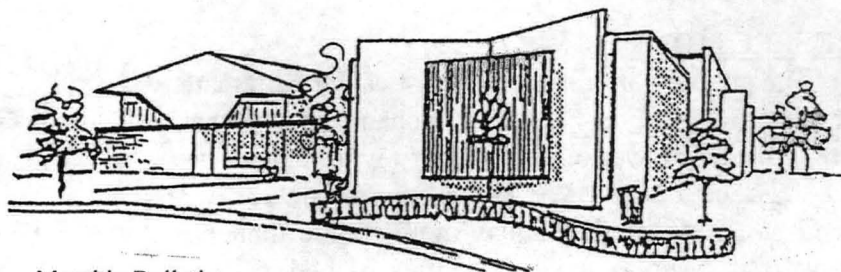


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Fri. 3 Tot Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Meditation & Movement - 7:00 PM
Sabbath Eve - 7:45 PM
Video: **AND THE GATES OPENED**
Women in the Rabbinate
Torah Portion: Bemidbar
Num. 1:1-4:20

Fri. 10 Sabbath Eve - 7:45 PM
Consecration of Confirmands
Presentation of Janusz Korczak
Sermon: **WHAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED**
Torah Portion: Naso
Num. 6:1-7:89

Fri. 17 Sabbath Eve - 7:45 PM
Sermon **SETTING THE EXAMPLE**
Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Num. 8:1-12:16

Fri. 24 Sabbath Eve - 7:45 PM
Sermon: **WHAT MAKES A COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL**
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Num. 13:1-15:41

Friday, June 3rd
AND THE GATES OPENED
Women in the Rabbinate

Join us on the 33rd anniversary of Rabbi Priesand's ordination as we celebrate the legacy being created by women in the rabbinate.

Friday, July 1 - 6:00 PM
Come experience night worship outdoors and a BBQ dinner
Send in your reservations or call the temple office by June 24th.

OTHER SERVICES

Sat. 4 Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **WHY COUNT THE PEOPLE?**
Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Eisen
daughter of Patricia and Roy

Sat. 11 Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **FACE TO FACE**
Bat Mitzvah of Raye Scott
daughter of Rene and Richard

Sun. 12 Confirmation - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **350 YEARS: JEWISH VALUES IN AMERICA**

Sat. 18 Morning Service- 10:30 AM
Sermon: **A LETTER TURNED BACKWARDS**
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Grand
daughter of Carol and Elliot

Sat. 25 Morning Service - 10:30 AM
Sermon: **PART OF A PEOPLE**
Bar Mitzvah of Jesse Cebulash
son of Wendy Lund and Brett Cebulash



Adult Ed Program - Lecture
Sunday, June 5th - 10:00 AM
Special Guest: Aviva Zornberg
Author of: Genesis: the Beginning of Desire and
The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus
Topic: 'What if Joseph Hates Us?'
Closing the Book

REFLECTIONS

The absence or presence of trust can either create or destroy relationships. Covenants are either strengthened or weakened by every word and every act. To be blunt: We either re-covenant or we betray. Every relationship is more fragile than we think it is because the possibilities of betrayal are always lurking.

First, there are betrayals of language. Every time we are insincere, we betray the trust others have in the meaning of words. Second, there are betrayals of responsibility that occur whenever we fail to do what another person needs us to do. Whether failing to be a full partner in a marriage to failing to observe basic rules of safety, we can betray the trust that others put in us. Just to drive is to trust the other drivers; to fly means to trust the pilots and air traffic-controllers; to have friends, to build families, to have a community are all leaps of faith and exercises in trust.

Our entire understanding of ourselves as a people depends on strengthening covenants. The establishment of the Jewish people was based on one unique trust, a covenant between God and Israel: On knowing that God will be our God and that we will be God's people. Because of that covenant, we have committed ourselves to living in a sacred relationship and in a sacred bond of trust.

Today how can we strengthen the bonds which underlay the covenants we cherish?

Rabbi Rachel Sabath

EMERGENCY APPEAL

Donations to provide humanitarian aid for those left displaced and homeless following the devastating earthquake can be sent to:

**American Jewish World Service
Asia Tsunami Relief
45 West 36th Street, 10th floor
New York, NY 10018**

or online at www.ajws.org

JUNE 25TH - 7:05 PM

**Brotherhood presents an
evening of
BASEBALL**

LAKEWOOD BLUECLAWS

VS.

DELMARVA SHORE BIRDS

at GPU Energy Park

New Hampshire Avenue, Lakewood

Call the office or Bernie Brandwene for tickets



New E-Mail

William & Carolyn Pechter
Pechter@ureach.com

Joan and Richard Unice
jbunice@comcast.net



SHARING SIMCHAS

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

Marcy and Brian McMullen - on their son David being accepted and attending Duke University in the fall.

Richard Gitlin – on being elected into the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

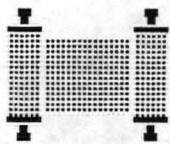
Brenda and David Tuller – on the birth of their new granddaughter, Alexa Nicole Tuller.

Jill (Arts Festival Admin.) and Bruce Perlmutter - on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Ava Daisy Phillips.

Marissa Newell – on organizing a gift auction for The New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Association and raising \$2,630.00.

Rachel Lee (our Office Assistant) on her marriage to Daniel Kiefer.

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



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Shadow came to live with me when he was twelve weeks old. Like any new parent, I immediately went out and bought a bunch of books to learn more about my new responsibilities. I discovered that Boston Terriers are playful, affectionate and highly intelligent. I was not surprised, therefore, when Shadow asked if he could write my column this month. Here is his message:

To my temple family:

My birthday party was really cool, and mommy and I want to thank everyone who helped make it such a big success. We are grateful for your generous contributions to the Endowment Fund, for the wonderful presents I received and, most especially, for the handmade cards and pictures created by so many children in the religious school. What I liked the most were the many new friends I made, dogs and humans alike. (I understand the cake was very good too!)

I know that I am extremely spoiled, but I try not to let mommy know that I know! When she came home a few months ago and told me she had rented the social hall for my birthday, I pretended not to care, but secretly I was very curious about what the party would be like. As the weeks passed and I heard more and more about the details and I saw the decorations and the snacks that mommy bought for the doggy goody bags (the aroma was such that it took all my self-control not to pull the bag off the counter and have my own party while mommy was at work!), I got more and more excited. I could tell, however, that mommy was a little worried that I might get too excited and somehow misbehave. The entire week before that is all she talked about, asking me to be on my best behavior and not disgrace our family name. I was happy to comply because I have learned that being good brings its own rewards!

After all these years, I am sure you know that mommy believes there is something Jewish in everything we do. She told me about the mitzvah called tza'ar ba'alei chayim that required kindness to animals because we are God's creatures too. That is why she always feeds me first before she sits down

to eat, just like Noah did when he cared for all the animals in the ark. I was happy to hear that the first humane society was founded by a Jewish man named Lewis Gompertz. He must have learned about the importance of taking care of animals from his Jewish upbringing.

I know that having a birthday party for me helped mommy observe this important mitzvah. When people were going home that day, they told her they hope she makes this an annual tradition – I do too because I had a great time – and when we move into our new house, maybe I will be able to convince her to rent the clubhouse!

Love,
Shadow



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Another year of JYG activities has gone by. Boy did we go out with a HUGE bang! What a successful adventure we had at Allaire State Park with almost 30 of us horseback riding. This event actually began almost four years ago when I first became the JYG advisor. I sent out a questionnaire to all the fourth through eighth graders to find out what their interests were. Several indicated the desire to go horseback riding, so I began pursuing the information needed to make this trip happen and after much involved research, it finally came together this year. The weather forecast promised rain so I prayed, I looked at the clouds, and I spoke to the Rabbi. She told me it would not rain and it didn't! We had a blast and hopefully will repeat this trip in the fall. I have to thank the parents who came and drove and even rode horses: Linda McGowan, Lynn Shapiro, Warren Nahan, Alan Backman and especially Karen Kahn who came at the last minute and really helped us out.

Have a FUNtastic summer! Enjoy, relax and be safe!

Ellen Goldberg

MRT Junior Youth Group Advisor

NOTES FROM THE CANTOR

Shavuot: The Least Remembered Festival

"Do you know what Shavuot is?" I asked my sixth graders, after several disheartening replies one student remembered, "Oh, that's when we celebrate Confirmation." So, that day I decided to teach about Shavuot, its true meaning and significance. It is true we merge Confirmation and Shavuot, but that is a modern day Reform innovation. Here is the lesson we learned together.

Shavu'ot, the Festival of Weeks, is the second of the three festivals with historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Passover and Sukkot). Everyone remembers Sukkot because of their memories of being in a Sukkah and Passover because of the Seder, but what do we do on Shavuot? Agriculturally, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the ancient Temple and is known as Hag ha-Bikkurim (the Festival of the First Fruits). Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and is also called Chag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah). The Ten Commandments is read from the Torah at the Confirmation service.

The period from Passover to Shavu'ot is a time of great anticipation. We count each of the days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu'ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival. We call this the counting of the Omer. Shavu'ot is also known as Pentecost, because it falls on the 50th day. The counting reminds us of the important connection between Passover and Shavu'ot: Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavu'ot redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality.

It is important to remember that Shavuot is called the time of the *giving* of the Torah, rather than the time of the *receiving* of the Torah. The sages point out that we are constantly in the process of receiving the Torah—we receive it every day, but it was first given at this time. It is the giving not the receiving, that makes this holiday significant.

Shavu'ot is not tied to a particular date, its date is based on a counting from Passover. Because the length of the months used to be variable, determined by observation based on the Jewish calendar, and

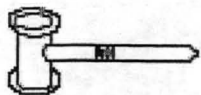
there are two new moons between Passover and Shavu'ot, Shavu'ot could occur on the 5th or 6th of the Jewish month of Sivan. However, now that we have a mathematically determined calendar, and the months between Passover and Shavu'ot do not change length on the mathematical calendar, Shavu'ot is always on the 6th of Sivan. Like Shabbat, work is not permitted during Shavu'ot. It is customary to stay up the entire first night of Shavu'ot and study Torah then pray as early as possible in the morning.

It is customary to eat a dairy meal at least once during Shavu'ot. Many families eat cheese blintzes and cheesecake during Shavuot. There are several opinions as to why this is done. Some say it is a reminder of the promise regarding the land of Israel, a land flowing with "milk and honey." Another view is because our ancestors had just received the Torah (and the dietary laws), and did not have both meat and dairy dishes available. The Book of Ruth is read at this time. There are many reasons given for this custom, but we really don't know why. Shavuot is a very important Jewish Festival, but often the least remembered festival. I know I have given you a lot to remember now, but Shavuot is a very worthwhile time to come to Temple for study and Confirmation. Remembering how lucky we are to be "the People of the Book."



At the May meeting, the Board decided:

- The Social Hall walls will be replaced over the summer; the work will be done by Patock Construction.
- The Membership Committee will be providing permanent, magnetic name tags for all members.
- Arts and Deco Committee presented a 3-phase plan for the refurbishment of the temple lobby, including the front of the building and the sanctuary doors.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Mike,

I'm so sorry that you missed the annual meeting. First of all, the Rabbi created an induction ceremony, blessed the new board and gave each member a certificate of trusteeship! It was a beautiful moment! Rabbi created the language on the certificate which included, "...May God's richest blessings rest upon you as you share your gifts for the benefit of our congregation and the well-being of the Jewish people...Be among the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving people and bringing them closer to Torah." (Pirke Avot 1:12)

We start the new year with three new trustees: Linda Burns, chairing Religious Education, Steve Mahan chairing Social Action and Jane Sandlar chairing Ways and Means as well as the new Brotherhood President, Jim Newman. Several of us signed on for additional terms. I was personally unprepared for the beautiful words from Stephanie Fitzsimmons and especially for the standing ovation that I was taking a second 2-year term. I will be the bridge from one Rabbi to the next. It is going to be an interesting period of time.

Certainly the role of President has given my knowledge and commitment to Judaism a new depth. So I take on the next two years selfishly! I know what I've gained over the last two years and look forward to new growth. I thank you for your generosity and supportive spirit, for without you I would be less.

Love, Mother



**Please remember to support
The Endowment Fund**

\$385,000

MEET OUR JUNE B'NAI MITZVAH

KIMBERLY ANNE EISEN

On June 4th Kimberly will be called to the bema. Kimberly is a high honor role student at The Memorial School. She is a member of the school's cross-country, basketball and softball teams. She also enjoys playing her flute in the school band. Kimberly would like to thank Cantor Clissold and Rabbi Priesand for their help and guidance in preparing her for her special day. Mazel Tov to Kimberly, her parents Pat and Roy and her sister Lauren.

RAYE SCOTT

Raye will be called to the bema on June 11th. Raye is a 7th grader at Markham Place in Little Silver and her favorite subject is science. Raye is on the All American Gymnastics Team and enjoys singing as well as gymnastics. Raye would like to thank the Cantor and the Rabbi for all of their help in preparing for this day. Mazel Tov to her parents Rene and Richard and sister Michelle.

SARAH GRAND

Mazel Tov to Sarah and her parents Carol and Elliot, sisters Elizabeth and Rachel and brother David as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on June 18th. Sarah attends Thompson Middle School and her favorite subjects are math and language arts. She writes for the school newspaper and is involved with peer mediation. She received first place in the Monmouth County Historical essay contest and enjoys playing the piano, doing arts and crafts, shopping and reading. Sarah is happy to be having her Bat Mitzvah so she can read from the Torah and become more mature.

JESSE OWEN CEBULASH

June 25th is Jesse's special day when he becomes a Bar Mitzvah. Jesse is a 7th grade honor roll student at Monmouth Beach School and his favorite subjects are social studies, math and music. He is on the school baseball and basketball teams and plays in the band. He enjoys basketball, baseball, playing the saxophone, reading, video games and writing stories and songs. Jesse's Bar Mitzvah is special to him because of all the hours spent at Religious School learning about Judaism and Hebrew which will stay with him for the rest of his life. Jesse would like to thank the Rabbi, the Cantor, Mr. Levinsky and all of his Hebrew school teachers for all their time and effort to teach him about his religion. Mazel Tov to Jesse and his parents Wendy and Brett and sister Zoe.

NEWS FROM RITUAL

Plan on being with us on Friday evenings during the summer.

Date	Time	Format	Service Leader
7/1	6PM Outdoor Service	Outdoor service followed by catered BBQ – Reservations required.	Rabbi Priesand
7/8	6PM Pre-oneg. 6:30PM Service	Pre-oneg followed by service	Sheila Leavitt
7/15	6PM Pre-oneg. 6:30PM Service	Pre-oneg followed by service	
7/22	6PM Pre-oneg. 6:30PM Service	Pre-oneg followed by service	Gerald Reisner
7/29	6PM Pre-oneg. 6:30PM Service	Pre-oneg followed by service	Mark & Bev Gruensfelder
8/5	6PM Pre-oneg. 6:30PM Service	Pre-oneg followed by service	Dave Kahn
8/12	6PM Pre-oneg. 6:30PM Service	Pre-oneg followed by service	Karen Karl & Stephanie Fitzsimmons
8/19	7:45PM Regular service followed by oneg	Regular evening service	Rabbi Priesand

On July 1st, we will offer our third annual outdoor early service followed by a catered BBQ. This service will begin at 6PM and will be followed by a catered BBQ by Dean Ross. Come worship in our memorial gardens. The remaining services in July through August 12th will all be indoors, but will be preceded by a “pre-oneg”. Like last year, the pre-oneg will provide you with enough blood sugar to enjoy the service. We return to our regular format and time when Rabbi Priesand returns on August 19th.

I especially ask that people planning on attending the BBQ pay attention to the forthcoming flyers to RSVP your spot. The last two years have been extremely difficult for Dean Ross and me to plan the event. Since food must be ordered in advance, I do need you to respond with a reservation. Since the holiday is Monday and fireworks on the Navesink are on Sunday, the decision to spend Friday evening with us should be easy to make.

David Kahn – Chair Ritual Committee

NEWS FROM BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of Monmouth Reform Temple has had a very good year. All of our activities were very successful and most were very well attended. We have gotten very positive feedback on a lot of these activities from our congregants.

The annual Mother’s Day Breakfast was a great success, the food was great and all mothers received african violet plants. I would like to thank our cooks Baldy Davidson, Mark Gruensfelder, Larry Avrin,

Steve Mahan; our waiters and other helpers, Barry Miller, Zack Gilstein, Bernie Brandwene, Jim Austin, Jim Berg, Jerry Baker, Arnold Silverberg, Bob Schulman and our man at the door, Don Leeds.

As we think of next fall and spring there are some very good ideas being tossed around. If any congregants outside the executive committee of Brotherhood have some thoughts on an activity please call Baldy Davidson (732) 842-9581, who is the program chairman for next season. The new listing of our activities will be available in late summer with our dues letter.

Presently we have a new leadership team for Brotherhood. I am the new President, Treasurer, Zack Gilstein, Secretary, Mark Gruensfelder, Program Chairman, Baldwin Davidson, Membership Co-Chairman Bob Schulman and Bob Gabel, and Jewish Chautauqua Society Coordinator, Bernie Brandwene.

I would like to express my thanks to my very dear friend and past president, Don Leeds, for the great job he did while he was in office. In the four years that I have been active in Brotherhood we have had two very able Presidents, Mark Gruensfelder and Don Leeds. I will try and follow these very good leadership examples to continue down the road to success for Brotherhood.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the congregation a very happy and pleasant summer and to the Rabbi a very enjoyable few weeks away.

Jim Newman, Brotherhood President



Alyssa Benson
daughter of Arleen Benson and Paul Benson

Eric T. Boskey
son of Leni and David Boskey

Amanda F. Cole
daughter of Karen and Martin Cole

Lauren N. Eisen
daughter of Pat and Roy Eisen

Steven N. Gilbert
son of Gene and Rudolph Gilbert

Jeremy Frank Gilstein
son of Sheila and Zach Gilstein

Karl J. Kaufmann IV
son of Margrit and Karl Kaufmann III

Phillip A. Kaye
son of Sarah and Michael Kaye

Margaux D. Libman
daughter of Ardwin Libman

Jason Asher Michaels
son of Janis and Jim Michaels

Annabel S. Newman
daughter of Robin and Demarest Newman

Matthew Z. Small
son of Kelly and Michael Small

Jay S. Wodka
son of Ilene Saporta and Steven Wodka

Amanda Wolf
daughter of Ann and Randolph Wolf

Evan Zimmerman
son of Teri and Ross Zimmerman

NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD

May 6th was Sisterhood Shabbat. Our guest speaker, Jacqueline Bass, President of WRJ District 4, gave a very informative and inspiring talk about the role of Sisterhood and Women of Reform Judaism today. Several of our members participated and helped to make it a beautiful and memorable service. Special thanks to Pam Burke, Lisa Calderwood, Stephanie Fitzsimmons, Ellen Goldberg, Beverly Gruensfelder, Karen Kahn, Marcy McMullen, Jane Sandlar, Loretta Silverberg, Ron Wallenfels, Rabbi Priesand and Cantor Clissold.

Our Mah Jongg nights have been such fun that we've decided to make it a regular monthly event. Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. June 15th will be the next meeting. No experience is necessary.

June 22nd will be our next general meeting. Please come to socialize with new and old friends and help plan next year's events.

*Shalom,
Kay and Lisa*

**SISTERHOOD'S MONTHLY
MAH JONGG NIGHT**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

☺ **JUNE 15** ☺ **JULY 20** ☺ **AUGUST 17** ☺

Come to play or come to learn.
Copies of the Mah Jongg card will be provided.
Please RSVP to Beverly Gruensfelder
at 732 544-9138.
Please bring a small treat to share.

Volunteers Needed – Lunch Break

- ▶ To work with Lunch Break staff and the social workers to make sure that clients are aware and have access to services provided by the various social agencies.
- ▶ To work with the staff and other volunteers for the maintenance of the facility and its equipment.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Andrews at 732 842-3105. Remember, you can always make a contribution to Lunch Break so it can continue its mission. Checks can be payable to: Lunch Break and mail to
121 Drs. James Parker Blvd
PO Box 2215
Red Bank, NJ 07701

NEWS FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Pulpit Committee. For those who did not attend the Annual meeting, I'm pleased to provide you with this update on the rabbinic search process. In total we received 13 applications to our listing with the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) in March. We spent several weeks evaluating the applications and ranking them. At the conclusion of that phase, we agreed to hold a telephone interview with every applicant. By the time we conducted those phone interviews, one candidate dropped out to take another position.

In late April we held phone interviews with all 12 remaining candidates in three nights! After completing the phone interviews, which were recorded, we reviewed them and reconvened to rate the rabbis. To our surprise and satisfaction, four rabbis emerged as the top candidates with a very strong consensus. Consequently we are moving ahead with plans to bring those candidates here for face-to-face-interviews. The interviews will take place across the summer and might even be finished by the first of July. Clearly, we are ahead of schedule.

Some demographics on our four semi-finalists. Two women applied, but one took another position and the other withdrew after the phone interviews without detailed explanation. The four rabbis are from Wisconsin, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and upstate New York. One of them has been a senior rabbi before, but the rest are in assistant/associate or interim positions. Several of them were ordained fairly recently – within the past 3 to 5 years. All of them seem well suited to our needs as indicated in our congregational surveys and outreach efforts.

The process is speeding up and we are working very hard to be both timely and well prepared. The committee is functioning very well and our collective noses are to the grindstone. Still, you need to know that we are energized, optimistic and confident about what we are doing and about the candidates who have emerged. Stay tuned to the Bulletin for more information or feel free to contact any of our members. We are:

Semmes Brightman, Cantor Gabrielle Clissold, David Levinsky, David Kahn, Karen Karl, Michael Kaye, Marty Cole, Phyllis Kinsler, Ed Ryterband,

Stephanie Fitzsimmons, Gerald Reisner, Sheila Leavitt, Bobbie Goldstein, Peg Baker, Dari Kennedy, Doreen Laperdon-Addison, Lisa Moss Calderwood, Daniel Lewis, Myra Ostroff, and Jeff Willard.

*Shalom, Joel Morgovsky 3rd V.P.
and Pulpit Committee Chair*

ADULT ED PROGRAM

SUNDAY – JUNE 5TH
10:00 AM
Lecture followed by refreshments and book signing
SPECIAL GUEST AVIVA ZORNBERG

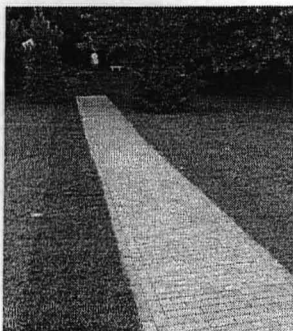
Author of:
Genesis: The Beginning of Desire
and
The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus

Topic: 'What if Joseph Hates Us?'
Closing the Book

The end of the Joseph saga tells of reconciliation between the brothers, of Jacob's death, and the beginning of the long Egyptian exile. A close reading of the text opens up an unexpected narrative of repressed emotion and its effects on the history of the family. Using literature and psychoanalysis, as well as midrashic materials, we will try to deepen our understanding of the biblical text and world.



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY – JULY 1 – 6:00 PM
Come and experience Friday night worship outdoors at an early Shabbat Service and BBQ dinner sponsored by the Ritual Committee.
Join us in the Sid Martin Memorial Garden followed by a catered barbeque dinner with singing and socializing.
Please remember to make your reservations now.



Place your order(s) NOW so your brick(s) can be installed within a few weeks.

Purchases by individuals or groups are welcome. \$100/brick, 5 bricks for \$400

It is a wonderful way to honor Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Wedding Anniversaries, Graduations, Special Birthdays or to remember deceased Family Members or other Occasions.

Create your own inscriptions and complete (please print clearly) and return the form below with payment to MRT-Garden Walkway Fund.

Acknowledgement cards will be sent to both the donor(s) and the honoree when appropriate.

Forms are available in the temple office.

Order form for Brick Walkway from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Maximum of 3 lines, 20 characters/line incl. spaces

Send to MRT with check, payable to MRT-Walkway Fund

Bookkeeper's Hours

Our Bookkeeper, Lenny Gross will be in the office:

Tuesdays, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

and

Fridays, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

If you need to leave a message, direct voice mail to Lenny is available if you press #3 on the phone menu and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

THINK OF SCRIP

With that special Father's Day or graduation gift coming up, why not support MRT and buy scrip...

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Old Navy

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TJ Maxx

William Sonoma

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Gap

HomeGoods

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TINTON FALLS

CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL



Though summer is almost here, our nursery school is still moving full speed ahead! The staff, parents, children and I are eagerly anticipating our many end of the year activities.

We have been practicing for our Class of 2005 Graduation ceremony. Plans for the annual picnic are underway; with pony rides, prizes, and great food for all!

My staff and I would like to thank the temple for their support. I would especially like to mention Bobbie Goldstein. It has been my pleasure to have had Bobbie's guidance and leadership for the past four years. She has contributed to our school's success and I will greatly miss working with her.

I wish all of you a happy, safe summer and ask you to please remember our summer program which begins on June 21st. Don't forget to spread the good word about our fall program. For more information, call me at 732 747-3990 or visit our website at

<http://www.geocities.com/tfcoop07724!>

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 on a different Shabbat, please feel free to contact the temple office or see the Rabbi just prior to the service.

YAHARZEIT

June 3: *Bessie Goldberg, Esther Haratz, Anna Rogak, Mildred Shapiro, Dorothy Herman Ruby, *Minnie Lewis, *Mildred Scheuer, Jack Zager, Bessie L. Bodner, Martha Vicenzi, *Bertha Grossman, Philip Zager, Henrietta Rosenfeld, *Andrei B. Yagoda

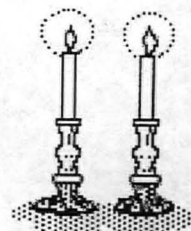
June 10: *Gerhard J. Graupe, Warren Gross, Emanuel Kaye, Leon Levine, *Louis J. Popper, *Ida Potozky Friedman, Ruth Abrams, Sarah Flaum, Max Tuller, Dr. Leonard Krachman, Hyman Holzman, Abram Yellenberg, Fay Smith, Ida Kane, Daisy Lowenstein, Maurice S. Byck, Otto Weiler, *Rose Silver, Norman Zeitlin, Carolyn Einhorn, Harold Miller, Dorothy Rosenberg

June 17: *Henry "Budd" Coyne, Harry Zager, *Irwin Wachtel, *Frances Herman, *Meyer Rothman, Marvin Kramer, Leo Zeisel, Samuel Semer, Sidney Fineberg, Samuel Danzig, Arthur A. Gilbert, Hilda Schnabolk, Joseph Mayzel, *Samuel Brenner, Rose H. Dick Snedcof

June 24: Norma Snedcof Sims, Adam Greenfield, Emanuel Goldberger, Helen Strahl, Jack Finkelstein, Theodore Rosenfeld, *Morris Kogos, Rose Wolinsky, Ella Zager Keena, *Naomi Moessinger, Joseph Cosentino, *Adele Luftman, William Wolf, Leon Meiselman, Rose Caplan, Joseph Krauss, *Esther Morgovsky, Sidney Tudor, *Phil Schneider, Zachary Lee, Norma Compaine, *Charles Klein, William Kravitz

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

June 3	8:04 PM
June 10	8:08 PM
June 17	8:11 PM
June 24	8:13 PM



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

Where parents set the example...

The More Torah, The More Life

The Pulpit Committee has been working diligently to select Rabbi Priesand's successor by meeting regularly for almost 1 ½ years. Rabbi Priesand and Semmes Brightman purposely constructed the committee to include members with different points of view regarding ritual, programming, education and temple procedures. As the administrator of the temple's largest program, I was asked to serve. Even though each member came to the job dedicated to the task and knowledgeable about the temple, the committee wanted to know what every temple member felt were the skills that we should look for in a new rabbi. For that reason, a written survey was sent out electronically and by postal mail. Telephone calls were made to those who did not respond to the written surveys and focus groups for adults and school children were held to make sure that no opinion was left out. The committee was very fortunate to be able to draw upon the talents of committee and other temple members professionally trained in these informational gathering techniques.

I have served on many excellent temple committees over the years. The Pulpit Committee stands out as exceptional by the difficulty of the task and its length of service. Also outstanding is the members' willingness to work on time consuming sub-committees, their wonderful demeanor during the standard two-hour meetings and their desire to be so inclusive. The full committee participated in telephone interviews with all of the applicants and eventually we will spend a considerable amount of time with those that make the final cut.

I simply did not realize the complexity of the job when I was named to the committee. Our temple membership responded that it wants the next rabbi to be warm, a good listener, out-going, welcoming, great with kids, able to bridge the membership's age groups, a visionary, respectful of MRT traditions, creative, intellectual, traditional, a teacher of adult education classes, and understanding when members grieve. These are just the personality traits.

My hope is that our committee can find a person with the skill to merge our temple's needs and wants with his own rabbinic agenda. In the end, the selection of a new rabbi is like a successful marriage--

mutual respect and compromise are keys to a long, happy one.

I did not join the pulpit committee committed to protecting our Religious School from the "clutches of our new rabbi."

Obviously, there are other models that work equally as well as ours and it is possible that our new rabbi will want to implement change as part of his vision for our school. I expect the new rabbi to put a personal imprint on the school's curriculum depending on his interests.

I firmly believe that our Religious School operates under a well functioning model for our community. We have managed to reach that magic compromise with school sports and recreational activities and still maintain a meaningful class schedule. The requirements that have been put into place have been accepted by the membership and appear to work well.

I was supposed to retire this June, however the temple was wise in allowing me to remain for the last year of Rabbi Priesand's contract into the first year of the new rabbi's. In this way, the new rabbi will have time to evaluate our school and influence the selection of my successor.

As the selection process unfolds, I will try to get our committee and the new rabbi to see the wisdom in keeping the following in place:

The rabbi should teach the Confirmation class and we should continue having the whole school meet on Sunday mornings as one student family. Hopefully, Rabbi Priesand's b'nai mitzvah program will be continued as well as the bar/bat mitzvah workbooks. Class led services are important to familiarize the students with the bema as preparation for their b'nai mitzvah service. I look forward to the continuation of the Religious School's Passover model Seder, Tot Shabbat, early Shabbat services and children's high holy day services.

The one thing that I know from personal experience is that the new rabbi will have no better mentor, friend and role model than Rabbi Priesand and no better teammates than Cantor Clissold and I.

See you at Confirmation on June 12.

Shalom, David Levinsky



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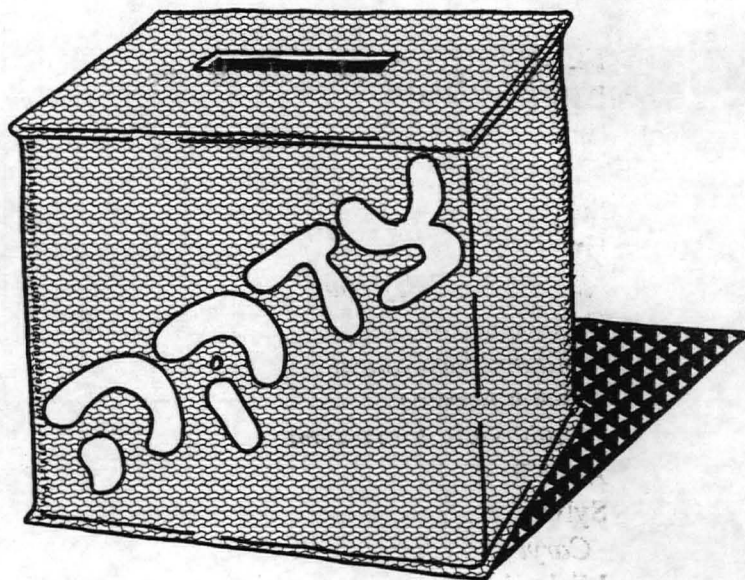
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Monmouth Reform Temple Calendar for **JUNE 2005** **WORSHIP SERVICES**

3 Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:00 PM
	Sabbath Eve	7:45 PM
4 Sat	Morning Service	10:30 AM
10 Fri	Sabbath Eve	7:45 PM
	Consecration of Confirmands	
11 Sat	Morning	10:30 AM
12 Sun	Confirmation Service	10:30 AM
17 Fri	Sabbath Eve	7:45 PM
18 Sat	Morning Service	10:30 AM
24 Fri	Sabbath Eve	7:45 PM
25 Sat	Morning Service	10:30 AM

Torah Study every Saturday at 9:30 am

**The office will be closed on
 Monday, June 13th**

SPECIAL EVENTS

2 Thurs	Senior Youth Group Lounge Night	
	Free Chinese Food	6:30 – 8:30 PM
3 Fri	Meditation and Movement	7:00 PM
5 Sun	Adult Ed Program	10:00 AM
7 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
14 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
15 Wed	Mah Jongg Night	7:00 PM
21 Tues	Study Group (last session)	9:30 AM

MEETINGS

1 Wed	Confirmation Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Senior Youth Group Meeting	6:15 PM
	Ritual Committee Meeting	8:00 PM
5 Sun	Confirmation Rehearsal	12:00 PM
7 Tues	Religious Ed Committee Meeting	8:00 PM
8 Wed	Confirmation Rehearsal	6:00 PM
13 Mon	Brotherhood Executive Meeting	7:15 PM
	Arts Festival Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
15 Wed	Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Mon	Sisterhood Meeting	7:15 PM
21 Tues	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 PM
28 Tues	Social Action Committee Meeting	8:00 PM



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MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

JUNE, 2005 EVENTS

Wednesday, June 1	6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal
	6:15 PM	Senior Youth Group Meeting
	8:00 PM	Ritual Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 2	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Senior Youth Group Lounge Night - <i>Closing Event</i> Free Chinese Food
Friday, June 3	6:00 PM	Tot Shabbat
	7:00 PM	Meditation & Movement
	7:45 PM	Sabbath Eve
Saturday, June 4	10:30 AM	Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Eisen
Sunday, June 5	10:00 AM	Adult Ed Program <i>Special Guest: Aviva Zornberg</i>
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal
Tuesday, June 7	9:30 AM	Study Group
	8:00 PM	Religious Ed Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 8	6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal
Friday, June 10	7:45 PM	Sabbath Eve
		Consecration of Confirmands
Saturday, June 11	10:30 AM	Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Raye Scott
Sunday, June 12	10:30 AM	Confirmation
Monday, June 13	7:15 PM	Brotherhood Executive Meeting
	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
Tuesday, June 14	9:30 AM	Study Group
Wednesday, June 15	7:00 PM	Sisterhood Mah Jongg Night
	7:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, June 17	7:45 PM	Sabbath Eve
Saturday, June 18	10:30 AM	Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Grand
Monday, June 20	7:15 PM	Sisterhood Meeting
Tuesday, June 21	9:30 AM	Study Group
	7:30 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Friday, June 24	7:45 PM	Sabbath Eve
Saturday, June 25	10:30 AM	Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Jesse Cebulash
Tuesday, June 28	8:00 PM	Social Action Committee Meeting

Torah Study – every Saturday – 9:30 AM

Office will be closed on Monday, June 13th

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