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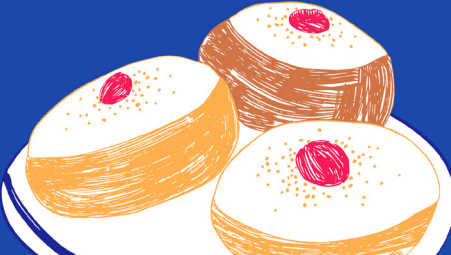







SPREAD THE LIGHT

Happy Chanukah!

Celebrate the holiday with Main Line Reform Temple!



We are delighted to share with you the last MLRTMatters issue of 2020, which highlights the many opportunities for worship, study, connecting and creating community at MLRT. This issue was printed in mid-November and we ask for your understanding as programs may have changed since then due to the rapidly changing COVID-19 pandemic. Your safety is our top priority!

We ask that you visit our website at mlrt.org or call the Temple office at 610-649-7800 for the most up-to-date information on all our services and programs.

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Rabbi David Straus

Never have we needed to celebrate Chanukah, our Festival of Lights, more than this year. Coming at the darkest time of the year (both literally and metaphorically), each night we add a candle to our menorah, increasing the amount of light, and hope in our homes and in our world. Know the tradition of adding a candle each night was, as is true of most rituals in Judaism, subject to a debate—this time between the Schools of Hillel and Shammai—at least as recorded in the Talmud. Shammai favored starting with eight candles, and taking away a candle each night; but Hillel taught that in matters of holiness, we should always try to increase and add to what is already there.

I'm glad Hillel won. In these often difficult, stress-filled, and lonely times, we each need to do our part to add to the amount of light, hope, love, compassion, and understanding in our homes, our community, and in our world. We can each do our part to add light to our world in large and small ways. Some are in a position to be even more philanthropic this year to help those in need—be it our synagogue, Jews around the world, or our neighbors struggling with food insecurity. I ask those of you who can, to please respond generously to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund as explained by our president, Joel Ginsparg, on the following page. The simple truth is we are facing real financial challenges in this time of COVID. Yet I know that together we will work our way forward, because you have always responded generously in the past.

There are other ways we can bring light into our often dark world. We want to continue to reach out to all our members and see how they are doing. Would you be willing to be part of our Caring Committee phone squad? We have members, mainly seniors, for whom food shopping or a trip to the pharmacy is sometimes a challenge. When you go food shopping, would you be willing to pick up a few extra items and bring them (contact-less) to our members' homes or apartments? (We are not asking you to pay for groceries, just to help shop.) Can you help? If so, please contact Gil Marder at gmarder@mlrt.org.

Did you know that Chanukah, at least as recorded in the Book of Maccabees, was most likely a delayed Thanksgiving? This year, when we are being advised to not even share Thanksgiving with our immediate family living outside of our homes, sharing Chanukah (and Thanksgiving) on Zoom, allows us to connect with family and friends, albeit in a different way. We have created Eight Nights of Chanukah Zoom Celebrations to share the light of the holiday and allow you

connect and add light to our world. Please look at page 5 for our full schedule of events.

I write these words in the days following the elections. Nowhere do we need more light and understanding than in our civic and political world. One thing is certain about the outcome of the elections: we remain a deeply divided country, and neither side really understands the other. In the days following the elections, David Brooks wrote in the New York Times: *"The voters reminded us yet again that the other side is not going away. We have to dispense with the fantasy that after the next miracle election our side will suddenly get everything it wants. We have to live with one another."*

The key is loosening the grip the culture war has had on our politics and governance. Let's fight our moral difference with books, sermons, movies and marches, not with political coercion." [nytimes.com/2020/11/05/opinion/trump-biden-voters](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/05/opinion/trump-biden-voters)

Last Shabbat in Torah Study, we read a *midrash* about Abraham. After he makes a peace treaty with Avimelech (Genesis 21: 22-34), he goes to live in the land of the Philistines, where he and Sarah open an inn. Who knows how many strangers Abraham and Sarah met, what they learned as they shared meals with them, and what those strangers taught Sarah and Abraham about how they saw the world. Amazing things can happen when we sit down and share a meal together. As we bring light to our world, can we also learn to ask from those we differ: "What is it you see that I don't see that leads you to believe and act as you do?"



Chanukah starts on Thursday, December 10.

We are thrilled to offer you many virtual opportunities to spend the holiday with Main Line Reform Temple this year. We have exciting and diverse ways to celebrate every night of Chanukah! Learn more on page 5.

We Need Your Help!



Joel Ginsparg
President

This is a most unusual and challenging letter to write. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on all of our personal lives and on our work and school. Given the circumstances, I want to thank you for renewing your membership in MLRT and your continued support! The pandemic has also had a major impact on MLRT. We now find ourselves in a situation unlike any we have ever experienced before.

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. We transitioned to offer an amazing variety of virtual educational programs, religious services, and life cycle events to keep our Jewish community alive and connected. Our Early Childhood Education, Religious School, Tribe, Confirmation, Adult Education, Shabbat services, MLRT Connects! programs, and even B'nai Mitzvah continue, even if in new and different ways. Our clergy and staff created extraordinary

and moving Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. As always, the clergy are providing comfort to those in times of mourning or hardship.

Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic, MLRT is now a smaller community. Our membership has declined from 867 members last year to 664 members this year. Our revenues from membership contributions are projected to decrease from last year by over \$500,000. Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program is an important part of our life-long education program and brings families into our community. In a regular year, we enroll at our capacity of 150 students. This year, due to capacity limitations caused by social distancing guidelines, our enrollment is much lower. We enrolled 72 pre-school and Kindergarten students in the fall trimester. When we are able to enroll a full complement of students, we are able to operate the program to generate a small financial surplus. This year, due to the reduced enrollment as well as the increased costs to keep the classrooms clean and the students, teachers, and staff safe, the ECE program is projecting a deficit of \$50,000 for the first trimester. We hope that additional enrollment during the second and third trimesters will enable the ECE program to break-even during the balance of the year.

Our Religious School and Tribe programs are also invaluable parts of our life-long education programs. They are innovative and progressive, hands-on programs designed to develop positive Jewish identities and build core Jewish competencies for our students and families. Our enrollment this year in the Religious School and Tribe programs is 260 students, a 33% decrease from last year. Many families have chosen not to enroll their children during the pandemic. While we are disappointed in this decrease, we have learned that our percentage decrease is a little less than the average for congregations across the country. Many congregations have experienced even more significant decreases in enrollment. We are hopeful that when the pandemic is over, families will re-enroll their children. During regular years, the Religious School and Tribe programs operate at a small deficit. However, the impact of the lower enrollment this year as well as the increased costs to keep the building clean and the students, teachers, and staff safe has been to increase the Religious School and Tribe deficit to about \$100,000.

Recognizing that this fiscal year would be challenging, this past summer we took proactive actions to reduce expenses including reducing the compensation and benefits packages of our clergy and staff. However, as a result of the reduction in membership contributions and the deficits in the Early Childhood Education, Religious School, and Tribe programs, we are projecting an overall deficit this year of over \$500,000. We do not have sufficient cash reserves to cover this large of a deficit. Therefore, we are taking additional actions to cut our expenses. We have reduced the budgets for some programs and are evaluating the reduction or elimination of other programs and expenses. We anticipate making further reductions in expenses including a possible reduction in staff. However, without making immediate major cuts in staff, the impact of which would be catastrophic to the short term and long term success and viability of MLRT, we cannot eliminate the deficit this year through cuts in expenses.

Asking for money is never easy. The truth is, we have nowhere else to turn to support MLRT but to you, our members. Together, we have faced difficult challenges in the past. You responded generously and we emerged even stronger. For your contributions, your ongoing membership, and your support, I want to thank you. However, we can only eliminate this deficit if all of us contribute more to support our synagogue community. At this time, perhaps more than ever before, we need your help!

We are launching a campaign to eliminate the deficit. In the next couple of weeks, additional information will be sent to you about how to support our COVID-19 Emergency Fund. In addition, we are available to answer any questions about our finances and operations and to listen to your suggestions. Please email me at president@mlrt.org and I will personally respond to talk with you.

We Need Your Help! cont.

The Mishnah tells us that the world exists through G'milut chasadim or acts of loving-kindness. We repay God for life and what we have by doing good deeds. If you are able, please help us by contributing to our COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Your support will ensure that MLRT will continue to be the creative, dynamic, innovative and caring community that is so important to all of us. Thank you for your support!

On behalf of our leadership, I wish you a joyous Chanukah and a healthy, safe 2021.

Joel H. Ginsparg, President

Spread the Light this Chanukah!

Chanukah, meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. Also called the Festival of Lights, the holiday brings light, joy, and warmth to our homes and communities as we celebrate with candles, food, family, and friends. Light comes literally, with the lighting of an additional candle each day, and metaphorically, through a newer emphasis on charitable donations and a commitment to tikkun olam during the holiday. The modern home celebration of Chanukah centers around the lighting of the *chanukiah*, a special menorah for Chanukah; unique foods, latkes and jelly doughnuts; and special songs and games.

Lighting the Chanukiah

We begin with one candle on the first night, and add one candle each night for eight nights. In addition, we light the *shamash* each night which we use to light the other candles. The candles should be added to the menorah from the right to the left, but they are lit from left to right so the kindling begins with the newest light. The blessings are recited each night with the lit *shamash* in hand, after which the candles are lit immediately. The first two blessings are sung every night, the third only on the first night.

Blessing 1: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Blessing 2: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחֵינֵנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Menorah is the Hebrew word for lamp and specifically refers to the seven-branched candelabrum used in the Holy Temples. A Chanukiah is a menorah used on Chanukah and has eight branches and a spot for the shamash.

When the menorah is facing you, the candle for the first night is placed in the right-most holder of the eight-branched menorah and the shamash is placed in its holder, which is raised or otherwise distinguished from the rest. Since these lights are holy, we aren't supposed to make practical use of them (e.g., using them to see or read by, or lighting other candles with them); therefore, we use the shamash to light the ones that mark each night of the holiday.

Another mitzvah of Chanukah is *pirsum hanes*, the public proclamation of the miraculous events that transpired in the days of the Maccabees. A number of Chanukah observances are connected with this requirement. The Chanukah lights are lit at sundown, the time when passers-by are most likely to see them. When possible, the menorah is placed in a window or elsewhere in the home so that it can be seen from the outside.

Find recipes, videos, songs, and more at reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah

Spread the Light this Chanukah!

At Chanukah we celebrate miracles - the miracle of our survival, the miracle of the dedication of our army, the miracle of the oil. At this time, our darkest time of the year, it's hard to see the miracles. So, we want to bring some joy and miracles into your home. Each night of Chanukah will have its own theme. We will join together on Zoom at 6:30 pm to light the Chanukiah together and then participate in a program. To join us for any and all of the Chanukah events on the schedule below, please see the schedule below and use bit.ly/Chanukah2020.

Thursday, December 10: Candle lighting and teaching on the melody of the Chanukah blessings.

Friday, December 11: Candle lighting and Consecration of our new Religious School students.

Saturday, December 12: Candle lighting, Havdallah, and a dreidel contest.

Sunday, December 13: Story-telling and build your own Chanukiah with Legos.

Monday, December 14: Miracle Monday! Candle lighting and a new look at science and miracles with Glenn Brooks.

Tuesday, December 15: Music night with Cantor Rudnick, Andy Heller, Ross M. Levy, and Chana Rothman

Wednesday, December 16: The Great Latke Debate: join us as we debate the type, cook, sour cream or applesauce, and so much more.

Thursday, December 17: Tzedakah Thursday! Candle lighting and at-home project of making blessing bags for Families Forward. Blessing Bags should contain some of the following and be delivered to MLRT by Sunday, December 20.

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| • Toothpaste/toothbrushes (kids and adults) | • Combs and Brushes | • Lotion |
| • Deodorant (male and female) | • Diapers and wipes | • Baby Oil |
| • Soap (bar) | • Shaving cream | • Infant bottles |
| • Shampoo/Conditioner | • Razors (male and female) | • Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Aldi, Acme) |

Brotherhood

Gentle reader, did you know that it is never too late to join the ranks of our MLRT Brotherhood? You know, the gang that gathers for camaraderie (not that it's possible at the moment); the fellows that put up the sukkahs; the group that provides gifts for our B'nai Mitzvah celebrants; they're the ones on the golf links for charity; and the guys who get together with our Sisterhood for special events.

It's also the place where you can join with the Bernie Kleinman Book Group to discuss current and not-so-current offerings for your reading pleasure. Norman Fienman, the group's official pundit, tells us that the next meeting is "scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, beginning at 7:30 pm by Zoom. We will review House on Endless Waters by Israeli author Emuna Elon. It is a novel about a grandfather, living in Jerusalem, who returns to Amsterdam, the city of his birth. Once there, he unravels family secrets of the Holocaust." The winter book will be The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties [the Kadoories and the Sassoons] that Helped Create Modern China by Jonathan Kaufman. If you have any other suggestions, let Norman know at nfienman@gmail.com.

During this period of continued food insufficiency, Brotherhood, once again, has made substantial donations to many of our local food pantries. The Narberth Community Food Pantry, The Ardmore Food Pantry, The Eldernet Food Pantry, and the Mitzvah Food Pantry each received \$500 donations to assist in their ongoing effort to assist those in great need, a need that is ubiquitous.

And, as a reminder, in 1859, John Stuart Mill, in his book On Liberty, called out a cautionary proclamation, one that may even resonate today: "It is not because men's [or women's] desires are strong that they act ill; it is because their consciences are weak." Zounds, at MLRT all consciences are strong. Let's go forth with health and good spirits.

Kindly,

Gary Brock, Vice President

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

To commemorate Jewish Book Month, we pay tribute to the outstanding contributions of Jewish writers who have continued our great Jewish literary tradition.

Our short story for December is "Tikkun" by Ayelet Tsabari in which a chance meeting in Jerusalem between a man and his former lover, now a married Orthodox Jew, brings unexpected peace. Ayelet Tsabari lives in Canada, is of Israeli-Yemenite descent, and writes in English about Israelis of Mizrahi background. Our story is the first one in her outstanding collection, The Best Place on Earth, which won the Sami Rohr prize for fiction in 2016. Join us on Thursday, December 10 at noon as we discuss the story by the much-acclaimed author.

Here are some book recommendations to take you through the winter months ahead:

Fiction



Hannah's War Jan Eliasberg

The story of an Jewish Austrian physicist who during the Third Reich unlocked the science of splitting the atom.

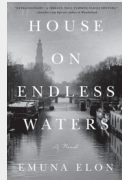


The Tunnel A.B. Yehoshua

A venerable Israeli author has written about a family coping with the sudden mental decline of their beloved husband and father, an engineer.

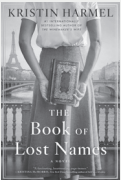
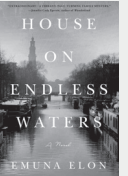
House on Endless Waters Emuna Elon

A family mystery that carries the reader into Amsterdam's little-explored wartime history.



The Book of V. Anna Solomon

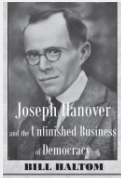
We luckily heard from Anna at the beginning of her career. This story intertwines the lives of three women: a Brooklyn mother in 2016, a senator's wife in the 1970's Washington D.C. and the Bible's Queen Esther.



Book of Lost Names Kristin Harmel

A young woman masters the art of forgery to help copy papers in an effort to enable young children in crossing from Nazi-occupied France into Switzerland.

Non-fiction

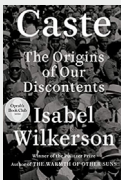
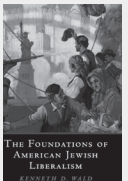


Why Can't Mother Vote?: Joseph Hanover and the Unfinished Business of Democracy Bill Haltom

If you heard Bill speak at one of our previous Hassel Lectures, you know this book is a can't miss! It is a stirring account of the people who led the fight in Tennessee's pivotal vote to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote.

The Foundations of American Jewish Liberalism Kenneth Wald

The distinguished Professor Wald spoke on Friday night services recently but now, following the election, is a great time to read his latest book about the political choices made by Jewish voters.



Caste: the Origins of Our Discontents Isabel Wilkerson

Beautifully written, original, and revealing, this is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

Happy Chanukah to all!
Consider giving a book as a gift!

Lifelong Learning

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

We welcome anyone interested in reading to join us on select Tuesday evenings throughout the year for friendship, discussion and review. Those attending will have the opportunity to pick a book and be the discussion leader. The book up for discussion on Tuesday, December 8 is House on Endless Waters by Israeli author, Emuna Elon. Part family mystery, part wartime drama, House on Endless Waters is an unforgettable meditation on identity, belonging, and the inextricable nature of past and present. Please join the discussion at 7:30 pm!

If you are interested, please contact Norman Fienman at nfienman@gmail.com.



HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE - OFF THE PEDESTAL: A FRESH JEWISH LOOK AT THE CONFEDERACY, THE CIVIL WAR AND SLAVERY WITH RABBI ERIC WISNIA

Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 am

Eric B. Wisnia was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and was raised in Levittown, Pennsylvania. He graduated with a B.A. in Religious Thought from the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia in May, 1970.

He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1974 and served as assistant Rabbi at Congregation Shomer Emunim, Toledo, Ohio from 1974-1977.

Rabbi Wisnia has served on the Institutional Review Board for Medical Ethics of the Medical Center at Princeton. He was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Family Service Agency of Princeton from 1991 to 1995. He serves on the Board of The National Brain Tumor Association, and is past President of the New Jersey Association of Reform Rabbis, and is past President of the New Jersey Association of Reform Rabbis and past Chairman of the Committee on Religious Ministries of Princeton Hospital. He also served as the President of the Shore Area Board of Rabbis from 1981 to 1983 and served as the President of the Hightstown Area Ministerium for a term of five years. He also serves the Jewish Committee on Scouting for the Central New Jersey Council Boy Scouts of America.

Rabbi Wisnia was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in March of 1999. Rabbi Wisnia has served Congregation Beth Chaim since June of 1977. In April, 1992 he was unanimously voted a continuing contract by the membership of the congregation.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT OF TRIVIA! Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm

Read your encyclopedias! Memorize Google! Do whatever you have to do to prepare for our Family Trivia Night! Join Ross M. Levy and Rabbi Newburge on Zoom for the most fun we can safely have during the COVID-19 pandemic while raising funds to help support the Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Philadelphia.

\$18 per family goes to a great cause and gets you into a fun, fast-paced, exciting night with your MLRT Family! We know you're all very smart and won't need to check any other devices to get the answers!

Register at <https://bit.ly/FFN2020mlrt> by Tuesday, December 1.

DU SIACH - JOIN THE CONVERSATION! Thursdays, December 3 and 17 at 12:00 pm

If you would like to join this emerging partnership with a Reform congregation in Israel located in Ma'alot Tivon, please be in touch with Rabbi Straus at 610-649-7800 or dstraus@mlrt.org.

All that is "required" is a commitment to regularly participate, as it is difficult to develop connections without regularly being on the call, and a desire to learn together, talk about current events, and work to develop relationships and friendships with one another.

All programs are virtual and can be found at mlrt.org/zoom

Sisterhood



Ami Lonner & Elizabeth Stoller,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

There is so much for us to consider in a time when it feels like our worlds have been turned upside down! One way to cope it to reach out to others. The Women of Reform Judaism states that, "As Reform Jewish women, we take pride in our advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable among us. We know that we are only as strong as the weakest in our society. We know that to be the best possible advocates, we must speak on behalf of those whose voices are quieted by the strains of hunger, homelessness, and poverty."

As such, we decided to look outside of ourselves during this Chanukah season and shine our light with leaders in our community who are committed to helping those in need. Obviously, the pandemic has ravaged so many facets of our society and has undoubtedly prayed upon those who started out with fewer resources. We are grateful to Fran Held of The Mitzvah Circle

Foundation, Catherine Miller-Wilson of HIAS-PA, and Gigi Moffat of the Narberth Community Food Bank for agreeing to speak with us on Thursday, December 3 about how their organizations have been impacted by COVID and what we, as community members, can do to support them.

We also cannot deny how much COVID has affected our own relationships with our families and our lives at home, so we are pleased to offer the upcoming program "Parenting and Partnering in the Pandemic with Positive Psychologist Robert Zeitlin." This program is sure to reach across generations and assist all of us in navigating our altered spaces. Not only is Robert an expert on this topic but he is also a congregant! We hope you will join us for this very timely discussion on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

And... There is no doubt that the current political climate has affected our stress levels, our relationships with others whose views are different than ours, and possibly our feelings about how America operates in the scope of the world at large. We thought it would be helpful to hear from an expert on this topic, Zach Shaffer, who will examine why so many of us feel so bitterly divided. Zach will discuss how and if we can possibly transcend this new normal. Don't miss his talk on polarization on Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 pm.

We hold out hope that 2021 brings us many things that fell short in 2020. Here's to peace, better health, more happiness, and in-person events with real hugs and kisses!!!

Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 pm – Shining our Light Chanukah program
- Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 am – General Sisterhood Meeting
- Monday, December 14 at 7:30 pm – Parenting & Partnering in the Pandemic
- Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 pm – Pluralism in an Age of Polarization
- Tuesday, January 12 at 10:00 am – Sisterhood General Meeting
- Tuesday, February 23 at 11:00 am – Sisterhood Book Brunch

Details and registrations for these programs will be sent to your inboxes and posted at mlrt.org/sisterhood as they become available.

Parenting and Partnering in the Pandemic with Dr. Robert Zeitlin, Positive Psychologist

As an advocate for healthy families, Dr. Robert Zeitlin, Positive Psychologist and Author of "Laugh More, Yell Less" and "But I'm Not a Teacher!" helps parents establish a new routine that brings happiness back into their houses. Structure looks different under lock-down but it is one of the necessary first steps if you are ever going to get back to Date Nights and Me Time. Even though the pandemic feels like it has been going on forever, every member of the family is still shell-shocked and spinning in circles.

In the workshop, "Parenting and Partnering in the Pandemic," Dr. Zeitlin will help us to address the factors that place us in opposition to our partners. We can achieve a "new normal" when we communicate about what we each need and how to cut each other some slack when necessary. Parents can use these adverse circumstances to make your partnership bond stronger, learning how to zig and zag in synchrony. Then you can work together to confront challenges like working from home and virtual learning in a healthier way.

All are invited to join the conversation on Monday, December 14 at mlrt.org/zoom

Tikkun Olam Network

The next Tikkun Olam Network Meeting is Sunday, December 6 at 11:15 am
RSVP to Liz Stoller at ljstoller@gmail.com and help plan our first ever virtual MLK Jr. Day of Service!

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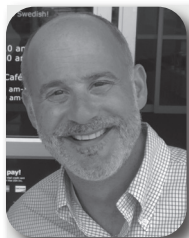
A special thank you to our TON chairs, Beth Levy and Liz Stoller, David Edman, Gerry Robbins, and MLRT Brotherhood for their support in these endeavors and to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to help package the PPE supply bags for Taylor Tabernacle Church on October 24.

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT: DAVID RAWDIN

David Rawdin is an in-demand Mohel and Pediatrician, specializing in Newborn Care and very active member and volunteer at MLRT. He joined MLRT about 12 years ago while getting his certification as a Mohel, during which time he studied with Rabbi Straus and the other clergy. David strongly believes that being a Mohel is an honor and a mitzvah, as is volunteering at MLRT.

He became involved in the Temple early on and his first "real" volunteering was co-chairing the Tribute Book for MLRT's 60th Anniversary Gala. And, from there, things took off. From acting in a range of roles from Mordechai to Haman in the Purim Shpiels, to co-chairing MLRT Cooks, various Search Committees, to serving as Religious Practice Chair (current), Board Member (current), Vice President, MLRT Connects, SRC member (current) and co-chairing the Nominating Committee for the third time this year, David's involvement continues through this unbelievable time that we are living in. He extends his time and expertise to our congregation because, "it is a wonderful feeling to know that you belong to a place that you can feel connected and appreciated and always have something to do or someone to talk to. Be inspired. Be Connected. Belong."

We are so grateful to Dr. Rawdin for his continued efforts in making MLRT the best that it can be!

Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education

This month the ECE has one word for you, Chanukah!

We are making menorahs and decorating our classrooms and hallways in a Chanukah motif! Walking through our halls you would see that with each story and song our teachers are immersing their students not only in fun, but in the true meaning of Chanukah. It is the ECE's greatest Chanukah hope that our kids move through the challenges of this year feeling braver, more hopeful, and gaining the resiliency of the Maccabees!

Take a closer look at how our ECE Community celebrates, learns, and lives Chanukah:

ECE Teachers & Staff



"Chanukah conjures visions of gifts in preschoolers' minds. Yet Chanukah provides an opportunity to understand gifts in a different way, namely, our ability to persevere in challenging times. Just as Judah Maccabee persevered in the face of adversity, our students exhibit heroism and perseverance when helping a friend and tackling challenging tasks. Further, the holiday illuminates G-d's abundant gifts to us. While the tiny jar of oil left in the destroyed Temple should have only provided enough light for one night, G-d ensured the menorah burned brightly for eight nights - truly a miracle! On Shabbat, our class sings the lyrics, "G-d is everywhere, and G-d is one, from the moon and the stars to the shining sun." We find comfort in knowing that G-d and his greatness abound. And these days, that may be the greatest gift of all! "

– Ms. Tracie King, 3-Year-Old Teacher



"I very much enjoy teaching the story of Chanukah and its meaning that never changes. Especially sharing with my students the wonderful memories I have being their age, celebrating Chanukah with my family, and then creating my own traditions. I see my students become very eager to share the ways they celebrate with their family and friends, their traditions and making their own memories. Chanukah is a holiday full of delicious foods, songs, crafts, gifts, and the joy of being together! These are all the special memories they will have to share of their times at the MLRT ECE during Chanukah"

– Ms. Lori Rosenberg, Pre-K Teacher



"As a Jewish school who has cross-denominational students attending, it is our great privilege to share the meaning of Chanukah with children and staff members from many backgrounds. We often feel that the Jewish values and the story of Chanukah teach our students things like bravery and resiliency, values that translate across different cultures and religions. This year more than ever, we look forward to showing our students the heroism of the Maccabees, the importance of faith and hope, and the beauty that is understanding that each other differences, are more often than not, our greatest similarities."

– Sonia DeCurtis, Interim ECE Director, and Keshia Cortez, School Operations Manager

ECE Parent Committee

"For many, Chanukah is an easy holiday with many opportunities for excitement. There are lots of food, games, lights, presents, and the rest of the world is in a festive mood with holidays and breaks from school. It is always exciting to have this time of light and celebration as we are heading into the darker winter months. And this year it seems truer than ever that we need to embrace every opportunity for safe and meaningful celebration! Each year, our ECEers and their teachers dive deep into Chanukah. They make Chanukiot, create decorations, read stories, count candles, and so much more. It is exciting to see our students lit up with joy for any holiday! But Chanukah is particularly special when we think deeply about the meaning of the whole story behind it.

We often talk about the small amount of oil for the menorah, which should have only lasted one day, but lasted eight. The lesser known part of the story is that the Jewish people were being oppressed and, together, formed an army that was dedicated to fighting for their rights and religious freedom. This dedication, along with the oil, is what we celebrate on the 25th of Kislev, or December 10 this year, when we start Chanukah.

This year, we have had unique perspective and opportunity to reflect on the different aspects of our own lives to which we are most dedicated. All parents have had to show deep dedication this year. Each family has faced unique challenges and joys again and again this year. There are many things that will be different about this year's celebration. But many things will also remain unchanged, as our students will once again have this sacred opportunity to learn with their teachers, classmates,

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and families about the miracle of Chanukah. Hopefully, this can also serve as a reminder for all our families that the most profound miracles arise from a great deal of dedication to our values, community, and families.

The opportunities that our ECEs have in school are boundless. But we hope you will join with the entire MLRT family as we celebrate Chanukah each night, beginning on Thursday, December 10. We will light candles together at 6:30 pm, and each night will have its own theme, including building your own family Chanukiot, a latke debate, music night, miracles of science night, Consecration of our new Religious School students on Shabbat, and more! Look for the details of how to join in all these events during Chanukah on page 5 of this bulletin. Wishing you all a holiday season filled with light and love, and a new year filled with miracles! "

Cantor Faryn Rudnick,
Parent Committee Liaison



&



Sarah Beth Podell,
ECE Holiday Committee Chair

MLRT Clergy



"As the days get shorter and colder, we welcome any opportunity for light and warmth. Just as we are getting the least amount of daylight, Chanukah arrives to bring us both! Chanukah is a perfect opportunity to teach our little ones about lighting the chanukiah (the special menorah used at this holiday) each night, representing the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days in the Temple in Jerusalem. Telling the story of the might of the Maccabees inspires children of all ages to stand up for what they believe in, and to support their community. We can also use the holiday to teach about other communities that celebrate Chanukah in different ways and other cultures that have their own version of creating light when there is darkness. We hope your Chanukah is comforting and celebratory!"

– Rabbi Geri Newburge

Teach Our Children: Religious School



**Rabbi Kevin
Kleinman**

Chanukah is our Festival of Lights. The eight nights of Chanukah occur during the darkest days of the year. There is a famous discussion in the Mishnah between Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai about the order for lighting the candles in the menorah. Rabbi Shammai says that we should begin by lighting eight candles on the first night of Chanukah, and then decrease the number each day, so that on the final day we light only one candle. Rabbi Hillel says that we should light one candle on the first night, two on the second, etc..., so that on the last night the menorah is glowing with all eight candles. Rabbi Hillel's argument wins out with the recognition that it is important that we increase our light and joy throughout the week of Chanukah.

This year, we will be celebrating Chanukah as an MLRT community for all eight nights with candle lighting and special programs for our families. I do hope that you will join your lights with ours, and together we will find joy and comfort together in our homes to brighten our lives even though we cannot meet in person. You will find the full schedule of our Chanukah programs on page 5 of this Bulletin.

Please plan on joining us for a very special and festive Shabbat service during Chanukah. We will be celebrating our Consecrants, students who are attending Religious School for the first time this year, as well as welcoming all new students and families to MLRT.

Family Chanukah Shabbat, Consecration, and New Families Welcome

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No Religious School – Winter Break

December 22, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Classes resume on January 5, 2021

Artists in Residence: Nefesh Mountain

Please join us for a spiritual, uplifting, and musically beautiful weekend as we welcome our Artists-in-Residence, Nefesh Mountain to MLRT from December 4-6!



Nefesh Mountain is the place where Bluegrass, Old-Time, and American Roots music meet with Jewish heritage and tradition. Band leaders, genre-pioneers, and husband and wife team, Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg are the heart of this eclectic offering, and share their love for American music, their own cultural heritage, and each other with audiences throughout the world. The result of this unexpected and beautiful mix is staggering; and while complete with the kind of adept string virtuosity and through composed arrangements one would hope for from a newgrass band with influences from Bluegrass, Old-Time, Celtic, and Jazz, they also play and sing songs of the heart creating music with a sense of diversity, oneness, and purpose for our world today.

Their mission whether at a concert hall, festival, workshop, school, camp, or synagogue, is to spread the joy and magic of American roots music and help to champion and reinforce the powerful messages of diversity, wholeness, and harmony for our ever changing times. Nefesh Mountain has been featured in Rolling Stone, BBC World News, Billboard, The Bluegrass Situation, No Depression, Bluegrass Today, Bluegrass Unlimited, The Times Of Israel, Jerusalem Post, and Tablet Magazine among others.

Doni, who grew up at MLRT, and Eric will join us over Zoom to lead us in prayer and music, starting at 6:30 pm on Friday, December 4. Immediately after the service, stay on the Zoom for a brief song session with them.

Join us for a second opportunity to be with Nefesh Mountain as they perform a concert on Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

Both programs featuring our magnificent Artists in Residence, Nefesh Mountain, will be accessible via links on mlrt.org/zoom

To learn more about this magical and musical weekend, please contact Cantor Faryn Rudnick at frudnick@mlrt.org

SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF MUSIC AT MLRT

All programs will be found at mlrt.org/zoom

NEFESH MOUNTAIN DECEMBER 4 & 6

Spend the weekend with Nefesh Mountain, where Bluegrass, Old-Time, and American Roots music meet with Jewish heritage and tradition.

MUSIC CLASS FEBRUARY 18

Part 2 of our in-depth look at the Mendelssohns. This month, explore the life and music of Fannie Mendelssohn.

PURIM TALENT SHOW FEBRUARY 25

Love to sing? Are you secretly really good at juggling? Show off your hidden talents at our Purim Talent Show, where we will celebrate the skills of our friends and fellow congregants.

SHABBAT WITH ELANA ARIAN APRIL 16

Elana Arian is a busy multi-instrumentalist, composer, and recording artist who inspires communities across the country with her soulful music.

MUSIC CLASS JUNE 10

An in-depth look at LGBTQ+ Jewish composers and their music.

PRIDE SHABBAT AT MLRT JUNE 11

MUSIC CLASS

JANUARY 21

Part 1 of an in-depth look at the Mendelssohns, focusing on the life and music of Felix Mendelssohn. This class will be taught by professor of music, Karl Middleman, and feature Andy Heller and Jessica Lennick.

SHABBAT SHIRAH

JANUARY 29

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AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

MARCH 21

Classical piano recital from Alexander Panku, congregant and talented musician.

EVENING OF MUSIC

MAY 13

Featuring Gordon Fink, cello, and Andy Heller, piano.

To learn more about these music programs and other opportunities to experience the sounds and sights of MLRT, please contact Cantor Faryn Rudnick at frudnick@mlrt.org

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Stanley Faust

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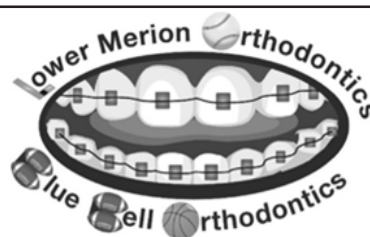
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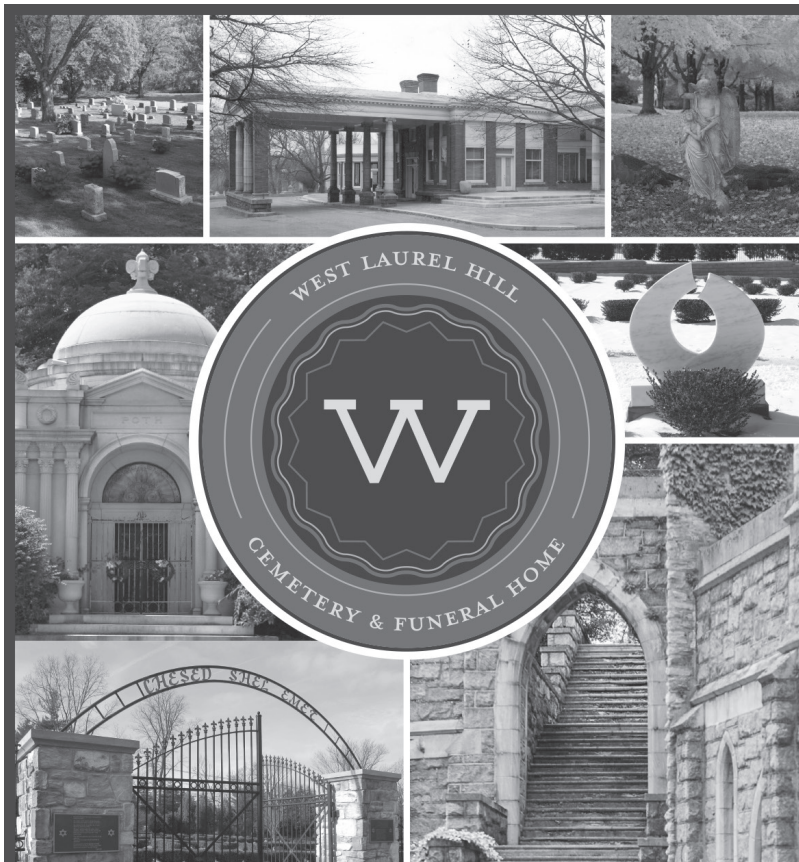
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Get your popcorn ready for Keeping it Reel, a weekly movie discussion with Rabbi Geri Newburge!

12/7 All Together Now (Netflix)

12/14 Troop Zero (Amazon Prime)

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FORWARD THINKING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 12:15 PM

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



SHORT STORY DISCUSSION - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 12:00 PM

Enjoy a riveting discussion of "Tikkun" from Ayelet Tzabari's collection, The Best Place on Earth.



NOSH & DRASH - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 12:00 PM

Take a little time from your day to get a little inspiration with some text study of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. His words are always thought provoking and poignant.



LUNCH & LEARN - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 12:00 PM

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



HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 10:00 AM

Get a fresh Jewish look at the Confederacy, the Civil War and Slavery with Rabbi Eric Wisnia.

WEEKLY 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

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.

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Shabbat & Holiday Services

Friday, December 4

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service featuring
Nefesh Mountain

Saturday, December 5

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Jacob Albert
Son of Amy & Joel Albert
Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Bohnenkamp
Son of Katherine Bar & Martin
Bohnenkamp
5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Krinsky
Son of Amy & Jordan Krinsky
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

Thursday, December 10 First Night of Chanukah

Friday, December 11

12:00 pm Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Newburge
6:30 pm Zoom Chanukah Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 12

9:00 am Zoom Torah Study
10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
3:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Owen Turner
Son of Heather & Scot Turner
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Madison Lee
Holtermann
Daughter of Sari Holtermann and
Mark Holtermann
6:30 pm Zoom Havdallah with the Rudnicks

Friday, December 18, 2020

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 19

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

Friday, December 25

Temple Offices Closed

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 26

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

Friday, January 1, 2021

Temple Offices Closed

6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 2, 2021

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



Chanukah begins on Thursday night, December 10.

We are thrilled to offer you many opportunities to spend the holiday with Main Line Reform Temple this year. We have exciting and diverse ways to celebrate every night of Chanukah! Learn more on page 5.

All programs and services, including B'nai Mitzvah services, are subject to change. The most up-to-date information on our virtual Shabbat and Holiday services can be found at mlrt.org/zoom

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

Shabbat Morning Walk with Rabbi Newburge

*Saturday, December 5 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 trail-head at the Cynwyd Trail (at the end of Levering Mill Rd). Wear your mask and your walking shoes for a beautiful winter walk.

In the case of hazardous inclement weather, this walk will be canceled. If you have questions, please contact Rabbi Newburge at gnewburge@mlrt.org.

December 2020

All programs, classes, and services are virtual unless otherwise noted and can be found at mlrt.org/zoom

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 7:00 pm Family Trivia Night^	3 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Du Siach Meeting 7:30 pm Sisterhood Chanukah Program	4 6:30 pm Shabbat Service featuring Nefesh Mountain	5 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk at Cynwyd Trail* 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Andrew Albert and Samuel Bohnenkamp 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Krinsky 6:30 pm Havdallah
6 10:00 am 11:15 am Tikkun Olam Network Meeting^	7 7:00 pm Big Brother/Big Sister Recruitment Meeting 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: All Together Now	8 12:15 pm Forward Thinking 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <u>House on Endless Waters</u>	9	10 FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <u>Tikkun</u> 6:30 pm Chanukah Program	11 12:00 pm Nosh & Drash with RGN 6:30 pm Chanukah Program & New Student Consecration	12 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Owen Turner 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Madison Holtermann 6:30 pm Chanukah Program & Havdallah
13 6:30 pm Chanukah Programming	14 6:30 pm Miracle Monday Chanukah Program 7:00 pm Partners In Reconciliation Book Discussion^ 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Troop Zero	15 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with RDS 6:30 pm Chanukah Programming	16 6:30 pm The Great Latke Debate Chanukah Program	17 LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Du Siach Meeting 6:30 pm Tzedakah Thursday Chanukah Program	18 6:30 pm Shabbat Service	19 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdallah
20 10:00 am Hassel Adult Education Lecture: Rabbi Wisnia	21 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Dumplin'</i> ECE & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK UNTIL 1/3/2021	22	23	24 11:00 am Bible Study MLRT OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 PM	25 MLRT OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Shabbat Service	26 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdallah
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Details on our Chanukah programming can be found on page 5

*In-person Program

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