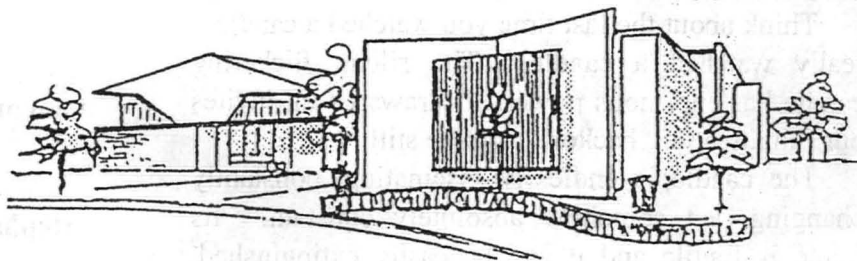


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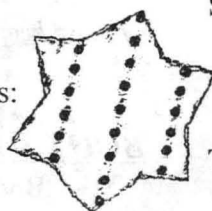
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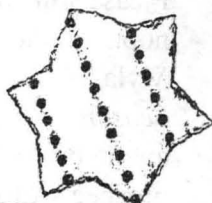
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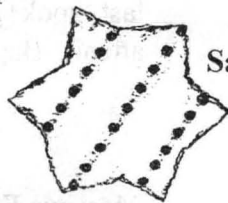
Fri. 6 Sabbath Hagadol - 8:15 PM
Social Action Sabbath
Guest Speaker: Phyllis Kinsler
"Compassionate Human Beings:
A Special Interest Group?"
Dedication of Torah mantles in
memory of Rosalie Rosin
Torah Portion: Tzav
Lev. 6:1-8:36



Fri. 13 Children's Service - 6:30 PM
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **THE MEANING OF
MATZAH**
Exod. 14:30-15:21



Fri. 20 Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **SOME REFLECTIONS ON
KASHRUT**
Torah Portion: Shemini
Lev. 9:1-11:47



Fri. 27 Israel Sabbath - 8:30 PM
Video: **YEARS OF DESTINY**
Torah Portion: Tazria/Metzora
Lev. 12:1-15:33



OTHER SERVICES

Sat. 14 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Shabbat Kallah/Passover Yizkor
Sermon: **MAY GOD REMEMBER**

Thur. 19 Yom HaShoah Service - 8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Ruth Steinberg
Counting The Stones

Sat. 21 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **ON THE EIGHTH DAY**
Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Lewis
son of Pamela Burke and Steven Lewis

Sat. 28 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **WORDS MATTER**
Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Resnikoff
daughter of Jill and Forrest Resnikoff

MAY 6th at 4:00 PM
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Election of Officers
Budget Approval

Another early Shabbat service designed to meet the needs
of intermediate students (ages 8-12) and their families is
scheduled for Fridays, April 13th and May 25th at 6:30 PM.

Please welcome to our congregation

James and Gail Newman
1 Jerome Smith Drive, Ocean
922-8395

Mark and Agnes Ferencz
and their son Ian
933 Park Place, Red Bank
450-0323



40/20 CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 28th

*The responses to our gala celebration are coming
in and I hope you have sent in yours!*

*We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of
fabulous food, music, dancing and entertainment.*

*We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening
celebrating MRT's 40th year and Rabbi Priesand's
20th year as our spiritual leader.*

Sheila Leavitt, Chair



SHARING SIMCHAS

THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

Joan and Peter Spring - on the engagement of their daughter Melanie to Barry Harris

Stephanie and Tom Duane on the engagement of their daughter Ellen to Andrew Cohen

Bobbie and Al Goldstein on the marriage of their son Daniel to Betty Carlson

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

Book lovers of all ages are invited!

Please join us on Sunday, April 22nd from 9:30 – noon in the Social Hall. We will be discussing Myla Goldberg's outstanding first novel *Bee Season*. It's a story about a family that is shaken apart by a small but unexpected shift in the prospects of one of its members. This will be our last book group meeting until the fall so try to attend. Bagels and coffee will be served.

**Contact Amy Shore at 706-5495 or
e-mail Amyle3@aol.com**

Message From Sisterhood

The Sisterhood raffle is in full swing. Please support this worthwhile cause. All monies raised go to help fund various committee projects.

Mark your calendars for the Sisterhood Sabbath on Friday evening, May 11th, when our guest speaker will be Dr. Karla Goldman. She is the author of *Beyond the Synagogue Gallery*, which is published by Harvard University Press. She currently serves as Historian-In-Residence at the Jewish Women's Archive in Boston, MA.

We are still looking for a president or co-Presidents as our term is quickly coming to an end. However, as past presidents, we will always be available for guidance and support.

We wish you and your families a Happy Passover!

Bev and Sheri

REFLECTIONS

Think about the last time you watched a candle – really watched a candle. The silent, flickering candle has enormous power. It draws us in, invites our full attention, beckons us to be still.

The candle is endlessly fascinating, constantly changing, yet somehow absolutely constant. Its flame is fragile and it can be easily extinguished. Yet it is also awesomely powerful. It can bring light and warmth. It can also unleash enormous destruction.

The midrash says that we are God's candle. We too are endlessly fascinating, ever-changing, exquisitely vulnerable, and enormously powerful. We embody a hint of God's power and radiance, yet we can be extinguished in a moment. We can create light and hope and joy, and we can unleash rage and hate. We change moment by moment, and yet some part of us – the divine part – is eternal.

Sometimes it is easy to look into the eyes of another person and see the reflection of the Divine. We can see the light in the eyes of a lover, brimming with passion and tenderness. We can see the twinkle in the eyes of a laughing child. We can see the light go on as a child learns to read or as an adult discovers new possibilities. We can see the inner glow as a friend speaks the truth with deep genuineness. We are warmed by the light as an older person radiates vitality and wisdom.

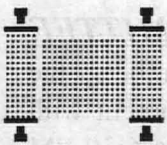
The midrash invites us to look deeply for the divine light in others and to honor the light within ourselves. If we could see each person as a divine candle – exquisitely beautiful, vulnerable yet powerful, changing yet eternal – perhaps we would treat other people and ourselves with more respect and greater care. Perhaps we would more readily see them as a treasure, a gift, a wonder. Perhaps if we saw each other in this way, we would bring more light to the world.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg

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FROM RABBI PRIESAND

One of the privileges of serving as president of Interfaith Neighbors is the opportunity to see firsthand the wonderful work being done in our community. Recently, Max Singer and I attended the dedication of a renovated house in Asbury Park as part of Interfaith Neighbors' Home Ownership Program. The house had been purchased by Interfaith Neighbors for \$1 from the City of Asbury Park and beautifully restored by volunteers from AmeriCorps and the New Jersey Youth Corps. Generous support was also provided by the New Jersey Natural Gas Company in coordination with the Governor's Adopt-A-Neighborhood Program whose primary goal is to help residents improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods by working with corporations that have the appropriate resources.

The new homeowner is a single mother with three children, ages five, seven and eight. She came to Interfaith Neighbors three years ago when she needed help paying her rent. Little did she know then that one day this same group would help her realize her dream – the dream of every family – owning a home for herself and her children. Despite working two jobs, that dream seemed out of reach, but now, with the help of so many caring people, it has become a reality. It was a pleasure to meet her at the dedication ceremony and to see her face aglow with joy and gratitude.

Interfaith Neighbors was founded in 1988. Its original purpose was to fight homelessness by providing rental subsidies for those in need of a helping hand. We at Monmouth Reform Temple were among the founders, seeing this as an opportunity to make a difference in our community by fulfilling the teaching of Maimonides, who said that the highest form of tzedakah is helping people help themselves. In the last year alone, 211 families have been assisted.

In addition to its Homelessness Prevention Program and the Home Ownership Program begun in 1996, Interfaith Neighbors operates a Senior Meals Program which serves 425,000 nutritious meals each year to senior citizens in Monmouth County. During the summer months, it also runs a

Summer Food Service Program, serving more than 20,000 meals during the summer months to children in Asbury Park.

I am proud that our congregation continues to be associated with such a worthwhile organization, and I thank all of you for the contributions you make to our Fund for the Homeless which supports the work of Interfaith Neighbors. Working together with others in our community, we have fulfilled countless dreams, nurtured untold hopes and touched numerous lives. May Interfaith Neighbors go from strength to greater strength, and may the time come, speedily and soon, when hunger and homelessness are no more, allowing all God's children to know the joy of freedom.

Purim Thanks

The Shalach Manot Boxes were a wonderful success. It was such a joy to help you fulfill a mitzvah and bring Purim cheer to you and yours. A very big and special thank you to all who put together and filled the boxes and to those who delivered them. We couldn't have done it without all of your time, hard work and effort. To those who did not receive their boxes due to the inclement weather, we apologize. We hope that the Shalach Manot Boxes brought the spirit of Purim into your homes and into your hearts. *Karen Grieco & Nancy Loebel*

MESSAGE FROM BROTHERHOOD

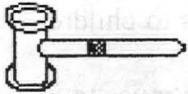
We enjoyed a free swinging meeting March 18th. Again, thanks to Gerry Baker for the free lottery gift.

Please join us on April 15th for an open discussion with a panel on the subject of the internet. We'll talk about security, safety and your favorite sites (Jewish or not).

Recently I attended a Bar Mitzvah at another Reform synagogue where neither Brotherhood or Sisterhood participated in services. At MRT the auxiliaries are devoted to the Mitzvah of Service. By presenting a book to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah child on Saturday morning you represent the Temple member and bring the B'nai Mitzvah's family into the Temple family. Please join our Brotherhood and help us continue this mitzvah of service. Remember, we provide ushers for the High Holy Days, builders of the Sukkah and other work.

We need some good men to serve at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast and to work at the used Book and Record Sale on May 13th. This is good work, with good company, for a good cause.

Bob Gabel



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I am approaching the end of my tenure as President of MRT I want to use this column to talk about volunteering in our Temple community. It's clear that we are blessed in our congregation with many wonderful people who serve on committees and others who do various volunteer work outside of the committee structure. It's also clear to me that the people who put the most effort into helping the Temple are often the people who get the most reward. They have a feeling of great accomplishment, and help contribute to the sense of community that we all seek. This month I want to especially thank those individuals who support the Temple with their professional skills. These are individuals who apply their professional talents to volunteer positions at MRT. This includes people from a wide range of careers and backgrounds including finance, accounting, business development, legal, music, secretarial, computer programming, library and investment. Because of their efforts the whole community is much richer. Please consider how you can apply your professional skills in our Temple community. If you are unsure of how you may be able to help, please call on me or leave a message in my mail slot at the Temple office.

Gerald Reisner, President

DESIGN YOUR OWN MITZVAH

Opportunities for volunteering exist at MRT

Volunteer to teach Hebrew to beginners who want to learn

Contact Karen Karl

Help to organize a room in our building for committees to use when needed

Contact Joan Denton

Volunteer to set up and prepare book sale for Brotherhood

Contact Don Leeds

Please contact Florence Diller or Fayth Newell to help with any of the above mitzvot

MESSAGE FROM RITUAL COMMITTEE

To meet the needs of Temple members, the Ritual Committee is continuing to experiment with innovations in services. For example, the 6:30 PM service on February 23rd, geared for 8-12 year olds and their families, was very well received by young and old alike, and it was very well attended. Therefore, the Committee decided to hold similar services Friday, April 13th and Friday, May 25th from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. We invite ALL Temple members to attend these services and give us your feedback, which will help us decide how to integrate this mode of worship into our calendar.

We will also continue to experiment with the variety of music used in our prayers. Jewish music has evolved over many centuries and, in the spirit of "Reform", it will continue to evolve.

Please make every effort to attend the Yom HaShoah service on Thursday, April 19th at 8:00 PM. Ruth Steinberg, a Holocaust survivor and co-author of "Counting the Stones" will read some of the very moving poems from this volume as part of our service. Copies of the book will be on sale for \$15 in the days preceding and following Yom HaShoah.

Creating a new prayerbook for MRT is the committee's long term project under the leadership and inspiration of Rabbi Priesand. If you are interested in that effort or in the evolution of Temple worship services, please consider visiting one of our meetings and possibly joining the committee.

Bob Rosin

MEMO FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

► To all high school seniors: we have available in the office the 2000-2001 KESHER Directory, both on disk and in hard copy. The KESHER Directory provides you with a listing of Reform College Students and is your connection to Reform Jewish Life on Campus. If you are a high school senior and have not received your copy in the mail, please call me or stop in for your copy.

► If you have a child who is currently in the 4th grade and you have not received a Bar or Bat Mitzvah date for your son or daughter, please call the office immediately to schedule a date.

► Best wishes to all from the office staff for a very ziseen (sweet) and joyous Pesach. ***Elinor***

A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld

Shalom!



On Sunday afternoon, March 18th, our adult choir performed with ten other volunteer choirs from various temples in the New Jersey/West Hudson region on the annual UAHC choral festival known as the *Zimriyah*. Our choir performed beautifully, singing two selections, *Mi Chamocha* by Salomone Rossi and *Shalom Rav* by Beth Abrams-Schafer, an acquaintance and former student of our director, Alice Berman. All of the choirs together sang two pieces, *Halleluyah* (from Psalm 150) by Louis Lewandowski, and *Samachti Libi* (from Psalm 122) by Charles Osborne. The theme of this year's *Zimriyah* was *Shirei Torah* or Torah through song.

I must say that I personally find these events extremely inspiring, rewarding and invigorating. There is nothing like hearing volunteers from congregations around the region stand up in public and share the joy of prayer in song. This is the essence of Jewish prayer, for without music, prayer loses its power not only to move worshippers, but to reach God's ears. In fact, the rabbis of old insisted that all Scripture and prayer be intoned through song rather than simply spoken.

This brings to mind other comments which I have made in the past concerning the role of the choir. In an earlier article, I discussed the role of the choir as *Sh'lichei Tzibbur* (Messengers of the Public). The term, *Shaliach Tzibbur* traditionally denotes the one who leads the service, performing the function of sending the congregation's prayers to God. In singing the liturgy along with the Cantor, the choir is performing the vital function of leading worship. They are not there to show off their musical virtuosity which is indeed impressive in our adult choir. Rather they are there to co-lead worship in partnership with myself and the Rabbi. The most stirring example I can remember of this partnership is from this year's Shabbat Shirah service when I, the Rabbi, and the choir together led a rousing rendition of *Yism'chu* by Cantor Robert Solomon. In closing, I would like to allude to remarks made by Cantor Jessica Levitt of Temple Ner Tamid, the host for this year's *Zimriyah*. She passionately called for the proliferation of choral singing in our synagogues. In response to the notion that the choir may deter congregants from praying, she stated to all of us there, specifically the choirs, "you are the

congregation." It warmed my heart to hear a colleague make such a statement, for it underscores what I consider to be the most important concept of our worship: simply put, we're all in this together. Here at Monmouth Reform Temple, I am grateful to be part of a community which not only supports, but values its choir. It makes for a truly moving worship experience for all of us every time.

I wish you all a Sweet Pesach.

L'shalom v'ahavah, Cantor Rosenfeld

Temple Family Seder

Please join our Temple family for the **SECOND NIGHT** of Passover as Rabbi Priesand leads a very special seder on Sunday April 8th at 6:00 PM. Friends, family and out-of-town guests are welcome to join us for a catered dinner. Special menus are available for children and vegetarians. So, why cook?? See your flyer for information on costs and PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday, April 4th.

Stephanie Fitzsimmons

Monroe & Fanette Deutsch are visiting

Come and say hello

at Bobbie and Al Goldstein's

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Tuesday, April 10th 3 - 5 and 7 - 9

Call 747-0824 to RSVP

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Arlene Berg, Chair of Scrip Committee

SOCIAL ACTION

A hundred children crowded onto the bema, circled around Mandy Patinkin, Jon Corzine, our newly elected U.S. Senator, and Matthew Small. At Patinkin's request, they turned to their parents and shouted: "PLEASE ASK!" That was the essential message of the day at the Gun Safety and Awareness Forum held at Monmouth Reform Temple on Sunday, March 4, 2001.

The program commenced with words of welcome from Rabbi Priesand who stressed the theme of accepting responsibility. Social Action Chair Bob Blank joined in words of welcome and stated that the event was an extension of MRT's participation in the Million Mom March last Mother's Day with the themes of the speakers of that day having been brought home by a tragic accident involving eleven year old Matthew Small, a member of our Temple family.

Michael Small, Matthew's father, related the story of how he and his wife Kelly came to learn of the serious eye injury Matthew had sustained when he was accidentally shot with a BB gun while away with a friend's family in upstate New York. Matthew has lost all vision in that eye and may lose the eye itself.

Bryan Miller, Executive Director of Ceasefire New Jersey, who assisted in the organization and promotion of the event, spoke of the need for legislation requiring that all handguns sold in New Jersey be childproof.

Daniel Gross and Talmage Cooley, co-founders of PAX, the movement to end gun violence, explained the "A.S.K." (Asking Saves Kids) campaign. That campaign educates parents to ask if there are guns in the homes where they send their children to play. On a 60" television screen, they showed a few of the spot commercials which PAX has developed as part of the "A.S.K." campaign.

Mandy Patinkin remarked that the Temple reminded him of the one where he attended Hebrew School as a youth growing up on the south side of Chicago. He tied his involvement in PAX to the Jewish values which were instilled in him early in life. We must have concern, he learned, not only for the safety and welfare of Jews, but for all people.

Jon Corzine identified himself early in his campaign for the U.S. Senate as a friend of the movement to reduce gun violence. He has already

co-sponsored several pieces of legislation in that regard. He spoke from the heart. His very presence underscored the importance of the issues.

An audience of about 300 people filled the sanctuary to overflowing. Many of the children attending brought toy guns to exchange for stuffed animals or other nonviolent toys.

Special thanks are extended to the entire Small family for their willingness to go public with their story and to share their pain with the hope that something positive would come out of the tragic accident which befell Matthew. Special thanks are also extended to Rabbi Priesand for her support of the event, to Pam Burke who coordinated the toy gun exchange, and to the members of the Social Action Committee, and to all of those who attended, making the forum an overwhelming success.

Would you be willing to organize a Gun Safety and Awareness Forum at your business, school or organization? You may reach Social Action Chair Bob Blank during the day at (732) 462-7170 or during the evening at (732) 625-0776. The e-mail address is boblank98@aol.com. You may also call the Temple office.

Robert C. Blank, Social Action Chair



TINTON FALLS CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

With spring arriving, our children are blooming as bright as the April flowers. They've come a long way this year, but we still have plenty of new learning experiences prepared for them.

Our Open House received rave reviews. There was plenty of food and fun for all. The children enjoyed baking for future classmates. New bulletin boards displayed the students' artwork, photos of our classroom activities and field trips. There were also wonderful testimonials from parents. Visitors were delighted to learn about our summer program as well.

Our parent volunteers helped in many ways to spread the word about our fantastic school, so enroll quickly for our summer program! Call Bobbie for details at 747-3990.

My staff and I wish the congregants of Monmouth Reform Temple a very joyous Passover!

Bobbie LaPlaca, Director

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

EVENTS – APRIL 2001

Sun. April 1	9:30 AM-noon	Religious School – Model Seder
	9:30 AM	Judaica Shop Open
Mon. April 2	7:00 PM	Pre-School Program
Tue. April 3	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Ed Meeting
Wed. April 4	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	4:30 PM	Youth Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Senior Youth Board Meeting
	7:15 PM	Cantor's Trope class
	8:00 PM	Ritual Meeting
Thur., April 5	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri., April 6	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Social Action Sabbath)
Sun. April 8	6:00 PM	Congregational Passover Seder
Mon. April 9	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Wed. April 11	8:00PM	Executive Committee
Thur. April 12	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. April 13	6:30 PM	Youth Service
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. April 14	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Shabbat Kallah)
	10:30 AM	Passover Yizkor Service
Sun, April 15	9:30 AM – noon	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Brotherhood Meeting
Mon. April 16	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
Tue., April 17	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00PM	Temple Board Meeting
Wed. April 18	4:00-6:00PM	Religious School
	7:30 PM	Arts & Deco Meeting
Thur. April 19	8:00 PM	Yom HaShoah Service
Fri. April 20	6:30 PM	Tot Shabbat Service
	8:15PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sat. April 21	10:30 AM	Sabbath Service (Daniel Lewis B/M)
Sun. April 22	9:30AM - noon	Religious School
	9:30 AM	Book Discussion
	10:30 AM	Membership Task Force
Tue. April 24	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00PM	Social Action Meeting
Wed. April 25	4:00-6:00PM	Religious School
	7:15 PM	Cantor's Trope class
Fri. April 27	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Israel Sabbath)
Sat. April 28	10:30 AM	Sabbath Service (Ariel Resnikoff B/M)
	7:00 PM	40/20 Celebration Dinner Dance
Sun. April 29	9:30AM - noon	Religious School
	10:30 AM	Grade 4B Family Service
	12:00 noon	Senior Youth IMAX trip
	3:00 PM	Cultural Series, Part V, at Temple Shalom

**NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
NO STUDY GROUP**

**Sunday, April 8th & Wednesday, April 11th
Tuesday, April 10th**

A JOYOUS AND SWEET PESACH TO ALL!

MEET OUR APRIL B'NAI MITZVAH


DANIEL ISAAC LEWIS

On April 21 Daniel will become a Bar Mitzvah. This is a very special day for Daniel and his parents Pamela and Steven and brother Brian who are all very proud of him. Daniel attends Thompson Middle School in Middletown and is in the 7th grade. His favorite subjects are science and math. Daniel is a John's Hopkins New Jersey Talent Search Scholar and is on the High Honor Roll. He enjoys playing the flute, reading, sailing, science and social action projects. Daniel is especially happy that his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends will be coming from all over to be with him at MRT that day. Mazel Tov to Daniel and his family.

ARIEL RESNIKOFF

April 28th will be Ariel's special day to remember when she will become a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents Jill and Forrest and sister Julia are very proud of her. Ariel attends Cedar Drive School in Colts Neck and is in the 7th grade. She enjoys playing sports and is on the Soccer Team. Ariel would like to thank the Rabbi, Cantor and her family for all their support and dedication for her Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Ariel and her family.

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I have been following a story reported in the New York Times about Chancellor Harold Levy's battle with the Bronx High School of Science over the selection of its new principal. It appears that the students, faculty, alumni and anyone else connected to the school favored the permanent appointment of the current acting principal. Chancellor Levy publicly advocated finding a person of immense scientific stature to head the school. According to sources from the Board of Education, Mr. Levy was hoping to attract a noble laureate who would bring immediate national prominence to the school. As the debate ensued, the acting principal secured a principal's position in a Long Island school district at an increase in salary. Coincidentally, his appointment to the Bronx High School of Science came through several days after the resignation was conveyed to the chancellor's office. Mr. Levy's office claimed that the letter of appointment was delayed by the postal service. (Believe whatever you wish.)

Clearly, Chancellor Levy erred. He permitted a man who spent his entire career at the Bronx high school and, by all accounts had proven himself to be an excellent teacher, communicator and administrator, to take his experience and leadership ability to a school outside of New York City.

Yet, I am sympathetic to Chancellor Levy's reasoning. A nationally recognized scientist would attract an even better faculty, an even more academically competitive student body and, certainly, huge donations from the private sector. In keeping with this logic, a professor of mine in graduate school advocated that such an approach as proposed by the chancellor should be applied to all New York City high schools as a means to slow down the exodus of the more talented students to the suburbs. The professor felt that by placing prominent scholars in leadership positions on the high school level, cities could stem the flow of "white flight."

Many of our MRT students attend private schools. I wonder if the areas' public schools had nationally recognized leaders as their principals if parents might reconsider their choice of private school vs. public education.

A sports reference along the same theme adds credibility to Chancellor Levy's position. Can you imagine what kind of draw Joe Torre's name would be to any little league program? What would happen if it were announced that only the first 25 eighth graders to

register could play on Joe's team? Sports minded parents would wait on line for days just to have their children managed by such a legendary individual. Parents of children not selected would probably sue claiming all sorts of abuse.

What does Chancellor Levy and Joe Torre have to do with MRT and me? I am certainly not nationally recognized in any capacity. I am happy to say that our school has on its staff a nationally recognized teacher, whose opinions are sought by colleagues on a regular basis. It is not uncommon for our rabbi to receive a hundred e-mails in a 24-hour period, many of which seek her counsel on significant Jewish and lay issues. When I attend educator conventions, I often introduce myself as Sally Priesand's principal. In every situation, a smile comes to my listener's lips with instant recognition of her name. Not because she is the first, but because in the rabbinic community, Rabbi Sally is respected as a person who always speaks from an informed point of view and expresses herself in clear and insightful prose.

We know that Sally's sermons are unusually well reasoned, with an easy to follow beginning, middle and end. Whether giving a formal speech, a casual introduction, a brief or lengthy dvar torah, or leading a discussion group, our Rabbi is consistently well prepared. Out of respect to her students, she is equally ready in the classroom.

If this is all true, then why do some parents allow their children to drop out of Religious School after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah or in the 8th and 9th grades? Parents often tell me that it is their children's choice to continue. Frankly, I never cease to be amazed by that statement. No parent would allow a child to exercise the same poor judgement in secular school.

Rabbi Priesand could earn thousands of dollars on the lecture circuit. Her intellect and understanding of current issues have resulted in appointments to many prestigious committees, and your children may access her talents by just remaining in Religious School until Confirmation.

True, Sally is my close friend, but she is also my rabbi and mentor. Your children would do well to sit at her proverbial feet for 30 Sundays.

Karen and I wish you, our Temple family, a joyous and healthy Passover. Shalom,

David Levinsky

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.

Yahrzeit

April 6: Florence Pearl, Myles Backman, Morris Silverberg, Max Drath, Paul Katz, Rose Bakal, *Rebecca Davidovits, *Gabriel Barnett, *Alberta Kramer, *Carolyn B. Meyer, *Anna Rosin, *Morris Miller

April 13: *Rose Straus, Sadie Dlugacz Klein, M.E. Medalie, *Bert Samuel Morgovsky, Elizabeth Ruby, Charles Loebel, Irene Weisbrot, Leopold Fuchs, *Alfred Mannheimer, Ella Bretton, Sam Surry, Harry Stein, *Fannie Kipnis, Simon Wiesengrund, Albert Rifkin, Bernard Fain, Alan Bruce Fain, Leon Levinson, Idell Pfeffer, Max Eagle, Esther Isquith, Eli Klein

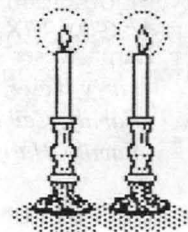
April 20: *Dorothy M. Feinberg, Hyman Goldberg, Sadie Greenglass, Osborn Patten, Louis Levin, Anna Cohen, Howard Klein, Leonard S. Snyder, Howard Rosen, Sheldon Rose, Trudy Zucker, Blanche Shevin, Yetta Drath, *Rose Rubinstein, Benjamin Ehrenberg, Richard Neil Rosen, Sigmund Kaswiner, Harry Gale, Harold Newman

April 27: Rebecca Birnkrant, *Rae Ostrov, Molly Pickus, Dr. Ivan Isaacs, Mollie Reiss, Jesse Davidson, *Lena Smolensky Collis, *Wendy Salomon, *Sidney Martin, Laura Holzman, Harry Levine, *Paul Kramer, Burton Davis, Beatrice Davidson, Elmer Ish, Michael Pfeffer



*Indicates perpetual Kaddish

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

April	6	7:07 PM
April	13	7:15 PM
April	20	7:22 PM
April	27	7:29 PM



The Congregation extends warm condolences to:


 Marty and Judy Knopf
 on the death of Marty's mother
Ruth Knopf


Memorial Plaques, which are dedicated to a family member, can be purchased through the Temple office. They are hung on the side walls of the sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost per plaque is \$400. Please call the office for details.

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APRIL 2001

WORSHIP SERVICES

April	6 Fri	Social Action Sabbath	8:15 PM
	13 Fri	Youth Service	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve Service	8:15 PM
	14 Sat	Sabbath Service	10:30 AM
		(Shabbat Kallah/Yizkor)	
		Passover Kizkor Service	10:30 AM
	19 Thur	Yom HaShoah Service	8:00 PM
	20 Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve Service	8:15 PM
	21 Sat	Sabbath Service	10:30 AM
	27 Fri	Sabbath Eve Service	8:15 PM
		(Israel Sabbath)	
	28 Sat	Sabbath Service	10:30 AM
	29 Sun	Grade 4B Family Service	10:30 AM

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

April	1 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
		Model Seder	
	4 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	15 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	18 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	22 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	25 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	29 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon

Please note there is No Religious School on:
 Sunday April 8th and Wednesday, April 11th

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 2	Mon	Religious School Program	7:00 PM
8	Sun	Congregational Seder	6:00 PM
22	Sun	Book Discussion	9:30 AM
28	Sat	40/20 CELEBRATION	
		DINNER DANCE	7:00 PM
29	Sun	Sr. Youth IMAX Trip	12:00 Noon
		Cultural Series at Temple Shalom	3:00 PM

MEETINGS

April 3	Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Religious Ed Meeting	8:00 PM
4	Wed	Youth Committee Meeting	4:30 PM
		Sr. Youth Board Meeting	6:00 PM
		Ritual Meeting	8:00 PM
5	Thur	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
9	Mon	Arts Festival Meeting	7:30 PM
11	Wed	Executive Committee Mtg.	8:00 PM
12	Thur	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
15	Sun	Brotherhood Meeting	9:30 AM
16	Mon	W&M Committee Meeting	7:45 PM
17	Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Temple Board Meeting	8:00 PM
18	Wed	Arts & Deco Meeting	7:30 PM
22	Sun	Membership Task Force	10:30 AM
24	Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Social Action Meeting	8:00 PM

Cantor's Trope Class - April 4th & 5th at 7:15 PM
 Please note there is No Study Group on April 10th