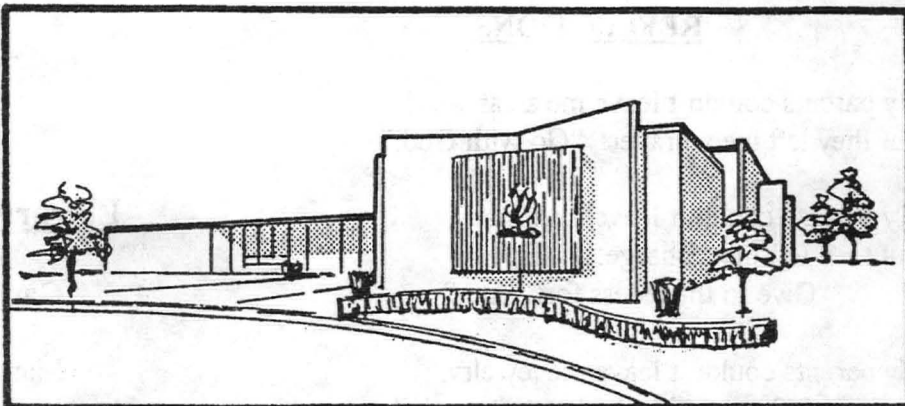


# monmouth reform temple bulletin



**SHEVAT - ADAR I 5757**

**FEBRUARY 1997**

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Fri. 7 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: *TO HAVE AND UNDERSTAND*  
Torah Portion: Mishpatim  
Exod. 21:1-24:18
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- Fri. 14 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: *REDISCOVERING RITUAL*  
Torah Portion: Terumah  
Exod. 25:1-27:19
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- Fri. 21 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Federation Sabbath  
Sermon: *PLURALISM: A BLESSING AND A CURSE*  
Torah Portion: Tetzaveh  
Exod. 27:20-30:10
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- Fri. 28 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Family Service Grade 5A  
Torah Portion: Ki Tisa  
Exod. 30:11-34:35

## OTHER SERVICES

- Sat. 22 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program  
Sermon: *THE ETERNAL LIGHT*
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- Sun. 23 Service of Healing  
and Hope - 1:00 PM
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- Sat. March 1 Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM

*Federation Sabbath  
February 21*

*Pluralism:  
A Blessing and a Curse*

*by*

*Rabbi William Kraus,  
Outreach Director of the  
Jewish Federation of  
Greater Monmouth County*

## REFLECTIONS

My parents couldn't leave me a car  
But they left me a prayer: "Go with God."

My parents couldn't leave me money,  
But they left me a charge:  
"Give to those less fortunate."

My parents couldn't leave me jewelry,  
But they left me an ideal: "Be a mensch."

They only left me words,  
But those words are the bedrock of my life.

-----Yiddish Song

### SHARING SIMCHAS THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS A MAZEL TOV TO:

Richard and Gale Scharer  
on the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer

Joan and Jim Litwin  
on the birth of their new grandson

### *Discussion Group*

A number of MRT members have been participating in a monthly Sunday evening discussion group focusing on topics of current interest. We enjoy and benefit from lively exchanges of views on topics ranging from Israel to Judaism to U.S. politics and other varied subjects.

This group, which meets at a different home each month, is open to all interested persons. Please contact the Temple office or me if you want to join the group or have any questions about joining. The discussions enable us to debate key issues in an informal setting, and refreshments are served afterwards.

Charles Bernstein



## Library News

### Garin Fund Closed

Many MRT members remember Roz Garin who co-chaired the library committee with such grace and expertise for many years. When Roz died in 1990, her husband Bob set up the Roslyn Garin Fund to provide a continuing income for the library to purchase children's books. Bob's intent was that the fund would be open for contributions until the total reached \$10,000 at which point the money would be invested. Last fall, the fund reached \$10,000 and that sum was invested in an Israel bond. The income from the investment is transferred annually to the library's budget. This steady source of income will allow us to maintain an excellent collection to serve the recreational and educational reading needs of MRT's children. Bob had a special bookplate designed for books purchased with Garin Fund money. You can see it in many of the children's books.

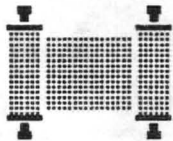
The point of this explanation is to let everyone know that while the library welcomes, encourages, and depends on your contributions, the Garin fund is no longer accepting donations. Donations can still be made to the library in memory of Roz Garin, or earmarked to be spent on children's books. The generous support of Temple members through the years has meant that we have an excellent collection. Thank you from the Library Committee!

Rosalind Reisner 741-8022  
Shelley Gordon 671-9145

### Help Wanted

Sisterhood is in need of someone to help set up before and clean up after Onegs every Friday night. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them call Ann Wolf at 229-7296.

*No experience necessary.*



## FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Like many of you, I watched the inauguration of our country's president on television. Standing before members of Congress and the Cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, representatives of the Armed Forces and throngs of ordinary citizens, Bill Clinton took the oath of office in a rite of passage that happens every four years, giving us an opportunity to remember what's right with America, to renew our sense of vision and celebrate the peaceful continuity of government that marks our democracy. It was a day of pageantry and pomp, poetry and pride, a day that touched the patriotic spirit within us and bid us reflect on the obligations we have not only to each other, but also to those who have gone before and to those who will come after. The enormous applause that greeted the President's call for greater civility in politics and government suggests that the American people would truly like to form a more perfect union.

As I listened to President Clinton's address, I was struck by how Jewish it sounded. (I guess that's what happens when you've been a rabbi for twenty-five years: you look for something Jewish in everything!) Having myself often referred to the Promised Land as the Land of Promise, the President's hope that America in the twenty-first century would be a land of new promise resonated with me. When he called on us to repair the breaches, I thought of the mitzvah of tikkun olam, the Jewish value that asks us to be partners with God in repairing the world. I learned later that this was a reference to Isaiah 58:12, the chapter and verse to which Mr. Clinton had opened his Bible and on which he had rested his hand when taking the oath of office and promising to fulfill the duties for which his fellow citizens had elected him.

What I liked most about the President's speech was his suggestion that prosperity and power always fall short unless they are enveloped by the spirit of the human heart. That remark reminded me of a midrash. Our sages noticed that the last letter of the Torah's last word is the letter lamed and Torah begins with the letter bet. Together lamed and

bet form the Hebrew word lev which means "heart." Only when we bring our hearts to the tasks of every day do the values contained in Torah become real and only then can we make a difference in the world.

This year's inaugural ceremony was enriched by the fact that it took place on the day set aside to remember Martin Luther King, Jr., a modern Moses who, like his ancient counterpart, devoted his life to the ideals of freedom and justice. President Clinton took the oath of office across the mall from the spot where Dr. King challenged us on that summer day in Washington decades ago. His dream remains alive, and the memory of all that he stood for inspires us still. Somehow I could hear his voice as the minister who delivered the benediction prayed that God would make us worthy of our history and grant to President Clinton ever-increasing vision, vigor and voice that he might speak tellingly to the American promise in history. That is our prayer too.

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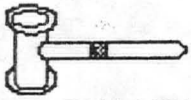
## Rabbi Kraus to Discuss Pluralism

Rabbi William Kraus, Outreach Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County, will delve into the pros and cons of Jewish pluralism in a talk at our annual MRT Federation Sabbath on February 21. He will answer questions afterwards.

Rabbi Kraus, who played the part of Rabbi Michael Wolfe in the off-Broadway production of "Grandma Sylvia's Funeral," lived in Israel for several years helping to settle Russian immigrants there after he had studied Russian at Middlebury College. He returned to the U.S. in the 1970s, studied at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and was ordained as a Rabbi in 1980.

He served congregations in Dallas, and then in Livingston and Somerville, New Jersey. He is a native of Elkins Park near Philadelphia.

Charles Bernstein



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rabbi Priesand recently gave a sermon which delineated the differences between the nature of an *inheritance*, for which we don't have to work hard, and a *heritage*, for which we must invest our energy and attention to sustain and nurture. While her sermons are always thought provoking and spiritual in their teachings of Torah, my articles are mundane and deal with the operation of our Temple - but there is a commonality here. Many people are doing the work to carry on our heritage through the business of our congregation - keeping the Board of Trustees vital, keeping our finances solid, developing a new contract between the Temple and our Rabbi, and finalizing the plans for expanding our building.

The Nominating Committee has been selected and charged to invite new members to join the Board of Trustees and fill the positions which will naturally be vacated when terms expire this spring. The committee will consist of Baldwin Davidson (chair), Bobbie Goldstein, Roz Reisner, Jay Wiesenfeld, and Jeff Willard. I'm sure with your cooperation and interest they'll be able to recommend a strong slate of candidates for our approval at the annual meeting in April.

The Finance Committee, under the leadership of Semmes Brightman, is both managing this fiscal year's budget, while developing the budget for our next fiscal year. This, too, will be brought up for your approval at the annual meeting.

As I have told you in past articles, the Pulpit Committee with Peg Baker's leadership is working to develop a new contract between the congregation and Rabbi Priesand. This will likewise be brought up for the congregation's ratification. The Building Committee led by Jim Berg is actively concluding its negotiation for the construction and financing of our approved addition and renovation.

Sum it all up and we have a rich heritage which is continually made richer.

Shalom,  
Rich Goldberg

### *From the Office Staff:*

Please note the "url" for our Temple Web site is:

<http://uahcweb.org/nj/mrt>

Our E-mail address is:

[mrt@monmouth.com](mailto:mrt@monmouth.com)



## Welcome New Members

*Please welcome to our congregation:*

Lori Brenner  
and her children, Jared and Samantha  
7 Crawford Street  
Shrewsbury Township, NJ 07724  
(908) 542-5542

## Highlights from the MRT BOARD

- \* The board approved the Building and Building Finance Committee's motion to move forward in application for a mortgage to fund the building expansion program with the Shrewsbury State Bank. Mortgage amount is \$660,000 at 8 1/4% interest with zero points, 20 year amortization schedule with a five year balloon payment.
- \* It was approved by the Board that Student Cantor Case will continue her employment with Monmouth Reform Temple next year.

### 25th Anniversary Chair Fund

I want to thank everyone who has contributed so far to the visiting Professorship in Jewish Women's Studies being established at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in honor of Rabbi Priesand. We have collected \$21,000 having heard from approximately 38% of the congregation. This is outstanding!

It is clear that we will reach our goal of \$25,000, but even more importantly, we would like to be the first Temple to provide 100% support for this important project in honor of our Rabbi. I am told by officials at the College-Institute that 100% participation has never before been accomplished. We would like to be the first to achieve this goal, even as our Rabbi was the first.

Please remember that on Friday evening, March 14, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion will be joining us for Shabbat services in honor of Rabbi Priesand's 25th anniversary.

Semmes Brightman

### Here are the Facts

Fact: Everyone goes to the supermarket.

Fact: You should be using food gift certificates every time you shop.

Fact: Each purchase is important, none too small.

Fact: Your Temple makes 5% on every sale.

Fact: You can't say no to a fund raiser that costs you nothing.

Fact: Your support is greatly appreciated.

### SISTERHOOD JUDAICA

Judaica needs can be taken care of all year long, in addition to holidays. Should you need a gift item for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, bridal shower, (a menorah or seder plate makes a wonderful present), engagement, wedding, etc., please call Fannie Klein (741-5676) or Gloria Kantor (741-3753).



### 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 the dentist.

We are now taking registration for fall classes. 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).

Reminder: we do enroll children year round.

Thank you.

Bobbie LaPlaca  
Director



### Friends of Festival

Please remember to show your support for the 1997 Monmouth Festival of the Arts (April 5-9) by responding to the invitation with a check for:

**Benefactor:** \$150 (3 opening reception tickets and family ticket to all other events)

**Sponsor:** \$85 (2 opening reception tickets and family ticket to all other events)

**Patron:** \$30 (1 opening reception ticket and 1 ticket to all other events)

Respond by February 8, 1997 to be certain your name is listed in the ad journal.

Joyce Silverman (741-9490)  
Gloria Kantor (741-3753)

### WAYS AND MEANS

Please come and browse at our first annual compact disk (CD) sale on February 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in our Temple lobby. We will feature jazz, classical, blues, country, pop, rock, new age, R&B, at low, low prices!

Please remember to be part of our traditional passover greetings in the April bulletin - only \$5 per greeting - more information to follow.

We are planning our 1997-1998 fundraising activities. Please share any new or creative ideas you might have to help us raise funds for our Temple.

Dean Ross (530-1962)

 **SOCIAL ACTION**

The 1996 Christmas day volunteer program achieved a high level of congregation participation. Thirty-nine Temple members and guests served at four locations, including two new sites. At Red Bank Convalescent Center, Toby and Barry Grabelle brought a group of six. At Riverview Extended Care facility in Red Bank, Stephanie Fitzsimmons amassed a group of nine family members to serve, including a few who were in from Seattle, Wash. Our volunteers at these two facilities helped to serve a special luncheon to the residents. At Applewood Estates in Freehold, an experienced group spearheaded by Steve Mahan and Jeff Willard handled the feeding of patients who needed special assistance. At Monmouth Care Center in Long Branch, the volunteers provided good cheer by entertaining the residents with games. Cora Tuchband taught a blind man how to play dominoes by feeling the dots. Stu Tuchband played the piano, no doubt a throw back to his days as a lounge entertainer. Special thanks to both Cora and Stu!

The activities for the day were once again organized and coordinated by Robert Blank, a member of the Social Action Committee. Many thanks to Bob and to all those who volunteered!

Serving at Riverview Extended care were: Rosalie and Bob Rosin, Hy Klein, Stephanie and Lloyd Fitzsimmons and their sons Lloyd and Drew, Maureen and Frank Welton, Neva Welton and her daughter Carla and Gordon Sims. Our volunteers at Avante were: Alice Berman, Nancy and Arthur Lobel, Cathy Goldberg and her sons Adam and Jeff, Barbara and Al Goldstein, Toby and Barry Grabelle and Samantha Grabelle, Joshua Grabelle, Shari Mukundan and "Pop" Mukundan. At the Monmouth Care Center were Cora and Stu Tuchband, Shirley Zeisel, Norma and Charles Bernstein and Wayne Markowitz. At Applewood Estates, those volunteering were: Steve Mahan, Jeff Willard, Ayse Dilber, Karen Levinsky and daughter Rachel and son Mark

A special thank you to our **Lunch Break** Volunteers: Bernie Brandwene, Ellie and Bob Goodman, Miriam Harris, Connie and Max Klein, Max Singer, Bob Woolf, Claire Mausner and Joyce Christie.

**Help Wanted!** A few more volunteers for the first Thursday of each month for Lunch Break. Please call Lila Singer at 542-2399.

## Florence Cohen

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Last month's Shabbat Kallah was indeed a very special day. After an introduction to the idea of a Shabbat Kallah and a little music to wake us up courtesy of Student Cantor Case, the Rabbi led us into the Sanctuary. As a group, we shared a very rich Shabbat morning service, filled with music, in which the Rabbi introduced us to the life and work of the scholar Rashi. After a break for lunch which concluded with the singing of *zimrirot* led by our student cantor, we entered into the study of Torah through Rashi's (and the Rabbi's) insights. Moses and the burning bush was our focus and the importance of that event, historically and spiritually, took on new significance as Rashi's words brought us to his unique and intriguing point of view. Our Shabbat concluded with a Havdalah service, song and discussion in which we agreed that this was a fine way to spend Shabbat and that we wanted other opportunities like this one.

For me, the day's blend of music, prayer and study is the highlight of the Jewish experience. As a child, I spent many Shabbat afternoons after services, sitting around my grandparent's dining room table singing songs full of the beauty of the day. How very special it was for me to have the opportunity to share that experience with members of my Temple family. From the responses that I received from many others who attended, their experience of the day was rich and full too. The committee will do our best to find space on the Temple calendar to present another Shabbat Kallah soon.

Our thanks to Bob Rosin who brought the idea to the committee and put a good deal of thought and effort into the design of the Shabbat Kallah. Student Cantor Case brought music to the day and saw to it that we joined in. Rabbi Priesand, our teacher and leader in study, created a most special opportunity for us. My thanks also are extended to the members of the Adult Education committee. We had fine attendance for the Shabbat Kallah and I hope to see even more members at the next one!

Karen Karl

# MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

1 Saturday	6:00 PM	Havdalah & Covered Dish Supper - Scholar in- Residence
2. Sunday	9:30 AM	Scholar-in Residence Brunch
	9:30 AM	Senior Youth Group
4 Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Educ. Mtg.
5 Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	7:00 PM	Ways & Means Comm.
	8:00 PM	Ritual Committee
6 Thursday	7:30 PM	Pulpit Committee
7 Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
9 Sunday	9:30 AM	Finance Committee
	9:30 AM	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Religious School Parents
	9:30 AM	CD Sale
	12:00-1:30 PM	Jr. Youth Group
	1:00-5:00 PM	Student Art Contest
11 Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
	7:30 PM	In-Reach Focus Groups
	8:00 PM	Adult Ed. Meeting
12 Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	7:30 PM	In-Reach Focus Groups
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee
13 Thursday	7:30 PM	In-Reach Focus Groups
	7:30 PM	Arts Festival
14 Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
18 Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Temple Board
19 Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
21 Friday	8:15 PM	Federation Sabbath
22 Saturday	10:30 AM-3:00 PM	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
23 Sunday	9:30 AM	Religious School
	1:00 PM	Healing Service
24 Monday	7:30 PM	Finance Committee
25 Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Social Action Comm.
	8:00 PM	Arts & Deco. Meeting
26 Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	7:45 PM	Ways and Means Comm.
28 Friday	8:15 PM	Grade 5A Family Service

**NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:** February 2nd, February 16th

**TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED:** February 17 for President's Day

## YAHREZEITS

**Feb. 7:** *Edythe Albert, Rose Schiller, Joseph Steisel, Ada Lustig, Roslyn Lissner, Morris Kosberg, Rose Zager, Elgin Dillen, \*Rose Samo, Emil Mendel, Solomon Rems, Carlos Meeraifel, Samuel D. Shagan, Robert Schnorbus, \*Isadore Abramowitz*

**Feb. 14** *\*Harry Scherman, Sophie Wald, \*Bernard Mausner, Solomon Stieglitz, Jean Stark, Lynn Sternberg Donlan, Samuel Taksel, \*Eva Rotman Lite, Mildred Cantor, Rose Littman, \*Charles Wallerstein, Frieda Deitchman, \*Henrietta Feigus, \*Rebecca Wagner, Morris Rosenberg, \*Florence Kridel, Sadie Kosberg*

**Feb. 21:** *Lorraine Mosca, \*Marvin L. Kahn, Jack Feinberg, \*Rosalind Sadwith, \*Max Walsky, Joseph Michalowitz, Florence Ulanet, Sol Rubin, Heller Jo Mosca, \*Samuel Prusoff, Harvey Fass, \*Lillian Bernstein, \*Harry Rubinstein, Casper Boyer, Benjamin Strahl, Marjorie Fishman, Rae Barshack, Benjamin Massarsky*

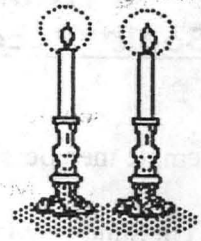
**Feb. 28:** *\*Abraham Bialy, Joseph Yourish, Paul Levy, Rose Levinsky, Bert M. Feinberg, James Rickard, Henry Aronow, Frances F. Singman, Simon Silverman*

\*Indicates perpetual Kaddish

*Memorial Plaques, which are dedicated to a family member, can be purchased through the Temple Office. They are hung in the entrance way to the Sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost is currently \$350. Please call the office for details.*

## TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Feb.. 7	5:03 PM
14	5:11 PM
21	5:20 PM
28	5:28 PM



The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

**Barry and Susan Kahn  
on the death of Barry's mother  
HELEN KAHN**

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



## BROTHERHOOD

The Temple Brotherhood met on Sunday, January 12. It was an excellent program. David Levinsky found a room for us. Jim Berg arranged a special treat to go along with the bagels and coffee. Bob Gabel provided a very interesting program on drug abuse focusing on types and treatments including possible damage from over-the-counter products. The Brotherhood members and several guests peppered him with questions. In addition, three new men joined Brotherhood.

The next meeting will be on March 9 featuring Bob Schulman on planning for and managing retirement.

Don Leeds is chairing our book and record sale. Look for his notice and please save books and records.

Jim Berg

## **Brotherhood Book\*\*Record\*\*Tape\*\*Sale**

Dear Temple member:

On Sunday, May 18, the Brotherhood will hold the Second Annual Book-Record-Audio Tape Sale. This year, the sale has been expanded to include records and audio tapes.

We would appreciate any support for this project that you can offer, i.e., material, publicity or participation as both a prospective customer or assisting with the actual sale on May 18. Assistance in temporarily storing boxes of books prior to the sale date is most welcome. The first sale was successful because Brotherhood received contributions of books. This year, we are seeking the following items:

**Books:** hard or soft cover, any vintage; any type/category, new or used

**Records:** 33 1/3, 45, 78; any type or variety including language records, magazines, or other printed material.

Please do not judge whether the material is saleable. Even the apparently least viable item may be desired by someone. Please do not donate textbooks with copyright dates between 1945 and 1988. The young people are encouraged to help with this project by acquiring material for the sale.

Contributions should be brought to the old cloak room between May 4 and May 16. A donation acknowledgment form will be available in the Temple Office. The sale's profits will be donated to a Temple project. The project(s) designated to receive the funds will be announced at a later date. Please assist Brotherhood by encouraging your friends, acquaintances, business associates and others to attend the sale. Any contribution made will be most graciously appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables on Sunday, May 18 at 7:00 AM; to be present during the sale to help conduct the sale, and to close the sale at 1:30 PM.

If you are able to assist in the storing of material, as a volunteer or have suggestions for making the sale a "SUPER" success, please contact Don Leeds at 583-2829. Any message left will be answered.

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## **Funding Received by Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Monmouth County**

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Monmouth County has recently received funding from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to assist Holocaust survivors. Homemaking, home health care and companion services will be available through JF&CS and will be provided by the Visiting Nurses Association of Central New Jersey. Participants will be able to receive a maximum of 12 hours per week of subsidized in-home supportive services.

Jews who resided in European countries which were subject to Nazi rule and control between 1933 and 1945 are eligible for this program. They also must currently reside in the state of New Jersey. Financial need is based on the individual's income and ability to pay.

Case Management Services will be provided by JF&CS to all eligible applicants. The purpose of the case management services will be to assist the survivor and his/her family to identify, coordinate, negotiate and monitor those services necessary to maintain and enhance their quality of life and to maintain their functioning in the community for as long as conditions permit.

The JF&CS Case Manager shall act as a facilitator, advocate, and coordinator to assist the survivor/family in obtaining vital concrete and social services. These additional services shall be paid for by whatever resources are generally available to other clients of the local Jewish Family Service Agency.

If you know of anyone who may be in need of these services please contact Amy Dorfman, Geriatric Social Worker, at JF&CS 774-6886.

In addition, JF&CS is attempting to identify Holocaust Survivors in Monmouth County. Please phone the JF&CS at 774-6886, 536-0050 or 747-0777 if you can be of assistance.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

*Tikkun Olam*, *Kibud Zekaynim* and *Lo Titeyn Michshol* are three mitzvot in the series that Rabbi Priesand has prepared in recent years for her Mitzvah of the Month program. "To heal the world" "to honor the elderly" and "to not place a stumbling block" are three values that make us proud as Jews. Much of our Religious School's curriculum centers around values and mitzvot. We want your children to act Jewishly and in that regard we mean ethically.

I endorse each class' curriculum. Jewish American history, Jewish philosophers, holidays, ritual and Torah are certainly fundamental to a Jewish education. We know that the specific factual material is not retained as well as the general insights gleaned from Religious School lessons. At MRT, we feel strongly that lessons on ethics and values should be internalized for a lifetime. *Tzedakah* (doing righteous acts) and *Ayd shahkeyr* (not bearing false witness) are concepts that the home and Religious School should teach in partnership. This is what it means to be Jewish.

Mazel Tov to class 5B for its splendid service. The girls and boys conducted the January 17th service as young rabbis and cantors and I look forward to 5A's Family service on February 28. I congratulate and thank Mrs. Linda Gerstel for preparing both classes so well.

With snow still on the ground as of this writing, it seems appropriate to review our procedures for canceling Religious School. Decisions to cancel a Sunday session are usually made on Saturday evening to avoid any early morning confusion and to allow your family extra minutes or hours of extra sleep. A class parent will inform you on Saturday evening when school is canceled.

Unless the weather conditions make closing an obvious call, the decision to cancel a Wednesday session is not made until 2:00 - 3:00 PM of that day. You may not be notified of a school closing until close to our usual arrival time. Our students represent many public school districts and several private schools; therefore, our Religious School has maintained the policy for many years of not automatically closing when the Tinton Falls system cancels school on a Wednesday morning. Contact the Temple office on a Wednesday so as not to venture out unnecessarily when a closing is possible.

Many parents have questioned me as to why I haven't closed the school when the roads are very icy and seemingly unsafe. You know that I am very concerned about the safety of every student and driver. As principal, I have an obligation to provide a continuity of education and I cannot close school at every indication of inclement weather or poor road conditions. The decision to drive is always a parental one.

The computer age is approaching MRT's Religious School. Please consider donating your older computers to the school for its eventual computer center. Unfortunately, there is no storage space now available in the Temple for your computers. If you must find a place for your "pre-owned" machine, I will store them in my home.

The Religious School has earmarked the profits from our 1996 Passover Candy sale to upgrade donated machines to accommodate the Jewish content software that is flooding the market. The computers will have to be fitted with sound cards, speakers and microphones. I would appreciate it if a parent could assist me in this area, since I know little about hardware.

Parents who wish to purchase Jewish content software for their children should contact me for assistance. There are varied programs designed to help children improve their reading ability. Jewish content programs in areas of religious studies areas are equally plentiful.

David Levinsky

## MRT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our January 5 meeting was extremely informative. The video tape we viewed regarding learning disabilities was a real "eye opener." A special thank you goes to David Levinsky for suggesting it.

On February 9, 9:30 AM we will have our next to last session. The last session is March 16 so put it on your calendar.

The February meeting will handle the issue of how to create a meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah without going into debt! Since we are currently planning one ourselves, we can attest to the viability of this. We invite experienced guest speakers!

Join us for coffee, bagels and entertaining discussion.

Madelyne and Ed Ryterband

## THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS

### THE RABBI'S FUND

*from Seymour and Constance Savetsky*  
*from Bruce Meyer*

### In Memory of:

Gerald Silverman

*from Norma and Charles Bernstein*

Ernie Landan and Lena Duane

*from grandchildren Ellen, Laurie, Tommy,*  
*and Matthew Duane*

Barbara Davidson

*from Andrew Davidson and*

*Karen Davidson*

Helen Kahn

*from Barry Kahn*

### In Honor of:

The engagement of Cora and Stu Tuchband's  
 son, Steven

*from Francine and Barry Litofsky*

### Get Well Wishes:

To Max Singer

*from Gloria Hoffman and William Massarsky*

To Dolores and Ken Phillips

*from Francine and Barry Litofsky*

### THE FLOWER FUND

### In Memory of:

Ben and Eva Lite

*from Robert and Rosalie Rosin*

George and Anna Rosin

*from Robert and Rosalie Rosin*

Max Rosenweig

*from James Harran*

Mollie Gurevitz and Ida Levin

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

Harold Rubin

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Benjamin Frankel

*from Susan and Joseph Frankel*

Jacob Zegman

*from Francine and Barry Litofsky*

Nathan Marx

*from Helene Marx*

Edythe Albert and Sophie Wald

*from Joyce and John Christie*

Sadie Strominger

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

Adelaide Meyer

*from Peter and Irma Meyer*

Vallie Marks

*from Peter and Irma Meyer*

Dorothy I. Woolf

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

D. Gloria Salomon

*from Betty and Bob Salomon*

Nanon Harris

*from Arthur and Miriam Harris*

David Sandman

*from Claire and Milton Mausner*

Max Mausner

*from Claire and Milton Mausner*

### THE FLOWER FUND (Cont'd)

### In Memory of:

Carole Korchin

*from Herbert and Florence Korchin*

Harry Greenfield

*from Herbert and Florence Korchin*

Minnie Greenfield

*from Herbert and Florence Korchin*

Mae Kaplan

*from Sherry and Ed Kosberg*

Rose Bette Kosberg Brinkmann

*from Sherry and Ed Kosberg*

Emanuel Marks

*from Eleanor and Bob Goodman*

### GENERAL FUND

*from Susan L. Goldring*

### In Honor of:

The baby naming of Justin Hunter Lamb

*from Hilda Schnabolk*

### Get Well Wishes:

To Max Singer

*from Donald and Leona Littman*

### GARIN MEMORIAL FUND:

### In Honor of:

The baby naming of Bradley Louis Grayson

*from Stanley Behrman*

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### In Memory of:

Maxine Byck

*from Frank and Susan Whyman*

Barbara Davidson

*from Frank and Susan Whyman*

### In Honor of:

My engagement to Dorothea Dean

*from Robert Blank*

The arrival of Al and Barbara Goldstein's

new grandson, Austin Craig

*from Susan and Frank Whyman*

### Get Well Wishes:

Maurice Meyer

*from Susan and Frank Whyman*

### PRAYER BOOK FUND

### Get Well Wishes:

To Max Singer

*from Joyce and John Christie*

To Ken and Dolores Phillips

*from Joyce and John Christie*

### LANDSCAPE FUND

### In Memory of:

Frank Welt

*from Martin and Betty Welt*

## FUND FOR THE HOMELESS

### In Memory of:

Julius Snedcof

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

Gerald Silverman

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

### In Honor of:

Charles Rubinstein's retirement

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

Florence and Irving Cohen's 50th  
wedding anniversary

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

Irma and Peter Meyer's 40th

wedding anniversary

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

Connie and Milt Klein's 50th

wedding anniversary

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

The baby naming of Bradley Louis Grayson

*from Stanley Behrman*

Howard Sadwith on his Special Birthday

*from Peg and Jerry Baker*

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

The engagement of Cora and Stu Tuchband's  
son, Steven

*from Peg and Jerry Baker*

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

The arrival of Barbara and Al Goldstein's

new grandson, Austin Craig

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

The arrival of Rob and Julie Goldstein's

new son, Austin Craig

*from Cora and Stu Tuchband*

### Get Well Wishes:

To Max Singer

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

*from Irv and Florence Cohen*

*from Shirley and Mel Zeisel*

*from Connie and Milton Klein*

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

To Dolores and Ken Phillips

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

## ADAM GREENFIELD

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

### In Memory of:

Maxine Byck

*from Jean Klerman*

### In Honor of:

The baby naming of Bradley Louis Grayson

*from Stanley Behrman*

## JOAN GOODMAN

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

### In Memory of:

Helen Kahn

*from Baldwin Davidson*

### In Honor of:

The birth of a new grandson to

Joan and Gordon Litwin

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*

The arrival of Barbara and Al Goldstein's

new grandson, Austin Craig

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

The engagement of Cora and Stu Tuchband's

son, Steven

*from Baldwin Davidson*

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

Howard Sadwith on his 80th Birthday

*from Baldwin Davidson*

Connie and Milton Klein on their 50th

wedding anniversary

*from Baldwin Davidson*

The arrival of Rob and Julie Goldstein's son,

Austin Craig

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

### Get Well Wishes:

To Dolores and Ken Phillips

*from Baldwin Davidson*

To Max Singer

*from Baldwin Davidson*

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*

To John Christie

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*

To Elaine Espey

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*

## YOUTH GROUP FUND

### Get Well Wishes:

To Max Singer

*from Gerald, Rosalind, Alex and David Reisner*

To John Christie

*from Gerald, Rosalind, Alex and David Reisner*

To Ken and Dolores Phillips

*from Gerald, Rosalind, Alex and David Reisner*

To Elaine Espey

*from Gerald, Rosalind, Alex and David Reisner*

To Lorri Goldberg

*from Gerald, Rosalind, Alex and David Reisner*



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## TIME VALUE

### Monmouth Reform Temple Calendar for February

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Feb.	7 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	14 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	21 Fri	Federation Sabbath	8:15 PM
	22 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	23 Sun	Healing Service	1:00 PM
	28 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Feb.	1	Sat	Scholar-in-Residence Havdalah/Covered Dish	6:00 PM
	2	Sun	Scholar-in-Residence Brunch	9:30 AM
	9	Sun	Student Art Contest	1:00 PM
	9	Sun	CD Sale	9:30 AM
	22	Sat	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fam.	10:30 AM

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Feb.	5 Wed	Religious School	4-6:00 PM
	9 Sun	Religious School	9:30 AM
	12 Wed	Religious School	4-6:00 PM
	19 Wed	Religious School	4-6:00 PM
	23 Sun	Religious School	9:30 AM
	26 Wed	Religious School	4-6:00 PM

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#### MEETINGS

Feb.	2 Sun	Sr. Youth Group	9:30 AM
	4 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	5 Wed	Ways and Means	7:00 PM
		Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	6 Thurs	Pulpit Committee	7:30 PM
	9 Sun	Finance Committee	9:30 AM
		Rel Sch Parents	9:30 AM
		Jr. Youth Group	12:00 PM
	11 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Focus Group	7:30 PM
		Adult Ed	8:00 PM
	12 Wed	Exec. Comm.	8:00 PM
		Focus Group	7:30 PM
	13 Thurs	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
		Focus Group	7:30 PM
	18 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Temple Board	8:00 PM
	24 Mon	Finance Committee	7:30 PM
	25 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Social Action	8:00 PM
		Arts and Deco	8:00 PM
	26 Wed	Ways and Means	7:45 PM