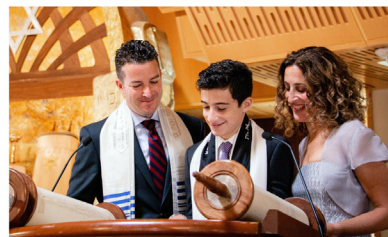




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*Looking Back  
on 5780*

MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE



We are delighted to share with you our October Bulletin, which highlights and details the many opportunities for worship, study, connecting and creating community at MLRT. This issue was printed in mid-September and the COVID-19 pandemic has created great uncertainty in all of our lives, forcing us all to learn how to pivot and make changes or new plans.

We ask that you visit our website at [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) or call the Temple office at 610-649-7800 for the most up-to-date information on all our services and programs. We thank you for your understanding.

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The month of October marks the true beginning of Fall. The days are shorter, the night air crisper and the leaves are beginning to turn dazzling colors of ambers, reds and yellows. This year, our Sukkot holiday begins on October 2. This festive holiday is both a celebration of the harvest and commemoration of the 40 years Jews spent in the desert, protected by God on their way to the Promised Land. It is a holiday filled with gratitude and appreciation. 5781 has officially begun and we look forward to a year full of promise, hope and renewed strength.

But before looking forward, I want to take a moment to look back on what was truly a unique Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur celebration. Our services were pre-recorded in July and August. We hosted a Rosh Hashanah car parade to collect much needed canned goods for our food drive and wish our congregation a L'Shanah Tova from a safe distance. We live Zoomed a plethora of amazing rabbinic and lay-led learning sessions and celebrated Tashlich with a physical distancing program in Shortridge Park. The preparation and work that took place to create our virtual High Holy Day experience was unprecedented. I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who were instrumental in making our High Holy Days an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

First and foremost, my heartfelt appreciation goes out to the MLRT clergy, Rabbi Straus, Rabbi Newburge, Cantor Rudnick and Rabbi Kleinman for stepping out of their comfort zone, rewriting our High Holy Day services for video production and preaching for several days to a film crew and staff rather than a sanctuary filled with congregants. A big thank you to Ross M. Levy, who wired and rewired the sanctuary, filmed and edited the family services and created two uniquely meaningful Contemporary Services, side by side, with Rabbi Newburge. Thank you to the amazing efforts of Cantor Rudnick in assembling our professional choir, Jessica Lennick, Robin Sherman, Taylor Arnold, Michael Riley and our cellist, Udi Bar-David, led by our esteemed Musical Director, Andy Heller. This small but mighty team spent many days and nights pre-recording the beautiful music of the High Holy Days and then another long day filming those songs and prayers at MLRT. Thank you to the volunteer choir members for creating virtual choir videos and our anonymous donor who helped make that happen. Thank you to Cindy Marshall, who worked tirelessly alongside our hired film producers, Joy Marx and Dan Schwartz, and Director Chris Foster from Center City Film and Video. I also want to recognize the amazing staff from Nugs.net, Chris Longeran, Jason Fifield and Lonnie Davis. A huge thank you to our congregant Jon Richter, founder and COO of Nugs.net for his unending generosity. Thank you to my niece, Julia Rosen, intern extraordinaire, who turned pictures into montages and prayers into beautiful slides. A very special thank you to Frank and Sandy Norman, whose unbounding generosity made the taping of our services possible. Thank you to the Irv Schnyder Fund for

beautifying the bimah with flowers and to Eli Cohen for shining the silver to make our High Holy Day bright.

The entire staff at MLRT were also critical to ensure our High Holy Days were filled with warmth and beauty. Thank you to Beth Lloyd, who worked with endless determination on our Book of Remembrance, Gil Marder who led our pre-High Holy Day membership drive and helped provide technical support during the holiday, Davida Chornock who created unique and eye-catching High Holy Day promotions, Timm Rothwell and Kat Bentley, our dedicated accounting team, and Eileen Roberts who passed out many prayer books before our videos debuted. Thank you to our Facility Manager, Jojuan Johnson, and maintenance crew, Robert Buggs, Dave Jones and Steven Lanier, for setting up our sanctuary perfectly, cleaning our facility, and supporting our long days of filming.

In addition to the MLRT staff, many lay leaders were also essential in making this High Holy Day undertaking so successful. Thank you to Joel Ginsparg, MLRT President, Vic Haas and Mitchell Spector, our financial team, and the entire MLRT Board of Directors. I would be remiss to leave out Mark Komen, who helped with our technical needs throughout the filming. Thank you to Helene Ehrlich-Cohen for her annual assistance with part distribution, as well as our Ritual Practices Chair, David Rawdin, and the committee for helping to think through our High Holy Day programs. And last, but certainly not least, my sincere gratitude to all our MLRT members who sent in pictures, came to MLRT to film parts, sound the shofar, video-taped themselves at home and posed with our Torah. Your participation helped to make these videos meaningful and personal.

Wishing you a beautiful, transformative Fall!



# Make Your Voice Heard



Rabbi David Straus

Dear Friends,

Earlier this summer during Shabbat services, we celebrated two milestone events in the life of our country: the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which finally gave women the right to vote, and the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where Dr. King delivered his now famous “I Have a Dream” sermon. At the time, it not only was it the largest demonstration for human rights in United States history, but it also occasioned a rare display of unity among the various civil rights groups. This summer, tens of thousands of people went back to Washington to remember this march, and to commit to continue the hard work of racial equality and justice, which we know has not yet been completed in this great country of ours.

As a result of that gathering 57 years ago, and countless other demonstrations, sit-ins, acts of civil disobedience, freedom summer, people willing to go to jail, and people willing to not only risk their lives but give up their lives—think Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Shwerner—that finally, the landmark civil and voting rights act of 1964 was ultimately passed.

Of all the rights we enjoy in America, perhaps none is greater than our right to vote, to make our voices heard. But the battle for voting rights, the fight against voter intimidation, voter suppression, to make sure that everyone who wants to vote can vote, and that every vote is counted is not yet over.

That is why at the URJ Biennial in Chicago this past December, our movement launched its Civic Engagement Campaign, Every Voice, Every Vote. As Reform Jews, we believe democracy is strongest when everyone participates – and it suffers when citizens are shut out from the democratic process or choose not to engage.

The RAC (Religious Action Center) is our office in DC where we advocate for policies and legislation that reflect our Reform Jewish Values. I’ve long dreamed of creating a PA state-wide RAC affiliate, where we can advocate for policies and legislation on a state-wide basis with other reform congregations. My dream came true late this spring, when we helped to create a state-wide RAC-PA affiliate. Our first efforts are on civic engagement: making sure all of our members are registered to vote; helping our members learn how to vote by mail; and making sure every one of our members votes. Many of us also have adult children now living with us due to the pandemic: we want to make sure they are properly registered to vote as well. This is truly non-partisan work.

On page six in this month’s bulletin is information on how to make sure you are properly registered to vote; how to request a mail in ballot; and, if you choose to vote in person, how to ascertain where your voting site is, as with the current pandemic, many voting sites have changed location or have been combined.

In the coming days, our hope is to call each and every congregant to make sure they are registered to vote, and help if there are questions we can answer. If you would like to join us in these efforts, please be in touch with me via email at [dstraus@mlrt.org](mailto:dstraus@mlrt.org). Our goal is 100% voter participation for our members. Together, we can make this happen.

## MLRT Invites Israel Into Its Sukkah

Monday, October 5 at 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dialogue moderated by Rabbi David Straus and Sherrill Neff with:



Israel Nitzan,  
*Acting Consul General  
of Israel in New York*



Danielle Ziri,  
*New York Correspondent  
for HaAretz*



Rabbi Josh Weinberg,  
*Vice President, URJ for  
Israel & Reform Zionism  
Executive Director, ARZA*

We will take on some difficult but important questions on the relationship between Israel and liberal American Jews: Why is there a widening gap between the liberal American Jewish community and Israel? Why does it matter? What can we do about it? Why are more and more liberal American Jews “walking away from Israel”? How can we re-engage? In what ways do Israelis and American Jews misunderstand one another? How do we understand our Jewish identities in different ways? Join the discussion on Zoom at [mlrt.org/zoom](https://mlrt.org/zoom)!

# Our Quest for Meaning



Life is a series of moments, including both highs and lows. While we naturally gravitate toward the highs, we cannot and should not ignore, nor tolerate, the lows. Unfortunately, there have been too many lows recently. The ongoing pandemic. The divisive political landscape. Systemic racial injustice. And so much more!

Paradoxically, the profound experiences from these lows of loss, pain, outrage, and inequality are where we can find the deepest meaning. In the *U'netaneh Tokef* on Yom Kippur, we are called to listen to the kol d'mamah dakah, the still, small voice that confronted the prophet Elijah with the powerful spiritual question: Why are you here? What is your life's purpose?

When the world turns upside down, everything goes out the window. Suddenly, "what" we've always done and "how" we've always done it, no longer apply. The one saving grace is a deep and enduring "why", a meaning that's more important than ever. When the why is missing, so is the motivation to change. We then lack a potent fuel, a driving force for a better world. That's why purpose precedes the first step of every journey. Indeed, finding meaning is fundamental to how people approach their lives. Those who increase their own energy through a captivating "why" will attract others and drive collective momentum toward action. Not a pledge, not a slogan, not random words on paper. Action.

Surrounded by the senseless loss of life or the unjust outcomes of racial inequality, we need to have the courage to search for meaning beyond ourselves. In painful losses or inequitable actions, even when it feels like there is no hope, we can still find meaning. To do this, we need to focus on understanding. In his "Advice for Living", published in May 1958, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "People fail to get along with each other because they fear each other. They fear each other because they don't know each other." We must have the humility and empathy to walk in another person's shoes and listen to hear what they hear.

Many of us were born Jewish. Others chose to be Jewish. To be a Jew is to be asked to give, to contribute, to make a difference, to help in the monumental task that has engaged Jews since the dawn of our history, to make the world a place of justice, compassion, human dignity and the sanctity of life. Judaism asks of us the willingness to take high ideals and enact them in the real world, undeterred by disappointments and defeats.

Though our ancestors cherished their relationship with God, they never saw it as a privilege. They knew it was a responsibility. Judaism is God's call to responsibility. That responsibility is manifest through action, through Mitzvot, the commandments we choose to perform as Jews.

As members of Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, we embrace our Jewish culture and traditions and engage in Tikkun Olam with our family and friends. The mission of our congregation is to transmit the values, ideas and dreams of our traditions to enable responsible religious and ethical choices. Please think about how you can participate in MLRT's social action and social justice initiatives. We can work together to build a better and more just world.

If our intentions are good and we want to make a positive impact, it is better to say and do something and risk making a mistake than to stay silent. Just as no decision is still a decision, no action is still an action. So, what can we do? We can engage in constructive dialogue with family, friends, and our community. We can reframe and redefine our purpose, our mission and the impact we wish to make on the world, based on what is most important to each of us, our values, where we find meaning, and what we can deliver. We can make purposeful decisions and take responsibility for the consequences. While we are all different, our common humanity, empathy, and genuine caring can unite us as we experience our highs and lows and search for meaning.

## Do you love books? The Bernie Kleinman Book Club is looking for new members!

Join us on Zoom at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, October 20 for a lively discussion on The Accidental President by A. J. Baime, the story of the first four tumultuous months of the presidency of Harry S. Truman.

We welcome anyone interested in reading to join us Tuesday evenings about every six weeks for friendship, discussion and review. Those attending will have the opportunity to pick a book and be the discussion leader. If you are interested, please contact Norman Fienman at [nfienman@gmail.com](mailto:nfienman@gmail.com).



# Lifelong Learning



Welcome to another exciting and varied month of literary highlights! Our selections will stimulate you to think adventurously, whether it is learning about Jews in exotic lands, discovering a new recipe, studying a previously unknown person in history, or thinking of an old topic in a completely novel (!) way.

The Jewish Book Council has provided us with three authors who will visit our temple virtually in October to talk about their new books.

On Sunday, October 4, set your bagel and coffee in front of your computer screen, and join us at 10:00 am for a Hassel Adult Education Lecture given by Bill Haltom, a well-known lawyer and humorist from Memphis, Tennessee. Why Can't Mother Vote?: Joseph Hanover and the Unfinished Business of Democracy is a biography of an unsung hero in the fight for women's suffrage. This stirring account tells of the people who led the fight in Tennessee, the deciding state that ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Joseph Hanover was an Orthodox Jew born in Poland who escaped to America in 1895 when he was six. As a new citizen of the United States, he read the Constitution and became deeply patriotic, but he couldn't understand why all Americans did not have the right to vote. As a member of the Tennessee legislature, Joseph Hanover became the nation's leading male voice in the fight for women's suffrage. Bill Haltom is the author of eight books and has been a newspaper and magazine humor columnist for over 30 years.

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm will feature a welcoming program for Janet Lee, our new Executive Director, who hails from the Berkshire area of Massachusetts. Authors Elisa Spungen Bildner and Robert Bildner will give viewers a virtual taste of the Berkshires using recipes from their new book, The Berkshires Farm Table Cookbook: 125 Home-Grown Recipes from the New England Hills. They'll tell us about the farmers and chefs of the region that is known for its unique culture, followed by a short cooking demonstration. All are welcome to join us!

Finally, during virtual services on Friday, October 16 at 6:30 pm, Kenneth Wald, distinguished Professor of Political Science and the Samuel R. "Bud" Shorstein Professor of American Jewish Culture & Society at the University of Florida, will speak. His book, The Foundations of American Jewish Liberalism, won the 2019 National Jewish Book Award. Dr. Wald's insights will enlighten us as we head toward the crucial November election.

The short story for our group is "Nathoo" written by Sophie Judah, who grew up in central India as a member of the Bene Israel, a tiny, remote Jewish community. It tells of a Jewish army captain named Abraham who adopted a young boy named Nathoo when the boy's family was killed in the war for Indian independence. We have read another story from Dropped from Heaven, her marvelous collection of deeply moving stories about this religious community that has survived for 2000 years. Join us on Thursday, October 15 at noon as we learn about this ancient Jewish culture.

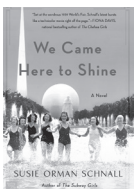
These programs will be held virtually and will be easily accessible by going to [mlrt.org/zoom](http://mlrt.org/zoom).

Open a book, and open your mind!



## Jewish Book Council Authors of 2021

We hope you will join us for all of these wonderful programs featuring four outstanding authors!



Susie Orman Schnall  
They Came Here to Shine: A Novel

Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
Sisterhood Brunch 11:00 am



Jonathan Kauffman  
The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China

Friday, February 26, 2021  
Friday night services 6:30 pm



Paul Zeitz  
Waging Justice: A Doctor's Journey to Speak Truth and Be Bold

Friday, March 12, 2021  
Brotherhood Shabbat 6:30 pm



Michael Dobbs  
The Unwanted: America, Auschwitz, and a Village Caught in Between

Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
Yom HaShoah Program 7:00 pm

# Every Voice, Every Vote!



MLRT has joined with other Reform congregations to participate in Every Voice, Every Vote, the Reform Jewish Movement's 2020 nonpartisan civic engagement campaign, to make sure that everyone who can is registered to vote, does vote and our votes are counted. If you would like to get involved, please email Rabbi Straus at [dstraus@mlrt.org](mailto:dstraus@mlrt.org).

Register at [RAC.org/everyweek](https://rac.org/everyweek) for Every Voice, Every Vote: Every Week, a weekly Civic Engagement Campaign call every Wednesday at 8:00 pm. Each week will include a brief introduction to the campaign, learn how to use voter engagement tool, and will then engage in that work together.

Voting strengthens our democracy and when you vote, you ensure that Reform Jewish values are represented in our society. Voting in PA is especially important - the 2016 election in PA was decided by less than 1% of votes cast.  
**Your vote can decide this year's election.**

**?** Are you registered to vote? If you're not sure, here's how to check: log on to [votespa.com](https://votespa.com), click on the "check your voter registration" tab and follow the directions on the website OR call 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772).



**Need to register?** Here's how:

- Log onto [votespa.com](https://votespa.com) and click on the "register to vote" tab.
  - You can check your registration, update your registration or register for the first time
  - If you are registering for the first time, you will need your PA driver's license OR PennDot ID OR last 4 digits of your Social Security number to complete your registration.
- Update your registration if you have changed your name, your address or your political party.
  - You MUST update your registration if you change your name.
  - If you have moved since the last election, or are voting for the first time, check the instructions on the "First Time Voters" page for WHERE to vote this time and WHAT to bring with you if you vote in person.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 BY 5:00 PM! BUT DON'T WAIT!  
REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY TO MAKE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION IS PROCESSED!**



**If you want to vote from home, apply for your ballot TODAY!** With Postal Service delays in mail delivery, all mail is taking longer to arrive. Here's how to request your mail in ballot:

- You can apply online for a mail-in OR absentee ballot - click on the link at [votespa.com](https://votespa.com) to apply.
  - You will need your PA driver's license OR PennDot ID to complete the application.
- You can apply by mail for a mail-in OR absentee ballot.
  - Download and print the application from [votespa.com](https://votespa.com) to apply by mail.
- You can contact your county election office directly to request a mail-in ballot:
  - Delaware Co: 610-891-4673 - election related/ 610-891-4659 - registration related
  - Montgomery Co: 610-278-3275 - election related/ 610-278-3280 - election related

**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOT IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 BY 5:00 PM!  
BUT DON'T WAIT! SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION TODAY TO MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR MAIL-IN/  
ABSENTEE BALLOT EARLY ENOUGH BEFORE THE ELECTION SO IT WILL COUNT!**



**Want to vote in person?** Know where your polling place is. The pandemic has changed many polling places. Here's where to check:

- Log onto [votespa.com](https://votespa.com). Click on the header "Voting in PA." Then click on the link "Voting at a Polling Place." Scroll down on the page and click the link "Look up your polling place location," and then enter your address.
  - If you need help voting because of a disability, the "Voting at a Polling Place" page provides information about accessible voting options.

**Polling places will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on November 3.  
Mail-in ballots MUST be received by 8:00 pm on November 3 to be considered valid.**



# Sukkot/Simchat Torah

## *Sukkot/ סוכות*

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning “booths” or “huts,” refers to the annual Jewish festival of giving thanks for a bountiful fall harvest and commemorates the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Sukkot is marked by several distinct traditions, including erecting and dwelling in a sukkah (a temporary booth or hut).

Sukkot (pl.) are commonly used during the seven-day festival for eating, entertaining and even for sleeping.

Sukkot, also called *Z'man Simchateinu* (Season of Our Rejoicing), is the only festival with an explicit commandment to rejoice. A final name for Sukkot is *Chag HaAsif*, (Festival of the Ingathering), a time to give thanks for the bounty of the earth during the fall harvest. The eighth day of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, is traditionally a separate festival in its own right.

In Reform congregations, which generally observe one day of holidays rather than two, Shemini Atzeret is observed concurrently with Simchat Torah, the festival of “rejoicing in the Torah.”

**Come join us in our Sukkah! The clergy invite you to join us for a nosh, a chance to shake the lulav and etrog, and to do a Sukkot craft. You bring the nosh; we'll provide the drink!**

We ask you to sign up for a time slot at [mlrt.org/sukkot](http://mlrt.org/sukkot) so that we can all physically distance as needed. All necessary and recommended COVID-19 precautions will be followed to keep you, your families, and our staff safe.

- Friday, October 2 from 4:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- Sunday, October 4 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Monday, October 5 from 4:00-5:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 6 from 4:00-5:30 pm

*Have a Sukkah? Enjoying a meal in a sukkah? Just want to send well wishes to your friends at MLRT? Take a picture of yourself and your family building your sukkah or enjoying time in your sukkah, or send in a 20 second video of your family saying hello and happy holiday to be used in a post-holiday montage to Cantor Rudnick at [frudnick@mlrt.org](mailto:frudnick@mlrt.org).*



Enjoy some photos from last year's Sukkot Celebrations!

## *Simchat Torah/ שמחת תורה*

Immediately following Sukkot, we observe Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the completion of the annual reading of the Torah and affirm Torah as one of the pillars on which we build our lives. Historically, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah were two separate holidays (a day of reflection after the end of Sukkot and a celebration of Torah the following day). But in Israel and in Reform congregations, Shemini Atzeret is observed concurrently with Simchat Torah.

### **Simchat Torah Celebration and Confirmation**

Friday, October 9 | 6:30 pm

On this festive and fun evening, we finish the reading of the Torah with the last chapter in Deuteronomy and start the cycle once again with the first chapter of Genesis! We are thrilled to welcome Mark Riggio and his band as our musical guests. For more information about Confirmation, please see page 14.

### **Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor**

Saturday, October 10 | 10:00 am on Zoom

# Racial Justice at MLRT

## Creating A Common Vocabulary: A MLRT Conversation on Race

Join us for meaningful monthly dialogues, led by congregants for congregants, about issues related to race with the goal of creating connections, strengthening community, and developing cultural competence among members of MLRT.

**Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm, Zoom program led by Caralyn Spector**  
*An Introduction to Race and Racism*

**Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm, Zoom program led by Alyson Solomon**  
*What Is White Privilege? Do We Have It?*



*Caralyn Spector started her career in entertainment and arts and culture administration. Focusing on racial equity became part of her work as a policy advisor at the National Endowment for the Arts under the Obama Administration. She has continued working for justice through the William Penn Foundation and by actively participating in culturally-responsive and racial equity working groups across the Lower Merion School District.*



*Alyson Solomon has been a member of Main Line Reform Temple for 18 years. She is a wife, a mother of three, and a science teacher. Alyson has been engaged in anti-racist work for the last decade. She is trained as a facilitator for Intergroup Dialogue and certified in SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity). She also has attended workshops at the White Privilege Conference and The Race Institute for K-12 Educators.*

The Racial Justice at MLRT subcommittee actively seeks justice by:

- Welcoming a racially diverse membership and providing opportunities to our congregation and neighbors to learn more about race and systemic racism.
- Bringing people of different races and religious backgrounds together to develop deeper relationships through meaningful conversation and engagement.
- Creating safe and welcoming spaces for people of color.
- Standing up for people of color when their voices are not being heard.
- Advocating for anti-racist policies and programs throughout our community.

To join the subcommittee, please contact Rabbi Straus at [dstrauss@mlrt.org](mailto:dstrauss@mlrt.org).

## CONVERSATIONS... ON CURRENT EVENTS: What do you want to talk about?

**Monday, October 12 at 7:30 pm on Zoom**

JOIN THE DISCUSSION, an honest dialogue on the critical issues of the day. We ask participants to come prepared for an open and honest exchange of views—political correctness is not required, but respectful dialogue is. Please email Gordon Fink at [gbf@comcast.net](mailto:gbf@comcast.net) or David Edman at [davideedman@gmail.com](mailto:davideedman@gmail.com) the topics you most wish to discuss.

Zoom discussion link can be found at [mlrt.org/zoom](https://mlrt.org/zoom).

## Main Line History Through An Anti-Racist Lens: Two Community-wide Webinars

**The Story of Enslaved People on the Main Line - Sunday, October 18, 2:00 pm**

Join us as Executive Director Bruce Gill shares the history and legacy of Harriton House, considered one of the northern most slave plantations in the United States. The original estate, named Bryn Mawr, was changed to Harriton when Richard Harrison purchased the property and introduced tobacco and the slave economy to the estate in 1719. As we learn more about this history, we will discuss what it means to confront this reality as a part of our Main Line identity.

**The Great Migration and the Main Line - Sunday, October 25, 2:00 pm**

Craig Bailey, Villanova historian, will share the stories and history he has uncovered in his research into the local African American community on the Main Line. Focusing primarily on the movement of communities in the late 19th and early 20th century, Bailey will help us better understand the dynamics and people who shaped our community and how the role of racist systems and policies impacted the lives of our neighbors.

Attend both webinars, sponsored by Bethel AME Church of Ardmore and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, at [bit.ly/2YJLXE6](https://bit.ly/2YJLXE6)



My esteemed colleague Edward Alexander, in his 1979 seminal work The Resonance of Dust, cites Lionel Trilling, who was writing in 1948 shortly after the war.

"Society's resistance to the discovery of depravity has ceased; now everyone knows that Thackeray was wrong, Swift right. The world and the soul have split open of themselves and are all agape for our revolted inspection. The simple eye of the camera show us, at Belsen and Buchenwald, horrors that quite surpass Swift's powers, a vision of life turned back to the corrupted elements more literal and fantastic than that which Montaigne ascribed to organized society. A characteristic activity of mind is therefore no longer needed. Indeed, before what we now know the mind stops; the great psychological fact of our time which we all observe with baffled wonder and shame is that there is no possible way of responding to Belsen and Buchenwald. The activity of mind fails before the incommunicability of man's suffering." Substitute Charlottesville and Minneapolis and Ferguson for Belsen and Buchenwald for an update on "man's suffering." I am not suggesting that our current events are in any way comparable to the atrocities of the Holocaust; there are too many glimmers of similarity, however, for us to be complacent in this time of uncertainty.

Consider these names: George Floyd, Justin Howell, Sean Monterrosa, Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice, Elijah McClain, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Philando Castile, and Breonna Taylor. These women and men have been murdered: their memories verify that the "world and the soul have split open of themselves and are all agape for our revolted inspection." Combine these atrocities with the ever-present anti-Semitism the world over and you begin to comprehend the "incommunicability of man's suffering." We shudder when we hear of yet another assault on our sensibilities, but we tend not to hear a call to action. What can we do to respond in ways reasonable and sensible? Perhaps no more than putting up a sign in our yard that condemns intolerance, insists that gun ownership is not a God-given right, and that lives, including Black lives, matter. You probably have ideas that more perfectly will reorganize our society to rid it of depravity and willful shamefulness. As a people we are commanded to seek and do justice: let's simply seize the day.



Kindly, Gary Brock

## Tikkun Olam Network

The Tikkun Olam Network spent the summer supporting our community and has lots more good work to do this fall, with your help!

The garden bore beautiful fruit this summer and we were able to share our small weekly harvest with local food bank partners ElderNet (Ada Mutch Food Pantry), Narberth Community Food Bank, and Ardmore Food Pantry. These organizations have seen a rise in both demand and food donations and could use volunteers to help sort and manage their inventory. Visit their websites for more information and to sign up: [eldernetonline.org/food-pantry](http://eldernetonline.org/food-pantry), [narberthcommunityfoodbank.org](http://narberthcommunityfoodbank.org), and [stmarysardmore.org/ardmore-food-pantry](http://stmarysardmore.org/ardmore-food-pantry).

In July we held our second virtual Bingo Fundraiser and raised about \$2000 to support the Mitzvah Circle Foundation. We used some of that money and many donations of fun items for kids from congregants like you to gather and assemble "Kid Kits" for children they serve. The kits had lots of activities and books to help keep kids at home busy and engaged. We donated the rest of the money to MCF so they can purchase much-needed essentials for their clients like diapers and toiletries. Their clients have been hard hit by the pandemic and their volunteer hours are also down. However, they are not able to train new volunteers at this time. If you have ever volunteered there before and have more time to give, please go to their website to sign up: [mitzvahcircle.org](http://mitzvahcircle.org).

Also, join us very soon for the Virtual 5K Run to support Mitzvah Circle Foundation! While we can't all gather at a big event this year, our MLRT team will run as a socially distanced group on Sunday, October 4. Meet at MLRT at 9:30 am to run together or complete the run on your own at any time during the day. MLRT is also a sponsor of this annual event. If you are interested in joining us for a fun run on what we hope will be a beautiful fall day, please contact Rabbi Newburge at [gnewburge@mlrt.org](mailto:gnewburge@mlrt.org).

Let's make a difference together,  
Beth Allen and Elizabeth Stoller, TON Co-Chairs

# Sisterhood



Ami Lonner & Elizabeth Stoller,  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Most of us usually feel a sense of renewal and rejuvenation after observing the High Holy Days. This year, maybe not so much. Our lives seem to be somewhat on hold, compared with the way we are used to living. Most people have come to accept what we have all come to know as “the new normal.” Although not what we would want, we must come to terms with the severity of the global health crisis that we are living through and in order to carry on, learn to live in our “new normal” world and wait, and perhaps pray, for a resolution.

As if a pandemic were not enough to handle, we have also witnessed some of the greatest civil unrest many of us have seen in our lifetimes. This, along with several natural disasters, can feel like too much to bear. But emerging from this seemingly bottomless pit of despair, there have been glimmers of light and hope and humanity. There is evidence of goodness all around us if we just stop to pay attention to the bits and pieces of positivity that come up on our newsfeeds or that are

broadcast on the news. There are actually boundless ways to help our fellow humans during dark times and we hope that you will look to the MLRT Sisterhood as a source of strength and for support and positivity when you need it most. Not only will we continue to offer creative and entertaining online programming, but we will also provide opportunities to come together and assist our neighbors in need.

Look for upcoming social action happenings such as the Mitzvah Circle Foundation’s Annual 5K Run/Walk. This year’s event is virtual and will occur on Sunday, October 4 at MLRT, instead of at MCF. Our MLRT team will gather at 9:30 am with masks and at a distance from each other in order to complete a physically distanced group run. You may also complete the run on your own at any time on October 4. All are welcome! Please email Liz Stoller at [ljstoller@gmail.com](mailto:ljstoller@gmail.com) in order to join the MLRT team – they need us more this year than ever before. And make sure to stay tuned for other feel-good mitzvah opportunities!

*Help thy sister’s boat across and lo! thine own has reached the shore.*—Hindu proverb

Stay safe and well!

# Brotherhood

It’s difficult to make a definite schedule of events for 2020 - 2021. We do know that we will not erect the sukkah in September. But here is what we do know: Sally Brown has scheduled Dr. Paul Zeitz to speak at Brotherhood’s Friday Shabbat Service on March 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The Golf Committee has signed a contract for the golf outing to be held in the spring of 2021. We’ll schedule more events going forward as we are able.

Kindly,

Ed Bleeden, President MLRT Brotherhood



## BOARD SPOTLIGHT: MIGNON GROCH

Mignon Groch and her family have been members at MLRT since 2007. She is an attorney living in Merion, Pennsylvania with her husband Jim and two children, Jacob (17) and Sasha (13). Her specialty is labor and employment law.

Mignon is a member of the Sisterhood Choir, the Religious Practices Committee, and the Music and Arts Committee, and has been instrumental in the Reopening Committee. She has previously served on the Cantor Search Committee and Staff Relations Committee. She is an enthusiastic supporter of MLRT’s in-house musical talent and has also brought classical music concerts to the Temple.

Mignon is also a Board member of the musical organization Lyric Fest, which produces art song concerts in Philadelphia, and she served as a founding member of the Lower Merion Human Relations Commission from 2011 to 2016, working to implement the law which was created to extend protection from discrimination to the LGBT community.

When she is not singing or doing legal consulting, Mignon can be found doing yoga and spending time with her family.

Submit your bio for our Board Spotlight to Davida Chornock, Director of Marketing & Communications, at [dchornock@mlrt.org](mailto:dchornock@mlrt.org)



# Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education

The ECE is so excited to be opening for the 2020-2021 School Year! After weeks and weeks of preparation and planning we are ready to welcome the littlest members of our MLRT community. We are especially excited to introduce or re-introduce our fabulous teaching staff. Although this year has its challenges, we are ready to meet them head on and are committed to continue to provide the most meaningful educational experience possible. We look forward to seeing you all from a safe distance and to an amazing school year!



Ms. Amy – Shiny Apples (Twos)



Ms. Colleen – Shiny Apples (Twos)



Ms. Joan – Dancing Dinos (Threes)



Ms. Tracie – Dancing Dinos (Threes)



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Ms. Nicole – Laughing Ladybugs (Threes)



Ms. Laurie – Cool Cats (Pre-K)



Ms. Liana – Cool Cats (Pre-K)





# Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education

Our fabulous teachers and staff of 2020-21!



Ms. Lauren – Leaping Lizards (Pre-K)



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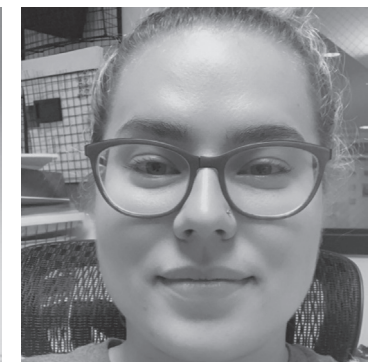
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# Teach Our Children: Religious School



**Rabbi Kevin Kleinman**

My favorite Jewish holiday of the year is Sukkot. To me, it epitomizes the best of Jewish continuity throughout the millennia. The holiday of Sukkot originates in the Torah as one of the three festivals in Ancient Israel. During the fall, Israelites from all of the land would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the harvest. They would build small huts, called a sukkah, to remember the journey of the Jewish people out of slavery into Egypt and into the freedom of the Promised Land. When the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed nearly two thousand years ago, the celebration of Sukkot continued in all lands that the Jewish community now inhabited.

And so, we too, observe the days of Sukkot by continuing the tradition of building a sukkah. We are taught that we should eat and even sleep in the sukkah. Normally, we invite guests over to join us for a meal or a snack. Additionally, we shake the lulav and the etrog in the sukkah to remind us that God's presence is everywhere.

Over the last few years, MLRT has added our own twist to enhance our community's celebration of Sukkot. Thanks to the continued support of MLRT's Brotherhood, we are able to lend out small sukkahs to our families to set up in their backyards or on their decks. This has opened the doors for our congregants to experience the magic of building, decorating, and dwelling in a sukkah for the first time! This year, we will again lend out our sukkahs. We will also set up four of our small sukkahs on MLRT's front lawn. Please email me at [kkleinman@mlrt.org](mailto:kkleinman@mlrt.org) if you are interested in borrowing a sukkah this year; supplies are limited and given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, we invite you to come and shake the lulav and etrog here at MLRT. Check your email for a sign-up form and we'll see you soon!

## *Religious School Update:*

We are off to a great start to our Religious School year. Our K-7<sup>th</sup> Grade began the year with classes on Zoom. Our students are having fun playing games (shh....don't tell them they are learning too!), reviewing Hebrew, and learning all about the High Holy Days.

October marks our transition to in-person classes for many students, while others will continue their Religious School education this year online. Our teachers have worked out to create class communities and invite student participation. Our curriculum will shift in October from learning and celebrating the fall holidays to our engaging Jewish studies curriculum that focuses on Jewish values, Torah stories, life-cycle events, and Tikkun Olam!

Religious School families should check my weekly Religious School email updates for specific information about class times and schedules.



**Cantor Faryn Rudnick**

I hope this time of year is bringing you all renewal and strength as we look towards a new year and a new normal. Just because we are home bound and virtual, does not mean that we will not have a musical year ahead. On the contrary, this year will be another year of exciting musical opportunities.

Each month there will be a different musical offering - perhaps a class or two, perhaps a visiting artist or two, perhaps an evening of music with myself or any of our talented music staff or some of our incredibly talented congregants. Last year we coined the musical happenings as "The Sounds of Music at MLRT." This year it will be the "Sounds and Sights of Music at MLRT," all virtual and safe, but exciting, engaging, educational, and just plain fun. Keep your eyes posted for a separate calendar of our offerings beginning later this month.

Shana Tova u'metukah - may you all have a sweet and healthy new year!

Another wave of a popular email scam has hit the Jewish community, with scammers posing as local rabbis to extort gift cards from unsuspecting congregants and contacts. This scam has affected MLRT and other congregations in the Philadelphia area and across the country. This particular scam starts with an email sent from an address that looks very similar to a particular rabbi's email address but from a different domain. Please note that all MLRT clergy and staff emails end with @mlrt.org. The fake email is sent to some of the rabbi's congregants, and it usually asks for a donation of online gift cards, a simple way for a con artist to grab a small bit of cash.

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& Mark Holtermann



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Son of Kari & Ken Kurtz



**Julia Lester**

Daughter of Rachel & Rich Lester



**Owen Lester**

Son of Rachel & Rich Lester



**Mark Samuel Riggio**

Son of Maryellen Koenig-Riggio  
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Daughter of Peg & Aron Wahrman

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*Rabbi Kevin Kleinman, Director of Education*

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Jewish learning is a lifelong adventure! Join us in honoring our Confirmation students and their families as part of our Simchat Torah Celebration on Friday, October 9 at 6:30 pm.

One of our most celebrated and loved services of the year is the Confirmation Service. Every year, our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students follow a course of study that culminates in a unique and deeply personal service led by the students. This worship experience affirms the students' commitment and involvement in Jewish life, as they share special moments that brought them to the sacred moment of Confirmation.

We hope to see all your smiling faces during our Zoom service on October 9 in support of these incredible and dedicated students who struggled with a global pandemic and persevered!



# Contributions

(As of August 28)

## *Anne Simon Adult Education Fund*

**Kay Sude**  
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## *Ritual Purpose Fund*

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## *Sisterhood Fund*

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In memory of Annette Herscher

**Elaine & Don Krasnick**  
In memory of Claire Doris Allen

## *In Memoriam*

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

### **Claire Doris Allen**

Mother of Francine Allen-Robbins  
Grandmother of Shari Robbins,  
Dori Ptak, and Lori Robbin  
Great-grandmother of Madeline, Layla,  
Nathaniel, Dana, and Reid

### **Mary Balefsky**

Mother of Lee Balefsky

### **Charlotte R. Bennett**

Great-grandmother of Alexandra Hirsh

### **Charles "Chuck" Deringer**

Husband of Marcy Deringer

### **Leonard Gilmar**

Father of Rachel Hancock  
Grandfather of Asher and Levi Hancock

### **Daniel B. Green**

Father of Richard Green  
Grandfather of Brittany Green,  
Jeffrey Green, and Julia Green

### **Rhiana Levy**

Sister of Miriam Komisarof

## *Mazal Too!*

**Debbie Cohen** on the birth of her grandson, John Rafael Lingel

**Alexandra & Brian Hirsh** on their marriage

**Amira Littman** on her marriage to Jeffrey Gervitz

**Ashley & Ross Summer** on the September Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob

**Did you know that you can make donations, pay your dues, register for school, and update your information online?**

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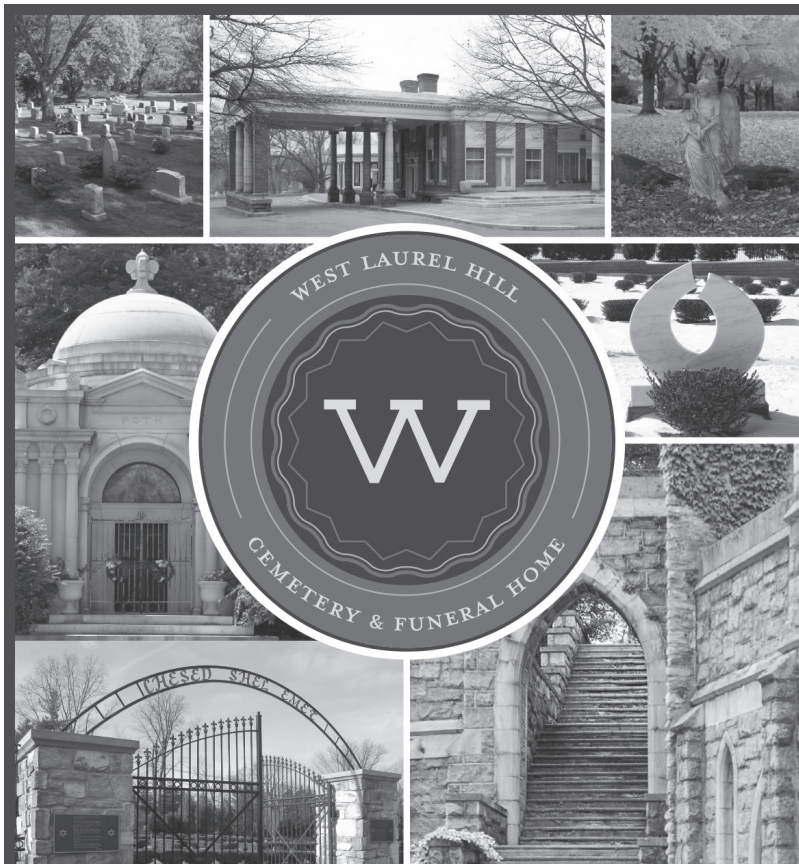
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### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 12:00 PM**

Enjoy a riveting discussion of "Nathoo" by Sophie Judah, from her collection, Dropped From Heaven, with our Short Story Discussion Group.



### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7:30 PM**

Love to read? You're invited to join the Bernie Kleinman Book Club for a lively discussion on The Accidental President by A. J. Baime.

## **REGULAR OFFERINGS**

### **THURSDAYS**

#### **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.

### **FRIDAYS**

#### **12:00 pm - Nosh & Drash**

Start Shabbat off right with a little learning with Rabbi Newburge. We will explore various texts and traditions from throughout Jewish history. (No class on October 16)

#### **6:30 pm - Friday Shabbat 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.

#### **10:00 am - Shabbat Morning Service**

Immediately following Torah Study, join us for a lovely Shabbat Service featuring our clergy.

#### **6:30 pm - Havdallah with Cantor Rudnick**

Join with Cantor Rudnick and her family for songs and Havdallah, as we look with hope towards a new week of peace and of good health. (No Havdallah on October 31)

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# Shabbat & Holiday Services

## Friday, October 2

### Erev Sukkot

- 4:00 pm Open House in the Sukkah  
(By Appointment only)  
6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat & Sukkot Service

## Saturday, October 3

### Sukkot

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Sukkot Zoom Service  
11:00 am Open House in the Sukkah  
(By Appointment only)  
4:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Saltzman  
Daughter of Robert Saltzman and  
Leslie Saltzman  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, October 9

### Erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

- 6:30 pm Shabbat & Simchat Torah Celebration  
& Yizkor and Confirmation Service

## Saturday, October 10

### Simchat Torah

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Simchat Torah Service & Yizkor  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, October 16

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service with  
Author, Kenneth Wald

## Saturday, October 17

- 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk at  
Cynwyd Heritage Trail  
9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Skylar Leigh Shulick  
Daughter of Cherie & David Shulick  
Bar Mitzvah of Oliver Michael Stein  
Son of Susan & Matthew Stein  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Ryan Green  
Daughter of Lisa & Richard Green  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, October 23

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

## Saturday, October 24

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Bacine  
Daughter of Melanie & Michael  
Bacine  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Rose Morelli  
Daughter of Shari & John Morelli  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, October 30

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

## Saturday, October 31

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service

**All programs and services, including B'nai Mitzvah services, are subject to change.  
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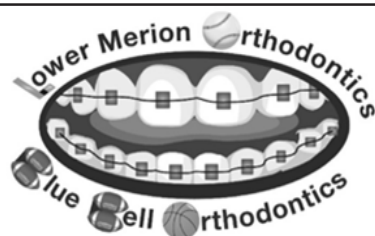
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| <i>Sunday</i>  | <i>Monday</i>   | <i>Tuesday</i>   | <i>Wednesday</i>  | <i>Thursday</i>  | <i>Friday</i>  | <i>Saturday</i>  |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|  |   |  |   | <b>1</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study   | <b>2</b><br><b>EREV SUKKOT</b><br>12:00 pm Nash & Drash with RGN<br>4:00-5:00 pm Time in the Sukkah*^<br>6:30 pm Shabbat Service                                       | <b>3</b><br><b>SUKKOT</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Sukkot Service<br>11:00am-12:00 pm Time in the Sukkah*^<br>4:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Saltzman<br>6:30 pm Havdallah   |
| <b>4</b><br>9:00 am MCF 5K Walk/Run<br>10:00 am Hassel Adult Education<br>Lecture: Bill Halthom<br>11:30am-12:20 pm Time in the Sukkah*^ | <b>5</b><br>4:00-5:30 pm Time in the Sukkah*^<br>7:30 pm Israel in the Sukkah Event<br>8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Frieda</i> | <b>6</b><br>4:00-5:30 pm Time in the Sukkah*^<br>12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with RDS | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study   | <b>9</b><br><b>EREV SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH</b><br>12:00 pm Nash & Drash with RGN<br>6:30 pm Shabbat/Simchat Torah Celebration & Yizkor and Confirmation Service | <b>10</b><br><b>SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Simchat Torah Service and YIZKOR<br>6:30 pm Havdallah   |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>7:30 pm Conversations... On Current Events<br>8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Spotlight</i>                          | <b>13</b><br>12:15 pm Forward Thinking<br>7:00 pm Cooking Demo & Author Program  | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study<br>12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: "Nathoo" | <b>16</b><br>6:30 pm Shabbat Service with author, Kenneth Wald   | <b>17</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk at Cynwyd Trail*<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service<br>10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Skylar Shulick and Oliver Stein<br>5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Green<br>6:30 pm Havdallah |
| <b>18</b><br>2:00 pm Main Line History Program   | <b>19</b><br>8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>The Sapphires</i>  | <b>20</b><br>7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <i>The Accidental President</i>  | <b>21</b><br>7:30 pm Creating Vocabulary: Conversation on Race with Carolyn Spector | <b>22</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study  | <b>23</b><br>12:00 pm Nash & Drash with RGN<br>6:30 pm Reset & Renew Shabbat Service   | <b>24</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service<br>10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Bacine<br>5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Morelli<br>6:30 pm Havdallah   |
| <b>25</b><br>2:00 pm Main Line History Program   | <b>26</b><br>8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>The Spy (series)</i>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>7:30 pm Creating Vocabulary: Conversation on Race with Alyson Solomon  | <b>29</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study  | <b>30</b><br>12:00 pm Nash & Drash with RGN<br>6:30 pm Shabbat Service   | <b>31</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service   |

\*In-person Program

^Registration Required for Participation

**Virtual programming is great, but we miss seeing your (masked) faces! Join us!**

**Shabbat Morning Walk with Rabbi Newburge**

*Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 am  
Meet at the Cynwyd Trail*

Take a break from your screens and connect with Shabbat in nature and your MLRT friends in a physically distanced walk. We will meet at the trailhead at the Cynwyd Trail (at the end of Levering Mill Rd). Wear your mask and your walking shoes for a beautiful fall walk.

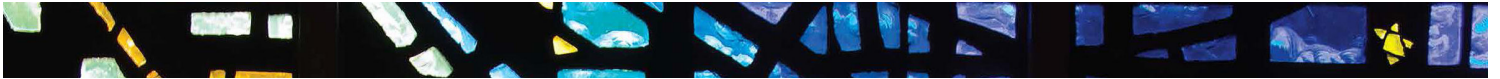


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