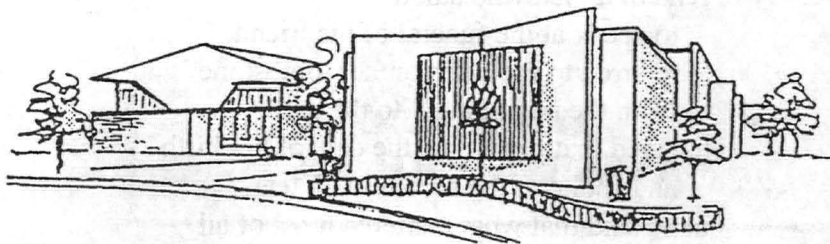


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TISHRI – CHESHVAN 5760

OCTOBER 1999

Fri. 1 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: ***SHEMINI ATZERET
OR SIMCHAT TORAH?***
Torah Portion: Shemini Atzeret
Deut. 33

Fri. 8 Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM
Sermon: ***THE MOST DANGEROUS
ANIMAL***
Torah Portion: Bereshit
Gen.1:1-6:8

Fri. 15 Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM
Sermon: ***ONE PEOPLE WITH
ONE LANGUAGE***
Torah Portion: Noach
Gen.6:9-11:32

Fri. 22 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
New Member Sabbath
New Member Dinner 6:30 PM
Sermon: ***MRT & ME: FOUR
PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES –
Peg Baker, Ron Bernstein,
Brenda Tuller, Jeff Willard***
Torah Portion: Lech-Lecha
Gen. 12:1-17:27

Fri. 29 Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM
Sermon: ***BE PREPARED AND
DON'T WORRY***
Torah Portion: Vayera
Gen. 18:1-22:24

Sat. 2 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Simchat Torah Family Service
Consecration of New Students
Luncheon following services

Sat. 9 Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
Sermon: ***TWO IS BETTER
THAN ONE***

Sat. 16 Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM
Sermon: ***WALKING WITH GOD***
Bar Mitzvah of
Dylan Barlett
son of Ronnie Gardstein and Glenn Barlett

Sat. 23 Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM
Sermon: ***NAMES MATTER***
Bat Mitzvah of
Jennifer Cobuzzi
daughter of Barbara and Robert Cobuzzi

Sat. 30 Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM
Sermon: ***A LINK BETWEEN
THE GENERATIONS***
Bar Mitzvah of
David McMullen
son of Brian and Marcy McMullen

**SEE YOU ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH
MITZVAH DAY III**

REFLECTIONS

I read of a man who stood
to speak at the funeral of his friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the second with tears,
but he said that what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth,
and now only those who loved her know
what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own:
the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
when we're living out the dash.
If we could just slow down enough
to consider what is true and what is real,
And always try to understand
the way that other people feel.
And...be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more,
And love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile,
Remember that this special dash
might only last a while.
So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash...
Will you be pleased with what they say
about how you spent your dash?

----- Author Unknown

ADULT EDUCATION

I am delighted to invite you all to take part in discussion of the book, *The Sh'ma and its Blessings*, edited by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman. I will let the notes on the book's cover tell you all about it: "*The Sh'ma and Its Blessings* features the authentic Hebrew text with a new translation designed to let people know exactly what the prayers say. Introductions tell the reader what to look for in the prayer service, as well as how to truly use the commentaries, to search for-and find-meaning in the prayer book." The very accessible but powerfully

meaningful essays by "10 of today's most respected Jewish scholars from all movements of Judaism examine *The Sh'ma and Its Blessings* from the perspective of ancient Rabbis and modern theologians, as well as feminist, halakhic, medieval, linguistic, biblical, Chasidic, mystical, and historical perspective."

This is a relatively short book and is divided into five parts. We have, therefore, chosen five dates for our discussions: October 21 and 28, and November 4, 11 and 18 at 8:00 PM. While we realize that not everyone can make all five dates, we just ask you to read the section before we get together on that particular evening (part 1, October 21, etc.). There is a copy available in the Temple library and the book may be ordered from Amazon.com for \$19.32, including shipping (2-3 days). It is a savings over the \$21.95 list price. Let me know if I can answer any questions for you or help with getting a copy of the book.

I am always moved when we recite the Sh'ma as part of our services and look forward to having more information about this prayer. We will each bring our particular awareness and experience to the discussion and the book is beautifully designed to admit almost every point of view. I hope you will join us.

Karen Karl

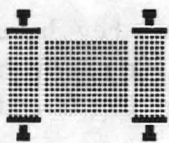
Please join the
Adult Education Committee for discussion of
Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman's book:

THE SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS VOLUME 1

*Traditional Prayers, Modern Commentaries
My People's Prayer Book*

**Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM
October 21 & 28 and
November 4, 11, & 18**

*For more information, please see Adult Ed article above,
watch for flyers, or call Karen Karl at 747-6184.*



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

When I am visiting my mother this summer, I noticed an article in THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, written by Charles A. Radin of the BOSTON GLOBE, describing the little-known role that the Jews of Sarajevo played in bringing to safety nearly 2500 of their non-Jewish neighbors during the Bosnian Civil War. Apparently they were the only ethnic community in the besieged city capable of dealing with all three sides – the Muslims, the Croats, and the Serbs – and only now are the details of what they did beginning to emerge.

The rescue effort was organized by La Benevolencija, a social service organization founded by the Jewish community in 1894. Jewish leaders volunteered to lead secret convoys in and out of the city of Sarajevo, taking refugees along the perilous route from the Bosnian capital, through Croatia, to the Adriatic port of Split from which they were able to reach the refugee camps of Europe. The Jews would then return to Sarajevo, bringing medicine and other necessary supplies.

La Benevolencija also organized and operated a soup kitchen that remained open throughout the siege and at which everyone was welcome. An especially nice meal was available on Shabbat, making everyone in Sarajevo aware of the meaning of this sacred day. "The Sabbath crowd still averages around 300 people," said Jewish community leader Jakob Finci. "Eighty are Jews, the rest are friends."

Something similar happened in the Sunday School started by the Jewish community during the siege. After the second Sunday, a Jewish child said, "Can I bring my best friend next week? We've spent the last six months in a shelter." By the end of the siege, there were 20 Jewish children in the school and 30 best friends.

Before World War II, there were 12,000 Jews in Sarajevo, nearly 20% of the overall population. At the time of the Bosnian Civil War, there were approximately 1500 Jews still residing in the city. They were the ones who organized these rescue missions, saving people who would otherwise have been condemned and helping Sarajevo survive.

Their actions are an example of the mitzvah we call *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. What they did is a reminder that people working together can accomplish extraordinary things. Save a life, taught our sages, and you will save the world.

On Yom Kippur morning, I asked you to support the Concert for Kosovo and Turkey which will be held on Sunday, November 14, at Monmouth Regional High School. I am gratified by the initial response, but help is still needed if we are to reach our goal and make a truly significant contribution to the work of the International Rescue Committee and the American Jewish Joint Distribution, two of the many organizations providing humanitarian relief to those in need. Please call the Temple office today and volunteer to help, as we seek to make life a little bit better and easier for those who suffer still, and please know how grateful we are for your cooperation and assistance.

The Women of Reform Judaism's 42nd Assembly, held concurrently with the UAHC's Biennial, gives every woman the opportunity to celebrate Sisterhood's achievements and to study, learn, and worship together. Some highlights planned for this year's assembly, December 15-19 in Orlando are: "Women Approaching Torah," and "Choice or Chore? An Objective Look at Sisterhood and You."

You can be one of the 5,000 people who will gather in DisneyWorld, Wednesday through Sunday, December 15-19 for this event.

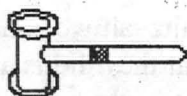
Reform Movement's Biennial Convention

*For further information,
contact WRJ at 212-650-4050*

UAHC Presents...

Opening Doors, an open forum for couples to share issues of interfaith family life. Starting Monday, October 11 and continuing every Monday through November 22, this program has been organized by the MRT Outreach Committee.

To register, contact Deborah Taylor, Outreach Director or Pauline Hect at (201) 722-9090.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

MRT was founded 40 years ago by a small group of dedicated individuals who started meeting and praying together in people's homes, moved on to share space with the Presbyterian Church of Shrewsbury for a number of years before selecting a piece of land in Tinton Falls, and building the sanctuary that we are in today.

The congregation has grown slowly, yet steadily during these last forty years, and is now at about 375 member families, approximately twice the size as when my wife Rosalind and I joined the congregation some 20 years ago. The recent death of and memorial service for Bob Woolf, one of the founding members of MRT, reminded me how much we owe to these founding members. They created a caring and joyful "extended family" that prayed and played together, and also helped the community in which they lived. These are the roots of MRT and the tree has blossomed beautifully. During the High Holy Days, we had a unique chance to review who we are, and who we want to become. What could be more important to each of us than creating the kind of world we want to live in! You can start right here at MRT, with your family and friends.

Gerald Reisner, President

WANTED ARTISTS/ART EDUCATORS

Terrific opportunity to help develop the **Art Educators' Symposium**, a daylong seminar during Monmouth Festival of the Arts. This seminar is for art educators who teach at all levels. Help promote the professional development of art educators and the highest standards in art education.

Call Judy Raybon 747-4327

OUTREACH – PANEL DISCUSSION

from Marianne Kligman and Linda Burns, Chairs

On Sunday, October 24, Outreach will hold the first program of our new year – a panel discussion from 9:45 AM to Noon. The program is entitled "Learn More about Temple Life From Interfaith Families Who Have Been There." Several active Temple interfaith families will be on-hand for an informal discussion on the ways they have

participated in Temple life and how they have succeeded in creating a Jewish home in an interfaith family. Please join us for coffee, tea, bagels and some interesting conversation.

Tinton Falls Co-op Nursery School



TFCNS got off to a very exciting start on September 8th with our annual parents' meeting. We are thrilled to have so many new families in our school. We continue to grow and have surpassed last year's enrollment.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new piece of playground equipment purchased with fund raising money. By the time you read this, our new addition will be installed. You won't need a hint to guess what it is when you hear me call out, "All aboard for the TFCNS Express!"

Come for a visit, hop a ride, and join our nursery school family. Thanks, *Bobbie LaPlaca*, Director

Brotherhood News

A successful first meeting, a delicious brunch on Erev Yom Kippur, was held at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth. Thank you, Don Leeds, and *the macher*, Bernie Brandwene.. The thirty-two attending all prepared well for the coming fast. Next meeting will be November 14 for a Jewish Chatauqua Society presentation. Before that, join us for minyan, football and light supper at the synagogue on Monday evening, Oct. 18, Giants v. Dallas (note correction).

Thank you to Neil Brutman for being construction foreman of the Sukkah and to his helpers Bob Gabel, Bob Rosin, David Haratz, Steve Goldsmith, Bob Rosenberg, Chris Leverett, Randy Wolf, Rusty Leverett, David Miller and Baldy.

Thank you to the many members who served as ushers at the High Holy Day services. Brotherhood serves the Temple community. If you would like to contribute ideas for meetings and services, please contact me so that we can make the Brotherhood more responsive to all. I would like to organize a membership committee so that we can plan for the coming year.

Bob Gabel, 530-6472
e-mail: rgabel@prodigy.net



A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld

Shalom. One of the things I've come to appreciate most about the High Holy Day season is the sense of humility I gain from the whole experience. The act of *Cheshbon Hanefesh* or literally the accounting of the soul, forces me to look at my life and take an accounting of it, in this case, on a yearly basis. What I did right, what I did wrong, what I can do to improve, and so on and so forth. As a Cantor, I'm fortunate enough to have the privilege of leading the congregation in prayer, and in doing so, taking a few steps toward *tshuva* or repentance which is the ultimate goal of the Holy Days. This is a privilege as well as a heavy and often daunting responsibility, especially at this time of the year.

For me, one of the two main prayers that best expresses that sense of humility and awe is the *Hineni*, the other being *Sh'ma Koleinu*. Coming at the beginning of Erev Rosh Hashanah, *Hineni*'s text as well as the haunting tunes to which it's chanted set the tone perfectly for the ensuing Days of Awe: "Behold me, of little merit, trembling and afraid, as I stand before You to plead for Your people. O gracious God, the One enthroned by Israel's praises..." The cantor here pleads on behalf of the people saying that though we realize how small and insignificant we are, we still hope that God will hear our prayers and show us love and mercy as in the past. It is interesting to note that according to Halacha (Jewish law), the *Shaliach Tzibbur*, literally *messenger of the public*, in this case, the cantor, was expected to stand in a place *below* the congregation. The reason for this was so that the cantor would not place himself above anyone else, thereby bringing the proper humility to his *davening* or prayer. How much more meaning this has in the context of the High Holidays and particularly, the prayer, *Hineni*.

It is in that vein that I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Choir, to Alice Berman who directed them so exquisitely, and to Ken Clayton who, as always, held everything together so masterfully. I must also thank Rabbi Priesand for providing great inspiration with her unmatched eloquence, and you the congregation for bringing the right kind of spirit to your worship this year. I believe we all acted as partners in prayer. And that made the Holy Days especially meaningful for me.

From my heart, I wish you all a sweet and fruitful New Year. L'shanah Tovah Umetukah.

B'shalom v'ahavah,

Cantor Rosenfeld

DYLAN BARLETT

On October 16th, 1999 Dylan will become a Bar Mitzvah. His parents Ronnie Gardstein and Glenn Barlett and brother Sean are proud of Dylan and look forward to this big event. Dylan attends Markham Place in Little Silver and is in the 8th grade. He is involved in track and the school newspaper (feature and photography). Hobbies are computers, reading, and football. Dylan is an honoree of Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth. His favorite subject is science. Dylan looks forward to the culmination of his studies. His Bar Mitzvah trip to Europe with his family, where his tallit was purchased at the Jewish Museum of Rome in the synagogue located in the area of the old Jewish ghetto, was very enjoyable. Mazel tov to Dylan and his family!

JENNIFER L. COBUZZI

Jennifer becomes a Bat Mitzvah on October 23rd. Her parents Barbara and Robert and sister Sarah are looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion. Jennifer is an 8th grader at the Tinton Falls Middle School. Favorite subjects are reading, science, and French. Jennifer participates in art, gymnastics and was featured with her mom on the Today Show with Katie Couric as a positive example of a child of a working mother. Hobbies are braiding, dance, and reading. Jennifer considers her religious education a very important part of her life and looks forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel tov to Jennifer and her family.

DAVID PRESCOTT McMULLEN

David McMullen will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 30th. His Mom and Dad, Marcy and Brian and brothers Justin, Steven, and Jason are very proud of him. David and his family including grandparents took a very special trip to Israel in honor of this milestone. David attends 7th grade at the William Satz School in Holmdel. Favorite subjects are math, science and social studies. David achieved a 1st place Championship with his baseball and basketball teams and 1st place with his Academic Bowl Team. Hobbies include collecting basketball and baseball cards, collecting rocks and coins, and reading. David looks forward to going on to confirmation. Mazel tov to David and his family.

Social Action from Bob Blank

High Holy Day services took on special meaning for me this year. The call to projects of social action, *tzdakah* and *tikkun olam* are particularly appropriate at this season of the year as we take stock of our lives and look to make improvements. It was particularly gratifying to hear Gerald Reisner speak during his presidential address at the Kol Nidre service. In particular, he talked about several projects whereby the congregation contributes to the community under the leadership of the Social Action Committee. At the Yom Kippur morning service, Rabbi Priesand spoke most eloquently as to the purpose of the fund raising concert for the benefit of refugees in Kosovo and earthquake victims in Turkey. She called upon the congregation to purchase tickets for the event at a minimum donation of \$18 or to become sponsors of the event for \$180 (multiples of *chai* are always good). Rabbi also urged members of the congregation to become involved in the planning of the event, the distribution of posters and flyers, and the solicitation of businesses to become sponsors. The Social Action Committee needs your help in this humanitarian endeavor! If you have always wished that you could work on just one project during the course of the year – **HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!** The event will take place on Sunday, November 14th at 3:00 PM at Monmouth Regional High School. Time is short! Please volunteer to insure the success of our fund raising efforts. We can and do make a difference in the lives of people!

We extend thanks to the congregation for its generous response in filling the Mitzvah bags and bringing them to services on Yom Kippur. The goods collected were delivered to the Center in Asbury Park which benefits persons with AIDS or who are HIV positive. This year we collected over 325 bags of food and personal health items. Our thanks also to Jay Wiesenfeld for arranging to have Boy Scout Troop 32 of River Plaza assist in the collection process. Special thanks are extended to Dominic D'Orazio, Scoutmaster of the troop and to Peter Williams of our custodial staff.

Registration for Mitzvah Day is already in progress. A list of 31 projects has been sent out to the congregation. Please pre-register. Tables will be set up for this purpose on Sunday mornings.

Mitzvah day is for all members of the congregation! The date for Mitzvah Day is Sunday, October 17th.

Volunteers are needed to lead a Shabbat service monthly at a nursing home in Long Branch– no experience necessary – we will train you.

Would you like to become a member of the Social Action Committee? For more information or to volunteer for any Social Action projects or events, you may reach me during the day at (732) 462-7170 or during the evening at (732) 625-0776. My e-mail address is boblank98@aol.com. You may also call the Temple office.



SHARING SIMCHAS THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

Kevin Coyne, on the publishing by Viking Press of his book *Best Years of Their Lives: One Town's Veterans and the World They Make* and on being named Freehold Borough historian.

Lori Sakalos on receiving the National Contract Management Association's Albert Berger Outstanding Chapter Leadership Award

John and Joyce Christie on the birth of their granddaughter Erin Jessica Burtchaell

Karen and Irwin Fisher on the marriage of their daughter Shellie to Gerard Miller

Bobbie and Al Goldstein on the birth of their grandson Tyler James Walling

Sheila and Howard Bodner on the birth of their grandson Maxwell Thomas Bodner

Enid Fishman on the birth of her granddaughter Casey Amanda Grosjean

Andrea and Mitchell Hershey on their son Adam's engagement to Kari



MONMOUTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Arts Festival is officially in gear, with the first board meeting having been held on September 13. The enthusiasm of all our new chairs was heartwarming, and I already sense that *MFA 2000* will be an event to remember.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 11 at 7:30 PM in the Youth Lounge. I'm extending an open invitation to all Temple members who have an interest in business matters, arts education for students, artists and the community at large, computer data input, creating web pages (we need someone to help update the Festival's web page), and just the desire to be part of this exciting event to attend our meeting. There are still three committees needing chairs: ad journal, student tours, and grants. All committees can use additional members. There are tasks that are short-term and those that require a greater commitment. There's something for everyone.

During the High Holy Day services as I reflected on the gifts I've received this year, the most significant has been the sense of family I feel as a part of this Temple. The first committee I joined as a new member was Arts Festival. Along with the many wonderful friendships that I've developed comes the sense of accomplishment in knowing that the Temple benefits in so many ways from my involvement. There is no better feeling than being a part of something meaningful. It is a gift that continues to enhance your well-being.

Please call any of the members of the Arts Festival Executive Committee: Barbara Keating, Kathy Perlman, Kate Greenberg, Paula Metz or me if a particular committee interests you. Then plan to attend our meeting on October 11.

Shalom,
Judy Luger, Chair

WANTED: Scanner needed for 'Festival' and other Temple activities – Please call Bobbie Goldstein (747-0824) if you are able to donate one – *Thanks!*

L' shana tova from your Ritual Committee

Writing this as I am between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, thereby reflecting on the work of the Ritual Committee over the last several months, it seems that much of our work and thought has been on matters cantorial. In mid-June, for example, a contingent from Ritual traveled to the School of Sacred Music in New York to meet with the Director, Israel Goldstein and Deans Dreskin and Spasser. We sought the meeting because we wanted to know more about what the School was doing to modify its curriculum so that students and graduates would possess more of the skills we feel are essential for Student Cantors and graduates to possess.

While the meeting started out a little uneasy, it quickly opened up into a positive, frank and open discussion of common concerns. The information shared was reciprocal, ranging from descriptions of how the School was modifying its admissions guidelines and curriculum content as well as ideas about what MRT might do to enhance the way students and graduates perceive us. We left New York reassured that the School of Sacred Music and Monmouth Reform Temple remain dedicated partners, each reaffirming its commitment to support the work and the needs of the other.

Here at home, a subcommittee of Ritual has been operating as a liaison group devoted to meeting regularly with Cantor Rosenfeld in order to help him define specific goals for his diverse areas of responsibility, provide feedback on his progress toward those goals and to act as a sounding board for him to share his experiences and points of view. Composed of three members of the Ritual Committee, the Temple President and a member of the Religious Education Committee, the liaison group has been working diligently and well.

Our committee regularly manages several routine aspects of MRT's ritual practice and often explores and debates new ideas brought to us from members, the Board, the professional staff or the Movement. Please feel free to call or write to me with questions or comments concerning any aspect of the work of our Ritual Committee.

B'Shalom,
Joel Morgovsky, Chair

YAHREZEITS

Oct. 1: *Ethel Goldsmith, Barbara Hollander,
*Herman Solomon, *Abram Kridel,
*Roslyn Falk Garin, Alex Messinger,
Jacob Saperstein, Harold Dick,
Donald Mercadante, Martha Weinberg,
Babette Kaltenbacher Flaum, Harry Cooperman,
Herbert Ginzburg, Mary Lee

Oct. 8: **Max David Weissman,
Stanley Pearlman, *Frances Gettelson,
*Henry Kipnis, Ruth Goldenberg,
Manley Gutterman, Susie Harrison Woolf,
Richard Kaye, Bessie Goodman,
Louis Feinman, *Leo Bernstein,
Martha S. Kaufmann, Lynn Lowenstein

Oct. 15: *Betty Henken, *Miriam Kridel,
*Suzanne Kretzmer, Patricia J. Martin,
Sadie Finkelstein, Murray Weiss, Bill Dunn,
*Ruth Brenner, *Adam Diller, Henry Fuchs,
Maxine Byck, Nathan Teninbaum, Ida Cohen*

Oct. 22: *Robert Baronoff, *Harry Braunstein,
*Gerald G. Silverman, Anne Waldron,
John Clifford Devine, *William I. Klatsky,
Minnie Brecher, *Philip Alter, Phyllis Gelb,
Herman Friedman, Saul Joel Harris,
*Samuel George Coppersmith, Robert Baronoff,
Irving Greenberg, Benjamin I. Kantor,
Madlyn Rickard, Martha Cobuzzi, Mildred
Melnick, *Frieda Sapozhnikova, Clara Miller*

Oct. 29: *Tess Weiss, George Weinberg,
Charles Schleifer, Ruth Rassas Smith,
*Harry Fryman, Herman Roth, Bernard Peskoe,
Magdalena Weiss-Smith, Amy Gaines,
Florence Schoenbart, Jacob Finkelstein,
*Maurice Meyer, Ida Steinberger, Rosalyn Rose,
Sidney Zwillinger, May Jacobsen, Becky Jaffe,
Dr. Bertram Kaswiner, Fanny Obstgarten,
Fanny Silverman, Florence Schoenbart*

The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Rosalind Collis Woolf
on the death of her husband
ROBERT WOOLF



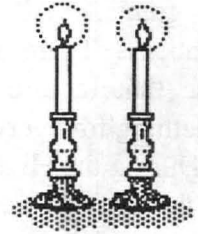
Vladimir Bolotin and Vera Sapozhnikova
on the death of Vladimir's father
AARON BOLOTIN



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

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Oct. 1	6:21 PM
Oct. 8	6:10 PM
Oct. 15	5:59 PM
Oct. 22	5:49 PM
Oct. 29	5:39 PM



Jewish Book Month Events

Book Fair – Our annual Book Fair will take place in November. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday, November 17th from 4-6:00 PM
Friday, November 19th after services, (browsing)
Sunday, November 21st 9:30-1:00 PM
(during and after Religious School)

Barnes and Noble will provide a terrific selection of adult and children's books. We will distribute a list of children's books ahead of time. Besides providing "good reads" and great Chanukah gifts for everyone, the Book fair is a fund raiser for the MRT Library.

Jewish Book Month Sabbath – We are excited to announce that Rabbi Lawrence Raphael, author of the new book *Mystery Midrash – a Collection of Mysteries by Jewish Authors*, will speak on November 19th, at Shabbat services. The Book Fair will be open for browsing during the Oneg Shabbat.

Roz Reisner & Shelley Gordon
Library Committee

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

OCTOBER 1999 EVENTS

Fri. Oct. 1	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Oct. 2	10:30 AM	Simchat Torah Service followed by luncheon
Sun. Oct. 3	9:30 AM – noon	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Religious School Parents Meeting
Tue. Oct. 5	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Ed Meeting
Wed. Oct. 6	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	6:00-7:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	8:00 PM	Ritual Meeting
Fri., Oct. 8	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Oct. 9	10:30 AM	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
Sun. Oct. 10	11:00 AM	Religious School Teachers Workshop
Mon. Oct. 11	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Tue. Oct. 12	9:30 AM	Study Group
	6:30 PM	Sisterhood Membership Dinner
Wed. Oct. 13	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	6:00-7:30 PM	Senior Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Youth Committee
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee
Fri., Oct. 15	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Oct. 16	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Dylan Barlett B/M)
	7:00 PM	Senior Youth "Shul in"
Sun. Oct. 17	9:30 AM – noon	Religious School
	9:30 AM	MITZVAH DAY
	1:00 PM	Crop Walk
Mon. Oct. 18	8:30 PM	Brotherhood Minyan & Football
Tue., Oct. 19	9:30 AM	Study Group
	7:30 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Wed. Oct. 20	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	8:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thur. Oct. 21	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
Fri. Oct. 22	6:30 PM	New Member Dinner
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service honoring New Members
Sat. Oct. 23	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Jennifer Cobuzzi B/M)
Sun. Oct. 24	9:30 AM - noon	Religious School
	9:45 AM	Outreach Meeting
	12:30 PM-5:00 PM	Art Selection
Mon. Oct. 25	7:00-8:00 PM	Pre-School Program
Tue. Oct. 26	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Social Action Meeting
Wed. Oct. 27	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
Fri. Oct. 29	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Oct. 30	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (David McMullen B/M)
Sun. Oct. 31	9:30 AM- noon	Religious School
	12:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Art Selection

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Sunday, October 10th

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.

Invitation from Membership

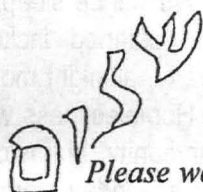
Our Temple had two successful *Open House* evenings in September. Members of the Membership Committee and the Temple Board were there with the Rabbi, Cantor and David Levinsky to discuss the variety of programs offered and to show these prospective members our Temple.

Plan to join us as we welcome our new members at **New Member Sabbath on October 22**. This special evening will begin with a Shabbat Dinner at which all new members will be our guests. In addition, during the Shabbat Service we will have four members share with us their Temple experiences.

Brenda Tuller - House of Prayer
Peggy Baker - House of Assembly
Ron Bernstein - House of Study
Jeff Willard - Social Action

We look forward to welcoming new members and making them a part of our Temple family.

Shalom, Ayse Dilber



*Welcome
New Members*

Please welcome to our congregation:

Tammy and James F. Bowen III
and their children Kate and Jacob
62 Bunker Hill Drive, Middletown 07748
671-3414

Carmen Klein Carroll
and her children Samantha and Stephanie
53 Birchwood Court, Tinton Falls 07724
741-6896

Jim and Lynn Dietrich
and their children Alexis (Lexi) and Madison
23 Oak Avenue, Ocean 07712
660-0774
JimD@exit109.com

Manuel Gale
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and their daughter Shelby Karynne
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dari.kennedy@prudential.com

Wendy and Joseph Lonardo
and their children Alexander Kain and Mollie
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212-0275

Adria and Thomas Magnus
and their children Louie and Isabel
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Dominique and Jonathan Russell
and their children Savannah and Nolan
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530-1149
Dominique.Russell@home.com

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and her daughter Alexandra
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and their son Scott
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741-2614
DSDSSMITH@erols.com

Robert and Barbara Steinberg
and their daughter Katharine (Katie)
19 Park Way, Highlands 07732
872-2482

Beth Tanzman
45 Ocean Avenue #12H
Monmouth Beach 07750
229-0009

Holly Wenzel
and her children Rebekka and Owen Trapp
50 Allen Street, Shrewsbury 07702
741-3412
holly0605@aol.com

Jan Weser
and her children Aaron and Brett
18 Country Meadow, Colts Neck 07722
294-5504

Sheri Zarchy
and her children Steven and Ryan
72 Lenape Trail, Tinton Falls 07724

Interfaith Neighbors

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 27

at 7:00 PM at

The Church in Brielle

821 Riverview Drive, Brielle

Keynote Speaker: Kathleen A. Brady

Director of Monmouth County

Division of Social Services

Join us to honor The Church in Brielle as our outstanding congregation of the year. Also hear from families we have assisted.

Help us honor our distinguished volunteers.

www.interfaithneighbors.org

Can you spare 5 minutes???? That's all it takes to purchase food gift certificates Sunday mornings in the Temple lobby. Don't hesitate – participate!!

Hurry Hurry Hurry Hurry Hurry Hurry

Order your MRT T-shirts ASAP so they can be here in time for Mitzvah Day!

See form that you received with your flyers or stop by the Temple office.

Hurry Hurry Hurry Hurry Hurry Hurry

Class Parents are needed for the current school year. If you are interested, please call Karen Cole at 957-0552 for more information. We need your help!!!

MRT Junior Youth Group – kickoff party

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Come to our first meeting of the year.

We're going to devour a **GIANT** sub, play some games, and plan this year's activities. Don't miss it!!!!

Wednesday, October 6th from 6-7:30 PM

Cost: \$3 – Please RSVP by October 4th to:

Jay Medlin 946-7972 (before 9PM)

Jam97@monmouth.com

MRTSY News.....

I am happy to announce the 1999-2000 MRTSY Board members: Dee Ross - President, Evan Goldman - Treasurer, Sarah Fass - Programming Vice-President, David Perlman - Social Action Vice-President and Jason Ryterband - Secretary. I have the utmost confidence that these individuals will be an excellent governing body for the group as well as have a wonderful experience developing their own leadership skills. I look forward to growing with them and supporting their effectiveness as young leaders in the Jewish community.

The Board has already met to plan our calendar of events. Our kick-off event of 5760 took place on September 19th in our new youth lounge. We enjoyed lot of subs and pizza while playing meet and greet games that Dee lead. Then everyone enjoyed a fierce game of volleyball and a very goofy game of Twister.

Our next event will take place on October 16th. After years of diverting the kids please I have finally succumbed to the pressure of hosting a Shul-in! We will be sleeping at MRT and some of the activities planned include Havdalah, a midnight disco bowling party, all-night movie marathon, a program on Hunger and Homelessness with a "what we can do to help in our community" brainstorm session, make-your-own sundaes and a Sunday morning bagel buffet. We will also be participating in the Crop Walk on Sunday October 17th as part of our Mitzvah Day commitment. Please contact Dee Ross to register for this event. All high school aged kids are welcome (and their parents are encouraged to help chaperone!).

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Healthy New Year.
B'Shalom, Rachel Gitlin

P.S. If you have questions, comments or concerns about Senior Youth Group, please feel free to contact me at home (212) 799-2792 or rachelgitlin@hotmail.com

Back to School and Mitzvah Day T-SHIRT SPECIAL

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

where parents set the example

Temple member Ellen Goldberg proudly showed me an article from a local paper praising her sons' efforts to make life a little better for sick children. The article reported how Josh, 9, and Jeremy, 6, worked diligently for three years collecting pull-tabs from soda cans. When they finished, they donated about 20,000 pieces of the recyclable metal to the Ronald McDonald House, Long Branch. This was a family project. The boys gathered the pull-tabs with the help of their parents, who collected them from work, grandparents and neighbors. The article quoted Kate Pandolpho, Executive Director of the House, "When you add all the schools participating in this program, it generates approximately \$5 - \$6,000 each year."

Last November, I reported on MRT's 6th grader Steve Hayet's carnival to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. I enjoy publicizing our students' *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) endeavors. Please inform me whenever your child does something to ease the burdens of others.

The brothers' Goldberg is a perfect segue into our Temple's 3rd Annual Mitzvah Day scheduled for October 17th. This event will provide your family the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of *tikkun olam*. There will be activities for all ages. This day is not for volunteers. Mitzvah means commandment; therefore, we are supposed to help others as Jews. The logistics involved in creating a program in which hundreds of people participate is daunting. Coordinators are still needed to insure the day's success. Contact Pam Burke at 671-2243 to offer your assistance. **As in the past, Religious School attendance counts for Mitzvah Day and parents must join their children at Temple on that day.** Our teachers will be leading various activities and will not be available for regular class assignments.

Our building addition is tremendous and just about fully completed. The second floor is absolutely wonderful and I couldn't be more grateful to the many Temple members who have put in countless hours to bring the project to fruition. Carpeting was added to the classrooms above the library and the second floor hallway has also been fully carpeted. Many members are still working on this project to insure that the contractor meets the full terms of our contract.

Joining our staff this year are the following: Temple member Lisa Calderwood (2B), Rita Colodin (1st gr.), Jan Weser (4th), Aime Simon (4th) and returning to our school is Sandi Weingroff (2A) and Larry Weingroff (resource room teacher.)

A word about the Weingroffs -- Larry and Sandi have been full and part-time teachers at MRT since 1990. They are both licensed Special Education Teachers and have worked in the public school sector for the past ten years. Both are Hebrew Language teachers and have been teaching language and religion for the past 15 years. Sandi is also the Head Teacher at Temple Beth Or in Brick Township. They have lived in Israel and have graduated from an Israeli State Language School. (Other teachers will be highlighted in future articles.)

I do understand how difficult it is for parents to share their children's learning disabilities with our Religious School staff. We want to help all children who are in need of extra help with their Religious School assignments, whether they have formal Individual Evaluation Plans (IEP) or their parents believe that a resource situation would be beneficial. Mr. Weingroff is in a position to help your children in several ways. As an experienced resource room teacher, he will assist children in need of organizational skills, act as a buffer between the child and his/her teachers, work with parents to help them help their children, tutor when necessary and be a friend to his students. To a learning disabled child or any youngster unable to comprehend Hebrew studies, 2.5 to 4.5 additional school hours coupled with the associated classwork and assignments can be quite stressful. I invite all parents who think that Mr. Weingroff could be helpful to their children to contact me and I will put you in touch with him for a confidential discussion.

Remember, there is no school on October 10 to allow our Temple to host a workshop for the teachers of Monmouth County's five Reform Temples. The other principals and I met throughout the summer to organize the sessions for the expected 90 participants. The workshop is sponsored by the Continuity Commission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County through a grant that I proposed for this purpose.

On Saturday, October 2, your children will have the opportunity to participate in our always festive Simchat Torah service. We will march around the sanctuary with flags and Torahs as Rabbi Priesand completes and begins the annual cycle of Torah readings. **All students new to the Religious School, regardless of grade, will be invited to the bema during this service for Rabbi Priesand's blessing and will be given a special gift at the conclusion of the service.** Following the service, the congregation will enjoy a cooperative style luncheon.

Shalom, David Levinsky

Mitzvah Day III October 17, 1999

Lend a hand, join the fun.....

Together we can make a difference!



Please remember:

People are needed to serve as project coordinators. These persons serve as a point-of-contact for a project and help with project logistics on Mitzvah Day. If you are able to help in this important role, please call Pam Burke at 671-2243

Bring winter and fall clothes for the needy to Mitzvah Day. Collected clothes will be donated to Sardis Temple Baptist Church in Newark for distribution.

Offer to bring a salad, dessert, or other dish for the Mitzvah Day picnic.

Religious School is NOT cancelled for Mitzvah Day.

Rather, students and their parents are expected to participate in lieu of normal religious school activities. All members of the Temple are, likewise, encouraged to participate.

Mitzvah Day will begin promptly at 9:30 AM.

Mitzvah Day will begin with a brief service in the Temple, followed by participation in your selected activity. Projects vary in length. Some projects are performed at the Temple, while others will be at various sites within the community.

Tikkun olam

The mitzvah of tikkun olam, repairing the world, is one of the most important commandments. One way in which Monmouth Reform Temple members fulfill this mitzvah is through our annual Mitzvah Day. Mitzvah Day is a congregation-wide community service day, in which we reach out to those in our community who are less fortunate than us.

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Ellie and Bob Goodman

In Honor of:

Bobbie and Al Goldstein on the birth
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Ken and Dolores Phillips

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Ken and Dolores Phillips

Joyce and John Christie on the
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Ellie and Bob Goodman

Andrea and Mitchell Hershey on their
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Cora and Stu Tuchband on the
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In Memory of:

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Enid Fishman on the birth of her grand-
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In Honor of:

Howard and Sheila Bodner on the
birth of their grandson

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Joe Frankel's 30 years at

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The birth of our granddaughter

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Monmouth Reform Temple Calendar for**October 1999****WORSHIP SERVICES**

Oct.	1 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	2 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	8 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	9 Sat	B/Mitzvah Family Prog.	10:30 AM
	15 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	16 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	22 Fri	Sabbath Eve(New Members)	8:15 PM
	23 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	29 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	30 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Oct.	3 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
		Parents Meeting	9:30 AM
	6 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	10 Sun	Teachers' Workshop	11:00 AM
	13 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	17 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
		(MITZVAH DAY)	
	20 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	24 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	25 Mon	Pre-School	7:00-8:00 PM
	27 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	31 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon

No Religious School October 10th**SPECIAL EVENTS***

Oct.	2 Sat	Simchat Torah Service	10:30 AM
		followed by luncheon	
	9 Sat	Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
		Family Program	10:30 AM
	12 Tues	Sis. Membership Dinner	6:30 PM
	16 Sat	Senior Youth "Shul in"	7:00 PM
	17 Sun	MITZVAH DAY	
		Crop Walk	1:00 PM
	18 Mon	Bros. Minyan & Football	8:30 PM
	22 Fri	New Member Dinner	6:30 PM

MEETINGS

Oct.	5 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Religious Ed.	8:00 PM
	6 Wed	Junior Youth Group	6-7:30 PM
		Ritual Meeting	8:00 PM
	11 Mon	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
	12 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	13 Wed	Senior Youth Group	6-7:30 PM
		Youth Committee	7:30 PM
		Executive Committee	8:00 PM
	19 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Temple Board	7:30 PM
	20 Wed	Finance Committee	8:00 PM
	21 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
	24 Sun	Outreach Committee	9:45 AM
		Art Selection	12:30PM-5:00 PM
	26 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Social Action	8:00 PM
	31 Sun	Art Selection	12:30 PM-5:00 PM