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MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE

September 2019

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MLRT'S SH'ALOHA SHABBAT!

Friday, September 6

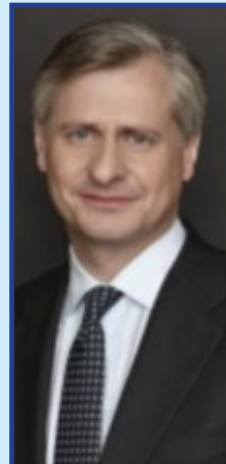
Hawaiian Treats 6:00 pm

Welcome Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Luau-themed Potluck Dinner & Activities 7:00 pm

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Dear Friends,

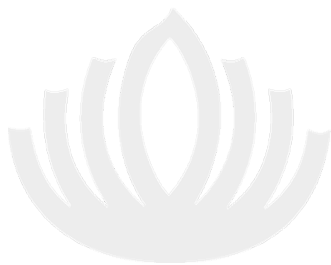
The prophet Isaiah taught “G-d’s house will be a house of prayer for all people” (Isaiah 56:7). This teaching has guided our people for generations, including our work as clergy in this community. We know it can be challenging to build a spiritual home where everyone feels welcome, but this is our goal and we will continue working towards that end.

At this time of year, this season of contemplation and coming together as a community, we are reminded that the Gates of Repentance are open to all. Our fundamental belief is that Main Line Reform Temple gates remain open, as well, all year long, regardless of age, ability, color, ideologies, political leanings, or anything else that might keep someone from coming through our doors. We are not monolithic; rather we are a diverse community, with diverse needs, backgrounds, and wants. It is this diverse tapestry that makes our community so rich. We may not always agree with one another, but our tradition, captured so beautifully with Isaiah’s words, guides us towards listening and respecting one another.

As we move into the new year, one that will certainly include new and exciting happenings at MLRT, but also societal challenges and an election year, we remember the importance of talking with one another, engaging in civil discourse, and working towards respectful understanding of views not shared. We continue to be strengthened by one another, and we grow richer and stronger when we embrace all members of our robust congregation. As Rabbi Straus reminded us in July, using a quote by Ilana Baden: “When our friends or family members speak, act or vote in a way that we find offensive, we should not jump to conclusions and lash out at them. Rather, we should trust that there is something they see differently than we do that is motivating them to make those decisions. Instead of judging, we should be curious, and we should use that curiosity to inspire us to ask them: ‘What do you see on this path that I don’t see.’”

In a song from the musical Peter Pan, Leonard Bernstein writes: “Will you build me a house? A house that really will be mine... build my house of love, and paint my house with trusting. Warm it with the warmth of your heart. Make the floor of faith. Make the walls of truth. Put a roof of peace above. Build my house of love.” May we all be moved to build our house together, a house for all people, with love, trust, and understanding for each and every person in our community.

Shana Tova,
Rabbi David Straus
Rabbi Geri Newburge
Cantor Faryn Rudnick



New Beginnings & New Openings



Rabbi David Straus

Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days will soon be upon us. As much stress that comes to your clergy when we contemplate about and plan for these Days of Awe, I have to tell you, I love these days. I love looking out at the congregation, and connecting with each of you. I love exchanging a smile or reassuring gesture during services. I love that though we have a tradition at MLRT of not reserving or selling seats, somehow so many of you manage to sit in the same seats or general area year after year. I love that so many of our members help lead us in worship, chant Torah and Haftarah. I love the music of these days, and being moved by our choirs, as I join in song in familiar melodies. I love that we are open to new ways of experiencing these days, be it our afternoon family service, or our Contemporary service at Lower Merion High School led by Rabbi Newburge and Ross with their visual tefillah. And I am so moved each year by the poetry and metaphors of our liturgy.

The themes of these days are serious themes. They call out to us in powerful ways about how we might truly live our lives with purpose and direction and intentionality. They speak of the power of community and remind us that we can grow and change and redirect our lives if we work hard on this, all the while reminding us of our own mortality, so the time is now (or as our Religious Action Center teaches, the urgency of now).

Perhaps no image or metaphor is more pervasive in our liturgy of these days than the image of heavenly gates. We end Yom Kippur with the drama of *Ne'ilah*, the heavenly gates are slowly closing. Time is of the essence! (We have invited those attending *Ne'ilah*, if they wish, to ascend to the Ark and offer the silent prayers of their hearts. Standing with you silently in front of the Ark is one of the most powerful and transcendent moments of the year for me.) We feel power in the recurrence of words and melodies, the urgency in the shofar blast; and we feel in our hearts and souls that these moments are fraught like no other time in the year.

Rabbi Laura Lieber teaches: "Doorways are charged spaces. We know intuitively that the world on one side of the door is different from the world on the other side. There is power and potential at the threshold, but also danger and vulnerability. Rosh Hashanah is the moment of opening the door. What awaits us on the other side? Our prayers remind us that we are not forever constrained by habit and history."

I love these days because they inspire us to know that there are new beginnings, new possibilities, new openings. Our prayers remind us that we are not forever constrained by habit and history. Our challenge is not merely to enter the New Year, but to discover the many openings to a better life.

L'shana Tova—with every best wish for a good New Year.

You Belong Here.

MLRT strives to uphold the value of welcoming all people into our spiritual home that is so near and dear to our heart as a Jewish people. And we truly do welcome all people, regardless of age, gender, ability, and political leanings. The Inclusion Team works hard to ensure that ours is a safe and welcoming community, adding subtle changes, like a glider for new parents in the back of the Sanctuary as well as larger additions like a month of inclusion programming for Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month.

Be Inspired. Be Connected. Belong. Believing in those words means we want everyone who joins or visits MLRT to feel at ease and comfortable participating in all aspects of temple life: spiritual, ritual, social, educational, and musical. Our committee's mission is to proactively combat and remove barriers to participation and engagement of all kinds so that our collective mission of a warm and thoughtful community is widely realized and maintained from generation to generation.

Message from Esther



Esther Herst,
Interim Executive Director

By the time you read this, I'll have been your Interim Executive Director for just over 3 months. I am touched by the warmth and kindness of so many of our members, and I look forward to worshipping with you over the High Holy Days. Part of my role as Interim Executive Director is to observe the systems, processes, and policies of our congregation and make recommendations for possible changes. Here are a few early observations that you, our members, might consider over the coming *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe).

Jewish communal life in 21st century America is very different from the way it was when many of us were growing up. Joining a synagogue was a fundamental obligation – the primary way to connect to one's Judaism and the Jewish community. That isn't the case today. We struggle to fit Jewish involvement into a jigsaw puzzle of sports, school, jobs, music lessons, etc. Our congregations are challenged to develop opportunities for engagement and building relationships that address the limited time and needs of our families – children and adults alike.

MLRT has an impressive history here on the Main Line, with a diverse array of programs and services. Yet, many of our households are only minimally active in the life and activities of our Temple. This is a challenge for synagogues everywhere, and while I'm here, I want to focus on streamlining internal systems and developing programs that better connect our congregants to each other and to our Judaism. I reap the greatest satisfaction in helping our congregants effectively experience the fundamental purposes of our synagogue – Torah/Study, *Avodah*/Worship, and *Gemilut Chasadim*/Acts of Loving Kindness and Community.

The potential for inter-personal growth and deepening Jewish engagement is limitless, especially if you, our members, partner with us by expanding your involvement and your presence. To start our "temple year", please plan to join us on Friday, September 6 for Sh'Aloha Shabbat! This "Back to Schul" night promises to be a great chance to see old friends, make a few new ones, eat Hawaiian-style treats, get "lei-ed" and share the joy of welcoming Shabbat with your MLRT community. See page 5 for more information.

A synagogue is only as strong as the commitment of its congregants, its leaders, and its clergy. MLRT has so much to offer; and each of you have so much to give back to this community. As we unveil a new website and our Listening Campaign/Shema Circles to hear your perspectives on temple life, I relish the opportunity to learn from you and to share our Jewish journeys.

L'shalom and Shana Tova!

Sh'Aloha Shabbat

Grab your leis & grass skirts and get ready for our
Welcome Back Shabbat
Friday, September 6!

6:00 pm Hawaiian Treats Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm Festive Shabbat Service

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The Power of Community



Joel Ginsparg
President

There is a story of an older man in Eastern Europe who wanted to leave his shul. The story does not tell us why. Perhaps the cantor changed the tunes. Perhaps the rabbi took a stand on an issue with which the man disagreed. Perhaps times were changing in a way that left him feeling alienated or perhaps the shul was no longer meeting his needs. His rabbi decided to visit him at his home and found the man sitting before a blazing fire. The rabbi sat down beside him. After some minutes, the rabbi took the poker and carefully moved a brightly burning ember and placed it to the side of the hearth. The lone ember's flame flickered and faded. Soon it was cold and dead. The rabbi then pushed the cold, dead ember back into the middle of the fire and it began to glow once more with light and warmth. The man immediately understood the rabbi's silent sermon. We are all Jewish embers who need the flames of community to keep our Jewish souls charged and the Jewish community needs us.

We live in a time when we are seemingly more connected than ever yet still so distant from one another. As we scroll through social media, we learn more about the lives of friends from high school who we haven't spoken to in a decade than we do about the family that lives next door. Of course, we all want to share the blessings in our lives but, in this new way of connecting to each other, we are too often missing out on really knowing one another.

Sure, we know where our friends went on vacation and what they ate for dinner last night, but do we know what they really long for, what they struggle with, what keeps them up at night and what it is that gets them out of bed in the morning? The result of this new ultra-connected world appears to be the opposite of what we might have intended. We are trapped in front of screens that we hold onto with great attention, making sure not to miss anything while the world around us skates on by. Rather than feeling more connected, we feel more isolated than ever.

People are literally crying out for meaningful connection with one another. Across the country and right here in our own neighborhood, there is a powerful need for community. Yet, building community takes work and sacrifice. It means sometimes putting aside our individual wants for the sake of other's needs. It is a counter-cultural endeavor that forces us to swim upstream against the current of a society which tells us to put ourselves first at every turn. However, we have the building blocks of a comprehensive antidote at our finger tips. Judaism is predicated on the expectation of community and filled with the tools, models and the direction to construct and maintain meaningful and enriching communal life. When we turn to our tradition with eyes in search of this wealth of information, gleaning its riches is not hard.

A *kehillah* or community is made up of members who are different from each other and yet their being together is not simply in service of a goal but is valued for its own sake. *Kehillah* is the community that forms when each individual's gifts are treasured. *Kehillah* does not simply make space for the unique features of each of its members, it cherishes them and seeks to honor all who are present. A *Kehillah* comes to life because of its individual members. It is in *Kehillah* that we are able to fulfil the *mitzvot* of living in community. *Mitzvot* such as *bikur cholim* (visiting the sick), *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests), *misameach chatan v'kallah* (bringing joy to a bride and groom), and *kavod hamet* (honoring the deceased) are fulfilled not just for our friends but for all those in need. It is in *Kehillah* that the weighty burden of simply being a person in this crazy world is shared with others.

As I write this note, the summer is coming to an end. Very soon, the children in our community will be going back to school and we will start to prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Life for all of us will again become extremely hectic. At the same time, our need for meaningful connections will be ever present. Main Line Reform Temple is here for you. MLRT is our *Kehillah*, our community. Please remember the teaching from the story of the old man and his rabbi. We are all embers who need the flames of community and our community needs us.

Creating Community

MLRT Connects! – a committee to boost community engagement – invites you to enjoy coffee, bagels, and other refreshments on **Sunday, September 15** at 10:30 am in the Odell-Diamond Library at MLRT.

We want to learn about your interests and form groups with others in our community who have similar passions. Our goal is to help you connect with others and build joyful friendships. All ideas for a small group are welcome. Please RSVP to Elliott Schulman at esmdha@gmail.com.



SH'ALOHA SHABBAT

Friday, September 6

6:00 pm Hawaiian Treats Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm Festive Shabbat Service

7:00 pm Luau Potluck Dinner & Activities

Join us for a luau-themed Shabbat family service followed by delicious tropical food and fun for the whole family! \$10 per family;

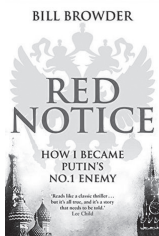
please bring a ide dish to share. RSVP required for dinner to Tobin Moskowitz at tmoskowitz@mlrt.org.

FORWARD THINKING: LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, September 10 | 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.



BROTHERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 10 | 7:30 pm

All are welcome to take part in a conversation about Bill Browder's Red Notice. A financial caper, a crime thriller, and a political crusade, Red Notice is the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world, and also the story of how, without intending to, he found meaning in his life.

RESET & RENEW CONTEMPORARY SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, September 13

6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze | 6:30 pm Service

Don't miss our first Reset & Renew Service 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.



HATHA YOGA

Mondays | 9:15 am

Healthy Aging takes awareness and good choices. Starti your week with physical poses and balance work amongst friends. This is an all levels class and open to community friends. It's never too late to start!



HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE Jews in China: From their early settlement in 10th century Kaiteng to a place of refuge in 20th century Shanghai

*Sunday, September 15 | 9:30 am Bagels & Coffee
10:00 am Lecture with Dr. Jerry Kutnick*

Dr. Kutnick served as Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Gratz College Division of Continuing Education. He is an Associate Professor of History and Jewish Thought, author of the Hebrew University's study of Jewish Education in North America, and an expert on American Jewry and American Zionism.

BEER CLUB

Sunday, September 15 | 7:00 pm at Whole Foods Market

Join us downstairs at Whole Foods Market for beer with your buddies! The Beer Club is open to all MLRT members who enjoy trying and sharing beer. Questions? Contact Lauren and Matt Baldys at laurenmbaldys@gmail.com.

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MLRT LISTENING CAMPAIGN

Main Line Reform Temple has an exciting plan to deepen our connections with each other and continue to meaningfully serve all our shared interests. This Listening Campaign – a series of small facilitator led groups – will provide a safe setting to share what MLRT's community means to you.

Your participation will be a fun, easy way to discover shared interests and make friends in an informal setting with food, drink and lots of relevant conversations about what matters to you, our community, Jewish traditions and values. Our community engagement team and clergy have been hard at work preparing our official launch that will be announced when we're all together at our High Holy Days Services.

For more information or to participate, please contact Gil Marder, Membership Engagement & Program Manager, at gmarder@mlrt.org.

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

Reading Jewish Books

Let us enter the fall holidays with enthusiasm for the Jewish books that arrived this summer, waiting to be read. The library receives best sellers as well as works by debut authors waiting to be discovered. I am appreciative of the Odell Diamond Library, a continued reminder that Jewish literature has survived and flourished and will continue to enrich our congregation.

The authors below will speak at MLRT for various groups at different times and at Shabbat services throughout the year. Choose the programs that you wish to attend and mark them on your calendar! Each author's books will be on sale for the author to sign.

Short Story Discussion: *Join us as we embark on a new year of learning from literature and each other!*

We meet once a month on Thursdays after Bible study to discuss provocative stories by Jewish authors; recent and classic written works, traditional and edgy. We will begin on September 12 with "All Rivers" by Amos Oz, our beloved Israeli author. The compilation containing all of the stories for the year is available for a small charge in the library. Individual copies of each story are available at the front desk.

Books continue to be a stalwart of Jewish life. In closing may I wish you to be inscribed in the Book of Life. Shana Tova!

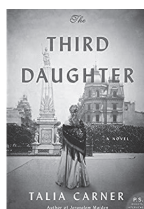
Jewish Book Council Authors

Talia Carner,

The Third Daughter: a Novel

Literary Tea

Thursday, November 7 | 1:00 pm



Paul Zeitz, Waging Justice: a Doctor's

Journey to Speak Truth and Be Bold

Brotherhood Shabbat

Friday, March 13 | 8:00 pm



Edmund Case,

Radical Inclusion: Engaging Interfaith

Families for a Thriving Jewish Future

Interfaith Shabbat

Friday, November 8 | 8:00 pm



Rebecca Erbelding,

Rescue Board: the Untold Story of America's

Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe

Ella C. Wolf Lecture

Friday, March 27 | 8:00 pm

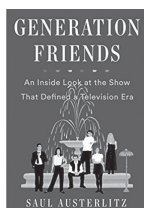
Saul Austerlitz,

Generation Friends: an Inside Look at the

Show that Defined a Television Era

Hassel Lecture

Sunday, December 8 | 10:00 am

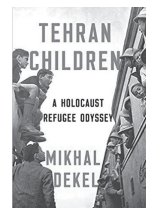


Mikhal Dekel, Tehran Children: a

Holocaust Refugee Odyssey

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Wednesday, April 22 | 7:00 pm



Ron Balson, The Girl from Berlin

Sisterhood Author Brunch

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 | 11:00 am



Dan A. Oren, The Wedding Photo

Hassel Lecture

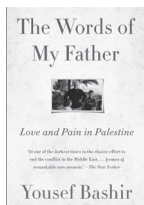
Sunday, May 3 | 10:00 am

Yusef Bashir, The Words of My Father:

Love and Pain in Palestine

Shabbat Speaker

Friday, February 28 | 8:00 pm



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Brotherhood



Brothers,

I hope you and your families had a delightful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead! Our MLRT Librarian, Sally Brown, has scheduled Doctor Paul Zeitz to speak at the Brotherhood Shabbat Service in March 2020. His book, Waging Justice: a Doctor's Journey to Speak Truth and Be Bold, discusses climate restoration, clean energy, childhood sexual abuse and many other important and timely topics.

I would like all new male synagogue members to know that as a first year congregant, you are a non-dues paying Brotherhood member. We all have obligations and interests that consume much of our time and energy. However I'm encouraging each non participating Brother to attend just one event this year. We'd like to meet you. If you enjoy kibitzing over dinner and drinks, attend one of our monthly Men's Night Out (MNO) at a local restaurant.

Our activity schedule for 2019 - 2020 will be similar to last year. In addition I hope we can, as a group, take a limo up the New Jersey Turnpike to the famous Harold's for a deli lunch. The September and October schedule is below. Men's Night Out restaurants have not been selected yet; any updates will be emailed to the Brotherhood. I welcome all thoughts about Brotherhood - positive or negative. Both are very helpful. Please contact me at any time at mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com.

September

September 10, 7:30 pm: Brotherhood Book Club
All are welcome to join the fascinating discussion of Red Notice by Bill Browder

September 23, 6:30 pm: Men's Night Out

October

October 6, 9:00 am: Sukkah Building then lox and bagels

October 14, 6:30 pm: Steaks and Libation in the Sukkah

October 27, 9:00 am: Sukkah Deconstruction then lox and bagels *Come watch, come help, come enjoy breakfast!*

Tikkun Olam Network - TON

The TON had another super busy summer! We ran the Lower Merion Summer Café, our free lunch and activities program, for 6 busy weeks and not only provided lunch but also some fantastic programming for children under 18. We also collected food, packed, and distributed an average of 75 meal bags per week for children attending the Box Lunch & A Book Program and the Summer Café!! Thank you to everyone in our MLRT community for helping with this endeavor and especially to Feroza Nusbaum, Andrea Drechsler, and Molly Cudahy for taking over the bag packing project. We had corporate support from GIANT, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods.

HIAS PA was also quite busy; Linda Brock and Adele Margulies were hard at work with their team collecting and sorting household items for 19 incoming refugees from Russia, Ukraine, Congo, Iran, Ethiopia, and Afghanistan.

Coming up: lace up your running sneakers and join Team TON for the Bake, Rattle and Run 5K and 1 mi fun run on September 22 at 9:00 am. This fundraising event supports our partner, Mitzvah Circle Foundation. Please contact Beth Allen at ballenlevy@yahoo.com in order to register.

We are hosting an anti-gun violence program in collaboration with several other area interfaith congregations on October 15 at 7:00 pm. The goal is to discuss existing resources that aim to increase individual and community safety. Stay tuned for more details on this topic that unfortunately does not seem to be going away!

If you would like to become more involved in repairing our world (Tikkun Olam), please come to our next meeting on October 20 at 11:15 am.

Shalom!

Liz Stoller & Beth Allen, TON Co-Chairs

Sisterhood



Ami Lonner & Elizabeth Stoller,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood....What does it mean to be a sister? A sister is a friend, an ally, a supporter, a colleague. It can mean lots of different things. In the context of Main Line Reform Temple, the Sisterhood is a strong, committed, active, loving, caring and powerful group of women, who not only support each other, but also support the larger synagogue community and the community outside the temple too. Running this organization is a challenge, but also a reward. We are both looking forward to leading our MLRT Sisterhood for the 2019/2020 year and we are thrilled to see what the next year brings!

MLRT is like a living organism: always growing and changing. We added a new cantor, Cantor Faryn Rudnick, to our clergy last year and more recently, a new interim Executive Director, Esther Herst. Both are strong women in important roles in the life of our Temple. We are looking forward to working with them and the rest of the synagogue leadership to bring great programs to our Sisters, participate in and support meaningful Tikkun Olam projects, and as we are well known to do, raising significant funds for

various projects that support both Main Line Reform Temple and communities beyond.

With the fall comes the Jewish holidays and our annual holiday greetings. Look for information on how you can participate in this tradition of honoring our Temple clergy and supporting WRJ's YES Fund. The deadline for the High Holy Days greetings is October 4. Also our Honey for the Holidays fundraiser is a great way to send sweet holiday greetings to friends and family while also supporting Sisterhood. If you have any honey questions, please contact Mary Kamplain at 215-680-4282.

This fall will be busy with our Sisterhood Opening Dinner which takes place on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm at Evivva Restaurant. Watch for emails with all the details. We encourage all of our Sisters to join us for this annual welcome back gathering to see friends and enjoy each other's company.

Then get ready for Rummage!!! Our collection will begin on November 3 with the Rummage Sale on November 12 & 13.

Again, we are excited to lead this next chapter of Sisterhood. Please be on the lookout for information about all of the great programs we will have planned for the year.



Save the date for our Annual Rummage Sale on November 12 & 13!
Donations can be dropped off at MLRT starting November 3.

We need gently used clothing, coats, housewares, small appliances, costume & fine jewelry, games, toys, and more. NO shoes, VHS tapes, florist vases, wicker baskets, or computer equipment, please. *Proceeds benefit MLRT and various charities.*

Sorters and Day of Sale volunteers needed! Please contact Beth Greenblatt Ginsberg at bethgreenblatt@aol.com.

Sisterhood Opening Dinner

Tuesday, September 17 | 6:30 pm | Evivva Restaurant, 1236 Montgomery Ave, Narberth, PA

Kick off a fabulous year of Sisterhood with good food, good friends, and good fun! Please bring toiletries and/or women's hygiene products to support the Mitzvah Circle Foundation.

Questions? Contact Sue Rubin Plick at rubin.plick@comcast.net.

Register online at mlrt.org/sisterhood or submit below form with \$36 payment by September 10

Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

of women attending _____ Total amount enclosed _____



High Holy Days

Preparing for the *Yamim Noraim*, The High Holy Days

Our tradition wisely counsels that one cannot just jump into the High Holy Days, one needs to prepare in order to fully take advantage of the many possibilities for personal growth and transformation they offer. In the traditional community, this preparation begins a full month before Rosh Hashanah by incorporating additional prayers, meditations, and Psalms into the daily liturgy.

This preparation takes on additional urgency with Selichot, a service held the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah. Join in our communal Selichot observance, Saturday night, September 21 at 8:00 pm. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El will host; see further details below. There is something very powerful about coming together as a Lower Merion Community to prepare for these days before we each go to our own synagogues.

On Friday evening, September 20 and 27, our clergy will offer teaching sermons. We will look at some of the main themes and prayers of these days, and their musical settings, to help us better prepare for our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and experiences.

◇ Selichot/סליחות

Saturday, September 21 | 8:15 pm at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El

A meaningful evening of study, conversation and worship serves as a prelude to the High Holy Day season. Our clergy and the clergy of Adath Israel, Beth Hillel-Beth El, Beth David Reform Congregation, and Har Zion Temple will lead Havdallah, followed by a performance of "Oh God!" from Theater Ariel. Written by Anat Gov, this play is witty and poignant and will challenge you to examine issues of faith. Have a nosh and participate in your choice of concurrent Selichot worship: participatory traditional davening, Reform Mishkan HaLev Service with the Community Choir, or Contemplative Service: Chanting & Meditation.

What is Selichot?

Selichot are prayers of forgiveness that help us prepare for the High Holy Days. We participate as a community in Selichot to emphasize that before we return to our own work of transformation, we join together in unison, linking hearts and intentions with one another, strengthening one another.

◇ Parking/חניה

Space in the Temple parking lot is very limited during the High Holy Days. Preference will be given to those who qualify for disabled parking as well as our older members needing special assistance. If you fall into one of those categories, please call the MLRT office and we will add your name to the parking attendants' list.

We ask our other members to park at Lower Merion High School and take the shuttle bus to MLRT. Shuttles will run continuously between LMHS and MLRT for Rosh Hashanah Day, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur. You may drop off passengers at MLRT and then park at Lower Merion High School. Family members may hold one seat for their driver. If you park on the street, please be considerate of our neighbors and do not block driveways or fire hydrants. Local parking restrictions will be enforced. Please allow yourself extra time to park, show your tickets to security, and find seats.

Shuttle Service

Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 30: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kol Nidre, Tuesday, October 8: 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 9: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

◇ Security/הבטחה

We feel it necessary to enhance our security measures. Police and security guards will patrol inside and outside our services at MLRT and Lower Merion High School. Please remember to bring your tickets and show them at the front door. **Tickets are required for the Sanctuary Early/Late Services, Evening Services, and Contemporary Services.** Please cooperate with our parking lot attendants, police, security guards and ushers.

High Holy Days

◇ Rosh Hashanah/ראש השנה

Begins Sunday, September 29

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. In the book of Leviticus we read, “In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets. You shall not do any ordinary work.” On Rosh Hashanah, we celebrate the creation of the world and the counting of the years since then; this year is 5780. Another name for Rosh Hashanah is *Yom HaDin*, the Day of Judgment, when each of us is judged for our behavior over the past year. We also celebrate the arrival of a new year and the blessings we hope it will bring.

◇ Sanctuary Service/תפילה

Early & Late Sanctuary Services are led by Rabbi Straus and Cantor Rudnick. Join us for worship at the time that is most convenient for you.

◇ Contemporary Service/תפילה

**Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 30 and Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 9
10:00 am at Lower Merion High School**

Our Contemporary Services welcome the High Holy Days with innovative and creative prayers and music. Rabbi Geri Newburge and Ross M. Levy and the Levites lead a highly participatory cutting-edge visual prayer service at the Lower Merion High School auditorium. The auditorium has limited seating so only members and children with Contemporary Service tickets will be admitted.

◇ Children's Activities

Monday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 9 | 9:00 am and Tuesday, October 8 | 6:15 pm

Drop your children (age 2 – 3rd grade) off during the Early Adult Services for supervised play with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur themed activities led by our ECE and Religious School teachers.

◇ Youth Services

Monday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 9 | 10:30 am

These fun and interactive services, led by Rabbi Kevin Kleinman and Chana Rothman, are filled with music and movement for our young children (age 2 – 3rd grade). Parents are encouraged to attend the short service with their children.

◇ Family Services

Monday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 9 | 3:15 pm

Family Services led by our clergy and ECE team are designed for our youngest children and their families to worship in the Morganroth Sanctuary together. Tickets are not required and the community is welcome.

◇ Tashlich/תשליך

Monday, September 30 | 4:30 pm at Shortridge Park

Immediately following the Family Service, we will observe Tashlich at Shortridge Park. This is a kid-friendly custom, so please bring your family!

What is Tashlich? The word “Tashlich” means, “You will cast away.” For centuries Jews have gathered on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at bodies of water and recited the Tashlich prayer. It symbolizes our hope to get rid of our sins and for God to forgive us. We put bread crumbs in our pockets and shake the crumbs into the water to express our desire to be free of our sins.

High Holy Days

◇ Rosh Hashanah Second Day Study Session

Tuesday, October 1 | 10:00 am

Join Rabbi Newburge for an exploration of the traditional High Holy Day prayer *Unatana Tokef*. This haunting poem echoes through the generations and can lead to heartfelt discussions about its meaning and relevance in the modern world.

◇ Yom Kippur/ יום כפור

Starts Tuesday night, October 8

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, concludes the Ten Days of Awe, a period beginning on Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur is dedicated to introspection, prayer and forgiveness.

On Erev Yom Kippur, *Kol Nidre*, meaning “*All Vows*,” is chanted at the beginning of the service. It is a formal statement that nullifies all unfulfilled vows that an individual voluntarily took upon him or her self and concern the relationship between self and God. No oath or promise involving another person is included in *Kol Nidre*.

◇ Yizkor/ יזכור

Wednesday, October 9 during Early/Late Services

Yizkor, in Hebrew, means “Remember.” In this prayer, we implore G-d to remember the souls of our relatives and friends that have passed on. When we recite Yizkor, we renew and strengthen the connection between us and our loved ones, bringing honor to the departed souls, elevating them in their celestial homes.

◇ Yom Kippur Study Session

Wednesday, October 9 | 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Richard F. Steinbrink, this study session is an inspiring way to spend your Yom Kippur afternoon.

This year, we will focus on miracles. The Bible tells of miracles which occurred in ancient times. In our day we don't seem to experience any. Why is that? How can we explain the difference?

◇ Ne'ilah/ נעילה

Wednesday, October 9 | 4:30 pm

Ne'ilah means “closing the gate.” As the awesome day of Yom Kippur comes to a close, and our future is being sealed, we ask God to accept our sincere repentance and new resolutions, and that He seal us in the Book of Life, granting us a new year replete with goodness and happiness.

High Holy Days Schedule of Services

2019/5780

All services located at MLRT unless otherwise noted

Selichot

Saturday, September 21

8:15 pm Community Service & Program
at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29

7:30-9:00 pm Service

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 30

9:00-11:15 am Early Service

9:00-11:15 am Children's Activities & Service

10:00-11:30 am Contemporary Service at LMHS

12:15-2:30 pm Late Service

3:15-4:00 pm Family Service*

4:30 pm Tashlich Service at Shortridge Park

*(Shortridge Drive between Remington Road & E. Wynnwood Road
in Wynnwood)*

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, October 1

10:00-11:00 am Study Session

Erev Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 8

6:15-7:45 pm Early Service

6:15-7:45 pm Children's Activities

8:45-10:15 pm Late Service

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9

9:00-11:15 am Early Service

9:00-11:15 am Children's Activities & Service

10:00-11:30 am Contemporary Service at LMHS

12:15-2:30 pm Late Service

2:30-4:00 pm Study Session with Rabbi Steinbrink

3:15-4:00 pm Family Service*

4:30-6:30 pm Mincha & Ne'ilah

**Tickets not required for Family Service*

High Holy Days

High Holy Day Food Drive

Over 11,000 Jewish families in Philadelphia struggle with food insecurity. **YOU** can make a difference!

Nourish families in need by participating in the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia High Holy Day Food Drive.

Please drop off your unopened, kosher canned beans, nut butters, and canned fish to MLRT from September 29 to October 11.

Please no bulk or glass items, pasta, grains, cereal, or crackers.

High Holy Day Ushering *An Honor and a Mitzvah*

Ushers are essential for maintaining the dignity of all of our High Holy Day services. We need your help to assure the appropriate decorum. If you are interested, please contact Marc Cohen at 610-642-9632 or **mb.cohen1950@gmail.com**, and indicate the service date(s) and time(s) you are able to serve.

Thank you!

L'Shana Tova Greetings to Clergy & Senior Staff

DEADLINE APPROACHING RAPIDLY!

The High Holy Days offer an opportunity to support Women of Reform Judaism YES Fund by sending a holiday greeting to our clergy and senior staff. This fund supports:

- Youth - Programs for high school and college students
- Education - Rabbinic and Cantorial scholarships
- Special Projects - Local, national, and international Sisterhood programs

Don't miss out on adding your name and good wishes to the New Year's Greeting for our clergy and senior staff. Please remember that in addition to wishing our leaders a sweet year, you are also giving a gift to the future of our Reform movement.

Please use the form below or pay online at mlrt.org/sisterhood.

Thank you for your support!

L'Shana Tova Greetings to Clergy & Senior Staff, 5780

Please send your minimum \$36 check, payable to MLRT Sisterhood, % Beth Berkowitz, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096, no later than September 14, 2018. Please contact Beth Berkowitz at **bettyberk2@yahoo.com** with any questions.

Please print your name(s) below as you would like it to appear on the greeting:

Focus on Community – We'll bring the Sukkah to You!

Want to participate in Sukkot but don't have time to come to MLRT? We can make it easy for even the most time-challenged to celebrate, so you can focus on community.

MLRT has a limited number of Sukkah kits available at no cost for our congregants. Easy to put together – it only takes about 15 minutes to build and all you need is a ladder – they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask only that you invite family and friends to come together and enjoy your Sukkah, and that you return the kit intact after the holiday. We'll happily help you find others in our community if you aren't sure who to invite, and we'll gladly assist in putting the sukkah together if needed. MLRT wants to help you focus on celebrating the joy of Sukkot with your loved ones, rather than the occasional frustrations of building the sukkah.

Don't have room for a Sukkah? No problem. We'll bring our Sukkah-mobile to you! Right now we're planning on driving our Sukkah-mobile to visit many of our members during Sukkot. Look for more information about our Sukkah-mobile in your inbox and mail, and contact Gil Marder, Member Engagement & Program Manager, at **gmarder@mlrt.org** if you have questions.

Sisterhood Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale

Send a sweet holiday greeting to friends and family while supporting Sisterhood!

This distinctive 8-ounce jar of kosher honey arrives in time for Rosh Hashanah, decorated with a festive label, and includes a personalized card reading "Shana Tova—Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year. A donation has been made in your honor to MLRT Sisterhood."

\$17 per jar includes shipping in the US; add \$18 for Canada, \$28 for other countries, and \$5 for APO/FPO military addresses

**Make your High Holy Days stress-free.
Order now at mlrt.org/sisterhood**

Teach Our Children: ECE

Camp was a blast!

We had 75 campers this summer and they had so much fun that they asked to have camp all year long! Here are photos that show you some of our highlights of this summer.



Now you can find the ECE gearing up for the 2019-2020 school year!

Here are important dates for you to mark down on your personal calendar so you don't miss a beat.

September 2 – School Closed for Labor Day

September 3 – ECE Opens for Meet & Greet Day

September 4 – Meet & Greet continues for the 2s & 3s

Pre-K & Kindergarten Half Day – Early Dismissal at 12:00 pm

September 5 – The First Full Day of School!

September 16 – Classes for the Very Young Begin

September 23 – Back to School Night at 7:00 pm

September 30 – School Closed for Rosh Hashanah

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Bruchim Habaim – Welcome to Main Line Reform Temple's 2019-2020 Religious School year! Whether this is your child's first year or they are a returning student, I am so excited to begin another meaningful year of learning inside and outside the classroom with your family on Sunday, September 8. The clergy, faculty, and I have created a robust, dynamic, and fun curriculum that is designed to develop positive, Jewish identities and build core Jewish competencies for our students and families. There will be trips to the zoo and museums, challah baking to support the Ardmore Food Pantry, guest artists and bee keepers, and many memorable moments in the classroom learning. We have made changes that will create even more opportunities for parent engagement and reinforce the Jewish value of kavod, respect, in everything we do together. I can't wait to experience the transformational power of our Jewish educational programs with you this year.

NEW THIS YEAR: Our kindergarten through second graders and their parents will start their day with Zman Kehillah, Community Time, led by Cantor Rudnick and Ross M. Levy from 9:00-9:30am in the Chapel. We will also go on two trips using our community as a living learning laboratory.

***Opening Day (Kindergarten through Sixth Grade) - Sunday, September 8**

♦ *Early Session: 9:00 am – 11:00 am*

9:00 am: K- 2 families meet in the Chapel

3-6 families meet in their classroom

9:30 am: Opening Parent Meeting and Brunch

*Come for a nosh & leave inspired by author and essayist, Rachel Levy Lesser

10:30 am: 3rd-6th Grade Assembly for students/parents

11:00 am: Dismissal – meet in the lobby or the carline

♦ *Late Session: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm*

10:30 am: All-School Assembly (students and parents)

11:00 am: Students & parents go to their classroom

11:15 am: Opening Parent Meeting and Brunch

*Come for a nosh & leave inspired by author and essayist, Rachel Levy Lesser

12:30 pm: Dismissal – meet in the lobby or the carline

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend with their children on Opening Day

***Mid-Week Religious School Opening Day (Third through Sixth Grade)**

*Wednesday, September 11 (Early Session) – 4:00-5:30 pm**

*Thursday, September 12 (Late Session) – 4:00-5:30 pm**

*A homework room will be available from 5:30-6:00 pm for families needing additional coverage

***Seventh Grade and TheTribe Opening Day (Eighth through Twelfth Grade)**

Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Kindergarten through 6th grade class assignments will be emailed the week of September 2. Packets with the Religious School Calendar, the Parent Handbook, and information for the High Holy Days will be distributed on Opening Day.

Important Dates:

September 29 - No Religious School

October 1 - No Religious School

If you have any questions about our Religious School, please be in touch with Rabbi Kleinman at 610-642-0304 or kkleinman@mlrt.org. You can follow all of the wonderful things we are doing at mlrt.org/religious-school or join the "MLRT Religious School" Facebook group.

MLRT SukkahFest 2019: We have a limited number small sukkahs available to lend to families to enable them to celebrate this fun holiday at home. Please contact Rabbi Kleinman to reserve your sukkah (limited quantity available)

Your Voice Matters! Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for you to help shape our program and provide feedback. The Religious School Committee will host monthly open meetings. You can partner with us to make an impact on your child's Jewish education by volunteering to be a class parent or becoming a member of the committee. Additionally, our Religious Education Task Force is continuing its work to create a vision for the future of Jewish Education at MLRT.

Please email Religious School Committee Chair Hallie Lightdale at Lightdale.hallie@gmail.com to get involved.

Welcome Back Sh'Aloha Shabbat September 6 – Shabbat Family Service

6:00 pm: Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm: Family Service

7:00 pm: Hawaiian themed Shabbat Dinner & Activities

Shiru Shir Chadash – Shabbat Family Service October 4 - Hosted by 6th Grade

6:00-6:30 pm: Snack 'n Schmooze

6:30 pm: Family Service

7:30 pm: Shabbat Dinner

7:30 pm: MLRT Gaga Tournament!

Teach Our Children: TheTribe



Ross M. Levy,
*Director of Youth
Engagement*



TheTribe is back and better than ever!

Get ready for the next episode in MLRT's High School program. Students in 8th-12th grade are part of a bigger, better, customized program designed to help you explore Judaism and guide you on your own Jewish journey. TheTribe has been divided into four quarters:

TribeMadrichim - This is our Religious School teachers aide program. Students can apply to work with a teacher in the classroom on Sundays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Being selected to serve as a madrich or madricha means that our community sees you as a model for Jewish living and leadership.

TribeClasses - Our year will be made of up of four 8 week sessions. First we study together for three weeks in CORE, a grade level curriculum aimed to open our minds and focus on life through a Jewish perspective. Then we spend the next five weeks of the quarter immersed in an ELECTIVE chosen by you based in art, music, Israel, technology, video editing, sports, drama, and more.

TribeSocial - This is our incredible youth group program which combines hanging with your friends and incredible social events like zip lining, Escape the Room, social action programs, and more. Check our calendar of events for more info and don't miss a moment of the fun!

NFTY - The North American Federation for Temple Youth is our regional youth group. NFTY is a community for Reform Jewish high school students. Participants build friendships, lifelong Reform Jewish identities, and leadership skills through community building, worship, social action, and experiential youth-led Jewish educational programming.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR ROBUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CLASSES AT MLRT.ORG/THETRIBE



JOIN MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE'S JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: TRIBE JR.

tribe jr. is for students in grades 3-6 and will meet every other month for awesome events at MLRT and out in the world!

No membership required! Possible pop-up events throughout the year!

Come when you can and enjoy every minute!

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, October 27 | 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm GameChangerz Truck @ MLRT

Sunday, December 15 | 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Where's Waldo? IRL @ KoP Mall

Sunday, February 2 | 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm SkyZone @ KoP

Sunday, April 12 | 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm *Shabbat Gaga Finals @ MLRT

**Gaga tournaments will happen after Family Shabbat services every month. Winners will compete in the ultimate championship on April 12*

Contributions in Memory

Anne Simon Adult Education Fund

Janice Squires Weiner Yahrzeit of Alan Squires

Annual Fund

Phyllis & Gary Adler Yahrzeit of Jules Adler
Deanna & Frank Bompadre Asher Rubin
Cynthia Dickman Yahrzeit of Lillian Dickman
Vicki & Norm Ettenger Herb Hoffman
Eli Fatow Yahrzeit of Ruth Fatow
Marsha & Richard Gash Yahrzeit of Stephen Perilstein
Yahrzeit of Harold Perilstein

Annette Kazdan
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Art Fund

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Cantor Portnoy Music Fund

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Debbie & Richard Buchwald Yahrzeit of Miriam Margulies
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Susan & Alan Miller Yahrzeit of Leon Belasco
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Annual Fund

Nancy & George Broder

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Ken Harris & Mona
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Liz & Brad Robinson
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Levin Playground Fund

Diane & Albert Schwab Yahrzeit of Solomon Waxman
Yahrzeit of Irene Waxman
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Mitzvah Fund

Linda & Robert Broder Richard Ellis
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Sandy & Frank Norman Yahrzeit of Ruth Altschul
Susan & Larry Picker Joel Older
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Leo Lennick
Barbara & Jack Saline Bernard "Bud" La Bov
Rhona Shane Bryant Lehr
Herb Hoffman

Contributions in Memory

Odell/Diamond Library Fund

Jane Brown	Yahrzeit of Estelle Spritzer
Ann & Gordon Gelfond	Anthony Radosti
Barbara & Dennis Hoffman	Sol Pollan
	Leonard Cohen
Sue & Len Packel	Asher Rubin

Prime Time Seniors Fund

Norma Kider	Herb Hoffman
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Rabbi Newburge Discretionary Fund

Thea & James Howey	Suzanne Diamond
Klein, Melstein & Spector Families	Marc Spector
Elsa Levitt	Alan Levitt
Fay & Ted Mushlin	Yahrzeit of Morris Mushlin
	Fran Meth-Singer
Mindi & Philip Schwartz	Yizkor of Sonia Schwartz
Roslyn Skversky Squire	Yahrzeit of Winifred Skversky

Rabbi Straus Discretionary Fund

Nancy & Larry Bailine	Yahrzeit of Albert Baline
Sandra Bomze	Yahrzeit of Mae Lipstet
	Yahrzeit of David Bomze
Wendy & Matthew Botnick	Shana Oran
	Arnie Gelfman
David Bunin & Family	Family Yahrzeits
Bracha & David Camron	Dan Ginsparg
Larry Cooper	Yizkor of Marilyn Cooper
Sydney Davidoff	Yahrzeits of Family
Steffi Diamond	Michael Seligman
	Carole Seligman
Edgar Freudenberg	Yahrzeit of Doris Freudenberg
	Yahrzeit of Helen Ehrenfried
Jerome & Anne Gold	Yahrzeit of Helen Wohl
Harriette Goldenberg	Edwin Goldenberg
Marcy Hoffman	Herb Hoffman
Essie & Steve King	Yahrzeit of Frank King
	Yahrzeit of Tillie King
Debbie Klein & Family	Yahrzeit of Pauline Klein
	Yahrzeit of Benjamin Abrams
	Yahrzeit of Max Klein
	Yahrzeit of Sidney Klein
Maxine Koenig	Yahrzeit of Max Lerner
Elaine & Don Krasnick	Paul Nerenberg
Ellen, Andrew & Alice Lehr	Bryant Lehr
Elsa Levitt	Alan Levitt
Myrna Marlowe	Yahrzeit of Louis Lieberman
Ellen Milgrim and Andrew Keiser	Yahrzeit of Ellie Keiser
Sandy & Frank Norman	Yahrzeit of Aaron Altschul
Wendy & Jay Sabin	Bryant Lehr
Sydelle Salkind	Scott Salkind
Mindi & Philip Schwartz	Yizkor of Sonia Schwartz
Gregory & Rebecca Segall	Yahrzeit of Donald Segall
Ann, Marc & Jonny Sonnenfeld	Yahrzeit of Rochelle Sonnenfeld
Cindy & Martin Spector	Eric Straus

Rabbi Straus Discretionary Fund cont.

Marilyn & Herb Vichnin	Yahrzeit of Jacob Goldberg
	Yahrzeit of Betty Davison
	Beloved Father of Marina Nikhinson
Celia Wasserman	Yahrzeit of Joseph Wasserman
Renee Zenker	Michael Lucente

Rachel Savett Children's Music Fund

Cindy & Robert Savett	Jon Genderson
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Religious Practices Fund

Cindy & Jeff Ruben	Bryant Lehr
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Rick Carocci Torah Study Fund

The Mah Jongg Ladies: Anita, Janice, Sandy & Shellie	Thelma Bayuk
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Ritual Purpose/Torah Fund

Gail, Bob, Mark, Laura, Steven & Alison Rudenstein and Brittany Wensel	Yahrzeit of Irwin Tobe
	Yahrzeit of Esther Tobe

Schnyder Floral Fund

Gail, Bob, Mark, Laura & Steven Rudenstein	Yahrzeit of Rose Whitman
Gail Simon	Rose Cozen

Sisterhood Fund

Cindy & Jeff Ruben	Irene Frank
Melissa Schorr and Ellen Rose	Jerome Krassenstein

Weinberg Multimedia Library

Nancy & Larry Abrams	Lynne Klempner
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Mazal Too!

Debbie Foreman Cohen on the marriage of her son, Jason, to Amy Antar and the marriage of her daughter, Alison, to Justin Lingel

Irma & Roy Foreman on the wedding of their grandson, Jason Cohen, and Amy Antar and the wedding of their granddaughter, Alison Cohen, and Justin Lingel

Charlotte & Marvin Garber on the marriage of their daughter, Suzanne Comer, to Mark Broome

Stacey & Herman Gerwitz on the engagement of their daughter, Morgan, to Zachary Levin

MLRT Brotherhood on their Outstanding Program award from the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ)

Bonnie & Elliott Schulman on the engagement of their son, David, to Adrienne Webb

Contributions in Honor

Annual Fund

Susan Haiman and Albert Bensoussan	Birth of Jonah Mishkin
Alicia & Stuart Levy	Bat Mitzvah of Lila Schwartzberg
Main Line Reformers	MLRT
Major Marks and Barbara Stein	50th Anniversary of Fay & Ted Mushlin
Fay & Ted Mushlin	Missy Johnson's New Position
Bette & Sheldon Steinberg	Speedy Recovery of Fonda Hartman

Art Fund

Ava Feinberg	Joy Mammuth
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Brotherhood Fund

Kamplain Family	Speedy Recovery of Gary Brock
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Camp Harlam Scholarship Fund

Melanie & Les Schwartzberg	In Appreciation of Missy Johnson
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Cantor Rudnick Discretionary Fund

Beth Allen & Henry Levy	Bat Mitzvah of Alana Levy
Tracey & Jeffrey Jubelirer	Bat Mitzvah of Sofie Jubelirer
Melanie & Les Schwartzberg	In Appreciation of Cantor Rudnick
Jane Tumpson	In Appreciation of Cantor Rudnick

Hassel Adult Education Fund

Helene Ehrlich-Cohen & Marc Cohen	Speedy Recovery of Sidney Margulies
	Speedy Recovery of Fonda Hartman
Elayne & Stephen Stamm	In Appreciation of Gloria Goldberg

Hausen Education & Cultural Fund

Helene Ehrlich-Cohen & Marc Cohen	Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Max Hausen
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L'Dor Va'Dor Endowment Fund

Nancy & George Broder	In Appreciation of Missy Johnson
Ilyse, Dave, Nola & Sofie Pratter	85th Birthday of Jerry Harvitz
	25th Wedding Anniversary of Patty & Jerry Harvitz
Shellie Wiener & Alan Geist	Bar Mitzvah of Asher Polsky
Mona Zeehandelaar & Ken Harris	In Appreciation of Missy Johnson

Levin Playground Fund

Diane & Albert Schwab	Speedy Recovery of Sidney Margulies
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Mitzvah Fund

Linda Broder	Bat Mitzvah of Emily Marks
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Music Fund

Bette & Sheldon Steinberg	Missy Johnson's New Position
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Odell/Diamond Library Fund

Ann & Gordon Gelfond	Birth of Andrew Ross DeMayo
Gail Rudenstein	In Appreciation of Missy Johnson

Rabbi Newburge Discretionary Fund

Beth Allen & Henry Levy	Bat Mitzvah of Alana Levy
Jodie & Daniel Klein	In Appreciation of Rabbi Newburge
Debbie & Howard Lucker	Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Kopelman
Fay & Ted Mushlin	50th Anniversary of Fay & Ted Mushlin
Courtney & Justin Villere	Bris of Griffin Villere

Rabbi Straus Discretionary Fund

Beth Allen & Henry Levy	Bat Mitzvah of Alana Levy
Sarah & Darren Henry	B'nai Mitzvah of William & Amanda Henry
Tracey & Jeffrey Jubelirer	Bat Mitzvah of Sofie Jubelirer
Bernice Novin	Wedding of Ellen Rockower & Matt Hotz

Religious School Fund

Beth Allen & Henry Levy	Bracha Camron
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Schnyder Floral Fund

Gail Simon	Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Bobrin
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Sisterhood Fund

Joan Blum	Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Sisterhood Officers
	Wedding of Suzanne Comer and Mark Broome
	Speedy Recovery of Fonda Hartman
Charlotte & Marvin Garber	Birth of Nora Burlingame
Kamplain Family	Speedy Recovery of Fonda Hartman
Terri Meadow	Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Sisterhood Officers
Terri Meadow and Barry Weisberg	Retirement of Dennis Hoffman, DDS
	Wedding of Suzanne Comer and Mark Broome

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Monday, May 4, 2020

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In Memorium

We extend condolences to members of our community on the loss of their loved ones

Thelma Bayuk

Sister of Sunny Morgenstern

Richard Ellis

Husband of Gilda Ellis

Father of Jane Ellis Gitomer

Grandfather of Andrew and Carolyn Gitomer

Irene Frank

Daniel Norman Ginsparg

Brother of Joel Ginsparg

Uncle of Benjamin, Jacob, and Rebecca Ginsparg

Mark Krause

Father of Kimberly Silverman

Grandfather of Katie and Daniel Silverman

Leo Lennick

Grandfather of Jessica Lennick

Stuart Mitchell

Cousin of Sherrill Neff

Anthony Radosti

Father of Elizabeth Radosti-Chapman

Grandfather of Mia Chapman

Asher Rubin

Father of Jessica Klein

Grandfather of Margo Klein

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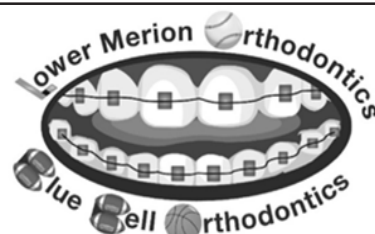
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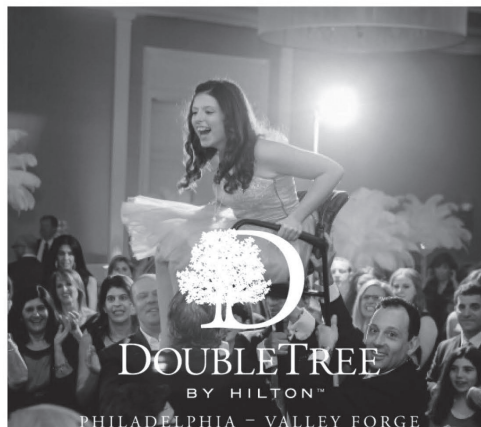
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Friday, September 6

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6:30 pm Sh'Aloha Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 7

8:30 am Early Prayers & Songs of Praise
9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Chapel Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Service
*B'nai Mitzvah of Charlotte Victoria,
Samuel Dylan & Jacob Davis Wizov*
Daughter and Sons of Michelle & Ryan
Wizov
5:00 pm Mincha Service
Bat Mitzvah of Benedict Tessler
Son of Dee & Alan Tessler

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

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 Miranda Cecelia Mollick
Daughter of Lilach & Ethan Mollick
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Wallach
Son of Cristina & Matthew Wallach
5:00 pm Mincha Service
Bat Mitzvah of Adeline Frank
Daughter of Laura & Bradford Frank
Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Davis Fertels
Son of Karen & Scott Fertels

Friday, September 20

6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze
6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 21

Selichot
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 Melanie Kate Richards
Daughter of Michelle & Gordon Richards
8:15 pm Community Selichot, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El

Friday, September 27

6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze
6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 28

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 Ethan Ruderman
Son of Dana & Seth Ruderman
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Daniel Hartstein
Son of Alison & Joel Hartstein
5:00 pm Mincha Service
Bar Mitzvah of Cole Kelman
Son of Caren & Michael Kelman

Sunday, September 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, September 30

Rosh Hashanah
9:00 am Traditional Early Service
Children's Activities
10:00 am Contemporary Service at Lower Merion
High School
10:30 am Youth Service with Rabbi Kleinman
12:15 pm Traditional Late Service
3:15 pm Family Service
4:30 pm Tashlich Service at Shortridge Park

Tuesday, October 1

10:00 am 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah Study Session

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1	2 LABOR DAY MLRT Closed	3 ECE Meet & Greet	4 ECE Meet & Greet 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir 12:00 pm Bridge 12:00 pm Pre-K & K Dismissal	5 11:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Canasta 7:30 pm Friends of Bill W (AA)	6 9:00 am ECE Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Hawaiian Treat Snack & Schmooze 6:30 pm Sh'Aloha Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Sh'Aloha Shabbat Dinner	7 8:30 am Morning Prayers 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Chapel Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Charlotte, Sam, and Jacob Wizov 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Benedict Tessler
8 RS Opening Day	9 9:15 am Hatha Yoga 12:00 pm Mah-Jongg 7:00 pm Selichot Choir Rehearsal	10 12:15 pm Forward Thinking 7:00 pm Brotherhood Book Club 7:00 pm 7th Grade Opening Night 7:00 pm Tribe Opening Night	11 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir 12:00 pm Bridge	12 11:00 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Short Story Discussion Group 12:30 pm Canasta 7:00 pm FTD Caregivers Meeting 7:30 pm Friends of Bill W (AA) 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	13 9:00 am ECE Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze 6:30 pm Reset & Renew Shabbat Service	14 8:30 am Morning Prayers 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Chapel Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Miranda Mollick & Noah Wallach 5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Maxwell Fertels & Adeline Frank
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