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Son of Barbara A. Sprague & Edward I. White

Service of Confirmation

Friday, May 31 | 26 Iyar 5779 | 8:00 pm

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Rabbi Straus

One of the most delicious and special things about serving as the Rabbi of MLRT for these many years is the blessing of watching our and your children grow up, and having the opportunity to share with you and your family and friends so many of life's seminal moments. Confirmation is one of those transcendent moments for me. I hope you will join us for Confirmation on Friday evening, May 31 at 8:00 PM.

As a brief aside, some may be wondering why are we doing Confirmation on a Friday night, and not on Shavuot, when we ordinarily hold our Confirmation Service. This year, high school final exams fall in the middle of Shavuot. With all the anxiety and stress so many of our students already feel, we did not want to add to the pressure.

I have literally known our confirmands their entire lives. For some of them, I was blessed to share in their brit or naming. I remember for some their opening days of attending our Early Childhood Education Program—not knowing who was more anxious or excited—the parents or our students. I have memories of their being Shabbat King and Queen, marching with the Torah; of Consecration, and the beginning of Religious School; and most of all, the blessing of standing with them in front of the Torah as they were called to the Bima as a Bar and Bat Mitzvah. With all I have been blessed to share the joys of life, and with some, we have journeyed through the valley of shadows that comes to each and every life.

But for me, what makes Confirmation so special is to experience the growth and maturity, especially intellectually and spiritually, that happens right before our eyes, as they turn from 13 year olds to young adults. Reading Jewish texts with them each week, discussing with them, both hopefully learning with them and from them as we talk about the major political, moral and social issues confronting our times and how our tradition can help shape our understanding of those issues is really exciting. So often when I return home after class on Tuesday night, and Lynne asks, "how did it go?" I can barely contain my excitement over the depth of the conversation and learning we've just shared.

Our tradition teaches that children are our future. Our Confirmation students are our future. Having had the honor with Rabbi Newburge, Cantor Rudnick and Ross M. Levy of teaching them each week—we are in for a bright, hopeful and exciting future.

Service of Confirmation—Friday, May 31 at 8:00 PM

Jewish learning is a lifelong adventure! Join us in celebration of our Confirmation students and their families.

One of our most celebrated and loved services of the year is the Confirmation service. Every year, our 10th grade students follow a course of study that culminates in a unique and deeply personal service led entirely by the students.

This worship experience affirms the students' commitment and involvement in Jewish life, as they share special moments that brought them to the sacred moment of Confirmation.

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Executive Director's Farewell



Missy Johnson

My dear MLRT Family,

I have been privileged to serve as MLRT's Executive Director for the last ten years and it is a role that I have treasured. As you may have heard, I will leave my Executive Director role in early June to become the Chief Planning & Strategy Officer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. This is an incredible opportunity for me to serve another remarkable mission-driven organization committed to the Jewish community and repairing the world.

It has been my honor to serve the members of this blessed congregation and the MLRT community will always be my home. I am tremendously grateful to have had the opportunity to partner with my clergy team of Rabbi Straus, Rabbi Newburge, Cantor Rudnick, Cantor Portnoy, and Rabbi Kleinman, and with the loving guidance of Rabbi Hausen. MLRT is blessed to have an incredibly talented, compassionate and diverse clergy team. They represent varied talents, ages, genders, personalities, and interests. One unifier is that they are all deeply committed to our congregation. They are there for each and every member of our community at the most critical times of your lives. They celebrate with you in your most shining moments - your simchas, your mitzvahs and celebrations. And they are there to listen, comfort and sustain you in your darkest times - when you are grieving, hurting, or lost in the shadows - they are right with you. And I am ever grateful to have learned from and to have served with them. In addition to our clergy team, our outstanding ECE Director, Missy Horrow, leads our robust preschool with strength and creativity, and Ross M. Levy lights up our lives with music, energy and light as our multi-talented Director of Youth Engagement. These are the phenomenal professional leaders of our blessed congregation. It has been my honor to partner with each one of them and to be part of an extraordinary leadership team.

I will always be grateful to our devoted MLRT staff members and faculty their immense talent, support and dedication, including our Controller, Timm Rothwell, Music Director, Andy Heller, and Facilities Manager, Jojuan Johnson. There is no success without all of these remarkably committed individuals. Most do not get to see the behind-the-scenes, tireless efforts and profound commitment of our clergy and professional staff. I have been privileged to learn and grow from them every day.

I am profoundly thankful to President Joel Ginsparg, Treasurer Vic Haas, my esteemed Past Presidents, and the entire Board of Trustees and lay leaders for their gifted talents, dedication, support, and friendship. I am confident that MLRT's devoted, gifted and inspiring clergy, professional staff, and lay leaders will continue the transformational work that makes MLRT a cherished spiritual home for us all.

I will be here through early June to support the transition as we begin a search for my successor. My dear National Association for Temple Administration colleague, Esther Herst, will join MLRT at the end of May as Interim Executive Director to support operations and the professional and lay leadership during the search. With Esther's outstanding experience as a temple executive director and her remarkable warmth, the congregation will be in excellent hands.

I am tremendously grateful to the members of this remarkable MLRT community for your confidence, kindness, and commitment. I am overwhelmed by your outpouring of support and love.

A final wish for my MLRT family: Take care of one another; be giving and be kind. From someone you have entrusted with your cares, dreams, hurts and worries for a very long time – know that you are surrounded by an entire community of people who share your same hopes and fears. Everyone is in some sort of need, no matter how it seems. Ours are the hands that hold; our Jewish tradition is the tie that binds. Hold on to one another.

Thank you, my blessed community, for the honor and privilege of serving as your Executive Director. My heart will always be with my MLRT family. May we go from strength to strength.

With love,

MJ

President's Message: Leadership Transition



Joel Ginsparg

Earlier this month, I had the bittersweet honor to announce to the congregation that MLRT's Executive Director, Melissa Johnson, was named Chief Planning & Strategy Officer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. As a result, MJ will be leaving her role at MLRT effective June 2, 2019.

We have been privileged to have MJ's dedicated leadership of our congregation over the past ten years. We very much appreciate all of the time, energy and sacrifice she has given to her outstanding work on behalf of our community. MLRT has come a long way in ten years due in large part to her conscientious work and heartfelt commitment to our congregation. We thank MJ for her years of accomplished and devoted service.

The famous railroad executive Alfred Edward Perlman said "After you've done a thing the same way for two years, look it over carefully. After five years, look at it with suspicion. And after ten years, throw it away and start all over." We are not going to throw everything away, but MJ's departure creates the opportunity for us to review MLRT's operations and to determine what can be improved or restructured.

We want to take an appropriate amount of time to conduct this review, to implement desired changes, and to decide on the requirements for the next permanent executive director for MLRT. Once this work has been completed, we will undertake a comprehensive search to find the best person to fill this very important position. While we have already started this work, I anticipate that it will take at least four to six months to complete. In the interim, it is imperative that leadership is in place to oversee smooth operations and an effective transition.

I am therefore pleased to announce that we have hired Esther Herst as our Interim Executive Director. Esther will start with us on May 24, 2019. Esther is an experienced Executive Director and will provide stability and fresh insights as we move through this transition.

After graduating college, Esther was a lobbyist and ultimately became the National Director for the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation. After getting married, she moved to Seattle and became the Executive Director for the state of Washington for the National Abortion Rights Action League. She then transitioned to congregational life and was an executive director for two congregations. After a major health issue which required her to take time off to focus on her health, she was asked by a friend in New York to become their interim Executive Director. She did that role and decided that she really enjoyed it. Since then, during the past seven years, she has been the interim Executive Director at seven Reform congregations across the country. According to the President of the National Association of Temple Administration, Esther invented the role of interim Executive Director and is the benchmark against which all others are compared. I think we are very fortunate to have Esther join us.

Open communication is a hallmark of strong organizations especially in times of transition. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Rabbi Straus should you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at president@mlrt.org.

The famous historian Henry Steele Commager once said, "Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change." As we move forward, let us embrace this change as an occasion to celebrate that which has made our congregation the wonderful community that it is and an opportunity to transform it into something even more special!

MAZAL TOV

Ellyn and Steve Saft on the birth of their granddaughter, Margot Cynthia.

Sherrie Savett on being honored by Jewish Learning venture for her extraordinary support of JLV and PJ Library.

Creating Community

KRAV MAGA AT MLRT

Saturdays, May 4, 11, & 18 | 4:00 PM

Krav Maga is a military self-defense and fighting system developed for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Israeli security forces and 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! You will walk away from each self-contained class with a new set of skills. \$10 per class (\$15 for non-members) & your first one is FREE! Adults and children 12 years old and up.

For questions and to RSVP, email Scott Ginesin at sginesin@americangovernor.com.



PRIME TIME PRESENTS:

Selma Savitz

Monday, May 13 | 11:30 AM

Selma Savitz does it all. Plays a mean piano, arranges, conducts, and leads marvelous musical ensembles that express the Great American Songbook with humor, warmth, alacrity and delight. DO NOT MISS Act III, our May Prime Time offering. Selma has brought together some of the finest voices and most sparkling personalities in the area in a select intimate ensemble that will entertain you, make you laugh, cry, reminisce, kvell and just enjoy!

All this, and a wonderful deli lunch for just \$12! What could be bad?! Your check is your reservation, so please mail or drop it off at the office by Thursday, May 9 at 5:00 PM. You will not want to miss this outstanding program!

Questions? Contact Tobin Moskowitz at tmoskowitz@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800.

RESET & RENEW: CONTEMPORARY SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, May 17 | 6:30 PM

Don't miss our last Reset & Renew of the year! Join Ross M. Levy and the Levites along with your clergy for an inspiring service with visual t'fillah and music that is sure to move you.

We will also be including, celebrating and honoring our amazing 12th grade students. Join us!



HIKE WITH RABBI

NEWBURGE

Saturday, May 18 | 8:30 AM

Gather for our last Shabbat morning walk of the year. This month we have the unique opportunity to share Shabbat as well as learn about our community. Please join us for a guided walking tour of West Laurel Hill Cemetery; learn about the history, architecture, and interesting individuals that make West Laurel a destination unto itself.

For questions, please contact Rabbi Newburge at gnewburge@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800.

ADL WALK AGAINST HATE

Sunday, May 19 | 9:00 AM

Please join the MLRT team for the ADL's Annual Walk Against Hate. This annual walk organized by the ADL brings together people from all different backgrounds to demonstrate we are more alike than different.

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/wahmlrt> and join the Main Line Reform Team.

Questions, contact Rabbi Newburge at gnewburge@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 22 | 2:00-7:00 PM

Save a life this Spring by signing up to donate blood! Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: MainLineReform to schedule your appointment or call 1-800-733-2767. Save time & pre-register at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

All donors will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card!

AARP DRIVERS SAFETY COURSE

Monday & Tuesday, June 3 & 4 | 5:30—9:30 PM

With age comes experience, but as we age, vision deteriorates, reaction time slows. Upon completion of 8-hour safety course, you will receive a certificate which may result in a premium reduction. Open to everyone 55+ years of age. Must attend both sessions; space is limited!

Participants can register by submitting a check payable to AARP to: MLRT, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown

SHORT STORY DISCUSSION

Thursday, May 16 | 12:00 PM

Our final short story for the year will be "Everything But" by Elisa Albert. Holidays, family gatherings, and rites of passage provide the backdrop for the ten provocative stories found in her critically acclaimed story collection titled "How This Night is Different."

Join us as we end a year filled with insights by our devoted core group and a motivated group of new people.



HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE: "Jewish" Art in the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Sunday, May 5 | 9:30 AM Bagels & Coffee
10:00 AM Lecture with Dr. Jerry Kutnick



Dr. Jerry Kutnick served as Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Gratz College Division of Continuing Education. Dr. Kutnick is an Associate Professor of History and Jewish Thought, the author of the Hebrew University's study of Jewish Education in North America, and an expert on American Jewry and American Zionism. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and his Ph. D. from Brandeis University.

Save the date for our next Hassel Adult Education Lecture: "In Just Six Days" with the amazing David Camron on Sunday, June 2.



CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL, ISRAEL NITZAN

Tuesday, May 14 | 7:00 PM Wine & Nosh
7:30 PM Program

The Honorable Israel Nitzan, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of Israel New York, will join us at MLRT to discuss current events in Israel and the Middle East. Come to learn and be part of the conversation.

Sponsored by Jewish Community Relations Council, MLRT Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Israel Committee. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP to Tobin Moskowitz at tmoskowitz@mlrt.org.



FORWARD THINKING: LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, May 14 | 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.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH OUR CLERGY

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



Rabbi Straus

Suburban

Monday, May 20 | 12:15 PM

Hosted by Steven Handleman at One Town Place, Suite 200, Bryn Mawr.

RSVP to Steven at shandleman@comcast.net.

Center City with Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Tuesday, May 14 | 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 ssteinberg@postschell.com.



Cantor Rudnick

Learn & Lunch with Rabbi Newburge

Friday, May 31 | 11:30 AM

Don't miss this opportunity for learning and discussion about the origins of Jewish practices, answering questions of why we do the things we do.

Sandwiches/wraps provided; please bring a salad, side, fruit salad, or dessert. Please RSVP to Cynthia at cmarshall@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.

Yom HaShoah—A Day of Remembrance

Yom HaShoah – A Day of Remembrance Wednesday, May 1 | 7:00 PM

MLRT will be joined by members of Adath Israel, Beth Am Israel, Beth David Reform Congregation, and Har Zion Temple for our annual communal observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Featuring the lighting of the six-branched candelabrum by Holocaust survivors and their families in memory of the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. The service will feature a presentation by Rabbi Abraham Skorka: Yom HaShoah: Day of Remembrance and Commitment in this Turbulent Present of Hate and Confusion.

Service

Memorial Candle Lighting for the Six Million



Liturgy led by clergy from MLRT and Kehillah of Lower Merion Synagogues.

Musical performances by the combined choirs of our area congregations.

We Remember!

This is a sacred and sanctified observance. It is our one opportunity to bear witness to history, and to give testimony that we will never forget that Holocaust, and those that may threaten yet again. Please be with us in solidarity and in community. The entire community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is invited to join us and school-aged children are encouraged to attend.

Program



Rabbi Abraham Skorka was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, earned a PhD in Chemistry from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and earned his rabbinical degree from the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano. He was the Rector of the Seminario for 20 years and Rabbi of the Benei Tikva

Congregation for 42 years.

Known as the “Pope’s Rabbi,” he developed an intensive activity in the interfaith dialogue, especially with the current Pope Francis, with whom he wrote a book of dialogues and recorded 31 television programs at the time that Bergoglio was the Archbishop of Buenos Aires. He was an official member of the Vatican delegation in Pope Francis’ visit to the Holy Land. He has received honorary doctorates from the Universidad Catolica Argentina, Jewish Theological Seminary, Sacred Heart University and was honored with the Jan Karsky Eagle Award in 2017.

Rabbi Skorka is currently a visiting University Professor in the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at Saint Joseph’s University.

We are grateful to Suzanne and Norman Cohn and their families for their annual support of this most important commemoration.

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program

The historian Hayden White remarked presciently “in history, we don’t just remember the dead, we do their remembering for them. And that’s an awesome responsibility, but a necessary one.” We are a people of memory. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program was begun in 1981 by the Federation Jewish Men’s Clubs, the Conservative Brotherhoods, and now also embraced by our own Men of Reform Judaism. The program has a single purpose: to remember the six million children, women, and men who were murdered senselessly and with indifference during the Shoah.

Our Brotherhood wants you to have a Yellow Candle, which you will light on Erev Yom HaShoah, May 1. The candles are available at MLRT for the asking. They will also be available at our annual Yom HaShoah service.

Brought to you by Men of Reform Judaism and MLRT Brotherhood.

Sisterhood



Mary Kamplain

May is another month showcasing the breadth of what Sisterhood does and making me proud to be a part of it. This month, we will celebrate and honor our past, present, and future Sisterhood community, we will learn and grow together, we will come together to do a mitzvah for those in need of meals, and we will support our MLRT youth by raising money for the Reform Movement. It's not too late to be a part of it all!

Please plan to join us on Friday, May 10 for Sisterhood Shabbat. We will honor our past presidents, celebrate a wonderful year of Sisterhood programming, social action work, fundraising, and community, and install our future leaders. We are thrilled to be welcoming Stephanie Stahl from CBS3 to our Closing Dinner on May 21. I hope you can be with us for Wine, Women and Wellness as we focus on hot topics in women's health. This will be a lovely, informative evening closing out an incredible year.

On May 31, our 10th graders will celebrate their Confirmation. Each year, Sisterhood helps to congratulate and honor our Confirmands by raising money for Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund. The YES Fund stands for Youth, Education, and Special Projects, and for over 100 years, it has been WRJ's philanthropic mechanism for supporting and strengthening the Reform Movement and its future. We can think of no better way to honor the accomplishments and commitment of our Confirmands than by donating to a cause so closely aligned with what they have learned and received here at MLRT. Please join us in congratulating these amazing students by filling out the form on page 21 or donating directly through our webpage at mlrt.org/sisterhood. Thank you for your support!

Finally, please mark your calendars for our General Board Meeting on May 14 at 10:00 AM, and our final two Cook-for-a-Friend sessions on May 15 and June 5 at 9:30 AM in the upstairs kitchen. Join our well-oiled machine as we make 100 meals in under two hours. It is a mitzvah and a great way to get to know Sisterhood!

Sisterhood Shabbat is Friday, May 10!

Join us for Potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM followed by Services at 8:00 PM

Questions? Contact Cindy Ruben at 610-213-8314 or cdruben@verizon.net

Potluck sign up is available at mlrt.org/sisterhood



MLRT Sisterhood Invites You To Our Closing Dinner: Wine, Women & Wellness Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30 PM

Please join us as we focus on hot topics in women's health with Stephanie Stahl, CBS3 and The CW Philly's award winning health reporter. In addition to winning a variety of Emmy awards, Stahl is a member of the Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame and received the prestigious Diamond Award from Temple University Hospital's Auxiliary for her "dedication to excellence, her professional and personal integrity, and her deep sense of compassion for others."

Please bring one or more of the following items to support the Mitzvah Circle Foundation: tampons, sanitary pads, shampoo, body wash, razors and toothpaste.

Register online at mlrt.org/sisterhood or detach and return the bottom portion with your \$36 payment by May 17. For information about the event, please contact Ami Lonner at alonner@comcast.net or Sue Rubin Plick at rubin.plick@comcast.net.

2019 Sisterhood Closing Dinner RSVP

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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THE FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MAY 15, 2019 AT 8AM
GREEN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

This year's charitable giving theme is literacy, an essential ingredient for living a fulfilled life. Your participation ensures that Brotherhood will continue to provide much needed funds to charities that espouse our Jewish values of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

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Brotherhood

Can you believe it? Here I am typing the May 2019 Brotherhood Bulletin, realizing that Brotherhood's activities for the year are practically over. There are, to be sure, two special events in store for the merry month of May. And, on the not-so-distant horizon looms a Men of Reform Judaism Convention, this year being held in Memphis, TN. The Convention dates are June 27-30. Additional information will be forthcoming, once the agenda is set by our national Board. Join Tom Wiener and me in the town that made many a singer famous.

The monthly Men's Night Out will be held at Founding Farmers in King of Prussia on May 6, beginning, as always, at 6:30 PM. First drinks and appetizers are compliments of Brotherhood. Founding Farmers, begun in 2005, by members of the North Dakota Farmer's Union, seeks to take diners back to the source, to the foods that are grown, raised, and harvested on American family farms. The NDFU members wanted to affirm that family farming was, and remains, essential to our nation's well-being. Spicy fried chicken sounds awfully good to me. So call a friend, make a date to join us at Men's Night Out.

Brotherhood's Fourth Annual Golf Outing is held this year on May 15, a Wednesday. By now, everyone has received a brochure giving them all the information needed to sign up to play, sign up for sponsoring a golf hole, or contributing as a sponsor. You can register online at mlrt.org/golf. Let's make this year's event the best attended ever at the Green Valley Country Club. Our charity event's theme this year is literacy. The lack of literacy often precludes a person from fulfilling their ability for self-sufficiency and should not be tolerated in a free society. Below are statistics that should awaken in us all a recognition that literacy is essential for a life well lived.

The importance of reading: 1 in 4 children in America grow up without learning how to read; 46% of all adults cannot read the labels on their prescription bottles; 33% of high school graduates will never read a book after graduating; 50% of adults in the United States can't read an 8th grade book; and 2 of 3 students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the 4th grade will end up in jail or welfare. (Source: US Department of Education, 2015.)

Brotherhood has already identified potential recipients of donations dealing with literacy, including: Team Up Philadelphia, Philadelphia Futures, We PAC, HIAS PA ESL, and FERST READERS.

Kindly,

Gary Brock, VP MLRT Brotherhood

For questions about Brotherhood or ways to get involved, please contact Brotherhood President, Ed Bleeden, at mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com.

Brotherhood Book Club is on hiatus until the fall.

May

14 Book Club

15 Golf Tournament

July

4 Fourth of July - Narberth/Pizza

Men's Night Out- 6:30 PM; first drink on Brotherhood

May 6 Founding Farmers

June 3 Clam Tavern

Teach Our Children—Religious School



Rabbi Kleinman

Dear Religious School Families,

It's hard to believe, but another great year at MLRT Religious School is coming to an end. There were many programs this year that exemplified our mission statement: Main Line Reform Temple's Religious School is an innovative and progressive, hands-on program designed to develop positive, Jewish identities and build core Jewish competencies for our students and families. Some highlights include: the 6th grade retreat, Challah for Hunger Social Change Bakeries, the Bread and Torah Scholars-in-Residence weekend, grade-level PACT programs, and all the "aha" moments in the classrooms. I would like to thank all of our teachers and madrichim for their dedication to our mission and to our families at MLRT. Please join me in honoring them at Shabbat services on Friday, May 3.

We are in the process of planning our 2019-2020 Religious School year with more innovative and experiential programming. If you know a family who is looking for a synagogue home with dynamic Jewish education, please put them in touch with me or Gil Marder, our Member Engagement & Program Manager, at gmarder@mlrt.org.



Shiru Shir Chadash – Shabbat Family Service

May 3 – Teacher and Madrichim Appreciation Shabbat

We will be thanking the teachers and madrichim for their dedication to our MLRT families

Featuring the Junior Jammers

6:00 pm: Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm: Service

7:30 pm: Oneg and Gaga Tournament

Shiru Shir Chadash – Shabbat Family Service

June 7 – Honoring Summer Campers

We will be giving a special blessing to all attending camp or summer travel programs

Featuring the Junior Jammers

6:00 pm: Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm: Service

7:30 pm: Oneg and Gaga Tournament

Teach Our Children—ECE



The School for ECE celebrated their annual fundraiser for 2019 with a bang!!! Families came out to support MLRT's school and our kids in full force! The ECE is so proud of our community of parents and extended family who supported the school in a big way!

We would like to give a special thank you to our ECE Fundraiser Committee Chairs: Stacy Steinberg and Casey Shechtman. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Holly Barg, Michele Pesin, Henry Steinberg, Andrew Shechtman, Jennifer Hoffman, Selly Adler, Bonnie Schwartz, Erika Kaufman, & Leona Binnfeld for all of their amazing help and support! The ECE is overwhelmed by everyone's generosity of spirit and unwavering support for our school and our children.



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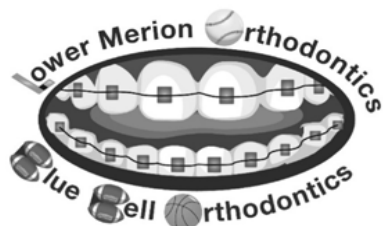
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Friday, May 3

5:30 pm ECE Shabbat Service
 6:00 pm ECE Sha-BBQ Dinner
 6:00 pm Snack & Shmooze
 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service
 7:30 pm Youth Activity

Saturday, May 4

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 *Marley Arielle Abramson*
 Daughter of Mindee & Dennis Abramson
 5:00 pm Mincha Service
 Bat Mitzvah of *Kylie James Rubin*
 Daughter of Meegan Rubin
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Sunday, May 5

11:45 am Bar Mitzvah of *Gabriel Bobrin*
 Son of Jacqueline & Josh Bobrin

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

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 *Amanda Emmeline Henry*
 Bar Mitzvah of *William Elias Henry*
 Daughter and Son of Sarah &
 Darren Henry
 5:00 pm Mincha Service
 Bar Mitzvah of *Oliver Angert*
 Son of Erica Angert and Adrian Denis
 Bar Mitzvah of *Ethan Kopelman*
 Son of Amy & Michael Kopelman

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

8:30 am Early Prayers & Songs of Praise
 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Hike
 9:00 am Torah Study
 10:00 am Chapel Service
 5:00 pm Mincha Service
 Bat Mitzvah of *Katie Silverman*
 Daughter of Kim & Martin Silverman

Friday, May 24

6:30 pm Chapel Service

Saturday, May 25

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

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

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 *Rachel Mia Riggio*
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5 9:30 AM Hassel Adult Education Lecture 11:45 AM Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Bobrin	6 9:15 AM Hatha Yoga 6:30 PM Brotherhood Men's Night Out	7	8 YOM HAZIKARON 10:30 AM Sisterhood Choir 12:00 PM Adult Trope Class 12:30 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Main Line Speaker Series: Doris Kearns Goodwin	9 YOM HA'ATZMAUT 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Canasta 7:00 PM FTD Caregivers 7:30 PM Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	10 6:30 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Potluck Dinner 8:00 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service 9:00 PM Oneg Shabbat	11 8:30 AM Morning Prayers 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah of Amanda & William Henry 4:00 PM Krav Maga 5:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah of Oliver Angert & Ethan Kopelman
12 MOTHER'S DAY No Religious School	13 9:15 AM Hatha Yoga 11:00 AM Prime Time Program	14 10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting 12:00 PM Center City Lunch & Learn with CFR 12:15 PM Forward Thinking 7:00 PM Conversation with Israel Nitzan	15 8:00 AM Brotherhood Golf Outing at GVCC 9:30 AM Cook-For- A-Friend 10:30 AM Sisterhood Choir 12:30 PM Bridge	16 ECE Closed: Conferences 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Short Story Discussion 12:30 PM Canasta 7:30 PM Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	17 11:00 AM Learn & Lunch with RGN 6:00 PM Snack & Schmooze 6:30 PM Reset & Renew Shabbat Service	18 8:30 AM Morning Prayers 8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Hike 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Chapel Service 4:00 PM Krav Maga 5:00 PM Bat Mitzvah of Katie Silverman
19 Last Day of Religious School 9:00 AM ADL Walk Against Hate	20 9:15 AM Hatha Yoga	21 6:30 PM Sisterhood Closing Dinner	22 10:30 AM Sisterhood Choir 12:30 PM Bridge 2:00 PM Blood Drive	23 LAG B'OMER 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Canasta 7:15 PM Religious Practices Meeting 7:30 PM Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	24 ECE Closed 6:30 PM Chapel Service	25 8:30 AM Morning Prayers 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Chapel Service 4:00 PM Krav Maga
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY ECE Closed Office Closed	28	29 10:30 AM Sisterhood Choir 12:30 PM Bridge	30 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Canasta 7:30 PM Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	31 6:30 PM Confirmation Dinner 8:00 PM Confirmation Service 9:00 PM Oneg Shabbat	



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