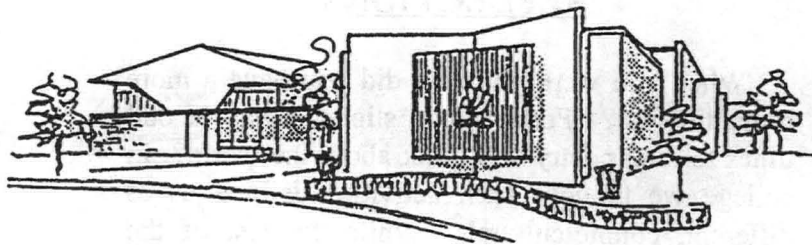


# Monmouth Reform Temple bulletin

The more Torah, the more life.  
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**ADAR I – ADAR II 5760**

**MARCH 2000**

- Fri. 3** Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM  
Sermon: **THE ROAD TO PASSOVER**  
Guest Cantor: Menorah Winston  
Torah Portion: Vayakhel  
Exod. 35:1-38:20
- Fri. 10** Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM  
Outreach Shabbat  
**REFLECTIONS ON OUTREACH:  
20 YEARS LATER**  
*Speakers: Myra Ostroff, Sharyn Ross,  
Lloyd Fitzsimmons, Alan Goldberg*  
Torah Portion: Pekude  
Exod. 38:21-40:38
- Fri. 17** Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM  
Shabbat Zachor  
Family Service  
Conducted by Grade 5B  
Torah Portion: Vayikra  
Lev. 1:1-5:26
- Fri. 24** Tot Shabbat – 6:30 PM  
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: **REMEMBERING  
ISAAC MAYER WISE**  
Torah Portion: Tzav  
Lev. 6:1-8:36
- Fri. 31** Sabbath Eve – 8:15 PM  
Shabbat Across America  
Sermon: **UNDERSTANDING  
THE SERVICE**  
Torah Portion: Shemini  
Lev. 9:1-11:47

- Sat. 11** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program  
Sermon: **MAKING ROOM FOR GOD**
- Mon. 20** Purim Family Dinner – 5:45 PM  
Reading of the Megillah – 7:00 PM
- Sat. 25** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Shabbat Kallah  
Sermon: **THE INWARDNESS  
OF PRAYER**
- Apr. 1** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Sermon: **WHAT GOD COMMANDS  
YOU TO DO**  
Bar Mitzvah of  
Greg Luhn  
son of Meg Levinson and George (z"l) Luhn

## PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM

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## Auction Night 2000

### Live and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 PM

Admission \$5.00 per person

- Over 200 items to bid on
- Door Prizes – Refreshments
- Entertainment
- Come See the Rabbi's Magic Act

Bring a friend to this fun-filled evening

מִזְלָה לֵב

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

Linda Littman on pursuing the completion of her doctoral work at Columbia University Teachers College after 20 years of dedication as a teacher at the English Department of the Monmouth Regional High School and on her achievement of having two poems published while at Columbia.

Linda's ultimate goal is to educate teachers.

There is one group, actually, with whom I am regularly in contact that does just that. We call them people who go to synagogue. There they read ancient poetry, they sing, they think about the world and themselves. How very countercultural. How glorious.

MESSAGE FROM your SISTERHOOD Co-PRESIDENTS  
BEVERLY GRUENSFELDER AND SHERI GEORGE

Also, Judaica is having a 25% off sale on all items in stock. We have Seder Plates, Matzo plates, Matzo covers, Passover Haggadahs for adults and children, Passover story books, horseradish and salt water holders, and many other items. This means all jewelry, mezuzahs, menorahs, magnets and books are also on sale. Purchases can be made anytime. Please see the office staff for assistance.

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Bev (544-9138)

**Sheri (870-1183)**

Would you like to be able to help your child with Hebrew homework?

Would you like to learn Hebrew

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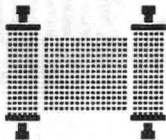
for its own sake?

## Rabbi to the Rescue

Rabbi Priesand will be available to teach Hebrew every  
Wednesday from 4:15 PM – 5:45 PM  
Cost for Materials: \$15

**No need to register, just come!**

*from Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County!*  
Save the weekend of March 31-April 3 for a wonderful exchange program with our Partnership 2000 Arad Youth String Ensemble. Under the leadership of Partnership 2000 Vice President Wendy Marks, this group of talented youth will perform a community-wide concert on Saturday night, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Wendy or Cheryl Tarash at 972-3005 for more info. *Connect to people, to the world and to the need; be part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County.*  
*Howard Gases*



## FROM RABBI PRIESAND

As many of you know, I love to go to the movies. I usually prefer drama over comedy, but sometimes I am not fully prepared for the intensity of the experience that awaits. Such was the case when I went to see *THE GREEN MILE*, a powerful film about capital punishment and the way in which it is often administered in this country. There were certain scenes in which I had to close my eyes, reaffirming my own belief that capital punishment is barbaric. I left the theater that day wondering, as I often do, where the justice is in our justice system and how killing people who kill people (assuming they are actually guilty) proves that killing people is wrong.

At long last, America seems ready to take a closer look and grapple openly and honestly with the flaws of a death penalty system in which mistakes are constantly being made. I admire the wisdom and integrity of Governor George Ryan of Illinois, a Republican supporter of capital punishment, who recently declared a moratorium on executions in his state after realizing that far too many innocent people had been condemned to die. Indeed, over the course of the past two decades, twelve death row inmates have been executed by the state of Illinois, while thirteen have been exonerated and set free. In the last decade alone, DNA tests have proven that sixty-nine people from communities across America were sentenced to death for crimes they did not commit, and that number continues to rise at a rate of more than one a month. What a shameful record for a country that calls itself civilized!

Many people base their support for capital punishment on passages in the Hebrew Bible. What they fail to understand is that "an eye for an eye" was always interpreted by our sages to mean monetary compensation and not physical punishment. Moreover, the reason why Torah decrees death as the consequence for certain acts is to underline the severity of the action itself. It may interest you to know that in the Bible capital punishment was the penalty for a rebellious child, as well as for one's failure to observe Shabbat. We can be grateful that society and its laws have evolved over time; otherwise, most of us would be in trouble!

I always remember an article I read once about Sister Helen Prejean, upon whose life the thought-provoking film, *DEAD MAN WALKING*, is based. She listened while a friend explained to his child why those on death row had to be killed. Her friend, a lawyer, said that because they had taken someone's life, they had to be executed by state officials. And the child asked: "So who kills them?"

It seems to me that killing people is wrong, whether it is done by individuals or by the government. I hope America will take advantage of the opportunity Governor Ryan has provided us to study and correct a system so flawed that it can no longer ensure that innocent people are spared. Only then can we seek forgiveness from those families whose loved ones have been taken from them and wrongly executed for crimes they did not commit. Remember we, the people, are ultimately in charge. We can no longer afford to turn our heads while justice is forsaken and destroyed. The time to act is now.

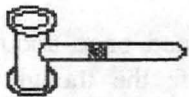
### **Greetings from the Ritual Committee.....**

At the very end of this month we will participate in Shabbat Across America for the third time. Mark the date: March 31, 2000. A catered dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and a special service will be conducted at 8:15 PM. The theme for Shabbat Across America at Monmouth Reform Temple this year is *Bring a Friend*. Do you have Jewish friends or colleagues who do not belong to a synagogue or have little or no connection to Jewish life? Many unaffiliated Jews who attended Shabbat Across America in the past point to that experience as a turning point in their religious growth.

With your help we hope to make ours a positive first encounter with Jewish life that can strike a resonant, latent chord in our guests. Shabbat Across America is not really designed for YOU. You already relish the joy of observing Shabbat. We want you to encourage someone else to attend and for you to attend as hosts to help them more fully appreciate the experience. Please feel free to use our flyer as an invitation to our event. We are joining with over 750 congregations across the nation in this unparalleled display of Jewish revitalization and unity. Cost for the dinner will be \$14 for adults and \$9 for children but the dinner is FREE for your guests. Please inform the Office if you plan to participate and feel free to call me (747-9256) if you want to help orchestrate the event.

*B'Shalom, Joel Morgovsky, Chair*





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the UAHC biennial held last December, I attended several sessions on the topic of long term financial planning and setting up an endowment fund. On returning to NJ, I learned that MRT had been considering setting up an endowment fund for many years, but it just hadn't gotten going. In contrast to our year-to-year budget (which covers all the costs of Temple staff, building maintenance, programming, etc.), an endowment fund is intended for long-term investment. At some point in the future, the Temple can draw on the proceeds from these investments, without dipping into the principle. These funds could be used for many programs which could not otherwise be held. At some temples the endowment funds are used to keep down the total cost of membership. However the funds are disbursed, all the temples who had endowment funds reported a feeling of greater financial security for the future. To help MRT get started, I am creating an ad hoc committee, chaired by Martin Cole, to evaluate all the materials I collected at the biennial and to put together a charter and guidelines for an endowment committee. At the conclusion of their work the ad hoc committee will end, and the endowment committee will be established. If you have a particular expertise in long-term planning and would be interested in helping out, please give me or Marty a call.

*Gerald Reisner, President*

## TINTON FALLS CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL



Our visit to Lunch Break (delayed twice because of snow) was a huge success. We received a wonderful thank you letter from Norma Todd, the Program Director at that facility. We are happy that we could warm the hearts and bodies of local residents.

In March, National Nutrition Month, we will visit a local supermarket for a *behind the scene* look at where we get the good nutritious food we eat.

Our Open House was February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We are always proud to show off our facilities to prospective families. Remember, we give "daily tours" as needed and enroll our students year round. As always, please spread the good word. Call 747-3990 for information.

*Bobbie LaPlaca, Director*



## MFA 2000

**April 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our first events for Festival, the Student Art Competition and Portfolio Workshop, were fabulous! On February 13, 56 pieces of student work were hung by Joan Lansky, Jerry Lansky and crew and juried by our own Joel Morgovsky and Judy Raybon, along with Karen Leahey, a long time contributing artist. Not only were they superb in their skillful assessment of the work, they also took the time to explain to the students what they looked for in judging the work. Joan Lansky did a great job as chair.

Three workshops took place for student artists, their teachers, and their parents while the show was being hung and juried. Joel Morgovsky demonstrated how to photograph art work. Dave McGrath provided hands-on opportunities to mat and frame work. Fran Maxwell, a student advisor with Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, spoke about admission standards, the state of the art facilities at Rutgers, and how to put together and present a portfolio. She distributed packets of information to all who attended. Kudos to our chair, Kate Greenberg.

A reception followed the workshops. Awards were presented to two first place and five honorable mention winners. Press were on hand and the Asbury Park Press ran a half page article on February 14<sup>th</sup> showcasing the artists and Monmouth Festival of the Arts.

There's nothing like success to motivate a team. So...if that's possible...the Committee is even more enthusiastic than they've been up to now! By the time you read this, we'll be just five weeks away from our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there will be a chance auction of 40 pieces of art work donated by the participating artists. Chances will be sold at the door throughout the show. Winners will be drawn Wednesday evening, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM. You do not need to be present to win.

Our commemorative tote bag, with original artwork by Claire Kipnis, will be a gift to benefactors. You still have time to become one! Call Joyce Silverman, 741-9490. There will also be a small quantity available for sale during the show.

Mumford's Culinary Center will once again be catering the gala reception, April 8, with ten varieties of vegetables, fish, meat, chicken, and cheese hors d'oeuvres, and four stationary platters featuring crudite, smoked salmon, cheeses and fruit,

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### A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld

Shalom! The onset of Spring signals 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*. The story is related to us in the Book of Esther, which is traditionally chanted to special cantillation and introduced by special blessings. Aside from singing, dancing and other festivities, 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.

On the home front, the choir continues to prepare for the upcoming:

#### **Annual Regional Choir Festival**

##### ***Zimriyah***

**March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

**at Temple B'nai Shalom**

**in East Brunswick**

More than seven adult volunteer choirs from throughout the region will participate in the festival. The free program will be followed by a festive coffee and cake reception. For further information, contact me.

I have begun to participate in an ongoing online discussion between Cantors, Rabbis, and other synagogue leaders concerning a variety of relevant issues. The discussion is accessible through the *iWorship* website under the auspices of the UAHC. Among the numerous topics of discussion are spirituality, music, gender-neutral language, synagogue decorum, and a host of other subjects. I would like to invite any and all interested individuals to participate in this online discussion. It offers a perfect opportunity to those who feel a need to share ideas and opinions on issues concerning Reform worship. In this setting, your comments appear right alongside those of the most prestigious and best-known figures in the Reform Movement. You now have a chance to praise or challenge their

positions should you desire to do so. Come see.

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, and celebrate our freedom to express our beliefs without fear of persecution from above. May the joy of this season radiate throughout all of us.

B'shalom v'ahavah,

*Cantor Rosenfeld*

## **MFA 2000**

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and assorted vegetable maki rolls. What a treat! Wines, desserts, tea, and coffee will also be available.

We're counting on every Temple member to participate in some way, as personnel begins to staff the event. We'll need volunteers to break down the classrooms and move furniture to storage, receive artists' work, put signs throughout the area, handle sales, work in the café, contribute food to the café, take down the show and return the temple to a place of worship by Shabbat. If you do not receive a call, PLEASE CALL LAURETTA SILVERBERG AT 747-2347 OR LINDA MARINA AT 450-0565, AND VOLUNTEER.

My Executive Committee, Kate Greenberg, Barbara Keating, Paula Metz, Kathy Perlman and Bobbie Goldstein as System Administrator are putting in overtime with me in coordinating every aspect of MFA 2000. A Chairperson couldn't ask for a better team! I'm so appreciative and blessed. Festival is unique in providing an opportunity for volunteers to be of service to the art and educational communities while supporting MRT. Again, I'm reminded of the joy and sense of accomplishment that comes from meeting challenges and from giving.

**MFA 2000** is now on the internet thanks to the hard work of Bob Rosin. Take a look and tell your friends to come.

[www.monmouth.com/~mrt/festival/](http://www.monmouth.com/~mrt/festival/)

**Le Petit Café** will again be serving lunch, light dinner and dessert. We need your contributions of soups, cakes, pies and cookies. Bring your goodies, uncut, to the Temple, labeled and ready for the freezer. Please help to once again make the café a delicious success. Please call Joan Denton, 741-2037 and Steve Mahan 583-2256 for more information. Thanks!!!

Judy Luger, Chair

## From the Library.....

*The Nazi Officer's Wife* by Edith Hahn Beer,  
reviewed by Sheila Leavitt

This is a compelling and courageous story of an out-spoken young woman during the Holocaust, the events that turned her life upside down, and her efforts to survive. An excellent student studying law in Vienna and anticipating her future with her beloved Pepi, she and her mother are suddenly forced by the Gestapo from their home into a ghetto. She endures hardship in a work camp, returning home only to find her mother deported and Pepi and her Jewish friends living in fear. Fearing for her own life she decides to go underground and chronicles those days in great detail-homeless, alone, searching for food. A Christian woman provides her with identity papers and she flees to Munich. There she meets a Nazi party member who falls in love with her and marries her despite her confession that she is a Jew. Her life as Werner's wife is safe and somewhat normal, but filled with uncertainty.

A remarkable and very different story, this book is not the usual tale of a Holocaust survivor, but one of extreme courage and determination. Edith's remarkable collection of documents, photographs, and letters are now part of the permanent collections of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

*Look for this book on the New & Noteworthy book shelf in the library. If you can't find it, leave a note on the library desk and we'll reserve it for you. If you've read a book from the MRT library that you've enjoyed we'd love to have a brief review! You can leave written reviews in the library mail box in the Temple office, or email reviews to [reisner@btol.com](mailto:reisner@btol.com).*

Rosalind Reisner and Shelley Gordon

### *Join us as we wish our Temple family Happy Passover*

Our Temple Bulletin will convey your Passover Greeting for only \$5.00. For example, Happy Passover to our Temple family from:

1. The Fitzsimmons family
2. Joanna and Brian Charnick
3. Your Listing

*Please make your check payable to Monmouth Reform Temple and send it to the Temple office by March 17th.*

### *from the Temple office.....*

*Thank you for respecting our deadlines by getting your flyers in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and bulletin articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month...We appreciate it!*

*If your child is getting ready to go off to college and has not received our Kesher Directory (a listing of Reform Jewish college students), please call the office for a copy of this useful directory.*

*Please note the following changes of address since the last publication of our directory:*

**Don and Joan Leeds**, 7 Rye Court,  
Jackson 08527 Phone: 833-0912

**Stanley Epstein**, 13101 Hartfield Avenue,  
San Diego, CA 92130

*and correction:*

**Marc Glickman**

Telephone number is 571-2749

*Can you spare a few hours one Sunday a month  
when Religious School is in session?*

*If so, please contact Joanna Charnick 542-1562.  
Remember to buy food and retail store gift certificates.  
Don't Hesitate – Participate*

## what is iWorship?

iWorship is a simple e-mail based subscription group that provides a forum for sharing information and ideas about Reform Jewish worship.

## what is my commitment?

By signing up, you will receive information and can participate in e-mail conversations about various worship topics that subscribers bring up.

## how do i join?

E-mail your name, e-mail address, and the name of your congregation to [rliving@uahc.org](mailto:rliving@uahc.org). Please put in the subject "subscribe iWorship."

*Sponsored by the UAHCCAR  
Commission on Religious Living*



## YAHREZEITS

**Mar. 3:** *Rose Levinsky, Paul Levy, Henry Aronow, Rose Field, Frances F. Singman, Simon Silverman, Leo A. Kauffman, David Kaplan, \*Ida Huber, Nathaniel Portman, \*Bessie Schwartz, Irving Spumberg, Samuel Milchman, Paula Brody Popok, Edward Greenberg*

**Mar. 10:** *Nat W. Bernard, Dr. Alexander J. Reiss, Lisa Abramov, \*Lois Blonder, Greta Rosenblum, \*Martin Brousell, Tina Karl, \*Hyman Karlman, Frank Abrams, Morton Cohn, \*Jay T. Feigus, Sarah Rauch, Ida Sternberg, Mary Schoenbart, Bertha Greenberg, \*Max Tanenbaum, Mildred Kantor, \*Esther Kossovskaya, Gerry Gerber, Khasya Foygel, Anne Baker, Paul B. Snyder*

**Mar. 17:** *Isadore Tannenbaum, \*Rose Blonder, Solomon Weissman, Rose M. Friedman, Michael Lichtman, Morris Gelb, Sally Kramer, Blanche Civins*

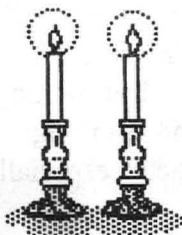
**Mar. 24:** *\*Samuel Blonder, \*Meyer Smolensky Collis, Samuel Tanenbaum, Loretta Stein, \*Jacob Talberth, Norma Gale, Jane Medalie, \*Doreen Harran, Alexander Kaplan, \*Samuel Mausner, Morris Zager, Rahmin Abramov, Abner Gitlin, Robert Teitelbaum, \*Michael Mintzer, Esther Brumer, Catherine R. Ricklin*

**Mar. 31:** *Milton E. Lipstein, Mark Vickers, \*Helen Nusbaum, Helen Farbman, \*Isidore Grossman, Jack A. Leeds, Herbert Ellenbogen, C.K. Conklin, Fannie Copley, Pearl Goldberger, \*Theodore Tully Rubin, Annie Zegman, Josephine Orange, \*Julius Snedcof, Rose Stein, Jacqueline Zemel, Morris Silverberg, Myles Backman*

*\*Indicates perpetual Kaddish*

### TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Mar.	3	5:32 PM
Mar.	10	5:40 PM
Mar.	17	5:47 PM
Mar.	24	5:55 PM
Mar.	31	6:02 PM



### The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Vincent and Barbara Gesuelli  
on the death of Vincent's mother  
**ELISE GESUELLI**



and to  
Laurie and Larry Lowenstein  
on the death of Laurie's stepfather  
**WILLIAM GARSON**



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

**C**harleston, South Carolina is home to one of the oldest Jewish communities in America. Jews began to settle in Charleston not long after it was founded in 1670.

"The Jews of Charleston helped fuel the prosperity the city enjoyed during colonial times. By the first decade of the 1800's, Charleston, with more than 500 Jews, was the largest, the most cultured, and the wealthiest Jewish community in America." Learn more about American Jewish history and about the history of Reform Judaism at:

### A Study Mission to Historic Charleston May 3-7, 2000

**Faculty Dr. Pamela Nadell,  
Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna, and  
Dr. Gary P. Zola**

Stimulating lectures on the history of Reform Judaism and American Jewish History-studying and learning in the beautiful southern setting of Charleston, reliving the story of Charleston's Jewry through the use of historic documents and sights of interest, and interactive discussions with faculty and fellow participants comprise the week.

Call Ben Cohen at UAHF (212) 650-4087 immediately for more information.

## Arts and Decoration

The Arts and Decoration Committee would like the members of the Temple to know about some items it has recently acquired for the synagogue. The display case in the lobby of the Temple now houses a permanent display of Judaica in memory of Lois Blonder. For many years, until her untimely death last spring, Lois lovingly and carefully maintained this display case, periodically changing displays, all of them reflecting her own creativity and imagination. This permanent display is a wonderful way to remember her, and we are especially grateful to her husband, Ike, both for sharing with us many items that were in Lois' own collection and for providing the initial funding which enabled us to purchase new items. We appreciate his generosity and that of so many Temple members who also made generous contributions to the Arts and Deco fund in Lois' memory.

Our newest acquisition in the display case is a Miriam's Cup, created by artist Zachary J. Oxman. The cup, which is filled with water during the Passover seder, represents Miriam, the sister of Moses, and all the other Jewish women who have made great contributions to our faith.

The committee also recently purchased a lithograph, "Symphony for Creation," by Avraham Cohen. The lithograph, which has a musical theme, is hanging in the corridor outside Cantor Rosenfeld's office.

Members of the committee are eagerly looking forward to spring, when the flowers they planted on our last Mitzvah Day will bloom to beautify the Temple grounds. If you have any suggestions for decorative items you would like the committee to acquire, or you want to join the Arts and Decoration committee, please contact Colleen Pokross, committee chair.

YOU CAN BE A

CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER — IN ISRAEL  
AND HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERING AT  
CAMP KEFIADA LOCATED IN ARAD, ISRAEL.

Applications for counselor positions are now available at  
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER MONMOUTH COUNTY —  
deadline is MARCH 15.

CALL CHERYL TARASH AT 972-3005.



## *Welcome New Members*

*Please welcome to our congregation:*

Susan and Peter Boser  
and their children Olivia and Evan  
11 Washington Avenue, Rumson 07760  
758-1938

Ami D. Parker and Fred G. Dorner  
and their daughter Jamie Lee Parker Dorner  
14 Harbour Way, Monmouth Beach 07750  
870-9660  
[Aamiami@aol.com](mailto:Aamiami@aol.com)

Margrit S. and Karl J. Kaufman III  
and their children Mollie and Max  
15 Sycamore Lane, Fair Haven 07704  
212-9391

[KarlKaufmann3@compuserve.com](mailto:KarlKaufmann3@compuserve.com)

*Please attend Shabbat Across America  
Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Dinner at 6:30 PM, Services at 8:15 PM*

**BRING A FRIEND**

## OUTREACH

Please join members of MRT's Outreach Committee for Outreach Shabbat on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Four MRT members will share their individual perspectives of Outreach with us: Sharyn Ross will speak on *RAISING JEWISH CHILDREN AND LEARNING JUDAISM THROUGH THEIR EYES*. Lloyd Fitzsimmons discusses, *WHY I CHOSE JUDAISM*. Alan Goldberg talks on *HOW MY INTERFAITH FAMILY BENEFITED FROM THE OUTREACH GROUP*. Myra Ostroff, an active figure in the National Outreach Movement, reviews *REFORM JEWISH OUTREACH ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS*.

The evening should be educational, informative and inspiring. We strongly encourage everyone to attend, especially our interfaith families to attend.

*Linda Burns & Marianne Kligman  
Co-Chairs of the Outreach Committee*



# MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

## MARCH, 2000 EVENTS

Weds. March 1	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	6:00 PM	Junior Youth
	8:00 PM	Ritual Meeting
Friday, March 3	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service
Saturday, March 4	7:00 PM	Goods and Services Auction
Sunday, March 5	9:30 AM – noon	Religious School
Tuesday, March 7	9:30 AM	Study Group
Weds. March 8	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Religious School
	6:00 PM	Senior Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Youth Committee
	8:00 PM	Inreach Committee
Thursday, March 9	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 10	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service (Outreach Sabbath)
Saturday, March 11	10:30 AM	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
Sunday, March 12	9:30 AM- noon	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Brotherhood Program
Monday, March 13	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Pre-School Program
Tuesday, March 14	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Long Range Planning Meeting
Weds. March 15	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Thurs. March 16	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 17	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service (Grade 5B Family Service)
Sunday, March 19	9:30 AM-noon	Religious School
	11:00 AM	Purim Carnival
Monday, March 20	5:45 PM	Purim Family Dinner
	7:00 PM	Purim Service
Tuesday, March 21	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Weds. March 22	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
Thursday, March 23	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 24	6:30 PM	Tot Shabbat Service
	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service
Saturday, March 25	10:30 AM	Shabbat Kallah
Sunday, March 26	9:30 AM-noon	Religious School
	10:30 AM	Grade 4B Service
Tuesday, March 28	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Social Action Meeting
Weds. March 29	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	8:00 PM	Long Range Planning Meeting
Thursday, March 30	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 31	6:30 PM	Shabbat Across America Dinner
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Shabbat Across America)
CCAR CONVENTION		MARCH 27 – APRIL 1
Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM		

MRT-Junior Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
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### **Brotherhood Program**

Please join us for this month's program:

**Sunday, March 12, at 9:30 AM**

**Kevin Coyne**, noted author and MRT member  
will discuss his new book

***Our Father Generation in Freehold***

*For more info, contact: Bob Gabel 530-6472*

*E-mail: [Rgabel@prodigy.net](mailto:Rgabel@prodigy.net)*



Just like with so many of us, volunteerism is an assumed part of life for Joanna Charnick. Joanna's presence in our Temple lobby has become a tradition on Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session. Her smile ☺ and salesmanship (relentlessness) can be counted on. In addition to Sunday mornings, Joanna has been known to drive to the homes of Temple members to deliver scrip. Thus, we are sorry to announce that Joanna is giving up her long-standing dedication to the scrip program and is looking for a replacement. Although it would be very difficult for anyone to duplicate Joanna's efforts, we are hoping that a few of you will come forward to share the post on Sunday mornings. Please give the Temple office or Joanna a call to offer your services.

## **MRTSY NEWS**

MRTSY met on Feb 9 for a program exploring the differences between Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism. Sarah Fass, MRTSY Programming Vice-President, did an excellent job researching the subject, writing and leading the program. We also had an opportunity to hang some of our artwork in the Youth Lounge. Drop by and check out our creations as well as our new bulletin board where our upcoming events are posted. Special thanks to Karen Karl for her donation of a new VCR and to the Perlman's for the donation of a fuse ball table.

Dee Ross, MRTSY President, headed off to NFTY-GER Hagigah Feb 25-27. Hagigah is a weekend exploring Judaism through the arts and we look forward to Dee sharing all that she learned with us.

We are getting very excited about the upcoming Purim Carnival. Dave Perlman and his crew have some new and exciting booths planned and of course there will be lots and lots of falafel, hot dogs and hamentashen. Please join us on March 19 for this annual event where kids of all ages have a ball. All monies raised support the Senior Youth Group. We thank you in advance and look forward to a great day at the Carnival!

Our April 16 event (note date change) will be held at A Time To Kiln in Red Bank. We will meet at Broadway Grill for lunch and then head over to the pottery store for an afternoon of seder plate and kiddush cup making. For more information contact Dee Ross at 483-0389.

Rachel Gitlin

**Brotherhood's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Book/Record/CD/Tape Sale  
Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

### ***DESPERATELY NEEDING CONTRIBUTIONS***

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## *Elijah*

**Saturday night, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM  
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Come hear the whole story of Elijah as written in I Kings 17 – 20. Hear how Mendelssohn brings to life the fabled King Ahab, Queen Jezebel, Elijah and the King's man, Obadiah.

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*Tickets are \$30 and \$20; \$25 and \$16 for Senior citizens and students. Purchase tickets at the Box Office or call the Morgovskys – 747-9256.*

### **The Main Event –May 11<sup>th</sup>**

This spring the **Women's Constituency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County** hopes to surpass last year's record of bringing together the largest single gathering of Jewish women from the area at The Main Event.

The Main Event will be held on May 11 at the Shadowbrook Country Club, Shrewsbury at 6:30 PM. **Carol Saline**, the author of *"Mothers and Daughters," "Sisters,"* and *"Best Friends"* will be the featured speaker. Her books immediately soared to number one on every national best-seller list including The Times and USA Today.

Co-chairs of The Main Event, Sylvia Cohen and Carrie Gold are planning an elegant evening that will include cocktails and dinner at this must attend social fundraising event of the year. "Not only does the Federation provide a wonderful service to the cause and need, but it's also a great way to meet other young women who share common interests," said Carrie Gold.

The Main Event is a cornerstone of Women's Constituency 2000 campaign effort. The minimum pledge required to attend is \$118, symbolizing Chai, Jewish life. The pledge is payable over the course of the year. Anyone interested in further information regarding the Main Event can contact Howard Gases at 531-6200.

## **Purim Ball 2000:**

*Extravaganza of the Spring Season for Young Adults  
Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM  
at the Marlboro Jewish Center*

The Purim Ball, an event of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County's Young Adult Constituencies is expected to be THE event of the Spring season.

Dressed in black tie or costume, young adults can expect an elegant evening with all the trimmings. There will be a cocktail hour, buffet dinner, music, dancing and a creative presentation about the Jewish Federation. Couvert is \$75 per person.

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

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In my February article, I included a graphic representation of the Tzdakah collected on Sunday mornings by each class. I failed to thank Brian McMullen for creating the chart and for collecting and counting the money every Sunday. I am embarrassed that I forgot to give credit to a Temple member who gives countless hours of time to free me from the other bureaucratic necessities that come with my position.

The same could be said for many other Temple members who serve as class parents, sit on the Religious Education Committee, help in the parking lot during dismissal, and assist with oneg Shabbat duty after class-conducted services. Volunteers are always welcome. And, please do not become argumentative when you are contacted seemingly at the last minute to help in some fashion. Often the person doing the telephoning is a working parent, with little extra time, trying to perform a service for your children.

Our Religious School continues to grow with seven new children enrolled since my last Bulletin article. The shortage of caring, well-prepared teachers is even more acute than in the public sector. As I have written in recent articles, any Temple member even remotely interested in teaching next fall in our school should contact me. Presently, five Temple members are on the staff. Our salary structure is competitive with other area religious schools and I will provide resource material. Substituting is a fine way to ease into a full time teaching position.



Purim will be celebrated at MRT on two days this year. The Religious School's Purim assembly and the senior youth group's Purim Carnival are on March 19.

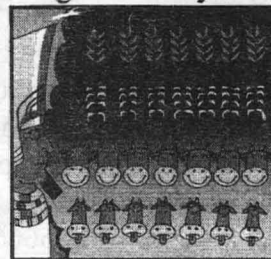
The very next evening, the Purim festivities will continue with MRT's annual family dinner

at 5:45 PM, followed by the Megillah reading at 7:00 PM. Remember that the carnival is our Temple's traditional senior youth group's fundraiser. Your children will need money to play the Purim games and/or purchase food. Bring the gang, non-members too.



Our family service program concludes this month with class 5B's service on Shabbat evening March 17 and class 4B's service on Sunday, March 26. All family members and friends of our students are invited to worship at these services and support our children.

On February 11, class 5A conducted a terrific service. The command of Hebrew was superb and the English parts were read flawlessly. The program was based on a tzdakah unit studied in class and presented in a very adult-like manner. The class' Hebrew teacher, Mrs. Erica Schneider, and its religious studies teacher, Mrs. Deborah Weissman, were responsible for this exemplary student led service. The class has now begun to study the Purim Megillah in Hebrew.



Thank you for supporting our annual Passover candy fund raiser. Orders are due by Sunday, March 5 and pick-up will begin on March 29.

Although, Purim and Passover are highlighted in my article and elsewhere in the Bulletin, holiday lessons in grades 3 and above constitute a small part of the curriculum. Now would be a good time to consult the Religious School Booklet to reacquaint yourselves with the study units assigned to each grade. A brief description of the Judaica curriculum for grades 3 and above includes: 3<sup>rd</sup>-prophets and ethics, 4<sup>th</sup>-basic Judaism, part 1, Israel, 5<sup>th</sup>-American Jewish history, tzdakah and charities, 6<sup>th</sup>-world history, holocaust, 7<sup>th</sup>-Reform Judaism, Jewish philosophy and Torah, 8<sup>th</sup>-comparative religion and comparative Judaism, 9<sup>th</sup>-life cycle, history, and 10<sup>th</sup>-a year with Rabbi Priesand.

The Festival of the Arts is almost here. Volunteers have already started contacting members to serve in various capacities during the festival. For several years, I have co-chaired the Facilities Committee. It is our job to set up the Festival on Sunday, April 2 and restore it to its original shape on Thursday, April 13. We need you. Please contact me if you are available to help us and/or if you want more information.

*Shalom,  
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	10 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	11 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program	
	17 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
		Grade 5B Family Service	
	20 Mon	Purim Service	7:00 PM
	24 Fri	Tot Shabbat Service	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	25 Sat	Shabbat Kallah	10:30 AM
	26 Sun	Grade 4B Service	10:30 AM
	31 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Mar.	1 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	5 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	8 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	12 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	13 Mon	Pre-School	7:00-8:00 PM
	15 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	19 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	22 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	26 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	29 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM

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Mar.	4 Sat	Auction Night	7:00PM
	12 Sun	Brotherhood Program	9:30 AM
	19 Sun	Purim Carnival	11:00 AM
	20 Mon	Purim Family Dinner	5:45 PM
		Purim Service	7:00 PM
	31 Fri	Shabbat Across America	
		Dinner	6:30 PM
		Service	8:15 PM

**MEETINGS**

Mar.	1 Wed	Junior Youth	6:00 PM
		Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	7 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	8 Wed	Senior Youth Group	6:00 PM
		Youth Committee	7:30 PM
		Inreach Committee	8:00 PM
	9 Thurs	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
	13 Mon	Arts Festival Meeting	7:30 PM
	14 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Long Range Planning	8:00 PM
	15 Wed	Executive Committee	8:00 PM
	16 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
	21 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Temple Board	8:00 PM
	23 Thurs	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
	28 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Social Action	8:00 PM
	29 Wed	Long Range Planning	8:00 PM
	30 Thurs	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM

