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Janet Lee,
Executive Director

June has always been my favorite month. Besides hosting the longest day of the year, June is tennis season. I am passionate about tennis, both playing and watching. Normally, Roland Garros, the French Open, is entering its final week of competition; Wimbledon is just around the corner and I am planning my annual trek to the US Open in August. June is also when many schools are typically coming to an end and children are eagerly awaiting the start of summer camp. Families are finalizing their summer vacations and heading for the shore. For Main Line Reform Temple, June typically marks the start of a quieter season as our fiscal year draws to an end. Clergy and staff begin a deeper focus on High Holy Day preparations and the office assembles and distributes our membership renewal forms. Although this June feels entirely different for most of us, MLRT is still moving forward and we are counting on our families to move forward with us.

No one can predict the future, but we know the importance of community and staying connected, and eventually we will regain some type of normalcy. Phrases like "sheltering in place" will begin to fade and Zoom meetings will no longer fill our days. As that shift begins to happen, the synagogue, a place many visited daily and some only a few times a year, will be there to welcome you back, embrace you with warm smiles, prayer and song. Since March, our primary goal has been to stay connected, providing our families with many virtual avenues to interact with our clergy, fellow congregants and staff. Our Religious School and ECE teachers have become master virtual instructors and Shabbat services and holidays have been celebrated with clergy from the comfort of your own living rooms. Torah Study, Book Discussions, Happy Hour and Coffee with the Clergy were just some of the weekly programs we offered and will continue to host until we can once again congregate in person.

I truly hope June will become the month when some activities will begin to emerge within our four walls with careful safety measures in full force. But our physical building does not define the presence MLRT has in your lives. As with you, we are faced with uncertainty and what reopening our doors will look like. MLRT has been your spiritual home, a place for learning, celebration and solace. We will continue be here for you and in turn ask for your support by renewing your membership, at any level you are able. Living with Jewish values encourages us to help those less fortunate, watch over our friends and neighbors, and be an active, contributing member of our community. In Hebrew, *Brit* is a covenant where both parties in a relationship have an obligation to each other. Not only does it suggest the importance of our people's commitment to God, but to humanity and the Jewish community. So, when you hear our call to renew your membership, please remember that your commitment to MLRT is vital to our ability to continue to support you and those you love and cherish in our community.



BOARD SPOTLIGHT: JEFFREY LOVE

Jeffrey Love has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the past two years. He is involved in the Religious Practices committee and Finance committee because he wants to help others.

Jeffrey and his wife, Maria, joined MLRT in 1989 and raised their three children with us. They all had their B'nai Mitzvah at MLRT and are now married with children of their own. Jeffrey and Maria are the proud grandparents of five beautiful grandchildren.

Jeffrey is currently enjoying the new chapter in his life after recently retiring from running a court reporting company. He enjoys golf, reading, playing piano, sky-diving, and being a private pilot.

Get to know more members of our hard-working Board with our upcoming Board Spotlights in future MLRTMatters issues!

Community and Connection during Crisis



Rabbi David Straus

I hope you are all doing okay in this often difficult and stress-filled time. Please know that if there is something that we can do to help, we are here for you.

These are extremely challenging times for all of us, including Main Line Reform Temple. And it is so difficult to thoughtfully and creatively plan for the future when so much is unknown, especially when we don't know when we will be together again, in large numbers, and in our building. This is the time of year when we not only try and calendar programs for our synagogue for the coming year, but when we begin in earnest to plan for the High Holy Days. All of this is now incredibly complicated, as you might well imagine.

I think I speak for all of us when I say, I miss my synagogue. I miss being with my colleagues and our staff.

I miss our students. I miss watching our preschoolers on Friday morning leading their parents, grandparents and siblings in prayer and song, and watching them carry the stuffed Torah as they celebrate being Shabbat King or Queen. I miss being with you for services. I miss the schmoozing before and after Shabbat services, and the punch and cookies that we devour when the service is over. I miss the synagogue building where I have been worshipping for more than two decades. I miss the choirs and the music. I miss celebrating each week the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of our children, the laughter and smiles and tears of joy, being surrounded by family and friends and the safe and comfortable feeling that it gives me. I miss meeting with young couples, helping them plan their weddings, and learning about their dreams and hopes for their lives together, and then standing with them under the chuppah. I miss teaching and learning with you. And I miss and feel terrible that I cannot be present with you in your times of greatest need and loss.

One of the things I think we have learned from this experience is how much we crave connection and community. We are innately social beings. I think I have long sensed that especially in this deeply polarizing and alienating times, many of us have longed for something else, something more profound, something deeper. We have suppressed our spiritual longings and strivings for connection, for wanting to make a difference in our world, to be with others to live lives with deeper meaning, intentionality and connection, perhaps because we have been afraid to express these longings and feelings. But they are now out in the open, and if we can together tap into these feelings, than we will emerge stronger and even more connected.

Yes, I am proud of how quickly we have adopted to Zoom; and I am proud of the many services, programs, learnings, hangouts and check-ins we have figured out how to do literally overnight. I have tears in my eyes when I see you on Friday night. Our Religious School and ECE, under the direction of Rabbi Kleinman and Shari Morelli, continue to meet and learn, and our students continue to see one another and grow. Rabbi Newburge and Ross M. Levy have done a great job connecting our TRIBE (8th-12th graders.)

But I would not be honest with you if I did not share that I am worried. We need to see virtual Judaism for what it is: a temporary expedient that helps us feel less alone. Yes, seeing you on a 15.6 inch cyber shul is better than being alone, but I miss the synagogue that I love and has been my home. I miss you!

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, past president of our Reform Movement, wrote this in a column in Ha'aretz, Israel's New York Times, wondering what this pandemic will mean for America's synagogues. He acknowledges how well we have adopted to these online platforms, and found new ways to connect. Yet, he concludes: "Not everything can or should be virtual. The best way to learn Torah is to sit in the presence of a teacher of Torah. Martin Buber said long ago that the key to education is to rely not on machines but on the teacher's personality, instincts, and intuition.

If our synagogues have been strengthened by this pandemic, it is not because of the technology they have provided or the online services they have developed." It is because through technology we have connected to something deep and profound within our souls: the desire and need to be in community with one another, to be cared for and to care for others.

Rabbi Yoffie concludes: "Rabbi Soloveitchik in his book, Festival of Freedom, talks about the chesed community as the fundamental building block of the Jewish religious world. Chesed, according to Soloveitchik, is compulsive kindness and spontaneous sympathy, and a chesed community is built upon the dignified activism of chesed-experiencing, chesed-thinking, and chesed-questioning Jews.

The synagogue, it seems to me, is the ultimate chesed community, and the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed the synagogue to do what it has always done but do it more effectively and emphatically.

And its greatest accomplishment is not online worship services but connecting Jews to each other, reaching out to the lonely and isolated, supporting the poor and shopping for the elderly, and teaching Torah to those who crave meaning. And by remembering that chesed and the moral ideals of Torah [and our tradition] are key, for they call on us neither to forsake nor accept the world, but to change it for good."

We Are A Community!



Joel Ginsparg
President

As I write this note, the shelter-at-home restrictions seem to be coming to an end, and summer is arriving. Very soon, we will start venturing forth from our homes and interacting in public, albeit with some limitations. This is an extraordinary moment for our local community, our country, and the world. We hope that the number of people actively fighting the COVID-19 infection has started to decrease, the supply of personal protection equipment has finally caught up with the demand, testing for the virus is becoming more widely available, and the prognosis for a vaccine is positive. However, these developments in the fight against this pandemic may reduce but they do not eliminate our fears and worries. At this time, our need for meaningful connections with each other is more important than ever.

Last fall, I told the 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 embers who need the flames of community to keep our souls charged and our community needs us.

For the past couple of months, we have seemingly been more connected than ever through Zoom and other technologies, yet our inability to be together has made everything and everyone seem so distant. Of course, we all want to share the blessings in our lives but, in this new way of connecting to each other, we have missed out really knowing one another. The result of this new ultra-connected world appears to be the opposite of what we might have thought. We have been trapped in front of screens that we hold onto with great attention, making sure not to miss anything. But, rather than feeling more connected, we feel more isolated than ever.

People are literally crying out for meaningful connections with one another. Across the country and right here in our neighborhoods, there is a powerful need for community. At the same time that you are receiving this Bulletin, the packet of information for renewing your membership in MLRT is also being delivered. MLRT is a strong vibrant community. Our clergy, staff, and leadership provide a wealth of programming, religious services, adult and child education, and social action projects. Most importantly, MLRT provides the opportunity to be connected with others and to build, experience, and cherish an extended family. Your MLRT family is here to celebrate your mitzvahs and to support you in your times of sorrow. Please renew your membership and continue to be a part of the MLRT community. We recognize that this pandemic has affected many families financially. Regardless, we want everyone to continue to be members. If you are able, please increase your contribution to make it possible for us to continue to provide a wide variety of programs and support for our community.

Psalm 133:1 says *Hiney ma tov u'ma na'im shevet achim gam yachad*. "How good and pleasing it is when we are all together." The key word in this well-known text is *yachad* or "together." The word "together" in this text implies that true joy and fulfillment occurs only when we share experiences with our family, our friends, and others with whom we have developed relationships. The government has started to reopen our community and, during the next few months as summer arrives, we will have the opportunity to get out of our homes to see our family and friends in person rather than on the screens of our phones and computers. However, the risk of infection from COVID-19 will still be present and we will all need to continue to take the necessary precautions including social distancing and wearing masks.

We are developing plans for reopening MLRT and for operations under the recommended public health guidelines. These plans will cover access to the building, Religious School and the Early Childhood Education Program, and religious services including the High Holy Days. During the next few months, we will provide updates to you as these plans are completed. When the shelter-at-home restrictions are removed, please take care of yourselves and let us know if you need help. Please return your membership registration and support MLRT financially as much as you are able! Now more than ever is the time when your support is needed and is much appreciated! We are all in this pandemic together and we will get through it by helping each other.

Please send any feedback or suggestions for MLRT to me at president@mlrt.org.

Mazal Tov!

Bracha & David Camron on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Miles Karen

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

My hope is to have our June Short Story Discussion on Thursday, June 11 at the Temple. If it happens, we'll have a celebration and perhaps make some plans for next year. Our story, which is not contained in your spiral book, was written by our esteemed Israeli author S.Y. Agnon. We have read and enjoyed one of his earlier stories titled "The Kerchief." As his writing career progressed, he wrote about more modern topics like our June story "The Doctor's Divorce," which is up on our website for you to read. It can also be found in the collection by S.Y. Agnon: *Twenty-one Stories*. Please let me know at sbrown@mlrt.org if you cannot access the story. No matter what form the discussion takes, whether it is in person at MLRT, a virtual Zoom discussion, or a hybrid of the two, there is plenty of time for you to read the story and join in!

Shmuel Yosef (S.Y.) Agnon experienced his creative life in three places. He was born in Eastern Europe in 1888 and spent ten years in Germany among progressive Jewish intelligentsia before finally making his home in Jerusalem in 1924. In 1966, he won the Nobel Prize for Literature and died in 1970.

In a year of uncertainty, it is nice to know that reading and discussions are alive at Main Line Reform Temple. Thank you for supporting us in all the iterations of the Short Story Discussion Group!



Thank you to the 120 households who participated in our first ever Zoom BINGO for a Cause night! Our success is easily measured by the \$6,496 raised to help our neighbors put food on their tables.

The evening was extra special because of the smiles on everyone's faces, the joy of our children displayed when they found a number on their Bingo card, and the incredible sense of community as we brought together members of all ages. We are grateful for your support and know our congregation will continue to help those in need. For more ways to assist our community, visit mlrt.org/coronavirus.

These are challenging times, and our community has come together to help each other in a variety of way - all inspiring, all meaningful. Whether calling each other to check in or going shopping for food and other essentials, we are sincerely thankful to those who have volunteered and grateful to be part of such a warm, caring community. Please contact Gil Marder at gmarder@mlrt.org if you would like to get involved in calling congregants or helping shop for those who need our assistance.

Healing, peace, wholeness, shleimut are not the absence of difficulties, but the handling of difficulties without losing our sense of balance. Especially at this time, when so many of us feel off balance, we want to find a sense of wholeness in our lives and in our world, and to feel and know that we will be ok.

We look for healing in many parts of our lives, and after many different experiences: healing after illness; healing from loss; healing from disappointments; healing from the end of a relationship, and more. Healing can be physical and emotional and spiritual, personal and communal. It can be of body, mind, or spirit.

We invite you to join us for a Virtual Service of Healing on Monday, June 15 at 7:00 pm.
We'll gather for prayer and song; for a time of quiet meditation, and a few words about the journey of healing.



Shari Morelli,
Interim Director

Early Childhood Education

Our outstanding teachers are hard at work providing current and constant content for our students. We can't wait to see all of our ECE families' faces outside of a computer screen!

Kindergarten Graduation is an important milestone in our children's educational journeys. It is normally a day of celebration with extended families and a way to recognize the hard work of our graduates.



This year is no exception; the only thing that has changed is the method. We are pleased to provide a virtual graduation ceremony for our students and their families and hope you will join us in wishing them a hearty CONGRATULATIONS!



Ami Lonner & Elizabeth Stoller,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood

We all know that this is a tough time for everyone, just as much because of the uncertainty of our immediate futures as the social isolation many of us are feeling and the challenges that come with securing food and other basic needs while avoiding the public.

In the Sisterhood community, we are trying to stay connected to each other virtually. We have had a number of meetings via everyone's new favorite meeting platform: Zoom. Not only have we been working on a budget for next year but we also have held check-in sessions, attended the WRJ Fried Women's Conference online, and participated in a webinar with Zach Shaffer, who discussed how we can begin to take meaningful steps toward depolarization during this time of great partisanship and divide.

Although our opportunities for socialization in the fall are unclear right now, we are certain that this does not translate to social isolation. Virtually, we will continue to plan events (if we must continue to stay apart), and we will continue to keep you posted about all the fun things we have planned for the future when we are once again allowed to interact in person! In the meantime, go outside and enjoy the mood-boosting weather by going for a walk with a friend (with a mask and at a safe distance)! Exercise and sunshine are so important for our mental health! And keep in touch with each other, keep in touch with us, stay well, and stay safe!

Brotherhood

In 1922 T.S. Eliot published "The Wasteland," which, most know, contains these opening lines: "April is the cruellest month, breeding/Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing/Memory and desire, stirring/Dull roots with spring rain."

"Cruel" is in no way a description of our April just past: over one million confirmed cases of COVID-19, over sixty-two thousand deaths. No opportunity to attend a Shiva, no possibility of whispering condolences to a loved one behind a glass pane. Cruel, indeed. And what of May? We, all of us had hopes and plans for May and June, and who knows when. Brotherhood would have had its Fifth Annual Golf Outing for Charity in the middle of May; it would have had a monthly Men's Night Out; it would probably have hosted a Texas Hold'em Tournament; and it would have ordered replacement poles for our Sukkah which were damaged by the wind last fall. Now we have a wind of a different sort.

In June, the Men of Reform Judaism would have held an annual convention in Dallas, Texas. Maybe next year. The Executive Committee of MRJ did manage a Zoom meeting recently with Rabbi Pesner of the Religious Action Center who spoke convincingly of all the programs the RAC has available for individuals and Temple congregations, including for our youth, contracting your legislative officials, and issues centering on social justice. The RAC's website is ablaze with ideas, take a look.

Will there be a Fourth of July celebration in Narberth where Brotherhood sells slices of pizza; will there be a Fourth of July celebration anywhere? At this writing on May 1, 2020 I ask with you how do we maintain hopeful spirits, clear-eyed equilibrium in these turbulent times? The Irish poet Seamus Heaney insists that:

Even if the hopes you started
Out with are dashed, hope
has to be maintained.

Going forward, each morning when we rise let us tell ourselves, "Thank you G-d for allowing me to maintain hope." And when we see our spouse or our child, let us say "I love you."

Kindly,
Gary Brock, Vice-President MLRT Brotherhood

Upcoming Holidays

TISHA B'AV

Thursday, July 30 | 10:00 am

Tisha B'Av is a day of mourning, commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, as well as many calamities that have befallen the Jewish community through the centuries. Please join us for this sacred day in the Jewish calendar with traditional liturgy and study, noting that this is customarily a fast day.

At the time of printing of this issue, we are unsure what the 2020/5781 High Holy Days will look like. We are exploring many options and trying to figure out how to keep our MLRT family safe while observing the holiest of days. Please look for emails and letters with more informations as developments happen.

As always, we are here for you if you have questions or concerns. Please call the MLRT office at 610-649-7800 and our answering service will ensure the proper person returns your call promptly.

High Holy Days 5781

Saturday, September 12: Selichot

Friday, September 18: Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 19: Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 20: Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 27: Erev Yom Kippur

Monday, September 28: Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 3: Sukkot Begins

Saturday, October 10: Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE will be distributed on Yom Kippur, September 28. Yizkor Prayers are included in the liturgy on Yom Kippur Day at both Early and Late Services. We are products of those who came before us and it is fitting at the High Holy Day season to acknowledge our debt to them and remember them with fondness.

Please fill out the Book of Remembrance form in your Membership Renewal packet when you receive it and return it to the office no later than Friday, August 28, 2020. If you need assistance, please email Beth Lloyd prior to the deadline at blloyd@mlrt.org to assure your entry in the 2020/5781 Book of Remembrance. Thank you.

In Memoriam

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

Marvin Barsky

Husband of Gloria Barsky
Father of Susan Golboro
Grandfather of Stacy and Peter Golboro

Miriam Blickman

Mother of Daniel Blickman

Harold Brog

Partner of Carlene Brod

Lila Brotman

Mother of Alan Brotman
Grandmother of Lewis, Oliver,
and Harris Brotman

Sydney Ira Davidoff

Evelyn Fagan

Morris Feinstein

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Son of Sybil Terres Gilmar
Brother of Rachel Hancock

Leona Gitomer

Mother of Glenn Gitomer

Annette Herscher

Cousin of Stella & Gordon Fink

Jeraldine D. Kozloff

Mother of Louis Kozloff
Grandmother of Benjamin, Peter, and
Caroline Kozloff

Curtis Pickford Laupheimer

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Carlotta Diane Lanier

Mother of Steve Lanier

Joel Reidenberg

Cousin of Marc Sonnenfeld

Charlotte Shapiro

Sister of George Broder
Aunt of Jill Steinberg

Florence Silverman

Mother of Robert Silverman

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman

My favorite Jewish teaching comes from the book in the Mishna called Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Our Fathers). It says, "The world stands on three things: on Torah, on Prayer, and on Acts of Loving Kindness." This teaching guides my approach to Jewish education at MLRT. As I reflect on our past school year and excitedly prepare for year to come, I want to highlight how our students, under the guidance of our incredibly teaching faculty, have excelled in each of these core components of Jewish living this year.

Torah – Our work as Jewish educators is grounded in making the Torah come alive in the hearts and minds of our students. We dive deep into the stories and teachings of our ancestors and apply the values embedded in our sacred tradition to our modern lives. This year we continued our MLRT tradition of building and decorating not one, but five Sukkot to celebrate Sukkot. Additionally, we sent ten Sukkot to our families so they could experience what it is like to dwell for a week in a harvest hut.

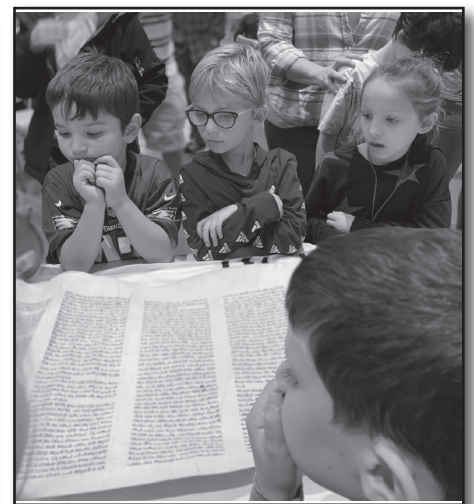
Our younger learners had the privilege of hearing Torah stories from Rabbi Straus in our weekly *Zman Kehillah*, and our older students participated in game shows and skits that reinforced our core stories and biblical heroes.

Prayer – Hebrew prayer is the eternal soul and the Jewish people. And yet, it is influenced heavily by contemporary music and composers. Worship services come alive in Religious School thanks to Ross M. Levy and Cantor Rudnick. Our students sing with great *ruach*, spirit, and connect with the words and meanings of the prayers through movement and sign language. The K-2nd grade participated in Hebrew Through Movement each week preparing them for the 3rd grade when they learn the how to read and write Hebrew. Our 4th-6th graders move through a prayer curriculum that prepares them not only to lead services at their B'nai Mitzvah, but to participate in Jewish worship for the rest of their lives.

Acts of Loving Kindness – Our Religious School students know how to apply the Jewish values they learn in the classroom to improve the lives of members of our greater community and our world. This year, each grade baked and sold challah to support the Ardmore Food Pantry. Our Mitzvah Menorah drive collected food, toys, clothing, and gift cards that were delivered to families experiencing homelessness. While at home these last months, many of our students have become pen pals with senior citizens to help alleviate the loneliness they are feeling. Tikkun Olam is part of everything we do in our Religious School.

To our teaching faculty and madrichim: *Todah Rabbah* – Thank You! On behalf of our the entire MLRT community, I want to express our gratitude for your commitment to our children's Jewish education. Each week, you rise early and come prepared to connect, inspire, and build sacred community. We are blessed to have you as part of our Religious School.

2020-2021 MLRT Religious School Year – We are committed to continuing to provide the best Religious School experience for our students during this coming school year. At the time of publication, we are deep in the planning to make the vision set forth by our Religious School Task Force come to light. We will have experiential, hands-on, and creative programming inside and outside the synagogue and flexibility in the day of the week our 3rd-6th graders attend their second class. While we hope to all be together in person in the fall, we are also preparing to run our Religious School remotely should the need arise. We have learned much this spring that will allow us to maximize the use of online technology while maintaining our class communities. Registration for the 2020-2021 year is now open. Please register as soon as possible so we can best serve your child(ren) in the coming year.



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(As of May 11)

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Mitzvah Fund

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Helene & Marc Cohen	Appreciation of Rabbi Newburge
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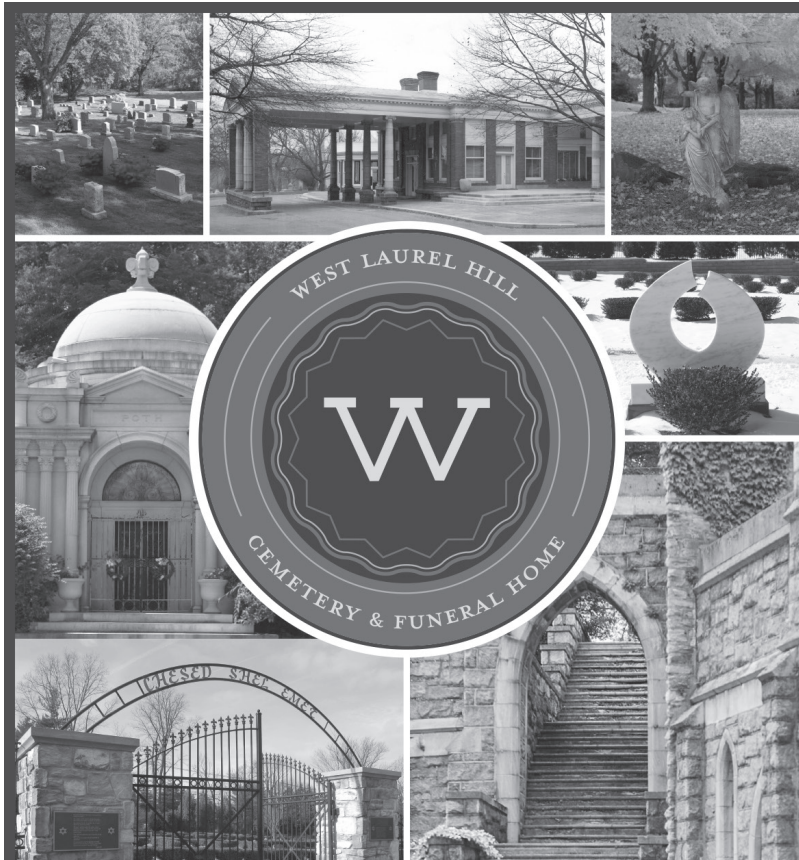
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Get your popcorn ready for Keeping it Reel, a weekly movie discussion with Rabbi Geri Newburge!

June 1: The Invention of Lying

June 15: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

June 8: Mississippi Grind

June 22: Big Night



MONDAY, JUNE 22 AND TUESDAY, JULY 14 AT 12:15 PM

Join Rabbi Straus for a thought-provoking lunchtime discussion of selected articles from The Jewish Daily Forward.



TUESDAYS, JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AT 6:00 PM

Bring a little of camp into your home with a few songs, the bedtime Shema, and a virtual fireside treat during Singing and S'mores with Cantor Faryn Rudnick.



TUESDAY, JUNE 9 AT 10:00 AM

Reflect on questions about the mysteries and challenges of life, based on the inspiring book The Spirituality of Imperfection by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham, in this book discussion with Rabbi Geri Newburge. Each month we will read a chapter as the basis for our reflection on our spiritual journeys.



TUESDAY, JUNE 16 AND JULY 7 AT 12:00 PM

Take a break for lunch while Rabbi Straus serves up interesting conversation during our monthly joint Lunch & Learn.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 pm - MLRT Happy Hour

Join our clergy and staff with a drink of your choice and mix, mingle, and toast our community!

THURSDAYS

9:00 am - Coffee & Conversation with the Clergy

Social distancing doesn't have to mean total distance. Check in with the clergy while enjoying your morning coffee.

11:00 am - Bible Study

Our rabbis lead an ongoing discussion of the Tanakh over the year. Join anytime, whether you are an avid Torah student or have never looked at the Torah before.

4:00 pm - Mindful Meditation with Janet Lee

Enjoy a gentle, mindful meditation and stretch class that can be done in a chair or on your mat. Our focus will be on muscles we tend to over use, particularly when seated or hovering over a desk or computer.

FRIDAYS

12:00 pm - Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Newburge

Explore Jewish life and tradition with Rabbi Newburge. You are sure to learn something new!

6:30 pm - Friday Night Service

We invite you to join us at 6:25 pm on Zoom as we say Shabbat Shalom to one another, light candles together and make Kiddush. At the end of services, we will unmute all for our Virtual Oneg Shabbat, when again we can talk to one another.

SATURDAYS

9:00 am - Torah Study

Each week our Rabbis lead us in lively discussion as we read from the Parsha, or weekly portion, and learn about its context and history. All are welcome to join us, from wherever you are.

6:30 pm - Havdallah with Cantor Rudnick

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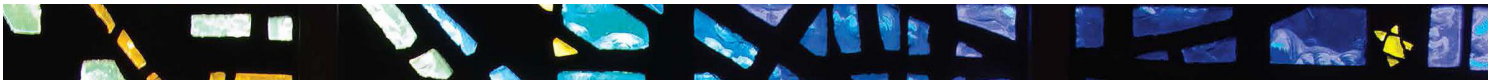
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Friday, June 5

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 6

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study

10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Alison Levy
Daughter of Catherine & Timothy Levy

6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnick's

Friday, June 12

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 13

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study

10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Sophie & Joshua Cooper
Daughter & Son of Jill Schreiber &
Adam Cooper

6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnick's

Monday, June 15

7:00 pm Zoom Healing Service

Friday, June 19

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 20

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study

10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Howard Borden
Son of Tatiana & Lawrence Borden

6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnick's

Friday, June 26

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 27

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Owen Reed Grossman
Son of Howard Grossman and Jo Grossman

6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnick's

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