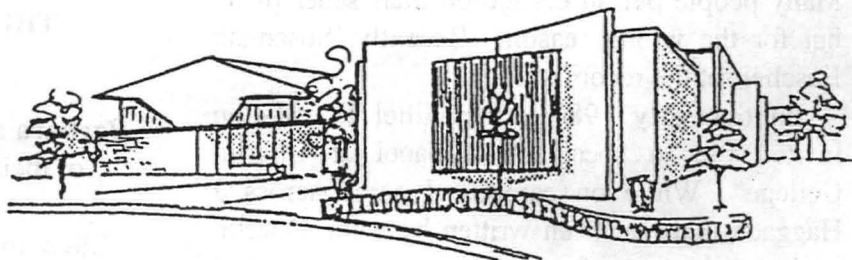


# Monmouth Reform Temple bulletin

The more Torah, the more life.  
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IYAR-SIVAN 5761

MAY 2001

**Fri. 4** Sabbath Eve 8:15 PM  
Service conducted by: Sheila Leavitt  
and Brenda Tuller  
Torah Reader: David Kahn  
Torah Portion: Achare Mot/Kedoshim  
Lev. 16:1-20:27

**Fri. 11** Sisterhood Sabbath 8:15 PM  
Guest speaker: Dr. Karla Goldman  
**FROM PRIESTS TO PRIESAND:  
CHOOSING OUR PLACE**  
Torah Portion: Emor  
Lev. 21:1-24:23

**Fri. 18** Family Service Conducted By  
Senior Youth Group 8:15 PM  
Torah Portion: Behar/Bechukotai  
Lev. 25:1-27:34

**Fri. 25** Family Service 6:30 PM  
Sabbath Eve 8:15 PM  
Sermon: **TRUTH IN ADVERTISING**  
Torah Portion: Bemidbar  
Num 1:1-4:20

You are cordially invited to the dedication  
of our new organ in memory of

Ian Brightman

Sunday, May 20, 2001  
2:00 PM

Performances By:

Cantor Menorah Winston

Cantor Daniel Rosenfeld

Organist Kenneth Clayton

Refreshments will be served

## OTHER SERVICES

**Sat. 12** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Sermon: **DOING THE RIGHT  
THING**  
Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Rosenberg  
daughter of Rachel Mendelsohn  
and Eric Rosenberg

**Sat. 19** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Sermon: **KNOW BEFORE WHOM  
YOU STAND**  
Bar Mitzvah of Michael Brightman  
son of Semmes and Ian (z"l) Brightman

**Sat. 26** Sabbath Morning – 10:30 AM  
Sermon: **LIFE ON THE FRONTIER**  
Bat Mitzvah of Carla Beth Borges  
daughter of Barbara Singer-Borges  
and Donald Borges

**Sun. 27** Tikkun Leil Shavuot – 7:00 PM  
**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:  
GO AND STUDY**

## June:

**Fri. 1** Sabbath Eve 8:15 PM  
Consecration of Confirmands  
Sermon: **MEMORY AND MEANING**  
Torah Portion: Naso  
Num. 4:21-7:89

**Sun. 3** Confirmation Service 10:30 AM  
**MAJOR MOMENTS IN  
JEWISH HISTORY**

## **REFLECTIONS**

Many people put an orange on their seder plate, but for the wrong reason. Recently, Susannah Heschel set the record straight:

In the early 1980's, the Hillel Foundation invited me to speak on a panel at Oberlin College. While on campus, I came across a Haggada that had been written by some Oberlin students to express feminist concerns. One ritual they devised was placing a crust of bread on the Seder plate, as a sign of solidarity with Jewish lesbians (there's as much room for a lesbian in Judaism as there is for a crust of bread on the seder plate).

At the next Passover, I placed an orange on our family's Seder plate. During the first part of the Seder, I asked everyone to take a segment of the orange, make the blessing over fruit, and eat it as a gesture of solidarity with Jewish lesbians and gay men, and others who are marginalized within the Jewish community (I mentioned widows in particular).

Bread on the Seder plate brings an end to Pesach – it renders everything chometz. And it suggests that being lesbian is being transgressive, violating Judaism. I felt that an orange was suggestive of something else: the fruitfulness for all Jews when lesbians and gay men are contributing and active members of Jewish life. In addition, each orange segment had a few seeds that had to be split out – a gesture of spitting out, repudiating the homophobia of Judaism.

When lecturing, I often mentioned by custom as one of many new feminist rituals that have been developed in the last twenty years. Somehow, though, the typical patriarchal maneuver occurred: My idea of an orange and my intention of affirming lesbians and gay men were transformed. Now the story circulates that a MAN said to me that a woman belongs on the bimah as an orange on the Seder plate. A woman's words are attributed to a man, and the affirmation of lesbians and gay men is simply erased. Isn't that precisely what's happened over the centuries to women's ideas?

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

**Barbara and Richard Gitlin** - on the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Josh Herman

**Ellen and Jay Goldberg** - on their son Josh crossing over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts

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

## **Message From Sisterhood**

Sisterhood Sabbath is slated for Friday evening, May 11, 2001 at 8:15 PM when Dr. Karla Goldman will present a lecture on "From Priests to Priesand: Choosing our Place." If anyone is interested in picking Dr. Goldman up from the airport and taking her to her hotel, (Marriott on Route 520 and the Parkway exit 109) please let one of us know. Since we both work, it is impossible for us to arrange to be at the airport when Dr. Goldman arrives.

Also, we are in full swing with our raffle. Please remember to send your checks to Sheri, or you can drop them off at the Temple office. Drawing will take place at the Mother's Day breakfast on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

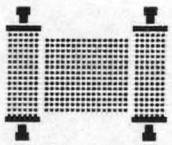
In addition, would someone PLEASE come forth and volunteer to be Sisterhood President. We both have other commitments to Temple and we will be unable to lead Sisterhood for another term. Without your help, Sisterhood cannot exist!! Give the Temple, or one of us a call if you are interested in this rewarding position. (You would have it easy...I know the new Brotherhood President really well...I'm married to him)!

**Bev and Sheri**

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 pm**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Election of Officers**  
**Budget Approval**

## **NEW PHONE NUMBERS**

Pamela and Richard Wylie 872-9645  
Linda Lang 780-3435



## FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Recently, at the invitation of one of our college students, Melanie Ross, I spoke at the University of Delaware on the theme, "Religion and Politics." Preparing my remarks provided a good opportunity to reflect on the role of each in my own life, thus enabling me to explain to the students how my personal religious beliefs often affect the political choices I make. In our country, religious faith has always provided a moral foundation for public policy, but what makes America unique is that no specific religion has ever been officially recognized or sanctioned by our government. Religion has flourished because of our unwavering commitment to pluralism and diversity and the separation of church and state.

Our commitment to that separation is why so many questions have been raised in recent months about faith-based initiatives. People are worried, and rightfully so, that abuses will occur and the fine line between church and state will be crossed as faith-based programs begin to proliferate and overzealous organizers are not as scrupulous with funds as they should be. There is a big difference between teaching core values and promoting particularistic religious teachings. Nonetheless, I think there is a place for religion in communal life as long as our national dialogue never becomes a litmus test for one's religious convictions and no one is ever made to feel like a second-class citizen for holding or not holding certain religious beliefs.

In my heart, I would love to participate in the faith-based initiative program – who wouldn't? – knowing how many people would benefit from the funds being made available, but I can't because I know that a greater principle is at stake: the separation of church and state (not to mention my belief that government does have a responsibility to provide for the disadvantaged – *tzdakah* means justice not charity, setting right the wrongs of the world). That is why I have joined with other religious leaders across the country from all denominations in sending the following letter to President Bush and the Members of Congress:

*"We welcome the goal of empowering communities of faith to work effectively with government and other civic institutions. As leaders from traditions representing the diversity and breadth of the religious landscape in our nation today, we affirm the critical role of faith as a source of healing in our society. Whether by commandment from Holy Scriptures or lessons from prophets and messengers, we share a calling to care for those who are suffering, to help those who have been left behind and to embrace those who have been forgotten.*

*"It is out of our commitment to the success of such faith-based enterprises that we are writing today to express our serious reservations about the provisions commonly referred to as "Charitable Choice" in the Administration's Faith-Based Initiative. The "Charitable Choice" proposals would inject government dollars and bureaucratic oversight directly into houses of worship and other pervasively religious organizations. We believe this portion of the Faith-Based Initiative poses numerous dangers to both religion and government.*

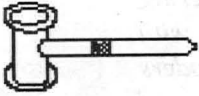
*"These provisions would entangle religion and government in an unprecedented and perilous way. The flow of government dollars and the accountability for how those funds are used will inevitably undermine the independence and integrity of houses of worship. Allowing government officials to pick and choose among religions for limited government funds will foster an unhealthy competition between religions and could lead to an insidious form of political abuse. Exempting government-funded religious institutions from employment laws banning discrimination on the basis of religion weakens our nation's civil rights protections for those seeking to provide assistance to those in need.*

*"Such new legislation is not necessary. For decades many houses of worship have set up separate religiously affiliated institutions to perform government-funded social services, a system that has protected both the autonomy of houses of worship and the integrity of government programs.*

*"Partnerships between religion and government must be undertaken with great caution so as not to undermine the very integrity and freedom that allows both the followers and the institutions of religion to practice and keep faith in our nation.*

*"We urge you to protect the sacred role of religion in our nation by rejecting this avenue of infusing government funds into America's religious institutions."*





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As my term as president draws to a close, I am surprised at how fast these last two years have passed. You can read about the past year's accomplishments and highlights in the annual report. I'd like to use this final column as an opportunity for some personal reflections.

While the job of president has been a big commitment in time and effort, I feel that I have received as much or more than I have given to the congregation. The wise advice of members of the board of trustees and past presidents has been appreciated throughout this period, and has been a source of strength. The support of, and partnership with Rabbi Priesand has been excellent and given me an even greater appreciation for the energy, enthusiasm, and creativity she brings to the congregation. It's been a pleasure to get to know Cantor Rosenfeld, and I look forward to hearing his beautiful voice at services, and to his musical leadership throughout the next year. I am grateful for having an office staff that is professional, courteous, and efficient. It's always a nice feeling to know that I can rely on them to help meet commitments, even those that sometimes slipped my mind. When you read through the list of activities and accomplishments in the annual report, you will be amazed at the breadth and depth of our congregation's commitment to the community, the Reform movement and to our own Temple family. We have accomplished everything through a community concept of helping and caring. Each congregant's commitment and thoughtfulness, continues to build a stronger, and healthier community. Although there have been a few bumps and trials along the way, I believe that the last two years have been an opportunity for growth, learning, and cooperation, and our temple is well-prepared for a bright future. As Past President for the next few years, I am glad that I will have the opportunity to complete a few unfinished projects. I also look forward to working with the new officers and trustees. Finally, I thank my wife Rosalind for her patience, thoughtfulness, and good judgement. Her moral support during these last few years has been invaluable.

*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 BROTHERHOOD**

Sorry if you missed the "internet" meeting Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Bob Rosin, Arthur George and other congregants for leading us through web pathways.

Please join us for our annual Mother's Day pancake and egg breakfast and Book Sale on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. This is our one fundraiser of the year.

This summer I will turn over the President reins to Mark Gruensfelder who has already helped Brotherhood greatly. Thank you for a great two years. Being an officer of Brotherhood has introduced me to many good people and has allowed me to be a strong part of temple functions.

*Bob Gabel*

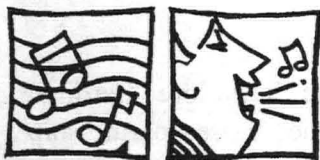


### **JOIN THE GOLF COMMITTEE**

**Attention all golfers  
both men and women**

***We're planning a golf outing in August  
More information will follow  
Call Dean Ross - 483-0387***





**A Note from Cantor Daniel M. Rosenfeld**  
Shalom!

I hope you all had a sweet Pesach. We now enter the period in the Jewish calendar during which we observe the counting of the *omer*, from the second night of Pesach until Shavuot. It comes from the Hebrew phrase, *omer hat'nufah*, or wave-offering, a reference to ancient Israel's agricultural heritage as stated in the book of Leviticus. In modern-day Monmouth County, Cantor Bruce Siegel of Temple Beth Torah in Ocean, Cantor Mendel Greenberg of Congregation Brothers of Israel in Elberon, and Yours Truly performed in a concert at the Jewish Community Center in Deal on Sunday evening, April 1 accompanied by Frima Seltzer. Entitled "The Three Cantors," the concert was modeled loosely after the well-known concert featuring Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, and Jose Carreras. The evening's repertoire included operatic arias, cantorial solos, Yiddish songs, two medleys, and two original works by Cantor Siegel. There is a great deal I could say about this performance. But let me say first that I do not know when I've had so much fun preparing for a recital. Not only are Cantors Siegel and Greenberg both very talented musicians, but they were a joy to work with. Our rehearsals consisted of intense practice interspersed with shooting baskets in the gym at the J.C.C. Frima Seltzer showed herself to be a capable accompanist as well as a good sport when the three cantors started engaging in their antics during less serious moments.

In addition, the concert was a testament to the ability of our individual communities to work together as one. It was quite by accident that the makeup of the evening's performance consisted of a cantor from each of the major Jewish denominations. Not only did we work together, but we enjoyed ourselves. The evening offered living proof that music has the power to unite everyone and transcend denominational differences. Most importantly, I was moved to see so many of our own congregants at the recital. The members of

MRT showed themselves to be loyal and supportive as they always have. I have felt the same sense of pride that night which I have felt in the past whenever any of my friends or colleagues have visited our temple. Whether it was Mark Kligman, last year's scholar-in-residence or my own personal acquaintances, they've all commented on the warmth, geniality and hospitality shown them by our temple family. In that light, I'd like to give you all a hearty "Kol Hakavod," which can mean either "more power to you," or in the argot of my day, "right on." Literally it means, "all the glory (to you)" which is probably most appropriate. So from my heart, I want to thank those of you who attended the evening's performance. Your presence made it extra special for me. It reminded me of why it's always a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your cantor.

During this period of rebirth and rejuvenation, I wish you all a fruitful and joyous Spring season.

***L'shalom v'ahavah, Cantor Rosenfeld***

**FESTIVAL**

Another Festival is now history and, as usual, everything went smoothly. I am always amazed at the way everyone pulls together to bring this event off successfully! It would take pages to thank everyone that helped - the volunteers, the 22 committees, our office and custodial staff and our Administrative Assistant, Jill Briggles. I would be remiss, however, if I didn't thank Bobbie Goldstein, Judy Luger, Kathy Perlman, Alice Berman and "Mr. Fixit" Al Goldstein for their guidance and support. A very special thanks to Maureen Welton and Jackie O'Keefe for mounting such an outstanding show! Shortly you will be receiving a message regarding getting involved for next year.. Onward to Festival 2002!!

***Baldwin Davidson***

## SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action Sabbath took place on April 6, 2001. It was a special Shabbat. The beautiful new torah mantles donated by the Rosin family, in memory of Rosalie, were dedicated that evening. Rosalie was a strong advocate for social justice and for the defense of a woman's right to choose. She was Board Chair of Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey at the time of her death. It was most fitting that Phyllis Kinsler, President and CEO of that organization and a member of our Monmouth Reform Temple family, was our guest speaker. Her topic was "Compassionate Human Beings: A Special Interest Group?" Many thanks to Phyllis for a most informative presentation. Many thanks to the Rosin family for choosing Social Action Sabbath for the dedication of the torah mantles.

From March 11-13<sup>th</sup>, Social Action member Jeff Willard and I attended the "Consultation on Conscience" which is a biennial event organized by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. A wide variety of issues was touched upon during the conference by prominent speakers. Only a few can be mentioned in this column due to limitations of space. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke about the proposed tax cut and the effect it would have on the budget. She described the budget as a "moral blueprint." She pointed out that details of the budget are needed to insure that the tax cut is not coming at the expense, for example, of expenditures for education, prescription drugs for senior citizens, and health coverage for children. Russ Feingold, co-sponsor of the McCain-Feingold bill for campaign finance reform, described the current system as one of "legalized bribery" and "legalized extortion." Senator Jon Corzine, New Jersey's own newly-elected junior Senator, spoke of his concerns for the environment. He called for "environmental justice." Dr. John Dilulio, Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, was part of a panel discussion of the Bush administration's plans in this regard. Representative John Lewis from Georgia mesmerized the group as he recalled the early days of the Civil Rights movement in this

country. His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick spoke of the close partnership between Jews and Catholics on social issues where there is agreement and on respectful disagreement where there is not. At the conclusion of the conference, there was an opportunity to meet with your legislators. Jeff Willard and I met with a legislative assistant to Senator Robert Toricelli. We had an opportunity to express to him many of the concerns which were raised in the conference. The next "Consultation on Conscience" will be held from March 31-April 2, 2003. Save the date!

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

**Robert C. Blank**  
**Social Action Chair**

### **ATTENTION INTERFAITH FAMILIES**

Outreach Shabbat Program  
Guest Speaker – Dru Greenwood of UAHC  
will share her reflections  
"Outreach-Then and Now: How the Movement  
Has Evolved"  
**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner**  
**8:15 PM Shabbat Service**  
more information will follow

### **THE DIFFERENCE STARTS WITH VOLUNTEERING**

*Parents Anonymous of NJ, Inc. is seeking dependable Volunteers for their 24 hour Parent Stressline. Their goal is to prevent the abuse of children in New Jersey.*

*You may volunteer from the comfort of your own home and give as little as 4 hours per week. Training is provided. No experience is necessary. Please call for training dates and locations.*

*Office: 609-243-9779 Stressline 1-800-843-5437*



## **MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

What does it mean to be a "Non-Profit organization?"

There is a widespread misconception about the non-profit world, and from a recent conversation I had with a member of the Congregation, I realized that this may have an effect on members' perceptions about the Temple. Monmouth Reform Temple is a recognized non-profit with 501 (c)3 status. (501 (c)3 refers to the regulation in the IRS tax codes which defines non-profits).

Being a non-profit business does NOT mean that there cannot be a "profit" or money left over at the end of a period of time. However, that extra money or profit, by law MUST be returned to the business in the form of improvements in services, programs, salaries, facilities, or benefits. Money does NOT go to a business owner, or to stock holders, as it would in for-profit business.

A non-profit business has a stated mission which is determined (by the State) to be a benefit to the community and which government or private industry cannot fulfill. In return for providing this social benefit, the non-profit is excused from certain business taxes and sales tax, and can get a reduced postal rate in certain limited circumstances (more than two hundred pieces of mail, presorted, but not for routine billing). However, there are no special deals for non-profits from utilities, phone companies, printers and other business partners. Nor is it expected that the paid staff of a non-profit should receive lower than a living wage. They are, after all, often well-trained professionals who must put food on their tables, too!

In order to assist a non-profit to raise income (since unlike a retail business there isn't a "product" for sale) and obtain some services at lower cost, the government encourages philanthropic giving by allowing the GIVER of money, goods or services, to take a tax deduction on THEIR taxes.

The Temple is a non-profit business, and as such, meets all requirements for filling a social need in the community, and for using all its resources to meet those needs. However, just as individual expenses go up from year to year for basic necessities, so do those of the Temple. Our staff have contracts with cost of living increases, phone service, internet service, printing, stationary and supplies,

maintenance and repairs all increase in cost, as they are being purchased in an open market place.

With this in mind, you will notice that the Budget for 2001-2002 beginning July 2, 2001, will ask you to consider an increase in your dues and building fund contributions to the Temple – WHICH ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. The cost of maintaining the Temple, providing new and varied programs to appeal to a broad based community, and continuing to have a meaningful impact on the Jewish community now and in the future, has a cost which, as Temple members and supporters, you invest in with your volunteer time and your financial contributions. I do hope you will be as generous as you are able.

*Alice Berman*

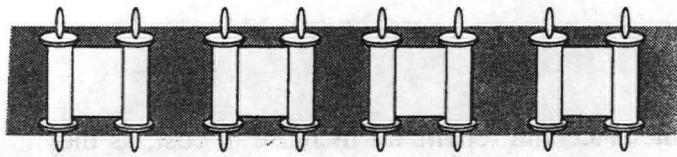
## **GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Our program this year is down significantly. We had 140 supporters last year and this year we have only 90 members buying scrip. The Temple has lost an income of \$2,000 for this year's budget. Those of you that have continually supported this program we heartily thank you. For those members not familiar with this program, it is simple, plus it doesn't cost you any additional monies. You buy gift certificates at A&P, Acme, Foodtown, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop at face value. It is as easy as that. We make our money through the food store, which discounts to us. We also have some retail stores such as Macy's, Barnes & Noble, The Gap, Old Navy and Williams-Sonoma, which make great gifts. Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations are all coming up. This is a 12-month program. Whenever the office is open you can pick up certificates or during religious school on Sunday mornings. YOU ARE DOING A WONDERFUL MITZVAH TO THE TEMPLE WHEN YOU SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.

*Arlene Berg*





**2001      *Confirmands*      5761**

*"Major Moments in Jewish History" is the theme that our 11 students have chosen to discuss on Sunday, June 3 at 10:30 A.M. We rejoice with them and with their families on this momentous achievement.*

*Erik Doehler  
son of Renee and William Doehler*

*Matthew Duane  
son of Stephanie and Tom Duane*

*Alison Sarah Gilbert  
daughter of Gene and Rudolph Gilbert*

*Jesse N. Goodall  
son of Lisa and Colin Goodall*

*Amanda Jillian Libman  
daughter of Elise Blumenthal and Ardwin Libman*

*Justin Keith McMullen  
son of Marcy and Brian McMullen*

*Josh Michaels  
son of Janis and Jim Michaels*

*Jessica Michele Morreale  
daughter of Barbara and Daniel Morreale*

*Liza Ivah Newman  
daughter of Cynthia and Bradley Newman*

*Daniel Schreck  
son of Lisa Tanzman and Ronald Schreck*

*Jennifer Anne Wylie  
daughter of Pamela and Richard Wylie*

**MOMENTS**

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them.

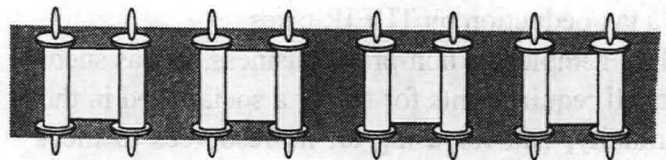
Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person, too. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives. Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss and ends with a tear. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past, you can't go on well in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.



# MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

## MAY, 2001

Tuesday, May 1	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Education meeting
Weds. May 2	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
	7:30 PM	Youth Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Senior Youth Board Meeting
	8:00 PM	Ritual Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 3	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 4	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Sunday, May 6	9:30 AM-noon	Religious School
	4:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, May 7	7:00-8:00 PM	Pre-School Program
Tuesday, May 8	9:30 AM	Study Group
Weds. May 9	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Religious School
	8:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 10	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 11	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Sisterhood Sabbath)
Sat. May 12	10:30 AM	Sabbath Service (Alexa Rosenberg Bat Mitzvah)
Sunday, May 13	9:30 AM-noon	Religious School
	8:30 AM	Brotherhood Book/Record Sale & Breakfast
Monday, May 14	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Tuesday, May 15	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Board Meeting
Weds. May 16	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
Thursday, May 17	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 18	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service (Senior Youth Service)
Saturday, May 19	10:30 AM	Sabbath Morning Service (Michael Brightman B/M)
Sunday, May 20	9:30 AM – noon	Religious School (Last Session)
	12:00 noon	Junior Youth New member orientation
	2:00 PM	Organ Dedication Concert
Monday, May 21	7:45 PM	Ways & Means Meeting
Tuesday, May 22	9:30 AM	Study Group
	7:30 PM	Arts & Deco Meeting
	8:00 PM	Social Action Committee
Weds. May 23	6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal
Friday, May 25	6:30 PM	Family Service
	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
Saturday, May 26	10:30 AM	Sabbath Service (Carla Borges Bat Mitzvah)
Sunday, May 27	7:00 PM	Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Tuesday, May 29	9:30 AM	Study Group
	7:15 PM	Membership Task Force Meeting
Weds. May 30	6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal

Torah Study is held every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! – Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed:            Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Shavuot & Memorial Day observed**





## TINTON FALLS CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 - 12. I would like to take this opportunity to make known to all MRT members how dedicated and caring our staff is in making TFCNS the great nursery school that it is. Our teachers' commitment to the children and parents of our school is the best I have seen in my many years of being in the pre-school business.

The love for their profession and the children of our nursery school certainly shines through every day. Kudos to everyone: Kathy Chapman 13 years; Maryann Crowley, 12 years; Penny Marzec, 7 years; June Stryker, 7 years and Fran Hughes, 1 year (previous sub and aide for 5 years).

Call to visit our classrooms and see what we are all about. If you are passing through the hallways, please stop and say thank you to our school's dedicated professionals.

Remember - summer program begins June 19<sup>th</sup>. Call 747-3990 for details, and as always, please spread the good word about our school.

**Bobbie LaPlaca, Director**

### **EUROPEAN ROOTS PROGRAM**

**Attention students entering tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades**

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## **MEET OUR MAY B'NAI MITZVAH**

### **ALEXA ROSENBERG**

On May 12<sup>th</sup> Alexa will become a Bat Mitzvah. This is a very special day for Alexa and her mother Rachel Mendelsohn, her father Eric Rosenberg, her step dad Barry Reich and brother David who are all very proud of her. Alexa attends Satz School in Holmdel and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Her favorite subject is science and she enjoys acting, singing, spending time with her friends and hugging her dog. Alexa is looking forward to taking this major step toward Jewish adulthood. Mazel Tov to Alexa and her family.

### **MICHAEL BRIGHTMAN**

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be Michael's special day to remember when he will become a Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to his mother Semmes and family members who are very proud of him. Michael attends Forrestdale School in Rumson and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He enjoys soccer, baseball and ice skating, and his favorite subjects are math and spanish. Michael's wish is that his dad had lived long enough to be at his Bar Mitzvah.

### **CARLA BETH BORGES**

May 26<sup>th</sup> is Carla's special day. She attends Knollwood School in Fair Haven and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Carla enjoys gymnastics, television and computers. She is a Girl Scout and is working towards her Girl Scout Silver Award which is the highest cadet award. Her favorite subjects at school are English and music. Carla thinks that achieving this goal was a lot of work but sees that it is all worth it. "My Bat Mitzvah will so totally reek of Awesomeness!" Mazel Tov to Carla and her family.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES  
*where parents set the example*

Ever since my daughter, Rachel, spent the summer of her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday in Israel, she had the desire to see and experience foreign cultures. The first half of her junior year in college was spent at the University of Seville. Before commencing her studies, she traveled for a month throughout Europe and northern Africa. Rachel wanted to work overseas following graduation from college. By researching the Internet, Rachel secured a position at the Thomas Jefferson School, a private school in a suburb of Concepcion, Chile.

On February 19, Rachel left for Chile alone and with the following promises from her prospective employer: a teaching position, a reasonable salary, suitable housing, and reimbursement for her airfare and for school supplies purchased in the United States. Naturally, my wife Karen and I were nervous about the whole idea. We were supportive of her going, but hoped at the last second that Rachel would back out.

The good news is that every promise was kept. Rachel is teaching reading, social studies and science to two second grade classes. Her classes are conducted in English. Although not completely bilingual, Rachel's Spanish is improving at a fast pace and she is able to communicate quite effectively with Chilean colleagues and her students' parents.

Three North Americans work in her school; one is her roommate. Rachel has made friends and apparently all of our fears are groundless and she couldn't be happier with her situation.

The following is an e-mail about a discovery that she made which apparently is having a profound effect.

"I found the synagogue in town pretty quickly. I was driving in a colectivo (shared taxi cab) with my classroom assistant. There it was, a small, old building - but proudly Jewish. The only markers, an archaic menorah carved on both doors and a Star of David etched in the windows. I went there for Purim services and it was closed - disappointing. Two Saturdays ago I passed by around one in the afternoon and the doors were open. There were the remnants of a kiddush but no one around. A custodian told me to come back at 8:30 on Friday evening. So I went this Friday. Wow! I was so nervous that it was going to be ultra traditional - men on one side, women the other - all Hebrew. But I walked in and saw everyone together and they were singing a nigun. I sang in a content and confident voice that I had never heard myself produce before. There was very little Hebrew and the prayer books seemed to be

some kind of donation from somewhere else and all the prayers I knew in English were the same, but they were in Spanish! But the most amazing thing is that this congregation has all the things I love about Shabbat and none of the other stuff. It had a pretty short service, almost all singing. Then they have a kiddush on Friday night and Saturday morning, where the congregants sit around eating

some Jewish relics like home made challah, potato knishes and potato pancakes, mixed with some Chilean culture - black olives, bits of fanta cheese. But the thing that amazes me is that this tiny community keeps it going. I can't understand what compels them to be there - it isn't easy to educate your child about something so foreign from everything else you know, though they seem to have a worldliness about them. Anyway it is the first time in my life that I have felt that obligation that all Jews should feel to go to synagogue for Shabbat, not for yourself but for the community. In two weekends there will be a double bar mitzvah - father and son. The patriarch of the family was almost crying when this great accomplishment was announced to the synagogue. Everyone praised the young man who had individually worked so hard to reach this day. It is a community accomplishment, we don't seem to recognize this so clearly in America. Being Jewish is so easy for us . . ."

Very far from home and the security of a loving family, Rachel is in the process of examining her feelings toward Judaism. After only one visit she bonded with the people and felt that her presence on Shabbat evening and morning were in some way essential to the continuation of the Temple. If her schedule permits, she wants to join the congregation and assist in its desire to keep their small congregation alive in the middle of a country with only 15,000 Jews.

Rachel's positive feelings toward the congregants were reinforced by an invitation for her to spend both seder nights with them at their congregational seder. She easily made friends from acquaintances and in fact her closest friend will be leaving for Israel in October to commence his studies at HUC in Jerusalem for the Reform rabbinate.

She enjoys the Rabbi's company, even though he is somewhat too observant for her tastes. He is fond of making the congregants feel guilty about missing services and, therefore, not showing their support for the Temple. I have no doubt that Rachel's feelings toward the congregation will change many times until she leaves Chile in December. I also believe that her experiences with the 60 or so members of the congregation will effect her own Jewish identity forever.

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**

**May 4:** *Annette Marks, Johann Fedon, \*Ruth Singer, David F. Whyman, \*John A. Munch, Bessie Rosenberg, \*Dinah Newman, Arthur Norman Levy, \*Burton M. Salomon, Sarah Einhorn, David Englander, Catherine A. Saybolt, Anne R. Klein, Sarah Rose, \*Michael B. Ruggera, Jr.*

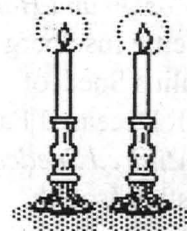
**May 11:** *\*Lena Tanenbaum, Frances Kantor, \*Scott Siebert-Johnson, \*Bella G. Coppersmith, Marc Levin, Michael Winters, Benjamin Gurevitz, \*Leon P. Panak, Bernard M. Singer, Philip Springer \*Irene Sandman, \*Charles Frankel, \*Henry Jung, Belle Hocky, Tayrn Cooper, Sylvia Sills, John Herman*

**May 18:** *Anna Tannenbaum, Ida Kaufman, Simon Hauser, Howard Peaceman, \*Martin A. Brown, Bessie Teitelbaum, Alan S. Gelb, Sol Welt, Frances Peskoe, \*Ralph W. Tuchband, George Deitchman, Joel Hoffman*


**May 25:** *Pearl Eisner, Morris Cohen, \*Abe Zager, \*Sol Leisner, \*Mary G. Seitz, Samuel Metnick, Irving Baker, \*Pauline Prussoff, Ruth Kardos, \*Frieda Singer, \*Esther Olsan, Bernard Littman, Gerard Oestreicher, Charles Bernstein, Agnes Murphy, Ruth Berney-Goldberg, William Compaine, Pauline Cooperman, Harold Miller, Dorothy Rosenberg*


### **TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING**


May	4	7:36 PM
May	11	7:44 PM
May	18	7:50 PM
May	25	7:57 PM



#### **The Congregation extends warm condolences to:**

  
Elizabeth and Mark Feuer  
on the death of Elizabeth's mother  
**Rebecca Feinman**

  
The Carol Family  
on the death of **Irving Carol**

  
Betti Lane  
on the death of **Bob Lane**

*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.*

**\*Indicates perpetual Kaddish**

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#### In Honor Of:

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Our daughter Susan's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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Our son Jeremy's marriage to

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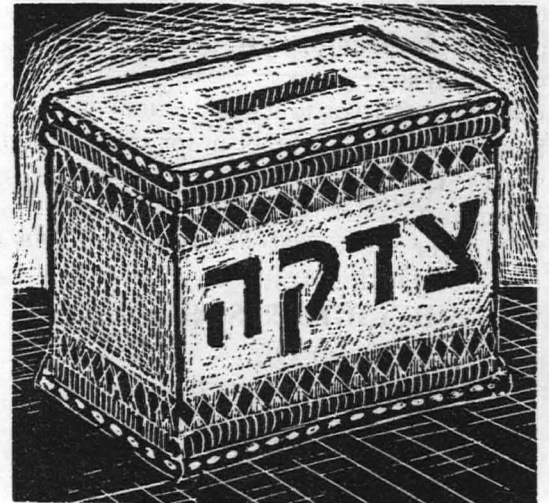
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would like a visit from the Rabbi and  
if a name should be included on our  
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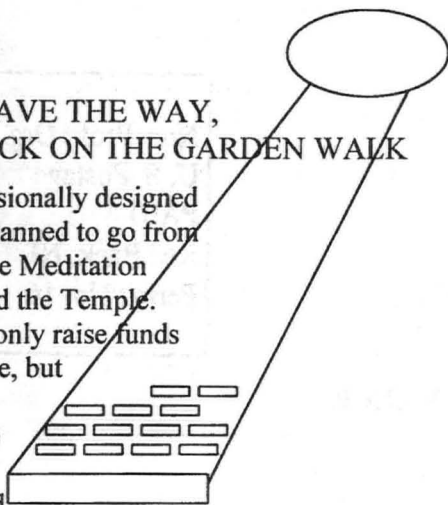


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May 7 Mon	Pre-School Program	7:00 PM
13 Sun	Brotherhood Book/Record Sale and Breakfast	8:30 AM
20 Sun	Jr. Youth New Member Orientation	Noon
	Organ Dedication Concert	2:00 PM
23 Wed	Confirmation Rehearsal	6:00 PM
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## Monmouth Reform Temple Calendar for

MAY 2001

## WORSHIP SERVICES

May 4 Fri	Sabbath Eve Service	8:15 PM
11 Fri	Sisterhood Sabbath	8:15 PM
12 Sat	Sabbath Service	10:30 AM
18 Fri	Senior Youth Service	8:15 PM
19 Sat	Sabbath Service	10:30 AM
25 Fri	Family Service	6:30 PM
	Sabbath Eve Service	8:15 PM
26 Sat	Sabbath Service	10:30 AM
27 Sun	Tikkun Leil Shavuot	7:00 PM

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

May 2 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
6 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
9 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
13 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
16 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
20 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	(Last Session)	

## MEETINGS

May 1 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	Religious Ed Meeting	8:00 PM
2 Wed	Youth Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
	Sr. Youth Board Meeting	6:00 PM
	Ritual Meeting	8:00 PM
3 Thur	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
6 Sun	Annual Congreg. Meeting	4:00 PM
8 Tues	Study Group.	9:30 AM
9 Wed	Exec Committee Meeting	8:00 PM
10 Thurs	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
14 Mon	Arts Festival Meeting	7:30 PM
15 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	Temple Board Meeting	8:00 PM
17 Thurs	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM
21 Mon	Ways & Means Meeting	7:45 PM
22 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	Arts & Deco Meeting	7:30 PM
	Social Action Meeting	8:00 PM
29 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
	Membership Task Force	7:15 PM

Cantor's Trope Class - May 9th and 23rd at 7:15 PM



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