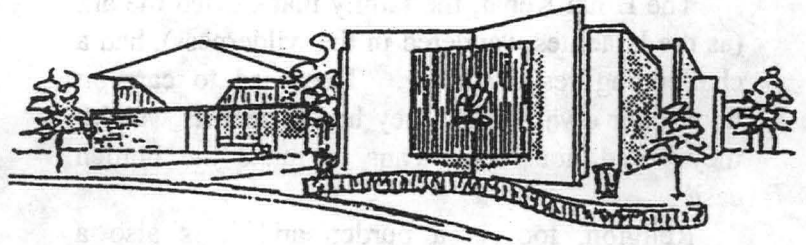


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JUNE 1999

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Fri. 4** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Conducted by Senior Youth Group
**DEDICATION OF
YOUTH LOUNGE**
Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Num. 8:1-12:16
- Fri. 11** Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **THE DEATH OF JOB**
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Num. 13:1-15:41
- Fri. 18** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **DEALING WITH
DIFFICULT PEOPLE**
Torah Portion: Korach
Num. 16:1-18:32
- Fri. 25** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **THE POWER OF RITUAL**
Torah Portion: Chukat/Balak
Num. 19:1-25:9

OTHER SERVICES

- Sat. 5** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **WHAT MAKES A
BOOK A BOOK?**
Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Pokross
son of Colleen Pokross and
Jeffrey and Candace Pokross
- Sun. 6** Healing Service - 1:00 PM
- Sat. 12** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **REACH IN AND
REACH OUT**
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Amtzis
daughter of Barbara and Kevin Sheridan
and Michael and Danka Amtzis
- Sat. 19** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **OUR CHILDREN'S
FUTURE**
Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Hersch
daughter of Vallerie and Gary Hersch
- Sat. 26** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **THE PROPHET WITHIN**
Bat Mitzvah of Marla Weinstein
daughter of Joy and Martin Weinstein

*Support our Senior Youth Group
as they lead us in prayer on June 4.
The Youth are our future.*

REFLECTIONS

The B'nai Kehat, the family that carried the ark (as the Israelites wandered in the wilderness), had a challenging responsibility. They had to carry it upon their own bodies; they had to feel its weight; they could not seek means to make the burden easier.

Religion, too, is a burden and it is also a discipline. Anyone who seeks to carry a faith easily, shouldering no special tasks, making no distinctive sacrifices, will have a religion that is neither true nor helpful.

Rabbi Morris Adler

Social Action from Bob Blank

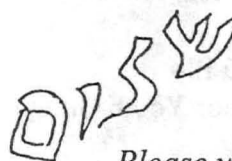
"Tikkun Olam" and "tzdakah." Rabbi Priesand utters those words so often. Yet, my ears perked up when New York's former Governor Mario Cuomo uttered them in a major speech delivered at the Kennedy School of Government last February. A Boston Globe columnist termed the speech "Cuomo's Call to Community." Here are a few quotes. "And when the first Jew looked up and said to his Hebrew God, or her Hebrew God... What am I? And the word came – *tzdakah* – in righteousness you must recognize that you are brother and sister to everyone around you, even those chasing through the desert. And what do I do with this relationship? *Tikkun Olam* – "Repair the Universe...make it better...sweeter, fairer, surer...After you take care of your own survival, see what you can do for the rest of the place...make a contribution to that, do everything you can."

It is a great privilege for me to become your Social Action Chair. Let this article be my first *Call to Community* – our temple community. Let us all be stirred by the ancient call restated so eloquently by Mr. Cuomo at Harvard.

During the coming months, the Social Action Committee will reach out to all the members of our temple family to become involved in works of *tzdakah* and *tikkun olam*. Volunteer for Mitzvah Day in the fall. It's for the entire temple membership – not just for those with children in the religious school. Fill your mitzvah bags which are distributed on Rosh Hashanah and return them on Yom Kippur for the benefit of the Center of Asbury

Park HIV/AIDS. Volunteer time for nursing home visitation, on Fridays when a brief Shabbat service is included, and on Christmas Day. Help to serve lunch at Lunch Break on the first Thursday of each month. Be part of the Children's Peace Fair at Brookdale in the spring. Keep the Fund for the Homeless and the Mazon Fund in mind when you make donations to the temple. Hopefully, new projects will be added during the coming year. The committee always welcomes new committee members and new ideas.

For more information, you may reach me during the day at 462-7170 or during the evening at 625-0776. You may also call the temple office.



Welcome New Members

Please welcome to our congregation:

Robert and Marjorie Wold and their children
Lindsay Michelle, Amanda Brooke, and Jaclyn Lee
6 Iroquois Court, Colts Neck, NJ 07722
935-9018

Ellie and I would like to thank everyone for their care and concern shown during my recent operation and recuperation. Your calls, cards, donations and prayers were greatly appreciated and helped me keep a positive attitude.

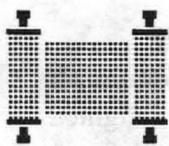
Bob Goodman

PLEASE PASS THE WORD.....
.....INTERFAITH COUPLES

OPENING DOORS CLASS

A six-week discussion series for interfaith couples, sponsored by the UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations), is being planned for a weekday evening, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM, beginning in mid-October at MRT. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgmental setting, led by a professional facilitator. Registration is limited to eight couples. Watch for more details!

Linda Burns and Marianne Kligman



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Where in the Middle East but in Israel can the political landscape be changed overnight so dramatically and so peacefully? Israelis are to be congratulated for proving once again that democracy is alive and well in their corner of the world. Nearly 90% of Israel's citizens exercised their right to vote in the recent election, with a clear majority choosing the leader they felt best represented their hopes for the future. Ehud Barak's landslide was a victory for peace and pluralism. Not since Golda Meir has a prime minister been elected so decisively. Weary of conflict, both internal and external, Israelis are hoping that their most decorated soldier, himself a sabra and kibbutznik, will be able to build a broad-based coalition capable of healing their nation.

A man of reason and integrity, Barak wants to fulfill the legacy of Yitzhak Rabin, reviving peace negotiations and freeing Israel from the burden of ruling the Palestinians. As with Rabin, Israelis seem more comfortable putting their security needs in the hands of a military man who has spent nearly his entire life fighting terrorism and safeguarding Israel's borders. In all likelihood, the peace process will be resuscitated rapidly.

The other major task Barak faces is bringing unity to a society that has become increasingly fragmented. He has clearly stated that he wants to be everybody's prime minister. Only time will tell if that is a realistic possibility, but we wish him well as he extends his hand to religious and secular alike, to those of Ashkenazi and Sephardic descent, to the native-born and those who have immigrated from Russia and Ethiopia.

The day after the election Barak made the traditional pilgrimage to Jerusalem's Western Wall. When I saw the picture in the paper, his hand caressing the weather-beaten rock, I wondered if he left behind a little piece of paper, as most visitors do, pressing it deep into the cracks between the stones of the Wall. If he did, I suspect it would have said: shalom al Yisrael. That too is our prayer: peace for Israel, both within and without.



SHARING SIMCHAS

THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

Carol and Mark Salomon on the marriage of their daughter Tracy to Robert Goldenberg

Francine and Barry Litofsky on the engagement of their son Brian to Rose Koch

Bob Blank on his son Josh's graduation from New York University, summa cum laude, and his induction into Phi Beta Kappa

Zachary Gilstein on his promotion to Vice President and General Manager of Service Activation and Performance Management Systems at Telcordia Technologies (formerly Bellcore)

Francine and Barry Litofsky on the birth of their grandson Jason Ryan Litofsky

Elaine Espey on the marriage of her daughter Alice Hoffman to Steven Mannion

Naomi and Fred Moessinger on the arrival of their granddaughter Anna Elizabeth Go

Freedom Ride '99 and New Millenium Conference will occur June 16th – 23rd. It departs New York City with final destination of Philadelphia, MS. The event honors the memory of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, civil rights workers who were murdered in 1964. The cost for transportation, room and board is \$300. The event is geared toward youth and young adults. Details and an application form are available at the Temple office. If you can't make the trip but want to show support consider attending the rallies:

June 14, 7PM, Great Hall of the ABA

42 West 44th Street, New York City and/or

June 15, 6PM, St. Bartholomew's Church

109 East 50th Street, New York City

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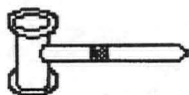
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In his last column as Board president, Jim Berg described the achievements of our temple community during the past few years. He spoke about the completion of the building addition, renovation, and remodeling, and the hiring of a full-time vested cantor. Both projects stretched the resources of the temple board, committees and other volunteers, as well as our Rabbi and the temple staff.

I believe that a great strength of our temple community lies in the depth and breadth of the volunteers who help organize and run the events where we gather to pray, study, and to have fun together. As we move forward, I expect that we will face new, possibly unexpected, challenges. As in the past our success will depend on our ability to listen to everyone, work together, and make decisions for the benefit of the entire community.

I look forward to my next two years as Board president because of the leadership of our clergy, our wonderful temple staff, and the large number of temple members who volunteer their time for the benefit of all. While it's impossible to thank all the people who help out during the year, I would like to publicly thank, and recognize the individuals who most recently joined the Board, and to wish them good luck in their new positions:

Alice Berman, Financial Secretary
Robert Blank, Trustee, and Chair Social Action
Karen Cole, Recording Secretary
Bob Gabel, Brotherhood President
Sheri George, Sisterhood Co-President
Bev Gruensfelder, Sisterhood Co-President.

Please stop by the temple office to pick up a complete list of Board members, and committee chairs. For those involved in a number of temple activities, ask a friend to join you. If you'd like to get involved in a new activity, just ask. The temple thrives only because of your involvement.

Have a wonderful summer.

Gerald Reisner

Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County
to hold 27th Annual Meeting June 13 at the JCC of Greater Monmouth in Deal, New Jersey.

Call (732) 531-6200 for further information.



MFA 2000 GEARING UP

As we launch the 30th Monmouth Festival of the Arts, I am delighted to announce the formation of our new Executive Board:

Kate Greenberg 530-3657	Education Management
Barbara Keating 530-4321	Arts Management
Paula Metz 462-1650	Social and Sales Management
Kathy Perlman 842-4686	Business Management

Through the talent and energy of this excellent team, we will be welcoming the entire temple family to join us in the year 2000 for a very special anniversary. Take a few minutes right now to think about the area where you'd most like to participate and call one of us with your intention. We can't wait to talk to you!

Judy Luger, Chair
389-0406

Get ready for:

MITZVAH DAY III

Save the date:

October 10, 1999

Shalom from the

Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County

For only \$999* you can have the time of your life in Israel. Join with hundreds of your friends and neighbors from throughout New Jersey, October 31—November 8, on a mega mission to Israel. See all the sights and much much more. So far from our temple, Bob St. Lifer, Bob Gabel and Marianne Roosels are going. Optional side trips are from the Dead Sea to Masada, Arad, and Petra and from Jerusalem to Yad Vashem and Temple Mevasseret Zion. Call Howard Gases at the Federation office (531-6200) or Bob St. Lifer at 780-4778 for further information.

This is a great chance to visit Israel with friends and neighbors to see how our donations are being spent.

*plus a \$500 pledge to the Y2K campaign.

A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld



Shalom! With the passing of Shavuot, there is something of a lull in the Jewish calendar. Other than *Tisha B'Av*, there is no other formal celebration until the High Holy Days. In some ways, *Tisha B'Av* could be viewed as a warm-up for the Season of Repentance. *Tisha B'Av*, or the *Ninth of Av* commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. It is based on the *Book of Lamentations* which describes in great detail the brutal manner in which the Babylonians laid waste to Jerusalem.

Lamentations takes its Hebrew name, *Eicha*, from the opening words which translate, "How does the city sit alone that was full of people,..." The book contains vivid imagery and metaphors that liken Jerusalem to a widow and a princess who have lost all and have been humiliated to the point of despair. Toward the end of the book in Chapter 5, the text reads, "The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning. The crown is fallen from our head: woe to us, that we have sinned!" Here the destruction of the city is clearly linked to the sinning of its inhabitants. The last two verses read, "Turn us to you, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old; unless you have utterly rejected us; and are exceedingly angry with us." The book ends with the theme of repentance. In fact, the verse, "Turn us to you, O Lord...renew our days as of old," is repeated at the end of the text. It is also included at the end of every Torah service. You probably recognize the Hebrew, *Hashiveinu Adonai eilecha...chadeish yameinu k'kedem*.

Musically speaking, *Lamentations* is changed to a special system of cantillation distinctly its own. The chant contains a stark, mournful quality as befits the text. Over the years, a custom has developed in which the aforementioned verse is sung to a dirge-like melody capturing the somber nature of the words. It is a tune which courses throughout our *S'lichot* service as a unifying motif, underscoring the themes of repentance and forgiveness. It is no accident that this melody appears in the *S'lichot* service, for this is the service which officially commences the High Holy Day season, generically known as the Season of Repentance or *Days of Awe*. In fact, the word

S'lichot is the plural form of *S'lichah*, which means "forgiveness."

On a lighter note, the Princeton Jewish Community Choir (our own Chris Leverett is one of their members) formally known as Lashir, performed at MRT on Sunday, May 16th. The ensemble sang a varied program of Yiddish and Hebrew pieces under the direction of Dr. Moshe Budmor and accompanied on piano and organ by Georgiana Rosca.

As the Season of Repentance approaches, let us prepare for it by finding ways to improve ourselves, our lives, and our relationships with family and friends through increased understanding and conciliatory gestures. Have a lovely summer.

B'shalom v'ahavah, *Cantor Rosenfeld*

**Praise Adonai,
for it is good
to sing praises to our God.**

- Psalm 147

If you are a Jewish adult member of our congregation and can **sing**, and like to **sing**, we, the members of the MRT Adult Choir, invite you to join us.

We have an exciting year planned in which we will help lead High Holy Day services and participate in a number of other enjoyable musical events.

***If you are interested, please contact
Cantor Rosenfeld for further details.***

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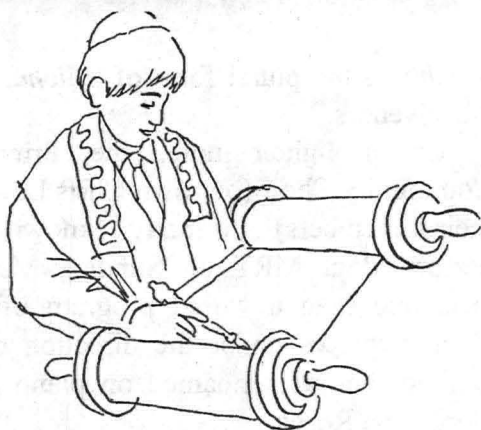
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JORDAN POKROSS

June 5th is a special day for Jordan as this is the day when he will become a Bar Mitzvah. His parents, Colleen Pokross and Jeff and Candace Pokross are very proud of his accomplishment. Jordan attends Maple Place School in Oceanport where he is a seventh grader. He is on the baseball team (Devil Rays), plays hockey, video games, football, basketball and likes to skate. Favorite subjects at school are gym, science, and math. Jordan says his family can hardly wait for this exciting event. Mazel Tov to Jordan and his family.

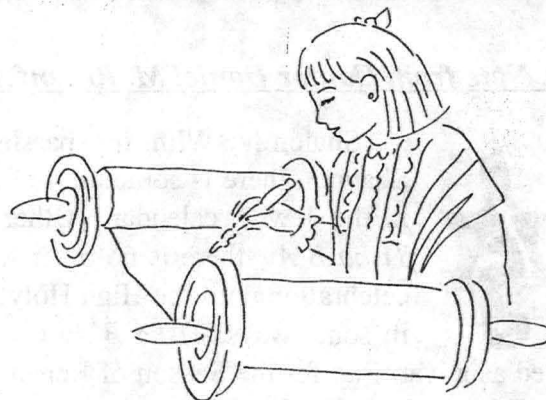
JESSICA AMTZIS

Jessica becomes a Bat Mitzvah on June 12th. Her parents Barbara and Kevin Sheridan and Michael and Danka Amtzis and siblings Matthew and Kimberly are proud of Jessica's preparation and look forward to celebrating with her. Jessica attends Marlboro Middle School where her favorite subject is science. Hobbies include gymnastics, art, and drama. Mazel Tov to Jessica and her family.

STEPHANIE ANNE HERSCH



On June 19th, Stephanie will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents, Vallerie and Gary, and sister Susan look forward to this special day. Stephanie is in the seventh grade at Cedar Drive School in Colts Neck. Favorite subjects are math and reading. Stephanie's hobbies are art, reading, and writing stories. Stephanie will be celebrating with friends and family from Massachusetts, Kansas, Florida and Missouri. She thinks Hebrew is very difficult and hopes she does well at her Bat Mitzvah. Her dream is to go to Africa someday. Mazel Tov to Stephanie and her family.



MARLA WEINSTEIN

Marla will become a Bat Mitzvah on June 26th. Her parents Joy Schuchman and Martin Weinstein and siblings David and Dena are very proud of her and look forward to this special day. Marla attends seventh grade at Thompson Middle School in Middletown. She is on the soccer and basketball teams. Favorite subjects at school are social studies and drama. Marla enjoys camping, skiing, swimming, playing soccer and hanging out with friends. She's excited about this upcoming milestone. Mazel Tov to Marla and her family.

TFCNS - Though the school year is coming to a close, we have not slackened our pace at the **Nursery School**. The staff, parents, children, and I are eagerly anticipating our many end-of-the-year activities. We are already practicing for our Pre-K graduation ceremony.



Plans for the annual picnic are underway, with pony rides, a surprise character, and great food for all!

In addition, our children, ages four and up, enjoyed a very special trip. For the first time ever, we hired a school bus to transport the children to Sandy Hook for a hands-on beach hike through the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium.

My staff and I would like to thank the temple for all their support. I would especially like to mention Judy Luger who has worked so closely and diligently with me on the well-being of the nursery school. Welcome to Stephanie Fitzsimmons as she takes over Judy's position as Chair of Ways and Means.

I wish all of you a happy, safe summer and ask you to please remember our summer program. For more information, call me at 747-3990!

Bobbie LaPlaca, Director

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

JUNE 1999 EVENTS

Tuesday, June 1	8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Meeting
Weds. June 2	8:00 PM	Ritual Meeting
Friday, June 4	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Senior Youth Service)
Saturday, June 5	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Pokross B/M)
Sunday, June 6	9:30 AM	Senior Youth Trip
	1:00 PM	Healing Service
Weds. June 9	5:00-7:30 PM	Senior Youth Meeting
	7:30 PM	Youth Committee
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Thurs. June 10	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Friday, June 11	6:30 PM	Tot Shabbat Service
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Saturday, June 12	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Amtzis B/M)
Tuesday, June 15	8:00 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, June 17	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
	8:00 PM	Inreach Meeting
Friday, June 18	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service
Saturday, June 19	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Hersch B/M)
Tuesday, June 22	8:00 PM	Social Action Committee
Friday, June 25	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Saturday, June 26	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Weinstein B/M)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 20TH

SUMMER BEGINS – JUNE 21ST ☺

YAHREZEITS

June 4: Dorothy Herman Ruby, *Minnie Lewis
Feinman, *Mildred Scheuer, *Charles Klein,
Helen Cohen-Gardstein, Sylvia Tepperman,
William Kravitz, Jack Zager, Shirley Schulman,
*Bertha Grossman, Henriette Rosenfeld,
*Andrei B. Yagoda, Philip Zager, Irma Kelly,
*Gerhard J. Graupe, Herman Albert

June 11: Warren Gross, Emanuel Kaye,
Morris Sushansky, Dorothy Dunn,
Louis J. Popper, *Ida Potozky Friedman,
Max Tuller, Rose Zwillinger, Seymour Gardstein,
Daisy Lowenstein, Maurice S. Byck, Casper Sober,
Hyman Holzman, Morris Rose, Norman Zeitlin,
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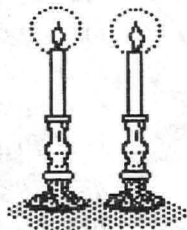
June 18: Harry Zager, *Frances Herman,
*Meyer Rothman, *Irwin Wachtel, Leo Zeisel,
Samuel Semer, Sidney Fineberg, Samuel Danzig,
Abram Yellenberg, Joseph Mayzel, Helen Strahl,
*Samuel Brenner, Rose H. Dick Snedcof,
Jonas Schreiber, Rose Wolinsky,
Adam Greenfield, Jack Finkelstein,
Theodore Rosenfeld, Norma Snedcof Sims,
Helen Strahl, Emanuel Goldberger

June 25: Sylvia Thelma Karger, Rose Caplan,
*Morris Kogos, *Adele Luftman,
Leon Meiselman, Esther Morgovsky,
Joseph Krauss, Milton Lang

*Indicates perpetual Kaddish

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

June 4	8:05 PM
June 11	8:09 PM
June 18	8:12 PM
June 25	8:13 PM



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on the death of Karen's father

JOHANN FEDON



Brian and Carolyn Waldron
on the death of Brian's father

JAMES WALDRON



Charles and Caryl Sills
on the death of Charles' mother

SYLVIA SILLS



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

THE REFORM MOVEMENT PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

As a result of ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America's overwhelming victory at the World Zionist elections during the summer of 1997, where American voters gave ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America almost 50% of the total vote, the Reform movement is playing a preeminent role in the American Zionist Movement (AZM). Delegates to the recent AZM congress elected Norman Schwartz as Chair of AZM and Calvin Greenbaum as Vice President. Both men are valued members of the ARZA/WORLD UNION and champions of the Reform movement's Zionist cause. Norman Schwartz is a past ARZA President as well as an officer on the UAHC board and Calvin Greenbaum was President of the New York ARZA region. The election solidifies the Reform movement's powerful voice and ensures that the Reform platform based on the principles of democracy and religious pluralism will be central to the AZM's agenda.

Join ARZA/WORLD UNION, a crucial forum for discussion of religious rights and equitable funding for Progressive/Reform institutions in Israel. Contact the MRT office to join if you are not already a member or call our main office in New York at (212) 650-4280 for more information.

*Message from your Sisterhood Co-Presidents ...
.....Beverly Gruensfelder and Sheri George*

Yes, Bev and Sheri have taken on the responsibility of co-presidents for the sisterhood! We have some exciting ideas for the coming year and look forward to serving in this position. As always, you will be informed of any and all events through the MRT newsletters and flyers.

from Baldwin Davidson for Brotherhood

Many thanks to the following who so ably assisted in making Brotherhood's Annual Book Sale and Pancake Breakfast so successful: Larry Avrin, Bob Blank, Bob Rosenblum, Rich Goldberg, Jerry Baker, Barry Miller, Hy Klein, Bob St. Lifer, Jeff Willard, Steve Mahan, Max Singer, Rich Sachs, Brian Charnick, Neil Brutman, and Gerald Reisner. If I have omitted anyone's name, I apologize. Special thanks, of course, to Don Leeds and Bernie Brandwene.

B'shalom, Baldy

**A special thanks from Don Leeds,
Brotherhood Treasurer**

On behalf of Brotherhood's executive committee, I am extending sincere thanks to those who assisted in making the Mother's Day Book-Record-Tape sale successful. Thanks to Baldy and Bernie Brandwene who assisted in transporting our material from Florence Diller's home which was offered to us as a temporary storage facility. Thanks to Joanna Charnick, librarian at the Eatontown Public Library, and to Marilyn and Dave of the Book Trader in Staten Island for their large donation of books. More thanks must go to Steve Mahan, Jeff Willard, Jerry Baker, Brian Charnick, Hy Klein, Bob Gabel and his son, Mary Jane and Elinor, members of the administrative staff, and John and Will for helping with the many phases of this project. With the donations of material from the congregants and the donation of time by our members, this sale was more rewarding than previous sales. If I neglected to thank you publicly, please forgive me. I appreciate your assistance and will strive to improve my memory in the future. Brotherhood and I thank you one and all.

Invitation from your Senior Youth Group

*Please don't forget to join us for
our creative Shabbat Service
on Friday June 4 at 8:15 PM.*

**Say "Mazel Tov"
to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
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State of Israel Bonds is pleased to announce the introduction of a new bond created to link the recipient with Israel in a very special and personal way. Called the **Chai Bond**, the new security is available for \$136, with a maturity value of \$180 five years from its issue date – an effective return of 5.80%. Although the Chai Bond has been designed as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah gift, it may be appropriate for any number of simchas. Like all State of Israel Securities, proceeds from the new Chai Bond will be utilized to build/ develop the modern Jewish state.

In order to emphasize the bond's intrinsic value as a unique connection with Israel, Chai Bond recipients will receive specially designed artwork.

For additional information on the new Chai Bond, please contact the Israel Bond office at:

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*Thanks to Gary and Vallerie Hersch
for supplying the CDs for our CD
Sale. Without your kindness, it would
not have happened. Thanks, also, to
Neil Brutman for giving up a Sunday
morning to sell. Most of all, thanks
to all music lovers for your
purchases.*

Joanna Charnick

**P.S. Remember Scrip
Don't hesitate, participate!**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

where parents set the example

Included in the report card packet is 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 months. Rabbi Priesand has provided families with ten suggestions, mitzvot as well as other Jewish obligations, for parents to do with their children throughout the summer. Obviously, the list is not limited to these ten, let us know on Mitzvah Day, in October how many ideas your family added. I would like to highlight your efforts in this column next year.

At the last Religious School session, 235 report cards were distributed or mailed. Over the years, I have made it a practice to write a short comment on each of the three report cards received yearly by the children in grades 4-7, sometimes in the older grades as well. This year, I was in the glorious, but awkward position, of running out of nice things to say for many students. Since I do not personally teach every student nor know every youngster instantly by name, I spend a few minutes reading each report card, especially teacher's comments, to learn about student's progress and attitude and teachers' grading styles and educational philosophies. Report cards provide much information when class attendance, service requirements (if applicable), behavior, assignment completion and attitude are studied to provide an overall picture of the student.

The Religious School's emphasis on attendance paid off. The number of students receiving additional work for having surpassed the absence limit is significantly less than in years past. Next year, my focus will be on punctuality. Since your children do not drive, I must assume that the fault lies with the parents who are not setting a positive example. Interestingly, lateness occurs far more often on Sunday mornings than on Wednesday afternoons.

Parents of grades 4-7 students have until June 28 to provide me with a note that all 4 Friday evening services have been attended. Remember, for this requirement, Saturday morning service participation does not satisfy. Telephone me if you wish an explanation as to why the requirement is for Friday evening Shabbat service attendance. (There is a logical reason.)

This brings me to the Religious Education Committee. I do not make any requirements. My role is to suggest standards and implement and enforce rules passed by the Religious Ed. Committee. Even one new member could have a profound effect on our school. Contact Jay Wiesenfeld, chair, at 747-5992 or me if you would like more information. Jay moved from the chair of the Youth Committee to the Religious Education Committee and he looks forward to working with present and new members of the Committee.

I am fortunate to have a column in which I can publicly say thank you for the immense help given to me. After four years as chair and even more years as member, Susan St. Lifer is stepping up to a vice-presidency. All committee chairs could learn from Susan's ability to "supervise" and coordinate. Attention to detail, equipped with a definite educational philosophy, excellent listener, patient and tactful, Susan has made a volunteer's job into that of lobbyist for your children. She set the example I had in mind when I created our school's motto.

In keeping with parents who set the example is Brian McMullen. A member of the Holmdel Board of Education and boy scout leader, Brian can be seen at his desk in "our" office on most Sunday mornings. A self-employed computer professional, Brian is always ready to handle the most mundane of office procedures and he makes the school run smoother for your children.

The danger of writing thank you comments is that someone is always unintentionally left out because so many people help the school throughout the year. Class parents, Elinor and Mary Jane in the office, John and Will and their custodial staff are all major contributors. I am indebted to Bob Gabel, Gene Gilbert and Ilene Saporta for their continued guidance on the Religious Education Committee. We do not always agree, but their participation moves the committee to generate new ideas and re-examine old ones. Finally, thanks to Leslie Klein, Connie Strauss and Judy Raybon for volunteering many hours in their children's classrooms as teachers' aides.

Yes, teachers are paid for their services; yet, their efforts go far beyond the classroom. If you feel appropriate, I know that they would appreciate a note thanking them for a particular activity or just for the way in which they have helped your child(ren).

I am still looking for two teachers for next year's 1st and 2nd grade classes. Also, how about getting your names on the substitute teacher list. This year, all of our substitute teachers are temple members.

Lastly, I am interested in utilizing scanning technology to keep track of our textbooks. We have a Temple member who will handle the technology, but we need the hardware and software to be donated before the idea can be put into practice. We could save a great amount of money in only a few years by holding families accountable for their children's textbooks.

May you have a peaceful and healthy summer season.

*Shalom,
David*

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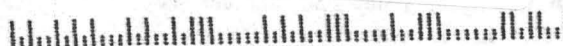
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WORSHIP SERVICES

June	4 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	5 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	6 Sun	Healing Service	1:00 PM
	11 Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	12 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	18 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	19 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	25 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	26 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

SPECIAL EVENTS

June	6 Sun	SRY Trip	9:30 AM
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MEETINGS

June	1 Tues	Religious Education	8:00 PM
	2 Wed	Ritual Meeting	8:00 PM
	9 Wed	SRY Meeting	5:00 PM
		Youth Committee	7:30 PM
		Executive Committee	8:00 PM
	10 Thurs	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
	15 Tues	Temple Board Meeting	8:00 PM
	17 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
		Inreach Committee	8:00 PM
	22 Tues	Social Action Committee	8:00 PM



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