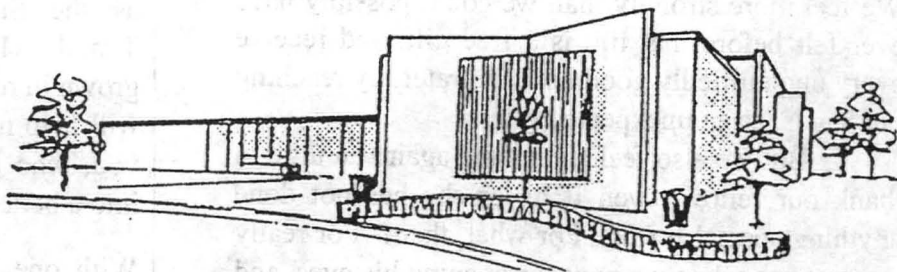


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SIVAN – TAMMUZ/AV 5758

JUNE/JULY 1998

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Fri. 5** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Board Member Recognition
Sermon: **ACTS OF WONDER**
Torah Portion: Naso
Num. 4:21-7:89
- Fri. 12** Tot Shabbat – 6:30 PM
Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM
Conducted by Senior Youth Group
Theme: **TIKKUN OLAM**
Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Num. 8:1-12:16
- Fri. 19** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **HOW HUMBLE
ARE YOU?**
- Oneg Shabbat in honor of
Student Cantor Case
- Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Num. 13:1-15:41
- Fri. 26** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Conducted by Ritual Committee
Torah Reader: Bob Rosin
Torah Portion: Korach
Num. 16:1-18:32

Friday, July 3 Sabbath Eve
Informal Service will begin at 6:00 PM
Conducted by Joel and Marilyn Morgovsky

OTHER SERVICES

- Sat. 6** Sabbath Morning 10:30 AM
Sermon: **WHERE IS GOD?**
Bat Mitzvah of
Alison Gilbert
daughter of Rudolph and Gene Gilbert
- Sat. 13** Sabbath Morning 10:30 AM
Sermon: **A SOURCE OF LIGHT**
Bat Mitzvah of
Jessica Morreale
daughter of
Barbara and Dan Morreale
- Sun. 14** Healing Service 1:00 PM
- Sat. 20** Sabbath Morning 10:30 AM
Sermon: **FACING THE FUTURE**
Bar Mitzvah of
Todd Roffman
son of Lorraine and Jeff Roffman

Honoring Board Members

*Please join us at the June 5
Sabbath as we honor Board members
who have worked for us this past year
and welcome new Board members.*

REFLECTIONS

The older we get, the greater becomes our inclination to give thanks, especially heavenwards. We feel more strongly than we could possibly have ever felt before that life is a free gift, and receive every unqualifiedly good hour in gratefully reaching out hands, as an unexpected gift.

But we also feel, again and again, an urge to thank our fellow, even if he or she has not done anything special for us. For what, then? For really meeting me when we met; for opening his eyes, and not mistaking me for someone else; for opening his ears, and listening carefully to what I had to say to him; indeed, for opening up to me what I really wanted to address – his securely locked heart.

Martin Buber

OUR KIDS...DO THEY HAVE A GOOD JEWISH LIFE?

A concern for children is one of the reasons parents deliberately chose suburban life in Monmouth County. Whether just last month or 40 years ago, parents move here for their children's sake...for good schools, for open space, for a better life. Many held high hopes for a good Jewish life, too.

Now is the time for a reality review, to answer a few questions, comparing what we want against what we have.

1. *What would make a good Jewish life for our children?*
2. *Have you found it here in Monmouth County?*
3. *If not, what is lacking?*
4. *What would you like to change, to add?*

We, the Strategic Planning Committee, want to hear from you.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Send your comments to the Voice,
P.O. Box 210, 100 Grant Avenue, Deal, 07723
or fax them to (732) 531-9518.



from Student Cantor Sheila Case.....

As you know I am coming to the end of my tenure as the Student Cantor of Monmouth Reform Temple. I have learned a great deal here; I have grown in many ways and have developed skills that will help me in my future cantorate. I owe this to you, who challenged me and helped me to grow into a better cantor than I was two years ago.

With one year left of school, I have accepted a student pulpit in New Orleans, Louisiana and will be commuting there from New York City three weekends a month. I look forward to the challenges a new job will bring, but I will certainly miss my Temple family and think fondly of the two years I spent here serving as your cantor. I will be with you at Temple through the end of June. My last service will be June 26th, but

June 19th
will be my
Farewell Service.

I have asked the volunteer choir to participate in the service, to help to enrich our worship by raising their voices in song. I encourage all Temple members to attend this service. It would really mean a lot to me to have my whole Temple family together to see me off, and to have a chance to personally say goodbye.

*B'Shalom,
Sheila Case*

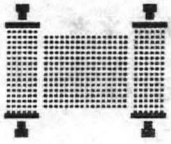
TINTON FALLS CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

Open HouseJune 4 ** 9:30AM-11:30AM
for fall and summer registrations.**

Summer school begins June 23 and runs through July 30. Children ages three through six are eligible for enrollment. The cost is \$250 including registration and insurance. This is the third year that the cost has remained the same. Where else can you find such a bargain? Hope to see you this summer!

Bobbie LaPlaca, Director





FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Summer is fast approaching, and I must admit that I am looking forward to its arrival. For me it will provide an opportunity to spend some time with family and friends, to catch up on all those things I am forced to set aside during the normal course of the year. Summer provides a change of pace and a chance for renewal.

Recently, I received in the mail a copy of a magazine I had not seen before. Called THE HEALTHY CAREGIVER, it contained many helpful hints, among them a list entitled "25 Ways to Revive Your Spirit." It seemed **bashert** that I should receive it just as I was beginning to think about the summer. I put the list on my refrigerator door for easy reference. I thought you might want to do the same.

1. Count your blessings every day.
2. Strive for progress, not perfection.
3. At least once a day, sit and do nothing.
4. Celebrate all your birthdays no matter how old you get.
5. Never put yourself last.
6. Diminish your wants instead of increasing your needs.
7. Cry when you feel like it.
8. Keep good company.
9. Look in the eyes of those you love when you are talking to them.
10. Remember that one is a whole number.
11. Do a kind deed for someone else.
12. Be patient.
13. Change what you can and leave the rest alone.
14. Slow down and enjoy the present.
15. Walk in others' shoes before judging them.
16. Don't let other people's opinions shape who you are.
17. Never attribute your accomplishments to luck.
18. Know when to say NO!
19. Look at the positive side of negative situations.
20. Stand up for what you believe in.
21. Respect the wishes of others when they say no.
22. Give away anything you haven't used in the past five years as a gift.

23. Take responsibility for what you think, feel and do.
24. Never downgrade yourself.
25. Pamper yourself.

Welcome

New Members

Please welcome to our congregation:

Barbara and Vance Fields

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796-9819

bfields@globespan.net

vfields@exit 109.com



SHARING SIMCHAS

**THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS
MAZEL TOV TO:**

Maddy and Mike Kalb on their son

Joshua's admittance to the

University of Rochester, Class of 2002

Roslyn and Hank Greenberg on the birth

of their granddaughter

Sara Blanche Klein

Zachary Jones on being selected

as a contributing artist

to decorate the William R. Satz School

Fannie and Hy Klein on the birth of

their great granddaughter Neely

Lynne and Elliott Familant on the

arrival of their son Jacob Benjamin

Anne and Richard Yagoda on the birth of

their grandson Matthew Brendan

Sue and Joe Frankel on the

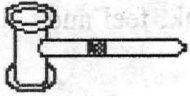
marriage of their daughter Lynn

Hanna and Greg Ostroff

on the birth of their son Samuel Jacob

Barbara and Kevin Sheridan on the

birth of their daughter Kimberly



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the May board meeting was the start of my second year as president, I asked board members to write down the one or two things that they felt most proud of during this past year. Several people wrote that they were proud of the respect board members had for each other even when different ideas were being advanced on many discussions. Another theme that emerged was that the board members felt proud that they had helped the Temple to grow by supporting both the building project and the cantorial search. Thirdly, the board members expressed the pleasure they received from being part of study groups, serving on the bema, and participating in social action activities.

I want to stress that these pleasures are available to all Temple members as people serve on various committees and participate in the running of the Temple. We are in the process of revitalizing several committees. Please extend your help when asked.

On Friday, June 5, we will be honoring the outgoing board members of the board, Elaine Espey, Sheila Leavitt, Melanie Ross and Maggie Heidema, as well as welcoming Florence Diller and Ayse Dilber to the board and thanking Susan St. Lifer and JoAnn Brousell-Kurry for continuing. Please join us for this special service.

Congratulations to Hy Klein for being honored by the Brookdale Holocaust Center. Hy and Fannie Klein are well known to the Monmouth Reform Temple family. Their support of Jewish causes extends beyond our borders.

Congratulations again to Dolores Phillips, Barbara Cobuzzi, and Bob Blank and all those who worked on the most successful ever Monmouth Festival of the Arts.

Shalom

Jim Berg

CLOTHING DRIVE

DEADLINE IS JUNE 20

**(Please bring clothes to Temple
starting on June 10)**

Highlights from the Board

- David Nussbaum, Executive Director of Federation, discussed results of a recent demographic survey of Jews in Eastern Monmouth County. He asked for input from board members. Some suggestions and recommendations were:

1. Resources for adult study
2. Tikkun Olam column in *Jewish Voice*
3. Reform Jewish Day School
4. More Judaica stores in area

- 1998 Arts Festival most financially successful to date
- Nursery School has moved to our new facilities
- Senior Youth Group service, Friday, June 12th
- Torah readers selected for summer services

MEMBERSHIP

As the new chair of the Membership Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to chair this important committee and serve on the Board. Our goal, as always, is to retain a happy Temple family who is involved with worship, education and community to work towards the survival of Judaism. In addition, this year we hope to add approximately twenty more families to our congregation. I am happy to inform you that we are now accepting Visa and Master Cards for membership, religious school and Bar/Bat Mitzvah fees.

Our first activity is to represent our Temple at the Israel Expo. Israel Expo is a bi-annual event. This year it will be held on Sunday, June 7th from noon to 6:00 PM at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. The admission is free. The Expo will include exhibits, displays, refreshments, workshops and entertainment. We will have a table at the Expo to promote membership, along with many other Temples. Please consider being part of this wonderful event. If you would like to join me in representing the Temple, please call me at 462-2296.

Shalom, Ayse Dilber

ALISON GILBERT

Alison, her parents Rudy and Gene, and brother Steven look forward to June 6, the day when Alison becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Alison is a seventh grader at Deal School in Interlaken. She belongs to the softball and soccer teams and is on the student council. Alison enjoys playing the piano. Alison looks forward to standing on the bema in front of family and close friends. Mazel Tov to Alison and her family.

JESSICA MORREALE

June 13 marks a special day for Jessica and her family. Her parents, Barbara and Dan, are very proud of her. Jessica is on the high honor roll in the seventh grade at the Thompson Middle School in Middletown. She is on the yearbook staff and is a peer mediator. Hobbies are tennis, basketball, creative writing, and horseback riding. Favorite subjects are science and language arts. Jessica feels honored and is excited about becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Jessica and her family.

TODD EVAN ROFFMAN

Todd will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 20. His parents, Lorraine and Jeffrey, sister Bonnie, and brother Eric look forward to celebrating this big event with him. Todd is on the high honor roll at Rumson Country Day School in Rumson. Todd received the Class Citizenship award two years in a row. He plays tennis and basketball on both the school and township teams. He also collects basketball cards. Favorite subjects are math and literature. Todd is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and has chosen to have a very meaningful small intimate family Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Todd and his family.

*Another Mitzvah Day is coming!!!!
Specifically, the 2nd Annual Mitzvah Day
October 4, 1998*

A Report from the Scholarship Committee

For the summer of 1998, Camp Scholarships were awarded to four MRT Religious School Students: Savannah Roberts, Jason Ryterband, Marla Weinstein and Dena Weinstein. Marla and Dena plan to attend Camp Harlam, Jason will attend Camp Eisner and Savannah will attend Camp Kutz.

In April, a video presentation on NFTY Summer in Israel programs was made to the 8th, 9th, and 10th graders. Josh Blank (son of MRT member Robert Blank) also spoke to the students about his NFTY summer trip to Israel. The Scholarship Committee thanks Josh for sharing his experience and his enthusiasm with us! ...We hope to award a scholarship for a NFTY Israel Summer Program next year.

The MRT Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all members of the congregation who have donated to the Scholarship Fund. Special thanks also go to Brotherhood and Sisterhood, both of whom generously donated monies to our fund.

Many thanks also to Rabbi Priesand, David Levinsky and all members of the Scholarship Committee: Jim Berg, Robert Blank, JoAnn Brousell-Kurry, Judith Luger, Barbara Morreale, Bob St. Lifer and Jay Wiesenfeld.

Please continue to remember the Scholarship Fund when allocating your tzdakah...What better way to give our children a meaningful Jewish experience that is both educational and fun.

Vallerie Hersch

THANK YOU!!!

Jennifer Cobuzzi, Jesse Goodall and Dave Rosen would like to thank the Religious School students, staff, and the entire Temple family for contributing to their "Mitzvah of Health" family project. The healthcare mitzvah bags were happily delivered to the Lunch Break food pantry on Thursday, May 28th.

**Brotherhood's Book/Record Sale will be held on
June 7 from 8:30 AM to Noon at the Temple.
Please come and make this event a big success.**

*A message from our Sisterhood President,
Stephanie Fitzsimmons...*

This month I decided to share the speech I made at the Sisterhood Sabbath Service. Before I do however, I would like to thank Rabbi Priesand for taking the time to help write a beautiful service and thank the Sisterhood members who were on the bema who did such a great job conducting it. A special thank you is also in order for Student Cantor Case, Sheila Leavitt and Madelyne Ryterband for presenting a special program.

I have just completed my first year as the President of Sisterhood. In preparing this speech, I decided that instead of giving you a verbal annual report, I would share some of my feelings with you. So, please allow me to indulge myself while I tell you what is on my mind and in my heart.

From the time that I accepted this position and throughout the year I have experienced the normal pattern of emotions associated with this kind of responsibility. I have felt fear; excitement; fear; frustration, fear, and euphoria.

The most notable sentiment, however, is that of PRIDE. I feel pride when I recognize my willingness to try and my ability to succeed. I feel pride when my husband hums the melody to "Hail to the Chief", every time I walk down the stairs of my house and the WOW expression on the faces of my children when I told them that I was the President of Sisterhood.

I feel pride when I stop by the Temple while my Mom is volunteering her time, and she raises her voice just a little so people will know that I am her daughter. I feel pride when my Dad makes a special stop after his annual visit to the cemetery to tell me that every time he visits his mother's grave he has a conversation with her. He tells her how everyone is doing, how wonderful his grandchildren are, but he wanted me to know that when she spoke, it was of me and how happy and proud she is that I am an active Jew.

So often during the year I have heard from Temple members thanking me for my leadership and my caring. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the pat on the back. It's a welcome reinforcement and it reminds me that saying those two little words can go a long way.

So now here is my opportunity to say "thank you". Sisterhood could not exist without the Board and others who have supported it. Whether your support has been volunteering your time, attending an event, or being an inactive member, I thank you, and I'm proud of you too.

The board and I look forward to the year ahead as we plan for activities in education, social action, and fun for you and your families. The completion of the building and additional space will give us the opportunity to schedule events and meetings at different times of the day and evening throughout the year. We hope that this will help meet the needs of our Temple family. Look for Sisterhood events in next year's Temple Calendar and read your Temple Bulletin. I look forward to seeing you then. Thank you.

I look forward to serving as Sisterhood President again in 1998-99 and as always, please feel free to call me with your ideas and comments. By the way, FYI the URL for Women in Reform Judaism is <http://rj.org/wrj/>. I look forward to hearing from you and wish you all a wonderful summer.

from Baldwin Davidson for Brotherhood

Considering that the building was not in use for Religious School, we had a very good turnout for the Mothers Day Breakfast. Brotherhood "chefs" were Larry Avrin, Jim Berg, Baldy Davidson and Rich Goldberg. Also helping were Gerry Baker, Bob Blank, Bernie Brandwene, Hy Klein, Don Leeds, Barry Miller, Rich Sachs and Bob St. Lifer. Our thanks to all who helped and all who supported this annual event. A special thank you to Ayse Dilber, our relief cashier, and to John Allen who set up the tables, etc. The final event for this year is the Used Book/Record/Tape/CD Sale on June 7. We can use any of the above items you would care to donate. Just bring them to the Temple after June 1. Receipts are available. If you can help us in this endeavor, either through donations of time or merchandise, please contact Don Leeds. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Finally, as mentioned in the Annual Report, fewer than 10% of our male Temple members were members of Brotherhood. We cannot accomplish our goals with such meager involvement. Our goal for the coming year is "every man a member." I wish everyone a most enjoyable summer.

Shalom, Baldy

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

JUNE EVENTS

2	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Religious Education Meeting
3	Wednesday	6-7:30PM	Junior Youth
		8:00 PM	Ritual Committee
4	Thursday	7:45 PM	Sisterhood Meeting
5	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
6	Saturday	10:30 AM	Gilbert Bat Mitzvah
7	Sunday	8:30 AM	Brotherhood Book Sale
9	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Membership Meeting
10	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Youth Committee
		8:00 PM	Executive Committee
11	Thursday	7:30 PM	Arts Festival
12	Friday	6:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
	13	8:15 PM	Senior Youth Group Service
13	Saturday	10:30 AM	Morreale Bat Mitzvah
14	Sunday	9:30 AM	Arts & Deco Meeting
		1:00 PM	Healing Service
16	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Temple Board
18	Thursday	7:45 PM	Ways and Means
19	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
20	Saturday	10:30 AM	Roffman Bar Mitzvah
23	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Social Action
26	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service

HAVE A NICE SUMMER! ☺

SUMMER BEGINS: June 21st

FATHERS DAY: June 21st

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

YAHREZEITS

June 5: Helen Cohen-Gardstein, Jack Zager, Philip Zager, *Bertha Grossman, Irma Kelly, Shirley Schulman, *Andrei Yagoda, Emanuel Kaye, *Gerhard J. Graupe, Morris Sushansky, Louis J. Popper, Dorothy Dunn, *Ida Potozky Friedman

June 12: Seymour Gardstein, Rose Zwillinger, Max Tuller, Daisy Lowenstein, Casper Sober, Hyman Holzman, Maurice S. Byck, Norman Zeitlin, Morris Rose, Carolyn Einhorn, Ruth Aronow, *Charles Klein, William Kravitz

June 19: Harry Zager, *Meyer Rothman, *Irwin Wachtel, *Frances Herman, Samuel Danzig, Abram Yellenberg, Sidney Fineberg, Samuel Semer, Leo Zeisel, Samuel Brenner, Joseph Mayzel, *Morris Kogos, Edna Schnorbus, Herman Albert, Rose H. Dick Snedcof, Emanuel Goldberger, Norma Snedcof Sims, Rose Wolinsky, Helen Strahl, Jonas Schreiber, Theodore Rosenfeld, Jack Finkelstein, Adam Greenfield, Sylvia Thelma Karger

June 26: *Adele Luftman, Rose Caplan, Leon Meiselman, Joseph Krauss, Rose Marks, Esther Morgovsky, Milton Lang, Mollie Golden, *Ryan Sadwith, Celia Whyman

July 3: Bess Isaacs, Adolf Rauch, *Harry Marks, *Irene Barnett, Seymour Rose, Benjamin Becker, Freda Esther Becker, Leah Alexander, Pearl Shagan, *George I. Rosin, Alvin Schoenbart, Bessie Meiselman, Jack Barshack, *Abraham Frankel, Gabriel Silverman, Murray Collier

July 10: Hugh Harran, Jules Herman, *Milton I. Marx, Reba Pons, Leon Levin, Julia Levy, Mark Copley, Tina Block, Bluma Rubin, Bentley Jay Cooper, Paul Cohen, *Colonel Morton Grotenstein, Jack Fleischer

July 17: Emma Heyman, Lewis Goodman, Stephen N. Stevens, Saul Schwartz, Jack Bakal, David Feinman, Norma Rose, Greta Pearl, *Dr. Sidney Neiderhoffer, George Seligman, *Glynn Stacey Waldman, Lenore Herman, Fannie Mayzel, *Jacob Kesselman, Benjamin Marmulstein, Sol Silverman, Mabel M. Cooper, Jeanette Mindel

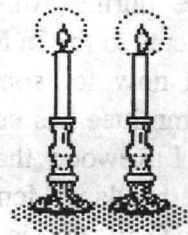
July 24: Harry Lazer, Julius Brightman, *Becky Rosenbaum, Reba Ostroff, Sidney Weinman, Jacob Berman, *Jugo J. Braun, *Emily Lansky, Irving Shertzer, Sarah Kligman, Benjamin Einhorn, Rose Yellenberg, *Dr. Abraham Collis, Hans Kohnstam, Philip Lang, Harold Meistrich, *Joseph Singer, *Henrietta S. Yagoda

*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 per plaque is currently \$350. **Please note that as of July 1, the cost will be \$400.** Please call the office for details.

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

June	5	8:06 PM
June	12	8:09 PM
June	19	8:12 PM
June	26	8:13 PM
July	3	8:13 PM
July	10	8:11 PM
July	17	8:07 PM
July	24	8:01 PM
July	31	7:55 PM



The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Gale and Arthur Lackner
on the death of Gale's father

HOWARD PEACEMAN



Sandy and Bruce Sternberg
on the death of Sandy's mother

LENA TANENBAUM



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



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Greetings from Ritual! The most important news we have for you this issue is the announcement of the hiring of our first full time Cantor - Cantor Daniel Miles Rosenfeld. Cantor Rosenfeld graduated from HUC-JIR in 1996 and currently serves Temple Judea of Bucks County, Pa. He will join our Temple family on August 1, 1998.

Among Cantor Rosenfeld's skills is facility in several languages including Russian, German, French, modern and Biblical Hebrew. As our Cantor, he will have primary responsibility for training our B'nai Mitzvah; will share responsibility with the Rabbi for conducting life cycle events; will create, plan and conduct the music program in our Religious School as well as leading us in song at services with his strong and harmonious tenor voice.

Please help us make Cantor Rosenfeld feel welcome during August as he makes his initial adjustments to life in Monmouth County and MRT.

And now for something completely different. The Committee has been informed by Temple Beth Am in Lakewood that gravesites are available in their Beth Olam Memorial Park. The cost of one grave is \$850, two is \$1600 and each additional is \$800. The price includes perpetual care. If you are interested in learning more about this offer, please let me know and I will provide appropriate phone numbers at Temple Beth Am.

B'Shalom
Joel Morgovsky

NEW JERSEY ISRAEL EXPO

Brookdale Community College is honored to be a major sponsor for Israel Expo '98. This day-long, family-oriented program is intended to share both the culture and the people of Israel with the world. This will be the fifth Israel Expo, and past success tells us it will be a very special day. With programs, exhibits, and workshops, food and fun, there will truly be something for everyone.

Sunday, June 7.....Free Admission
Noon to 6PM.....Free Parking

Ways and Means

We are well into planning the 1998-99 fundraising events. This year we'll be partnering with other committees on some events. Our goal is to get more people involved. Our plans include an ice cream social/coffee house with Religious Ed., a "Nearly New" event with Sisterhood, and a Donations and Dedications project with Arts and Decoration. Also, in the planning stages is a "brick for sale" walkway in conjunction with a meditation garden off the back patio area. Volunteers are needed for all these events.

With the success of the auction this past year, we've decided to run a food and wine auction preceded by cheese, wine, and dessert tasting. A guest speaker and our favorite auctioneer, along with the food, will make this a memorable evening.

We're planning an early summer clothing drive (see box page 4) for clothing items that may not be in good enough condition to save for the "nearly New" event in November. Watch for a flyer.

The Arts Festival, our major fundraiser, is a sub-committee under Ways and Means. This year was the best year yet despite all the challenges of the construction. Is there a message for us here? For Festival '99, we'd like every Temple member to participate in some capacity. More to come on this.

Scrip, our on-going success story, could bring in even more money. Order forms will be provided to each committee chair to distribute and then collected after every meeting. The orders will be filled and left for you to pick up in the office. Call Joanna Charnick or Arlene Berg with any suggestions to make scrip work for you.

As always, we're looking for additional committee members. If your time is limited, there are small, at home jobs to do. Please consider joining us. It's fun and the Temple benefits. Thanks to all who made this a banner year for Ways & Means.

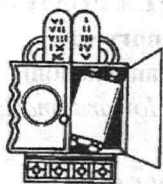
Shalom, Judy Luger, Chair

MRTSY

Invites you to attend Shabbat creative
service on Tikkun Olam!
June 12th at 8:15PM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

...where parents set the example



Last year, our Religious School received a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County. Our construction project postponed the implementation of the grant objectives to a future time. Through the grant's generosity, our students will enjoy Jewish cultural programs through the talents of professional artists.

I would like to take the same grant proposal concept and apply it to our classrooms. Who could argue with the premise that our students would benefit from more interesting, more hands on, more interactive and memorable lessons? A Temple that can put together 29 Arts' Festival extravaganzas can certainly do the same for its Religious School - if only in a limited way. Our curriculum is textbook based and would be invigorated by the talents of our parents and the greater Temple family.

At this writing, I am thinking about programs in drama, band and art; however, I am open to all possibilities. Your involvement with the school can be on any level: one class, two classes on a grade, grades K-2, etc. Call me if you are definitely willing to get involved or even if you're just curious.

These days the Internet is an invaluable source for anything Jewish. <http://tj.org> is the UAHC home page. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) is the governing and organizational parent of Reform Judaism. Your entire family will be amazed at the extent of the Internet offerings here. Also, there are literally thousands of Jewish entries sponsored by many Jewish organizations. Under the Monmouth Reform Temple's web page (see back page bulletin), you could even find my "Religious School Notes" column going back several years.

Report Cards were distributed at the conclusion of our final session and mailed home to the absentees. A small sheet of paper was stapled to most report cards (certainly grades 3 - 7) indicating that promotion was granted or attendance and/or service requirements were not met. Some children removed these forms. Appearing at the bottom of report cards for grades 4 - 6 is the tally for the service requirement. If a "four" does not appear,

then your family has until June 26 to satisfy this requirement. As to attendance, grades 4-7 are permitted 12 and grades 8 and 9 are allowed 6. Please make sure that the additional work sent to children over the absence limit is completed and returned to my office.

Frankly, it is tiring to keep getting after children, and parents who have failed to meet the regulations set by the Religious Education Committee. It is a misuse of my time to send out reminders for our long-standing policies.

Included in the report card packet was a sheet entitled Parent-Child Mitzvah Program. As explained in the program's introduction, the doing of mitzvot does not take a break during the summer. Rabbi Priesand has provided families with ten suggestions, mitzvot as well as other Jewish obligations, for parents to do with their children during the summer. Obviously, the list is not limited to these ten. Let us know on Mitzvah Day, Sunday, October 4, how many new ideas you've added.

Under the heading of "thank you," the first one must go to my teachers who maintained professional standards despite the class movement caused by construction. They sustained their good humor, even though we never achieved our goal of using the new rooms during this academic year.

Susan St. Lifer, chair of the Religious Education Committee, is always an immense resource by offering her support both in time and encouragement. I cannot say enough for the members of the Religious Ed. Committee. Our meetings are open with positive discussions on a level that demonstrates the uniqueness of MRT members.

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Shalom, David Levinsky

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June	5 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	6 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	12 Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	13 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	14 Sun	Healing Service	1:00 PM
	19 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	20 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	26 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

June	7 Sun	Brotherhood Book Sale	9-11AM
		ISRAEL EXPO	12-6PM
		at Brookdale Community Coll.	
	12 Fri	Sr. Youth Group Service	8:15 PM

MEETINGS

June	2 Tues	Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	3 Wed	Jr. Youth	6-7:30 PM
		Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	4 Thurs	Sisterhood	7:45 PM
	9 Tues	Membership	8:00 PM
	10 Wed	Youth Committee	7:30 PM
		Executive Comm.	8:00 PM
	11 Thurs	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
	14 Tues	Arts and Deco	9:00 AM
	16 Tues	Temple Board	8:00 PM
	18 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
	23 Tues	Social Action	8:00 PM