

IT'S TIME TO WELCOME A NEW YEAR

# L'Shana Tova!

**From our family to yours, wishing you all the best!**

We are delighted to share with you our mid-August/September Bulletin, which highlights and details the many opportunities for worship, study, learning, connecting and creating community at MLRT and covers our plans for the High Holy Days. This issue was printed in early August 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, as what we had planned in July may need to change by September. We thank you for your understanding.

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# Elul: A Time for Change

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Each year, Jews all over the world prepare for the High Holy Days during the month of Elul, the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah. It is a time of reflection and self-examination. For the executive director of a synagogue, it is typically a month filled with organizational challenges: handling membership requests, preparing the facility, arranging parking and security, and the list goes on. There is little time to reflect on the actual meaning of the holidays because the 'to do' list is endless, and the days fly by.

The Religious Practices Committee began conversations in May about how MLRT's High Holy Days would take shape. As the final decision was made that MLRT's services would be virtual for the safety of our congregational family, the preparation quickly shifted to identifying a way to create an online experience that would bring attendees comfort, familiarity, and beauty. The 'Days of Awe' are intended to inspire and fill you with deeper sense of purpose. In a typical year, our days leading up to the High Holy Days are filled with distractions, work responsibilities, family needs, children's schedules, and daily life pressures. Having been forced to quarantine since March, our world has shifted, and we yearn for normalcy.

I hope as we begin the month of Elul, each of us has the chance to consider how this year's High Holy Day celebration can help restore some of what we have lost over the last few months. Our service recordings began in early August. I hope you will consider sending us pictures that we can incorporate into the recordings; pictures of you performing a Jewish ritual, loved ones you are remembering during Yizkor or just a Happy New Year photo of the family. Please send these images and captions to our High Holy Day video intern, Julia Rosen, at [jrosen@mlrt.org](mailto:jrosen@mlrt.org) by **August 20**. Even though we are unable to celebrate in person, we want to see your faces and provide the opportunity for you to see others.

For me, the High Holy Day prayers remind me to embrace the important elements in my life, encourage gratitude, and seek forgiveness. I encourage you to join me in practicing gratitude for all that we have and try to truly enjoy the simple things in life: a quiet walk, time with our children, a family meal, or a physically distant gathering with friends. There is no question our world will continue to be challenging, but there are still many positive moments to embrace. I have seen a tremendous amount of compassion, empathy, and goodness at MLRT and in the world. Please join me during Elul in working to change your perspective and create a new narrative that will help us start 5781 with renewed strength and endurance.

Next year, may we all be together and pray under the same roof.  
L'Shana Tova Tikatevu – May this new year bring blessing and happiness!

*Be a part of our High Holy Day videos and help spread simcha this High Holy Day season!  
Get involved now in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:*

## Honoring our Front Line Workers

We are so grateful for everything you have done for the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond and we want to honor and thank you during our Rosh Hashanah service video. Please send us a picture of you and let us know your profession.

## Snapshots of Your Life

Send us a picture of your family performing a typical Jewish ritual – lighting candles, breaking bread, celebrating Shabbat - or just send Happy New Year wishes to others – be creative and have some fun.

## Sharing Love and Memories

Remember loved ones you have lost during our Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. Send us a photo of those you are thinking of during the holiday and make sure to let us know who they are and their full names.

**Email your pictures and captions to our exceptionally talented High Holy Day video intern, Julia Rosen, at [jrosen@mlrt.org](mailto:jrosen@mlrt.org) before Sunday, August 20.**

# Strength Through Community



Rabbi David Straus

In March, our world turned upside down. Only a few days after our celebration of Purim, a holiday of masks ironically enough, the spread of COVID-19 led to our becoming a virtual Temple without walls. I am grateful to all of our staff and leaders who helped make the transition go smoothly. Despite all the obstacles, it has been remarkable to witness the engagement through the consistent participation in our Shabbat services, flourishing adult education, Religious School, and ECE programs, and other online experiences. We've learned how to continue to celebrate our children's B'nai Mitzvah online; and sadly, how to conduct shiva through Zoom as well. For me, perhaps the most difficult part of this new time has been leading you through loss. Loss of control of our lives; loss of being with family and friends; loss of being in community with you. And most of all, the loss of loved ones, having to mourn without the physical support of family and friends and community.

We've learned that needing to be physically distant from one another does not mean we need to be spiritually or socially distant. We've learned to connect with one another now in ways we could hardly have imagined months ago.

Still, those experiences cannot replace what it is like to be physically present with another in person. I miss walking into our building, the parking lot filled, and seeing each and everyone of you. I miss a building filled with the sound of our youngest students in play; or our Religious School students walking and talking in the hallways, singing with Ross. I miss opening your car doors on Sunday mornings, and greeting our students. I miss teaching in person, and the energy that comes from questions and answers and seeing your faces. I miss in person meetings, and the meetings before and after the meeting where we share what's happening in our lives.

And little could I have imagined in March that we could not and would not be together physically for these High Holy Days. It will be very different for all of us. I still cannot imagine what it is going to be like to deliver my sermon to an empty sanctuary. What rabbi or cantor doesn't like to officiate in a full sanctuary?

What is clear is that our world, and specifically our Jewish world, will be very different and much changed when this pandemic is over. What exactly our Jewish world and more specifically, our Main Line Reform Temple world, will be like is impossible to know. The rabbis taught us that with the destruction of the Second Temple, prophecy was left to children and fools. But some things I think are already clear.

- We will come up with new and different ways to form community
- We understand now more than ever the importance of community, and being in community

In this very polarized and often isolating world, many of us have re-discovered what we knew was there, but perhaps suppressed, or perhaps we were afraid to articulate: we long to live our lives in connection with others in ways that add meaning and purpose to this journey through life; we want to make a difference in our world and in our community; we desperately want to help repair our all too often broken world and existence.

This pandemic is going to create serious financial challenges for us. Now more than ever, we need to make certain that everyone knows that our doors are always open to all, and that we will never turn anyone away because of financial need. At the same time, those of us who are in a position to be generous, we need your philanthropic support now more than ever.

Of this I am certain: without synagogues, there will be no Jewish future in America.

Our message, "Be Inspired! Be Connected! Belong!" has never been more meaningful than it is today. Through our online community, we have stayed linked together during this pandemic and physical distancing. Yet, I know we miss being with one another. We miss the time to just kibbitz and catch up, to say hello, to share a hug. Please stay in touch and let us know how you are doing. We welcome knowing how things are going in your life, what we can do to meet your needs, and ideas you may have for strengthening our congregation and community.

Together, may we draw blessing from one another, knowing that as One Family, we are stronger together. I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and good New Year.

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, love and generosity.

**Submissions for the 5781 Book of Remembrance are due on Monday, August 17.**

After you have submitted your Annual Membership Pledge, you will receive an email link to send in your names or you can visit [mlrt.org/BoR](http://mlrt.org/BoR). If you have any questions, please contact Beth Lloyd at [blloyd@mlrt.org](mailto:blloyd@mlrt.org).

# MLRT: Be Inspired. Be Connected. Belong.



**Joel Ginsparg**  
President

These past six months have been unlike any we have ever experienced before. The global pandemic has had a major impact on all of our personal lives. It has also had a major impact on MLRT.

However, when the pandemic forced us to close the synagogue building, that did not mean that we closed our doors and stopped functioning as a synagogue community. Our clergy team and staff and lay leaders swiftly transitioned to offer virtual educational programs, religious services, and life cycle events to keep our Jewish community alive and connected. We continue to celebrate together the joys of life and to walk together through the valley of shadows.

The clergy, staff and leadership have worked very hard over the past several months to reopen the MLRT building. We have created and implemented very detailed safety protocols that follow the most up-to-date public health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the PA Department of Health, and the Montgomery County Health Department. As a result, we have reopened MLRT

so that staff may work in the building. Life cycle events are once again being held in the sanctuary, albeit with limited attendance. Our Early Childhood Education program and Religious School will be reopening soon. However, it is not practical to open the building up to everyone and for every activity. Until this crisis is over, we will need to continue to limit access to our building and to celebrate religious services and provide programming on a virtual basis.

During these trying times, the MLRT Sh'ma statement is more relevant than ever. **Be Inspired. Be Connected. Belong.**

**Be Inspired.** There are many ways that you can participate in meaningful activities. The MLRT Tikkun Olam Network has continued its work supporting food banks and other projects to address food insecurity and the material needs of families in our area. A group of members and clergy have begun conversations about racial justice both internally and with other faith-based organizations in our area. Our congregation is also in the early stages of building a partnership with a small Reform congregation in Ma'alot Tivon, in Northern Israel near Haifa. We are learning about life as a progressive Reform Jew in Israel, making new friends in Israel, and diving deep into issues that matter to all of us. If you are interested in participating in any of these inspiring activities or many others, please see the pages of this Bulletin, contact the clergy or the MLRT office for more details, or visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org).

**Be Connected.** 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. However, this crisis has made it very difficult to have meaningful experiences. Please remember that you are a part of a strong vibrant MLRT community. 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. During this crisis, there are many opportunities to connect and engage in various programs with your MLRT family. Please check the Bulletins, our weekly emails, [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org), or contact the clergy or leadership for ways to connect!

**Belong.** Be a member of MLRT. I want to thank all of you who have reaffirmed your membership and I want to especially thank you for your financial support! I want to ask everyone else to please renew your membership in MLRT. I thank you for all of your prior support and contributions. However, we can only keep our doors open if all of us continue to support our synagogue community. I am asking you to help invest in our future, because at this time, perhaps more than ever before, the future of MLRT is at stake.

As the summer ends, I hope that people everywhere will wear masks and social distance so that the number of people infected by COVID-19 will decrease. I hope that testing for the virus will become available for all who want to be tested and that results from the tests will be available within a reasonable timeframe. I hope that the Phase III trials for vaccines show positive results, that the vaccines are proven safe, and that there will be sufficient doses available to enable all of us to be vaccinated. There is light at the end of the tunnel! If these hopes can turn into reality, then this crisis will pass. My final hope is that you and your families stay safe and well and, as we prepare to observe the High Holy Days, I pray that the new year will be a sweeter year and a safer year for all of us!

*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](mailto:gmarder@mlrt.org) if you would like to get involved in calling congregants or helping shop for those who need our assistance.*



# Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,  
Librarian

During the summer, our short story discussions have successfully taken place on Zoom. This format has given many members a chance to participate in lively discussions. The discussions will continue to be online, and many of you have picked up your spiral books containing the stories. Our story for September 10 will be "The Cafeteria" by Isaac Bashevis Singer. A mystical tale of a casual but extremely intense relationship between two Jewish refugees who meet in one of New York's Upper West Side cafeterias. Aaron is a successful Yiddish writer, and Esther is an intelligent woman who makes her living by sewing buttons in New Jersey. Our group was intrigued by "The Zulu and the Zeide" by Dan Jacobson, giving us a look at race relations during apartheid in South Africa. I recommend the story as well as the following books to spark meaningful conversations about Jews and race relations:

As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson. A dual biography of the amazing leaders whose names stand for justice and freedom.

Let's Talk about Race and Lovesong: Becoming a Jew by Julius Lester. Julius Lester is an important voice for racial justice. He was a Black Jew who died in 2018. He spoke about knowing, "the pain of a Jew when confronted with Black antisemitism and the pain of a Black when confronted with Jewish racism."

Joshua: a Brooklyn Tale by Andrew Kane. A novel that reveals the human side of racial tension in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Broken Alliance: The Turbulent Times between Blacks and Jews in America by Jonathan Kaufman. This updated version paints a vivid portrait of the relationship between Blacks and Jews in recent decades.

The Color of Water: a Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother by James McBride. Many of you might have read this memoir published in 1995.

Green: A Novel by Sam Graham-Felson. This book explores a boy's search for his Jewish identity and his growing awareness of his race and privilege at his public school.

I'll stay in touch about Main Line Reform Temple's terrific tradition of inviting authors to speak to us about their new books in a virtual format. Turning to books and reading is a certain thing in these uncertain times. I am available to recommend more for your book clubs or personal reading. Please reach out at [sbrown@mlrt.org](mailto:sbrown@mlrt.org).

As we approach our fall holidays, let me write my heartfelt wish for you all to be inscribed in the Book of Life.



## Shabbat Service Honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Join with the MLRT clergy team on 6:30 pm, Friday night, August 21 on Zoom as we honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. This milestone will be marked by readings and quotes from the women who fought for equality, music that is focused on social justice and equality, and is written by female composers, and will acknowledge the hard work, pain and commitment that is needed to make positive change happen in the face of adversity.

## Mental Health Series: Communal Program

Never before have we needed community more than we do now. The Reform congregations in our area have come together to offer a Mental Health Series to provide support and resources during these unprecedented times. Each session will be hosted by a local clergy person and **have experts** speaking to critical issue. Together we will support each other during our most sacred season; we hope these sessions are meaningful and look forward to sharing the time with you.

**Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 pm - Oh The Places You'll Go...Eventually!** Managing stress & anxiety during these uncertain times, especially in regards to children returning to school, or not returning to school (or even their own homes), from our youngest to our oldest children; Hosted by Rabbi Geri Newburge & Rabbi Peter Rigler.

**Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 pm - Supporting our Caregivers & Those in our Communities Living with Disabilities.** Cantor Faryn Rudnick is both teaching and facilitating this program along with experts from JFCS.

**Monday, September 28, 2:00 pm - Making Loss Matter.** How to negotiate and process lost opportunities, connections, normalcy (being able to visit with family, friends, isolation, career losses, what can we control/not control, etc). Hosted by Rabbi Eric Lazar during our Yom Kippur Study Sessions.

# High Holy Days 5781



I hope this letter finds all of you well and re-energized going into the fall. I know that 2020/5780 has been a year like no other. We have had to deal with so many obstacles, issues, heartache and death over these many months. Most notably, COVID-19 and the sickness, death, uncertainty, and fear it created in the world and right here in our MLRT community and the protesting and rioting of the unnecessary killings and the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement. Amidst all of this, many of you are wondering how MLRT is going to make Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur part of your lives this year. Knowing that the current pandemic would not permit all of us to worship together in a closed space, our clergy, staff, lay leaders and congregants mobilized early this spring and worked together to develop a meaningful, spiritual, religious High Holy Day period welcoming 5781 with open arms.

MLRT started working in June with two production companies that are recording services that will be available to view online. In addition to pre-recorded services, there will be many live moments and activities during this year's High Holy Days. (Please see a full listing of events on page 7. Schedule of events and times subject to change so see MLRT.org for the most up-to-date schedule.) Please be assured that the longstanding tradition of involvement by lay leadership with honors will remain. As always, these services will be inclusive, engaging, and welcoming to our MLRT community.

The High Holy Days are never a time for anyone to be alone and it is even more important that this year, given the pandemic, riots, protests, economic uncertainty and more, that no one is left without a place to worship at the holiest time of the Jewish year. Because of this unprecedented year and the need for community, and in line with MLRT's Shema statement: Be inspired, Be connected, Belong, we have decided to allow anyone to view the prerecorded services, members and non-members alike. Exact details of how this will be arranged are being worked out currently. No matter who they are and where they are from, everyone will have a place to come to worship, pray, sing and just "be together" even if for a short period of time. Being together takes on a whole new meaning now, but however we do it, safely and keeping with all guidelines set by the CDC, state and local officials, we stand together.

I want to leave you with a prayer created by Rabbi Joseph Meszler to be said for 20 seconds during hand-washing. The words resonate and are so appropriate as we head into the High Holy Day season. *As I take up my hands to wash them and reassure my heart, I pray for healing and wholeness for the whole world. I remember that every life is unique and of infinite value: from those living on the most remote part of the globe to those in our cities to our neighbors and family members. Let me use my hands for good to help bring love and compassion to others. "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to the Eternal."* (Lam3:41)

**שנה טובה ומתוקה Shana Tova Umetukah**

**David Rawdin, Religious Practices Chair**

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

Our tradition wisely counsels that one cannot just jump into the High Holy Days, one needs to prepare in order to fully take advantage of the many possibilities for personal growth and transformation they offer.

Rabbi Kevin Kleinman will provide guidance on Monday, August 31 at 8:00 pm on Zoom with **Preparing Your Family for the High Holy Days**. "Why do we use a round challah on Rosh Hashanah?" "What's that ritual where we say we are sorry?" Find out the answer to these questions about the High Holy Days, trade recipes with other parents, and discuss ways that you can prepare your family and your home for the upcoming High Holy Days. This year, more than ever, your home will be your Jewish home base, so let's work on a game plan together!

**This preparation takes on additional urgency with Selichot, a service held the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah. Join in our virtual communal Selichot observance, Saturday, September 12 starting at 8:00 pm with Havdallah, followed by community study and learning study sessions, and Conservative & Reform Services at 9:15 pm.** We participate as a community in Selichot to emphasize that before we return to our own work of transformation, we join together in unison, linking hearts and intentions with one another, strengthening one another. Further details at [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org).

Join with Cantor Rudnick as she explores the music that is most meaningful for the holidays, how it touches the soul, and how music can be a vehicle for transformation and restoration as we enter into the Days of Awe on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 pm with **Preparing Ourselves from the Inside: A Look at the Music of the High Holy Days and How this Music Can Restore the Soul and Prepare us for the Journey of the Holy Days**.

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## Rosh Hashanah Zoom Study Sessions

### Saturday, September 19

**1:00 – 1:45 pm: Julian Resnick – Why this New Year in Israel might be different from any other New Year we have ever celebrated here before**

Julian Resnick is the founder of Journeys Making Meaning: Guiding the Jewish Story in Israel and Around the World. Born in South Africa, Julian made Aliyah in 1976. He has served as a consultant to the Movement for Progressive Judaism in England, and to NFTY and the Reform Movement in Israel.

**2:00 -2:45 pm: Diane Steinbrink – Comparing Linda Loman from Death of a Salesman and Rose Lee Maxson from Fences.**

Diane Steinbrink graduated from Adelphi University having majored in Speech and Drama. She acted for and served as Coordinator of Plays For Living for Family Service Philadelphia for 17 years. She was also producer and a facilitator of the Anne Frank Theatre Project for Jewish Family and Children's Service.

**3:00 – 3:45 pm: Rabbi Richard Steinbrink – What should a Jew believe? How do you relate to the concepts of God, Torah, and Israel?**

Rabbi Steinbrink was ordained at the HUC-JIR in 1961. He has served congregations in New Jersey, St. Louis, and in Philadelphia at Rodeph Shalom for 17 years. In retirement he was part-time Rabbi at Or Chadash in Clinton, NJ; Director of Institutional Advancement at Community College of Philadelphia, and part-time Chaplain at Jefferson Hospital for 21 years.

### Sunday, September 20

**1:00 pm: Rabbi Geri Newburge and Cantor Faryn Rudnick - Tashlich**

Join Rabbi Newburge and Cantor Rudnick for an in-depth look at Tashlich, the Rosh Hashanah ritual of casting off our sins. Explore the unusual history of this practice and its relevance for today. Weather permitting, those who are interested can gather afterwards at 2:30 pm for a physically distanced Tashlich service at Shortridge Park.

## Yom Kippur Community Zoom Study Sessions

### Monday, September 28 starting at 1:00 pm

Join us for a nourishing session of words and music, poetry and movement with our neighboring Reform congregations, including Beth David, Briith Achim, and Briith Chaim, that will strengthen you on this day and give you resources for the days to come.

**Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell – Return to the Land of Your Soul: Reclaiming our Precious Legacy in these Unprecedented Days**

Rabbi Elwell, PhD. is the editor of The Open Door Haggadah, the award-winning Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives, and Lesbian Rabbis: The First Generation. She has spent the last four decades strengthening congregations and communities, focusing on the intersection of spirituality and justice work. She serves as Spiritual Director at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and with individuals across the country.

**Rabbi Richard Steinbrink – Did events that are described in the Bible really happen? Learn how the science of archeology helps us to appreciate these ancient stories.**

**Janet Lee – Guided Meditation.** Yom Kippur is a time of reflection and introspection. Join our Executive Director for a ½ hour of guided meditation to go inward and find some peace of mind.

**Rabbi Eric Lazar – Making Loss Matter.**

Rabbi Lazar gained extensive pulpit experience at congregations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Florida, before becoming the Rabbi at Temple Briith Achim in King of Prussia. He holds a BA from University of Michigan, Masters Degree from HUC-JIR, and was ordained in 2001.

**Jews of Color: Who are We?**

American Judaism and our congregations are enjoying the blessing of increased heritage diversity. Join members of our community in a reflection on the personal experiences of Jews of Color in our Metro Philly Jewish Community with a special focus on the call to champion racial justice at this critical moment.

## High Holy Days Services & Programs 2020/5781

### Selichot

**Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 pm**

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

**Friday, September 18**

**7:30 pm Service\***

### Rosh Hashanah

**Saturday, September 19**

**9:30 am Traditional Service Service\***

**10:30 am Contemporary Service\***

**11:30 am Family Service\***

**1:00 - 4:00 pm Zoom Study Sessions**

### Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

**Sunday, September 20**

**9:00 - 11:00 am New Year Drive Through**

**1:00 pm Zoom Study Session\***

**2:30 pm In-Person Tashlich Service**

Shortridge Park in Wynnewood (weather permitting)

### Erev Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

**Sunday, September 27**

**7:30 pm Kol Nidre Service\***

### Yom Kippur

**Monday, September 28**

**9:30 am Traditional Service Service & Yizkor\***

**10:30 am Contemporary Service & Yizkor\***

**11:30 am Family Service\***

**1:00 pm Communal Zoom Study Sessions**

**4:30 pm Healing Service\***

**5:00 pm Mincha & Ne'ilah\***

*\*Pre-recorded service streamed at [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org)*

**All programs are subject to change.  
Program links and the most up-to-date  
information can be found at [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org)**

The health and safety of our community is our priority, and while we would prefer to be celebrating together, we recognize there is no safe way for us to gather as a congregation. Therefore, we have made the difficult decision to go virtual this year.

We want all of our members to enjoy the same high-quality services you have come to love and expect from MLRT so we invite you to experience our pre-recorded High Holy Day services from the safety and comfort of your own homes. **And the best part? You don't have to worry about parking!**



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## *Much Needed Greetings!*

Sisterhood is helping to spread some MLRT love by offering combined High Holy Day/2020 Confirmation Greetings! After such a difficult spring and summer, we hope you will join us by sending holiday greetings to our hard-working clergy and senior staff, and overdue congratulations to our resilient 2020 Confirmands who will celebrate in October. For a minimum donation of \$18, we will add your name and good wishes to these much needed and much appreciated greetings. This annual fundraiser offers an opportunity to support Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund, which provides annual grants for Youth - Programs for high school and college students, Education - Rabbinic and Cantorial scholarships, and Special Projects - Local, national, and international Sisterhood programs. Your participation shows our MLRT family how much you care AND makes a gift to the future of our Reform movement.

Please use the form below or pay online at [mlrt.org/sisterhood](http://mlrt.org/sisterhood). Thank you for your support!

### *Greetings to Clergy & Senior Staff AND Confirmands, 5781*

Please send your minimum \$18 check, payable to MLRT Sisterhood, Kerry Heppen, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096, no later than September 23, 2020.

Please contact Kerry Heppen at [kpacdhep@aol.com](mailto:kpacdhep@aol.com) with any questions.

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

## *Happy New Year Drive Through*

**Sunday, September 20**

**9:00 - 11:00 am**

**MLRT Parking Lot**

**Start 5781 with your MLRT family in this physically distanced holiday Kick-off!** Drop off your High Holy Day Food Drive donations (more information to the right), give warm wishes to our clergy and staff from your car, add your note to our Rosh Hashanah banner, and possibly get a special treat!

*We miss seeing your faces (masks on, please) and cannot wait to wish you L'Shana Tova in person!*

**We ask you adhere to this schedule, based on the first letter of your last name, so we don't create a traffic jam on Montgomery Ave.**

**A-F 9:00 - 9:30 am      N-R 10:00 - 10:30 am**

**G-M 9:30 - 10:00 am      S-Z 10:30 - 11:00 am**

**An increase in technology demands an increase in technical help, so we need your help!**

Are you able to assist our members if problems arise when streaming our High Holy Day services? Please contact Ross M. Levy at [rlevy@mlrt.org](mailto:rlevy@mlrt.org) for more information!

## *High Holy Day Food Drive*

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

Nourish families in need by participating in the 5781 Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia High Holy Day Food Drive.

Please drop off your unopened, kosher canned beans, nut butters, and canned fish to MLRT from September 18 to October 1 or bring them to the Happy New Year Drive Through on September 20.

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

## *Sukkot is coming. Are you ready?*

Want to participate in Sukkot while physically distancing but don't have a Sukkah of your own? We can make it easy for even the most time-challenged to celebrate the holiday, so you can focus on community.

MLRT has a limited number of Sukkah kits available at no cost for our congregants. Easy to put together – it only takes about 15 minutes to build and all you need is a ladder – they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. MLRT wants to help you focus on celebrating the joy of Sukkot with your loved ones, rather than the occasional frustrations of building the sukkah.

Please contact Gil Marder, Member Engagement & Program Manager, at [gmarder@mlrt.org](mailto:gmarder@mlrt.org) if you have questions.



# Sisterhood



**Ami Lonner & Elizabeth Stoller,**  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Hello Sisters. We hope you are able to enjoy the summer, even with the continuing restrictions we are all getting used to. Hopefully you have been able to share some outdoor time, socially distanced of course, with friends and family. It is more important than ever to take care of our physical and mental health. Sisterhood has always been a place where MLRT women can come together and share in educational, enriching and inspirational programs, events and mitzvot. We hope that you will stay engaged with Sisterhood this coming year, as we navigate a new normal and bring you online programming that we think you will enjoy. We are already planning things like online happy hours, painting classes, a wine tasting and book and film discussions, among other things. Please watch your email for upcoming dates for these programs. We will be having a virtual "Opening" program on Tuesday, September 15, and we hope you will join us to reconnect with friends at that time. More information will be distributed soon about this event.

In other news, our executive board "met" recently to approve our new slate of officers, and we are thrilled to welcome some new and returning faces to our leadership team. Welcome Deb Herrmann, Betsy Zeitlin, Margie Bildersee and Hallie Lightdale to the Executive Board. We also want to thank our outgoing board members, Beth Ginsberg, Nina Rosenthal, and Lisa Greenblatt, for their dedication and time over the past several years.

As we mentioned last month, we will not be holding our annual Rummage sale this year, so if you have been holding on to items to donate, or cleaning out closets, like many of us during quarantine, please consider donating your items to other needy organizations in our area. Mitzvah Circle Foundation and Our Closet (part of JFCS) are always in need!

Stay safe, stay cool and enjoy the rest of the summer. We can't wait to "see" you in the Fall!

# Tikkun Olam Network

A lot has been happening in our country and for many of us, we are realizing that we have a lot of work to do toward understanding the true experience of people of color in America and to begin to repair race relations. If you are interested in joining in conversation about racism and reconciliation, please contact Rabbi Straus at [dstraus@mlrt.org](mailto:dstraus@mlrt.org). There is an MLRT group meeting to work on what our community can do in order to be part of the solution.

MLRT is also helping establish RAC-PA, a Religious Action Center in Pennsylvania. This is an organization of Reform congregations who aim to increase civic engagement in our communities. RAC-PA is organizing a powerful, nonpartisan civic engagement campaign as a part of Every Voice, Every Vote, the RAC's Civic Engagement Campaign for 2020. The goal is to get as many people to vote as possible! Coming up is National Voter Registration Day on September 22. Please contact Rabbi Straus to see how you can get involved!

We are pleased to report that we held another fun night of BINGO with Rabbi Newburge and Ross M. Levy on July 21 and raised over \$2,000 to give to Mitzvah Circle Foundation! Much of the money went toward purchasing items to assemble Kid Kits, which are fun activities to keep the kids that MCF serves busy over the summer. On August 5, we gathered in the MLRT parking lot to put the kits together and delivered them to Mitzvah Circle Foundation. It was great to have so many people participate in an amazing mitzvah!

And of course, our community garden has been thriving, thanks to the love and care of some dedicated TON members. We have been growing tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, and a few string beans. Take a look the next time you drive by on N. Wynnewood Rd. The garden will be up until mid-late September and we are always looking for people to tend and harvest. You can sign up for a volunteer slot at [bit.ly/MLRTgarden](https://bit.ly/MLRTgarden).

## Mazal Too!

**Terry and Amy Buckman** on the engagement of their son, Jason, to Alexandra Fishman

**Marni & Kenneth Clyman** on the off-site Rosh Hashanah Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ashley

**Leigh Corrado** on the engagement of her son, Seth Gitman, to Lisa Rabbit

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

**Mervyn Golder** on his 95th birthday

**Amy & Mike Pelka** on the birth of their son, Wyatt

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

**Ruth Spekter** on the birth of her great grandson, Benjamin Harris Ghen

**Merle Zucker** on the birth of her great granddaughter, Leia Eleanor Zucker

# Brotherhood

"When the sea was calm  
All ships alike  
Showed mastership in floating"  
(Wm. Shakespeare, "Coriolanus")

Unhappily, we are entering the second half of 2020 with no calm sea, no mastership at any helm, with unwelcome signs of disarray around every corner of every state house, of every city council chamber, of every university and college campus, of every brick and mortar school, and within movements promoting themselves for good or ill. Reason and science have been relegated to the dustbin, tawdry slogans masquerade as truth. How has MLRT navigated these turbulent waters? Clearly, the Temple has created innumerable opportunities for worship and study for the past months. Kudos to the Rabbis, Cantor, and all Temple staff for their Herculean effort in keeping the ship afloat by offering weekly classes, meditation, and conversations for our members.

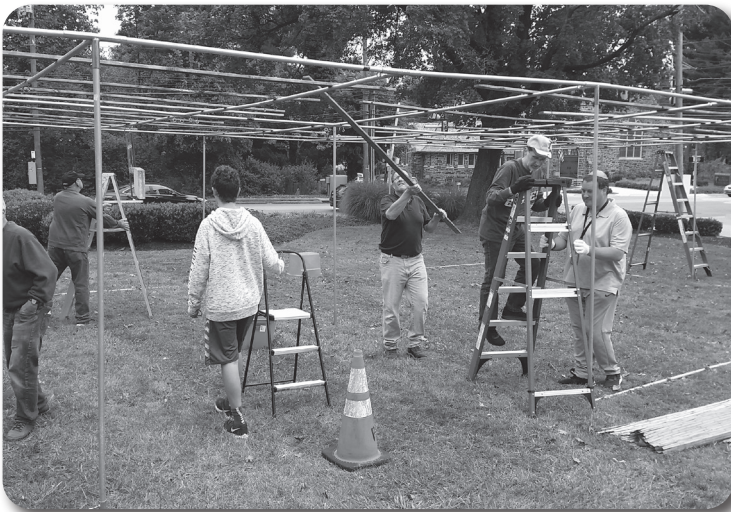
But how are we, as MLRT Brotherhood members, going to continue serving our Temple and affording each other opportunities for some semblance of camaraderie as we go forward during these unprecedented times? Let's count the ways, and let's not discount anything.

Thanks to Zoom, the Bernie Kleinman Book Club now becomes an incredible opportunity for discussion and appreciation of books selected by the participants. The Club welcomes all members of the Temple community. Call the office for information. Better yet, contact Norm Fienman at [nfienman@gmail.com](mailto:nfienman@gmail.com).

We will continue to meet at each other's houses in small groups for snacks, libations, and chit-chat; young and older alike should consider such get-togethers. It only costs a phone call to set up a time and meeting place. Talk to our president, Ed Bleeden, about such an event. We should continue to support the Beer Club, now that some venues are allowing for distance drinking of what Benjamin Franklin considered essential for good health.

Will we ever be able to conduct the Brotherhood Shabbat Friday Night Service? Well, we don't know whether the opportunity will present itself; but Brotherhood stands ready at a moment's notice to fulfill this mitzvah.

Will there ever be the Fifth Annual Golf Outing for Charity this year? Who knows. But rest assured, your Golf Outing Committee is poised to act at a moment's notice to effectuate this annual gala.



Now that Brotherhood has purchased replacements for the wind-damaged poles, we will, without question, put up our Sukkah at the end of September. It may not house great throngs of children or adults at one time, we probably will not have a Brotherhood Steaks in the Sukkah extravaganza, but it will afford the opportunity for those entering to wave the lulav and smell the etrog and hope that all will be right with world.

Speaking of our world as we find it today, it remains still for all of us to be reminded of M.L. King's "fierce urgency of now" to make real the promise of democracy, thereby contributing to smoother sailing of all ships alike.

Kindly,

Gary Brock, VP MLRT Brotherhood

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

Join us on Zoom at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 18 for a lively discussion on Erik Larson's  
"The Splendid and the Vile" at [bit.ly/BKbookclub8](https://bit.ly/BKbookclub8).

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).

# Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education



**Sonia DeCurtis**  
Teacher Supervisor

Hello ECE Community,

After 11 years of being in the classroom at MLRT, I am back!

I have always felt that our fabulous teachers could benefit from someone they could go to for any kind of help or support they need during the school day. I was so pleased and excited when I was asked to return, and delay my retirement, as the "Teacher Supervisor."

I will do my best to give the teachers the support they need to do the amazing work of preparing our children for a better future. I will make myself available to teachers and parents with any concerns or questions throughout the school year.

Janet Lee, Keshia Cortez and I make up the ECE Leadership Team for this school year. We have been working diligently to re-open school in these challenging times. We are committed to making our school a safe, happy environment where children will continue to grow and thrive. We formed a parent committee including doctors, teachers and members of our community who have firsthand knowledge of how to operate a school safely. We believe that our plan is incredibly robust and prioritizes the safety of our teachers and students. We look forward to welcoming all of our children back to MLRT.

# Teach Our Children: Religious School



**Rabbi Kevin Kleinman**

The great Jewish philosopher Maimonides teaches us that the sound of the shofar awakens our spirit. This year, like all other Septembers, we are preparing for the High Holy Days in our synagogue, our Religious School, and our homes. We are eager to hear the blasting of the shofar, to eat round challah and honey cake, to think about the year that was and commit to acting kinder to our family and friends, and more justly to those whose circumstances require *chesed* – loving kindness. But this year, unlike all other years, we do so in the midst of a global pandemic. We will be worshipping virtually, gathering with family online, and beginning a school year under very different and difficult circumstances. But don't worry, we will still hear the shofar, and I'm sure there will still be dessert at your Rosh Hashanah dinner!

We will also return to Religious School to strengthen our Jewish identities, to learn Hebrew, to tell the ancient stories of our people in modern and relevant ways. We will have opportunities to interact with our old friends and meet new ones. We will be inspired by our wonderful teaching faculty to live our best Jewish lives and put our values into action at home and in our world. And we will have fun doing so!

While our Religious School is prepared for any and all circumstances we may meet this coming year, our overall goals remain the same as ever: Main Line Reform Temple's Religious School is an innovative and progressive, hands-on program designed to develop positive, Jewish identities and build core Jewish competencies for our students and families. We look forward to welcoming our students to Religious School and can't wait to learn together this year!

We will communicate pertinent information about the beginning of the year via email and our private MLRT Religious School Facebook group. Please reach out to Rabbi Kleinman for questions about K-7<sup>th</sup> grade and Rabbi Newburge or Ross M. Levy for questions about The Tribe, our 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade program. Shana Tova from our families to yours!

## Community Connections Committee

You may be aware of the longstanding relationship between Zion Baptist Church in Ardmore and Main Line Reform Temple, but did you know that MLRT participates in a Community Connections Committee with Zion Baptist? Although our activities are curtailed by current circumstances, the committee has previously sponsored events, including joint Torah and Bible study, several movie nights, visits to museums, and group attendance at a local theatrical production.

In addition to learning together, our goal is to facilitate interaction among members of both congregations as we connect with one another as friends and neighbors. When conditions permit, we have lots of ideas for future programs. If you would like to be a part of the planning, discussion and fun, please contact Linda Brock at [thebrocks2r@gmail.com](mailto:thebrocks2r@gmail.com) or Amanda Becker at [mamsbecker@gmail.com](mailto:mamsbecker@gmail.com).



# Community Connections

## Do Siach: Come Join Us in Dialogue with Kehillat Ma'alot Tivon!

We are building a warm partnership with a small Reform congregation in Ma'alot Tivon in Northern Israel near Haifa. If you are interested in learning about life as a progressive Reform Jew in Israel, making new friends in Israel, and diving deep into issues that matter to all of us, please let us know and join our conversation!

Some of the topics we have considered discussing include: What does it mean to be a Reform Jew in your community, and why have you chosen to identify as such?; How do American Reform Jews understand Black Lives Matter? How do Israeli Reform Jews understand relationships with Israeli Arabs and non-Israeli Palestinians?; What does possible Annexation of West Bank territories mean for everyone? We may also read a book together on a topic of mutual interest, discuss other current events to understand things through the eyes of Israelis, identify other projects we might work on together, and when possible in the future, consider traveling together.

Please email Sherrill Neff at [sherrill.neff@gmail.com](mailto:sherrill.neff@gmail.com), Phyllis Snyder at [psteinsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:psteinsnyder@gmail.com), or Rabbi Straus at [dstrauss@mlrt.org](mailto:dstrauss@mlrt.org) if you are interested and are willing to commit to attending at least 80% of the virtual meetings with both congregations on August 6 and 20 & September 3 and 17 at noon.

*Thank you to the 50 households who participated in our second Zoom BINGO for a Cause night and helped us raise over \$2,000 to support the Mitzvah Circle Foundation! Mitzvah Circle is the only organization in our area that meets the material needs of entire families by providing immediate relief and a chance for families to get back on their feet.*

*The evening was extra special because the incredible sense of community as we brought together members of all ages, in a time where tzedakah might take a back seat to the beach, pool, camp, and summer fun. We are grateful for your support and are so proud that our congregation continues to help those in need.*

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### Conversations on Current Events... Racism

Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 pm

Featuring Marcus Allen, CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Phila;  
Rev. Jonathan Ford, Pastor of Taylor Tabernacle Church; Rabbi Earl Bowen, Associate Rabbi of Temple Beth El Synagogue.

### Jew of Color Zoom Study Sessions

Monday, September 28 at 3:00 pm

American Judaism and our congregations are enjoying the blessing of increased heritage diversity. Join members of our community in a reflection on the personal experiences of Jews of Color in our Metro Philly Jewish Community with a special focus on the call to champion racial justice at this critical moment.

### Creating a Common Vocabulary

Led by Alyson Solomon and Carolyn Spector

Thursday, August 20 and Wednesday, September 23  
at 7:30 pm

8/20 - How do we begin the conversation? How did we get here?  
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**Look for more information in your inbox soon!**



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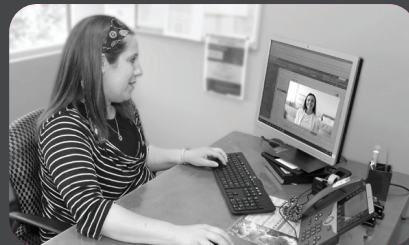
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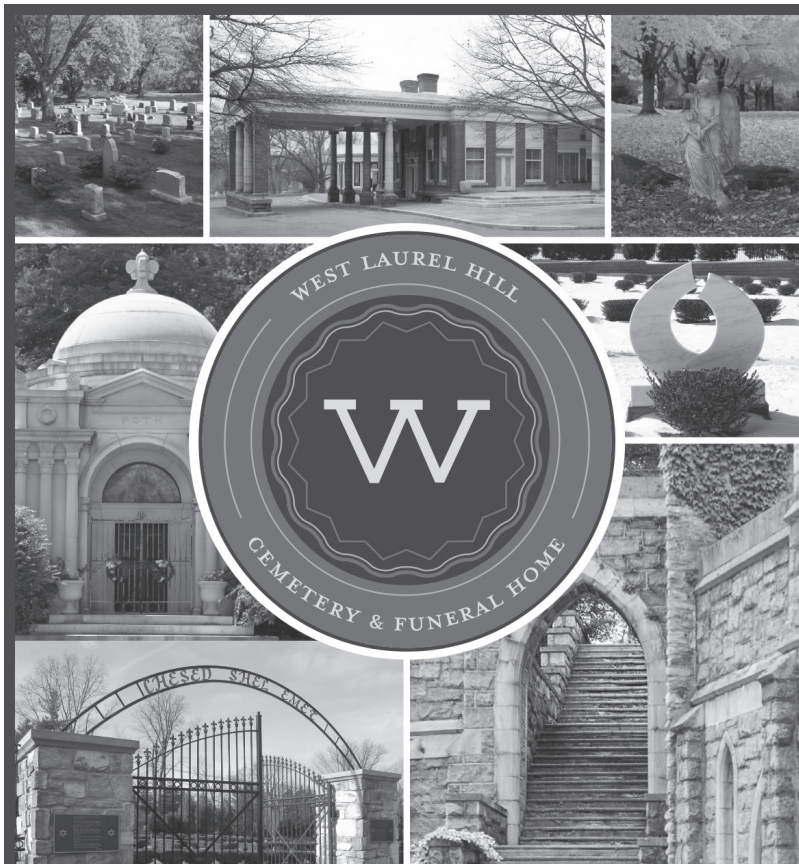
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August 24: Quartet

September 14: Cinema Paradiso



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 7:30 PM**

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**WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 19 & SEPTEMBER 2, AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

The Reform congregations in our area have come together to offer a Mental Health Series to provide support and resources during these unprecedented times. Each session will be hosted by a local clergy person and have experts speaking to critical issue. Specific topics and times can be found on page 5.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 12:00 PM**

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



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 12:00 PM**

Start September off with a riveting discussion of "Luda and Milena" by Lara Vapnyar, from her collection, Broccoli and other Tales of Food and Love with our Short Story Discussion Group.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 11:00 AM**

Join Rabbi Newburge for an easy and fun recipe from the award winning new cookbook focused on Israeli flavors and foods, Sababa by Adeena Sussman.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 12:15 PM**

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**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**

**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.

**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, a week of peace, and a week of good health.

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# Shabbat & Holiday Services

## Friday, August 21

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

## Saturday, August 22

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, August 28

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

## Saturday, August 29

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, September 4

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

## Saturday, September 5

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Friday, September 11

6:30 pm Zoom Family Shabbat Service

## Saturday, September 12

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
10:30 pm Bat Mitzvah of Drew Shulman  
Daughter of Jill & Ross Shulman  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks  
8:00 pm Community Selichot Program

## Friday, September 18

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service \*

## Saturday, September 19

### Rosh Hashanah

9:30 am Traditional Service\*  
10:30 am Contemporary Service\*  
11:30 am Family Service\*  
1:00 pm Zoom Study Sessions Begin

## Sunday, September 20

### Rosh Hashanah Day Two

1:00 pm Zoom 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah Study Session  
2:30 pm In-Person Tashlich Service

## Friday, September 25

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

## Saturday, September 26

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Addison Sloan Levensten  
Daughter of Alyssa & Kevin Levensten  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Eve McCurdy  
Daughter of Rachel & Richard McCurdy  
Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Krieger  
Daughter of Suzanne & David Krieger  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

## Sunday, September 27

### Erev Yom Kippur

7:30 pm Kol Nidre Service \*

## Monday, September 28

### Yom Kippur

9:30 am Traditional Service & Yizkor\*  
10:30 am Contemporary Service & Yizkor\*  
11:30 am Family Service\*  
1:00 pm Zoom Yom Kippur Study Sessions Begin  
4:00 pm Healing Service\*  
5:15 pm Mincha & Ne'ilah Service\*

## Friday, October 2

### Erev Sukkot

6:30 pm Zoom Family Shabbat Service

## Saturday, October 3

### Sukkot

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study  
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Saltzman  
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<b>AUGUST 16</b>	<b>AUGUST 17</b> <b>BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SUBMISSIONS DUE</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: <i>Cadillac Records</i>	<b>AUGUST 18</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <i>"The Splendid and the Vile"</i>	<b>AUGUST 19</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mental Health Series Part 1	<b>AUGUST 20</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Do Siach <b>7:30 pm</b> Conversation on Race	<b>AUGUST 21</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Nosh & Drash with RGN <b>6:30 pm</b> Special Anniversary Shabbat Service	<b>AUGUST 22</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdallah
<b>AUGUST 23</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: <i>Quartet</i>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Conversations on Current Events... Racism, Part 2	<b>AUGUST 27</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study	<b>AUGUST 28</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service	<b>AUGUST 29</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdallah
<b>AUGUST 30</b>	<b>AUGUST 31</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Preparing for the High Holy Days with RKK	<b>SEPTEMBER 1</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mental Health Series Part 2	<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Do Siach	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service	<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>5:00 pm</b> Wedding of Adrienne Webb & David Schulman <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdallah
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>  <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b> <b>12:15 pm</b> Lunch & Learn with RDS	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Short Story Discussion: <i>"The Cafeteria"</i> <b>7:30 pm</b> Preparing for the High Holy Days with CFR	<b>11</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Nosh & Drash with RGN <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Drew Shulman <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdallah <b>8:00 pm</b> Community Selichot Program
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: <i>Cinema Paradiso</i>	<b>15</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Recipes with the Rabbi <b>12:15 pm</b> Forward Thinking  Sisterhood Virtual Opening Event	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Do Siach	<b>18</b> <b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> MLRT Office Closing <b>7:30 pm</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah Service*	<b>19</b> <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Traditional Service* <b>10:30 am</b> Contemporary Service* <b>11:30 am</b> Family Service* <b>1:00 pm</b> Study Sessions
<b>20</b> <b>2<sup>ND</sup> DAY ROSH HASHANAH</b> <b>9:00 am</b> New Year Drive Through <b>1:00 pm</b> Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Study Session <b>2:30 pm</b> Tashlich	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Conversation on Race	<b>24</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Addison Levensten <b>5:00 pm</b> B'nai Mitzvah of Alexandra McCurdy & Abby Krieger <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdallah
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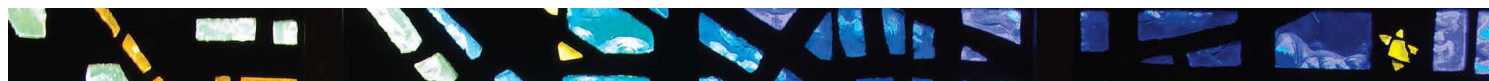




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