



MAIN SPEAKER SERIES 2018-



DAVID AXELROD

"The Evolving Media and Political Landscape"

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2018 7:30 PM

Join MLRT two days after the mid-term elections as we welcome noted CNN Senior Political Commentator, David Axelrod

David Axelrod was the Former Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama, the Host of "The Axe Files," Director of the non-partisan Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago, and author of the New York Times bestselling memoir, Believer, My Forty Years in Politics.

Tickets starting at \$40 http://www.mlrt.org/speakerseries.html **Sponsorship opportunities available** Vic Haas at <u>Treasurer@mlrt.org</u>

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 8, 2019 | DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6 - Don't forget to vote!

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Consecration

Friday, November 2 | 6:30 PM

The first grade Consecration Ceremony will take place at our monthly Shiru Shir Chadash Friday night family Shabbat service. Consecration is an opportunity for us to formally welcome first grade students to Religious School. The first grade class will help us lead Shabbat services. They will be called up to the Ark to receive special blessings. We will give them a certificate and a gift as well to remember this momentous day in their Jewish education!

RSVP by October 31 www.mlrt.org/reservations or 610-642-0304

Main Line Speaker Series: David Axelrod

Thursday, November 8 | 7:30 PM

Tickets are now on sale for David Axelrod, the first of our Main Line Speaker Series. Join us 2 days after the midterm election and hear from Senior CNN Political Correspondent and former Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama, Axelrod.

General admission tickets starting at \$40; visit http://www.mlrt.org/speakerseries.html for more information or to purchase tickets.

Reset & Renew: Contemporary Shabbat Service

Friday, November 16 | 6:30 PM

Stressful week? Hit the reset button on your week—come in out of the cold and into the warmth of Shabbat. Lend your voice as you participate in this engaging and spiritual Shabbat experience. The service is upbeat and offers contemporary music led by Ross M. Levy and the Levites.

Shishi BaBayit

Friday, November 16

You are invited to take part in a very special Shabbat meal! Join three other families, one from MLRT and two Israeli families, for Shabbat dinner at home.

This is a can't miss experience to share Shabbat together. Help us build community and meet your neighbors and MLRT fellow members.

We are looking for families to attend and to host. There is no cost to attend. If you are interested, please email Beth Lloyd at **blloyd@mlrt.org** by November 9.

Grow with MLRT



Rabbi Straus

Dear Friends,

I have long had a dream and vision of (please pardon the mixed metaphor) Main Line Reform Temple being a Jewish cathedral. By this, I mean a place where the entire community can come and learn, debate, and wrestle with the major ethical, moral, and political issues of our times, and most especially to hear from major thinkers, teachers, authors, theologians, and artists on these critical issues. The need for informed conversation has perhaps never been greater. We are living in a time of increasing tribalization; more and more we obtain information and data only from those sources with whom we already agree.

With the generosity and help of our congregants, Drs. Gail Morrison and Joel Morganroth, we are thrilled to launch a new program this year at MLRT—our MLRT Speaker Series. With their lead gift, and the support of other congregants and important community businesses who join as sponsors, we will bring to our community two riveting personalities: David Axelrod on November 8, 2018 and Doris Kearns Goodwin on May 8, 2019. It is our hope that this will be an annual series, rivaling the Widener Lecture Series in Center City—yet you won't need to drive downtown to attend. David Axelrod will be speaking to us two days after the midterm elections to help us understand what they mean, and where we are going. Doris Kearns Goodwin will help us think about what presidential leadership means in the 21st century.

We are indeed fortunate to have these two world renowned thinkers and authors join us, and I hope you will invite your friends to join the discussion. Even more, I hope the conversations that begin that night will continue in the days and weeks following.

In truth, while we do not have David Axelrod and Doris Kearns Goodwin in our community every week, we are blessed to have a rich array of learning experiences at MLRT. We are blessed to live in a community that is rich in resources, and are fortunate to be able to invite many scholars, thinkers and authors to share their learning with us. I hope this year you will choose to come more and more to learn, discuss and intellectually and spiritually grow and be challenged with us. We offer a wide array of learning possibilities for adults: from classes taught by your clergy, to our Sunday morning Hassel Lecture Series; from book groups and discussions to other adult learning opportunities. Come grow with us!

I look forward to sharing an enthralling evening with you on November 8.

Cantor Rudnick

Thank You!

I often joke with people that one of the reasons I chose to become a cantor, as opposed to a rabbi, is because I am not nearly as eloquent with words as our rabbis. I share this because I am at a loss for the right words to say thank you; two little words but a powerful phrase. On Friday, October 12, I was formally welcomed and installed as the Cantor of this sacred and beautiful community. It was a special night, to say the least.

I owe a great deal of thanks to Andy Heller and the choir, who elevate our prayers through their beautiful singing; an enormous thanks to the team – Melissa Johnson, Rabbi Straus, Rabbi

Newburge, Rabbi Kleinman, Rabbi Hausen, Rabbi Helbraun, Cantor Portnoy, Ross M. Levy, and Missy Horrow – who it is an honor and pleasure to work with every day; and I owe an incredible amount of gratitude to you, the MLRT community. This community is a family, made special by each of you and the gifts you give. Thank you for embracing me so warmly, and thank you for allowing me to be your Cantor.

Talking About Tzedakah



Joel Ginsparg

Here is a little thought experiment. Imagine I hand each of you \$100,000 and ask you to give this money to tzedakah. There are no restrictions on this money, only that you donate all of it to charity. My question to you is how would you go about deciding where to donate this money? It is a challenging question as we can often feel pushed and pulled in so many different directions when it comes

to charitable giving. I open the mailbox in the month of December and it seems like every day I receive a request for a year-end donation.

So how do we decide? Who receives that \$100,000? Perhaps we can begin to answer this question by thinking about the Hebrew word tzedakah itself. We derive this word from the Hebrew root tzedek, which means justice. When we as Jews give tzedakah, we not only support people in need, but we view ourselves as distributing our funds as a means of bringing more good into this world.

Moses Maimonides, the great 12th century Spanish rabbi and physician, was an avid follower of Aristotle. Aristotle, in his writings, prompts us to act based on our passions and our inclinations and to think about our "telos", a Greek word meaning purpose. In other words, each of us was put on this earth and we each have some kind of greater purpose. We should figure out what our purpose is and give based on that realization. If you love music, you should give to a musical charity. If you love art, then donate to an art museum. Maimonides internalized this Aristotelian view. In his commentary on the Mishnah, Maimonides wrote, "The saintly man is guided in his actions by that to which his inclination and disposition prompt him." Maimonides also wrote that our charitable giving is a symbol of our Jewish identity. Our giving is deeply personal and it should have meaning. Where we give our money should reflect our personal beliefs and values. It should speak to our telos, our purpose on this earth.

Judaism presents us with a multiplicity of dichotomies, of tensions that we struggle to understand. When it comes to our obligation to give tzedakah, our sacred texts highlight the complex tension between the giver and the recipient. We want to give to organizations that have meaning to us and that are in line with our own values and passions. But we must also reach out and understand the recipient. The poor and needy must not be anonymous figures to us but rather real people with specific needs. We must

understand those needs and how to most effectively meet those needs.

While we are fortunate to live in a fairly well to-do community, we have friends and neighbors who need our help. Many are hungry or need clothing or shelter. We pass them as we walk or drive our neighborhood streets. They are not faces without names. To address their needs, Main Line Reform Temple has programs to address food insecurity including sourcing food for food banks, packing and supplying box lunches to families who cannot afford to put three meals on the table each day, providing support for a lunch program during the summer for school age children who receive meals during the school year, and growing and supplying food to the hungry from our summer garden. We also support programs to address illiteracy such as providing volunteer librarians in the public schools in West Philadelphia. We support women's shelters and provide aid to immigrants.

These efforts do not come without significant and meaningful costs. Each year, your membership contributions provide the more than \$2.5 million we spend in support of our core religious mission – that is the equivalent of \$2,500 per member. And that is before the costs of our Religious School or Early Childhood Education programs, which are partially funded by enrollment fees. I want to again thank you for your membership contributions. However, our efforts to address the social needs of our community, such as hunger and illiteracy, and to provide intellectual and cultural programs require additional funds. In late November, you will receive this year's MLRT Annual Report and a request to give to our Annual Fund. I ask you to consider supporting these efforts by contributing to our Annual Fund when you make charitable contributions.

If you haven't had a conversation with your family about your giving, take this opportunity to do so. Think about your telos, your purpose. I hope that Main Line Reform Temple can help you further your unique mission in this world. We can and should think more seriously and intentionally about our giving. We can have real and meaningful conversations with others about donating to charity and we can bring more tzedek, more justice, more good into this world.

Joel H. Ginsparg President Main Line Reform Temple – Beth Elohim

Creating Community



Are you a guitar player? Bicyclist? Knitter? Wine expert? Music aficionado? Theatre goer? Hiker? Museum lover? Other??

Email Cindy Ruben at cdruben@verizon.net or Elliot Shulman at

esmdha@gmail.com and tell us your ideas. We are here to create a group for you! This is an opportunity to connect, meet, and create connections with Temple members.

RUNNING CLUB

Tuesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 9:00 AM

Start your day off right and join Rabbi
Newburge and fellow members on
Tuesday mornings at 9 AM for an
easy and fun run. Our runs are paced for everyone to
participate. For questions contact Rabbi Newburge at
gnewburge@mirt.org or 610-649-7800.



MLRT's SECOND ANNUAL SOUP'S ON....SHABBAT! Friday, November 16 | 7:30 PM (after Reset and Renew)

Please join us at the Temple for this fun evening of soup and schmooze. Use your creative cooking skills and prepare your favorite soup to share with the group. All are welcome, but if you are not bringing a soup, we kindly ask for a \$10 donation/person. In addition, we ask for cans of soup to donate to the local food bank. As always, BYOBeverage is encouraged. And, of course, there will be yummy desserts!

Please contact David at **drderawdin@aol.com** or Bonnie at **boncakes@gmail.com**.

HIKE WITH RABBI NEWBURGE Saturday, November 10 | 8:30 AM

Shabbat is a day to reconnect with the world around us. Take this opportunity to share Shabbat, fall foliage, and explore beautiful Wissahickon Park with your community. Prayer, song, and lively discussion are included. We meet in the parking lot at MLRT at 8:30 AM.

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



EMPTY NESTERS GO TO THE MOVIES

Wednesday, November 7 7:00 PM at the National Museum of American Jewish History

Join the Empty Nesters for Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival spotlight film screening of the powerful documentary from acclaimed director Roberta Grossman, "Who Will Write Our History."

Determined to keep the truth of their struggle from dying with them, historian Emanuel Ringelblum and journalist Rachel Auerbach write tirelessly of their days and nights spent in the Warsaw Ghetto. This official selection of the San Francisco and Washington Jewish Film Festivals is a testament to the power in preserving the truth, no matter the cost.

Contact Linda Gordon at **lindandan@comcast.net** with questions or to RSVP. Hope to see you at the movies!

CINEMA CLUB

Sunday, November 18 | 6:00 PM

The Cinema Club will meet at Nancy and Ed Bleeden's home to discuss First Man. This movie provides a cathartic experience to revisit the spirit of what America once did. You will understand the space flight and walk more deeply, how it happened, what it meant, and why its mystery still lingers.

RSVP to the Bleedens at embleeden44@yahoo.com.

BEER CLUB

Sunday, December 2

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.

Location TBD

Creating Community

PRIME TIME PRESENTS: Naomi Miller Monday, November 12 | 11:30 AM

One of the most delightful events of our 2018-2019 Prime Time programming year will take place as very special guest entertainer Naomi Miller visits MLRT! Naomi is one of the great Jewish entertainers in our area—a great singer, a great comedienne, a great lover of life, a great human being. Whether performing "Love and Liposuction," "You Are the Future" (Holocaust), or her marvelous "International Café," this is a woman who is not to be missed. Imagine Madeline Kahn, Edith Piaf, Molly Picon, Joan Rivers and Madonna all wrapped up into one entertainer—that's Naomi Miller! For music, comedy, fun and entertainment, be with us on November 12 at 11:30 AM.

We'll also enjoy a delicious deli luncheon! The cost is just \$12. Please mail or give payment to the Temple office so we'll know you will be in attendance. Your check is your reservation. Don't be disappointed. Your reservation by Thursday, November 8, ensures a great lunch as well as a great program!

AMBASSADORS NEEDED

This fall we welcomed many new members to the MLRT family. The most important job we have is to open our arms to these new families. Last year, a committee was formed; a small group of people to act as ambassadors to new congregants. The task of an ambassador is being a buddy or introducing new members to the myriad of possibilities that exist within our walls. This committee is one of the most important tools we have to reinforce our reputation as a spiritual, welcoming home.

This committee meets every 4 weeks, or so, to discuss progress and brainstorm new ideas. No requirements are necessary, just a smile and a welcoming hand. Returning and new committee members are welcome. Contact Fonda Hartman at yogamom23@comcast.net.

Tikkun Olam Network—TON

The Tikkun Olam Network, or TON, is a group interested in helping repair our world by doing work together in our neighborhood. We share information about projects that we are passionate about, and also create opportunities for social action for our MLRT community all year long.

We had a very full and productive first meeting in September. We are looking forward to continuing to bridge together the different groups that carry out social justice programs in our MLRT community! Join us for our next meeting on **November 18** at **11:15 AM**. For questions or more information, please contact Liz Stoller at **ljstoller@gmail.com** or Beth Allen at **ballenlevy@yahoo.com**.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PRESENTS:

Nina Simone: Four Women

Saturday, March 23 | 6:30 PM at People's Light Theater

Join the Community Connections Committee of Main Line Reform Temple and Zion Baptist Church for a not to be missed musical production.

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

Reserved seats on sale now for \$40 each, which includes a reserved seat and the dramaturges presentation before the play. There are limited seats, and it will sell out, so RSVP today to Amanda Becker at mamsbecker@gmail.com or 610-964-9473. Checks should be made out to Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Please note "Nina Simone" on the envelope and check.

HATHA YOGA Mondays | 9:00 PM

Women come together in this weekly, open to the community yoga class to practice balance, muscle strength and stillness through yoga. All ages, health levels and experience are represented. The class is \$5 for the hour, with no prior reservation needed. Come make a difference to your breath, body and community. Feel free to email our MLRT member and teacher with any questions, Eileen Edman, at **Eedman@comcast.net**.

Brotherhood



Gary Brock

As stewards of our Temple it should be noted that Brotherhood devotes some thirty man hours each in the setting up and taking down of our Sukkah each year. Moreover, Brotherhood has provided funds for the smaller Sukkahs for the use of the Religious School as well, increasingly, for use by our congregants. Rabbi Straus has always desired such a wonderful possibility for congregants and it's clear that many are setting up their "rent-a-sukkah." While the weather was particularly unpleasant during Sukkot, many events were held in the Sukkah, delightfully decorated by our Religious School and ECE children. While the accompanying picture depicts some of the Brotherhood volunteers putting up the Sukkah, here is a more complete list of participants: Ed Blumenthal, Mike Scheinfield, BJ Slipakoff, Jon and Jacob Arnon, Steven Handleman, Keith Burcheson, Marc Rockford, Ed Bleeden,

and Glenn Brooks. While rain poured incessantly that morning, nothing but smiles all around from these stalwarts!

November's Brotherhood activities will consist of the following:



- Men's Night Out on **November 5** will be at Tango in Bryn Mawr, beginning at 6:30 PM. And, as always, the first libations are on Brotherhood.
- On November 4, we will have an opportunity to assist in the annual Gladwyne Cemetery cleanup with Beth David Reform Congregation.
- The anticipated brunch for **November 11** is cancelled. It is expected that a brunch will be in the offing later in the year.

Questions about Brotherhood in general or in particular should be addressed to our esteemed president, Ed Bleeden who, in his retirement, claims he is constantly searching for things to keep him occupied.

Save the Date for the annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Wine Dinner, Wednesday, February 13 at 7 PM.

Details to be announced.

November

4 Gladwyne Cemetery Cleanup with Beth David 9:00 AM - Beth David parking lot

December

20 Texas Hold'em 6:30-11 PM

February

13 Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Wine Dinner

21 Texas Hold'em 6:30 -11 PM

March

24 Purim Carnival

29 Brotherhood Shabbat Service

April

15 Sports Dinner 6:30 PM

29 Texas Hold'em 6:30 -11 PM

May

22 Golf Tournament

July

4 Fourth of July - Narberth/Pizza

Men's Night Out

6:30 PM; first drink on Brotherhood

November 5 Tango

December 12 Town Tap

January 9 Grog

February 6 Iron Hill

March 6 Lumbrada Cocina

April 1 Lucky Dog

May 6 Founding Farmers

June 3 Clam Tavern

Sisterhood



Mary Kamplain

Last month, MLRT President, Joel Ginsparg, challenged us to consider and articulate what our Jewish WHY is, why Judaism matters to us. I think about that often, especially when I am knee-deep in a big project like Sisterhood's Rummage Sale, or trying to figure out if I can attend meetings three nights in a row. The question dogs me when I am talking to congregants about renewing their synagogue membership and driving my kids to MLRT multiple times each week. Why do we do all of this? Why does it matter?

As Joel pointed out, the Jewish WHY is a personal question. For me, it is all about connection, not only to our ancient, shared history and to the generations that will come after us, but also, and most importantly, to each other right now. I may not be able to figure out why we exist or what will

become of us centuries from now, but I know that we are meant to face these questions, and the daily business of living, together. My Jewish WHY is about making the connections that will sustain me in the best and worst moments of life. Sometimes we find connection in communities that are built for us, like the schools we attend or the companies that employ us. And sometimes we find meaning and purpose by creating a community of people who want the support and collective wisdom and strength that come from joining together. For me, Sisterhood is a powerful way to feel connected, to take the values and traditions that inform us and to create a community that works together to make the world kinder, funnier, more compassionate, and just better.

We will be celebrating our Sisterhood community on **Monday, November 26** at **6:30 PM** at this year's Members' Appreciation Dinner. If you haven't joined Sisterhood this year, I hope you will renew your membership online or in the main office, then join us for this wonderful evening. We also look forward to seeing you on **November 13** at Cook-for-a-Friend (**9:30 AM**) and at our General Board Meeting (**7 PM**).



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 6:30 PM

SAMPLE AND PURCHASE ESSENTIAL OILS AND OLIVE OIL ENJOY DINNER AND DRINKS WITH YOUR SISTERS!

REGISTER ONLINE AT HTTP://WWW.MLRT.ORG/SISTERHOOD.HTML BY NOVEMBER 21

Please bring new socks (all sizes) for our Mitzvah Circle Foundation collection

This free event is a thank you for our Sisterhood members. If you would like to Join Sisterhood and attend, please renew your membership online or in the Temple office.

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown

Looking ahead to our short story group on November 15 we will read "The Kerchief" by one of our master writers, S.Y Agnon. Shmuel Yosef Agnon won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1966. He is known as the chronicler of the lost world of Eastern European Jewry and the emerging society of modern Israel. The story can be found in several collections. Copies of "The Kerchief" will be in the lobby or in the library. Join us as we read this fine example of his remarkable work.



Please join us in our mission to enrich our MLRT community through the literary arts.

HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION **LECTURE: The Impact of Climate Change on Public Health**

Sunday, November 18 9:30 AM Coffee & Bagels | 10:00 AM Lecture with Richard Tolin



Richard Tolin

Join us as we welcome Richard Tolin, M.D., F.A.C.P. who will lead a fascinating discussion on climatology, global systems of health, water, and nutrition, with an emphasis on Southeastern Pennsylvania.



FORWARD THINKING: LUNCH & LEARN Tuesday, November 13 | 12:15 PM

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

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.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH OUR RABBIS

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

Center City

Tuesday, November 6 | 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.



Rabbi Straus

King of Prussia

Monday, November 12 | 12:00 PM

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

Learn & Lunch with Rabbi Newburge

Friday, November 30 | 12:00 PM Please join us for a year of thought provoking and informative sessions about "Did You Know?...Where Jewish Practice Comes From." This month we explore why we can violate certain commandments to save a life. Please



Rabbi Newburge

plan to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Sandwiches or wraps provided. Hosted by Lisa & Bruce Greenblatt. Please RSVP to Cynthia at cmarshall@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800.

Lifelong Learning



David Axelrod

Main Line Speaker Series: David Axelrod

Thursday, November 8 | 7:30 PM

Join us two days after the midterm elections for David Axelrod, the first outstanding presentation of our Main Line Speaker Series.

David Axelrod is a veteran of politics and journalism and the former chief strategist and senior advisor to President Barack Obama. He currently serves as director of the University of Chicago's non-partisan Institute of Politics and as the host of The Axe Files, a podcast jointly produced by CNN and his institute. Axelrod, a former political writer for the Chicago Tribune and media strategist behind 150 state, local and national campaigns, also is the author of The New York Times best-selling memoir, "Believer: My Forty Years in Politics."

General admission tickets starting at \$40; visit http://www.mlrt.org/speakerseries.html for more information or to purchase tickets.

The Main Line Speaker Series is underwritten by a generous grant from Gail & Joel Morganroth. Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Firstrust Bank, and contributing sponsors Bellevue Communication, Beacon Pointe Private Wealth Advisors, Marcia & Ned Kaplin, and Marcy & Tom Wiener.



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: Greater Philadelphia/South Jersey Mondays, from 7:30-9:30 PM (last class March 4, 2019)

Introduction to Judaism is an engaging course for those who are looking for a deeper understanding of Jewish life through a Reform lens. It is designed for interfaith couples, adults raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, and Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience.

Taught by our MLRT rabbis and other local Reform rabbis, these courses explore Jewish holidays and life cycle ceremonies, beliefs and values, prayer and Jewish texts, the Holocaust, modern Israel, the American Jewish experience, and the tapestry of the Jewish people today.

Tuition: \$275 per individual or couple/ \$180 for MLRT members. Register at https://tinyurl.com/introphilly



YIDDISH CLASSES!

Mondays, starting October 29 Beginners 1:00-1:55 PM Intermediate 2:00-2:55 PM

Learn a bissl Yiddish this fall, with a wonderful teacher, the delightful Rita Ratson.

Two classes are being offered for your enjoyment, a makhayeh.

- Beginning Yiddish is for those who want to refresh or begin to develop basic vocabulary and beginning competency in speaking, reading and writing Yiddish. No previous knowledge of the alphabet is required.
- Intermediate Yiddish is for those who are able to read and write Yiddish and want to become even more fluent.

Idioms and expressions are also taught in these courses. Come and experience a class...you will not want to leave.

Join a 10-week course, one hour classes, MLRT members only, what a mtzeeyah. \$125 for the entire eight-session semester. Contact Cantor Portnoy at mportnoy@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800 for further information.

Teach Our Children—Ross M. Levy

MARKALENDAR!

We have the honor of hosting NFTY-PAR's **WiNSTY Weekend of Social Action** over MLK Weekend, **January 18-20**, here at Main Line Reform Temple. This event travels from congregation to congregation, giving different communities a chance to shine each year and 2019 is our time to shine!

WiNSTY Weekend of Social Action is a time for volunteering, learning, meeting teens from across the region, and welcoming people into our congregation. All high schoolers, **8 - 12 grade**, are encouraged to sign up for this event, whether or not they have participated in TheTribe programs before.

We need your help to make this event a huge success! We are asking our congregation to get involved and volunteer during **WiNSTY Weekend of Social Action** in one of two ways:

- -Host participants in your home (between 4-10 students)
- -Volunteer your time by driving, helping out at MLRT, or supervising a social action project

I hope you'll consider participating, even if your kids decide not to attend the event. Everyone is welcome to get involved!

Hosting **WiNSTY** is our chance to come together as a community in support of our teens as we honor the vision of Dr. King and make the world a better place. I sincerely hope you will participate and help us to make this event a success.

Please contact Ross M. Levy if you are interested! mlrt.org/TheTribe | rlevy@mlrt.org





Teach Our Children—Rabbi Kevin Kleinman



Rabbi Kleinman

There is a saying in Jewish life that goes, "acharei ha'chagim," which means, "after the Jewish holidays." Usually, this is a time when things quiet down in synagogues. Not so for our Religious School! After an incredible series of services and programs spanning Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah, we have hit the ground running. This month we will celebrate and honor our 1st grade students at their Consecration. Our 5th grade will participate in a beautification project at the Gladwyne Jewish Memorial Cemetery. The 6th grade will spend a morning at the SHARE Warehouse fighting food insecurity. And our 2nd grade back and sell challah to support the work of the Ardmore Food Pantry. I look forward to all the great mitzvah work we'll do together in November.

PACT Programs (Parents and Children Together)

Grade-level PACT Programs are a very important part of our Religious School programming. Students and parents (and/or other family members and friends if parents cannot attend) join together to study a specific subject based on the grade-level curriculum. During each monthly program, they participate in a variety of learning activities facilitated by the teaching staff. This fun, hands-on learning enables parents and children to learn together in an informal way. We urge every parent (both Jewish and non-Jewish) to attend these valuable sessions. If parents cannot attend, students will be matched with another family or a madrich (student aide) so that they will be able to participate in a meaningful way.

5th grade PACT program – Gladwyne Jewish Memorial Cemetery

Sunday, November 4 – 9:15 AM-10:45 AM (early session), 10:45 AM-12:15 PM (late session)

*Families will provide their own transportation (1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne, PA)

6th grade PACT program - SHARE Warehouse

Sunday, November 11 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM (both sessions combined)

*Bus transportation will be provided, but families may also drive themselves

Challah for Hunger Bake

Learn how to bake challah and support our congregation's partnership with the Ardmore Food Pantry! Our monthly Challah for Hunger programs teach parents and students the Jewish value of feeding the hungry and empower our students to lead our congregation's effort in Tikkun Olam. Parents encouraged to attend.

2nd Grade Challah for Hunger Bake

Sunday, November 11 – 9:00-10:30 AM (early session); 11:00 AM-12:30 PM (late session)

No Religious School on the following dates: November 6, November 21, November 22, November 25

November 2 Shiru Shir Chadash – Shabbat Family Service

1st Grade and Kindergarten Hosting

6:00 pm: Family Shabbat Dinner (potluck)

6:30 pm: Service celebrating 1st Grade Consecration

7:30 pm: Oneg and Gaga Tournament

RSVP by October 31

December 7 Shiru Shir Chadash - Shabbat Family

Service

3rd Grade Hosting

6:00 pm: Snack & Schmooze

6:30 pm: Service

7:30 pm: Shabbat Dinner RSVP by December 5

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L'DOR VA'DOR ENDOWMENT PROGRAM



Eric Settle

As we welcomed 5779 together, we are getting closer to saying goodbye to 2018. This year I had the opportunity to travel to three cities with proud Jewish legacies – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. It was a chance to experience some personal history, visiting Vienna, from where some of my family emigrated. But also I had the communal experience of seeing some of the terrible history of the Shoah with my own eyes.

I will never forget the memorial to Budapest's Jews along the Danube River – a row of carefully preserved shoes of the victims - young and old - who were killed at that very spot. At the same

time, Prague's beautifully restored synagogues reminded me that we have endured as a people despite challenges. As Rabbi Straus pointed out on Yom Kippur, American Jews have enjoyed a period of acceptance and success that is unparalleled in world history. Perhaps this very success makes us complacent about supporting our Jewish institutions and instead "allows" us to help other worthy causes. But charity begins at home. Please don't forget: MLRT provides support for so many less fortunate families in our MLRT community. Plus, we provide many services for the community at large, which is so deserving.

As we get to the end of the calendar year, please remember: If you are over 70 and are receiving required minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRAs, you are permitted to "rollover" those funds directly to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization like Main Line Reform Temple. Although you will not receive a tax deduction for your donation, your RMD will not count as taxable income. That is a big financial plus; an IRA rollover allows most folks to make a contribution and save lots on taxes. Your financial advisor/asset management company is familiar with rollovers and can be of assistance.

Although we continue to attract new L'Dor Va'Dor legacy donors each month (and we are ready to have that conversation when you are), remember that the L'Dor Va'Dor Fund is available for donations to honor and remember loved ones and milestones. Every contribution helps as we continue to build the endowment we need to support the Temple that we love.

Best wishes,

Eric L. Settle, Co-Chair, L'Dor Va'Dor elsettle@settlestrategies.com

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ember 2	Saturday, November 17			
ECE Simchat Shabbat	8:30 am	Early Prayers & Songs of Praise		
Family Shabbat Dinner	9:00 am	Torah Study		
Shabbat Family Service/Consecration	10:00 am	Chapel Service		
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Service		
Saturday, November 3		Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Fenkel		
Early Prayers & Songs of Praise		Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Fenkel		
Torah Study		Sons of Stuart & Brittany Fenkel		
Chapel Service	5:00 pm	Minchah Service		
Minchah Service		Bat Mitzvah of Talia Devon		
Bar Mitzvah of Jake Stoller		Daughter of Michael & Ronit Devon		
Son of Jason & Elizabeth Stoller				
	Friday, Nove	Friday, November 23		
mber 9	6:00 pm	Snack & Schmooze		
Shabbat Service	6:30 pm	Shabbat Service - Green Family Chapel		
Oneg Shabbat				
	Saturday, No	November 24		
Saturday, November 10		Early Prayers & Songs of Praise		
Early Prayers & Songs of Praise	9:00 am	Torah Study		
Shabbat Morning Hike	10:00 am	Chapel Service		
Torah Study				
Chapel Service	•			
Sanctuary Service	•	Shabbat Service		
Bar Mitzvah of <i>Harold Mack</i>	9:00 pm	Oneg Shabbat		
Son of Avram Mack & Hallie Lightdale				
Minchah Service	Saturday, De	ecember 1		
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Schwartz	8:30 am	Early Prayers & Songs of Praise		
Bar Mitzvah of <i>Evan Schwartz</i>	8:30 am	Shabbat Morning Hike		
Sons of Phil & Mindi Schwartz	9:00 am	Torah Study		
	10:00 am	Chapel Service		
Friday, November 16		Sanctuary Service		
Snack & Schmooze		Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Snyder		
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4 9:00 AM Brotherhood Cemetery Clean Up	5 9:15 AM Hatha Yoga 1:00 PM Beginner's Yiddish 2:00 PM Intermediate Yiddish 6:30 PM Brotherhood MNO 7:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism	6 ELECTION DAY ECE Closed Religious School Closed 9:00 AM Running Club 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn: CC	7 12:30 PM Bridge	8 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Canasta 7:00 PM FTD Caregivers' Meeting 7:30 PM Speaker Series: David Axelrod 7:30 PM Friends of Bill W (AA Meeting)	9 10:00 AM Mussar 8:00 PM Shabbat Service 9:00 PM Oneg Shabbat	10 8:30 AM Morning Prayers 8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Hike 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Harold Mack 5:00 PM B'nai Mitzvah of Jonathan & Evan Schwartz
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