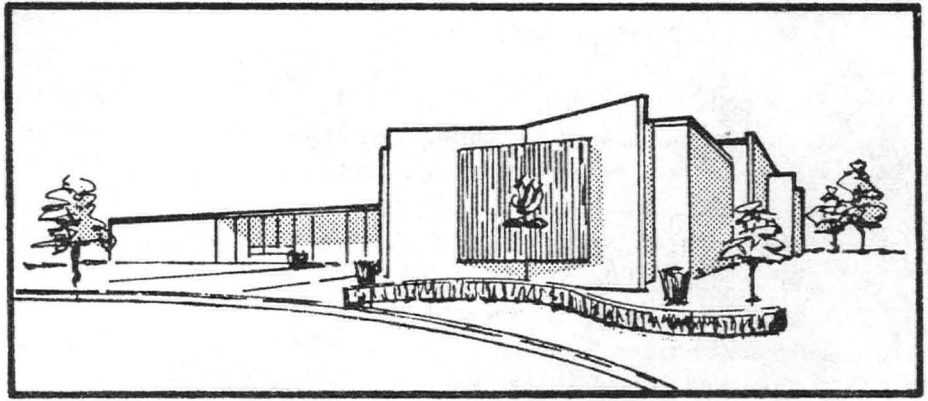


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JANUARY 1996

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Jan. 5 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Scholar-in-Residence:
Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams
*HOW TO START STUDYING
THE TALMUD*
Torah portion: Gen. 47:25-50:26

12 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: *THE BUSH IS
BURNING STILL*
Torah portion: Exod. 1:1-6:1

19 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Outreach Shabbat:
Sermon: *UNDERSTANDING
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE*
Torah Portion: Exod. 6:2-9:35

26 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Family Service conducted by the
Sixth Grade
Torah Portion: Exod. 10:1-13:16

OTHER SERVICES

Jan. 13 Sat. Sabbath Morning -
Tot Shabbat 10:30 AM

20 Sat. Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family
Program
Sermon: *WHAT DOES RASHI
SAY?*

A SERVICE OF HEALING

SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 1996

1:00 PM

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

LED BY

RABBI SALLY J. PRIESAND

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:

Jay Feigus and Cynthia Kletter, 82 Frontier Way, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

Stuart and Margot Goldberg, Peter and Samantha, 63 Bellevue Avenue, Rumson, NJ 07760

Alan and Connie Strauss, Randy, 21 Elizabeth Court, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Sue Rekedal

BIKUR CHOLIM

What We Are and What We Do

We're a group ready and willing to assist you in your time of need. We will provide transportation, run errands including grocery shopping, help caregivers by providing support and home visits so they can have free time, and be available to visit loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes.

If we can be of any assistance to you or your family, or if you know someone who might need us, please contact Rabbi or Helaine Rothman, Bikur Cholim coordinator (842-7639).

Helaine Rothman
for Inreach

SHARING SIMCHAS

The Temple family extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

Naomi and Fred Moessinger on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Emily to Andre Go

Barbara and Barry Miller on the birth of a granddaughter

John Goldsmith on the birth of a granddaughter,
Katherine Gail Goldsmith

REFLECTIONS

We ponder the past.
We think about the future.
Where have we been?
Where are we now?
What is the connection?

What heritage did I receive from my parents?
What will I bequeath to my children
(and grandchildren)?
What gifts have I received from my brothers,
my sisters, my friends?
What can I give to others?
Where does my people, my community fit in my life?

If I can make someone's life better
I will not regret the past.
If I can help someone grow
I will not fear the future.

Oh God, let me make some mark on this world,
Let me create some image,
Let me leave some memory of myself.
If only even for an instant -
Let someone think or say:
The world is better because I passed this way.

-----Judith M. Hertz

COVENANT OF
THE HEART

OFFICE NOTES

Office Hours: 9 AM -- 5 PM

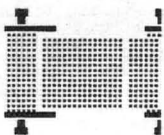
Fridays - 9 AM - 4 PM

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**.



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Recently I attended the UAHC Biennial Convention on Atlanta, together with eleven members of our Temple family and more than four thousand Reform Jews from throughout the United States and Canada. This was my tenth Biennial, and as always, it provided a wonderful opportunity for study and worship, a renewed commitment to the task of tikkun olam, a clearer understanding of what it means to be part of the Reform Movement, and a chance to meet new people and share ideas with delegates from other congregations, to learn from them and they from us. This year, there was an added measure of energy and enthusiasm, knowing that the entire Convention was being chaired by one of our own members, Leonard Teitelbaum.

It is not possible in the context of the bulletin to describe for you everything we learned from this experience and what it meant to all of us. Hopefully, in the weeks and months ahead, we will be able to share bits and pieces with you at various Temple programs and activities. For now, let me focus on three things. First, this was the Convention at which we paid tribute to Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler as he prepares to retire from his position as President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. For nearly a quarter of a century, his sense of vision, his creativity and courage have shaped our Movement. He will be remembered for many things, among the most significant his commitment to the concept of outreach, welcoming the unaffiliated, the intermarried, all those looking for a place to believe and belong. On a personal level, I will miss his eloquence. His sermons and speeches, though often long, were always finely crafted and poetic. I consider him to be among the last of our great orators, a man whose ability to touch the soul is unmatched, and I hope we have the opportunity to continue to listen to him for many years to come.

Among the many events that took place at the Biennial, one that I found particularly moving was the wedding of Yair Cohen and Ruth Florsheim, forbidden to marry in Israel because she is divorced and he a descendant of the ancient line of priests. Under the auspices of ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) and in the presence of all of us, they were married under a hand-held chuppah of white and rainbow swatches. In a very real sense, they represented the tens of thousands of Jews who cannot marry in Israel because the Orthodox rabbinate controls all religious ceremonies. Their willingness to come to Atlanta was a powerful reminder of the

challenges that Reform and Conservative Jews continue to face in the State of Israel. Through ARZA's program, Operation Equality, we have an opportunity to stand up and be counted. If you have not yet joined ARZA, I urge you to do so (an application form will be included with your next dues statement). Only by working together can we hope to make a difference.

Throughout the Biennial, nearly two hundred workshops were offered on a variety of topics and themes. I went to the Convention hoping to learn more about the role of healing in Judaism and how we can institute a Service of Healing on a regular basis in our own congregation. I wasn't disappointed and came back with many new ideas. Healing is part of human life, a need that we all have at one time or another, whether we are facing surgery, recuperating from illness, or undergoing chemotherapy, whether we have suffered the loss of a job, the death of someone we held precious, the break-up of a marriage, or a moment of despair. We face our pain alone, and yet it helps to know that other people care and that we can gain strength from each other and from our God. Our first service for the healing of the soul will be held Sunday afternoon, January 21, at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. If you would like to come, but need a ride, please notify the Temple Office. I look forward to greeting you then as together we pray for courage to face the challenges of everyday.

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has certainly been a revealing and inspiring month for me, for life within our Temple and the glimpse I had of the larger Reform Jewish community at the Biennial in Atlanta. First, it was wonderful to rejoice in the 36th anniversary of the congregation - in worship on Shabbat, in assembly and celebration with many of you in the party of Saturday evening, and in the religious school on Sunday. This event pointed to how far we have journeyed as a congregation of committed Reform Jewish people.

A good-sized contingent of us participated in the Biennial convention, which was a classic example to me of seeing the glass as half-full and half-empty. I came away from the convention exhilarated, exhausted, and energized and determined to continue to grow and change the scope and manner of our many Temple activities. The glass is certainly more than half full when I see what we've engaged in and accomplished, but the awareness I came away with of how much more exciting and worthwhile activities we could take on left me with the "half-empty" impression as well; with our congregation, I guess we just need a bigger glass!

A key set of concepts which I pondered during the Biennial and afterward, I will repeat and expand on in future articles. My objective is to grow and mature and face our challenges. I will strive to lead us to ensure that each Temple member feels valued (ATTITUDE), that we identify and agree on GOALS for ourselves, that we continue, expand, and develop new PROGRAMS for our betterment and enjoyment, and that we establish METHODOLOGY so our ideas can flourish and sustain themselves as time goes on. I hope everyone will participate in this dialogue in the weeks and months ahead.

Shalom, Rich Goldberg

BROTHERHOOD

November, we had our kick off meeting featuring columnist Steve Giegerich. It was enjoyed by all. On November 19, Jim Berg, Barry Miller and Don Leeds attended the Regional Meeting of the National Federation of Brotherhoods, where we received an award for excellence in programing.

Start saving your books for a book sale next spring. The money raised will be used to support programs for interfaith understanding.

Sixty-five members of the Temple joined Brotherhood. If you would like more information on becoming a member contact me.

Our next meeting is February 11, 1996. Watch for our flyers or details.

Jim Berg
946-8559

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting Dates: 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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following corrections in your member directory:

Changes:

Israel & Sandra Feld
From: Ellen, Robin,

Israel & Sandra Feld
To: Ellen Feld Varitimos,
Robin Scott,
842-9058

Deletions: Peter & Suzanne Beck
Edward & Dorothy Ratzman
Ellen Linden
Janet & Ivan Brown
Julia Thomas

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

SAVE THE DATE ! FEBRUARY 3, 1996 BEYOND BLINTZES

Our Temple family is growing, but we can stay connected. Join us in small informal group settings at pot luck dinners in Temple members' homes. For further information call Barbara Alessandro, after 6:00pm at 566-4316.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Both the Senior Youth Group and Junior Youth Group are in the middle of an active year. The Senior Youth Group, led by Advisor Rachel Gitlin, went to New York on December 10 to participate in the Peace Rally at Madison Square Garden. The experience of listening to Shimon Peres, Al Gore, and others, with thousands of other committed Jews was both singular and inspirational. Many thanks to Barbara Gitlin and Linda Goldberg who accompanied the Seniors.

At the time of this writing the Seniors are in the final preparation stages for their Chanukah Shabbat service, December 22. The Seniors created and performed the service, and we are all proud of their work.

The Junior Youth Group, under the direction of Rachel Berez, is planning a retreat at UAHC's Camp Harlam for the weekend of January 19-21. The Juniors will be joining junior youth groups from other congregations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The weekend will have educational and social functions and will be a valuable experience for the attendees. Parents may also attend. Please contact Rachel Berez or Jay Wiesenfeld for more details.

Both the Juniors and Seniors have had several other events besides those listed above. The Seniors continue to work on the Tikkun Olam program. The Youth Committee thanks all parent volunteers who enable the continuing success of the Youth programs.

Jay Wiesenfeld

Gloria and Marvin Kantor sincerely thank everyone for the donations and good wishes in honor of our new granddaughter, Jordan Elizabeth Hayes..

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

NEW AT THE LIBRARY BOOK FAIR A SUCCESS!

Thanks once again to Fair Haven Books and the Library Committee for a successful book fair. We had a terrific selection of adult and children's books (including the new Elie Wiesel autobiography and the new Schocken Bible). Those of you who came to Library Book Month Sabbath enjoyed hearing Joanna Charnick, the Library committee's star book reviewer, talk about a diverse group of new books, from mysteries, to Holocaust memoirs, to folklore. As in the past, the library takes as its share of the book fair profits, new books to add to the collection. We've displayed the new books on the cabinet near the window. They're not for display only--we encourage you to check them out, read them, and let us know your comments.

We were able to add the following books for the MRT library.:

Down-to-Earth Judaism: Food, Money, Sex, and the Rest of Life by Arthur Waskow. 250 WAS
Her Face in the Mirror: Jewish Women on Mothers and Daughters ed. by Faye Moskowitz.
304.1HER

Jewish Holiday Feasts by Louise Fiszer. 641.5 FIS
Jack and Rochelle by Jack and Rochelle Sutin.
940.43 SUT

Konin; a Quest by Theo Richmond. 947.2 RIC
Growing Up Jewish in America by Myrna and Harvey Frommer. 973.4 FRO

A Book That Was Lost and Other Stories by S.Y. Agnon. FIC AGN

Mazel by Rebecca Goldstein. FIC GOL

The Jewish War by Tova Reich. FIC REI

The Hiding Room by Jonathan Wilson. FIC WIL

Schoom by Jonathan Wilson FIC WIL

Anna is Still Here by Ida Vos. J FIC VOS

The following people generously purchased books at the Book Fair and donated them to the library:
The Birnkrant Family: The Jewish 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Jews of All Time by Michael Shapiro. REF 920 SHA

Martha Brandwene and Rita McWilliams: Lifecycles; Jewish Women on Life Passages and Personal Milestones. 304.1 LIF

Carol Salomon and Cynthia Auerbach: The Holocaust Museum in Washington. 798 WEI

The Libman Family: The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

The Rosin Family: The Five Books of Moses (The New Schocken Bible), trans. by Everett Fox. 220 FIV

Rosalind Reisner Shelly Gordon

36th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The collaborative efforts of our committee created a festive mood pervasive throughout the weekend. We began with a beautiful Shabbat service compiled by Rabbi Priesand, which included participation by founding members and past presidents. Rabbi Daniel Freeland, UAHC Director of Programs, was our guest speaker and we were inspired by his words and close relationship with MRT. At the beautifully set Oneg Shabbat we were treated to delicious desserts baked by our own MRT bakers. Saturday evening's Celebration Dinner was a culinary delight sprinkled with friends and music. We were entertained by Brett Haussamen, Laurie Lowenstein, Larry Lowenstein, Madelyn Ryterband, and Bernard Shagan with a program specially written for us and directed by Larry Lowenstein.

Sunday morning Religious School celebrated with skits and an anniversary cake.

We are sincerely appreciative to Sisterhood and Brotherhood for their generosity which helped to make this a truly memorable celebration for all of us. Thanks to all who contributed to the dinner even though they could not attend. Our thanks to Semmes and Ian Brightman for the beautiful floral centerpiece and for the cover of the service book, to Patty and Gary Rosenblum for the lovely flowers gracing the tables at the Oneg Shabbat, and to Charles Rubinstein for the wine at dinner.

Special thanks to the entire 36th anniversary Committee: Rosalie Rosin, Shabbat Service; Patty Rosenblum, Oneg Shabbat; Karen Levinsky and Kate Greenberg, Dinner; Trudy Goldsmith, Music; Cora Tuchband and Irma Meyer, Invitations; Lois Blonder and Maureen Welton, Decorations; Laurie Lowenstein and Larry Lowenstein, Program; Peg Baker and Jerry Baker, Anniversary Book; David Levinsky, Religious School; Roberta Brown, MRT Administrator; and Rabbi Priedand, Consultant.

36 years as a vibrant congregation is much to celebrate...and we did!!!!

Joyce Christie and Sheila Leavitt

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.

WAYS AND MEANS

YOU DID IT! CONGRATULATIONS.

November we sold \$12,125 worth of food certificates which made it our highest month for sales since we began in October 1993. Fifty-eight families earned \$606 for the Temple. If 25 more families joined us in purchasing food gift certificates, I am sure we would be able to earn \$1000 a month. Remember this is an even exchange, whatever you pay out you get back in gift certificates. Look for our chart in the lobby on Sunday mornings which has a summary of our earnings.

We have some excellent items that have been donated for our 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 530-9516 with your donations. Call us before we call you.

For those with preschoolers, check our Nursery School Program. Our Director, Bobbie LaPlaca, is taking registration for the Spring. Stop in and see her. She would love to show you around.

Arlene Berg
946-8559

The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Jay Wiesenfeld on the death of his father

JOEL WIESENFELD

May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.



Monmouth Reform Temple

Please join us for

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday Morning

January 13th

10:30 AM

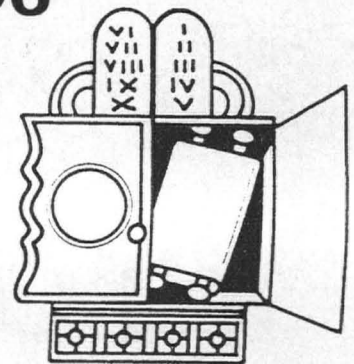
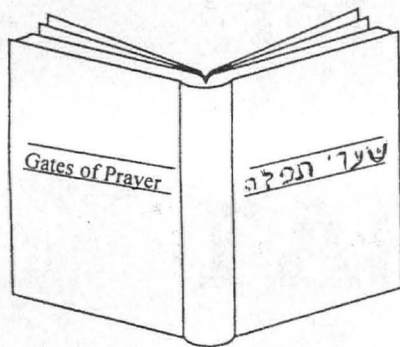
**A special service designed
for children
under the age of 7**

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

OUTREACH SHABBAT

UNDERSTANDING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

**FRIDAY EVENING
JANUARY 19TH, 1996
8:15 PM**



Everything you always wanted to know about our prayerbook----

- * What is the basic structure of the Service?**
- * What changes were introduced by Reform Judaism?**
- * Why are our prayers written in the plural?**
- * When was the public reading of the Torah instituted?**
- * Why do we bow before the Ark during the Adoration?**
- * Why is the Kaddish repeated several times during a traditional worship service?**

Rabbi Priesand will offer an explanation of our Shabbat Service on January 19th, answering these and many other questions. If you would like a better understanding of Jewish liturgy, this service is for you. We look forward to seeing you then.

SISTERHOOD

On January 25, 1996, at Monmouth Reform Temple at 6:30 P.M., Sisterhood will be holding its Annual Paid Up Membership Dinner. If you are currently a member or would like to become a member, it's not too late. Someone will be available the night of the dinner to accept your membership.

Please come and enjoy a casual evening of good food and conversation. You may even win a prize or learn a new line dance! Come alone or with another member. It will be fun.

If you have any questions please call Stephanie Fitzsimmons at 530-6673. You may RSVP by calling Stephanie, or you can use the tear off section provided below.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO MRT BY JAN. 20, 1996

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Yes, I plan to attend the Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE
NUMBER _____

JANUARY EVENTS

JANUARY	2	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	RELIGIOUS ED
	3	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	MUSIC COMMITTEE
			8:00 PM	RITUAL
	5	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
				SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND
	8	MONDAY	7-8 PM	PRE-SCHOOL
	9	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	SOCIAL ACTION
				COMMITTEE
	10	WEDNESDAY	8:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD
	11	THURSDAY	7:30 PM	ARTS FESTIVAL
	12	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
	13	SATURDAY	10:30 AM	SABBATH MORNING
				TOT SHABBAT
	14	SUNDAY	9:30 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
	16	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	TEMPLE BOARD
	17	WEDNESDAY	7:45 PM	SR. YOUTH BOARD
	19	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
				OUTREACH SHABBAT
	20	SATURDAY	10:30 AM	SABBATH MORNING
				BAR/BAT MITZVAH
				FAMILY PROGRAM
	21	SUNDAY	9:30 AM	REL. SCHOOL PARENTS
			12:30 PM	SR. YOUTH
			1:00 PM	HEALING SERVICE
	24	WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	YOUTH COMMITTEE
	25	THURSDAY	6:30 PM	SISTERHOOD DINNER
	26	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
				FAMILY SERVICE BY SIXTH GRADE
	27	SATURDAY	5:15 PM	JR. & SR. YOUTH
	31	WEDNESDAY	7:45 PM	WAYS & MEANS
				COMMITTEE

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 P.M.,
"How to Start Studying Talmud."

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

Sunday morning, January 7, following a Bagel Brunch at 9:30 A.M.
"Jewish Parenting: Rabbinic Insights."

It is with great pleasure that the Adult Education Committee presents Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams, Ph.D. She is the author of several books including, *Learn Talmud: How to Use the Seinsaltz English Talmud*, *The Talmud for Beginners: Vol. I and II* and with Steven Abrams, *Jewish Parenting: Rabbinic Insights*. Rabbi Abrams is the Founder and Director of *Maquom: A Place for the Spiritually Searching*. She is currently Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Law School, as well as an Associate of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

Everyone is invited to participate in **Any** and **All** of the sessions. Reservations should be made for Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please fill out the coupon below and return it to the Temple by December 21st. There is no charge for the programs, but donations to the Joan Goodman/ S.I.R. Fund will be gratefully accepted. Please call Adult Education Chairperson Karen Karl at 747-6184 or the Temple office at 747-9365 if you would like more information.

Yes! I am participating in the S-I-R Weekend.

Name (s)----- Phone#-----

Yes__ I will attend Saturday Evening. Yes__ No__ I will attend the covered dish supper.

I will bring one of the following: __ Main Dish* __ Vegetable* __ Salad* __ Dessert*
(*each dish should serve 8)

Yes__ No__ --I will attend the Sunday morning Bagel Brunch.



**A
SERVICE
OF
HEALING AND HOPE**

No life is free of difficulty. Many among us face:

- * ILLNESS**
- * A ROUND OF CHEMOTHERAPY**
- * THE LOSS OF A JOB**
- * THE BREAK-UP OF A MARRIAGE**
- * THE DEATH OF SOMEONE PRECIOUS**
- * A MOMENT OF DESPAIR**

We all need healing. Together we can strengthen one another.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1:00PM

SOCIAL HALL

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

GIVE LIFE



BLOOD DONORS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE BE ONE
OUR GOAL IS MORE THAN 50 PINTS OF BLOOD

The **Monmouth Reform Temple Blood Drive** will be held on **SUNDAY, FEB. 4th** from **9:00AM to NOON**. Everyone who is eligible to donate blood should come and donate. There is no substitute for human blood and there is only one source for blood.....YOU! With the critical shortage of blood in this country, we can no longer shirk our responsibility and assume that others will fill this need.

If you are between the ages of 17 and 70 years in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated blood after December 10th, you are eligible to donate.

(NOTE: 17 year olds need written parental permission on form provided by Blood Center. Previous donors 71 through 75 may continue to donate with written clearance from their physician.)

Please fill out and return to the Temple office by January 24th, 1996.

Monmouth Reform Temple BLOOD DRIVE

NAME _____

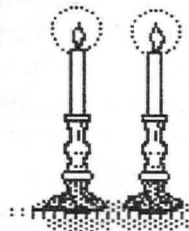
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

APPOINTMENT TIME DESIRED (we schedule every 15 minutes) _____

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

January 5 - 4:25 PM
12 - 4:32 PM
19 - 4:40 PM
26 - 4:48 PM



YAHARZEITS

- Jan. 5 *Alice Rubin, Ellen Spivak, Sam Auerbach, Edward Weinstein, Frank Welt, Betty Goodstein, Carole Korchin, Leon Guttentag, Ruth Bernstein, Irving Llyon Chanenson, *David Sandman, Rose-Bette Kosberg Brinkmann, Bernard Rosenberg, Kate Cohen, Irving Priesand*
- 12 *Saul Dersh, *Dora Solomon, Maurice Solomon, *John J. Singer, Nanon Harris, *Jean Yagoda, Charles Mindel, *Aaron Risick, Dr. Elliott Englander, *Lora G. Miller, *Abraham W. Miller, Louis Cohen*
- 19 **Herman Kahn, Stella Seligman, Julius Grayer, *Joan Goodman, *Sadie Strominger, *Ben Lite, *Harry Greenfield, *Adelaide Meyer, *Jules R. Huber, Norman Greenfield, Howard Teitelbaum, *George Silver, Mae Kaplan, Charles Ostroff, Emanuel Marks, *Carl Singer, *Simon Goldsmith, Ziskin Flaum, Ida Levin, Jeanne Liese, Earl H. Priesand, *Herman Kahn, Philip Schiller, Rose Cohen, Harriet Phyllis Herman*
- 26 *Lillian Atlas, Fanny Tanenbaum, *Nathan Marx, Joseph Moskowitz, *Michael Katz, *Tillie Schneider, Jacob Zegman, Max Rosenweig, *Herbert Halpren, *Fred Straus, *D. Gloria Salomon, *Philip Samo, Helen Taylor, *Minnie Greenfield, Shirley Zeitlin Gardy, *Jacob Lehrer, Henry Miller, Bessie Kantor, *Louis Hershey*

* Indicates perpetual Kaddish

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.

Monmouth Festival of the Arts

Arts Festival Committee is looking for someone well versed in programming in Microsoft Access, or any other comparable database program, to help with the computerization of the Art Inventory. Also, we are looking for anyone who may have access to a Retail Inventory and Sales software program which runs either in DOS or Windows. Please contact Barbara Cobuzzi at 364-0123 during the day, or at 542-1556 at night.

You can reach me this week at 505-5300 if you have any questions. As of next week, my work number will be changed to 364-0123.

Thank you,
Barbara

In the near future you will receive an invitation to the Monmouth Festival of the Arts' Gala Reception. We would be most grateful if you sent in your response as soon as possible. By doing so you will be assured of a listing in the Ad Journal.

Thank You,
Florence Diller
Joyce Silverman
Friends of the Festival

BEMA ASSIGNMENTS

Fri.	January	5	8:15 PM	Karen Karl
Fri.	January	12	8:15 PM	Susan St.Lifer
Fri.	January	19	8:15 PM	Semmes Brightman
Fri.	January	26	8:15 PM	Dean Ross

USHERS - HOSTS FOR ONEGS

1/5	Ushers- Hosts -	Gerald and Roz Reisner Gloria Hoffman, Karen Karl, Adam Diller and Bob Koslow
1/12	Ushers- Hosts -	Jerry and Joan Lansky Elliot and Lynne Familant Joel and Meryl Smith
1/19	Ushers- Hosts -	Ann and Bob Koslow Steve Mahon, Jeff Willard, Dean and Sharyn Ross
1/26	Ushers- Hosts-	Stuart and Monica Schwartz Sixth Grade Class

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

MRT will host its annual Scholar-in-Residence Program on January 5, 6 and 7. In a very direct way your attendance at this program directly assists the religious school. When parents attend Temple sponsored academic activities their children receive the clear message that Jewish content programming at MRT is important. I hope that you will attend and talk with your children about the information presented.

I have been involved with an adult Hebrew reading program for beginners. This particular program was intended as reinforcement for the Hebrew marathon conducted in the fall. I have enjoyed the class so much that I want to invite all adults who wish to improve their Hebrew reading skills. This course is directed at improving Hebrew reading fluency, not for translation. It is conducted in a non-threatening manner and no one should worry about being embarrassed due to forgotten reading skills. The course is absolutely free. If interested, contact Karen Karl at 747-6184 and she will put you on the mailing list. You will be notified by postcard before the next session. (Perhaps, your children will study with you.)

Children in grades 4-7 should have brought home their report cards by now. Contact the Religious School immediately if you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this evaluation. The first step should be to confer with the teacher and then with me, if you feel such a meeting is necessary.

Our first class service of the school year will be conducted by the sixth grade on January 26. The girls and boys are studying and practicing diligently. They look forward to the opportunity to display their knowledge for you.

To most Jewish people a list of Jewish holidays would include: Passover, Purim, Chanukah, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. Rabbi Priesand's tradition of eating dinner in the Sukkah would cause many Temple members to add Sukkot. Young children remembering the personal Torah given to them by Rabbi Priesand on the bimah would include Simchat Torah. Confirmants certainly know Shavuot, the traditional Reform day for the Confirmation ceremony. Of course, Yom Hashoah has significance for many. *What about Tu B'Shevat?*

Certainly a minor holiday, Tu B'Shevat, celebrated on February 5, is called the New Year for Trees. This remembrance is concerned with the importance of land--its cultivation and preservation. Traditionally, the Jewish National Fund asks Jewish Religious institutions throughout the world to request their membership to purchase trees in forests planted

throughout Israel. I have personally observed JNF's efforts around the capital city. Jerusalem is surrounded by acres and acres of majestic trees, making the brown, mountainous land appear green for miles into the hills. I urge you to send in \$10 in care of the JNF to purchase a tree as a living memorial to a deceased relative or friend or in honor of a child or grandchild. Cliché or not, one tree does make a difference.

I would like to thank the congregation for sponsoring my participation in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial Convention. Thousands of Reform Jews gathering in one hotel, forming one congregation at the Atlanta Civic Center for Shabbat services and meeting to pass or defeat critical resolutions was an experience for which I am grateful. I believe that your children will benefit from my participation. I attended several workshops that had as their theme that Temples should coordinate their committees to educate the "whole child" through summer camp experiences, youth group activities and classroom lessons. The workshops suggested very strongly that only by working together will the values of Judaism be internalized for a lifetime.

Lastly, I wish to thank the members of the Religious School Committee for their labors during the 36th Anniversary Celebration and the Chanukah latkes party. Whether its the buying and cutting of the anniversary cake or the cooking of 600 latkes, its these volunteers who assist the Religious School staff in providing wonderful Jewish memories for your children.

Shalom,
David Levinsky

REMINDER TO PARENTS

It's never too late to enroll your children in the Passport to Israel program. It is a unique savings plan that includes donations from the synagogue, the Federation, and the family. Each year funds are contributed so that when children reach high school age they can experience the excitement of a group tour of Israel. For more information please call Bob St. Lifer (780-4778) or take a brochure from the Temple lobby.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year from the Ritual Committee. This month I have some good news and some bad news. First the good news. Since the last Bulletin article was written, we have had the opportunity to make a preliminary review of the High Holy Days Follow-up Survey and I can share some of the findings with you now. The total number of surveys returned was 134 - an impressive rate of return (41% of families) for any survey effort. Thank you for making the time to complete that task! The surveys were separated into four categories based on the types of comments written in. The breakdown came out like this:

No comments	59
Positive/mixed.....	45
Negative/mixed.....	23
Travel info only.....	7

We assume that members who made no comments were basically satisfied with how services were run. Combining those with others who clearly expressed approval of this year's arrangements produced 104 or 78% of respondents who are content with having consecutive services during the High Holy Days.

The Ritual Committee worked diligently last year to identify that solution to the crowding problem confronting us during the holidays. The survey results are an important show of support for the difficult decisions they made. You have validated their efforts to find the least disruptive approach to the threat of overcrowding.

And now the bad news. It is with sincere regret that I must inform you that Cantor Winston has decided not to continue as our cantor when her contract expires at the end of June 1996. Cantor Winston expresses her sorrow over not being able to stay at MRT, but is pressed by personal circumstances to reach this decision. We all respond to this development with sadness and a sense of loss. Cantor Winston has become a part of our Temple family and another source of inspiration at services. It is difficult to look into the future and not find her there.

Lastly, let me ask you to reflect on these words and try to remember their source.

"We want our synagogue to be an extended family in which people are willing to be there for each other, a place where we can find comfort in time of trouble, courage and hope when in doubt or difficulty, and when in joy, a celebration of happiness. We want our synagogue to be a place where we can

create memories for our children, memories so powerful they will seek to pass them on to their children and their children's children. We want our synagogue to be a place which encourages its members to take responsibility for their own Jewishness."

Taken from our own "Mitzvot of Membership," it is a reminder of the pleasures to be found in participating more fully in Temple life. Remember these words when you are called to the Bema by the Ritual Committee. I ask you to JUST SAY "YES" when asked to serve. It is a mitzvah for you and a lesson for our children.

Shalom, Joel Morgovsky, Chairman

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 the
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."**

**Please join us for
TOT SHABBAT**

**Saturday morning - January 13th
10:30am**

**A special service designed for children
under the age of 7**

THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS

to the Rabbi's Fund:

from Rosalind and Bob Woolf to Arthur and Miriam Harris for their grandson's marriage; to Baldwin Davidson in memory of his sister; to Peggy and Jerry Baker for Wayne's marriage; to Trudy and Steve Goldsmith in honor of Nolan's naming; to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene, Happy Special Birthday - enjoy; to Betty and Bob Schulman mazeltov for your new grandson; to Cora and Stu Tuchband mazeltov on Matthew passing his Bar Exam

from Kristine Fisher with thanks to the Rabbi

from Mary and Willard Woodward to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene in honor of their special Birthdays

from Linda and Rich Goldberg in honor of Adam's Bar Mitzvah

from Carol Salomon to John Goldsmith in honor of your new granddaughter, Katie Gail

from Caryl and Charles Sills to John Goldsmith in honor of the birth of your granddaughter, Katherine Gail

from Arlene and Jim Berg in honor of our college students

to the Fund for the Homeless:

from Alison Block and Barry Shapiro to Dr. Bernard Shagan in honor of his 60th Birthday

from Baldwin Davidson to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene congratulations on your big birthday

from Elaine Espey to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene in honor of your birthdays; to Barbara and Barry Miller in honor of your new granddaughter, Jennifer

from Florence and Adam Diller to Gloria and Marvin Kantor congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter; to Barbara and Barry Miller congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter

from Jill and Harmon Butler to John Goldsmith congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter, Katherine

from Marie Horowitz in memory of Benjamin Horowitz and Mollie and Louis Heilman

to the Prayerbook Fund

from Gertrude Cooper to the Rothman Family

to the Flower Fund:

from Mark and Beverly Gruensfelder in memory of Louis Boxman

from Robert and Bette Salomon in memory of Hilda D. Salomon

from Susan and Joseph Frankel in memory of Harold Rubin

from Rosalind and Gerald Reisner in memory of Ida Reisner and Hyman Reisner

from Susan and Sidney Martin in memory of Harry Katz

from Jack and Norma Kohn in memory of Harry Kohn and Goldie Bialy

from Milton and Claire Mausner in memory of H. Davis

from Charles and Caryl Sills in memory of Edward Klein

from Jerry and Joan Lansky in memory of Joseph Moskowitz

from Arthur and Nancy Loebel in memory of Joseph Dow

from Max and Lila Singer in memory of Flora Braunstein

from James and Susan Harran in memory of Max Rosenweig

from Mark and Beverly Gruensfelder in memory of Abraham Golden

to the Scholarship Fund:

from The Pecharsky Family to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene in honor of your birthdays

from Barbara and Richard Gitlin to Betty and Bob Schulman in honor of the birth of your grandson; to Peg and Jerry Baker congratulations on Wayne's marriage; to Andrea and Mitchell Hershey in honor of Stacey's engagement

to the Passport to Israel Fund

from Barbara and Al Goldstein, thanks to Rabbi Priesand, Sheila Leavitt, Joyce Christie, David Levinsky, and others who worked to make the 36th Anniversary celebration so wonderful.

to the Library Fund

from Charles and Phyllis Rubinstein to Connie and Milton Klein in honor of their grandson's Bar Mitzvah; to Gloria and Marvin Kantor in honor of the birth of their granddaughter

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund

from Irma and Peter Meyer to John Goldsmith in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Katherine Gail from Baldwin Davidson to Jay Weisenfeld condolences on the loss of your father

to the Fink Music Fund

from Sheila and Jim Leavitt to Elaine Stein in loving memory of Arnold Shapiro
from Gloria and Clinton Johnson, Carl Epstein, Ira and Charlotte Vineberg, Gladys and Norma Weisbord, Norman and Lois Schuman to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene in honor of your birthdays.
From Marie Horowitz in memory of Benjamin Horowitz and Mollie and Louis Heilman

**MEET MRT'S COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS**

SUSAN ST.LIFER - RELIGIOUS ED

After being an active member of the Religious Education committee for 4 years, last Spring I accepted the position of chairperson following the capable leadership of Gerald Reisner. I was also involved for several years with the parent group, serving as a facilitator for 2 years.

Previously I co-chaired the Fellowship Committee, and I always help out during Arts Festival. In addition, I am involved in various programs at my children's schools.

My daughter, Lillian, became a Bat Mitzvah last year and is continuing on toward confirmation. She is an active member of the Junior Youth Group. Sam and Emily are currently in the third grade and are eager learners of Hebrew. (I am now able to help them since I participated in the recent Hebrew Marathon!) My husband, Bob, is on the board of the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County and brought its Passport to Israel program to MRT.

FLORENCE COHEN - SOCIAL ACTION

My family were members of Monmouth Reform Temple in the beginning. Our oldest son was a president of Sr. Youth Group. Our other 2 sons were Bar Mitzvah and Confirmants of Monmouth Reform Temple. Both Irv and I were teachers in the Religious School, and then we strayed. But now we are back, and it is as if we never went away.

Lila Singer asked us to join Social Action, and we are there.

I am an ardent member of the Rabbi's Tuesday morning Study Group. I have rejoined the Choir for the pure joy of singing our music. I have been active in the Arts Festival for many years, and I chair the Tour Committee.

In secular life I was on the Board of Education for 12 years, and I am President of the Housing Unit of Monmouth Association for Retarded Citizens. But most important I am the grandmother of 6 grandchildren - who make our life a joy.

KAREN KARL - ADULT ED

My husband, John Heidema, and I have been Temple members for just over four years. We have two daughters, Sarah, who is a Senior at Red Bank Regional H.S. and Maggie, a Sophomore. Maggie is Social Action Chairperson of the Senior Youth Group's Board. After nine and a half years of going to college, I recently graduated from Monmouth College.

NEXT BROTHERHOOD MEETING

SUNDAY - FEB. 11th - 9:30AM
Refreshments - Juice, Coffee & Bagels
Program will begin at 10:00AM

Bob Rosin will discuss....
"Reform Judaism on the Internet"
Hope to see you there.

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MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE CALENDAR FOR JAN.

WORSHIP SERVICES

January	5	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
			Scholar in Residence	
	12	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	13	Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
			Tot Shabbat	
	19	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
			Outreach Shabbat	
	20	Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
			Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
			Family Program	
	21	Sun	Healing Service	1:00 PM
	26	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
			Family Service	
			by Sixth Grade	

MEETINGS

January	2	Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	3	Music Committee	7:00 PM
		Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	9	Social Action	8:00 PM
	10	Executive Board	8:00 PM
	11	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
	14	Finance Committee	9:30 AM
	16	Temple Board	8:00 PM
	17	Sr. Youth Board	7:45 PM
	21	Rel. Sch. Parents	9:30 AM
		Sr. Youth	12:30 PM
	24	Youth Committee	7:30 PM
	27	Jr. & Sr. Youth	5:15 PM
	31	Ways & Means	7:45 PM

Special Events

January	5-7	Scholar-in-Residence Weekend	
	8	Pre-School Program	7-8 PM
	25	Sisterhood Dinner	6:30 PM