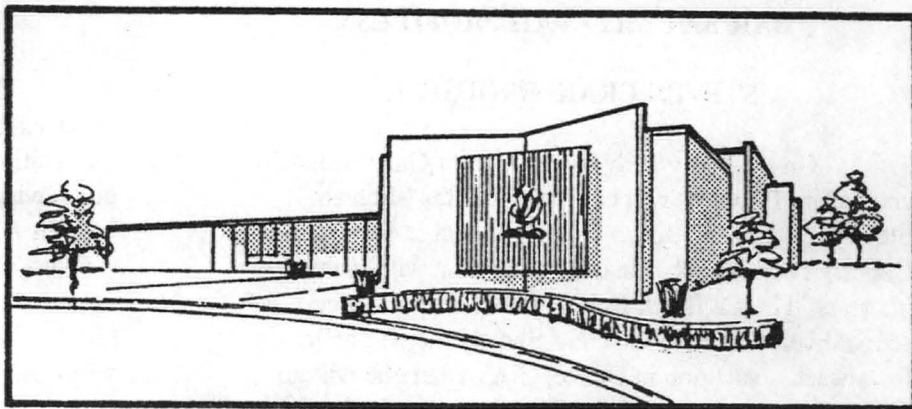


# monmouth reform temple *bulletin*



**SHEVAT -ADAR 5756**

**FEBRUARY 1996**

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Feb. 2 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Jewish Music Month  
Program: ***GREAT PIECES OF JEWISH MUSIC***  
Guest Cantor: Cantor Robert Abelson, Temple Israel NYC  
Torah portion: Exod. 13:17-17:16
- 9 Sabbath Eve -  
Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM  
Federation Sabbath - 8:15 PM  
Guest: David Nussbaum,  
Exec. Director, Jewish  
Federation of Greater  
Monmouth County -  
Sermon:  
***SYNAGOGUE/FEDERATION  
RELATIONS:***  
Torah portion: Exod. 18:1-20:23
- 16 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: ***ONCE IN SEVENTY  
YEARS***  
Torah Portion: Exod. 21:1-24:18
- 23 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Family Service conducted by the  
Fifth Grade  
Torah Portion: Exod. 25: 1-27:19

## OTHER SERVICES

- Feb. 10 Sat. Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Bar Mitzvah of  
**STEVEN BROUSELL**  
son of Gary Brousell and JoAnn  
Brousell  
Sermon: ***A SINAI MOMENT***
- 24 Sat. Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Bar Mitzvah of  
**DAVID WIESENFELD**  
son of Jay and Kay Wiesenfeld  
Sermon: ***BUILDING A  
SANCTUARY FOR GOD***

## 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

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROFILES

### STEVEN CRAIG BROUSELL

On February 10th Steven, son of Gary Brousell and JoAnn Brousell, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah. Steven, a 7th grader, is an Honor Student at Rumson Country Day School. He is a young man with many interests. He is a Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do, a certified scuba diver, and an avid skier. Shortly, he will be leaving for a week's vacation in Belize, C.A., where he will go scuba diving with his father. Sports are not the only interest Steven has. He loves music and plays guitar. He still finds time to excel in science, math, and French.

### DAVID WIESENFELD

David, his parents, Jay and Kay, and brother Eric are looking forward to David's Bar Mitzvah on February 24th. He is a 7th grader at the Thompson Middle School in Middletown. David particularly enjoys science and social studies and plays the saxophone in the All Shore Band. His favorite sports are soccer, skiing, and hockey. (He is a Devils fan.) David said he enjoyed studying for his Bar Mitzvah, particularly his studies about famous figures in Jewish history. He is a 2nd class Boy Scout in Troop 32, where he is an assistant patrol leader. This summer David plans to vacation in Maine. Two summers ago he went to Australia. In fact, an Australian friend will be attending David's Bar Mitzvah.

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## SHARING SIMCHAS

**The Temple family extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:**

Patricia and Gary Rosenblum in honor of the birth of their daughter, Gretta.

Leonard and Ruth Schlosberg in honor of the birth of their grandson, Jacob Nappi.

Lois and Larry Avrin in honor of the birth of a granddaughter, Alyssa.

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## REFLECTIONS

The task of the Reform movement is clear -- to bring us home, to end our estrangement, to restore us to the relationships and the connections that give meaning to our Jewish lives. Reform Jews are coming home. We are coming home to God, because God called us into being, sent us on our way, chose us and thrust distinctiveness upon us.

We are coming home to Torah, because it is the very essence of our being, and because we see as our first duty and greatest joy the teaching of those sacred texts that bind us to a shared faith and a shared way of life. We are coming home to Jerusalem, because ours is a people with a collective destiny, and because we have never forgotten to turn East --toward the one place unlike any other, promised, beloved and renewed in our day. And we are coming home to the human heart, because in our return to God, Torah and Israel we return to ourselves -- we nurture the spiritual energy churning within us, we restore the wholeness of the human soul, and we use the joys and sweetness of Judaism to make leaps in understanding and compassion.

I am frequently asked what my goal is as the next President of our Union, and my answer derives from this search to find a way home that I have just described. My goal is to help build a movement of Reform Jews for whom Torah is at the center of their lives. My goal is a movement which does not speak of "Identity" or "Continuity", the fuzzy and feeble generalizations that are so popular today, but which speaks instead the language of brit, mitzvah and God. My goal is a movement in which Reform Jews live their Jewish lives with immense joy and celebration because they know that Judaism is not just tsores and ethnicity; obligations, to call for observance that is regular and consistent, and to assert that our actions need not always begin with our own impulses. My goal is a movement which is thoroughly Reform, grounded in the principles of autonomy and pluralism -- a movement which does not see Torah as the immutable word of God, and does not embrace tradition in a blind or unreflective way; but at the same time, a movement that sees the renewal of Torah in the life of the Jew as the only route to the renewal of the Jewish people.

-----Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie  
UAHC Biennial  
December 3, 1995



## SOCIAL ACTION

The 1995 Christmas Day volunteer program was highly successful. Thirty-five temple members and guests served at three locations during the day. At Red Bank Convalescent Center and at Riverview Extended Care Facility in Red Bank, our volunteers helped to serve a special luncheon to the residents and to provide good cheer. At Red Bank Convalescent Center, the service included the pouring of sparkling cider and the distribution of gifts. At Monmouth Medical Center, our volunteers worked in the cafeteria on the breakfast and luncheon shifts. Rich Sachs was so emotionally moved by the experience that his eyes filled with tears. Perhaps it was the onions he was peeling. A special purple matzoh ball award to Rich!

The activities for the day were organized and coordinated by Robert Blank, a new MRT member and new member of the Social Action Committee. Many thanks to Bob and to all our volunteers! Serving at Riverview Extended Care were: Bob and Rosalie Rosin, Milton Klein, Jeff Willard, Steve Mahan, Charles and Norma Bernstein, Bob Wolf and Ro Collis Wolf, Elaine Espey and Israel and Sandra Feld. Those serving at Red Bank Convalescent Center were Alice Berman, Arthur and Nancy Loebel, the Levinsky Family, The Grabelle Family, The Goldberg Family and Larry Golden. At Monmouth Medical Center were Peggy and Jerry Baker and Baldwin Davidson on the morning shift and Rich Sachs, Joshua Grabelle, Samantha Grabelle and Carol Rusin on the lunchtime shift. Stu and Cora Tuchband served as "reservists," ready to spring into action if needed.

Florence Cohen  
Social Action

## ADULT EDUCATION

January was quite a month! Our Scholar-in-Residence weekend, Jan. 5-7 was extremely well attended. We all enjoyed Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams' energetic, dynamic and intriguing talks on the Talmud. Unfortunately, due to the Blizzard of '96, Rabbi Abrams' Sunday morning talk, "Jewish Parenting: Rabbinic Insights," had to be cancelled. I am delighted to announce that Rabbi Abrams will be in our area again in February

and is able to make a return visit to MRT. On Sunday morning, Feb. 11, 1996, following a Bagel Brunch at 9:30 AM, Rabbi Abrams will present her previously scheduled talk on Jewish parenting. Those of us who were present for her other programs enjoyed her unorthodox and engaging style. Don't miss this second chance.

Last month, when I reported on the success of our Hebrew Marathon and the follow-up classes, I missed an opportunity to mention that two advanced Hebrew classes also meet at MRT. Both groups focus on the rich and rewarding study of Biblical Hebrew. The first group has celebrated their second anniversary of studying together, on January 16. Through their hard work, they are frequently rewarded during Friday evening services as prayers and Torah readings take on added meaning. The second group began their studies in June and hope that by Passover to be able to read and understand portions of the Haggadah in Hebrew. More follow-up classes to the Hebrew Marathon, presented by the ever-generous and devoted, David Levinsky, are in the works. These follow up classes are open to anyone who would like to attend.

I must thank all of the members of the Adult Education committee for their time and efforts on behalf of the Scholar-in-Residence program; Florence Korchin, Cora Tuchband, Bob Koslow, Jay Weisenfeld, Adam Diller and Gloria Hoffman. Gerald Reisner, our VP, and Roz, provided a great deal of support and help, as did Herb Korchin and Bob Rosin. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Rabbi Priesand for bringing Rabbi Abrams to my attention. Much thanks to you all.

Karen Karl  
Adult Ed

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**RETURN VISIT OF RABBI JUDITH ABRAMS...**  
**"JEWISH PARENTING: RABBINIC**  
**INSIGHTS"**  
**SUNDAY MORNING,**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 1996, 9:30 AM**

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Passover will be here before we know it. Please save the date, Thursday April 4, 1996. Join us at the Temple for our Family Seder.

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## **THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **to the Rabbi's Fund:**

from Sue and Joe Frankel to John Goldsmith in honor of the birth of granddaughter Katherine Gail

from Marjorie Levy to Betty and Bob Schulman, congratulations on the birth of your grandson; to Sue and Frank Whyman in honor of the birth of your grandson; to John Goldsmith, congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter; to Peggy and Jerry Baker, congratulations on Wayne's marriage; to Baldwin Davidson, condolences on the loss of your sister

from Mildred and Julius Snedcof in honor of Florence and Herbert Korchin and Rabbi Priesand

from Ellie and Bob Goodman in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Hannah

from Leonard and Ruth Schlosberg in honor of our new grandson, Jacob Nappi

from Bari and Jonathan Kaye to Shelley and Larry Gordon in memory of Gertrude Mandell

from Joyce and John Christie

from Bruce Meyer and family

### **to the Fund for the Homeless:**

from Adam and Florence Diller to Lois and Larry Avrin in honor of the birth of your granddaughter; to Sandy and Bernie Brandwene in honor of your birthdays

from Florence and Irving Cohen to Dr. and Mrs. Donald S. Littman in memory of your mother

from Mara Pasternack in honor of Scott Pasternack passing the NY Bar Exam

from Jessica Morreale in celebration of Hannukah

from Betty and Bob Schulman to John Christie, wishing you a speedy recovery

from Joyce and John Christie

### **to the Flower Fund**

from Maurice and Irma Meyer in memory of Adelaide Meyer

from Arthur and Miriam Harris in memory of Nanon Harris

from Robert and Elizabeth Salomon in memory of D. Gloria Salomon

from Herbert and Florence Korchin in memory of Carole Korchin, Harry Greenfield, Minnie Greenfield from Rabbi Priesand in memory of Earl H.

Priesand and Irving Priesand

from Bari and Jonathan Kaye in memory of Alice Rubin

from James and Susan Harran in memory of Max Rosenweig

from Jim and Sheila Leavitt in memory of Ida Levin and Mollie Gurevitz

from Jerry and Joan Lansky in memory of Joseph Moskowitz

from The Snedcof's in memory of loved ones

from Eleanor and Bob Goodman in memory of Emmanuel Marks

from Robert and Rosalie Rosin in memory of Ben Lite, Eva Lite, George Rosin, Anna Rosin

from Charles and Phyllis Rubinstein in memory of Sadie Strominger and Harry Rubinstein

from Alexander and Mary Rauch in memory of Rose Cohen

from Barry and Susan Kahn in memory of Herman Kahn

from Marjorie Levy in memory of Bernard Levy

### **to the Scholarship Fund**

from Barbara J. Lite to Rosalie and Robert Rosin for Hanukkah

from Dolores and Ken Phillips to Jerry Perlman in memory of mother, Lee; to Elaine Resta in memory of your father; to John Resta in memory of your brother; to Patty and Gary Rosenblum, congratulations on the birth of your daughter; to Jay Wiesenfeld in memory of your father

from Rena Baronoff to Sandy and Bernard Brandwene in honor of your birthdays; to Arthur Collis, a speedy recovery

### **to the Passport to Israel Fund**

from Susan and Robert St. Lifer to Jay Wiesenfeld in memory of his father

### **to the Library Fund**

from Mara Pasternack to Dr. Bruce Rubin and family in memory of Mildred Rubin



The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Joan Lansky on the death of her father

SAMUEL MORSE

*May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.*

### Monmouth Festival of the Arts

Festival will be here before we know it -- March 23-27 -- and all of the committees that make the Arts Festival so successful have been busy almost since the close of Festival '95.

MRT has grown so much in the past year perhaps there are some members who are unfamiliar with Arts Festival and how important it is for the entire congregation. So, permit me to reiterate what Arts Festival is:

- Monmouth Festival of the Arts was started 26 years ago to raise funds for the Temple.

- It is the major Temple fund raiser which enables us to maintain a Fair Share Dues structure for all our members and also provides funds for other areas within the Temple.

- Works of art in such media as paintings, ceramics, photography, jewelry, and sculpture are displayed throughout and all are available for purchase.

- Festival opens with a Gala Opening Night Reception for Benefactors, Patrons and Sponsors, and participating artists. Public view is Sunday through Wednesday.

- Sunday is Family Day. There are supervised workshops where children learn and create their own works of art and special performances geared to entertain children, although many parents can be seen being entertained as well!

- Le Petit Cafe serves a variety of food and beverages. Many of the offerings are homemade and donated by Temple members.

- The Evening Lecture Series provides an interesting program and speakers featured Monday through Wednesday evenings.

Festival is a vital part of MRT and can only happen with the help of each Temple member. There is a place for everyone to participate - whether your availability is during the day, on Sunday, or in the evening. It is an excellent opportunity to participate, meet other Temple members, and contribute to the Temple! So, when you are called on to volunteer to help set up the Temple, work during receiving week, sell, bake, or whatever, remember how much it will mean to the financial status of MRT!

Sheila Leavitt, Chairperson

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.

Thank you,  
Barbara

Temple members are asked to take copies of the Festival flier to local establishments, schools, libraries and work. Please save any news articles and send them to me.

Sandy Liebesman  
Publicity Chairman

### BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood's 1995-1996 program schedule was moving into high gear and we shifted into neutral to allow a repeat visit of Rabbi Abrams in our February time slot. Our planned speaker, Bob Rosin, was able to jump to our March meeting with an interactive, informative, illuminating discussion/presentation of Reform Judaism on the Internet. Our program March 11th starts at 9:30 AM with refreshments in the Social Hall. Sisterhood is invited along with all members of the Temple.

Don't forget the Blood Drive on February 4th. It is truly a Gift of Life. Bob Koslow and Dean Ross can answer any questions.

I will be there at both events and I hope to see you there.

Jim Berg  
946-8559

## WAYS AND MEANS

We earned another \$500 for the Temple in December with our food certificate program. That is great considering there was no religious school for two of the Sundays in December. Now two quotes from some satisfied consumers of gift certificates: Rabbi Priesand: "The more you use it the more it becomes part of your life. Knowing how much it helps the Temple, I wouldn't think of going to the grocery without it. I consider it a mitzvah!" Sheila Leavitt: "It is a convenient means of helping the Temple; after all everyone needs to eat. It doesn't cost you anything extra and there are enough people and locations to purchase it."

Our committee has started calling members for donations to the Cabaret and Auction night in April. If you have any new item that you got recently and can not use, remember us. Call Meg Levinson, 530-9517, with your donation item, which is tax deductible. We are also accepting gift certificates or, if you don't have a gift to donate, we will gladly take checks made out to Monmouth Reform Temple/Auction and we will get a gift for you. Put April 27, 1996, on your calendar for a FUN NIGHT.

Arlene Berg  
946-8559

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

On February 14, a representative from Camp Harlam will describe to parents and students our Reform Movement's summer resident camp program. I know the camp well and I am certain that you will be impressed with the video presentation. At MRT, we try to provide a sound textbook and discussion oriented education, highlighted by holiday and special assembly memories. Camp Harlam provides a more complete experience by giving Jewish children the opportunity to live their Judaism.

My children attended Camp Harlam. The setting is ideal, the bunks are clean, and the facilities are first rate. Come to the presentation even if you are not interested in sending your child to a resident camp this summer; store the information away for future summers. Although I am partial to Camp Harlam, I can suggest other Jewish sleep-away camps.

On the reverse side of the announcement regarding the Camp Harlam visit is a Religious Education Committee sponsored questionnaire. Please complete it and return it to me. The Committee hopes that it will stimulate your interest in Jewish resident camping and encourage you to obtain more information. The Temple offers scholarships to various UAHC

summer programs; contact Gary Hersch (462-8448), the Rabbi or the Temple office for an application.

I had a ball watching the sixth grade rehearse for its January 26 Shabbat service. Their efforts demonstrated much study and practice. Your children understand the honor involved in appearing on the bimah during a Shabbat service. Jewish experiences remain with our children for a lifetime; it is up to all of us to create the forum for many more.

Purim is here! Not exactly! Religious School will celebrate Purim on Sunday, March 3. As usual, the morning will begin with our annual Purimspiel (the Purim story) at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Purim Carnival, 11:00 to 1:00. Members of the Religious School Committee, class parents and Temple members with much carnival experience cook hot dogs and sell hamantashen and other treats, while members of our youth group set up and manage the booths. Since the Purim Carnival is a fund raiser for the Youth Group, there is a charge for the booths and food. Purim Sunday is always a great family day at MRT.

I am looking for men with a sense of humor for our first annual (and probably our last) Queen Esther beauty pageant. Please call me at Temple or at home if you wish to get involved and have some fun. Remember, it's for the kids.

Passover will be here before the snow melts. Your children have already received our Passover candy sale envelopes. Temple members without children in school will receive envelopes through the mail. I apologize for sending more than one brochure to school families. Due to bulk mail regulations it's simply more economical to send to everyone on the Temple mailing list. The envelopes are due back in my office by Wednesday, February 21. Late orders will be processed as they are received. Proceeds from the sale are always used for school purposes.

I had a few complaints with last year's candy company. This year I returned to Cherrydale Farms, a company everyone likes.

The fifth grade will conduct its Friday Shabbat service on February 23. Janet Bell is looking forward to showing off her students. She is very proud of their Hebrew ability and hopes that members of the congregation will attend her class' service.

Our Temple secretary, Marguerite Owens, will be leaving us on February 1 to take up a new life in Michigan. I want to thank her for helping me so much with school matters. Most of all, I will miss her friendly smile, calm approach to every situation, and unbelievable work ethic. I wish only good things for Marguerite and Joe.

Shalom,  
David Levinsky



# 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.**

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## **Monmouth Reform Temple BLOOD DRIVE**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

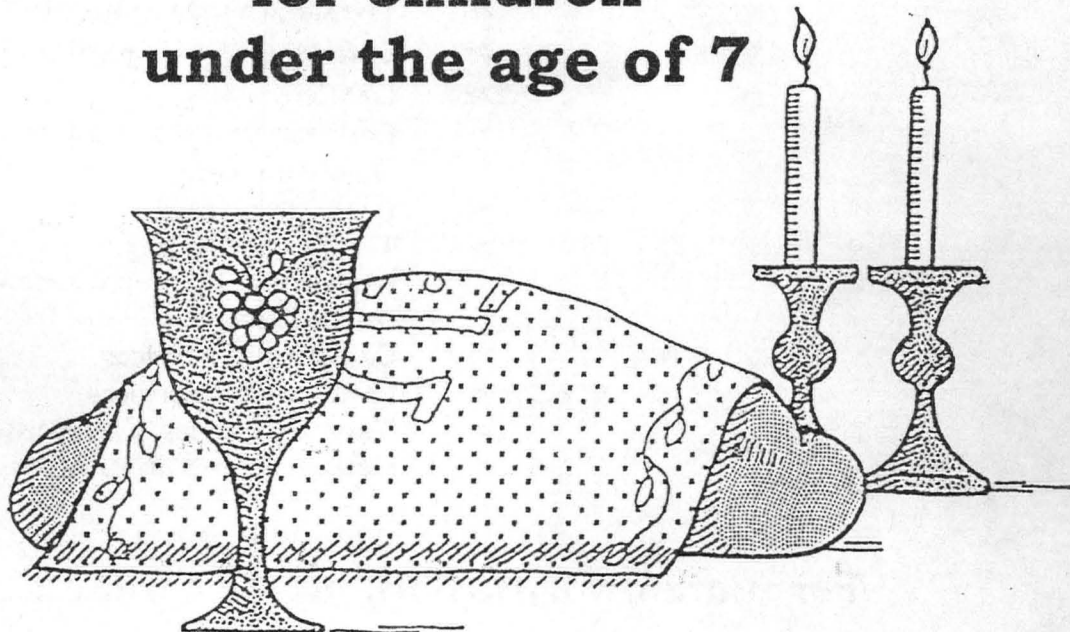
**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPOINTMENT TIME DESIRED** (we schedule every 15 minutes) \_\_\_\_\_

**Monmouth Reform Temple**

Please join us  
for  
**TOT SHABBAT**  
**Friday Evening,**  
**February 9th**  
**6:30 PM**

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



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# Donate Now **Cabaret and Auction Night**

■ **DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1996**

REFRESHMENTS

ENTERTAINMENT  
DOOR PRIZES

Please plan to donate either goods, services or gift certificates...Here are some suggested donations (or use your own creative ideas!)

## Already Donated

- Aquarium Setup
- Gift Certificate for dinner
- Pottery
- Earthwork
- Portrait
- Cake
- Massage
- Evening Boat Cruise
- Case of Homemade beer
- Homemade Caramel Popcorn

## Some Suggestions to balance our list

- Babysitting Services
- Legal Services
- Chauffeuring (airport)
- Dental Services
- Flower arrangement
- Photography or videotaping
- Plants
- Collector items
- Handcrafted items
- Tutoring
- Theater, concert or movie Tickets
- Entertainment for parties
- Gift Certificates
- Gourmet Dinners and Desserts
- New Appliances
- Decorative items
- Tennis, Ice Skating, Bridge, Mahjongg, horse-back riding or music Lessons
- Calligraphy Services
- Landscaping Services
- Vacation Homes, City Homes or Boat
- Household and office items

**For more information, please contact:**

**Joanna Charnick (908) 542-1562, or Meg Levinson,  
(908) 530-9517 to make your donation**

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**F**EDERATION **S**ABBATH

**F**RIDAY

**F**EBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

8:15 PM

**“A Vision For The Future”**

**Guest Speaker**

**DAVID NUSSBAUM**

New Executive Director,  
Jewish Federation of  
Greater Monmouth County

**-PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE-**



We didn't let the snow get us down!

We are delighted to announce the return visit of

**Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams**

on Sunday morning, Feb. 11, 1996 at 9:30 A.M.

Following a Bagel Brunch, Rabbi Abrams will present a dynamic program inspired by the Talmud...

*"Jewish Parenting: Rabbinic Insights"*

Everyone is invited to attend this program, which is a substitution for the Sunday, January 7th, program of the Scholar-in Residence Weekend. There is no charge for the program, 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.

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*Yes! I am participating in the S-I-R Sunday program.*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Bagel Brunch.

Please tear off and return this slip to the Temple office as soon as possible. Thank-you.

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# **LIFE BEYOND BAR/BAT MITZVAH**



## **Issues and Answers About Raising Jewish Teenagers**

**Date:** February 25, 1996

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Resources:** YOU, BAGELS, COFFEE, JUICE

**For Information Call Ed & Madelyne Ryterband 530-4027**

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# PURIM COVERED DISH DINNER

**Monday March 4, 1996**

**6:00 P.M. Dinner**

**7:00 P.M. Family Service**

Bring the whole family and your favorite dish from home, or stop by your favorite, "I don't have time to cook tonight store." This is a great way to meet other Temple members old and new, enjoy dinner, and attend a fun Service. If you have any questions please call Stephanie Fitzsimmons at 530-6673.

PLEASE BRING ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED 10 PEOPLE

_____ main dish e.g. chicken beef, cassarole	_____ side dish e.g. noodle rice or potatoe	_____ salad or veg.	_____ desert e.g.hamantaschen
Please bring food in disposable containers and untensils.			

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

Name telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Feb. 26th, 1996**

*(You may make your reservation by sending this form to the Temple office or by calling Stephanie at the number listed above.)*

If you are available to help set up and are able to arrive by 5:00 P.M. that evening please check here \_\_\_\_\_.

*See Other Side*

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
			JEWISH MUSIC MONTH
3	SATURDAY	7:30 PM	BEYOND BLINTZES
4	SUNDAY	9 AM-12 PM	BLOOD DRIVE
5	MONDAY	7-8 PM	PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM
6	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	RELIGIOUS ED
7	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	MUSIC COMMITTEE
		8:00 PM	RITUAL
8	THURSDAY	7:30 PM	ARTS FESTIVAL
9	FRIDAY	6:30 PM	TOT SHABBAT
		8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
			FEDERATION SABBATH
10	SATURDAY	10:30 AM	BROUSELL BAR MITZVAH
11	SUNDAY	9:30 AM	BROTHERHOOD
		9:45 AM	SISTERHOOD
		12:30 PM	BOARD WORKSHOP
13	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	SOCIAL ACTION
14	WEDNESDAY	8:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD
16	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
18	SUNDAY	1-5:00 PM	JR. ART SELECTION
20	TUESDAY	8:00 PM	TEMPLE BOARD
21	WEDNESDAY	7:45 PM	SENIOR YOUTH BOARD
23	FRIDAY	8:15 PM	SABBATH EVE
			FAMILY SERVICE BY FIFTH GRADE
24	SATURDAY	10:30 AM	WIESENFELD BAR
			MITZVAH
25	SUNDAY	12:00 PM	YOUTH
		1:00 PM	HEALING SERVICE
28	WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	YOUTH
		7:45 PM	WAYS & MEANS

## BEMA ASSIGNMENTS

Fri. February 2 8:15 PM Stu Tuchband  
Fri. February 9 8:15 PM Joel Morgovsky  
Sat. February 10 10:30 AM Ellie Goodman  
Fri. February 16 8:15 PM Barry Miller  
Fri. February 23 8:15 PM Ann Wolf  
Sat. February 24 10:30 AM Gerald Reisner

## USHERS - HOSTS FOR ONEGS

2/2 Ushers- Frank and Maureen Welton  
Hosts - Arthur and Karen Birnkrant  
Marilyn and Joel Morgovsky  
2/9 Ushers- Vallerie and Gary Hersch  
Hosts - Jay and Kay Wiesenfeld  
Federation Committee  
2/16 Ushers- Marika Cagel  
Hosts - Sheila and Jim Leavitt  
Lisa and Ron Schreck  
2/23 Ushers- Mike and Judy Dodge  
Hosts- Fifth Grade Class  
JoAnn Brousell, Gary Brousell

## LET'S BE BLOOD BUDDIES

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH  
9:00 AM TO NOON**

We urge every member of the Congregation in good health to donate a pint of blood as a "GIFT OF LIFE" to others; 17 year olds may give with parental permission.

The entire process of donating, from registration to refreshments (we will be serving bagels and cream cheese), is less than an hour.

Please see the blue flyer enclosed in this bulletin, fill out the donation form, and return it to the Temple office. We will call you back and confirm the time of the appointment.

**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

**Boychicks in the Hood.** Robert Eisenberg. A trip through Hasidic communities all over the world. 284 EIS.

**Chosen Tales; Stories Told by Jewish Storytellers.** A kind of Jewish storytelling festival. Sixty-eight well-known storytellers share their favorites. 398 CHO.

**Hebrewspeak; an Insiders guide to the Way Jews Think.** Joseph Lowin. By examining the 3-letter roots of Hebrew words, the author delves into the ways Jews have used the Hebrew language. 475 LOW

**Meditation and the Bible.** Aryeh Kaplan. The author explores the methods used by the prophets to attain their unique states of consciousness. 283 KAP

**Conversion to Judaism: a Guidebook.** Lawrence Epstein. "Down-to-earth and accessible, this guide will be useful for those looking for a thorough yet brief intro to Judaism and the path toward conversion" (Rabbi Alexander Schindler) 305 EPS.

**Jewish Cooking Around the World.** Josephine Bacon. Recipes from the full range of countries where Jews have settled. 641.5 BAC

**Jewish Holiday Feasts.** Louise Fiszer. A beautifully illustrated cookbook with a choice group of recipes for holiday menus. 641.5 FIS

Rosalind Reisner

Shelly Gordon

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**Thank you.**



## 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

Greetings from the Ritual Committee. There are special services in the air for you this month, and we on the Ritual Committee hope that you will take advantage of these special opportunities.

The first to occur in February is the Jewish Music Month Shabbat on February 2nd, 1996. We are delighted that Cantor Winston has arranged for the esteemed Cantor R. Abelson from Temple Israel, 75th Street, Manhattan to join us for a very special program of cantorial music. She tells me that they have planned a wide selection of pieces that exemplify many classical and modern cantorial styles (*chazinite*, as the Cantor calls them). When I think about this program, I remember back to when Cantor Winston performed with Ben Steinberg last year and how thrilled we were with that fine collaboration. My guess is that this program will be similarly uplifting and enjoyable. Mark the date and come celebrate Shabbat in very grand style.

Another kind of special service being made available at our Temple this season is a service of Healing and Hope. The first Healing Service took place on Sunday, January 21st, in the Social Hall, but others will be scheduled if there is a positive response from us. Healing Services are small, personal, and based on mutual support. They offer the help of spiritual healing for life's difficulties be they medical, job related, social or otherwise. Speak to the Rabbi or to me about this new and special opportunity for prayer.

Lastly, permit me to speak again about our Minyan Corps. One of the functions of the Minyan Corps is to gather together for observance of Shabbat on Saturday mornings. While many of us think of that time as reserved for Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations, we may have forgotten that Saturday is the day of Shabbat observance. In *A Shabbat Manual* from the CCAAR, we are reminded that "The mitzvot of the day are based upon the traditional principles of Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and Gemilut Chasadim (acts of social concern). It is a mitzvah to join the congregation in worship." A

Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a traditional Saturday observance of Shabbat and can be enjoyed for its own sake. If you would like to join with other Temple members in this worship practice, please let me know. The Ritual Committee would like to see the Minyan Corps grow.

As a final point, another admonishment is to "JUST SAY YES" when called by a member of the Ritual Committee to serve on the Bimah. I have been reading in Michener's *The Source* about a Sephardic practice of holding open bidding in synagogue for the privilege of making Aliyah! The idea is that being on the Bimah is a prize worthy of open competition. While I doubt we would do well with this as a fund-raiser, it does give pause to think about the joy and honor of serving on the Bemah.

Shalom, Joel Morgovsky, Chair

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Our teachers and children have been busy following our January curriculum with winter related projects. February is National Children's Dental Health Month and we all look forward to class trips to Dr. Mitchel Friedman's office.

We have had many visitors to our school this month as parents begin to select a pre-school for their child for the Fall. Overwhelmingly, everyone comments on our warm and friendly atmosphere. If you know of anyone who is interested in visiting, please give them our phone number (747-3990).

Lastly, if anyone has a used record player in good condition the nursery school would be very appreciative if it could be donated.

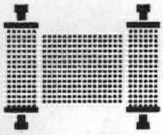
Thank you,  
Bobbie LaPlaca, Director

### 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

*During the past month, I observed the yahrzeits of my father and my brother. Jewish tradition directs that we remember deceased family members both publicly and privately. At home we light a candle, its flame a reminder that God's light burns always in the sanctuary of our soul. In the synagogue we recite kaddish, a prayer in praise of God and a public affirmation of the links that bind the generations together. In our congregation, the kaddish list is getting longer, but it seems to me that fewer members are choosing to observe the mitzvah of public remembrance.*

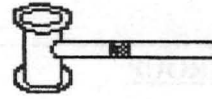
*Having been your rabbi for nearly fifteen years now, I find that I often recognize many of the names included on our weekly kaddish list. Some were cherished members of our Temple family and others your relatives at whose funerals I have officiated or whom I had the privilege of meeting during their visits with you. Some names I don't recognize at all, and others are being memorialized perpetually even though they no longer have survivors to recite kaddish for them. In this instance, the congregation takes the place of kin and performs the mitzvah of kaddish whether or not we knew these people in life. As long as there are living relatives, however, it becomes their obligation to remember their loved ones and to recite kaddish for them in the midst of the community.*

*Usually we refer to the kaddish as the mourner's prayer, but in fact it makes no mention of death. Rather its purpose is to praise God, the Source of life. Recently, Cantor Winston presented a program for us in which she traced the development of the kaddish. She reminded us that originally the kaddish was recited by scholars upon the completion of study. Gradually, it came to be associated with the death of a great teacher, and then finally, with the death of each individual Jew. Israel's distinguished Nobel Laureate, S.Y. Agnon, suggests that one of the reasons for reciting kaddish is to comfort God, for when a person dies, God's own name is diminished and God suffers just as we do. By reciting kaddish, then, we offer God words of consolation for the loss that has been sustained.*

*For me, the kaddish is a public affirmation of our faith in God and our commitment to Judaism. It is an act of reverence for those who no longer live among us but who continue to exist in God's eternal presence, and also an opportunity to express appreciation for all that our heritage represents, knowing that the chain of our tradition, its values and its vision, will remain unbroken only if each generation adds its own link. In other words, reciting kaddish in the midst of the*

*community is a way of saying that we will not allow the heritage of Israel to disappear for want of committed Jews with the courage to bring holiness into an often godless, thoughtless world.*

*Thus, the kaddish becomes not a prayer for the dead, but a pledge from the living, a pledge that our deeds will contribute to the survival of the Jewish people. I can make that pledge for my family; only you can make it for yours.*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month I introduced the subject of the growth of the congregation and the challenges we face. At our recent Board meeting, we viewed the videotape of a Biennial keynote speech given by Rabbi Larry Hoffman of the HUC-JIR on "Transforming the Synagogue", and we followed that up with a discussion of the directions we need to take and the principles we'll follow. The discussion was lively and productive, because it reinforced and crystallized our thoughts regarding the needs of our congregation, now and in the future.

The first building block of the construction of our path to the future is ATTITUDE, which is making sure that each Temple member feels valued. That is done in large and small ways - welcoming participation in our worship, education, assembly, and Tikkun Olam activities. It means plenty of thank-yous, light on the criticisms, and listening as much (if not more) than talking when we exchange ideas of pleasantries or offer a helping hand.

The next building block is the establishment of a VISION; what kind of synagogue we want to be in the future. A characteristic of a resilient organization is that it maintains a vision of the future even while struggling with the efforts and crises of the present. Whatever we do now, we should agree on what's best for the current but not lose sight of what's desired for the future.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome; talk to me or any of the Board members to find out about our direction. Ask to view the videotape for an informative, entertaining, and thought provoking lecture. It will help in developing a common lexicon - then we'll be together as one when it comes to specific goals for ourselves!

Shalom, Rich Goldberg



## CANTOR'S CORNER

On February 2, 1996, we are going to have a guest Cantor, who, together with myself, will present a program of selections of various styles in our Jewish languages.

We hope that you will find, as we do, that these selections will connect us with heart and soul, that they are interesting and convey the Jewish spirit.

Cantor Winston

### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting Dates: 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:

From: Semmes & Ian Brightman  
6 Sleepy Hollow Rd.

To: 10 Sleepy Hollow Rd.

As some of you know my last day here is February 2nd. Joe works for GM and has been transferred to Warren Michigan. We will be moving soon but are not sure of the exact date yet.

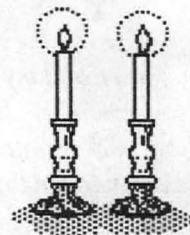
I have enjoyed working and serving as this Temple's secretary for the past year and a half. I want to thank the many volunteers who have helped in the office. It has helped me tremendously. Unfortunately I have not met all of you, but I have made many friends and you have become special in my life. I will especially miss those who I have worked with so closely in the office: Rabbi Priesand, David Levinsky, Roberta Brown, Bobbie LaPlaca, all of those on the Board, committee chairs, and John and William.

I will not say good-bye, but only see ya later. I hope you will keep us in your prayers as you will be remembered in ours.

Shalom, Marguerite

## TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

February 2 - 4:57 PM  
9 - 5:05 PM  
16 - 5:14 PM  
23 - 5:22 PM



### Yahrzeits

- Feb. 2 \*Vallie Marks, Frances Cole, \*Simie Nusbaum, Benjamin Frankel, \*Julius Fox, Morris Bernstein, Ada Lustig, Roslyn Lissner, Morris Kosberg, Rose Zager, Elgin Dillen, Harry Obstgarten, \*Max Mausner, Dora Paley, Ida Klein
- 9 \*Rose Samo, Solomon Rems, Carlos Meeraifel, Samuel D. Shagan, Robert Schnorbus, \*Isadore Abramowitz, Solomon Stiegutz, Lynn Sternberg Donlan, Samuel Taksel, Eva Rotman Lite, Josephine Dornyak, \*Phillip Miller, Louis Blank
- 16 Mildred Cantor, Rose Littman, \*Charles Wallerstein, Frieda Deitchman, \*Henrietta Feigus, \*Rebecca Wagner, \*Florence Kridel, Jean Stark, Sadie Kosberg, \*Marvin L. Kahn, Jack Feinberg, \*Rosalind Sadwith, Joseph Michalowicz, Florence Ulanet, Celia Karlman
- 23 \*Samuel Prussoff, Harvey Fass, Sol Rubin, \*Lillian Bernstein, \*Harry Rubinstein, \*Max Walsky, Benjamin Strahl, Marjorie Fishman, Casper Boyer, Rae Barshack, \*Abraham Bialy, Rose Schiller, Joseph Steisel, \*Harry Scherman

\* 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.



**to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund**

from Ellie and Bob Goodman in honor of Sandy and Arthur Cohen's 40th Anniversary; to Don Leeds in honor of his 70th birthday; to Addie and Morrie Bogdonoff in honor of their 45th anniversary.

from Arlene and Jim Berg to Lois and Larry Avrin mazol tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Alyssa; to JoAnn Brousell congratulations on your engagement and Bar Mitzvah of Steven; to Valerie and Paul Marchiano congratulations on the birth of your daughter Alyssa

from Sheila and Jim Leavitt to Lois and Larry Avrin in honor of the birth of your granddaughter Alyssa; to Patty and Gary Rosenblum in honor of the birth of Greta

from Connie and Milton Klein to Joan and Jerry Lansky in memory of her father; to John Christie, get well wishes

**to the Youth Group Fund**

from Bob and Sue St. Lifer to JoAnn Brousell in honor of your engagement; in honor of Lois St. Lifer Fields

**to the General Fund**

from Hal and Alison Schlenger in appreciation for receiving the bulletin

**to the Mazon Fund**

from Bernard and Sarah Brandwene

**MEET MRT'S COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS**

**ARLENE BERG: WAYS & MEANS**

The Temple has played an active role in my life since our family became members in 1976. From 1981 to 1990, I held positions on the Board as Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Vice-President, while working as the artist representative for Jim Gary and then as a paralegal. In 1991, I chaired a Long Range Planning Committee targeting the storage problem. I rejoined the Board in 1992 as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, which actively raises money for the Temple. We have had great success with fund raisers such as ballroom dance lessons, the Goods and Service Auction and the Food Certificate Program. As Ways and Means Chair I also oversee the Arts Festival Committee and the Nursery School. Not only have I been busy at the Temple, so has my husband Jim as well as my three children, Jeffrey, Alicia and Jeremy, who all participated in Youth Group. When I am not found at the Temple, I am happily pursuing my hobbies in calligraphy and stamping, as well

as touring the country-side with friends, finding new and interesting sites, in and around New Jersey.

**FEDERATION SABBATH**

**SYNAGOGUE/FEDERATION RELATIONS: A  
VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

David Nussbaum, the new executive director of the Greater Monmouth County Jewish Federation, will emphasize cooperative efforts between the Federation and MRT in a talk Feb. 9th at our annual Federation Sabbath. He will discuss special Federation programs that can enhance MRT and also his new plans for the Federation itself.

He has served with Jewish community service organizations for 25 years, most recently as the executive director for the past two years at the Richmond, Va., Jewish Community Federation. A former Deal resident and a graduate of Asbury Park High School, he was assistant director of the former Shore Area Jewish Federation from 1971 to 1974. He subsequently was associate executive director in Nashville, TN., and San Diego, CA and executive director at Flint, MI.

He has been closely involved with Jewish and social issues and is on the NJCRAC Israel Task Force's strategic planning committee exploring U. S. - Israeli relations. He has also been a leader in human relations, civil rights, and mental health advocacy issues for the past 30 years.

Nussbaum has now relocated to Monmouth County with his wife, Laurie, and their two daughters, Sushi and Golda.

Charles Bernstein

**SAVE THE DATE  
ADULT ED NIGHT  
MARCH 9TH**

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**LOOK FOR OUR FLYER !**

Thank you to the MRT family and Rabbi Priesand for your prayers, good wishes, and cards which helped my recovery. I'm home now and look forward to seeing you at Temple.

Minna Lee

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## MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE CALENDAR FOR FEB.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

February 2	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
		Jewish Music Month	
9	Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
		Federation Sabbath	
10	Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		Bar Mitzvah of	
		Steven Brousell	
16	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
23	Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
		Family Service	
		by Fifth Grade	
24	Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		Bar Mitzvah of	
		David Wiesenfeld	
25	Sun	Healing Service	1:00 PM

### MEETINGS

February 6	Religious Ed	8:00 PM
7	Music Committee	7:00 PM
	Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
8	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
11	Brotherhood	9:30 AM
	Sisterhood	9:45 AM
	Board Workshop	12:30 PM
13	Social Action	8:00 PM
14	Executive Board	8:00 PM
18	Jr. Art Selection	1-5 PM
20	Temple Board	8:00 PM
21	Sr. Youth Board	7:45 PM
25	Youth	12:00 PM
28	Youth	7:30 PM
	Ways & Means	7:45 PM

### Special Events

February 3	Beyond Blintzes	
4	Blood Drive	9-12 Noon
5	Pre-School Program	7-8 PM