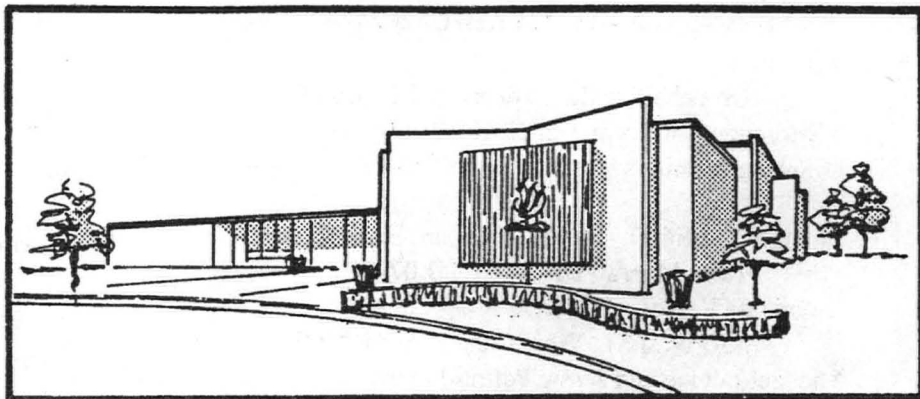


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KISLEV - TEVET 5756

DECEMBER 1995

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Dec. 1** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Jewish Book Month Sabbath
NEW & NOTEWORTHY (a
talk by Joanna Charnick)
Torah portion: Gen. 28:10-32:3
- 8** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
36th Anniversary Service
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel
Freeland, UAHC Director of
Program.
Sermon: **TRENDS IN REFORM
JEWISH WORSHIP**
Torah portion: Gen. 32:4-36:43
- 15** Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon : **A REPORT ON THE
UAHC BIENNIAL
CONVENTION**
Torah portion: Gen. 37:1-40:23
- 22** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Chanukah Family Service
conducted by the Senior Youth
Group

- 29** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Service conducted by the Ritual
Committee

OTHER SERVICES

- Dec. 16 Sat.** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family
Program
Sermon: **SOME REFLECTIONS
ON CHANUKAH**

Sisterhood Judaica Shop
Chanukah begins Sunday evening,
December 17th. The Judaica Shop will be open on
Sunday, December 3rd, from 9:30 AM to 12:30
PM, on Sunday, December 10th, from 9:30 AM to
12:30 PM, and Wednesday, December 13th, from 4
PM to 6 PM.

Sisterhood will again be supplying Chanukah candles to
all Temple families. Candles will be handed out in
religious school. For families who do not have children
in religious school, they will be available in the Temple
office beginning Monday, December 11th.

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:

Michael and Eileen, Jaclyn, Brendan, Brian Cohen,
1802 Murray Dr., Wall, NJ 07712

David and Kristine Fisher,
230 Wall St., West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Michael Levine and Jessie Patton-Levine,
11 Carnegie Ct. Middletown, NJ 07748

Larry and Tina Nelson, Deborah, Beth,
50 Des Moines Ct., Ocean, NJ 07712

Howard and Ellie Tannenbaum,
11 Symphony Ave., Bayville, NJ 08721

SOCIAL ACTION

Volunteers Needed

Lunch Break is in need of volunteers for the morning programs. MRT volunteers are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month. Please try to include Lunch Break into your life. At this time Social Action would like to thank the following people: Bernie Brandwene, Robert Woolf, Myra Ostroff, Ellie Goodman, Connie Klein, Milton Klein and Max Singer, for their time and effort for a job well done! If you wish to join us-and we are in need of help-please call Lila Singer at 908-542-2399.

Once again we are in need of people for Christmas Day. All volunteers should call the Temple. Thank you to last year's volunteer group: Mildred Snedcof, Bob and Rosalie Rosin, Emily Nisenson, Milton Klein, Jeff Willard, Steve Mahon, the Grabelle Family, Chris Rosen, Charles and Norma Bernstein, Ro Collis and Bob Woolf, Alice Berman, Sandy and Bernie Brandwene, Dana and Bart Schwartz, David Levinsky, Ronnie Gardstein and Rich Sachs.

In our synagogue, giving takes many forms. When you wish to celebrate an important occasion, a remembrance, or a celebration of life, please remember that we have a commitment to people less fortunate than we. The Mazon fund, Homeless Fund, and The Fund for Christian Rescuers needs our support now. Don't let them down!

Florence Cohen

REFLECTIONS

Blessings give reverent and routine voice to our conviction that life is good, one blessing after another. Even, and especially, when life is cold and dark. Indeed to offer blessings at such times may be our only deliverance.

Blessings keep our awareness of life's holy potential ever present. They awaken us to our own lives. Every blessing says, "I am grateful to be a creature and to remind myself and God that life is good."

With each blessing uttered we extend the boundaries of the sacred and ritualize our love of life. One hundred times a day, everywhere we turn, everything we touch, everyone we see, the blessing can be whispered. No one even needs to hear. No one but the Holy One. "Holy One of Blessing, Your Presence fills the universe. Your Presence fills me."

-----Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
THE BOOK OF WORDS

OFFICE NOTES

Office Hours: 9 AM -- 5 PM
Fridays - 9 AM - 4 PM

Announcements for Friday evening services are due by Thursday afternoon.

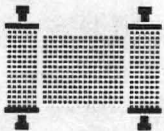
Mailings go out on the **15th of the month**. Flyers are due in the office by the **8th**.

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**.

SHARING SIMCHAS

The Temple family extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

Barbara and Vince Gesuelli in honor of the birth of their daughter, Kassie.



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

As I write these words, the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin continues to weigh heavily on my mind. The images associated with his funeral remain fresh as if happening only yesterday: nearly one-quarter of Israel's population, more than a million people, filing past the funeral bier, their grief unconcealed, their silence immeasurable; leaders from all over the world standing side by side, shoulder to shoulder, having come to pay their respects, not only to Rabin but to Israel itself, the kind of recognition that would have been unthinkable a few short years ago; the simplicity of a funeral service that began with the wailing of sirens while everywhere the citizens of Israel stopped what they were doing and remembered their fallen leader; a son, fulfilling an ancient tradition, reciting Kaddish for his father; the President of the United States teaching Torah, trying to bring comfort to a bereaved family, courage to a grieving nation and confidence to a world contemplating the future; King Hussein of Jordan, his first visit to Jerusalem, speaking from the heart with simple eloquence, his very presence calling to mind the ancient Jewish teaching: who is a hero? - the one who turns an enemy into a friend; a granddaughter remembering the gentle cares of a hand and the joy of a smile, both expressing to her more than words could ever say; a speechwriter, giving one last speech, holding up for all the world to see a songsheet soaked in blood, the song of peace, its challenge made all the more vivid, all the more urgent, by the assassin's bullet.

We all died a little that night in Tel Aviv. They say we came of age. Perhaps that's so. But with that maturity, there came a loss of innocence and the need to take a good hard look at ourselves as a people, to remember what unites us and to confront what divides us, to reaffirm those values that call us to be a light unto the nations. The realization that one Jew could kill another has compounded the grief that we feel for the death of a man who had the courage to stand up for peace. In a democratic society, debate and dialogue should be encouraged, but violence can never be condoned. Lo tirtzach, teaches our tradition - you

shall not murder - foremost among the commandments that shape the ideals of our faith. How is it, then, that people who call themselves religious could stray from so basic a value? What role did rhetoric play, and was the silent majority too silent? Can Israel afford to tolerate in its midst those who would press their case through weapons rather than words? And what about the American Jewish community; did we leave Mr. Rabin alone on the battlefield by being too passive? We know that Israel and American Jews are divided on the question of peace, but not 50-50. Most wanted the Prime Minister to succeed; otherwise the peace process would never have gotten this far. But are we guilty of allowing Mr. Rabin to carry the burden alone? These are the questions that must be asked as we struggle for answers in the days to come.

Yitzhak Rabin was a man of extraordinary vision and strength. Both soldier and statesman, he himself embodied Israel's history, fighting as he did in the War of Independence, leading to victory those who recovered Jerusalem, becoming Prime Minister and winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace. He was both first and last: Israel's first native-born Prime Minister and its first to fall victim to assassination, and as such, the last representative of a founding generation that literally built the State of Israel with its bare hands.

Rabin leaves behind a legacy of peace, a vision that inspires us still. We dare not allow the hate of a handgun in Tel Aviv to destroy the hope of a handshake in Washington. Like Moses, who brought us to the edge of the Promised Land, Rabin did not live to see his task fulfilled. In reality, no one ever does. The consolation comes from knowing that others will carry on the work, and so the Hoshuas of this generation, ourselves among them, must now take up the task to make real the dream of peace. So may it be.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The more things change, the more they remain the same. I'm not positive whether that applies to us, but we have many changes in our way of life in our Temple Family (mostly for the better, I might add), and a few reminders of how we remain together as a Temple family through the changes. While we attempt to put more structure into our finances, policies, and practices, and while we more seriously look at the need to expand our building, we have reminders of "the way we were".

It was a pleasure to see so many of our Temple Family at our traditional Thanksgiving service with the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury. With that reminder of our roots, I look forward to all of you coming to one or all of the events of our upcoming 36th anniversary celebration. Soon, a number of us will attend the Biennial Convention of the UAHC. I hope you can come to the service on December 15th to hear about the Biennial, or ask me or one of the other attendees about it. We are continuing the preparations for Book Month, Scholar-in-Residence, Arts Festival, and our other annual celebrations of who we are and what we value and enjoy. Please plan to join in our various family gatherings.

Shalom, Rich Goldberg

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

Chanukah items will be on display in the showcases in the entrance foyer and the side lobby.

We will have Chanukah wrap and tags, dreidels, chocolate gelt coins in individual net bags and also in boxes of 24 net bags, cook books, children's toys, workbooks, etc. Menorahs priced for every budget will be available. Fancy menorah candles in rainbow colors, in gold, in silver, and the traditional ones will be on sale.

Any questions, any special needs - call..

Gloria Kantor 741-3753

Fannie Klein 741-5676

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

As we approach the cold weather months, if you know anyone with a Pre-Schooler looking for a warm and caring environment where he/she can make new friends and have a wonderful learning experience, please give us a call. Registration is taken all year. Our classes at Tinton Falls Co-Op are as follows:

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

Extended Care M thru Th 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Fri 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Bobbie LaPlaca, Director
747-3990

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting Dates: 12/24 at 11:00 AM
1/24 at 8:00 PM
2/28 at 8:00 PM
3/27 at 8:00 PM
4/24 at 8:00 PM
5/22 at 8:00 PM
6/26 at 8:00 PM

The only requirement will be the experience of cancer personally. For information please call Rabbi Shira Stern (908) 251-1119.

SISTERHOOD

Shalom. On November 4th the Sisterhood had a "Wine and Chocolate Tasting", and everyone had a great time. Charlie Rubenstein helped to educate us all.

Thank you all so much, for making it a success. Remember to visit the Judaica Shop for Hannukkah. We still have Entertainment Books. Please call Florence Diller if you need one.

Ann Wolf

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

December will be an unusually busy month for our Religious School. Each Sunday features a significant event.

In my November article I gave you advance notice of our library's annual Jewish Book Fair on November 29 - December 3. Our Book Fair always provides parents with the opportunity to purchase Jewish interest books for personal enjoyment and Chanukah gifts for children.

DOUBLE CHAI ANNIVERSARY

MRT is celebrating its Double Chai Anniversary on the weekend of Friday, December 8. **Our Religious School will join the celebration on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with birthday salutes from our kindergarten class through grade 7. All are invited to the birthday party.**

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

In our tradition, Chanukah celebrates the first insurrection for religious freedom. Chanukah is not as religiously important as Christmas is to Gentile family members and friends, but it set a precedent for the democratic ideal of the separation of church and state.

We have several customs associated with Chanukah at MRT. Through the Religious School, the Temple's Sisterhood annually provides all school families with a box of Chanukah candles and all children with a dreidel and chocolate holiday gelt.

Our school's annual Chanukah Celebration follows the anniversary weekend by one week, on Sunday, December 17. The morning will begin at 9:30 with Chanukah songs and presentations by children in grades kindergarten through 3. The younger students will take part in a crafts period at 10:00, while grades 4 through 7 will be treated to a holiday play in the sanctuary by students in grades 8 - 10. The production, "The Widow's Son" by Sholom Aleichem, was adapted by Sandi Weingroff, our 8th/9th grade teacher.

All Temple families are encouraged to bring their personal menorahs to the Temple at 11:00.

First, all will enjoy latkes prepared by members of our Religious Education Committee and class parents. At 11:30, with children and friends, each family will light its own menorah as the social hall lights dim. As dozens of menorahs are lit, we will chant the holiday blessings.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

If you give gifts to your children's secular teachers and other adults who assist your children during the school year, I ask you to include Religious School teachers as well. In this way, your children will learn from you to respect all teachers and all forms of education.

REPORT CARDS & SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The first marking period for children in grades 4 - 7 will end on December 3 and report cards will be distributed within two weeks.

All students in grades 4-6 must attend 3 Friday evening Shabbat services as congregants and participate in one service with their class. The dates for the class services are printed in the Religious School Booklet and are posted in the Temple calendar. Kindly, use my service attendance form or your own stationery to notify me of your children's service attendance. The tally at the bottom of the report card will indicate the number of services attended by your children. Kindly let me know of any error in the tally.

WINTER BREAK

Our winter vacation begins on Sunday, December 24. I hope your secular New Year is a safe and healthy one.

Shalom,
David Levinsky

January 5th, 6th, 7th 1996
Monmouth Reform Temple's
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
Made possible through the Joan Goodman
Scholar-in-Residence Fund

Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams, Ph.D. will speak on the
theme...

*"Your Body, Your Spirit, Your children:
How the Talmud Can Help You Live Your Life"*

Weekend Program:

**Friday evening, January 5th, following Shabbat
service at 8:15 PM - "How to Start Studying
Talmud."**

**Saturday evening, January 6th, following a
covered dish supper at 6:00 PM and Havdalah, -
"God in the Bedroom (And the Bedroom in the
Synagogue)."**

**Sunday morning, January 7th, following a Bagel
Brunch at 9:30 AM - "Jewish Parenting:
Rabbinic Insights."**

WAYS AND MEANS

Our Committee is planning another auction on
April 27, 1996. We are currently asking for donations of
either goods, services, or gift certificates. Please contact
Joanna Charnick at 542-1562 or Meg Levinson at 530-9517
by December 31 with your donations. Last year we earned
\$5,000. It was a fun evening. This year's auction will be a
little bit different, plus we are planning some cabaret
entertainment.

We had another good month in our food certificate
sales, enough to bring in \$550 to the Temple. The food
certificates make great holiday gifts for those hard to please
people or just your mailman. If you haven't used it before,
just try \$25 worth and see how easy it is to use. Our sales
force consists of Joanna Charnick, whom you can find
Sunday mornings in the Temple lobby, Roberta Brown in the
Temple office, 5 days a week, Bobbie Goldstein, Betty
Schulman, Sue Rekedal and myself.

I hope those members with preschoolers are reading
our Director of Nursery School's articles in our Bulletin.
Bobbie LaPlaca has an exciting program planned for all her
classes. For those who have younger children, stop in and
see her. She would love to show you around.

Arlene Berg
946-8559

**REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR FOOD GIFT
CERTIFICATES BEFORE DOING YOUR FOOD
SHOPPING. CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE
THROUGH YOUR SCRIP CAPTAINS OR AT THE
TEMPLE OFFICE.**

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Ritual Committee!

Two issues are on my mind as I prepare this
article, the Mitzvot of Membership we all received when
we joined Monmouth Reform Temple, and the Mitzvah
Corps volunteer group that assembles for Saturday
morning services to support Bar and Bat Mitzvah
families.

As you know "mitzvah" is both a blessing and a
commandment. It is our task as a people to help in the
perfection of the world - tikkun olam - but that
assignment weighs heavily on each of us individually.
As a member of our Temple, you need not carry the
burden of tikkun olam by yourself. We are a family, and
many hands make light work. There are many
opportunities to perform mitzvot here at MRT, and the
form that is mostly on my mind right now is your
willingness to come to the Bema on Shabbat to say a
blessing, light the candles, read the Haftorah and other
lovely chores. The Ritual Committee makes calls every
month asking families to agree to serve on the Bema in
some way. Many refuse us, but we want you to JUST
SAY "YES" when we call. Don't be afraid about the
task you might be assigned, we will give you resources
to help you prepare. Just say "yes", then call me. It is a
part of your Mitzvot of Membership and a new way to
help with the work of tikkun olam. Thank you.

The other mitzvah-related matter on my mind is
the activity of the Minyon Corps. Maybe you don't
know about this group, but they play an important role
in supporting our Bar/Bat Mitzvah families and in
keeping alive the tradition of Saturday morning
observances of Shabbat. The Minyan Corps exists only
to show love and support to families celebrating their
happy event and to take pleasure from participating in
the tradition of Shabbat morning services. The Minyan
Corps could use additional volunteers to join them on a
regular basis or just once in a while. Call me or leave
me a note in the Temple office if you are interested.

Finally, thank you for responding in such large
numbers to our High Holy Days survey. The results are
still being tabulated, but nearly 110 of you returned the
form -- a wonderful outcome. It seems that most
families were satisfied with how things went, but next
month I will make a complete report on this matter.

Shalom, Joel Morgovsky, Chairman



CHANUKAH AT MRT

Sunday , December 17
9:30 AM - 12 Noon

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
bring your family Menorah

Friday, December 22
8:15 PM

Chanukah Shabbat Family Service
Conducted by the Senior Youth Group



The History of Chanukah

The Hebrew word "Chanukah" means "re-dedication". The holiday derives its name from the Maccabean re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem on the 25th of the Hebrew month, Kislev, 165 B.C.E. Prior to the year 167 B.C.E. Palestine and the surrounding lands were ruled by the Greeks and Syrians. A part of their ruling policy was a relentless campaign to destroy Judaism.

In 167 B.C.E. on the 25th of Kislev, they entered the Temple in Jerusalem, defiled it by constructing altars to idols and began conducting pagan rites. That same year the Jewish people, under the courageous leadership of the High Priest Mattathias, and then his son Judah Maccabeus, began their revolt. For three years Judah and his followers, who became known as the Maccabees, waged a continuous fight for religious freedom. Finally, in 165 B. C.E. they dislodged the enemy from large portions of Palestine, gained control of Jerusalem, restored and cleansed the Temple.

Victoriously on the 25th of Kislev, the same date the enemy had defiled the Temple, the Maccabees rededicated it as a symbol of their struggle for religious freedom. We are told that "Chanukah", the ceremony of rededication, like Sukkot, lasted eight days. Some scholars believe, that because the Maccabees could not celebrate Sukkot during the years of their revolution, they combined that holiday with the festivities of their rededication of the Temple. This would explain the reason why Chanukah is eight days in length.

Each of the eight branches of the Menorah stands for one day of the festival. The lighting of the Menorah during the eight days has come to symbolize the victory of the Maccabees and the values of our faith for which they struggled. It reminds us of the importance of religious pluralism. All people should be free to worship as they wish, in the manner which best suits their needs and way of life. That is the true message of Chanukah.

MA-OZ TSUR

Ma-oz tsur ye-shu-a-ti,
le-cha na-eh le-sha-bel-ach;
ti-kon beit te-fi-la-ti,
ve-sham to-da ne-za-bel-ach.
Le-elt ta-chln mat-bel-ach,
mi-tsar ha-me-na-bel-ach,
az eg-mor, be-shir miz-mor,
cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bel-ach.

מעוז צור

מעוז צור ישועתי,
לך נאה לשבח;
תכון בית תפילתי,
ושם תודה נזבח.
לעת תכין מטבח,
מצר המנבח,
או אגמור, בשר מזמור,
חזכת המזבח.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You, amid the raging foes,
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But Your arm availed us,
And Your word
Broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Kindling new the holy lamps,
Priests approved in suffering,
Purified the nation's shrines,
Brought to You their offering.
And Your courts surrounding
Hear, in joy abounding,
Happy throngs,
Singing songs,
With a mighty sounding.

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free of fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing,
Which will see
All go free,
Tyrants disappearing.

CHANUKAH IN THE KITCHEN

Yes, Chanukah is in the kitchen, too.
One of the favorites is "latkes" or potato
pancakes. No doubt you have your own
recipe or you can easily find one. Or
perhaps you might like to try this recipe.

POTATO PANCAKES

2 cups grated raw potatoes
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. salt
1 heaping tbsp. flour or matzah meal
Pinch of baking powder
1 small grated onion
Combine all ingredients and drop
mixture by tablespoons into hot skillet,
generously greased with butter or
shortening. Fry on both sides until brown
and serve with applesauce.

Some Oft Asked Questions About Kindling the Menorah

**HOW SHOULD THE CHANUKAH
CANDLES BE PLACED IN THE
MENORAH?** Always place candles in the
Menorah beginning from the far right and
continuing to the left.

**WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE
KINDLING THE CHANUKAH LIGHTS?**
The Chanukah Candles are kindled from
left to right.

**WHEN SHOULD THE CHANUKAH
CANDLES BE KINDLED?** "Immediately
at the appearance of the stars" if possible.
Later in the evening if necessary, but always
"before any member of the household—child
or adult—goes to sleep." On Friday evening,
of course, the Chanukah Candles are kindled
before we light the Shabbat candles.

**WHERE TO PLACE THE CHANUKAH
MENORAH?** In front of a window or the
like in order "to publicize the miracle" of
Chanukah.

THE GAME OF DREIDEL

Dreidel is the traditional game for the festival of Chanukah. Any
number can play.

Each player contributes some nuts, raisins, or candies to a central
"pot" and spins the dreidel in turn.

The Hebrew letters on the dreidel stand for Yiddish words which
tell you how much you win . . . or lose!

נ

"NUN stands for נישט "Nisht"
= win nothing, lose nothing.

ג

"GIMMEL" stands for גאנץ "Gantz"
= take all, win the pot.

ה

"HEY" stands for האלב "Halb"
= win half the pot.

ש

"SHIN" stands for שטעל "Shtel"
= put one in the pot (or other pre-decided amount).

If the pot is won, every player can "ante up" again.

The letters on the dreidel have also been interpreted to stand for
the Hebrew phrase:

נֶס גָּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁמַיָּה

"Nes Gadol Haya Sham"

meaning: "A great Miracle happened there" in reference to the story
of Chanukah.

76. LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Words and Music by Peter Yarrow

With Conviction (♩ = 112)

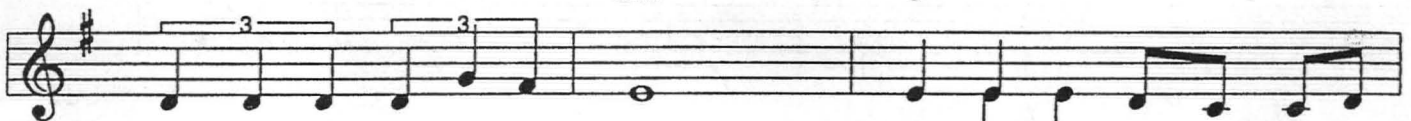
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1. Light one can - dle for the Mac - ca - bee child - ren. Give
2. Light one can - dle for the strength — that we need to
3. What is the mem - o - ry that's val - ued so high - ly that

Em

C



thanks that their light did - n't die.
nev - er be - come our own foe.
we keep a - live in that flame?

Light one can - dle for the
Light one can - dle for
What's the com - mit - ment — to



pain they en - dured —
those who are suf - f'ring
those who have died —

when their right to ex - ist was de -
the — pain we learned so long a -
when we cry out, "They've not died in

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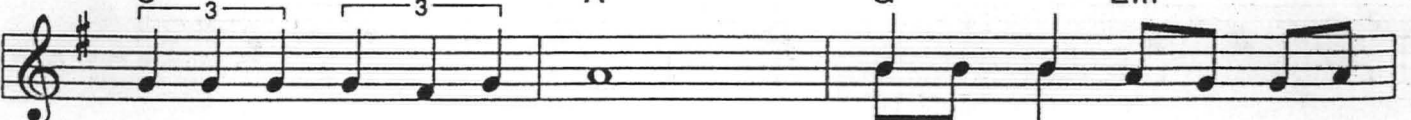
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jus - tice and free - dom de - mand.
an - ger not tear us a - part.
jus - tice will some - how pre - vail.

Light one can - dle for the
Light one can - dle — to
This is the bur - den — and



wis - dom to know — when the peace - mak - er's time is at hand. —
bind us to - geth - ther with peace as the song in our heart. —
this is the pro - mise and this is why we will not fail. —



Don't let the light go out. — It's last - ed for so ma - ny



years. Don't let the light go out — Let it



shine through our love and our tears. —

Coda



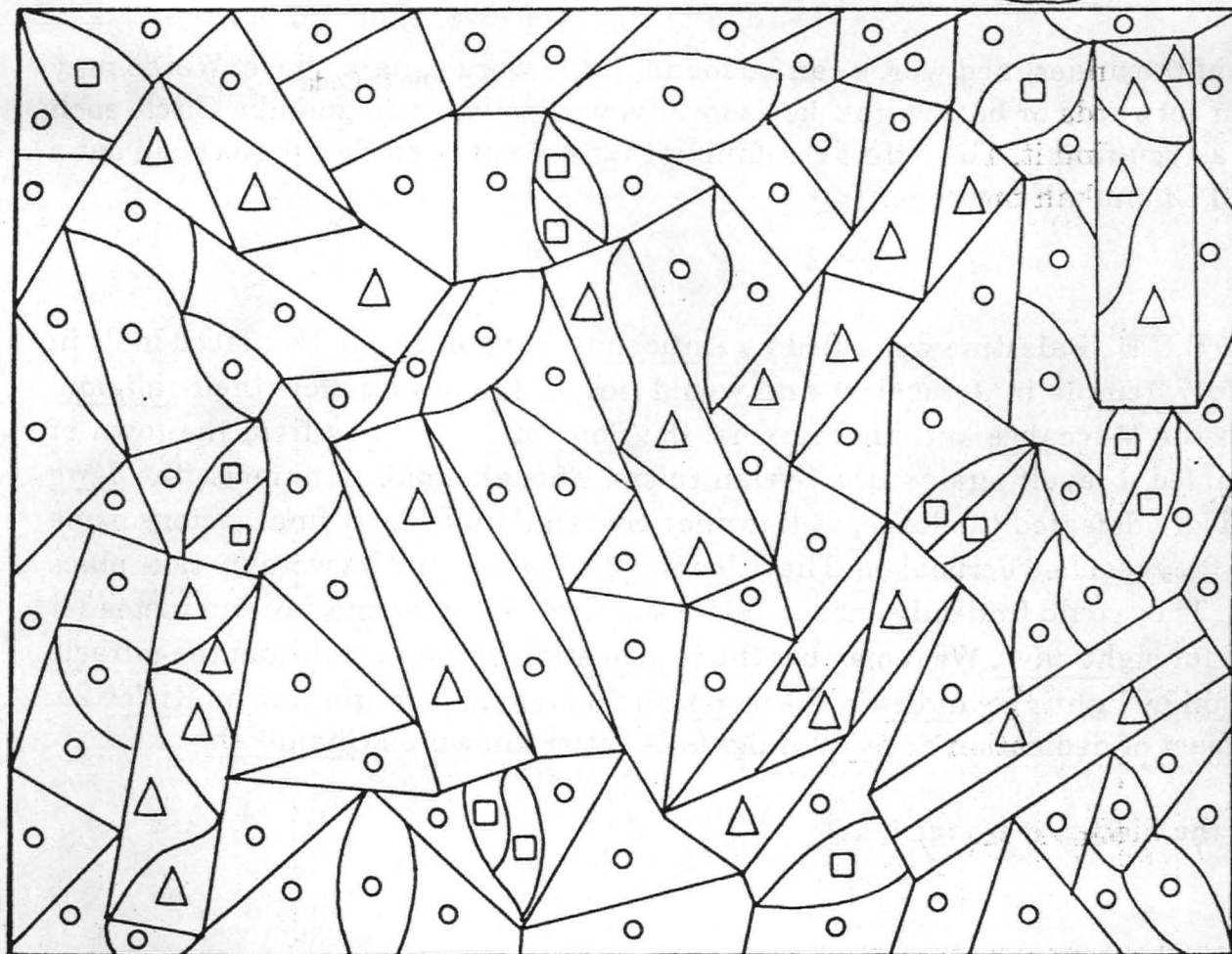
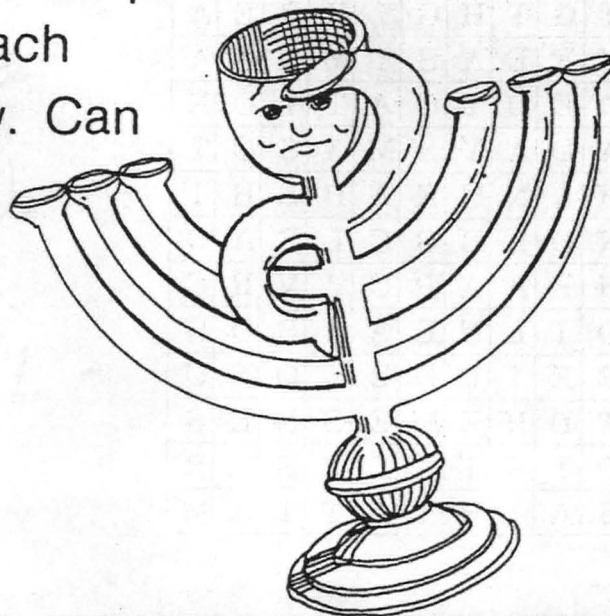
Don't let the light go out. — Don't let the



light go out. — Don't let the light go out.

CHANUKAH CANDLES

There are eight candles hidden here.
Can you find them? Color each shape
with a ○ brown, each shape with
a △ light blue, and each
shape with a □ yellow. Can
you see them now?



CHANUKAH WORD SQUARE



L	A	J	G	T	H	G	I	E	R	E	A
T	E	U	F	E	A	S	T	M	K	I	A
R	E	D	E	D	I	C	A	T	I	O	N
E	R	A	D	A	Y	S	M	A	S	C	T
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Each of the underlined words can be found in the word square above. Words may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Circle each word as you find it. The letters remaining that are not in circled words spell out a special Chanukah message.

In 165 B.C.E., Palestine was ruled by Antiochus, King of Syria. He placed idols in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and would not let the Jews follow their religion. Judah the Maccabee and his brothers, the Sons of Mattathias from the town of Modin, led a revolt against the Syrian rulers. Though small in number, the Jews repeatedly defeated the large, well-trained Syrian Army. Their final victory came when they reached Jerusalem. They cleaned the Temple and let worship take place again. They could find only enough oil for the Ner Tamid for one day, but instead it lasted for eight days. We remember the rededication of the Temple and the miracle of the oil by lighting candles in the menorah for eight days beginning on Kislev 25. This feast of dedication or feast of lights is better known as Chanukah.

Write the hidden message here.

DECEMBER EVENTS

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1	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
5	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	RELIGIOUS ED
6	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	MUSIC COMMITTEE
		7:30 PM	YOUTH COMMITTEE
		8:00 PM	HEBREW MARATHON
		8:00 PM	RITUAL COMMITTEE
8	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
9	SATURDAY	7:00 PM	DINNER & PROGRAM
10	SUNDAY	9:45 AM	SISTERHOOD BOARD
		10:30 AM	REL. SCH. CELEBRATES
		12:00 PM	SR. YOUTH
11	MONDAY	7-8 PM	PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM
12	TUESDAY	7:00 PM	ISRAEL &
			PHILANTHROPIES
		8:00 PM	SOCIAL ACTION
			COMMITTEE
13	WEDNESDAY	8:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD
14	THURSDAY	7:30 PM	ARTS & DECO COMMITTEE
15	FRIDAY	6:30 PM	TOT SHABBAT
		8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
16	SATURDAY	10:30 AM	SABBATH MORNING
			B/B/ MITZVAH FAMILY
			PROGRAM
17	SUNDAY	9:30 AM	CHANUKAH LATKE PARTY
19	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	TEMPLE BOARD
20	WEDNESDAY	7:45 PM	SR. YOUTH BOARD
22	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
25	MONDAY	TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	
27	WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	YOUTH
		7:45 PM	WAYS AND MEANS
29	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE

MEET OUR TEMPLE OFFICERS

Rich Goldberg, President

I have been President of the congregation since our annual meeting in May, taking over from Baldwin Davidson. Previously, I chaired the Membership Committee (through a banner membership year) and the Outreach Committee while serving my first two year term on the Board of Trustees. I work at AT&T in Bedminster, NJ. My family includes my wife Linda, children Jessie, Adam, and Sandy. We live in Little Silver. We have been members of MRT since 1986. Jessie was confirmed last Shavuot, and Adam, who was Bar Mitzvah in November, and Sandy attend our Religious School. The entire family is active in a variety of Temple activities. My goal for my term as President is to encourage and develop a broader participation in the leadership of the Temple, and to challenge the members to greater involvement and change.

Gerald Reisner, First Vice President

I am presently first vice president of the MRT board, and have served on the board for 6 years. In the past I have chaired the Ritual and Religious Education Committees and have also been a member of Adult Education and Federation/Israel Committees. I am also a member of Brotherhood and help out with the Arts Festival as a seller. The Reisner family is quite busy with MRT activities: my wife, Rosalind, has served as co-chair of the Library Committee for many years and chaired Membership for 3 years; Alex, age 16, is a member of this year's confirmation class, and is active in the Senior Youth Group; David, age 12, will become a Bar Mitzvah next April, and is a member of the Junior Youth Group. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, biking, music, woodworking, skiing with David, studying biblical Hebrew, and camping with David and his Boy Scout Troop.

Ellie Goodman, Second Vice President

Gardner, beer collector and photographer, I served on the Board of Trustees last year as chair of the Finance Committee. I serve as Treasurer of the Arts Festival, which I co-chaired from 1988 to 1990. I am an exhibiting photographer at the Arts Festival. Along with my husband, Bob, I have been a Temple member for 10 years, and an active participant in the Tuesday morning study group. Newest photographic subject is granddaughter Hannah.

Richard M. Sachs, Third Vice President

I previously served as the Temple's finance and Music Committee Chairs, and have been a member of the Board of Trustees for over four years. I currently oversee the Ritual, Social Action, and Israel and Jewish Philanthropy Committees, and am liaison to the regional council of the UAHC. My two children, Sara and Jason, who are presently in college, my wife, Sheila, and I have been members of the

Temple for 12 years. I am a member of the Technical Staff at AT & T Bell Labs in Holmdel, specializing in Voice Processing Technology. I play the French Horn in the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra, and have the honor of blowing Shofar during the High Holy Days. Recently, I joined the Temple's Adult Choir as an enthusiastic baritone.

Stu Tuchband, Fourth Vice President

I have been a member of the Temple since 1969. I am a Past President, chaired the most recent Long Range Planning Committee, and continue to participate on several other committees.

I sing with the Adult Choir, chair the Music Committee, and as Fourth Vice President, am a member of the Temple Board with responsibilities in the area of finance.

I am an Electrical Engineer with graduate degrees in engineering and system science. I am President of Communication Science, a telecommunications consulting firm. My wife, Cora, and I have been active in Temple leadership for about 20 years. Our three children were confirmed in our religious school and were themselves leaders and participants in our youth programs.

Ken Phillips, Financial Secretary

Nine years ago, My wife, Dolores, and I purchased an interest in Borden's Stationery Store in Point Pleasant, and left York, Pa. After 20 years, I have since retired, but my son, Bob, is now running the business.

Upon arriving in this area, we went on a search for the right Temple. MRT, with its outgoing congregants and special Rabbi, drew us into their family immediately. My time is now taken up traveling, playing bridge, and doing volunteer work for the Temple.

Barry Miller, Treasurer

Serving again as treasurer, I have served as chairperson of many committees, including Adult Ed, Religious School, Ritual, and treasurer. My wife, Barbara, and I joined MRT in 1972, and all three of our children have been Bar/Bat mitzvahed and confirmed at MRT. I serve as a distinguished member of staff at AT&T Bell Labs in Holmdel, where I have been working for 30 years.

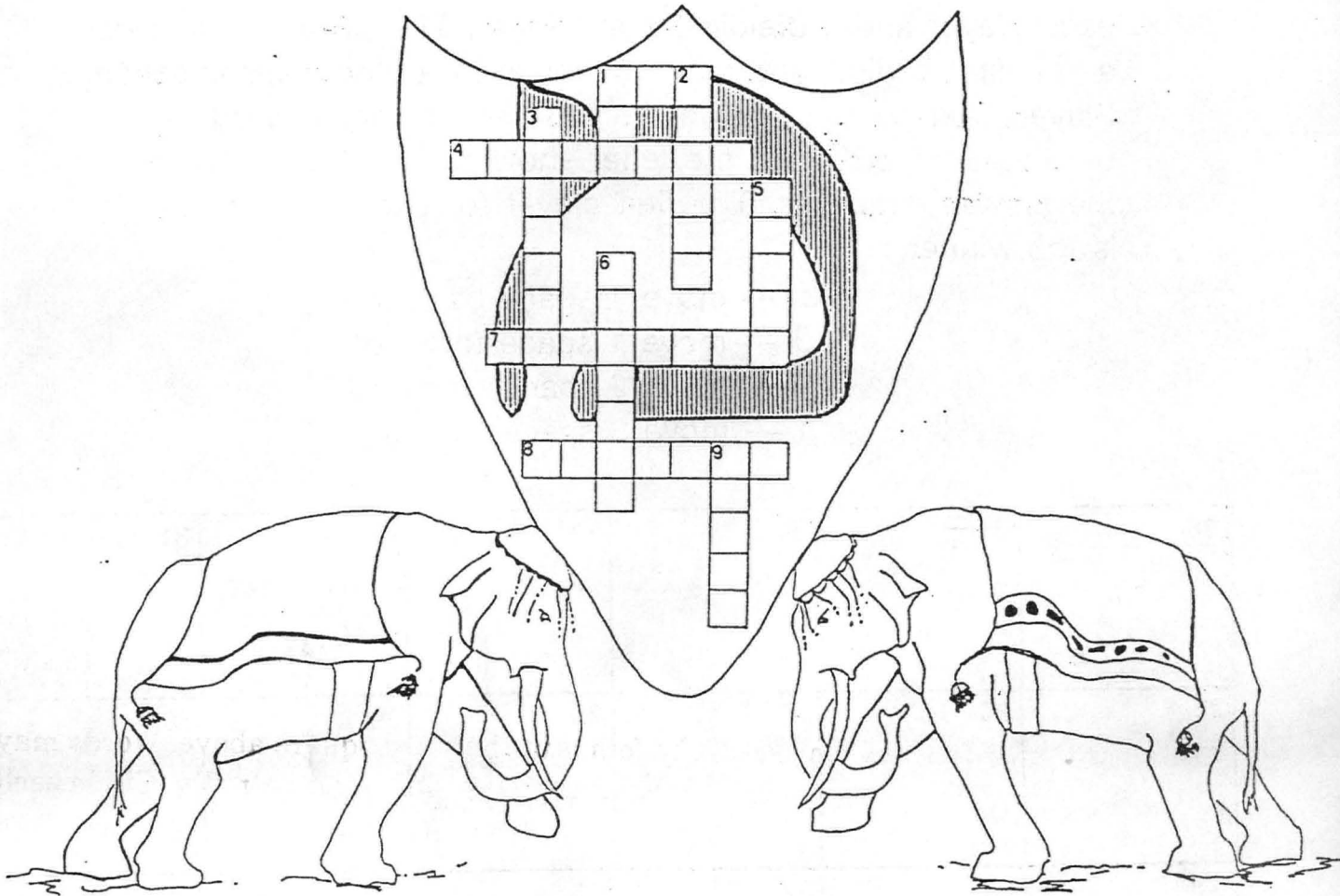
Elaine Espey, Secretary

Since joining "MRT's Family" in January 1992, I've served as chairperson of Fellowship, Sisterhood co-president, Entertainment Book co-chair, and - presently - Secretary.

Last June I retired from 26 years as a teacher - my second career. My undergraduate degree was in journalism, and I worked at Woman's Day Magazine in NYC after graduation.

Fortunately my three children and four grandchildren live close by, so I can see them frequently.

CHANUKAH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS: 1. _____ enough for only one day burned for eight days.

4. On Chanukah, children like to receive _____.

7. _____ means "rededication."

8. On Chanukah we spin a _____.

DOWN: 1. On the first night of Chanukah we light _____ candle besides the shamash.

2. Potato _____ are a favorite Chanukah food.


3. We put the candles in a _____.




5. A hero of Chanukah is _____.

6. We light _____ each night of Chanukah.

9. Chanukah lasts for _____ days.

A CHANUKAH GAME

Who will be the first to reach the Temple? Use one marker for each player and a dreidle for a spinner. The player who spins a  first begins, and play continues in a clockwise direction. Players take turns spinning the dreidle, moving forward or backward according to the letter showing on the dreidle and the printed directions. The first player to reach the Temple is the winner.

-  — move 1 space backward
-  — move 1 space forward
-  — move 2 spaces forward
-  — move 3 spaces forward

36 T E M P L E	35	34	33	32 WIN GREAT BATTLE. MOVE TO TEMPLE	31
25	26	27	28 WIN SMALL BATTLE. TAKE EXTRA TURN.	29	30
24 TOOK WRONG ROAD. LOSE NEXT TURN.	23	22 CAPTURED SYRIAN ARMS. MOVE AHEAD 4 SPACES.	21	20	19
13	14 FOUND PASS IN MOUNTAINS MOVE AHEAD 3 SPACES.	15	16	17	18 LOST SMALL BATTLE. GO BACK 2 SPACES.
12	11	10	9 PASSED ENEMY LINES. TAKE EXTRA TURN.	8	7
1 START AT MODIN	2	3	4	5 NEED MORE SUPPLIES. GO BACK TO MODIN.	6

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

A HOME SERVICE FOR CHANUKAH

This service for lighting the menorah celebrates the values of Judaism. Each night, after the opening prayer, a meditation is read, the candles are kindled, the blessings recited, and a closing prayer is offered.

OPENING PRAYER

The lights of Chanukah are a symbol of our joy. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom; freedom to be themselves, freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all peoples.

Let the lights we kindle shine forth for the world. May they illumine our lives even as they fill us with gratitude that our faith has been saved from extinction time and again.

The candles are placed in the Menorah from right to left,
and kindled from left to right

ברוך אתה
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם.
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:

Holy One of Blessing

Your Presence

fills creation.

You made us holy

with Your commandments

and called us

to kindle

the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu,
me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheer ki-de-sha-nu
be-mits-vo-tav, ve-tsi-va-nu
le-had-lik neir shel Cha-nu-ka.

ברוך אתה
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם.
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמֵי הָהֵם
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה:

Holy One of Blessing

Your Presence

fills creation.

You performed miracles

for our ancestors

in days of old

at this season.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu,
me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim
ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

ברוך אתה
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם.
שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ
וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה:

Holy One of Blessing

Your Presence

fills creation.

You have kept us alive

You have sustained us

You have brought us

to this moment.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu,
me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu
ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu
la-ze-man ha-zeh.

FIRST NIGHT - FREEDOM

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

LIGHT CANDLES, RECITE BLESSINGS

PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, on this eve of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to You. Let these lights shine forth brightly, reminding us that all people are created equal in Your sight. Inspire us anew that we may serve the cause of freedom as valiantly as did our ancestors before us. We praise You, O God, who has implanted within us a love of freedom.

SECOND NIGHT - FAMILY

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

PRAYER: Eternal God, Source of all goodness, we thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon us, and we pray for health and joy. May all families everywhere experience the love for one another which we share. We praise You, O God, for enabling us to be together on this joyous festival.

THIRD NIGHT - STUDY OF TORAH

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

PRAYER: O God, may we ever recognize our obligation to learn. Increase in us the desire to pursue knowledge as an instrument which strengthens our way of life. Humbly we realize how little we know of our world and our faith. Let these Chanukah lights serve to remind us of our need to study and increase our understanding. May they inspire us to enlighten our minds and use them for the benefit of all humanity.

FOURTH NIGHT - HOPE

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

PRAYER: Eternal God, Source of our upward striving, inspire us with hope to face courageously the trials and challenges which confront us. Based on truth and honesty, may our efforts bring to fulfillment our highest aspirations. We sincerely hope for the day when all people will be free and war will no longer delay the dawn of justice and peace. We praise You, O God, who has implanted within us a steadfast hope in the future.

FIFTH NIGHT - CHARITY

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

PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, our tradition teaches that the more charity there is, the more secure does peace become. May our Chanukah candles symbolize for us the light of happiness and hope which our charity will bring to those oppressed by need. Help us always to be compassionate and generous toward others. We praise You, O God, who commands us to give tzdakah.

SIXTH NIGHT - PEACE

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

PRAYER: Eternal God, let there be a love of peace in every human heart. Help us to realize that hate and prejudice bring nothing but strife and chaos into the world. May all people come to recognize that only through cooperation and honest negotiation can the blessings of peace be made secure. We praise You, O God, Giver of peace.

SEVENTH NIGHT - RESPECT

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

PRAYER: Eternal God, Source of all goodness, teach us to be sensitive to the feelings of our friends and neighbors. Help us to understand their failings and grant us the humility to praise and applaud their achievements. We praise You, O God, who has created one human family.

EIGHTH NIGHT - FAITH

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

PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, may we be sustained and strengthened by our faith. Make us ever mindful of the links that bind the generations together, and let the heritage that has been entrusted to us be secure in our keeping. We praise You, O God, for the faith of our ancestors and for the opportunity of celebrating this holiday of Chanukah.

MRT on the World Wide Web

If you already explore the World Wide Web, be sure to visit <http://shamash.nysernet.org/reform> and follow these links: "UAHC", "congregations", "New Jersey", and "Monmouth Reform Temple". If you are not a "Web surfer", find a friend who is, and see our Temple's initial representation in Cyberspace.

While you're at it, explore the entire "web" of Reform Judaism. You will be able to:

- * Catch up on the latest news about the Union.
- * Search the on-line directory of UAHC professionals and volunteers, scan the calendar of upcoming events, and learn the purpose of UAHC.
- * Learn about our more than 850 member congregations and our 14 regions, and join the list of congregations that have "home pages" of their own.
- * Browse through the broad spectrum of programs and services that are sponsored by our various departments.
- * Review UAHC publications, including articles from Reform Judaism Magazine, speeches by leaders of the UAHC, and news for congregational lay and professional leaders.
- * Find information about the policies and practices of Reform Judaism in the UAHC Constitution and Bylaws, the collected UAHC convention resolutions, and essays by leaders in our movement.
- * Explore other resources for Reform Jews on the Internet, including "pages" representing other arms of the Reform Movement, such as HUC - JIR, and Internet discussions groups.

MRT'S Web page was "posted" by Bob Rosin, who is leading the development of the entire Reform Judaism Web presence.

Like any good "Web presence", MRT's page will grow and change. Your comments, suggestions, and-most of all-your help are needed. If you are willing and able to help, please send mail to Bob at rosin@espinc.com. For example, we might prepare Web pages from items in the Temple Bulletin, such as the calendar and messages from the Rabbi, President, and Principal. All committee meetings will be by my e-mail.

Bob Rosin

Monmouth Festival of the Arts

The Butcher, the Baker, the Cadillac dealer...Virtually every business advertisers want your business, people like you, your friends and neighbors. Many of these businesses are more than willing and happy to support you by advertising in the Ad Journal in order to get their name into targeted markets. Over 4,000 adults and hundreds of school children attended the Festival. Ad rates (\$35 1/8 page, \$60 1/4, \$95 1/2, \$185 a page and free tickets) should be considered very modest and cost effective for even the smallest business.

Please ask for ads. Advertisers are responsive, and it helps a terrific community endeavor and the Temple fund raising effort.

Thanks in advance for your effort and ad(s).

Mike Dodge

I am pleased to announce that Sheila Leavitt is the new Chairperson for the 1996 show. Due to a job change and increased responsibilities, Lisa Aronow had to step aside as this year's chair. Lisa will continue to contribute to the success of the 1996 show by working within the committee structure of the Festival. Thanks to all involved, especially Arlene Berg who chairs the Ways and Means committee and who was largely responsible for coordinating this important transition. We look forward to Sheila's leadership.

Stu Tuchband

BEMA ASSIGNMENTS

Fri.	December 1	8:15 PM	Ann Wolf
Fri.	December 8	8:15 PM	Rich Goldberg
Fri.	December 15	8:15 PM	Jim Berg
Fri.	December 22	8:15 PM	Jessie Goldberg
Fri.	December 29	8:15 PM	Baldwin Davidson

USHERS - HOSTS FOR ONEGS

12/1	Ushers-	Sidney and Linda Littman
	Hosts -	Fran and Vin Assenza
	Sponsor-	Martin and Betty Welt
12/8	Ushers-	David and Karen Levinsky
	Hosts -	36th Anniv. Celebration Comm.
12/15	Ushers-	Jerry and Joyce Silverman
	Hosts -	Michael and Rosanne Schottland
	Sponsor -	Joan Unice and Lisa Waldman
12/22	Ushers-	Randall and Della Roberts
	Hosts-	Senior Youth Group
12/29	Ushers -	David and Patricia Padness
	Hosts -	Jolinda and Doug Siegel
	Sponsor -	Nannette Rossiello

Murray and Claire Kipnis wish to extend our sincere thanks to everyone. Your prayers and good wishes are very much appreciated.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Children in the Holocaust and World War II and Their Secret Diaries.

An anthology of diaries written by children all across Nazi-occupied Europe and in England. Twenty-three young people ages 10 through 18 recount in vivid detail the horrors lived through, day after day. Call # 940.43 CHI

Mornings and Mourning by E.M. Broner.

After the death of her father, Esther Broner wanted to honor him by saying the Kaddish daily for eleven months, a ritual usually performed by the eldest son. This is the story of her journey through grief in search of connection and community, and the resistance she encountered in an Orthodox synagogue. Call # 246.5 BRO

Against all Hope: Resistance in the Nazi Concentration camps by Hermann Langbein.

The author shatters the myth that all prisoners in concentration camps in World War II passively let themselves be slaughtered. The author, a survivor of Auschwitz, documents stories of resistance in the camps. Call # 940.44 LAN

What do Jews Believe? The spiritual foundations of Judaism by David S. Ariel.

Explores the diverse views of Jewish thinkers on the profound issues of God, human destiny, good and evil, chosenness, Torah and messianism, among others--the essential ideas that each generation strives to interpret and apply to life. Call # 250ARI

Shaking Eve's Tree; Short Stories of Jewish Women.

An anthology of stories that record the experience of being Jewish, female and American in the 20th century. Includes stories by Laurie Colwin, Tillie Olsen, Grace Paley, and Joanne Greenberg. Call # FIC SHA

Writing Our Lives; Autobiographies of American Jews, 1890-1990.

A collection of autobiographies drawn from the writings of the best-known American Jewish novelists, dramatists, critics, and historians of this century. Together, they form a picture of the diversity of the American Jewish experience. Call # 920 WRI

Jewish Liturgy; a Comprehensive History, by Ismar Elbogen.

A classic work; the most thorough study of prayer and the prayer book, beginning with the early cornerstones of the Siddur, such as the Amidah and the Shema, through the evolution of the modern prayerbook. Call # 262 ELB

Papercutting; Reviving a Jewish Folk Art by Amy Goldenberg.

Contains everything you need to know to get started with papercutting, including patterns and instruction for making your own patterns. Call # 745 GOL

That Year of Our War by Gloria Goldrich. In the tradition of Chaim Potok's *The Chosen* and Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, this novel is a nostalgic story about the final year of World War II and its consequences for a young woman and her extended family. Call # FIC GOL

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee has had a busy Autumn. The Hebrew Literacy Marathon was well attended, as was the Fall Series. The videotapes we viewed called "A Symposium on Being Jewish," provided a framework for some interesting discussions. Our next event, the Scholar-in-Residence program, will be held on the weekend of January 5th, 6th & 7th, 1996.

On that weekend, Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams will introduce us to the wisdom, variety and beauty of the Talmud. In the Introduction to her book, The Talmud for Beginners: Volume I, Rabbi Abrams writes that the Talmud or "Oral Torah," "became the basis of Jewish practice and thought." While its origins are linked to the beginnings of the Jewish people, its ideas and lessons are dynamic and relevant to the world we live in today. She indicates that her sessions will be interactive, participatory and fun. This will be a wonderful opportunity for a hands-on experience of the Talmud. We hope to see many of our Temple Family at Rabbi Abram's presentations. Please look for the SIR flyer and save the date.

The Adult Education Committee would like to thank David Levinsky, who has graciously donated his time to teach a follow-up class to the Hebrew Marathon. For all of those who ran the course, we encourage you to take the follow-up classes, when offered, and come to Friday night services. Following the Hebrew in the prayerbook is the best practice and, of course, so rewarding. Keep up the good work!

Karen Karl

When making donations to the Temple, please include your name and the fund to which you are contributing when you write the information needed for the card to be sent. Occasionally notes get separated from the checks, making it difficult to match a donation with a name.

Also please return your statement along with your check when paying dues to assure proper credit to your account. Thank you.

SR. YOUTH NEWS

Shalom! MRTSY, our Temple's youth group, has been having a fabulous year so far. On November 12, nine of us went rollerblading in Eatontown. We all had a blast, and although I came close, none of us was injured. Before we went rollerblading, Maggie Heidema presented her program on Rabin's assassination. We all discussed how we felt and where we were when we found out. The program went very well, and this will help the youth group toward achieving the Tikkun Olam award this year.

We are looking forward to our youth service for Chanukah. Further in the future, we are planning a program on the separation of religion and state, a Bowl-a-Thon, a ski trip, and possibly a Nets game with the Junior Youth Group.

I hope that all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving and I look forward to keeping you up to date on our events!

Jessie Goldberg

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following corrections in your member directory:

Changes:

From: The Fass Family
phone 914-1951
To: phone 505-6582

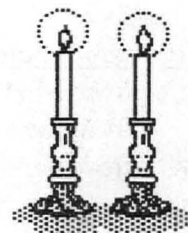
From: Wayne Baker
To: Wayne and Anne Baker

Deletions: Ellen Linden
39 Regent Dr.
Shrewsbury 07702
741-9088

If you have corrections to be made, please call the Temple office as soon as possible.

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

December 1 - 4:11 PM
8 - 4:11 PM
15 - 4:12 PM
22 - 4:14 PM
29 - 4:19 PM



YAHREZEITS

- Dec. 1 *Ida Mann Falk, Louis Small, Beatrice S. Leeds, Cary Lowenstein, *Risa A. Yagoda, *Miriam Leavitt Welner, Bernard Levy, Sadie Stempler, David Litwin, *Jay Schulman, Irving Sanowitz, *Gussie Avrin, Abba Mayer Beerman, Martin Baronoff, Roger K. Berman, Joseph Dow, *Hugo E. Fleischman, *Sally Mausner
- 8 *Dr. Irma Steisel, *Harry Kohn, *Flora Braunstein, *Hilda D. Salomon, Gertrude Wolf, *Sol Cohen, Harold Rosenblum, *Isidore Bermann, *Betty Bermann, Ruth Welt, *Helen Davis, *Louis E. Jacobson, Abraham Golden, Susan Rosemann, Joseph Levinsky, *Mary Fleischman, *Sheldon Hillel Brown, *Martha Lehrer Herzel
- 15 Morris Weinstein, Sam Fass, *Abraham Glasser, Florence Lias, Norman K. Brenner, *Pearl Seitz, Leonora Schwartz, Jane Marshall, *David Lane, Ida Reisner, Leo Goodman, Harry Katz, Ace. A. Orange
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the birth of a granddaughter also wishes for a healthy
and happy New Year to the Rabbi, Cantor, Board of
Trustees, and Temple Members
from Claire and Murray Kipnis,
congratulations to Gloria and Marvin Kantor on the
birth of their new granddaughter
from Arthur and Nancy Loebel in memory of
his mother, Alice Loebel
from the Goldberg Family

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Connie and Milton Klein, happy birthday to Sandy
and Bernie Brandwene
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Schulman, mazel tov on the birth of their grandson, to Ellie
and Bob Goodman, mazel tov on the birth of their
granddaughter
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and Barbara Cobuzzi, a speedy recovery and good wishes;
to Ed Hochberg, get well wishes
from Lila and Max Singer to Betty and Bob
Schulman to welcome your new grandson, Aaron
from Bernard and Lillian Brill to Sandy and Bernie
Brandwene, happy birthday
from Lee Hayes, happy birthday to Sandy and
Bernie Brandwene
from Betty and Bob Schulman to Sandy and
Bernie Brandwene to honor their birthdays
from Greta and Frank Singer to Bernie Brandwene
to honor your birthday
from Bernard and Arlene Brounstien to Sandy and
Bernie Brandwene in honor of your birthdays
from Lila and Max Singer to Bernie and Sandy
Brandwene, a very happy birthday
from Maddy Kalb to Marie Horowitz
from Zalma and Bernie Gelber to Sandy and
Bernie Brandwene in honor of your birthdays

from Fannie and Hy Klein to Sandy and Bernie
Brandwene, congratulations and best wishes on your
birthdays

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memory of Frieda Sapozhnikova
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of David Sapozhnikova
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from Joyce and John Christie to Betty and Bob
Schulman, mazel tov on the birth of your grandchild, to
Ellie and Bob Goodman, mazel tov on the birth of your
grandchild

from Joan and Jerry Lansky to Baldwin Davidson
in memory of Baldwin's sister, Mary Lee; to Ellie and Bob
Goodman congratulations on the birth of your
granddaughter

from The Goldberg Family

to the Scholarship Fund:

from Barbara and Al Goldstein to Betty and Bob
Schulman, congratulations on the birth of their grandson;
to Peg and Jerry Baker, congratulations on Wayne's
marriage; to Gloria and Marvin Kantor, congratulations
on the birth of their granddaughter; to Ellie and Bob
Goodman congratulations of the birth of their
granddaughter; Hannah and, to Baldwin Davidson,
condolences on the death of your sister

from Peg and Jerry Baker to Adam Goldberg,
congratulations on your Bar Mitzvah, to Baldwin
Davidson sincere condolences on the loss of your sister
from The Goldberg Family

to the Prayerbook Fund

from Cora and Stu Tuchband to Baldwin
Davidson in memory of your sister

to the Passport to Israel Fund

from Barbara and Rich Gitlin to Mr. & Mrs.
Joseph Spindel, mazel tov on Lauren's engagement;
to Gabor and Miriam Torok, mazel tov on David's
engagement; to Jay Stevens, thinking of you

to the Library Fund

from Pat and Bill Altshuler to Charles Rubinstein,
condolences on the death of Philip Alter

from Cheryl Berman in honor of Adam Goldberg's
Bar Mitzvah

from Claire and Murray Kipnis to Ellie and Bob
Goodman on the birth of Hannah, your granddaughter

from Charlie and Phyllis Rubinstein to Mrs.
Bobbie Newman in memory of Al Newman, sincere
condolences

from Mr. & Mrs. William McGregor

from Greta and Frank Singer in honor of
Sandy Brandwene's birthday

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund

from Irma and Peter Meyer congratulations to
Betty and Bob Schulman on the birth of their grandchild;
congratulations to Peggy and Jerry Baker on Wayne's
wedding; congratulations to Gloria and Marvin Kantor on

the birth of their new grandchild; condolences to Stu
Tuchband on the death of his aunt; condolences to Charles
Rubinstein on the death of his uncle, Philip Alter.

from Betty and Bob Schulman, congratulations to
Gloria and Marvin Kantor on the birth of their grandchild;
condolences to Glenda Strahl on the death of her mother

from Ellie and Bob Goodman to Mr. Joseph
Goldberg in honor of your 100th birthday

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Brandwene in honor of your special birthdays; to Peggy
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granddaughter, Hannah; to Linda and Rich Goldberg in
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condolences to:

Glenda Strahl on the death of her mother

PHYLLIS GELB

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SOPHIE WEINSTEIN

Melvin Zeisel on the death of his sister

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May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.

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MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE CALENDAR FOR DEC.

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 1	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
8	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
15	Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
16	Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
		Family Program	
22	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
		Family Service	
		by Sr. Youth Group	
29	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM

Special Events

December 8-10	36th Anniversary Celebration
8	Sabbath Service 8:15 PM
9	Dinner & Program 7:00 PM
10	Rel. School Celebrates 10:30 AM
11	Pre-School Program 7-8 PM
17	Chanukah Latke Party 9:30 AM

MEETINGS

December 5	Religious Ed	8:00 PM
6	Music Committee	7:00 PM
	Youth Committee	7:30 PM
	Hebrew Marathon	8:00 PM
	Ritual	8:00 PM
10	Sisterhood Board	9:45 AM
	Sr. Youth	12 Noon
12	Israel & Philanthropies	7:00 PM
	Social Action	8:00 PM
13	Executive Board	8:00 PM
14	Arts & Deco	7:30 PM
19	Temple Board	8:00 PM
20	Sr. Youth Board	7:45 PM
25	TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	
27	Youth	7:30 PM
	Ways & Means	7:45 PM