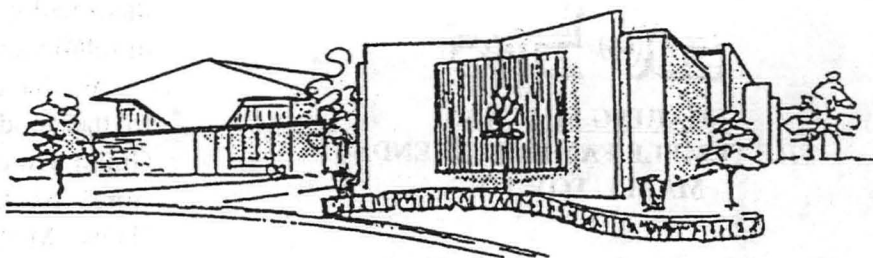


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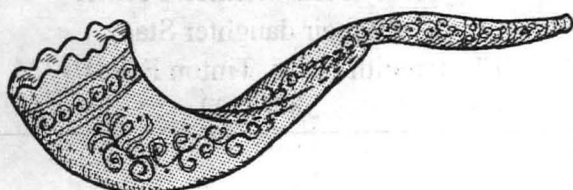
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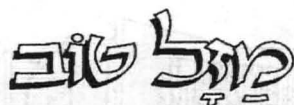
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Fri. 1** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **A JEWISH VIEW OF
LABOR DAY**
Deut. 16:18-21:9
Torah Portion: Shofetim
Haftarah - Isaiah 51:12-52:12
- Fri. 8** Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **BEING A FAMILY**
Deut. 21:10-25:19
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze
Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-10
- Fri. 15** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **FEELING GUILTY**
Deut. 26:1-29:8
Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
Haftarah - Isaiah 60:1-22
- Fri. 22** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **THE MARK OF GOOD
LEADERSHIP**
Torah Portion: Nitzavim/Vayelech
Deut. 29:9-31:30
Haftarah - Isaiah 61:10-63:9
- Fri. 29** Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **OUR NEED TO REPENT**

OTHER SERVICES

- Sat. 2** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **ACCEPTING
RESPONSIBILITY**
Bar Mitzvah of Eric Lubin
son of Elizabeth and Gerald
- Sat. 9** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **WHAT WE LEARN
FROM AMALEK**
Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Fass
daughter of Tisha and Scott
- Sat. 16** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **THE LIGHT OF TORAH**
Bar Mitzvah of Gregory Saybolt
son of Lori and Richard
- Sat. 23** Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **NOT YET**
Bat Mitzvah of Mallory Zwerdling
daughter of Lisa and Alan Zwerdling
and Dawn Dewing
- S'lichot
Havdalah, Refreshments and
Discussion - 9:00 PM
Topic: **REACHING FOR
HOLINESS**
Service - 11:30 PM
- Sat. 30** Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **A TIME FOR TURNING**
Torah Portion: Genesis 22:1-19
Haftarah - 1 Samuel 1:1-28
Children's Service 3:00 PM
Sermon: **THE BIRTHDAY OF
THE WORLD**





SHARING SIMCHAS
THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS
MAZEL TOV TO:

Joyce Silverman on the birth of her twin
 granddaughters Julia Rose and Hannah Gail Silverman
 born July 28th & 29th

Marge and Artie Springer on the birth
 of their grandson Isaac Springer born July 26th

Christopher Placitella will serve as president-elect of
 the Association of Trial Lawyers of America-New Jersey
 (ATLA-NJ) for 2000-2001

Rabbi Alton Winters on the publication of his book,
Stories of the Dubner Maggid

Hanna and Greg Ostroff on the birth of their son Lucas
 Solomon born June 13th

*Please keep us informed so we can share your simchas
 with your Temple Family*

BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL GIFT

Birthright Israel is once again offering you the
 chance to go to Israel on a free 10-day trip. This
 winter they will send 10,000 Jewish young adults
 from around the world to Israel. Register at
www.birthrightisrael.com until October 5th. This
 covers roundtrip airfare plus 10-days of educational
 programming in Israel. Any Jewish youth, 18-26
 (post high-school), who has never been to Israel on a
 peer-group educational program, is eligible to apply
 for the birthright Israel gift.

Message From Scrip Program

The Scrip or Gift Certificate Program is entering
 its seventh year and we hope we will have new
 buyers along with our tried and true customers.
 Look for our new Scrip Captains on Sunday
 mornings: Ellen Goldberg, Nancy Beaty, Susan St.
 Lifer, Dominique Russell and Barbara Keating.
 Each sales captain will be in the Temple lobby on
 one Sunday of the month. You may also see Pam
 Burke, Stephanie Fitzsimmons, Sheila Gilstein or
 Zach Gilstein who have volunteered to fill in for one
 of the regular captains, if needed. Stop by and make

them feel welcome by purchasing either food market
 or retail store gift certificates, or just say hello.

We have a wide range of stores to choose from.
 In the food line there is A&P, Acme, Foodtown,
 Grand Union, Pathmark and Shoprite. For retail
 stores we have Barnes and Noble, The Gap, Old
 Navy, Macy's, and Williams-Sonoma. We are
 thinking about adding Blockbuster Video or Loew's
 Theater. Please let the Scrip captains know if you
 would be interested in that purchase and I will order
 it with my October order.

Remember any size order is a WIN, WIN
 situation for you and the Temple. It doesn't cost you
 anything extra to purchase gift certificates and the
 Temple makes 5% on your food purchases and 6 to
 13% on your retail purchases. If you cannot make it
 to the Temple on Sunday mornings, the office staff
 can help you during the week.

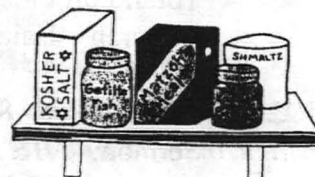
If you have any questions about our program
 give me a call at 946-8559.

Arlene Berg, Chair of the Scrip Program

SHARE SHABBAT
BRING A FRIEND TO SERVICES



**Please stop in to buy Scrip before going to your
 favorite Supermarket**



Welcome New Members

Please welcome to our congregation

Lauren and Douglas Pedersen
 and their children Emily and Rachel
 172 Dartmouth Avenue, Fair Haven 07704
 530-7801

Carolyn and William Pechter
 and their daughter Stacy
 17 Meredith Drive, Tinton Falls 07724
 389-3592

REFLECTIONS

Of the many distinguishing features of the Jewish people, perhaps none is more consistent than a commitment to learning. As the late scholar Simon Rawidowicz once pointed out, Judaism is the only tradition that pictures God studying. Even the Almighty, in this fanciful depiction, leads the way for human beings to improve their minds and elevate their souls through learning.

When Rabbis Akiba and Tarfon had their renowned Talmudic dispute over which took precedence, study or practice, the resolution was that study took precedence, for it leads to practice. Judaism belittles study that does not change one's life, but at the same time it exalts periodic study lishma, for its own sake, for no other reason than the joy of exercising one's mind and expanding one's spirit.

There are more books on Judaism in English than in any other language at any other time in history. Even for those who do not (yet) know Hebrew, the tradition in all its wisdom awaits. "When I pray," said Louis Finkelstein, the late chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, "I speak to God. When I study, God speaks to me."

Rabbi David Wolpe



October 29, 2000

We still need Captains for various projects some of which include nursing home visits, grocery store food drive, and clothing drive. In addition, we will need volunteers for proposing and organizing projects, assisting with Temple setup, registration, publicity, and picnic. Please call Pam Burke, Roy Eisen or the Temple Office to volunteer.

The planning for Mitzvah Day 2000 is in high gear! Please save the date – October 29th. Roy Baker and Roy Eisen are serving as the co-chairs. Pam Burke, Mary Beth Hayet and Shelley Mintz will serve as the Project Coordinators. Dave Lazoff and Lynn Shapiro will be handling the internal and external publicity. Steve Mahan and Nancy Bloom

will take charge of registration with an assist from Lila Singer. Steve and Cheryl Gaudette will be in charge of facilities set up. Jeff Willard, Steve Mahan and Elaine Espey will coordinate the picnic. Jeff Willard also serves as our liaison with the community-wide Mitzvah Day being organized by the Jewish Community Center of Western Monmouth County.

Volunteers are needed to bring food for the picnic. Please call Jeff Willard, Steve Mahan or Elaine Espey to let us know what you will be bringing.

The bloodmobile for the Mitzvah Day Blood Drive will be set up at Temple Beth Miriam. The donation of blood is a wonderful and important mitzvah. It is particularly critical at this time because the blood banks in our area are experiencing severe shortages. Watch your mailings for more details. We will try to make it possible for those who wish to donate, but cannot do so on Mitzvah Day, to do so at the Blood Center in Shrewsbury, by appointment.

Early registration will help the Mitzvah Day Planning Committee plan the projects. Watch your mailings. Also, look for a Mitzvah Day registration table which will be set up in the Temple lobby on Sunday mornings beginning September 17th.

Remember: MITZVAH DAY IS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEMPLE FAMILY!!

Rabbi Dannel I. Schwartz, author of the prize-winning book Finding Joy: A Practical Spiritual Guide to Happiness, will be our keynote speaker on Sunday evening, October 29th, 7:00 PM. It is open to the entire community at a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person. It will be sponsored by JAR (Jews, Addiction and Recovery), a Task Force of Jewish Family and Children's Service, funded by the Continuity Commission of the Jewish Federation.

Would you like to become a member of the Social Action Committee or of the Mitzvah Day Planning Committee? For more information or to volunteer for any Social Action projects or events, you may reach me during the day at 462-7170 or evenings at 625-0776 or e-mail at bobblank98@aol.com.

Robert C. Blank
Social Action Chair

SUPER SUNDAY IS COMING.....Each year the Jewish Federation asks the Jews of Monmouth County to raise funds for local community needs, projects in Israel and throughout the world. Most of the money raised (70%) stays here in Monmouth County supporting local organizations like Jewish Family and Children's service, the Holocaust Center at Brookdale, Kosher Meals on Wheels, and the Jewish Continuity Commission which is funding this month's Jewish Teachers' Workshop held here at MRT. The rest of the money (30%) goes to Israel and worldwide Jewish communities, i.e., Ethiopian resettlement, hunger relief for Jews in Russia, and a wide variety of programs that support pluralism in Israel.

This year Super Sunday will be held on November 5, 2000 at Brookdale Community College. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls and help with children's activities. As in the past there will be provisions made for child care. Please call Federation at 531-6200 and sign up to help that day.

Message from Rachel Gitlin

As most of you know I resigned as Senior Youth Group Advisor last spring. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to spend the last 6 years with your children of MRT. I can only hope that they learned a fraction of what I learned from them.

I would like to thank so many of you by name but I am afraid I will inadvertently forget a few. Please know that I appreciate all of the help, comments and suggestions that were given over the years. There are a few people that I do want to especially acknowledge for their dedication to the Youth Group during my leadership. Special thanks to Sharyn and Dean Ross, Cora Tuchband, Sue St. Lifer, Gerald Reisner, Jay Fitzsimmons, Gary Hersch, David Levinsky, Elinor Goldberg, Cathy Goldberg, the custodial staff, and a very special thank you to Rabbi Priesand.

It is my hope that the Youth Group will continue to grow and that the Jewish youth of the community have the opportunity to hang out, make friends, explore and study issues that move them, connect with their spirituality and just love being Jewish. I had an incredible experience as a member of MRTSY and NFTY when I was in high school and I draw upon that experience and cherish those friendships today.

I would like to congratulate the 2000-2001 MRTSY Board:

Dee Ross, President

Brianne Perlman, Treasurer

Sarah Fass, Programming Vice President

Evan Goldman, Membership Vice President

David Perlman, Social Action Vice President

Randi Goldberg, Secretary

I know that you will serve the Youth Group and the congregation at large well.

Wishing my MRT family a Shanah Tova.

Rachel

Message from Sisterhood

We hope your summer was enjoyable. We are busy preparing for our second year as Sisterhood Presidents. We have changed our meetings from Tuesdays to Thursdays, with the first one being held September 14th at 7:30 PM for the Board meeting followed by the general meeting at 8:00 PM. Please try to attend.

Our Judaica Shop now carries cards for Rosh Hashanah, as well as other occasions. We will be showing some of these cards as well as other new items on September 17th. Please stop by. Our Sisterhood dinner has been changed to a luncheon and will be on Sunday, October 15th. Everyone is invited and the details will follow in future flyers.

As always we are in need of volunteers. Please contact Beverly or myself to find out what areas are vacant. **Sheri (870-1183) & Beverly (544-9138)**

Message from Brotherhood

We are busy organizing the fall 2000 campaign. We would love to have new members join us for the Membership Brunch on September 10th. Those not-yet-members or spouses coming as guests need to pay \$10.00. Become a leader and help organize a new tradition. We welcome any suggestions or new ideas you may have. Feel free to contact me, Don, Bernie or Baldy. I hope the music and games evening held on July 29th will become a "new tradition." Another is planned for October 14th, Saturday after Sukkot dinner and we look forward to seeing you all there. We will setup the Sukkot on Wednesday, October 11th. Please help!!

Bob Gabel, President

NOTE FROM THE ARTS FESTIVAL

I look forward to the challenge of chairing Festival 2001. A kickoff meeting was held on August 14th. All of our committees are chaired.

We also now have our own e-mail address – Festival@monmouth.com

We have a few tote bags left over from Festival 2000 at a special price of \$10.00. These are sturdy canvas bags featuring a design by our own Claire Kipnis and are available in the Temple office.

Jill Briggles has been hired as the Festival Administrative Assistant. We warmly welcome her and look forward to working with her.

Finally, I am always available to hear your comments, suggestions and, hopefully, to accept your offer to volunteer. I can be reached at 842-9581.

Baldwin Davidson, Chair

New UAHC Introduction to Judaism Class

Announcing a 16-session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice is being offered by the UAHC Outreach Department at various locations in NJ.

The class is open to all: individuals who are considering conversion to Judaism; interfaith couples, and Jews by birth and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult level knowledge of Judaism.

Interested in enrolling or need more information about the class? Please call the Outreach Department at 201-722-9090 Ext. 204, or e-mail njny@uahc.org.

OOPS!!! The dates for the Pre-School Program were listed incorrectly in the flyers you recently received. The correct dates are:

**Sept. 25th, Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 18th,
Feb. 26th, April 2nd and May 7th.**

All programs are held on Monday nights from 7 – 8:00 PM and are geared for children three to six years old. Please mark your calendars with the correct dates.

MRT New Book Discussion Group

Monmouth Reform Temple invites you to join the new MRT Book Group! The first meeting is at the Temple on Sunday, September 24th, to discuss the beautiful and haunting novel *The Red Tent*, by acclaimed writer Anita Diamant.

Our discussion leader will be Amy Shore. Amy, her husband Dave Jean and their 8 year old daughter Miranda joined our temple family in 1998. Amy teaches English at the Ranney School and last year served as a book discussion leader for Barnes & Noble Online. You may be familiar with her articles which are published periodically in the Asbury Park Press. In addition, an essay she penned about her daughter Miranda was published in a book entitled *The Greatest Gifts Our Children Give to Us* (Simon & Schuster, 1997).

**Please join us in the social hall on Sunday,
September 24:**

9:30 a.m. bagels, coffee, and tea

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. book discussion

ALL BOOK LOVERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

Contact Amy Shore for more information: 706-5495 or Amyle3@aol.com

JUDAICA SHOP

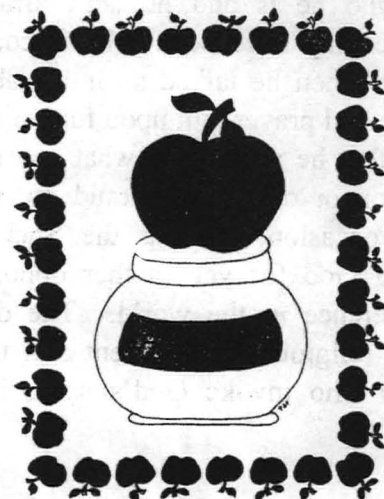
Stop by the Judaica shop to see the beautiful selection of New Year cards - Remember family and friends at Rosh Hashanah. Support the temple while you do.

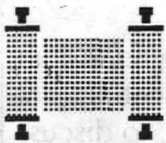
Judaica Shop will be open:

12:00 – 2:00 Tuesday, September 12

10:00 – 12:00 Thursday, September 14

9:30 – 12:00 Sunday, September 17





FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Only in America. That is the title of a book I read when I was a teen-ager. I still have my copy, a paperback that cost fifty cents. It was written by Harry Golden, a cigar-chomping journalist whose columns were hailed for their wit and wisdom and whose newspaper The Carolina Israelite was read by pundits all across the country. Only in America. I remembered the book when I heard Joe Lieberman use those words to describe his nomination for Vice President of the United States.

Only in America could a Jew, an observant one at that, be given the opportunity to run for such a high office with the possibility of being a heartbeat away from the presidency. Whether or not he is elected, all Americans, especially our children and grandchildren, will benefit from the lesson in tolerance and integrity that this campaign will undoubtedly provide.

Joe Lieberman is a man of faith, who represents what is best about both America and Judaism – a country where we are free to be different and a religion whose values are to be lived every day. Recently, I heard a story that illustrates the point. One Friday evening, the Senate remained in session until very late. Since Shabbat had already begun, Senator Lieberman was preparing to walk home, when Vice President Gore offered him a ride. Lieberman declined, indicating that he doesn't drive on Shabbat, at which point Vice President Gore said, "Then I'll walk with you." And so Al Gore and his Secret Service agents walked home with Joe Lieberman that night, enjoying together the peace and fellowship that is Shabbat.

One of Joe Lieberman's greatest strengths is that he knows who he is and he isn't afraid to be himself. We may have been a bit uncomfortable that first day when he talked so much about God and the Bible and prayer, but upon further reflection we realized that he was doing what any observant Jew, Orthodox or otherwise, would do on such a momentous occasion: reciting the Shehecheyanu and thanking God for yet another opportunity to make a difference in the world. The distinction between his religious commitment and that of so many others who invoke God's name is that he

won't try to convert anyone. He understands that America is stronger when we rejoice in our similarities and respect our differences.

Ever since I was a little girl, it has been my custom to kiss the mezzuzah when I enter my home. Tears filled my eyes when I saw Joe Lieberman do just that, as he walked outside to greet the press. It was obvious that he does it all the time; it wasn't just for show. A mezzuzah is a sign of Jewish identity, a reminder that you take the values of our tradition with you wherever you go and that others will learn about Jews and Judaism through the way in which you behave. We are fortunate to have a man like Joe Lieberman, who has earned the respect of both Democrats and Republicans through his lifelong commitment to the task of tikkun olam (repairing the world), represent us in the pages of American history. I, for one, wish him well.



L'Shana Tova to our Temple family from:

Roy C. Baker and Family

Arlene and Jim Berg

Charles and Norma Bernstein

Sandy and Bernie Brandwene

Joanna and Brian Charnick

Joyce and John Christie and Family

Monroe and Fanette Deutsch

Joan and Bill Feinberg

Vance and Barbara Fields and Shira

Roz and Dave Haratz and Family

Vallerie, Gary, Susan and Stephanie Hersch

Bill and Jo Ann Kurry and Steven Brousell

Shanah Tovah - Sheila and Jim Leavitt

Susan Martin

Lila and Max Singer

Howard and Ellie Tannenbaum





A HAPPY AND SWEET NEW YEAR

Suggestions for Tashich (tashlich is the throwing of bread into the water, symbolizing the casting out of sins) Taking a few crumbs to Tashlich from whatever old bread is in the house lacks nuance and religious sensitivity. Instead, this coming Rosh Hashanah consider these options:

For ordinary sins, use White Bread

For twisted sins, Pretzels

For sins of indecision, Waffles

For being ill tempered, Sourdough

For telling bad jokes, Corn Bread

For being holier than thou, Bagels

For sins of pride, Puff Pastry

For lying, Baked goods with Nutrasweet and Olestra

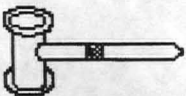
For silliness, Nut Bread

For particular dark sins, Pumpernickel

For davening off tune, flat bread

Your thoughts and prayers have meant so much to me during my illness. Bob and I thank you for caring.

Rosalie Rosin



FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the last several months the ad hoc Long Range Planning (LRP) committee, co-chaired by Bob Rosin and Bert Goldberg, has met with the board, held open meetings for members of the congregation and, based on this input and committee discussions, is developing a set of suggestions for the future. In considering these various recommendations for Temple, the LRP committee felt that it needed to test its ideas and suggestions

against some measure of utility to the congregation. It seemed natural that the congregation should have a statement that embodied our synagogue's values, mission and goals. Hence the LRP committee created a mission statement and presented it at the August board of trustees meeting. The mission statement was discussed in detail, and a few changes were suggested and agreed upon. At the next board meeting, in September, this mission statement will be proposed for approval by the board of trustees. It is intended that it will be used to help guide the board and committees in their activities, and be shared with prospective members. Please review the mission statement (see page 8) and send any suggestions to Bob, Bert, or myself. You can send a note to the temple office, or send us e-mail.

Gerald Reisner



MRT Tennis Party

Saturday, January 6, 2001

In order to finalize our reservations with Colts Neck Racquet Club by October 1st, I need to know how many Temple members and their friends might be interested in taking part. The event will include lots of tennis, food and also activities for non-tennis playing significant others.

Please call me at 747-0824, **as soon as possible**, to let me know if you are interested.

Barbara Goldstein, Chair Ways & Means

Message From Youth Committee

Parents are needed on the Youth Committee. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 PM. Hang-Out Night will begin in October and meet on the first Thursday night of each month and will provide high school students with an opportunity to hang out with their peers and socialize. An adult will always be present. Come and listen to music (on the CD sound system donated by the Rabbi), play foosball, ping pong or just talk. We want our children to use their Youth Lounge.

MISSION STATEMENT

The members of Monmouth Reform Temple strive to create and maintain a community that embodies the ideals and practices of Reform Judaism. To achieve this mission, we set objectives in four aspects of synagogue life: House of Learning (*Beit Midrash* בֵּית-מִדְרָשׁ), House of Worship (*Beit Tefilah* בֵּית-תְּפִלָּה), House of Assembly (*Beit Knesset* בֵּית-כְּנֶסֶת), and Repair of the World (*Tikkun Olam* תִּקּוּן עוֹלָם).

House of Learning (*Beit Midrash* בֵּית-מִדְרָשׁ)

A synagogue:

- that teaches Torah.
- that empowers its members to take responsibility for their own Jewishness.
- that provides Jewish knowledge and education for adults and children.
- that helps its members create Jewish homes and foster Jewish memories.
- whose teachers are knowledgeable about and committed to teaching Reform Judaism.

House of Worship (*Beit Tefilah* בֵּית-תְּפִלָּה)

A synagogue:

- that worships together as a community.
- whose members strive to understand God.
- whose members are familiar with its services and are comfortable participating.
- whose members recognize the sacredness of the Jewish calendar by celebrating Shabbat and Jewish holidays.
- whose liturgy reflects the needs and desires of its members.

House of Assembly (*Beit Knesset* בֵּית-כְּנֶסֶת)

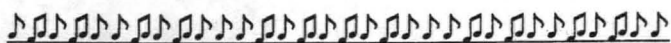
A synagogue:

- that strives to fulfill the role of extended family.
- where every member commits to contribute a fair share of time and money.
- where issues of daily life are discussed from a Jewish perspective.
- where members and their families socialize in a Jewish environment.

Repair of the World (*Tikkun Olam* תִּקּוּן עוֹלָם)

A synagogue:

- that provides a Jewish presence in the larger community.
- whose members participate in social action projects.
- whose members contribute to Jewish and non-Jewish charities.
- that partners with the local Jewish Federation and the institutions of Reform Judaism.
- that recognizes the importance of Israel to the Jewish people.
- that builds coalitions with other faith communities.



A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld

Shalom!

Summer already seems to be a passing thought as we now find ourselves gearing up for yet another High Holy Day season. As the month of *Elul* approaches, I try to prepare myself mentally and spiritually for the holidays by considering ways in which I can make myself a better person. I take an honest look at the mistakes I've made in the past, specifically the past year, and I consider ways in which to keep from repeating those mistakes in the coming year. I also consider my immediate and long term goals, and pledge to do what is necessary to achieve them.

The period of *Yamim Nora'im* or the *Ten Days of Awe* offers a profoundly effective framework in which to achieve these goals by underscoring the themes of forgiveness or *S'lichot* and repentance or *Tshuva*. Before one can achieve these goals, one must be in the proper state of mind. In order to reach the proper state of mind, one must be willing to humble oneself before God and the congregation. And there is no one for whom humility is more important than the service leader or *Shaliach Tzibbur*, literally the *messenger of the public*. The *Shaliach Tzibbur* serves as a conduit between God and the congregation; he or she takes the prayers of the entire community and sends them to God. But they are meaningless unless he or she acknowledges the weight of this responsibility and includes the most plaintive cry for forgiveness on his or her own behalf.

The prayer which best expresses my view of how I see myself in the role of *Shaliach Tzibbur* is the *Hineni*, with which our Rosh Hashanah Evening service commences. The opening words demonstrate this so eloquently: "Hi-n'-ni he-a-ni mi-ma-as, nir-ash v'-nif-chad mi-pa-chad yo-sheiv t'-hi-lot Yis-ra-el.." "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. "Implicit in this text is the link between humility and fear. Here, the word fear is synonymous with awe; a sense of wonder at the

magnitude of God and God's creation. The *Shaliach Tzibbur* or Cantor 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 continue to shower us with love and mercy.

There are various musical settings of *Hineni*. Over the years, great Cantors have composed their own versions of this prayer as they have done with other major sections of the liturgy. Traditionally, the various settings of *Hineni* are composed in a scale similar to that of the *Ahavah Rabah* mode with many variations. Briefly, the *Ahavah Rabah* mode is what I like to refer to as the "Fiddler" mode because it is heard throughout the show, *Fiddler On the Roof*. The most effective settings of this prayer always begin with a slow, intensely quiet introduction, rising to a peak on the words, "eh-yeh asher eh-yeh, sheh-ta-vo t'fi-la-ti lif-nei chi-sei ch'vo-deh-chah. . ." "I will be what I will be so that my prayer will come before the throne of your glory, for the sake of the just, the righteous, the pure and the honest. . ." In the end, the effectiveness of any rendition of this special prayer depends on individual interpretation. It is therefore incumbent on the Cantor to present it in as sincere and genuine a manner as possible, in short, from the soul.

As we approach the turn of the year, let us all work together to make our prayers as genuine as they can be so that they reach God's ears properly. I look forward to worshipping with you this High Holy Day season. May you all have a Sweet New Year.

*L'shalom v'ahavah,
Cantor Rosenfeld*

INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS

Interfaith Neighbors will be honoring the First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank on September 21st at 7:00 PM at the annual general meeting. The address is 255 Harding Road, Red Bank

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

Where parents set the example

Grades 4-7 will open the 2000-2001 academic year on Wednesday, September 13, followed by Sunday, September 17 for all students. The Temple's office has sent out this year's edition of the Religious School Booklet and the notification letter in which your children's class and room for the first day are indicated. If this letter does not reach you by September 5, please contact Elinor in our Temple office.

On the first Sunday, the Religious Education Committee will hold its annual Back to School meeting. Bagels and coffee at 9:30 am opens the proceedings. Jay Wiesenfeld, Religious Education Committee chair, Rabbi Priesand, representatives from other committees and your principal will make short presentations. My time will be used to introduce our new Hebrew program and spell out how parents can assist their children toward reading mastery.

At the conclusion of our meeting, parents will have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers as they explain their curriculum.

In last month's Bulletin article I gave you an encapsulated description of my three weeks in the Middle East. My knowledge of prayer Hebrew gave me a substantial comfort level when I attended services at Hebrew Union College and, a week later, at Kehilat Sulam Ya'akov (Jacob's ladder) in Zichron Yaacov. The prayers and songs in both services were very familiar and easy to follow. Sitting among strangers in Kehilat Sulam Ya'akov, I felt connected by our common worship rituals and liturgical language.

While conversational Hebrew instruction is prohibitive given our limited schedule, prayer Hebrew fluency is attainable by every student and is absolutely necessary as a unifying agent for Jews everywhere, a bridge to the past and as a means to understand Jewish values and philosophy.

This year, our Religious School is instituting a new Hebrew program for grades 3 through 6. This series *Z'man Likro*, Time to Read, and *Z'man L'Tefilah*, The Time for Prayer, fulfills criteria that I have had for our Hebrew instruction for a long time. It gives us a coordinated program so that work not completed in one grade can be the starting point in the next grade. It is gender neutral material and respects Reform values and prayers. The program provides sample practice material and a practical methodology for developing a solid prayer vocabulary by the program's conclusion.

In addition, the publisher offers excellent teacher support materials to enrich the basic textbooks. An added benefit is that the program has a narrow conversational component in grades 5 and 6 to help our children develop their ear for the language.

The best part of the whole process is that MRT is fortunate to have just the staff to put the program into practice. All four of our teachers are fluent in Hebrew and well trained in Judaica. Karen Kahn (grade 3 and a Temple member), Miriam Bougie (grade 4), Lea Ghidali (grade 5), and Cantor Rosenfeld (grade 6).

This program is ambitious. Our teachers will not give any more homework or study assignments than in past years--about 30 minutes per session, but it is imperative that parents supervise their children to complete the assignments and study the material.

Our teachers have done their part. They all attended a workshop conducted by the co-author of *Z'man L'Tifilah* series, Dina Maiben, and have studied the materials over the summer.

Hebrew instruction actually begins in the second grade. Each week these children receive a four page, colorful booklet describing one Hebrew letter. The booklet explains the letter through pictures and illustrative words.

Grade 2 spends about 30% of its time on learning the aleph-bet and grades 3 through 6 devote 50% of their sessions toward Hebrew prayer instruction.

Every year I revise and reissue the Religious School Booklet to keep school parents informed about our policies, routines and activities for the upcoming year. Of course, the new Hebrew program is the major change discussed throughout the booklet. Since the Booklet is mailed to school parents, I want to point out to the general membership that the Religious Education Committee re-examined the Ten Goals of Reform Jewish Education issued by the UAHC and reworded them to reflect our goals at MRT. As I said in the introduction to this year's Religious School Booklet, this process required several sessions, much discussion and compromise to form the philosophical basis for our curriculum and classroom lessons. These goals will be the basis of lessons in all classrooms.

The third major change is that beginning in the 2000-2001 school year, students in the third grade will be required to attend two Shabbat services during the academic year.

I hope to greet you personally on September 17th.
Shalom, David Levinsky



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Orientation
September 11th and 12th
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First Day of School
September 13th

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Bobbie LaPlaca

At our temple, loved ones are memorialized with kaddish at the Shabbat service on or following their yahrzeit. If you would like someone's name read instead on the Sabbath before the yahrzeit, please feel free to contact the temple office or see the Rabbi just prior to the service.

YAHARZEIT

Sept. 1: Rose Boyer, *Lillian Kohn, Morris Yellenberg, Albert E. Zeisel, Edith Yourish, Elaine Small, Penrose Berman, Gerard Montanino, Anita Uhrmacher, *Bernard Goldberg, *Clayton Fishman, Samuel Haratz, Jenny Shockman, Jean Chanenson, Iyja Y. Bakelman, Theodore Atlas, *Stacey Mira Bassin, Lillian Davis Kaswiner, *Frieda Jung, Max Feldman, Alan Lowenstein, *Eve Leppel, *Karen and Leonard Kleinman, Norma Gale,

Sept. 8: *Michael Yagoda, *Morris Kalkstein, Anna Dickheiser, Anna Harran, Estee Brasson, *Esther Brandwene, Sam Berkow, Isadore Levin, Theodora Kaminsky, Richard Salomon, Adolf Zager, Israel Ruby, Doris Boxman, Nathan Isquith, *Stanley Elliot Mitchell, Meyer Heyman, Harry Cohn, Herman Burns, Rikki Shuster, *Bella Gruensfelder, *Bob Woolf

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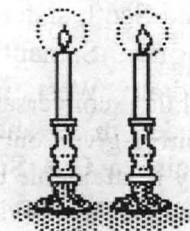
Sept. 22: Gilda Moss, Sadye Teninbaum, Abraham Snedcof, Irving Cohen, *Sonya Brecker, *Anne Rogovin, Ruth Niren, *Harold Mausner, Sam Meiselman, Sophie Weinstein, *Gertrude L. Marx, Alice Judith Woolf, Marshall Lobell, *Morris Dworkin, *Gilbert H. Salomon, *Oscar Kurry

Sept. 29: Esther Hauser, *George Welner, Walter Peskoe, Ernest Landan, Barbara Hollander, *Stella Bernstein, *Herman Solomon, *Abram Kridel, Alex Messinger, *Roslyn Falk Garin, Jessie Miller, Donald Mercadante, Harold Dick, Martha Weinberg, Babette Kaltenbacher Flaum, Michael Kantor, *Blume R. Miller

**Indicates perpetual Kaddish*

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Sept	29	6:23PM



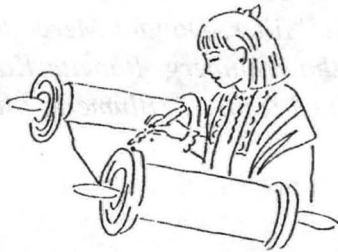
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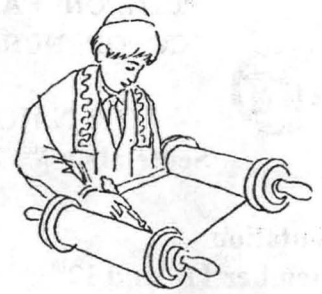
ERIC BRADY LUBIN

September 2nd is Eric's special the day when he will become a Bar Mitzvah. His parents, Elizabeth and Gerald, sisters Rachel and Sari and brothers Michael and Alex are very proud of him. Eric will be entering 7th grade at Rumson Country Day. He is on the baseball and basketball teams. Eric has achieved high honor roll and especially likes math and geography as well as collecting baseball cards. Mazel Tov to Eric and his family.



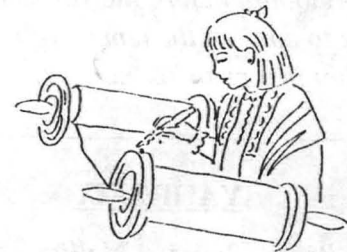
SAMANTHA FASS

September 9th Samantha will celebrate the day when she becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents, Tisha and Scott, sisters Sarah and Elizabeth are very proud of her. Samantha will be entering 8th grade at Intermediate West in Toms River. She is a cheerleader, in advanced chorus, on the track team, and is also a Girl Scout. Samantha has achieved high honor roll and the National Physical Fitness Award as well as her involvement in SOAR (Students Offering Alternate Resolutions). Samantha also enjoys ballet, tap, singing and reading. Her favorite subjects are history, math and physical education. She is so excited about her special Bat Mitzvah day and would like to thank Rabbi Priesand for her encouragement, Cantor Rosenfeld for making her lessons so enjoyable, and Mr. Levinsky along with the other teachers for all their help. It was very special for Samantha to pick out her Tallit and looks forward to her confirmation in 2003. Mazel Tov to Samantha and her family.



GREGORY SAYBOLT

September 16th is a very special day when Gregory will become a Bar Mitzvah. His parents, Lori and Richard, brother Matthew and sister Jade are very proud of him. Gregory will be entering 7th grade at Markham Place School. He is on the track team and is a Boy Scout. Gregory's favorite subjects are math and science and he enjoys sailing, tennis, piano and meteorology. Greg can't wait until his Bar Mitzvah day! He has learned so much about his religion during his time of study and feels very confident. Mazel Tov to Gregory and his family.



MALLORY BROOKE ZWERDLING

September 23rd is a very special day when Mallory will become a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents Alan and Lisa Zwerdling and Dawn Dewing, brothers Jordan, Andrew and Michael are very proud of her. Mallory will be entering 8th grade at Thompson Middle School. She is on the softball team, was a cheerleader and is in chorus. Mallory's favorite subjects are social studies and English. She enjoys swimming, kickball, shopping and collecting candles. Mallory likes music, babysitting, watching scary movies, and all kinds of animals. Mazel Tov to Mallory and her family.

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September	1 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	2 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	8 Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	9 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	15 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	16 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	22 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	23 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		S'lichot Service	11:30 PM
	29 Fri	Rosh Hashanah Eve	8:15 PM
	30 Sat	Rosh Hashanah	
		Morning Service	10:30 AM
		Children's Service	3:00 PM

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Sept.	13 Wed	Religious School	4:00-6:00 PM
	17 Sun	Religious School	9:30-Noon
	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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept	6 Wed	Membership Open House	6-9:00 PM
	7 Thurs	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
	10 Sun	Brotherhood Brunch	10:00 AM
		Reform Educators Workshop	8:30 AM
	12 Tue	Membership Open House	6-9:00 PM
	20 Wed	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
	23 Sat	S'lichot Discussion & Refreshments	9:00 PM
	24 Sun	Book Discussion	9:30 AM
		Junior Youth Event	Noon
	27 Wed	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM

MEETINGS

Sept	6 Wed	Senior Youth Board	6:00 PM
		Youth Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
		Ritual Meeting	8:00 PM
	11 Mon	Arts Festival Meeting	7:30 PM
	13 Wed	Executive Committee	8:00 PM
	17 Sun	Religious School Parents Mtg	9:30 AM
	19 Tues	Temple Board	8:00 PM
	21 Thurs	Ways & Means Meeting	7:45 PM
	26 Tues	Social Action	8:00 PM



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SEPTEMBER 2000 EVENTS

Fri. Sept. 1	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Sept. 2	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Eric Lubin Bar Mitzvah)
Wed. Sept. 6	6:00 PM	Senior Youth Board
	6:00-9:00 PM	Membership Open House
	7:30 PM	Youth Committee Meeting
	8:00 PM	Ritual Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 7	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. Sept. 8	6:30 PM	Tot Shabbat Service
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Sept. 9	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Samantha Fass Bat Mitzvah)
Sun. Sept. 10	10:00 AM	Brotherhood Brunch at Fort Monmouth
	8:30 AM	Reform Educators' Workshop
Mon. Sept. 11	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Tue. Sept. 12	Noon-2:00 PM	Judaica Shop Open
	6:00-9:00 PM	Membership Open House
Wed. Sept. 13	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School – first session Grades 4-7
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee
Thurs. Sept. 14	10 AM – noon	Judaica Shop Open
	7:00-9:00 PM	Teen Hangout Night
	7:30 PM	Sisterhood meeting
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Sept. 15	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Sept. 16	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Greg Saybolt Bar Mitzvah)
Sun, Sept. 17	9:30 AM – noon	Religious School (first session Grades K-3, 8-10)
	9:30 AM – noon	Judaica Shop Open
	9:30 AM	Religious School Parents Meeting
	12:00 noon	Contact Family Orientation
Tue. Sept. 19	8:00 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Wed. Sept. 20	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thur. Sept. 21	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
Fri. Sept. 22	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. Sept. 23	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Mallory Zwerdling B/M)
	9:00 PM	S'lichot Discussion & Refreshments
	11:30 PM	S'lichot Service
Sun. Sept. 24	9:30 AM - noon	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Book Discussion
	12:00 noon	Junior Youth Event
Mon. Sept. 25	7:00-8:00 PM	Pre-School Program
Tue. Sept. 26	8:00 PM	Social Action Meeting
Wed. Sept. 27	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. Sept. 29	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Erev Rosh Hashanah)
Sat. Sept. 30	10:30 AM	Sabbath/Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
	3:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Children's Service

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

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