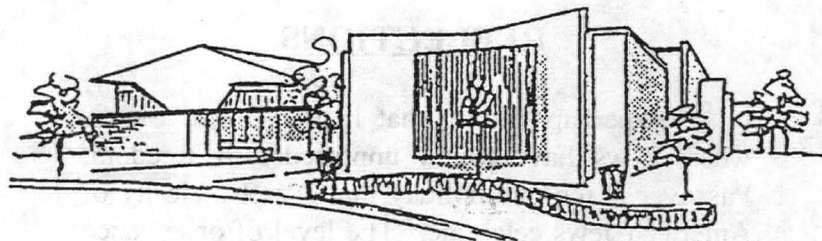


# Monmouth Reform Temple bulletin

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**ADAR – NISAN 5759**

**MARCH 1999**

March 1

Purim Family Dinner at 5:45 PM and  
Megillah Reading at 7:00 PM

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Fri. 5** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: **LET IT BE KNOWN**  
Torah Portion: Ki Tisa  
Exod. 30:11-34:35
- Fri. 12** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Shabbat Across America  
Sermon: **UNDERSTANDING  
SHABBAT**  
Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Pekude  
Exod. 35:1-40:38
- Fri. 19** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: **I LIFT MY LAMP**  
Torah Portion: Vayikra  
Lev.1:1-5:26
- Fri. 26** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Shabbat HaGadol  
Social Action Sabbath  
Robert A. Honecker, Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Prosecutor for  
Monmouth County  
**COMBATTING BIAS AND HATE  
CRIME IN MONMOUTH COUNTY**  
Torah Portion: Tzav  
Lev.6:1-8:36

## OTHER SERVICES

- Sat. 6** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program  
Sermon: **SHATTERING  
THE TABLETS**  
Bar Mitzvah of  
David Mensch  
son of Randee Gevertz and Howard Mensch
- Sat. 13** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Sermon: **PIECE BY PIECE**  
Bar Mitzvah of  
William Hoffman  
son of Linda and David Hoffman
- Sat. 27** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Sermon: **AS PASSOVER  
APPROACHES**  
Bat Mitzvah of  
Tami Wolf  
daughter of Ann and Randy Wolf
- April**
- Fri. 2** Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM  
Passover  
Sermon: **WHAT'S MISSING IN  
THE HAGGADAH?**  
Torah Portion: Exodus 33:12-34:26



- Tues. 6** Passover Yizkor  
Sermon: **LEFT ALONE**

## REFLECTIONS

It is perhaps fitting that in the United States, where Jews have found unprecedented freedom, Passover is the one holiday that a vast majority of American Jews celebrate. The level of observance might vary, but the recognition of the significance of our ancient liberation from Egyptian bondage resonates strongly with our own Jewish identity. The account of the liberation from Egypt is supposed to be understood and experienced on a personal level, and that is one of the reasons why the Passover meal – the Seder – is such an appealing and effective tradition. As with all the major holidays, American Jews have fused their ancient traditions with symbols rooted in the cultural milieu of North America.

Perhaps the most widely known symbol of Passover in the United States is the Maxwell House Haggadah. For years this popular paperback was distributed as a free gift at supermarkets nationwide. Yet few of us know its origins.

In the 1920s, a New York advertising genius named Joseph Jacobs pursued a program to have big companies market more aggressively in the Jewish community. He approached the Maxwell House Coffee company about advertising in the Jewish press. At this time the coffee company was trying to expand its sales in cities such as New York, which had a large Jewish population. Interestingly, many recent immigrants thought that coffee beans, like other beans, were not kosher for Passover. After consulting several rabbinic authorities, who informed him that coffee beans were technically berries and therefore kosher for Passover, Jacobs began marketing the coffee aggressively during the Passover season. So successful were coffee sales that the Maxwell House company began printing and distributing their Haggadot in 1934 – a sign of the significance of the Jewish consumer. Thus a mainstay of American Jewish culture was born out of a fusion of two vital instincts: Jewish traditional observance and the desire to succeed financially in the competitive world of American commerce.

Many different Haggadot are used today by members of Reform congregations. Some are produced by rabbis and theologians under the auspices of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; some are written by lay-people representing a

variety of ideologies: Black-Jewish relations, inter-faith dialogue, and modern feminism. All have one common feature: the reconciliation of traditional Jewish practice with those features of the modern American landscape we consider to be the best.

The Jacob Rader Marcus Center  
of the American Jewish Archives



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

Betty and Bob Schulman on the birth of their  
granddaughter Marlee Rose Schulman

Lawrence and Karen Kantor on the engagement of their  
son Evan to Mindy Schoenmann

Barbara Alessandro on the  
marriage of her son Paul to Christine Horton

Peggy and Gerald Baker on the birth of their grandson  
Alexander Willem Austin

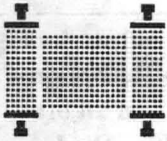
Frank Whyman on his retirement

Charles Bernstein on being appointed vice chairman of  
The Jewish Voice's publishing board.

Leonard and Dorothy Teitelbaum on the engagement of  
their son Howard to Shana Baer

### ANOTHER FIRST FOR MRT

Melanie Ross, daughter of Sharyn and Dean, was recently elected Programming Vice President of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, the national youth organization of the Reform Movement. As the youth arm of the UAHC, NFTY is comprised of over 450 Temple Youth Groups and 10,000 members throughout the United States and Canada. Their overall purposes are to instill Jewish identity, foster commitment to the ideals and values of Reform Judaism, and increase synagogue participation in high school youth. This is the first time a member of our Temple family has served as an officer of NFTY. We congratulate Melanie and wish her well as she undertakes this new responsibility. We are proud of her and grateful for the example she sets through her own commitment to Judaism and the Jewish people. Mazel tov, Melanie.



## FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Did you ever notice how Passover, our festival of freedom, is the holiday on which we are least free? So much preparation, so little time, so many restrictions, so few choices. The house must be cleaned, the chametz removed, the matzah bought, the charoset made, the Haggadah read. Tradition clearly states how to conduct our seder in its proper order, what we may eat, both that night and in the week to come – very little freedom here, just discipline.

Every year on Erev Pesach I have a friend who calls late in the afternoon to ask me how to arrange the things that go on the seder plate and why. By now, she knows the answers, but the phone call has become tradition, and every year we review together the items on the seder plate:

- a roasted lamb bone representing the Passover sacrifice;
- sprigs of parsley symbolizing the renewal of hope that comes with the beginning of spring;
- bitter herbs (usually horseradish, but some people prefer romaine lettuce), a reminder of the bitterness of slavery;
- charoset, a special mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, symbolizing the mortar used by our ancestors to make bricks for Pharaoh;
- a hard-boiled egg, representing the festival offering, a symbol of life itself.

Our checklist also includes holiday candles, three matzot specially covered, salt water, enough wine (or grape juice) for everyone to drink four cups, a Haggadah for everyone present and a cup for Elijah. Some people also place a pillow on each chair for reclining and have available a cup, basin and towel for washing.

Although the seder has its order, we are encouraged to add something new from year to year. Here are some suggestions:

- When you invite your seder guests, ask each one to bring with them a brief quotation about freedom. During the seder, pause

every now and then, and ask people to share their quotes and explain why they were chosen.

- Set aside a Matzah of Hope for those who are hungry and homeless in your community. Pass a tzdakah box among your seder participants and decide together where to contribute the funds.
- Remember the many contributions made by Jewish women to the redemption of our people. Put a cup for Miriam on your seder table. Fill it with water and reflect on the miraculous well that accompanied our ancestors as they wandered in the wilderness. Assign one guest ahead of time to research the meaning of Miriam's cup.
- Before drinking the fourth cup of wine, pour a drop from Elijah's cup into the cup of every person present. Do this as a reminder that we must be Elijah and act in ways that will bring about the Messianic Age.

(I wrote this article for [clickonJudaism.org](http://clickonJudaism.org), a website sponsored by the UAHC-CCAR Commission on Synagogue Affiliation. As many of you know, I am basically computer illiterate and am only just beginning to discover how much fun it is to surf the web and communicate by e-mail – [spriesand@monmouth.com](mailto:spriesand@monmouth.com) – although I must admit to suffering some consternation when upon returning from sabbatical I discovered 51 messages waiting for me! I am truly amazed by the amount of Jewish information available on the Internet and stand in awe of all that Bob Rosin has done as Webmaster of the Reform Movement. Kol hakavod, Bob!)

Last year, Rabbi Priesand compiled a new **Haggadah** for our congregational seder. If you would like a copy to use at home on the first night, please feel free to pick up one in the Temple office.

### Shabbat Across America

Friday night, March 12 at 8:15 PM

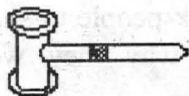
*To attend the special catered dinner at 6:00 PM,  
call the Temple office (747-9365).*

*Adults \$12.00, Children \$8*

Arts Festival is upon us!!

Opening Reception March 20 7:30-10:30





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

You missed it! What else can I say. Many of you missed attending one or all of Rabbi Zola's informative, interesting, and provocative presentations. At our Scholar-In-Residence weekend, he told us about the American roots of Reform Judaism in the antebellum South, explained where the famous Pittsburgh Platform came from, and he had us declare where we personally stood on several important religious issues of today. The program was so good and the topic so important that the adult education committee and the Rabbi are all considering ways to involve our total membership in the discussion surrounding the 10 principles for Reform Judaism. The board has decided to discuss one principle each month at its meeting. We also decided to send everyone the latest revision of the 10 principles via an insert to this bulletin. Please read it. It will help you to define our beliefs and be able to explain to others, young and old, what Reform Judaism is. There is also a website for this issue. It is <http://ccarnet.org/platforms/tenpri4.html>.

In addition, most of you missed out on our annual "meet and eat" gathering in January. Dinners were held at the homes of Arlene and Jim Berg and Karen and David Kahn. Good cheer was had by all.

Here's your chance to make up what you missed by attending our March events: Purim Dinner, Megillah reading, Shabbat Across America and the Monmouth Festival of the Arts. The Arts Festival has a special place in the Temple's community service and finances. Everyone is expected to assist. Please say yes when asked.

*Jim Berg*



### Check it out!-Upcoming Elderhostel Event UAHC Kutz Camp

June 6-11 – A Question of Faith, Jewish Humor and Klezmers  
For more information, Call Jan Smith at Kutz Camp: 914-987-6300 x6376 or e-mail [kutzcamp@warwick.net](mailto:kutzcamp@warwick.net)

**Kibbutz Lotan**, the second Reform kibbutz in Israel, is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in spending at least a month living in a full-time Reform community in one of the most starkly beautiful areas in Israel, then maybe Lotan is for you. Contact Daniel by e-mail: [danielbu@hotmail.com](mailto:danielbu@hotmail.com) or by fax 972-7-635-6827 (Attention: Daniel, volunteer coordinator).



Invite all your Friends to join you at the Opening Reception - March 20 7:30-10:30 and all other Festival events Sun.-Wed., March 21-24

Hope you all love the full color Festival flier as much as the committee does. This was a major change that we hope will attract lots of new people.

☀ To help assure a record turn-out, we still need every member to tell their friends about Festival because personal contact is the best kind of PR. If you wish additional fliers they are available at the Temple office.

☀ To assure that the Festival is adequately staffed it is necessary for all adult members to volunteer to help! People are still needed Mon.-Wed. between 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. If you haven't already said yes, please call Florence Diller (747-9489) now.

☀ Final refurbishing session for Festival: Sun., Mar. 7, Starting 9:00 a.m.; Festival set-up: Sun. Mar. 14, noon to 5:00; Festival take down: Thurs. Mar. 25, 4:00-? If you can assist at these times please call Elinor at the Temple (747-9365).

☀ For those who cannot attend during the day, the Festival Café serves light suppers, you can attend one of the evening programs, enjoy seeing the entire exhibit, make purchases and even arrange to have your portfolio items framed by on-site framer.

YES, Festival has something for everyone so  
DON'T MISS IT!



5 Minute spots will be appearing on CN8 – CNN Headline News – Newsmakers from February 15 – March 14<sup>th</sup>

*Festival* with Barbara Goldstein, Festival Chair will be shown at:

10:55 AM, 6:55 PM, 2:55 AM

*Education and the Arts* with Jay Fabrican, Professional Artist, will be shown at:

7:55 AM, 3:55 PM, 11:55 PM



## A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld



Shalom! We are now entering another phase in the yearly cycle of events and holidays with the approach of Purim and Pesach. Today Purim is a joyful holiday which commemorates the salvation of the Jews in the Persian city of Shushan from the evil machinations of the court minister Haman by the efforts of Esther and her relative, Mordechai. The story is related to us in the biblical book which bears her name. It is one of a group traditionally known as the five scrolls or *megillot*, which appear toward the end of the Bible, the others being Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, and Ecclesiastes. As with the other *megillot*, the *megillat* Esther, or *megillah*, as it is commonly known, is read on a certain holiday and therefore associated with that particular time of the year. When it is read, it is traditionally chanted to special cantillation and introduced by specific blessings for that holiday.

The reading of Esther is accompanied by joyful songs and dancing. Traditionally, the holiday also includes a *Purimspiel* or Purim play which usually takes the form of a spoof, parody, or mock-up of a service. The tradition of the *Purimspiel*, as we know it, originated in the Ashkenazic Jewish communities of Germany and Eastern Europe. Over the centuries, it has retained its farcical nature, often providing comic relief in times and places where it was greatly needed.

In my January article, I mentioned the fact that some in our community have challenged the notion of observing holidays which appear to glorify war and killing, specifically Chanukah and Purim. Regarding Purim, they refer to how the Jews rose up and slew their enemies in Shushan and throughout the lands of King Ahashverosh. Events in recent years such as the horrifying actions by crazed individuals like Baruch Goldstein have seemingly underscored this notion. It is important to note however, that despite the slaying of the Persians, the narrative in the Book of Esther mentions at least twice that the Jews did not lay their hands on the plunder. Thus their actions should be viewed as a war against their enemies, which the text specifically states. It should therefore be celebrated as a liberation from the tyranny of those who would

destroy our people rather than a great military victory.

Furthermore, the holiday of Purim offers two models in the characters of Mordechai and Esther. By his refusal to bow to Haman, Mordechai represents the stiff determination by which Jews throughout the centuries have held on to their beliefs and convictions in the face of terrible persecution. Esther, on the other hand, represents the ability to ensure the survival of our people through compromise and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

As we celebrate Purim and prepare for the approach of Pesach, let's continue to express the joy of our liberation from the tyranny of ancient and contemporary despots through the music and practices that have identified these holidays for centuries. May that joy radiate throughout all of us.

B'shalom v'ahavah, *Cantor Rosenfeld*

## TINTON FALLS CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

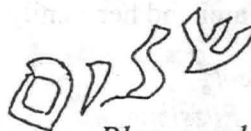


All of us at Tinton Falls Cooperative Nursery School are eagerly awaiting spring! As the staff prepares to pack up our classrooms we want to wish the Temple the best of luck with the annual Arts Festival. We know how much this event is appreciated by the entire community.

Please see our ad in the Festival Program Journal. If you know anyone who is looking for a wonderful preschool, mention our facility.

Our open house was held on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful success! We will continue to register children for the fall term, but hurry before our classes are full.

*Bobbie LaPlaca*, Director and TFCNS Staff



**Welcome  
New Members**

*Please welcome to our congregation:*

Julie Beth Trauben  
and her son Michael Jay Friedman  
236 Fair Haven Road, Fair Haven 07704  
219-0238  
julie12345689@aol.com

## DAVID MENSCH

David is looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah on March 6<sup>th</sup>. His parents, Randee Gevertz and Howard Mensch will be sharing in the joyous occasion and are so very proud of their son. David is a seventh grader at Markham Place School in Little Silver where he plays recreational soccer. He is an avid hiker, canoer, and horseback rider and has won many awards at his summer camp. David also loves to golf. Favorite subjects are math and history. Mazel Tov to David and his family.

## WILLIAM HOFFMAN

March 13, 1999 marks the special day when Will becomes a Bar Mitzvah. His parents David and Linda, brother Charles and sisters Britt and Lauren are very proud of him. Will attends the Thompson Middle School in Middletown where favorite subjects are math, science, and social studies. His hobbies are snowboarding and music including playing the drums. Will appreciates the knowledge he has acquired at Monmouth Reform Temple and intends to use this knowledge to guide him in the future to make him a better person. Mazel Tov to Will and his family.

## TAMI WOLF



March 27, 1999 marks the day when Tami will become a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents, Ann and Randy and siblings Amanda and Kelsey are very proud of her. Tami is a seventh grader at Maple Place School in Oceanport. She

participates in recreational basketball and softball. Hobbies include dance; tap, jazz, and ballet. Favorite subjects are social studies and literature. Tami is excited and thinks it's been hard but will all be worth it soon. Mazel Tov to Tami and her family.

### *Message from Sisterhood President*

.....Stephanie Fitzsimmons

Looking forward to the **Brotherhood/Sisterhood weekend** on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> where on Saturday night you can experience an evening of entertainment and on Sunday, a trip to the Lower East Side of New York. Please join us. It's a great way to meet people! Regretfully, our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting has been postponed until further notice. *B'shalom.*

## WAYS AND MEANS

At February's monthly MRT Board meeting, we spent a great deal of time discussing the first of "Ten Principles for Reform Judaism." This principle states "Created by the Holy One, we are seekers after God." In thinking about this, an image flooded my mind.

During the last 2 winters (I've lived here for 15 years!) I've noticed that when the sun shines into my living room in the early afternoon, the room takes on a celestial glow. There is an incredible sense of well being that I feel, even for a short period of time. On a sunny day, this has become my meditation. In this experience, usually no longer than 20-30 minutes, I feel the presence of God. This time, more than any other, reminds me to be mindful and open to very simple pleasures.

We learn about ourselves through the things we do every day. That is, of course, if we are mindful of what we're doing. Our strengths are showcased as we do the work of committees, and we have the opportunity to improve ourselves by jumping in and facing our demons of fear, time management, discipline, and interacting with people.

Arts Festival is an opportunity to showcase your strengths and improve those skills that keep you from getting more involved. Being surrounded by beauty is a simple pleasure which evokes a sense of well being. Please join in and return those calls requesting your help. If no one has called you, call me, and I'll be sure we find a place for you.

*Shalom, Judy Luger*

### *Scrip*

**Not only did it NOT cost you a dime,  
you made 10 cents.**

We know you Eat, so give the Food Gift Certificate Program A Try. **The Temple Needs Your Support financially.** This is a simple fundraiser which doesn't cost you anything and can make money for our Temple. *Please give us a try.* Stop in the lobby Sunday morning and see Joanna Charnick or at the Temple office Monday through Friday. Save your blue LINCROFT ACME tapes and bring them to the Temple office. We will get a cash rebate of 1%! **Help to balance our budget – Use Scrip!!**

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# monmouth reform temple

## march events

Mon. March. 1	5:45 PM	Purim Family Dinner
	7:00 PM	Purim Service
Tue. March 2	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Meeting
Wed. March 3	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	6:00-7:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	7:45 PM	Introduction to Judaism Course
	8:00 PM	Ritual Meeting
Thur. March 4	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Fri. March 5	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Services
Sat. March 6	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Mensch Bar Mitzvah)
	10:30 AM	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
Sun. March 7	9:30 AM	Religious School
Tue. March. 9	9:30 AM	Study Group
Wed. March 10	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	6:00-7:30 PM	Senior Youth Board
	7:30 PM	Youth Committee
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee
Fri. March 12	6:30 PM	Shabbat Across America Dinner
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Shabbat Across America)
Sat. March 13	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Hoffman Bar Mitzvah)
Sun. March 14	9:30 AM	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Brotherhood Program
	12:00 noon	Senior Youth
Tue. March 16	8:00 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Wed. March 17	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
Thur. March 18	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
Fri. March 19	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Services
Sat. March 20	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Grand Opening Reception
March. 21-24	all day	Arts Festival
Wed. March 24	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
Fri. March 26	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Shabbat Hagadol)
Sat. March 27	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Wolf Bat Mitzvah)
Sun. March 28	9:30 AM	Religious School (Model Seder)
Mon. March 29	7:00 PM	Pre-School Program
Tue. March 30	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Meeting
Wed. March 31	evening	First Seder Night

Adult Torah Study Group: Every Saturday morning – 9:30 AM  
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Sunday, March 21, Wednesday, March 31

## ARTS FESTIVAL: MARCH 20 – 24

☺ SPRING BEGINS: March 20<sup>th</sup> ☺



# TEN PRINCIPLES FOR REFORM JUDAISM

Fourth Draft / Kislev 5759 / December 1998

## WHO ARE WE REFORM JEWS?

- I Created by the Holy One, We Are Seekers After God
- II We Are Open to Ongoing Revelation in Every Age
- III Redeemed from Egypt, We Seek to Help Repair the World
- IV We Are Committed to Serious Lifelong Learning and to Actions that Flow From It
- V We Respond to Mitzvot of Shabbat and the Seasons
- VI We Are Open to Expanding the Mitzvot of Reform Jewish Practice
- VII Members of a Holy People, We Reach Out to Every Jew
- VIII We Seek to Transform a Holy Land
- IX We Are Heirs to a Holy Tongue
- X We Are Committed to the Equality of All Created by God

## Preamble: Who Are We Reform Jews?

Much has changed in the Jewish world since the Central Conference of American Rabbis issued its Centenary Perspective 100 years after the founding of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Then as now we have been a movement of varying beliefs and practices, strengthened by our diversity yet increasingly in search of common themes that can deepen the life of the Reform community. We do not attempt to legislate a code of belief or conduct for Reform Jews, nor presume to advocate a single mode of religious expression for all. As Reform Jews we are open to the entirety of our tradition, commanded to engage in the study and practice that will embody that tradition in a manner appropriate to our different situations. Large numbers of Reform Jews find fulfillment in their present religious lives, while others are in search of different modes of religious expression. The Central Conference of American Rabbis offers these Principles to the Reform Movement in the spirit of Reform's historic openness to change and growth, blending creativity and tradition as we seek to deepen our relationships with God, with Torah, with the Jewish people and with the land of Israel.

## With God

### First: Created by the Holy One, We Are Seekers After God

Reform Judaism embraces the story of the Jewish people which tells of three great encounters with God: Creation, our Redemption from Egypt, and the Revelation initiated with our Sinai experience. Through these stories we focus throughout the Jewish year on our covenantal relationship with the Divine. Reform Jews conceive of God in many different ways, and seek to understand the nature of the Holy One through the wonders of the natural world, the insights of science and reason, the teachings of the mystics, and the infinite varieties of human beings and their handiwork. In moments of love, compassion, or faith we often feel the presence of the creator of these qualities, while in the face of wickedness, suffering or death, we strive to comprehend the will of the creator of goodness and healing, the Eternal One. Alone and in our synagogues, we strive, through

traditional liturgies and our movement's creativity, to praise, thank, celebrate, petition, sing to, wrestle with and cry out to the *Kadosh Baruch Hu*, the Creator of Holiness and Blessing.

### Second: We Are Open to Ongoing Revelation in Every Age

Through study, prayer and action, we become aware of God's mitzvot that call to us in different ways in every generation. We seek to understand the truths of Torah through the noblest insights of our own time, and to judge the values of our time by the noblest insights of Torah. Though all the mitzvot are addressed to us, we respond to them in two related ways: out of the ever-growing body of interpretation by *Kenesset Yisrael*, the eternal community of the Jewish people, and out of our individual understanding of what is right for our own time. Such responses will help us transform a life too often lived exclusively in a state of *chol*, ordinariness, into a life filled with *kedushah*, holiness. We want to deepen the Jewish content of our lives not only to enrich our own existence, but in keeping with the widest vision of Reform Judaism, to enhance the quality of the communities and the lands in which we live. Reform Judaism calls us to help transform ourselves, our culture and our world.

### Third: Redeemed from Egypt, We Seek to Help Repair the World

Central to the mission of Reform Judaism from its inception has been a commitment to answer the prophetic call for justice and the challenge of *tikun olam*, attempting to repair our shattered world. Reform Jews strive to be faithful to the Torah's teaching that the call to justice is not separate from the call to holiness, but flows from it—and so out of our learning and our prayers, in the private and public corners of our lives, we pledge to work for the cause of the poor and oppressed, and for the protection of the earth and all the creatures God entrusted to our care. We renew our commitment to *tzedakah*, to setting aside a portion of our resources to justly provide for those in need, and to engage in regular acts of *gemilut chasadim*, showing by our caring presence our love for those in pain. Mindful of our own redemption from Egypt, we commit ourselves to help redeem those in physical, economic and spiritual bondage in our own time, that we all might live, at long last, in a world repaired, a world at peace.

## With Torah

### Fourth: We Are Committed to Serious Lifelong Learning and to Actions that Flow from It

We acknowledge our responsibility, at every stage in our lives, to learn Torah in the widest sense—biblical, rabbinic, medieval and modern texts, history, literature, philosophy and music. We aspire to learn and interpret these texts with our families, our children and our friends. Some of us send our children to Jewish day schools, others to supplementary schools, but we all strive to participate actively in our children's Jewish schooling and to model the importance of study by our own example as adults. We wish to engage in learning out of our love of Torah, and to deepen our encounter with God, to learn how we can live our lives with moral integrity, and to celebrate the depth of Jewish insight through the centuries.

#### Fifth: We Respond to Mitzvot that Lead Us to the Holiness of Time

On Shabbat, the culmination of Creation, we commit ourselves to observe those *mitzvot* which let us experience the day as *mei-eyn olam ha-ba*, a foretaste of the world to come, a world redeemed. Shabbat offers us the opportunity to participate in the sanctity of our synagogue community and to sanctify our homes through creative interpretations of *shamor*, the *mitzvot* of refraining from many ordinary weekday acts, as well as *zachor*, the *mitzvot* of welcoming the special Shabbat rituals into our lives. Standing at the climax of the week, Shabbat inspires us to bring the highest moral values to our weekday labor and our interactions with other human beings. Shabbat also liberates us from the obligations which our work places upon us that we may focus on our obligations to Torah.

We also commit ourselves to steer the course of our lives by creative celebrations of the High Holy Days, the seasonal festivals and the other commemorative days of our calendar, delighting in the special foods and observing the somber fasts which nourish our souls. We will celebrate the seasons of our personal journeys as well, through traditional and creative rites that sanctify the milestones of our lives. Conscious always of our mortality, we are committed to filling our days with the joy of living as Jews.

#### Sixth: We Are Open to Expanding the Mitzvot of Reform Jewish Practice

We seek to create positive Jewish homes where we and our children may practice a variety of religious acts which will reinforce the variety of values we espouse. Thus we commit ourselves to the *mitzvot* that have long been hallmarks of Reform Judaism, and we may feel called to other *mitzvot* new to Reform Jewish observance. As part of Reform Judaism's classic commitment to ongoing revelation, we know that beliefs and practices which may seem outdated in one age may be redemptive in another. We may build a shelter on Sukkot and a shelter for the homeless; we may open our hearts to love our neighbor as ourselves and we may open our homes to welcome holiday guests; we may seek to put into our mouths the foods that match our religious and societal commitments and we may seek to keep from our mouths any words of cruelty or gossip; we may cover our challah in the presence of Shabbat and we may cover our heads in the presence of God. We may discover rituals now unknown, which in the spirit of Jewish tradition and Reform innovation will bring us closer to God, to Torah, to our families, and to our people.

### With Israel, People and Land

#### Seventh: Members of a Holy People, We Reach Out to Every Jew

Members of the *am segulah*, a people meant to be a treasure in the world, we wish to strengthen our ties with Jews from all the movements in Judaism. Reminded of our Sinai experience, we seek to work together in mutual respect, aware of our many serious differences, trying to understand the motivations that lead to our divergence. While our solutions may radically differ, we all face common problems. We have much to learn from each other.

Perhaps our greatest common concern is the consequences of the successful integration of Jews into our society. While this often seems an invitation to assimilation, our Reform commitment to help transform society leads us to see this integration as a challenge to expand individuals' knowledge and practice of Judaism. Reform Judaism has opened the doors of Jewish life to varied kinds of families, to gays and lesbians, to offspring of Jewish fathers as well as Jewish mothers, to converts, to all families who try to create from their religious differences a

Jewish home, and to others who have felt uniquely welcomed by Reform. By making Jewish learning available to all who desire it, we believe we can transform assimilation and alienation into Jewish affirmation.

We are cheered that a half century after the Shoah, Jewish life has been reborn across Europe. Reform Jews are now connected to a worldwide movement whose mission is to share a liberal experience of Judaism wherever Jews may live. We pledge to help provide Progressive congregations around the world with rabbinical service, to share insights with each other, and to respect our common membership in *Kenesset Yisrael*. We promise to be vigilant in helping Jews across the globe protect themselves against renewals of antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

#### Eighth: We Seek to Transform a Holy Land

After 2000 years of statelessness, the restoration of *Am Yisrael*, the people of Israel, to its ancestral homeland in *Eretz Yisrael*, the Land of Israel, represents an historic triumph of the Jewish people and of modern Zionism, which created *Medinat Yisrael*, the State of Israel. We wish to help create a State which promotes full civil, human and religious rights for all its inhabitants, and in which no religious interpretation of Judaism takes legal precedence over another. We wish to help the people of the State work unceasingly for an atmosphere of peace, justice and security with Palestinians and other Arab neighbors.

While Israeli and Diaspora Jewry are both vibrant and interdependent communities, we encourage *aliyah*, immigration to Israel, in fulfillment of the *mitzvah* of *yishuv Eretz Yisrael*, settling the Land of Israel, in a manner consistent with our Reform commitments. We call upon Reform Jews everywhere to dedicate their energies and resources to strengthening an indigenous Progressive Judaism that can help transform *Medinat Yisrael*.

#### Ninth: We Are Heirs to a Holy Tongue

We echo our people's belief that the Hebrew language is endowed with a particular measure of *kedushah*. Despite overwhelming odds, the Jewish people preserved Hebrew in the face of centuries of exile. Hebrew binds us to Jews in every land, and especially to our brothers and sisters in the State of Israel. Hebrew connects us with ancient and modern Jewish ideas which are difficult to render in translation. We shall strive to read Hebrew, to speak it, to let it help articulate our prayer and inform our study. The more familiar we are with Hebrew, the more at home we shall feel within our people's heritage.

#### Tenth: We Are Committed to the Equality of All Created by God

We all have benefited from the growing fulfillment of Reform's historic promise of equality between women and men. Jewish women and men alike have been strengthened by the admission of women to the rabbinate, the cantorate and other positions of Jewish educational and religious leadership. Listening to women's voices in our tradition teaches us a new language to encounter faces of God once hidden from us, new ways to feel God's presence, new ways to relate to each other and conduct our institutions. We shall encourage Jews in all the movements to learn from these voices as well.

We affirm that people of any gender, race, age, belief, physical condition, or sexual orientation are all created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God. We seek dialogue with good people of other faiths that together we may work to better our communities and our country. In whatever ways we can, we shall strive to help all people fulfill their divine potential to contribute to a world transformed, the world of our people's storied dream.

*Ken y'hi ratzon*. May this be God's will.



## Yahrzeits

**Mar. 5:** *Henry Aronow, Frances F. Singman, Simon Silverman, Leo A. Kauffman, David Kaplan, \*Ida Huber, \*Bessie Schwartz, Nathaniel Portman, Charles Thomas Kelly, Irving Spumberg, Nat W. Bernard, Dr. Alexander J. Reiss, \*Harriet Weiss, Lisa Abramov, Greta Rosenblum, \*Martin Brousell*

**Mar. 12:** *Frank Abrams, Morton Cohn, \*Jay T. Feigus, Sarah Rauch, Mary Schoenbart, Bertha Greenberg, \*Max Tanenbaum, Mildred Kantor, \*Esther Kossovskaya, Isadore Tannenbaum*

**Mar. 19:** *\*Rose Blonder, Solomon Weissman, Edward Greenberg, Rose M. Friedman, Morris Gelb, Tina Karl, Sally Kramer, Blanche Civins, \*Samuel Blonder, Ida Sternberg, \*Meyer Smolensky Collis, Samuel Tanenbaum, Loretta Stein, \*Jacob Talberth, \*Hyman Karlman*

**Mar. 26:** *\*Doreen Harran, Alexander Kaplan, \*Samuel Mausner, Morris Zager, \*Michael Mintzer, Rahmin Abramov, Abner Gitlin, Robert Teitelbaum, Gail Goldsmith, Siegmund Rath, Esther Brumer, \*Gertie Hersch Wiener, Catherine R. Ricklin, \*Helen Nusbaum, Milton E. Lipstein, Mark Vickers, Roslyn Schwartz, Jack A. Leeds, Herbert Ellenbogen, C.K. Conklin, Fannie Copley, Pearl Goldberger, Helen Farbman, \*Helen Nusbaum, \*Isidore Grossman*

\*Indicates perpetual Kaddish

### ***DID YOU KNOW?.....from Elinor***

\* Our Social Hall and classrooms are available for rental. If you belong to an organization that is looking for space for a meeting or an event, please think about recommending our Social Hall. Discounted rates are available for Temple members. If you have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up, think about using our Social Hall for the reception. Please call the office for information about using our facilities.

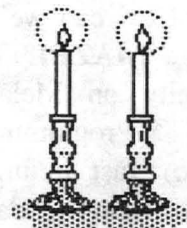
\* Plaques can be purchased to memorialize your loved ones. We will be adding a new wall of memorial tablets; lots of space will be available. Contact the office for an order form.

\* Scrip can be purchased in the Temple office, and remember, the office is open on Sundays as well as during the week.

\* Volunteers are needed for the Annual Walk for Israel on April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you can help at the registration desk, as a crossing guard, or drive a mini van, please call Amir Mane (842-4746).

## **TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING**

March 5	5:33 PM
March 12	5:41 PM
March 19	5:48 PM
March 26	5:56 PM



**The Congregation extends warm  
condolences to:**

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

**BRACHA FASS**



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

### *Mother's Day Breakfast*

Our Brotherhood President Baldwin Davidson suggested that the annual Mother's Day Breakfast and the Fourth Annual Book-Record-Tape sale occur on the same day. Some of the best chefs in the Temple will prepare a most delightful breakfast for *mothers* as well as non-mothers. Your delightful breakfast with friends and family will be enhanced by an opportunity to obtain books, records and tapes at bargain prices.

All items to be sold are acquired through your generous contributions. Please consider donating books-records-tapes; a donation letter is available for every contribution. Donating items for the sale might give you a greater return value than exchanging them for credit in a store and the funds are used for the Temple.

Please search your home for saleable items and bring them to the Temple between May 1-7. If you want your donation "picked up," please call either the Temple office or Don Leeds 583-2829. Contributions are needed.

Shalom, Don S. Leeds



***The Judaica Shop opens Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>***  
*9:30 AM to 12:30 PM for your Passover shopping.*  
Call Gloria Kantor at 928-7431 or Fannie Klein at 741-5676 for any special needs.



## MRTSY NEWS

### Monmouth Reform Temple Senior Youth

How can we begin with anything other than a huge **MAZEL TOV to Melanie Ross** and her family on Melanie's newly-elected position as NFTY Programming Vice-President! Melanie (and Dee) just returned from the NFTY National Convention in California with 1700 youth groupers and 500 youth advisors from all over North America. Mel will serve her term as NFTY Programming VP during her freshman year at college. Again, I couldn't be more proud of Melanie and her accomplishments. She has really put MRT on the map!

MRTSY has been busy! We had such a fun time at our Austin Power's Night of International Mystery. Also, MRTSY was so happy to participate in the SIR weekend and in keeping with the previous year's tradition, planned and ran the Havdalah service. Thanks to our President Adam Goldberg for preparing the readings for the services and to Cantor for helping us to lead MRT in worship that evening.

March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> four MRTSY members will attend NFTY-GER's Arts conclave in South Orange, New Jersey. I will be staffing for the weekend and am looking forward to a wonderful Shabbat.

Our next MRTSY event will be on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> with a visit to *A Time to Kiln* in Red Bank. Lots of seder plates and kiddush cups are available for you to paint. Call Adam @741-7845 for details.

Please save the date of June 6<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to join MRTSY for a trip to NYC to see the Broadway show *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. More details to follow soon. Happy Passover!

B'Shalom, Rachel Gitlin

*MRT Junior Youth Group presents*

## SKATING

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 3:00 PM

Cost: \$10 includes:

admission, skate rental, and pizza.

See purple flyer or contact Jay Medlin at  
946-7972 or e-mail jam97@monmouth.com



*Thank you to my MRT family for all of your best wishes on my TV debut. I'll keep you posted on upcoming shows!*

*Rachel Gitlin*

### from Baldwin Davidson for Brotherhood

Our next meeting to be held March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM should prove to be a most interesting one. The speaker originally scheduled had to cancel. Shortly thereafter, Debbie Weissman, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School teacher, recommended a speaker with whom she had arranged a visit to her class. When I heard about the subject, I felt it would be an outstanding one for all to hear. Our speaker will be John David Scalamonti. He is the author of a book *Ordained to be a Jew*. Scalamonti was raised in the Catholic faith, eventually being ordained as a priest. After many years, he left the church and converted to Judaism. He will speak about his new life as a Jew. The program should be outstanding and I urge you all to attend.

Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup> ... .. *Baldy*

### On the Death of King Hussein

**Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie**  
**President, UAHC**  
**February 7, 1999**

Our tradition teaches us that when great leaders die, we are all to mourn their death as if they were a member of our immediate family. The death of King Hussein today is a loss not only for the people of Jordan, who have so cherished his leadership, and not only for the Arab world, which has benefited so much from his statesmanship, but also for Israel and for Jews around the world. We, too, feel the loss, and we, too, mourn for this man of peace.

We extend our most heartfelt sympathies to the Royal Family and to the people of Jordan. We pray that King Hussein's dreams of peace and friendship for all those in the Middle East may be made real by those who now carry on his legacy.

May his memory be a blessing, and his life an inspiration.

## NFTY Convention 1999

From February 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to attend the NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) conference in Los Angeles. Along with 1700 Reform teens from across North America and 500 adult leaders of Reform Judaism I spent the week learning about Judaism from speakers and educational programming. Some of the activities that we did during the week included going to the Skirball Museum and spending an evening of fun and excitement at Universal Studios. During the convention elections were held for the 1999-2000 NFTY board. I am very happy to announce that next year I will be programming Vice President of NFTY.

I would like to thank MRT for the scholarship money for my sister and myself so that we were able to attend the convention. I hope in the next few years more members of MRTSY (Monmouth Reform Temple Senior Youth) will get involved in NFTY and attend Convention 2001. If anyone would like information on joining the senior youth group please give me a call at 224-9677.

Sincerely, Melanie Ross

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

*Where parents set the example...*

March is an amazingly busy month for our Religious School. The month begins with our annual Purim Family Dinner and service on March 1, continues through the Monmouth Festival of the Arts and ends with our Religious School's model seder on March 28. I hope you all had the opportunity to share Purim with your family.

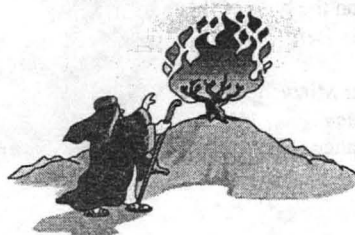
Please pick up your Passover candy purchases from March 14 through March 19 during school hours. Also, please pick them up before the commencement of the Arts Festival on March 20.

The second report card for grades 4-7 will be issued no later than March 7, hopefully the date will be moved up to March 3.

*Many Temple members are not familiar with the physical work that precedes the opening of our stupendous annual fundraiser. Doors come off, chairs are put into storage and the nursery school is entirely dismantled. In their place will be 4' x 8' flats and many, many display boxes of varying sizes and weights taken from their basement hiding places.*

*Wearing my hat as co-chair of the Arts Festival Facility Committee, I make my annual plea for Temple members to assist me in this operation. The take down process begins on Sunday, March 14 at 11:30 am and continues until we complete the task (usually around 5 p.m.) Contact me at home, 536-1813 or leave a message for me at the Temple, if you can donate some time, even a few hours are appreciated. **Please, remember to bring your tools.***

*Perhaps, even more necessary, volunteers are needed to put the Temple back into its original shape on Thursday, March 25, starting at 4:00 p.m. The time is even more critical because the Temple must be reassembled in time for Shabbat services the following day. Not all jobs require lifting.*



## ON TO PASSOVER

In most surveys, Passover is the most observed holiday among reform Jews. Family and friends, good food, a familiar story and warm surroundings contribute to its popularity. At MRT, we try to create such an environment for your children at our model seder on Sunday, March 28.

As is our custom, all students contribute to the holiday meal by grade so that every student in the same class furnishes the same item. All Passover items should be brought to the Temple on the morning of the model seder. If your child cannot attend please make every effort to drop off your assignment before 9:30 a.m. on the morning of March 28.

Grade k - washed parsley (a bunch) and 1 can of macaroons

Grade 1 - washed parsley (a bunch) and charoseth for 10 students

Grade 2 - 1 **kosher** for Passover cake and 1 **can** of grape juice

Grade 3 - 1 **can** of grape juice, 1 roasted bone (any kind) and a jar of gefilte fish

Grade 4 - 1 jar of red horseradish and 1 box of matzah

Grade 5 - charoseth for 10 students and 1 **can** of grape juice

Grade 6 - 1/2dz. peeled hard boiled eggs

Grade 7 - 1 **kosher** for Passover cake and 1 roasted bone (any kind)

Grade 8/9 - 1/2dz. peeled hard boiled eggs and 1 box of matzah

Grade 10 - 1 roasted bone (any kind) and 1 jar of white Horseradish

I would like to close with a **MAZEL TOV** for class 5B on the manner in which the boys and girls conducted February's family service.

Shalom, David Levinsky



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Our beloved grandparents and great  
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Elaine Espey on the engagement of her daughter

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March 1999****WORSHIP SERVICES**

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Mar.	1 Mon	Purim Service	7:00 PM
	5 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	6 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	12 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	13 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	19 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	26 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	27 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Mar.	3 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	7 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	10 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	14 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	17 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	24 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	28 Sun	Rel. Sch. (Model Seder)	9:30-Noon
	29 Mon	Pre-School Program	7:00 PM
	21 Sun	No Religious School	
	31 Wed	No Religious School	

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mar.	1 Mon	Purim Family Dinner	5:45 PM
	3 Wed	Intro to Judaism	7:45 PM
	6 Sat	B/Mitzvah Fam Program	10:30 AM
	12 Fri	Shabbat Across America	6:30 PM
	20 Sat	MFA Grand Opening	7:30 PM
	21-24	Arts Festival	all day

**MEETINGS**

Mar.	2 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	3 Wed	Jr. Youth Group	6:00-7:30 PM
		Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	4 Thurs	Arts Festival Meeting	7:30 PM
	9 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	10 Wed	Senior Youth Board	6:00-7:30 PM
		Youth Committee	7:30 PM
		Executive Committee	8:00 PM
	14 Sun	Brotherhood Meeting	9:30 AM
		Senior Youth	Noon
	16 Tues	Temple Board	8:00 PM
	18 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
	30 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Religious Ed	8:00 PM

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