shopping Center).

Responsible, warm, energetic person to tend to a 4-year-old and 7-month-old in my home and to do light housekeeping a few days per week. Contact Nancy Postelnek at 908-747-1906. Reference required. Immediate opening.

Drivers - clean record required. Mostly to airports, irregular hours. A & L Enterprises, PO Box 2132, Neptune City, NJ 07754-2132.

Teachers- Full-time and part-time general studies and Jewish studies for Jewish Day School in East Brunswick for September 1994. Must be certified and minimum 2 years experience. Jewish Studies teachers must be fluent in Hebrew. Also specialist in Spanish, Science, Arts. Call 908-238-7971.

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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:

Lorraine & Kevin Martinez, 75 Seven Bridges Road, Little Silver 07739; children: Gregg, Ryan and Sasha

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

----*Rosalind Reisner*

JFTY URBAN MITZVAH CORPS CELEBRATES ITS TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR:

REUNION DINNER and KOL B'SEDER CONCERT,
JUNE 4, 1994

Celebrating its milestone twenty-fifth anniversary, **JFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps** will be holding a *Kol B'seder* concert, on **Saturday, June 4, 1994**, with proceeds to benefit this unique social justice program. Over 600 teens have served in the Mitzvah Corps since its foundation in 1969. Mitzvah Corps participants spend their summer volunteering in New Brunswick, NJ area social service projects, including a nursing home, soup kitchen, hospital, inner city parks and a camp for emotionally and physically challenged.

"We were working in a park where the weeds were taller than the swing set," Rabbi Harry Manhoff reminisced about organizing the first-ever Mitzvah Corps when he was a teenaged vice president of JFTY. "They forgot to tell us that what we were doing was not possible," he mused.

Generously donating their time and music to benefit Mitzvah Corps, Cantor Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Daniel Frelander have been singing and composing new Jewish music as *Kol B'Seder* for the past two decades. The public is invited to this special concert to benefit Mitzvah Corps at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, New Brunswick, at 8:00 PM.

Hundreds of Mitzvah Corps alumni, their families, and former staff members will be attending the reunion dinner at the Mitzvah Corps house, on the Rutgers Campus, which will precede the concert, at 5:30 PM. The Mitzvah Corps alumni committee is collecting memorabilia to display at the concert, and working hard to locate and gather information about past program participants. If you have any information or memorabilia that you can share, or if you want to receive an invitation to these milestone events, contact Rebecca Steinberg, Mitzvah Corps Director, at (201) 599-0080.

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TWICE IS NICE

Jewish Family & Children's Service runs a second hand shop Monday thru Friday from 10-4 PM at 705 Summerfield Avenue, Asbury Park. Donations can be made and a receipt given for tax purposes. They will pick up large items if you call 988-2889 or 774-6886. Why not stop by and browse? Who knows, you may find a treasure or even an antique that you can't pass up.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

Janet Bell's fifth grade class must be congratulated for conducting March 11's Shabbat Service. The children's knowledge and decorum made our whole Temple family extremely proud. I look forward to Mrs. Bell's fourth grade Shabbat Service on April 29.

It seems that everyone I speak with was adversely affected by winter's abundant precipitation. Our Religious School cancelled classes on one Sunday and four Wednesdays. As a result, make-up sessions have been scheduled for the following Wednesdays: March 30, May 18 and May 25. The Sunday cancellation will be made up on May 22.

The Monmouth Festival of the Arts is almost here; as usual, the building will become an exciting, wondrous art gallery. Classes on Wednesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 20 will be held next door at the Monmouth Church of Christ. Drop off and pick up your children at the double, white social hall doors located on the MRT side of the church. No school on the Sunday of Arts Festival, April 17.

The Sunday following the Arts Festival is the Walk-for-Israel, coordinated for MRT by Sue Rekedal. I have been working for the past several weeks to get into shape for the beautiful 15-mile walk along our area's shoreline. All students participating in this activity on Sunday, April 24, receive attendance credit. If you cannot walk, consider sponsoring a student or me.

The second report card for grades 4 through 7 was delayed by the school closings. The end of the marking period was moved to March 9, too late to include the honor roll for academic achievement and excellent conduct. These children will be recognized next month or in a special notice.

Assuming that calm will prevail, I shall leave for Israel on June 20 to attend a convention sponsored by the National Association of Temple Educators. All convention participants have been requested to join its Labriut Tzedakah Project by collecting health-related items to distribute in Israel. I am collecting eye glasses and hearing aids for this purpose. If you have these items, please bring them to the Temple office or mail them to my attention.

----David Levinsky

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

BOOK REVIEW: *What is a Jew? A Guide to the Beliefs, Traditions, and Practices of Judaism that Answers Questions for Both Jew and Non-Jew* (Collier Books, 1993)

The classic introduction to Judaism by Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer has just been made more wonderful in a revised edition by Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman. Its question and answer format makes it a book to read around in, look up specific questions in, or read cover to cover. However you approach it, *What is a Jew?* will guide you smoothly through the basics of Judaism. The time line and glossary alone (which includes a **useable** pronunciation guide) make it worth the \$8.00 cover price.

Those added bonuses, however, are really only a small part of what makes this book so accessible and valuable. In revising his uncle's original book, Rabbi Hoffman, professor of liturgy at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, has tried to broaden its scope and speak to contemporary readers. A serious and deeply committed Reform Jew, Rabbi Hoffman is well-known for his conversational approach to even the most difficult subjects, and he certainly succeeds at that here. The voices of two rabbis devoted to sharing their love of Judaism come through on every page.

(Available at local bookstores or Macmillan Publishing Company 1-800-323-7445)

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OFFICE NOTES

Office Hours: Administrative Assistant
9 AM -12 Noon and 1 PM - 4 PM
Fridays - 9 AM - 3 PM

Please schedule your time to meet these hours.

Announcements for Friday evening services are due in by Thursday afternoon.

Mailings go out on the 15th and 30th of the month. Flyers are due in the office by the 8th and 23rd.

Bulletin is mailed to arrive before the first Friday of the next month. Articles are due in the office by the 10th of the month.

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SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

Now that we've searched out the chametz in our homes, we can begin the greater task of taking stock on the condition of our souls. This has been a particularly hard winter for all of us and thinking now of the most needy would be a good starting point. There are so many worthwhile organizations, Jewish and otherwise, that require our help, it's sometimes hard to know where to begin. Your Social Action Committee has a few suggestions:

If you are outraged by the senseless slaughter in Hebron's Cave of Machpelah and the Brooklyn van shooting and would like to voice your support for continuing the Mid-East peace process, you may leave a message with the White House switchboard (202-456-1414.)

If you were moved to action by the dynamic presentation of our Scholar-In-Residence speaker, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, and would like to ensure that genocide will never be considered an alternative to conflict, you may wish to join The Holocaust Center by sending a \$10 check payable to: The Holocaust Center, Brookdale College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft NJ 07738.

If your Seder truly celebrated our freedom from slavery in Egypt, then we must remember that it was hunger that found us there. Hunger forced us to find Joseph who "sustained his father and his brothers...with bread." Mazon is a miracle in our time, feeding the hungry all over the world. Your family may contribute any amount of money to equal to the cost of feeding one hungry person at your Seder table, and our tradition will be fulfilled.

If you are dismayed by the media attention of the anti-Semitic hate messages from the Nation of Islam and would like to work toward a greater coalition with our African-American neighbors, come to a committee meeting (April 12) or call me at 224-9007.

If you believe in peace and would like to spend a glorious spring sabbath day with your family, come to the Children's Peace Fair at Brookdale College April 16. Our Temple's booth will be in full swing from noon on. I can almost guarantee seeing a crocus, hearing a robin and maybe even bumping into a clown or two.

Shalom,

---Chris Rosen

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

There are new adult and children's books this month as well as many new tapes—we now have every Debbie Friedman tape and more Klezmer music.

ADULT BOOKS

Deborah Lipstadt. Beyond Belief. This book by last month's Scholar-In-Residence tackles the question: How much did the American public know about the Holocaust and when did they know it? 940.4 LIP

Max I. Dimont. Appointment in Jerusalem. A well-known Jewish historian investigates the case for the historical Jesus. 296 DIM

Martin Gilbert. The Atlas of Jewish History. An excellent collection of maps covering all of Jewish history. REF 912 GIL.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Florence Temko. Jewish Origami I and II. Instructions on how to make a star of David; plaque of frogs, Noah's ark, Torah scroll, grogger, Joseph's coat of many colors, and a dreidel. J 745 TEM

Finkelstein, Norman. Theodor Herzl, Architect of a Nation. A biography of the founder of Zionism. J 921 HER

Feder, Harriet. Mystery in Miami Beach. Vivi Hartman discovers that her grandmother is involved in a plot to track down spies from 40 years ago. J FIC FED

Bacon, Josephine. Cooking the Israeli Way. Recipes for traditional Israeli dishes. J 641 BAC

Barbara Goldin. A Child's Book of Midrash. Folktales and stories based on Bible tales. J 233 GOL

Special thanks to Flo Korchin and Peg Baker for donating signed copies of *Beyond Belief* and *Denying the Holocaust* written by our Scholar-In-Residence Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

---Rosalind Reisner

---Joanna Charnick

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are due in the Temple Office by Monday April 18. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 1 at 4:30 PM. Thank you for your cooperation at a very busy time for all.

THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS as received in the Temple Office from February 17 through March 16

to the Rabbi's Fund:

from Frank & Maureen Welton in memory of Ruth E. Fitzsimmons

from Sandy, Alan & Brandon Corbett to honor all our dear friends whom we left in New Jersey

from Rosalind Collis & Bob Woolf sincere condolences to the Tuchband family in memory of Cora's mother, Tillie Schneider

from Adam & Florence Diller congratulations to Barry & Barbara Miller on the birth of their grandson, Daniel, get well wishes to Phoebe Shagan and Sandy Liebesman and to Evie Kahn in memory of her husband, Dr. Mark Kahn

from Jerry & Peggy Baker congratulations to Sandy & Bruce Sternberg on their granddaughter, Samantha and get well wishes to Sandy Liebesman

from Sandy & Bruce Sternberg in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Samantha Lynn Hymson

from the Bowler Family congratulations to Lisa & Scott Schermerhorn on the naming of their daughter, Samantha

from the participants in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family program

from Hy & Fannie Klein get well wishes to Susan Kahn and to Celia Chiat in memory of her father

to the Library Fund:

from Betty & Bob Schulman get well wishes to Sara Blinderman and Susan Kahn

to the Garin Juvenile Library Fund:

from Charles & Phyllis Rubinstein Mazel Tov on the birth of a grandson to Garry & Gail Farber, to Joan & Jerry Lansky mazel tov on the birth of a granddaughter, Robin, to Sandy Liebesman get well wishes, to Connie & Milton Klein mazel tov on the marriage of your daughter Wendy to Bruce Fallor, sincere condolences to Evelyn Kahn on the loss of her husband, Mark, and get well wishes to Susan Kahn

to the Fund for the Homeless:

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein to Bob Woolf in honor of his 75th birthday

from Dorothy & Leonard Teitelbaum to Cora Tuchband in memory of her mother, Tillie Schneider

from Baldwin Davidson sincere condolences to Lloyd Fitzsimmons on the death of his mother, Ruth G. Fitzsimmons and a speedy recovery to Phoebe Shagan and Sandy Liebesman

from Max & Lila Singer get well wishes to Sandy Liebesman and Phoebe Shagan and mazel tov to Connie & Milt Klein on Wendy & Bruce's marriage

to the Scholarship Fund:

from Joel Greenspan a speedy and full recovery to Susan Kahn

to the MAZON Fund:

from Joyce & John Christie get well wishes to Susan Kahn and Sandy Liebesman

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund:

from Barry & Susan Kahn to Max & Lila Singer in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary and to Bob Woolf in honor of his 75th birthday

from Betty & Bob Schulman to Milt & Connie Klein in honor of Wendy's & Bruce's wedding, to Phoebe Shagan get well wishes and to Barry & Barbara Miller in honor of the birth off their grandson, Daniel

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein congratulations to Toby Grabelle and Susan Brenner on their "Women of Achievement Award" and get well wishes to Susan Kahn

from Sandy & Bernie Brandwene to Cora Tuchband in memory of her mother, Tillie Schneider

from Judith Rivkin

from Irma & Peter Meyer a speedy recovery to Susan Kahn, and get well wishes to Phoebe Shagan, Sandy Liebesman and Richard Gitlin

to the Prayerbook Funds:

from Arlene & Jim Berg to Evie Kahn & Family in memory of Dr. Mark Kahn

to the Altar Flower Fund:

from Howard & Libby Sadwith in memory of his mother Rosalind Sadwith

from Al & Sylvia Paley in memory of his mother Dora Paley

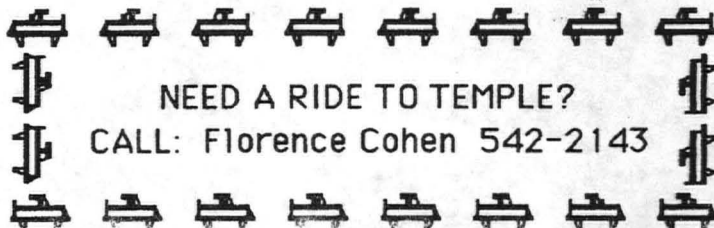
from Barbara & Dan Morreale in memory of her father Dr. Alexander J. Reiss and her grandmother Mollie Reiss

from Sandy & Israel Feld in memory of his father Louis Feld

from Harmon & Jill Butler in memory of his step-father Siegmund Rath

---Joan Spring 530-9546

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MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE**APRIL CALENDAR****WORSHIP SERVICES**

Apr. 1 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
 2 - Sat - Passover Yizkor - 10:30 AM
 7 - Thu - Yom HaShoah - 8:15 PM
 8 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
 15 - Fri - Israel Sabbath - 8:15 PM
 22 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
 23 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
 29 - Fri - Fourth Grade Service - 8:15 PM
 30 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

Sundays, April 3, 10 & 24 - 9:30 - Noon
 Religious School
 NO Session on April 17
 Tuesdays, April 5 & 26 - 9:30 AM
 Rabbi's Study Group
 NO Sessions on April 12 & 19
 Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 4-6 PM
 Hebrew School

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MEETINGS

Apr. 5 - Tue - Religious Education - 8 PM
 6 - Wed - Arts Festival - 7:30 PM
 - Ritual - 8 PM
 10 - Sun - RS Parents - 9:30 AM
 12 - Tue - Social Action - 8 PM
 13 - Wed - Youth - 8 PM
 25 - Mon - Preschool - 7 PM
 26 - Tue - Temple Board - 8:15 PM
 27 - Wed - Ways & Means - 7:45 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

Apr. 10 - Sun - Arts Festival Set-Up
 - 15 - Fri
 16 - Sat - Arts Festival Reception - 7:30 PM
 17 - Sun - Arts Festival Family Day - Noon
 18-20 - Mon - Arts Festival Sales Days
 - Wed
 21 - Thu - Arts Festival Clean-Up
 24 - Sun - Walk For Israel
 30 - Sat - Sisterhood Theater Party

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