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February 2019

**February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month**

*Celebrate with us Friday, February 22 at  
our Inclusion Shabbat*

It will be a Shabbat of learning, a Shabbat of  
belonging, and a Shabbat of togetherness.

Please join us as we welcome Shabbat with readings,  
music, and teachings about what it means to be a fully  
inclusive community.



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# Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month

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## JDAIM FEBRUARY 2019

### Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month



#### For other ways to participate in Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month:

- Read a book written by or about people with disabilities. Cantor Rudnick recommends:
  - ♦ The Story of Beautiful Girl, by Rachel Simon
  - ♦ Riding the Bus With My Sister, by Rachel Simon
  - ♦ Ketchup is My Favorite Vegetable: A Family Grows Up With Autism, by Liane Kupferberg Carter
  - ♦ Little Gate Crasher, by Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer, a Philly native
- Reach out to someone in the community – someone you know who has a disability or the parents/siblings/grandparents, etc. of a person with a disability. Invite them for coffee, dinner, or to go to services.
- Shop at stores that employ people with disabilities.
- Watch a few movies. Look for recommendations on the Reelabilities website: <http://reelabilities.org/film-directory/>
- Visit the following websites:
  - ♦ <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2018/3-easy-ways-to-support-jdaim>
  - ♦ <https://jewishlearningventure.org/what-we-do/whole-community-inclusion/jewish-disability-awareness-inclusion-month/>
  - ♦ <https://matankids.org/>
  - ♦ <https://inclusioninnovations.com/>

# Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month



Cantor Rudnick

82 years ago, in 1937, a 17 year old young man and his brother-in-law boarded a boat in Germany and headed to the safety of American shores. Their biggest concern was not where to go or how to find work when they arrived, but a far greater question: would the young man be welcome or sent back to Germany. The young man was deaf, and at that time, arriving to any country with a discernable disability meant a one way ticket home and, more often than not, death, as people with disabilities were amongst the first to be targeted by the Nazis. The year before their journey, the young man took lip reading classes so that when he arrived, he was able to fool all the immigration officials and answer them correctly. As he got up to leave, with his back turned, the immigration officer said one final thing, which the young man could not hear. When the officer got his attention and questioned him, the quick thinking young man answered, "I apologize; I caught a cold on the boat and my ears are so clogged that I didn't hear you." Saved by his quick wit, the young man, my grandfather, was granted entry into the United States, where he spent the rest of his life until his passing in 2000.

My grandfather has always been a strong inspiration in my life. Not just because of his courage, or because of his ability to persevere in the most frightening and challenging of situations, but because from his life story I witnessed and learned how difficult it is to be a person with a disability in the world.

People with disabilities have been marginalized since the beginning of time. Although Judaism places much emphasis on loving and accepting one another because we are all created in the image of G-d, the Jewish community only recently realized what it means to be fully inclusive or, as I like to say, be a community of belonging.

My dear friend and inclusion specialist, Shelly Christensen, often reminds me that, "Inclusion means every person gets to determine where, how, and when he or she participates in the life of the Jewish community." Our communities become holier and more complete when we have the full participation of all who wish to belong.

11 years ago, a group of smart, forward thinking, and concerned Jewish educators gathered together in hopes of raising the level of awareness and level of participation for those with disabilities by founding Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month. Every February, congregations and the Jewish community at large has built on the momentum started 11 years ago by reading books, bringing in speakers, hosting training for teachers, doing programs for religious school, hosting events and programs, and so on. I am proud to say that I have spent a large part of my cantorial career working with the best inclusion minds in the country. My particular specialty and background is helping congregations change their culture to be one of inclusion. With that in mind, and with the great help of our congregant, Elisa Tractman Lewis, February will be our launch pad for making MLRT's culture one that is fully inclusive. Last year, Elisa chaired an Inclusion Committee that began great work and efforts to making MLRT more inclusive of all people – people with disabilities, the LGBTQ+ community, and how to better become a more welcoming community. This committee will be re-engaged in its work in the next coming months and year ahead. If you would like to be a part of it, please let Cantor Rudnick know.

There will be several things to take note of immediately, and other changes that will take time. For example, beginning in February, we will have inclusion carts at the entry to our sanctuary. The carts will have fidget toys, readers, large print books, etc. for anyone who visits and needs something. We will be adding lower mezuzot in our entryways for people in wheelchairs and for our shorter students and guests. The rabbis and I will be examining the language we use in worship and may start to use other phrases. Throughout the month, I will be suggesting books to read with preschoolers, elementary school kids, high school students, and adults. Our 3-5 committee will be starting a new club – a social club for young adults with disabilities. These will be some of the immediate changes. For the longer term, we will continue to strive to make our facility more accessible for people, we will continue to work in our school so that every student receives the Jewish education he or she deserves, and we will continue to make MLRT a fully inclusive community so we can be a leader in disabilities awareness and inclusion.

Pirkei Avot teaches us to, "Look not at the vessel, but at what it contains." I hope you will all join me on this journey as we look not at the vessel of Main Line Reform Temple, but at all the people, all the talents and gifts, and all the diversity it contains.

# Terumah: Volunteer



Joel Ginsparg

On February 9, we will read Parsha Terumah, Exodus 25:1 - 27:19. Terumah talks about the collection of supplies to build the Tabernacle that will be used while the children of Israel are wandering in the desert. God instructs Moses: "Tell the Israelite people to bring me gifts; you shall accept gifts for me from every person whose heart is so moved" (Exodus 25:2). This kind of giving does not come through guilt or coercion but from the deepest recesses of our souls. Terumah, voluntary giving, is vital for sustaining our community.

One of the ways we create a moral and spiritual environment is by volunteering our own time. Voluntary work is an expression of shared responsibility for common good. It is personal engagement in pursuit of an ideal. Ask any volunteer and they will usually tell you that they gain more than they give. They don't volunteer to get recognition. They volunteer because they know that doing so helps those around them and makes the world a better place.

The Jewish community could not exist for a day without volunteers. We have a tradition of voluntary collective responsibility that has sustained us through centuries of exile and dispersion during which we have always been a minority, usually vulnerable and often desperately poor.

Throughout history, wherever you found a community of Jews you would also find a network of fellowships for every conceivable purpose: food and clothing for the poor, medical attention for the sick, burial of the dead, support for the bereaved, and assistance for the unemployed. This voluntary giving was driven by the principles spoken by Hillel. "If I am not for myself, who will be? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Main Line Reform Temple. We have a wide range of worship, learning, Tikkun Olam, cultural, and social activities that require the leadership and support of volunteers. We need your help! Our ability to support one another is based on the extraordinary voluntary giving of our community. Every gift of time is much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to support one of our many activities, please contact Gil Marder, our new Member Engagement and Program Manager.

Volunteering is rarely glamorous and never easy, especially for those with many other pressures on their time. But few things count more when it comes to looking back on a life than being able to say, I made a difference. Beneath the noise of our busy lives, a quiet voice within us whispers the deeper truth, that the greatest gift is to be able to give.

## **NOAH ARONSON IS COMING TO MLRT!**

Join us March 8—10 for our amazing Artist in Residence Weekend featuring the soulful and energetic music from Noah Aronson. We have events for all ages all weekend long, starting with a Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, March 8, Shabbat Morning Service and Brunch & Learn on Saturday morning, March 9 followed by an intimate concert Saturday night sponsored by Savona, and a concert for all MLRT members on Sunday morning, March 10 before our Annual Meeting. For more information about this incredible weekend of music, please contact Cantor Faryn Rudnick at [frudnick@mlrt.org](mailto:frudnick@mlrt.org) or check our website at [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org).

Creating Community is brought to you by the **3 to 5 Committee**. Our motto is BE INSPIRED, BE CONNECTED, BELONG!! Our mission is to create small interest groups where congregants can connect and spend quality time with new friends! Please consider putting one of these events on your calendar and give it a try!! You can share your passion over a common interest. If you have an activity/hobby or interest you want to share, we can help you start the group of your dreams. We are anxious to help you achieve this goal as we begin the new calendar year!! If there any ideas you'd like to share or questions, contact Cindy Ruben at [cdruben@verizon](mailto:cdruben@verizon).

# Creating Community



## KRAV MAGA AT MLRT

**Saturdays, February 2, 9, & 23 | 4 PM**

What is Krav Maga? Krav Maga is a military self-defense and fighting system developed for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Israeli security forces that was derived from a combination of techniques sourced from boxing, wrestling, Aikido, judo, and karate, along with realistic fight training.

Krav Maga emphasizes simple and practical techniques, real life scenarios, and intense training. Learn how to defend yourself, your friends, or your family, while getting in great shape! Classes are intense, fun and functional. It is not necessary to go to all classes. You will walk away from each self-contained class with a new set of skills. Come to one class...a few...or all of them! \$10 per class (\$15 for non-members) & your first one is FREE! Adults and children 12 years old and up. Bring a friend or family member!

Classes are taught by Black Belt instructor Kevin Mack who has more than 18 years of experience in the Krav Maga system and 20 years of experience in the martial arts: Muay Thai, Savate and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He has trained exclusively with instructor Alan Feldman, who is a direct student of the founder of Krav Maga, Imi Lichtenfeld, who was responsible for introducing Krav Maga to the Eastern United States in the early 1980's.

For questions and to RSVP, email Scott Ginesin at [sginesin@americangovernor.com](mailto:sginesin@americangovernor.com).

## RESET & RENEW: CONTEMPORARY SHABBAT SERVICE

**Friday, February 8 | 6:30 PM**

Don't miss this special Shabbat service with Ross M. Levy and the Levites! Our Contemporary Shabbat service, modeled after our highly successful High Holy Day service at Lower Merion High School, continues our experiment to create meaningful space in your life for our Jewish community.

Come in out of the cold for a service filled with warmth, joy and song!



## HIKE WITH RABBI NEWBURGE

**Saturday, February 9  
8:30 AM**

Take some time out of your busy schedule to connect with old and new MLRT friends while you enjoy a Shabbat morning hike through beautiful Haverford Reserve. Please meet in the parking lot of MLRT at 8:30am.

For questions, please contact Rabbi Newburge at [gnewburge@mlrt.org](mailto:gnewburge@mlrt.org) or 610-649-7800.

## CINEMA CLUB

**Sunday, February 10 | 6:00 PM**

The movie for our February discussion is *On the Basis of Sex*: the story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, her struggles for equal rights, and what she had to overcome in order to become a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. RSVP to our host, Gail Simon, at [gsimon612@aol.com](mailto:gsimon612@aol.com).



## CONVERSATIONS (ON CURRENT EVENTS)

**Tuesday, February 12 | 7:30 PM**

JOIN THE DISCUSSION, an honest dialogue on the critical issues of the day. MLRT members began meeting four years ago, and prior topics have included Jewish life on the college campus, the minority experience in America, the Iran nuclear deal, and other important issues. We ask participants to come prepared for an open and honest exchange of views—political correctness is not a requirement, but respectful dialogue is an expectation.

At our next meeting, Rabbi Earl Bowen of Congregation Beth El in West Oak Lane will join us. Beth El is a primarily black congregation with a very interesting history in Philadelphia. In addition to talking about the synagogue's history, we would like to begin discussing issues around black Jewish relations which are becoming increasingly problematic on the national political stage.

If you are interested, or planning to attend for the first time, please email Gordon Fink at [gbf@comcast.net](mailto:gbf@comcast.net) or David Edman at [davideedman@gmail.com](mailto:davideedman@gmail.com) so that background materials may be sent to you in advance.



# Creating Community

## **BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD ANNUAL DINNER & WINE TASTING** Wednesday, February 13 | 7:00 PM

Don't miss this great event with the men and women of MLRT at Evviva Restaurant. See page 9 for more details.



## **COUPLES CLUB** Saturday, February 9 | 8:00 PM

The first event from the revived Couples Club will be a fun night out in Chinatown! Join us for karaoke at Lair KTV, 1025 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Anyone interested should contact Jason Pearlman at [jasonpearlman@comcast.net](mailto:jasonpearlman@comcast.net) for more information and to RSVP.

## **MLRT COOKS SHABBAT DINNER** Friday, February 22 | 6:00 PM

MLRT Cooks invites you to join us for a Shabbat dinner on Friday, February 22 at 6:00 PM at the home of Ken and Leslie Brier. Leslie has graciously offered to prepare the entree; please bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. And, of course, wine is always appreciated! This is a lovely way to spend time with each other before going to services at 8:00 PM. We hope to see you there! RSVP to Bonnie Schulman at [boncakes@mail.com](mailto:boncakes@mail.com).

## **SING HALLELUJAH: JEWISH MUSIC IN AMERICA** Wednesday, February 20 | 8:00 PM at Verizon Hall

Fabulous concert featuring over 100 singers from across the Delaware Valley Community including our very own MLRT singers and Cantor Faryn Rudnick.

Tickets are available now at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org). Save 15% with code MLR15.

## **PURIM IS COMING!**

Calling all actors!

If you would like to be in this year's Purim shpiel, "Purim Poppins", please contact Cantor Faryn Rudnick at [frudnick@mlrt.org](mailto:frudnick@mlrt.org)

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PRESENTS:**

**Nina Simone: Four Women**  
Saturday, March 23 | 6:30 PM  
at People's Light Theater



Framed by Nina Simone's song "Four Women," this play imagines a chance encounter between the legendary songstress and a trio of women at the site of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963, the event that shifted Simone's career from artist to activist.

Reserved seats on sale now for \$40 each, which includes a seat and a private dramaturges presentation before the play. There are limited seats available; RSVP by February 10 to Amanda Becker at [mamsbecker@gmail.com](mailto:mamsbecker@gmail.com) or 610-964-9473.

## **MLRT ON THE MOVE: A DAY IN CROWN HEIGHTS, NEW YORK** Monday, April 15 | 8:30 AM

Join us for a fun guided walking tour of the Jewish Crown Heights neighborhood. We will visit a scribe, mikvah, matza factory, the historic 770 Synagogue, and lunch at a deli. We will leave MLRT promptly at 8:30 AM and return at approximately 7:00 PM. \$92 for MLRT members; \$100 for guests.

Space is limited. RSVP with check to Cynthia Marshall at [cmarshall@mlrt.org](mailto:cmarshall@mlrt.org). Questions? Contact Ann Gelfond at 610-525-8933.

## **An Extraordinary Jewish Journey to Morocco with Rabbi David Straus** October 23 – November 3

Visit the souks of Fes, the famed gardens of Marrakech, the Kasbah of Rabat, the mausoleums of great sultans and kings, the graves of saintly rabbis, the dunes of the Sahara, the Todra Gorge, the Atlas mountains, and so much more!

*If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rabbi Straus at [dstrauss@mlrt.org](mailto:dstrauss@mlrt.org)*

***Look for information about a family trip to Israel in December 2019 coming soon!***

# Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown

Thursday, February 14 will be our next Short Story Discussion. *How Did We Come to Know You* appeared in the New Yorker on April 16, 2018. the author, Keith Gessen, wrote a novel "A Terrible Country" from which the story was taken. The story is about a changing Russia; Gessen teaches

journalism at Columbia University.

Join Us! The story can be picked up at the front desk or in the library.



## Save the Date for our March Hassel Adult Education Lecture!

Join us on Sunday, March 3 as we welcome Rebecca Soffer, co-author of Modern Loss: Candid Conversation about Grief: Beginners Welcome.

**Forward**

## FORWARD THINKING: LUNCH & LEARN

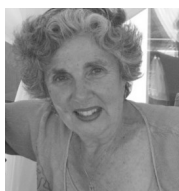
**Tuesday, February 12 | 12:15 PM**

Join Rabbi Straus each month for a thought-provoking lunchtime discussion of selected articles from The Jewish Daily Forward. Bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided.

## HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE: Phillip Roth: His America

**Sunday, February 10**

**9:30 AM Coffee & Bagels | 10:00 AM  
Lecture with Sybil Terres Gilmar**



When the New York Times came to discreetly update Roth's obituary before his death, his acerbic sense of black humor was on display, "Even in death, you can get a bad review." To honor this prolific and protean man who, at times, would admit to being a Jewish American writer, we're going to have a "A Gathering for Philip Roth" led by Sybil Terres Gilmar. She will chronicle his life, his over 31 books, and how that life and his characters sometimes intertwined to tell stories against the background of American history.

## LUNCH & LEARN WITH OUR RABBIS

**Lunch with Rabbi Straus**—you bring the lunch and Rabbi Straus will serve up interesting conversation!

### Center City

**Tuesday, February 19 | 12:00 PM**

Hosted by Sid Steinberg at Post & Schell, P.C., Four Penn Center, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia. RSVP to Sid at [sssteinberg@postschell.com](mailto:sssteinberg@postschell.com).

### Suburban

**Tuesday, February 26 | 12:15 PM**

Hosted by Steven Handleman at Parkview Towers, 1150 First Avenue, Suite 450 (4th floor), King of Prussia, PA. (this is the building adjacent to, and to the right of the Valley Forge Radisson and Casino). RSVP to Steven at [shandleman@comcast.net](mailto:shandleman@comcast.net).



Rabbi Straus

## Learn & Lunch with Rabbi

### Newburge

**Friday, February 22 | 11:30 AM**

Come explore the history and significance of Jewish customs and rituals. Sandwiches/wraps provided; please bring a salad, side, fruit salad, or dessert. Please RSVP to Cynthia at [cmmarshall@mlrt.org](mailto:cmmarshall@mlrt.org) or 610-649-7800.



Rabbi Newburge

## BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Our Rabbis lead a discussion of the Tanakh, or Jewish Bible. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. Anyone is welcome to join in at any point, whether you are a longtime student of Torah or if you have never looked at the Torah before.

## JEWISH ART & ARTISTS IN THE BARNES FOUNDATION WITH CANTOR PORTNOY

**Mondays | 6:00 PM**

More than ten percent of the works in the Barnes Foundation are by Jewish artists. Learn what was it about their art that resonated with Albert Barnes. Register at <https://www.barnesfoundation.org/classes/>

# Brotherhood



Gary Brock

We will certainly welcome all stalwarts and all newcomers to the February ongoing restaurant tour. The Iron Hill Brewery will be the place to get updates on our events, which have been previously published in the January Bulletin, to enjoy each other's company, and, as important, to plan our Brotherhood Shabbat service scheduled for March 29. The monthly dinner, as always begins at 6:30 PM, takes place on February 6. Appetizers and first drinks are provided by Brotherhood.

For those who enjoy being part of the action of Texas Hold'em tournaments, you have an opportunity to join with the like-minded on February 21. The jollity begins at 6:30 PM with pizza and snacks; the action starts at 7 PM. Bring a friend, bring yourself, but come out to create camaraderie during the doldrums of winter.

All Brotherhood members had been invited to the annual MRJ mid-Winter meeting in Newark, New Jersey. The dates were January 17-20. Confirmed speakers were: R. Rick Jacobs, President of URJ, R. Mary Zamore, Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network speaking on the "Reform Pay Equity Initiative," and Senator Cory Booker. I will provide you with a summary of the proceedings in a later Bulletin. Because Bulletin articles are submitted in advance of things having happened, you will simply have to hold your collective breath for the exciting update. (As of this writing, I do know that Tom Wiener, national Treasurer of the Men of Reform Judaism Brotherhood, Ed Bleeden, our very own Brotherhood President, and I attended the meeting.)

And, lastly, we all had a splendid time at the annual Sisterhood/Brotherhood wine tasting gala held last year, and this year will be even better. RSVP now for this great event with the men and women of MLRT at Evviva Restaurant, 1236 Montgomery Ave on Wednesday, February 13. Sample 5 different wines led by Rob Peters, "Best of Philly" winner as wine buyer for the Ardmore Fine Wine & Good Spirits store, then enjoy a delicious dinner. Wine will be available for purchase. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.mlrt.org/sisterhood.html> or <http://www.mlrt.org/brotherhood.html>. RSVP by February 6. Questions? Contact Steve Handleman at [shandleman@comcast.net](mailto:shandleman@comcast.net) or Lori Levin at [lorijlevin@gmail.com](mailto:lorijlevin@gmail.com).

*Pictured among the celebrants of the recent Jewish Federation of Men's Clubs annual Man of the Year Awards (the Conservative movement's Brotherhoods), am I. The Hinei Ma Tov award was given to me for providing "years of continuity in the fiscal and operational health of both clubs, [dedicating] time as well as judgment, mentoring, and counsel to its leadership." I accept the award for our Main Line Reform Temple Brotherhood and Men of Reform Judaism, since without being a member of our Brotherhood locally and nationally, there would be no reason to celebrate. Hinei Ma Tov, indeed.*



## February

**13** Brotherhood/  
Sisterhood Wine Dinner.  
*See page 9 for details*  
**21** Texas Hold'Em 6:30 PM

## March

**24** Purim Carnival  
**29** Brotherhood Shabbat  
Service 8:00 PM

## April

**15** Sports Dinner 6:30 PM  
**29** Texas Hold'Em 6:30 PM

## May

**22** Golf Tournament

## July

**4** Fourth of July -  
Narberth/Pizza

## Men's Night Out

*6:30 PM; first drink on  
Brotherhood*

**February 6** Iron Hill

**March 6** Lumbrada Cocina

**April 1** Lucky Dog

**May 6** Founding Farmers

**June 3** Clam Tavern



# Sisterhood



Mary Kamplain

I've recently returned from my first trip to Israel, and I am more convinced than ever that the importance of joining together as a Jewish community is in the connections we make with others. I have heard (and said) that you don't really know a person until you live with them, and our 10 days of travel definitely turned 61 acquaintances into a family of sorts. We built our community out of shawarma and falafel, Philadelphia pride, and excitement for our b'nai mitzvah. We performed mitzvot together, celebrated Shabbat and Havdalah in different communities, climbed, floated, excavated and learned, and experienced the effects of Jewish places and history and meaning together. And now we are stronger and more connected and more committed to preserving that connection, together. Not bad for an extended family trip!

If group travel is not in your immediate future, you can still feel the benefits of creating Jewish connections by joining us at our upcoming events — the perfect antidote to the inclination to hibernate this time of year! Our annual Wine Tasting with Brotherhood is on February 13 and we are adding an evening of Sisters and Sushi on February 21. If you're looking for an opportunity to perform a mitzvah, contact Beth Ginsberg at [bethgreenblatt@aim.com](mailto:bethgreenblatt@aim.com) to get involved with our Purim Shalach Manot fundraiser. We look forward to connecting with you soon!

**Purim is coming! The MLRT Sisterhood fundraiser "Shalach Manot" is the giving of food gifts to friends & family.**

It is one of the four mitzvot required at Purim that helps build community.

On your behalf, Sisterhood volunteers will assemble and deliver beautiful Shalach Manot bags to your family and friends who are members of Main Line Reform Temple or a MLRT Early Childhood Education family.

See page 10 for all the information about this amazing fundraiser.



## SUSHI MAKING, SAKE TASTING, AND SISTER SCHMOOZING

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF Sisters and Sushi!!!

Thursday, February 21 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Hausen Auditorium

Cost \$25

Join us for a delicious evening as a local sushi chef instructs and guides us through a hands-on experience in making sushi and tasting sake. Taste and sample your sushi handiwork as you sip! Light snacks, dessert and drinks also provided.

RSVP by February 18 using the link on our webpage or mail check payable to MLRT Sisterhood to 410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19096 ATTN: Sisterhood Sushi Event. Space is limited so please hold your spot ASAP.

Questions? Contact Cindy Ruben at [cdruben@verizon.net](mailto:cdruben@verizon.net) or 610-213-8314.

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# Upcoming Holidays



## A Purim Mitzvah made easy for you!

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**\*\* you can also purchase additional gift bags for family or friends who aren't MLRT members and deliver them yourself \*\***

Please be on the lookout for an individualized email with your personal code.

To place your orders go to: **www.HappyPurim.com**

Questions: **bethgreenblatt@aim.com**

### Shalach Manot delivery will take place March 14 - March 20

\*\*\*If you are going to be away during delivery, please call the MLRT office and arrange for pickup when you return.

Please support your MLRT Sisterhood: place your order by the **February 28** deadline & volunteer for assembly & delivery

Assembly: Thursday, March 14 @ 10:00 am @ MLRT

**We Need Delivery Drivers!** To volunteer, please contact Beth Greenblatt Ginsberg at **bethgreenblatt@aim.com**

### Two Easy ways to order and fulfill the Purim Mitzvah:

1. Order and Pay Online by Credit Card or PayPal by February 28

2. Download & Print Out from the MLRT Sisterhood Web page

Send orders with checks payable to MLRT Sisterhood, Attn: Purim Order, 410 Montgomery Avenue Wynnewood, PA 19096 by February 28

*Sisterhood wishes you and your family a joyful Purim!*



*Save the Date!*

## MLRT Purim Festivities

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Purim Carnival 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Special Early Admission for ECE Families - 9:30 AM

**Be a Carnival Sponsor!**

For details, visit **www.mlrt.org/purim**

## 2nd Night Passover Seder

Saturday, April 20, 2019



Need a seder to go to?  
Please consider joining Rabbi Newburge & Cantor Rudnick along with other members of the MLRT community for this catered affair (price TBA).

Please email Cynthia at **cmarshall@mlrt.org** if you interested in attending and if you are able to help us plan. We look forward to sharing the holiday with you!

# Teach Our Children—Rabbi Kevin Kleinman



Dear Religious School Families,

The month of February is a very busy time in our Religious School. There are many special programs and trips planned that will educate, inspire, and bring our community together. We are also very busy planning our Purim Carnival. Our Carnival is our annual Religious School fundraiser. Please see the information below for ways that you can contribute as a sponsor. And hold the date – March 24 – for the best MLRT Purim Carnival ever!

Rabbi Kleinman

## **3rd Grade PACT (Parents and Children Together) Program—February 3, 2019**

Theme: A Day (or even a moment!) of Rest – Shabbat Celebrations

9:00-11:00am – Early Session

10:30am-12:30pm – Late Session

## **1st Grade Challah for Hunger – Social Change Challah Bakery—February 10, 2019**

9:00-11:00am – Early Session

Parents will join us for the morning as we bake challah to sell at the end of Religious School. The profits will go to fight hunger at the Ardmore Food Pantry

## **4th Grade Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Program @ MLRT—February 24, 2019**

A joint program with synagogues in the Kehillah of Lower Merion where 4th graders will pack 5,000 meals to send to impoverished communities abroad and disaster areas.

10:00am-12:30pm\* – All Students

\*Please note: This is the total class time for all 4th graders

## **7th Grade trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum—February 24, 2019**

A joint program with synagogues in the Kehillah of Lower Merion. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Depart: 9:00am from Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El Parking Lot (1001, Remington Rd.)

Return: 9:00pm (same location)

Cost \$36 (includes: coach bus, lunch, dinner, and museum entrance)

## **Kindergarten PACT (Parents and Children Together) Program and RS Open House—March 3, 2019**

Theme: The Bedtime Shema – A Jewish Nighttime Ritual

9:00-11:00am – Early Session only

***No Religious School on the following dates: February 14 and 17, 2019***

### **Shiru Shir Chadash – Shabbat Family Service**

February 1, 2019 – Hosted by 6th grade

Featuring the Junior Jammers

6:00 pm: Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm: Service

7:30 pm: Potluck Shabbat Dinner\*

8:00-9:30 pm: 6th Grade Movie Night

### **Shiru Shir Chadash – Shabbat Family Service**

March 1, 2019 – Hosted by 4th Grade

Featuring the Junior Jammers

6:00 pm: Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm: Service

7:30 pm: Shabbat Dinner\*

7:30 pm: Oneg and Gaga Tournament

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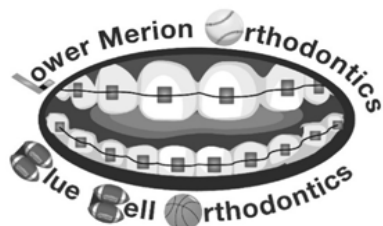
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# February Shabbat Services

## Friday, February 1

6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze  
6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service  
7:30 pm Shabbat Dinner

## Saturday, February 2

8:30 am Early Prayers & Songs of Praise  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Chapel Service  
10:30 am Sanctuary Service  
Bar Mitzvah of *Jonah Labovitz*  
Son of Benjamin Labovitz & Jennifer  
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5:00 pm Mincha Service  
Bat Mitzvah of *Sasha Beck*  
Daughter of Adam & Jill Beck

## Friday, February 8

6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze  
6:30 pm Reset & Renew Shabbat Service

## Saturday, February 9

8:30 am Early Prayers & Songs of Praise  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Chapel Service

## Friday, February 15

8:00 pm Shabbat Service  
9:00 pm Oneg Shabbat

## Saturday, February 16

8:30 am Early Prayers & Songs of Praise  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Chapel Service  
10:30 am Sanctuary Service  
Bar Mitzvah of *Andrew Simmons*  
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Off-Site Bat Mitzvah of *Jordyn Weitzman*  
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## Friday, February 22

8:00 pm Inclusion Shabbat Service  
9:00 pm Oneg Shabbat

## Saturday, February 23

8:30 am Early Prayers & Songs of Praise  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Chapel Service  
10:30 am Sanctuary Service  
Bat Mitzvah of *Brynn Meredith Mushlin*  
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					<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Snack & Schmooze <b>6:30 PM</b> Family Shabbat Service <b>7:30 PM</b> Family Shabbat Dinner	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Morning Prayers <b>9:00 AM</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Chapel Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Labovitz <b>4:00 PM</b> Krav Maga <b>5:30 PM</b> Bat Mitzvah of Sasha Beck
3	<b>4</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Hatha Yoga <b>7:30 PM</b> Intro to Judaism	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Running Club	<b>6</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Sisterhood Choir <b>12:30 PM</b> Bridge <b>6:30 PM</b> Brotherhood Men's Night Out	<b>7</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 PM</b> Canasta <b>7:30 PM</b> Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Snack & Schmooze <b>6:30 PM</b> Reset & Renew Shabbat Service	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Morning Prayers <b>8:30 AM</b> Hike with Rabbi Newburge <b>9:00 AM</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Chapel Service <b>4:00 PM</b> Krav Maga <b>8:00 PM</b> Couples Club
<b>10</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Hassel Adult Education Program <b>1:00 PM</b> Jewish Genealogy Society <b>6:00 PM</b> Cinema Club	<b>11</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Hatha Yoga <b>7:30 PM</b> Intro to Judaism <b>7:30 PM</b> Conversations on Current Events	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Running Club <b>10:00 AM</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting <b>12:15 PM</b> Forward Thinking	<b>13</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Sisterhood Choir <b>12:30 PM</b> Bridge <b>7:00 PM</b> Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dinner & Wine Tasting	<b>14 RS CLOSED</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>12:00 PM</b> Short Story Discussion <b>12:30 PM</b> Canasta <b>7:00 PM</b> FTD Caregivers Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	<b>15</b> <i>ECE Closed</i> <b>8:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service <b>9:00 PM</b> Oneg Shabbat	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Morning Prayers <b>9:00 AM</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Chapel Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Simmons Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Weitzman
<b>17 RS Closed</b>	<b>18 ECE Closed</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Running Club <b>12:00 PM</b> Center City Lunch & Learn with RDS	<b>20</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Sisterhood Choir <b>12:30 PM</b> Bridge <b>8:00 PM</b> Sing Hallelujah at Verizon Hall	<b>21</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 PM</b> Canasta <b>6:00 PM</b> Sisterhood Sushi Making <b>6:30 PM</b> Brotherhood Texas Hold'em <b>7:30 PM</b> Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	<b>22</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Learn & Lunch with RGN <b>6:00 PM</b> MLRT Cooks Shabbat Dinner <b>8:00 PM</b> Inclusion Shabbat Service <b>9:00 PM</b> Oneg Shabbat	<b>23 L'Taken</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Morning Prayers <b>9:00 AM</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Chapel Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Bat Mitzvah of Brynne Mushlin <b>4:00 PM</b> Krav Maga
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Hatha Yoga <b>7:30 PM</b> Intro to Judaism	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Running Club <b>12:15 PM</b> Suburban Lunch & Learn with RDS	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sisterhood Art Museum Tour <b>10:30 AM</b> Sisterhood Choir <b>12:30 PM</b> Bridge	<b>28 SHALACH MANOT DEADLINE</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 PM</b> Canasta <b>7:15 PM</b> Religious Practices Committee Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)		



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