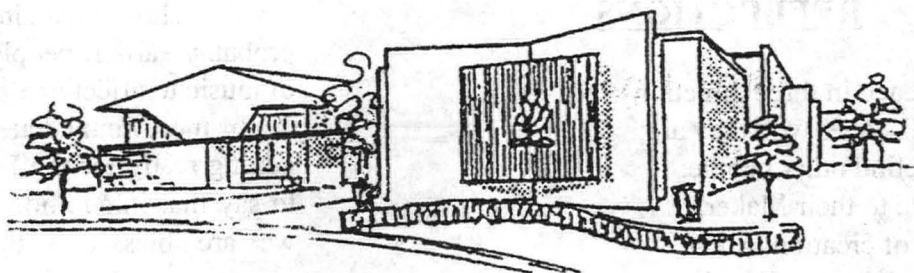


Monmouth Reform Temple bulletin



ELUL - TISHRI 5758/5759

SEPTEMBER 1998

Shabbat and Holyday Services

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| Fri. 4 | Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: <i>I'LL BE LIKE YOU</i>
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze
Deut. 21:10-25:19 | Mon. 21 | Rosh Hashanah Services (Afternoon)
Family Service - 3:00 PM
Sermon: <i>ONCE UPON A TIME</i> |
| Fri. 11 | Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: <i>OUR SPIRITUAL
ALARM CLOCK</i>
Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
Deut. 26:1-29:8 | Fri. 25 | Shabbat Shuvah - 8:15 PM
Sermon: <i>RETURN TO WHAT?</i>
Torah Portion: Vayelech
Deut. 31:1-30 |
| Sat. 12 | Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: <i>THREE AMENS</i>
Bat Mitzvah of
Liza Newman
Daughter of Brad and Cynthia Newman

S'lichot
Havdalah, Refreshments and
Discussion - 9:00 PM
Service - 11:30 PM | Tues. 29 | Kol Nidre Service - 8:15 PM
Sermon: <i>JEWISH E.S.P.</i> |
| Fri. 18 | Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: <i>WEARING WHITE</i>
Torah Portion: Nitzavim
Deut. 29:9-30:20 | Wed. 30 | Yom Kippur
Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Sermon: <i>HE SAID, SHE SAID</i>
Torah Portion: Deut. 29:9-14; 30:11-20

Family Service - 2:00 PM
Sermon: <i>DOING OUR BEST</i>

Afternoon Service - 3:00 PM
Torah Portion: Lev. 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37

Yizkor Service - 4:45 PM
Sermon: <i>A TIME TO REMEMBER</i>

N'ilah Service 5:30 PM |
| Sun. 20 | Erev Rosh Hashanah
Evening Service 8:15 PM
Sermon: <i>UNDERSTANDING THE
WORDS WE PRAY</i> | | |
| Mon. 21 | Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Sermon: <i>A RENDEZVOUS
WITH HISTORY</i>
Torah Portion: Genesis 22:1-19 | | |



REFLECTIONS

All people reach in three directions:
Inside – to discover who they are;
Outside – to find other people;
Up – to relate to their Maker.
The miracle of creation is that
when we reach in one direction,
we make contact in all three.

.....Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav



A note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld

Shalom! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer, though it seems to have passed a bit too quickly. This is an exciting time at Monmouth Reform Temple and I am both pleased and privileged to be here as your first full-time cantor. It is a time of profound growth, and as such will no doubt be accompanied by new, visible accomplishments as well as growing pains. I will be here to share in the satisfaction of these accomplishments, and I will also be here to help us through the growing pains.

I would like to thank you as a congregation for selecting me to be your cantor. You have obviously seen the necessity of having a professional music resource person on your staff and you have demonstrated your commitment to achieving that end. It shows that you recognize the importance of music in our tradition and worship. On August 14th, Rabbi Priesand spoke eloquently about how crucial a role music has always played in Jewish worship. I would like to add to what she said by offering the following story from the book of First Samuel which attests to the overall power of music:

An evil spirit had descended upon King Saul, and so his courtiers sent for someone who could play the lyre. It turned out to be David, Saul's successor. When he played, Saul's spirit was uplifted. So whenever the evil spirit fell upon Saul, he would send for David to play the lyre.

This shows that since the time of the Bible, and probably earlier, people have recognized the ability of music to affect one's emotions and spiritual state.

In more immediate matters, the Adult Choir is getting ready for the High Holydays. I am pleased to say that in addition to a "singing" congregation, we are blessed with a talented, fine-sounding ensemble who will undoubtedly enable us as a congregation to enter the proper spiritual state in the upcoming Days of Awe or High Holydays.

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Rabbi Priesand, Joel Morgovsky and the members of the Cantorial Search Committee; JoAnn and Bill Kurry, Ayse Dilber, Rich Goldberg, Bob and Rosalie Rosin, David Levinsky, and our office staff, Elinor Goldberg and Mary Jane Leland, for helping me adjust to my new position. In addition, I would like to thank all of you, the congregation at Monmouth Reform Temple, for offering me so warm a welcome. I truly look forward to serving as your Cantor.

B'shalom v'ahavah,

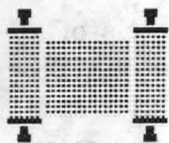
Cantor Rosenfeld

2nd Annual Mitzvah Day **Sunday, October 4, 1998**

Last year members of our congregation – men, women and children – reached out to others in our community through acts of gemilut chasadim – deeds of loving kindness. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! It was an opportunity for all of us to reach outside of our own safe and secure worlds, a chance to share our blessings. The experience for the participants was satisfying and memorable.

Once again, we invite you to join us in this rewarding and worthwhile effort. While every day is a day to perform mitzvot, on MITZVAH DAY we perform mitzvot as a congregational family. Our tradition charges each one of us with caring for the world that surrounds us. We embrace the Jewish concept of tikkun olam – repair of the world – and we heed Rabbi Hillel's question, "If I am only for myself, what am I?"

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FROM RABBI PRIESAND

The beginning of a new year calls to mind the making of resolutions, creating a list of things we hope to change about ourselves in the months ahead. But one thing, among others, that distinguishes the secular new year from the Jewish one is that we also make a list for God. Think of all the petitionary prayers we recite during the Holydays asking for health, prosperity, peace, kindness, compassion, goodness, life and blessing. How great our chutzpah to ask for so much! Perhaps we should try to shorten our list, remembering that less is often more.

If you could ask God for only two things as the new year begins, what would they be? Here are my choices: first, the capacity to cope with the challenges that come our way, the curve balls that are part of every life, and second, the ability to recognize and appreciate the blessings that surround us every day. No life is free of difficulty. We all have moments of despair and disappointment. It is at these times that we need faith, the kind of faith that takes over when reason ends, the faith that assures us we are not alone in the universe even when it seems we have lost control over our lives, the faith that God responds to our prayers by enabling ordinary people to do extraordinary things. This kind of faith does not just happen. It must be nurtured all year long by confronting on a regular basis those difficult questions about life and death, suffering and pain – in other words, knowing what we believe and why – so that when crisis strikes, our faith will be there for us, a source of comfort and strength.

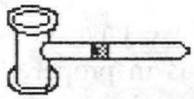
All too often our difficulties blind us to the blessings we have. Rabbi Pesach Krauss, in his book *WHY ME?*, reminds us that if you take a piece of white paper and place a black dot in the center most people will see only the black dot, totally ignoring all the whiteness around it. And so it is with life. When bad things happen to us, that dot blocks out everything else, all the goodness, all the joy, all the blessings that we have. Indeed, if we place our hands in front of our eyes, we can block out the tallest skyscraper, the entire world if we are so inclined. But if we want to live lives of

fulfillment rather than frustration, then we have to learn to put the things that happen to us in proper perspective, seeing them as part of a larger picture of wholeness and harmony.

A good exercise for the beginning of a new year is to sit down and make a list of all the blessings you enjoy. Undoubtedly, you will be surprised by how much you have for which to be grateful. Try not to see a problem in every opportunity but rather an opportunity in every problem, knowing that within each of us lies the ability to make life better for ourselves and for others. In the coming year, may you and those you love be granted the ability to cope, and may you learn to appreciate all that you have. *L'shana tova!*

L'shana tova to our Temple family from:

James and Arlene Berg
The Block family, Sethe Devorah, Robert
Dottie and Bob Blank
Sandy and Bernie Brandwene
JoAnn and Bill Kurry and Steve Brousell
Joanna and Brian Charnick
Baldwin Davidson
Fanette and Monroe Deutsch
Trudy and Steve Goldsmith & family
Barbara and Al Goldstein
Morton Jacobs
The Johnson family, Marty, Nancy, Drew, Alex
and Stephanie
Norma and Jack Kohn
Flo & Herb Korchin
Connie and Milton Klein
Sheila and Jim Leavitt
Susan Martin
Sylvia and Al Paley
Al and Eleanor Peskoe
Ken and Dolores Phillips
The Rothman family
Joyce Silverman and family
Lila and Max Singer
Carol Tarabour
The Vernon family, Mark, Joan, Michael & Erica
The Wallenfels family, Ron, Kay, Josh and Jesse
Maureen and Frank Welton
Rosalind and Bob Woolf



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last few days have been cooler and soon the beautiful season of autumn will be here. It is also the season of the Holydays when we all reflect on our actions over the past twelve months and how we will spend the next twelve. At Monmouth Reform Temple, the past twelve have been as exciting as a roller coaster. I'm not going to list all of the activities and changes that have taken place as it would take three pages to list them all. But I do want to state how pleased I am that many members of the Temple took advantage of Rabbi's invitation to get involved.

I have attended several different committee meetings during over the summer and was pleased to see many new faces and hear many new ideas. There are still opportunities to get involved and I invite others to jump aboard.

As we start the new year, best wishes to all of you for peace, good health and prosperity from Arlene and myself.

Shalom

Jim Berg

HIGH HOLYDAY TRADITION CONTINUES MITZVAH BAG REPORT

This year the Social Action committee will once again be distributing approximately 500 Mitzvah Bags at the Rosh Hashanah services to be filled and returned on Yom Kippur. We thought this would be a good time to let you know what *The Center* has been doing since last year. *The Center* is an all volunteer organization providing services for people with AIDS, HIV+ and their caregivers. Some of the services are support groups, rent subsidies, pharmacy subsidies, gas and electric bill subsidies, transportation for doctor visits, cooked meal deliveries, and a food and home healthcare pantry. The Mitzvah Bags will all go to *The Center* with the help of the Middletown Boy Scouts, Circle Chevrolet as well as others.

This year *The Center* could see real results in its fund-raising efforts and the raising of awareness of AIDS in our community. *The Center* hosted the first AIDS conference for Monmouth County which has become an annual event. *The Center* has tripled

its space on Mattison Avenue with the help of a grant from the Monmouth/Ocean AIDS Consortium. This new space will enable us to start new support groups and enable us to store more home health care supplies. *The Center* can now provide a gathering place for people to sit and relax on a daily basis. Once again we are asking everyone to fill the bags they are given and other bags as well, if they choose, with a variety of non-perishable food, home cleaning items, personal hygiene items, and home health care supplies. If you would like more information about *The Center* or the Mitzvah Bags, call Jeff Willard at 583-2256.

Social Action Committee

OUTREACH REVIVED

In response to our members' interests, we are reviving the Outreach Committee. Reform Jewish Outreach was created by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1979 to respond in a positive way to the rising rate of intermarriage, the increasing number of people choosing Judaism and to address the particular needs of our interfaith families.

We invite our interfaith families to bring their picnic dinners and join us in the sukkah with Rabbi Priesand who will explain the religious significance of the holiday of Sukkot on Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 PM. Let's meet each other and have an informal get-together after dinner.

Beginning October 28, Outreach is sponsoring "Introduction to Judaism," a 16-session course offered by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations regionally. Each session runs from 7:45-9:45 PM. The course takes place in our Temple this year, providing an excellent opportunity for our non-Jewish population to learn about Judaism or for our Jewish members to brush up on their knowledge. This course is mandatory for anyone converting to Judaism. The fee for this course is \$275 and includes all books and tuition for both the student and his/her partner (if applicable). Those interested should call (201) 722-9090 x204 or fax (201)-722 0444.

Larry and Marianne Klipman
Chairs, Outreach

T h a n k s to all of you for your continued support of the Supermarket Gift Certificate Program during the summer months. You know who you are and what a mitzvah it is you do. Everyone should remember to purchase food certificates and retail store certificates on September 13th, the first day of Religious School. New raffle incentive now in place – Ask the captains!!!

Don't Hesitate – Participate!
T h a n k s!!!!



**Welcome
New Members**

Please welcome to our congregation:

Linda Susan Burns and her daughter
 Leah Rose Colmenares
 55 Tamarac Court
 Holmdel, NJ 07733
 796-1023
 linda.burns@ariel.com

Larry Landman
 38 Country Club Road, Apartment 88
 Eatontown, NJ 07724
 542-7553

Fayth Newell and her daughter
 Marissa Newell
 84 Bennett Avenue
 Neptune City, NJ 07753
 775-9326
 teddies96@aol.com

Craig Sacks and Lisa Morrissey
 36 Carmel Way
 Eatontown, NJ 07724
 578-9343

Louis Welfare
 C/O Zager, Fuchs, P.C.
 P.O. Box 489
 Red Bank, NJ 07701
 933-4748

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Preparations are underway for our:

Annual Open House
 Tuesday September 8th
 Wednesday September 9th
 and Thursday September 10th
 from 6:00-9:00 PM.

Please invite friends, neighbors and co-workers who might be interested in exploring unique opportunities for Jewish growth and the spirituality that is offered at MRT, to visit our expanded facility, meet the Rabbi and our new Cantor and learn about our Religious School.

Interested in joining the Membership Committee? Call me at 462-2296.

*Shalom,
 Ayse Dilber, Membership Chair*

LIZA NEWMAN



September 12 marks the special day when Liza will become a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents, Bradley and Cynthia Newman, and sisters Morgan and Alexandra look forward to this celebration. Liza is an 8th grader at Oak Hill Academy in Lincroft. Liza also attends The Academy of Dance Arts where she studies ballet. Favorite subjects are French and English. She spent the summer at Pine Grove Day Camp having fun and preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. Liza is looking forward to sharing this special day with family and friends. Mazel Tov to Liza and her family.

Needed for Youth Group Lounge

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Couch | Bean Bag Chairs |
| File Cabinet | Desk |
| Cabinet | TV |
| VCR | Ping Pong Table |
| Games | Reference Books |
| Computer & Printer | Cork Area (for hanging) |

**Please call
 Jay Wiesenfeld at 747-5992**



SHARING SIMCHAS
THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS
MAZEL TOV TO:

Cora and Stu Tuchband on the marriage of their daughter Elka Brandt to Roger Oliver

Ellen and Donald Byck on the birth of their grandson Daniel Byck

Linda and Ira Friedman on the birth of their grandson Jeffrey Lawrence Friedman

Dr. Walter J. Kahn upon receiving the 30th Annual Brotherhood-Sisterhood Humanitarian Award

Joanna and Brian Charnick on the engagement of their son, Dr. Barry Charnick to Jennifer Aron

Peggy and Gerald Baker and Wayne and Anne Baker on the birth of their grandson and son Matthew Leonard Baker

Christopher Placitella on being elected second vice-president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America-New Jersey chapter

Linda and Sidney Littman on the marriage of their daughter Mara to Matthew Revis

Barbara and Vance Fields on the birth of their baby Shira Mayim Rose Fields

Alan Zwerdling on his marriage to Lisa Dillon

from Baldwin Davidson for Brotherhood

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and is well rested and ready to start another Temple year. Brotherhood has many terrific programs lined up and we are looking forward to your participation. Our year kicks off with a paid-up membership brunch at Gibbs Hall on September 13th. There is no charge for paid-up members. Non-members and guests pay \$12. This has always been a

wonderful affair. Gibbs Hall puts out an excellent spread. Please send in your dues and reservations as soon as possible. On Thursday, October 1st, we will build the Sukkah at 4:00 PM. Rain date (not drizzle) is Sunday, October 4th. Neil Brutman will be in charge of this project. Your participation will be gladly welcomed. The more people we have, the quicker the Sukkah is erected.

A new program for this year will be one of Sunday morning get-togethers. From time to time, Brotherhood will be hosting a coffee and bagel hour. The sole purpose is for people to meet one another. We are asking for \$1 donation. This is a good opportunity to relax and "schmooze" after you drop off your children at Religious School. We are looking forward to seeing you!

On behalf of Brotherhood and myself, very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

L'Shana Tova.

Baldy

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



By the time you receive this bulletin, you should have already received a letter from Sisterhood inviting you to join for the 1998-99 year. Included with your membership information are the following flyers:

- ❖ Our kick-off meeting on the 16th of September which will welcome all of you to a "Jewish Holiday Workshop." Come and share your holiday experiences; learn how to celebrate the holidays with your family and friends. We will serve refreshments and, as usual, have a good time!
- ❖ Your invitation to the Paid-Up Membership Dinner to be held at the Salt Creek Grille on the 29th of October.
- ❖ The revival of the *Nearly New* sale on the 2nd and 3rd of November. Set up day will be November 1st. Your help is needed!

Also included is a questionnaire asking you for your ideas. If you can find the time to complete the questionnaire, even if only partially, you will help us plan the rest of the year for you.

L'Shana tova!

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

1	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Religious Education Meeting
2	Wednesday	8:00 PM	Ritual Committee
4	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
5	Saturday	9:30 AM	Torah Study
8	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Membership Open House
9	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Membership Open House
		7:30 PM	Youth Committee
		8:00 PM	Executive Committee
10	Thursday	6:00 PM	Membership Open House
		7:30 PM	Arts Festival
11	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
12	Saturday	9:30 AM	Torah Study
		10:30 AM	Newman Bat Mitzvah
		9:00 PM	S'lichot Discussion
		11:30 PM	S'lichot Service
13	Sunday	9:30 AM	Religious School begins
		10:30 AM	Brotherhood Brunch – Gibbs Hall
		12:00 Noon	Senior Youth
14	Monday	7:00 PM	Pre-School
15	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Temple Board
16	Wednesday	4:00 PM	Religious School
		7:45 PM	Sisterhood Holiday Workshop
17	Thursday	7:45 PM	Ways and Means
18	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
19	Saturday	9:30 AM	Torah Study
20	Sunday	9:30 AM	Religious School
		8:15 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
21	Monday	10:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
		3:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Family Service
22	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Social Action
23	Wednesday	4:00 PM	Religious School
25	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Shabbat Shuvah)
26	Saturday	9:30 AM	Torah Study
27	Sunday	9:30 AM	Religious School
29	Tuesday	8:15 PM	Kol Nidre Service
30	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Yom Kippur Morning Service
		2:00 PM	Yom Kippur Family Service
		3:00 PM	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
		4:45 PM	Yizkor Service
		5:30 PM	N'ilah Service

OFFICE CLOSED: LABOR DAY (September 7th)

ROSH HASHANAH (September 21st)

YOM KIPPUR (September 30th)

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Wednesday, September 30th



MFA '99 is Underway!
Next meeting October 1,
7:30 PM, Temple Social Hall

Thanks to the great response from my calls, I am happy to announce that chair and co-chairs are in place for most committees but there is still room for anyone else who wants to get involved!

Highlights of the Kick-Off Meeting:

- ❖ An executive committee, including Paula Metz, Judy Luger and Kate Greenberg, has been formed to assist me and to learn about all phases of Festival.
- ❖ A contract was approved to rehire The Guerrera Huber Group, Inc. to handle the media publicity.
- ❖ Contracts were approved to rehire Lois Blonder and Maureen Welton as show designers.
- ❖ The Art Selection & Management committee will be sending out notices shortly for new artist reviews on Sunday, October 18 and 25.
- ❖ The printing Chair is soliciting bids from 3 printers and a decision will be made by early September.

Not yet involved? it's not too late:

- Tell us about any new artists to be invited for review.
- Become part of the Demonstration or Publicity Committees.

Barbara (*Bobbie*) Goldstein
Chair MFA '99 747-0824

S'lichot *Saturday Evening, September 12*

9:00 PM Havdalah, Refreshments and Discussion
led by Rabbi Priesand on

The Questions That Count

11:30 A Service of Penitential Prayer
to usher in the Holyday Season

TINTON FALLS CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

Back-to-School
September 9, 7:30 PM

First Day of School
September 14
9:00 – 11:30 AM
12:15 – 2:45 PM

Orientation



September 10 & 11
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

The return to school this fall is more exciting than ever! Not only are we beginning our 25th year; we have a new playground and a newly renovated facility to boast about. Come visit and help my staff and me spread the good word. Thanks!!!

Bobbie LaPlaca

Ways and Means

It's September! Burnout should lift and the "new school year syndrome" should take over. That's when we all are re-energized and ready to meet new challenges. So how about sharpening those pencils and using the new ones to buy scrip, enroll your child(ren) in our nursery school, and considering joining a committee. Ways and Means has something for everyone. A member of our committee will be available at the Hebrew School parent meeting in September to answer any questions you might have.

The Nearly New Sale that we're co-sponsoring with Sisterhood will be held November 2 and 3. Watch for the list of items we'll be selling and please sign up to help.

By the time you read this I'll be cruising the Greek Islands, visiting Turkish excavation sites, Israel and Venice, and then returning on the 19th to share Rosh Hashanah with the Temple family.

L'Shana Tova, Judy Luger

News from Scrip-Extra added bonus
When you purchase Scrip,
your name is automatically submitted for
a raffle to win a coupon for a \$5 gift certificate

YAHREZEITS

Sept. 4: *Iyja Y. Bakelman, William Woolf,
Jean Chanenson, Clayton Fishman,
Jenny Shockman, Max Feldman, Eve Leppel,
Alan Lowenstein, *Frieda Jung,
Lillian Davis Kaswiner, Anna Dickheiser,
Anna Hararan, *Morris Kalkstein,
*Michael Yagoda, Estee Brasson, Eva Weinstein,
Isadore Levin, *Ann Baron, Fay Grand,
Gloria St. Lifer

Sept. 11: *Sylvia Woolf, Adolf Zager,
Richard Salomon, Theodora Kaminsky,
Israel Ruby, Doris Boxman, Herman Burns,
*Stanley Elliot Mitchell, Nathan Isquith,
Bella Gruensfelder, Rikki Schuster, Harry Cohn,
Meyer Heyman, Nan S. Bernard,
Allan Sobelman, *Sid Komar, *Harold Mausner*

Sept. 18: *Alice Loebel, John Potter,
Lester Gutterman, *Irene Tuchband,
Benjamin Lissner, Frances Kriegstein,
Irving Brecher, Max Brenner, Dorothy Hirsch,
Mae Danzig, *Donald L. Fink, Julius H. Klein,
Gilda Moss, Sadye Teninbaum, Abraham Snedcof,
Irving Cohen, *Sonya Brecker, *Anne Rogovin,
Ruth Niren, Lukas Hovatter, *Oscar Kurry,
Michael Kantor, *Stella Bernstein, Jessie Miller,
Blume R. Miller

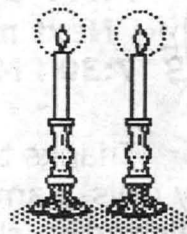
Sept. 25: *Ann Silvers, Sam Meiselman,
Arthur Weinstein, Sophie Weinstein,
*Gertrude L. Marx, Marshall Lobell,
*Morris Dworkin, Lillian Greenfield,
*Gilbert H. Salomon, *George Welner,
Walter Peskoe, Esther Hauser, Ethel Goldsmith,
*Herman Solomon, Barbara Hollander,
*Abram Kridel, *Philip Falk*

*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 \$400. Please call the office for details.

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Sept. 4 7:06 PM
Sept. 11 6:54 PM
Sept. 18 6:42 PM
Sept. 25 6:31 PM



**The Congregation extends warm
condolences to:**

Scott and Patricia Fass
on the death of Scott's brother

MICHAEL FASS



Jill and Harmon Butler
on the death of Harmon's mother

RHEA RATH



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

2nd Annual Mitzvah Day... (Continued from page 2)

And so on MITZVAH DAY, October 4th, we again will engage in communal acts of loving kindness. Our MITZVAH DAY committee has been searching out and organizing a multitude of opportunities to which the congregants of Monmouth Reform Temple can lend their hearts and hands.

All you have to do is to complete and return the registration form in the MITZVAH DAY brochure that was mailed to you. The only requirement to participate is the willingness to give of ourselves and make an impact on our community.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 4th.

MITZVAH DAY Committee

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

Where parents set the example...



After talking about it for years, the renovated school wing will house our classes beginning Sunday, September 13. I am thankful to the Temple members, many with children past

Religious School age, who selflessly gave hours upon hours to oversee this project. Unfortunately, most Temple members are unaware of the time the construction committee has given to bring its dream to fruition.

The Temple office mailed letters recently to all Religious School parents designating their children's classes, teachers and rooms. If you have not received your letter yet please contact Elinor in the Temple office.

Our annual Back to School meeting is planned for the first day of Religious School. You will have the opportunity to meet your children's teachers following the meeting. The agenda for the morning will be:

9:30 am - coffee & bagels

10:30 am - meeting

11:10 am-11:50 am - meet with our teachers

Last year was extremely hectic. Classroom assignments changed often and then we moved to the middle school. For a time the 8th and 9th grade classes met in students' homes. Through it all your children managed quite well. Now we have the opportunity start the fresh. Please make sure that your children treat Religious School as you would expect them to treat secular school. Hopefully, you will have the time to volunteer as class parents and/or join our Religious Education Committee. Susan St. Lifer, committee chair, needs a few parents to organize several annual school activities.

I still need several post confirmands for class aide positions for the younger grades and I am looking for a Hebrew tutor. These are paid jobs.

The Religious School Booklet will be mailed soon. Of special interest is a change in the attendance policy and a new policy with guidelines for early pick-up from Religious School. With regard to the attendance policy, the 20% allowable absentee rate is still in effect. Based on the premise that low attendance negatively influences learning and classroom decorum, the Religious Education Committee will be reviewing the attendance records of students absent in excess of 20%.

Committee members will communicate with these families personally to determine the reasons for poor attendance.

The policy regarding early pick-up from Religious School marks a change due to our growing size. In recent years, parents have been asked not to go to a classroom for pick-up before the scheduled dismissal time. Parents would not do that in secular school and we cannot allow them to do so in Religious School. The Religious School Committee decided to implement a formal policy to go along with the one commonly used in public schools. I am especially concerned that the safety of a child could be jeopardized by an adult claiming to be the parent or relative of a student and taking the child from Religious School without legal authorization. We live in a time of divorce and kidnapping and we cannot take any chances. The policy reads as follows:

"Parents are discouraged from entering the Religious School to pick up a child before the appropriate dismissal time. The procedure for a parent picking up his/her child in the event of an emergency is for that parent first to sign the early dismissal register in the principal's office and then wait in the office for the principal or his designee to bring the child to the parent.

Teachers cannot and will not release any child to a parent or guardian without the permission of Mr. Levinsky or his designee. Children expecting to leave early from Religious School must remain in their classrooms until summoned by Mr. Levinsky or his designee.

Children are not permitted to wait in the Temple lobby or in the parking lot for a parent, regardless of the family emergency.

October 4 is the date for the Second Annual Mitzvah Day. The committee has been meeting throughout the summer to create a mind-boggling schedule of activities. Classes will not be in session and our teachers will be assigned to coordinate and supervise specific activities. Mitzvah Day is not a school function- **it is a Temple family activity.**

Mitzvah does not mean volunteer - it means commandment. In that light, we are supposed to create a better world for others. It is assumed that as Jews we will seek to make the world a little better for others. The activities are geared for all ages. **Please do not drop off your student at Temple on the morning of Mitzvah Day.** Adults can sign-up for adult activities or work with their children in age appropriate endeavors. Mitzvah Day is a school day--perhaps the most creative and meaningful of the year!

Shalom, David Levinsky

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Sept.	4 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	11 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	12 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		S'lichot	11:30 PM
	18 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	20 Sun	Erev Rosh Hashanah	8:15 PM
	21 Mon	Rosh Hashanah	10:30 AM
		Family Service	3:00 PM
	25 Fri	Shabbat Shuvah	8:15 PM
	29 Tues	Kol Nidre	8:15 PM
	30 Wed	Yom Kippur	10:30 AM
		Family Service	2:00 PM
		Afternoon Service	3:00 PM
		Yizkor Service	4:45 PM
		N'ilah Service	5:30 PM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sept.	13 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	14 Mon	Pre-School	7-8:00 PM
	16 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	20 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	23 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	27 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept.	8 Tues	Open House	6:00-9:00 PM
	9 Wed	Open House	6:00-9:00 PM
	10 Thurs	Open House	6:00-9:00 PM
	12 Sat	S'lichot Refreshments and Discussion	9:00 PM
	13 Sun	Brotherhood Brunch	10:30 AM
	14 Mon	Pre-School	7-8:00 PM
	16 Wed	Sis.Holiday Workshop	7:45 PM

MEETINGS

Sept	1 Tues	Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	2 Wed	Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	9 Wed	Youth Committee	7:30 PM
		Executive Comm.	8:00 PM
	13 Sun	Sr. Youth	Noon
		Mitzvah Day Meeting	12:30 PM
	15 Tues	Temple Board	8:00 PM
	17 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
	22 Tues	Social Action	8:00 PM