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*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Marlboro Jewish Center (MJC), located in Marlboro New Jersey, was founded in 1971 and for the past 50 years has been proudly serving the needs of the Jewish community of the Marlboro area; and

WHEREAS, MJC is a modern Conservative congregation with dynamic clergy, staff, and volunteers, whose first service was held at the Old Brick Reformed Church on January 8, 1971; and

WHEREAS, MJC is a vibrant community of almost 600 families; and

WHEREAS, MJC includes a Hebrew School for Judaic and Hebrew education and a preschool counted among the area's most respected early learning centers; and

WHEREAS, MJC is led by Rabbi Michael Pont, Cantor Michelle Teplitz, Executive Director Dara Winston, Preschool Director Rita Rashotsky, and President Steve Solomon; and

WHEREAS, MJC is proud of its 50-year heritage and looks to continue the strong foundation of Jewish community the next 50 years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2021 MJC will be honor the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of its founding with a commemorative service in its honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize:

*Marlboro Jewish Center*

on the grand occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-first day of December in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.



*Richard J. DeLeon*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Philip D. Murphy*  
GOVERNOR

*Office of the Mayor*

# *Proclamation*

## **MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER 50 YEARS**

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**WHEREAS**, MJC is proud of its 50-year heritage and looks to continue on the strong foundation of the Jewish community the next 50 years and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 8, 2021 MJC recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of its founding with a commemorative service in its honor.

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Jonathan L. Hornik, on behalf of the Township Council, proclaim January 8, 2021, as a day of appreciation of Marlboro Jewish Center, within the boundaries of the Township of Marlboro, commemorating its role in our community for 50 impactful years, in anticipation of the same leadership in education and faith for decades to come.



*Jonathan L. Hornik*

Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor  
Township of Marlboro  
January 8, 2021

# Proclamation

Township of Manalapan  
Office of the Mayor



## Marlboro Jewish Center's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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WHEREAS, in addition to Rabbi Pont, MJC Rabbis also included Frederick Werbel, Daniel Teplitz, Robert Wolkoff, Sylvan Kamens, George Schlesinger, Neal Sandler, Peter Light, and Toni Shy; and

WHEREAS, Cantor Michelle Teplitz is also joined by Cantors Neil Ben-Isvy, Wayne Kreiger, Avima R. Darnov; and

WHEREAS, MJC is proud of its 50-year heritage and looks to continue on the strong foundation of Jewish community the next 50 years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2021 MJC will be honoring the 50th year anniversary of its founding with a commemorative service in its honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Jack McNaboe, Mayor of the Township of Manalapan, do hereby recognize this milestone occasion of the 50 year anniversary of the Marlboro Jewish Center, and wish continued success for many years to come.

  
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Jack McNaboe  
Mayor



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

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## *House of Representatives*

EXTENSION OF REMARKS IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER

HON. FRANK PALLONE JR.

November 17, 2020

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marlboro Jewish Center in Marlboro, New Jersey. Its leadership and members will celebrate this milestone during a commemorative service on January 8, 2021 and it is my honor to join them in marking this significant occasion.

Upon its founding, Marlboro Jewish Center began humbly, holding its first service at the Old Brick Reformed Church on January 8, 1971. Today, it boasts a membership of nearly 600 families. Marlboro Jewish Center is a modern conservative congregation and welcomes members of all ages and backgrounds.

Throughout its 50-year history, Marlboro Jewish Center has remained a welcoming place for the Jewish community to learn, pray and connect with others. Committed to ongoing learning and lifelong study of the Torah, Marlboro Jewish Center includes a Hebrew School for Judaic and Hebrew education, a preschool and adult education programs.

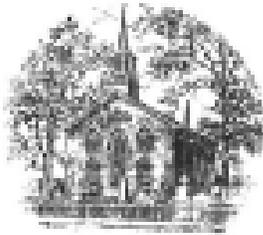
In addition to serving the spiritual and educational needs of its members, Marlboro Jewish Center continues to enrich the Jewish identity through its social activities and community outreach. Its inclusive environment and efforts to engage the community in the Jewish faith strengthen ties to the greater community and promotes Jewish values and heritage.

Currently led by Rabbi Michael Pont, Cantor Michelle Teplitz, Executive Director Dara Winston, Preschool Director Rita Rashotsky, and President Steve Solomon, Marlboro Jewish Center continues to provide outstanding spiritual guidance and religious education. In addition to its leadership, the staff and members of Marlboro Jewish Center endeavor to carry on its mission.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Marlboro Jewish Center on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Its dedication to faith and service to the community are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

# Old Brick Reformed Church

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December 23, 2020

Dear Rabbi Pont and the Congregation at the Marlboro Jewish Center,

On behalf of your friends at Old Brick Reformed Church, please accept our sincere congratulations on the celebration of your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What a wonderful milestone in the life of your community and we are delighted for you and celebrate with you.

Anniversaries are, of course, great opportunities to reflect back on our past and rejoice in God's blessings. It is a time to celebrate the present as God continues to make His presence known in our midst. And, it's a time to look forward with anticipation to see what God has planned ahead for us in the future. We know this time of celebration will be just such a time for you.

We here at Old Brick Church are especially delighted for you as we know we played a small but important role in the life of your congregation as, early on, you used our fellowship hall as your place of worship for a time before occupying your present building. It is a bond we share and shall remain ever grateful for.

We pray God's continued blessings on you as you enjoy this special occasion in your life and move forward serving God and the community of Marlboro. God bless you!

Shalom!

Reverend George Kaden

Numbers 6: 24-26

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

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**Congregation Sons of Israel salutes its neighbor,  
Marlboro Jewish Center, on their 50th anniversary.  
May you go from strength to strength!**

**Rabbi Robert Pilavin  
Steven Kass, President**



November 3, 2020

Dear Friends!

On behalf of USCJ, we wanted to wish you a hearty mazal tov on the occasion of **Marlboro Jewish Center's** milestone fiftieth anniversary, which will be marked on January 8, 2021 with a commemorative service.

Since its first meetings in the Old Brick Reformed Church 50 years ago, Marlboro Jewish Center has served as a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred community. We join this celebration along with your almost 600 households. We appreciate how you excel in *Torah, Avodah, Gemilut Hasadim* -- study, worship, and acts of kindness. Your ritual and life cycle celebrations, schools and education programs, and efforts to connect one another and the broader community demonstrate continue a tradition of true excellence.

Your community is so blessed to have a long history of strong leadership, and is blessed to have Rabbi Michael Pont, Cantor Michelle Teplitz, Executive Director Dara Winston, Preschool Director Rita Roshotsky and President Steve Solomon among its leaders.

We applaud your efforts to embrace Torah and your responsibility to serve and support the greater Jewish community, the community at large, the United States of America, and the State of Israel in a manner consistent with the principles of an authentic and dynamic Conservative-Masorti Judaism.

USCJ takes great pride in the partnership with MJC and looks forward to many years of continued collaboration.

We wish you every blessing as you embark on the next chapter of your congregation's history. May **Marlboro Jewish Center** continue to go from strength to strength.

Jacob Blumenthal  
CEO

Ned Gladstein  
International President



December 20, 2020

Dear Rabbi Pont, and the congregation at Marlboro Jewish Center,

I am grateful that Marlboro Jewish Center, led by Rabbi Michael Pont, is a part of our house of worship family in Marlboro.

I have had the privilege of professional acquaintance with Rabbi Pont for several years, and we have labored together in the work of G\*d. I consider Rabbi Pont more than just fellow clergy; he a friend and an all-around good guy.

Marlboro Jewish Center is part of the vital spiritual fabric of our town, and we have benefited from fifty years of your spiritual influence in Marlboro. Congratulations to the entire congregation for a half century of service to our Jewish community. May the Lord bless you richly in your next fifty years and beyond.

The Lord bless you and protect you!  
The Lord deal kindly and graciously with you!  
The Lord bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!

Blessings,

Pastor Joe Hewes  
Associate Pastor  
Monmouth Worship Center  
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December 23, 2020

Dear friends at Marlboro Jewish Center,

Congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

We have enjoyed sharing many events with you, including joint Thanksgivings, 9-11 events, chaplain meetings and other occasions. I have very much enjoyed interacting with at least four different rabbis during my 35 years as pastor of Monmouth Worship Center.

Our joint goal as congregations is to help local residents seek God and the scriptures for their needs and problems. May God help in our endeavor to make Marlboro and this area a more spiritual place.

According to my understanding of the Old Testament, your congregation has completed its first jubilee! May freedom and blessing spread and be proclaimed through your congregation and across our land.

Sincerely,

*Pastor Ken Jasko*

Pastor Ken Jasko

On behalf of the congregation of Monmouth Worship Center

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# State of New Jersey



## THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator O'SCANLON, Assemblywoman DiMASO and Assemblyman SCHARFENBERGER

**WHEREAS**, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to salute the Marlboro Jewish Center, a highly esteemed member of the Garden State's community of houses of worship, upon the felicitous occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary; and,

**WHEREAS**, Since holding its first service at the Old Brick Reformed Church on January 8, 1971, the Marlboro Jewish Center has fulfilled its important role as a modern Conservative congregation whose outstanding clergy, staff, and volunteers have faithfully fulfilled the needs of the Marlboro area's Jewish citizens through its Synagogue, Hebrew School, Preschool, and other programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Throughout these past fifty remarkable years, the Marlboro Jewish Center has been ably guided by a number of devoted and knowledgeable individuals, including its current leaders, Rabbi Michael Pont, Cantor Michelle Teplitz, Executive Director Dara Winston, Preschool Director Rita Roshotsky, and President Steve Solomon; and,

**WHEREAS**, From its humble beginnings to its present dynamic state, the Marlboro Jewish Center has not only served the spiritual, social, and emotional needs of its members, it has also encouraged them to become caring and compassionate neighbors; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Marlboro Jewish Center will be honored, and its rich history recalled, during a Commemorative Service on January 8, 2021; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby lauds the Marlboro Jewish Center as it celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary, pays tribute to the meritorious service of its leaders and members, and extends sincere best wishes for its continued success and vigor in all the years to come; and,

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to the Marlboro Jewish Center.

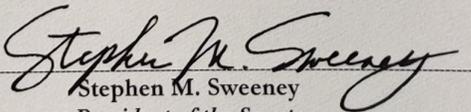
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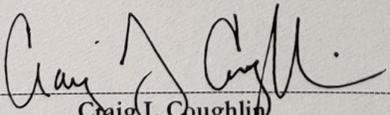


Linda Metzger  
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