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Monday, May 17

10:00 am

Shavuot Yizkor Service

Shavuot
at MLRT!



As you read this issue of MLRTMatters, please keep in mind that we are always adjusting, evaluating, and adapting our programming to the rapidly changing times in order to keep you safe and healthy!

Thank you for being so understanding during this time. We urge you to 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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Jamie Mushlin
President

Hello MLRT family!

Hopefully you have all been enjoying the warmer days. The Mushlins certainly have and you won't be surprised to hear that we have been outside with our chickens and ducks, all of us enjoying the Vitamin D and lovely spring sunshine. Spring certainly arrives and brings with it new beginnings and fresh starts in the world. The trees are starting to bud and the flowers are starting to rise up through the ground.

Hopefully, you have been able to take some time and enjoy the natural wonders around us in our own gardens and yards. Walking outside this time of year is especially renewing and invigorating with all of the Spring happenings in nature. Have any of you noticed any new birds? Did you know that the bird migration is finishing up in the month of May? We live

in an area called the Atlantic flyway and you may have noticed a beautiful bird that you haven't seen in some time. For me, on one of my walks at Valley Forge Park (I walk the 5 mile loop at least three days a week), I saw and heard an Eastern Towhee for the very first time. It was a certain sign of the seasons changing and the current migration. As expected, my girls and Neil were not terribly interested. I apologize in advance, but I promise to always give you some odd bird or nature fact, so that was mine for the month of May. Sharing useless bird information is sort of my thing and as I said last month, my girls and husband are totally over it.

As the spring season starts so does my official term, which began on April Fool's day. Whoever thought of that auspicious day as a starting date for the new Board had a sick and twisted sense of humor. Which naturally means - I love and totally get them! All jokes aside, I have enjoyed my first weeks in this new role.

As I had mentioned last month, one of my goals for this year is to learn more about all of you. I jumped head first into this goal and had the first of many calls, emails and texts. Thank you to those who have reached out already and to the rest of you, please know I am here to listen and I want to hear from you.

The conversations I have started to have with all of you have been rewarding and gratifying. Did you all know that we have an amazing group of "Carers" who provide Challahs and Shabbat items to our bereaving and ill friends? We also have a thriving community of pre-school parents who are involved in numerous activities all centered around creating community and inclusion. Some of our friends are financial whizzes, some are building and construction experts and some are crazy bird ladies (cough, cough - please send them my way). The common thread I have found is that we are all an extended family to one another, and at different times, are there for each other when expected or, even better, when unexpected but sorely needed.

One of the things I have learned from reaching out to you is that we all have varied interests. While mine might be music, family and birds, some of you may be gardeners or artists or athletes. I'm

hopeful that by learning more about each of you, I will be able to connect you with a new group of friends.

I leave you all with the words from one of the great philosophizers of my generation: Ferris Bueller. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." I often think of this statement and try to apply it to my life. I use my walks at Valley Forge, my impromptu ten-second dance parties with my daughters and my outside time with my girls and birds, to stop and look around and truly stop and appreciate what I am seeing. I try to pause and notice a sunrise or a sunset. I listen to the sounds of the birds and the world in which we live. I sincerely hope that you all have the chance to do the same. As we are often running from one place to another, doing errands or taking our kids/families to a sports lesson, appointment, or game, hopefully you will be able to find moments of beauty and reflection and they will bring you peace and contentment.

Evening of Music

Please join us on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 pm for a virtual evening of music featuring cellist and congregant, Gordon Fink, and pianist Andy Heller. They will play a range of cello sonatas and pieces, delighting us all with the majesty of the music and sound of the instruments. Contact Cantor Rudnick with any questions.

The Future is Bright



Rabbi Geri Newburge

Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus is the patriarch in the field of American Jewish history. He taught at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati (the campus where Rabbi Straus and I attended rabbinical school), founded the American Jewish Archives on its campus, and was a prolific writer. When reflecting on the College-Institute's centennial in 1975, Marcus noted "We believe in revelation. We believe in the Ten Commandments, which were given to our ancestors three thousand years ago. We think it's a magnificent code and a fine body of ethics. We do not believe, however, that the first and the last word was said at Mount Sinai. We believe that every new generation has its Mount Sinai, and every age produces its own Ten Commandments, that every generation has something new and beautiful to offer to us."

While these words were written nearly 50 years ago, they still ring true. It is one of the great joys of teaching our young people- to see how they learn about their Jewish heritage, recognize its significance in their lives, and watch their curiosity and understanding blossom. As a congregational rabbi, I have the privilege of being a part of this Jewish journey from the time our students begin their Religious School journey when the newest students are consecrated, a meaningful ritual to mark their entree into formal Jewish education. For many, Bar/t Mitzvah is the next stepping stone on that path, but, hopefully, not the final stop.

This month we have much to celebrate at Main Line Reform Temple with many students and their families for their accomplishments. They have faced many challenges to continue their Jewish education, and we hope you will join us on Sunday, May 16 at 7:00 pm to salute them. Our Confirmation students will lead our Shavuot service and share personal insights on their Jewish journey. Confirmation is generally celebrated on Shavuot because that is the festival when our ancestors received the Torah at Sinai; so too our Confirmands take their place as the next generation to accept the precepts of Judaism and make their own unique contributions.

But wait, there is more! On Friday, May 21 at 6:30 pm we will honor our amazing group of 12th grade students who have spent countless hours learning and growing with us. It is hard to believe six years have passed since I began my tenure at Main Line Reform Temple. These 12th graders hold a very special place in my heart and it will be hard to see them move on to the next phase of their lives. The passage of time has taken on new dimensions this last year, but it seems that in the blink of an eye, the students whose B'nai Mitzvah I officiated are now graduating from high school!

As a community, we rejoice in the accomplishments of all our amazing young people! Please mark your calendars for these special services and see for yourselves the bright future of the Jewish people. It is with great pride that our congregation joins in our prayer of gratitude, the Shechianu:

בְּרִיךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן 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 sacred time.

SHAVUOT

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and encourages us to embrace the Torah's teachings and be inspired by the wisdom that Jewish tradition has to offer. Shavuot is Hebrew for "weeks," and the holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover.

Unlike Passover, with Seder, or Sukkot, with the building of the Sukkah or waving of the lulav and etrog, there are few rituals, either synagogue-based or home-centered associated with Shavuot. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it is a celebration of Torah, education, and the choice to participate actively in Jewish life.

Our Tikkun Leil Shavuot programming is still being finalized at the time of printing but the information about our learning sessions will hit your inboxes shortly!

SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE

Monday, May 17 | 10:00 AM

Join our virtual Shavuot Service and Yizkor (Memorial Prayers) for those we have lost in the past year.

Meeting with Purpose



Amy Krulik,
Executive Director

Dear Friends:

When you read this - assuming the post office is back to making deliveries a little closer to "on time" – I will be just over a month into my new position as Executive Director at MLRT. My sincerest thanks to the entire Temple community for your warm and generous welcome, your willingness to share the congregation's rich traditions and your profound patience with my endless with my questions. I am starting to learn my way around the building and now only find myself on the wrong staircase a couple of times a week. Trust me, this is an improvement.

I have been spending a lot of time in meetings. Meetings often get a bad rap, but I think meetings are a great way for people to gather, exchange ideas, share feedback and learn from each other. Don't believe me? According to *Forbes* and the *Harvard Business Journal*, some of the top benefits of

meetings include:

- Building Stronger Relationships – Meetings offer opportunities for personal interactions that are essential for strong and productive groups.
- Establishing Alignment – Meetings can help get everyone on the same page...or at least reading the same book.
- Promoting Inclusion – Meetings are an important avenue for people to share their thoughts and ideas.
- Improving Engagement – Meetings are the perfect way for people to get involved and strengthen relationships with one another.
- Providing a Space for Improvement and Growth – Meetings allow the group to share feedback and new perspectives on an idea or project.
- Supporting Creative Thinking and Innovation – Meetings can create the perfect environment for critical thinking, creativity and those big AHA moments.

Thanks to all my meetings, I am getting to know the lay leaders, members, clergy and staff and everyone, I hope, is getting to know me. Over the next few weeks and months, you'll be hearing more about reopening plans and COVID-19, the High Holy Days, security, programming, etc., etc., etc. (I told you I was going to a lot of meetings.) My goal is to keep asking questions and to keep sharing information with you. Please know that you don't have to wait for the bulletin or weekly email to arrive in your mailbox or inbox before reaching out about something that is on your mind.

We have a lot of figuring out to do and there is no question that ours is a great community of planners, researchers, questioners and decision-makers. I am confident that meeting and working together, we will do amazing things!

"Life is beautiful not because of the things we see or do. Life is beautiful because of the people we meet." – Simon Sinek

Israel Matters

What would you do if you took your family to a beautiful resort in the Dominican Republic only to find mountains of smelly seaweed blocking the beach and making the pristine water unswimmable? Israeli entrepreneur Ygdal Ach, the CEO of Y.A. Maof, an Israeli company that works on environmental and waste disposal projects all over the world, saw only opportunity! This seaweed bloom, the Atlantic Sargassum Belt, stretches all the way from Western Africa to the Caribbean!

Working through Israel's embassy in the Dominican Republic, Ach began collaborating with a local technical university, a local resort and a local energy group to develop innovative technology that will convert the seaweed into three products – electricity, compost and fertilizer – all with a very low carbon footprint. The brown algae is collected from the beach, treated enzymatically and combined with organic home waste to generate methane gas, which is then processed through a biological generator and goes from there directly to the power grid. Israeli ingenuity at its finest!

We hope you enjoy these "good news" bulletins from Israel. Please email Sherrill Neff at sherrill.neff@gmail.com, Jackie Shulman at jszul@gmail.com, or Renee Margulies at Milren4@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to contribute to future issues.

Lifelong Learning

All of the programs in the following pages are virtual, unless otherwise specified, and the links can be found at mlrt.org/zoom



"We All Stood at Sinai (And most of us did not look like White Ashkenazic Jews)" with Yolanda Savage-Narva

Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

Using her experience in the non-profit world and with the URJ, Yolanda will help answer some of the more pressing questions facing synagogues today, such as what do we mean by being truly including and welcoming and diverse? What are the unintentional stumbling blocks we create? What do we need to learn?

Yolanda Savage-Narva has twenty years of experience working with public agencies and non-profit organizations to promote equitable access to public health, eldercare and pedestrian safety. Yolanda was also the Executive Director of Operation Understanding DC, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and respect while fighting to eradicate racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination.

In Yolanda's current role, she is leading the Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) work for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). She is also a member of the JewVNation cohort, a fellowship sponsored by the URJ, a 2019 Schusterman Fellow, a vice-chair of the Religious Action Center's (RAC) Commission on Social Action, a co-chair of the Racial Justice equity committee for the RAC, and too much more to fit here!

Four Seasons with Polyphony of Nazareth & ARTolerance

Sunday, May 23 at 12:00 pm on Zoom

ARTolerance & Main Line Reform Temple are thrilled to present Four Seasons with Polyphony of Nazareth. Polyphony bridges the divide between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel through classical music and serves as a worldwide model for cooperation based on cultural exchange, dialogue and partnership. Polyphony has been hailed & embraced by world-renowned artists such as Daniel Barenboim & Rene Fleming.

We will kick off this exciting partnership with a special virtual performance by Polyphony featuring their outstanding talents in Vivaldi Four Seasons from the gorgeous & significant sites in Nazareth. We will also be joined by ARTolerance performers from the USA for this special kick off virtual spring 2021 event.

All seeking co-existence, peace & great music making are welcome to join us. Sponsors to date include: ARTolerance, MLRT, Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, Jewish Community Relations Council, BZBI, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Ardmore.



Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

As we begin to think of summer and carefree times at the Jersey shore, we will read Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland. The best-selling novel takes place in Atlantic City during the summer of 1934. The book won a National Jewish Book award for debut fiction. I am hoping that our members who are shore-goers and book lovers will read the book (if you haven't already) and participate in the discussion. One member has already told me that he will display his collection of Atlantic City memorabilia. Bring yours along if you have it! I have learned that the Lower Merion Library Consortium owns twenty-five copies and our copy is circulating among our congregants. The reader will be transported to another time and place and be engrossed in the lives of a Jewish family confronting a tragedy. The Zoom discussion of this engrossing story will take place at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, May 4. For more information, visit MLRT.org/zoom.

Our short story discussion will take place on Thursday, May 13 at noon. When I discovered the story in the collection titled Jewish Noir: Contemporary Tales of Crime and Other Dark Deeds, I was unfamiliar with the author S.J. Rozan. I have since learned that she is a prolific writer of 60 short stories and many detective and mystery novels. She has won many awards for her mysteries, often written under a pseudonym. Join us as we discuss "The Flowers of Shanghai". I hope to continue these sessions during the summer with more stories written by our acclaimed Jewish authors or authors writing about Jewish topics.

The New York Times devoted a section in its Sunday paper about an important new book by Judy Batalion. The title is The Light of Days: the Untold Stories of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Germany. As we continue to read about the Holocaust, this book will shed new light on our understanding of its history.

Take note of our spring programming and join us!



HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE: KARL MIDDLEMAN CHASING THE GOOD LIFE: 100 YEARS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Sunday, May 23 at 10:00 am on Zoom

As they chased 'The Good Life' in the early 20th-Century, many Americans searched for new ways to spend their leisure time. Harlem became an arts mecca for the full flowering of American culture. Jazz was found everywhere: in the speakeasies, in the dance-halls, in homes, even in railroad cars.

Here was Harlem's cathedral of entertainment, the Apollo Theater, where Ella Fitzgerald made her debut in 1934. Here was the Savoy Ballroom where mixed-race couples danced the Lindy Hop all night long to the music of jazz superstars Chick Webb, Count Basie, and Benny Goodman. Here was the sexy stride piano music of Fats Waller careening out of Harlem rent parties.

Music lecturer and MLRT member Karl Middleman of Temple University will survey key advances in jazz, poetry, art and entertainment with a focus on contributions by Jews to the cause of improved race relations. Karl, a lecturer, composer, conductor, and professor, is a recipient of many awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

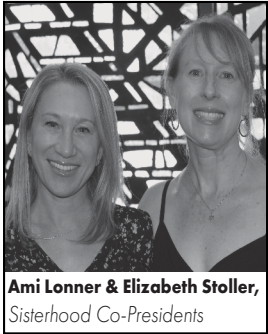
Discover the edible plants of our area!

Join Rabbi Newburge and the Wild Edibles Lady, Debbie Naha-Koretzky, for a springtime foraging walk at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 2 when we reconnect with nature during the Counting of the Omer, a period of time that takes us back to when our ancestors counted the days until the harvest.

Debbie is a registered dietitian/nutritionist, Rutgers Master Gardener, Pennsylvania Master Naturalist, certified science teacher, and author. She has conducted countless foraging programs and covers plant identification, safety, look-alike plants, sustainable harvesting, nature appreciation, cooking with wild plants, and of course, nutrition.

She received her master's degree in Clinical Nutrition from New York University. This specialized training allows for a unique approach to wild edible plants. Debbie is also the author of Foraging Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Sisterhood



Spring is finally here and with it there seems to be collective hope in the air. With warmer temperatures, we can return to outdoor pursuits and feel a little less confined by all of the COVID precautions. By now, hopefully many of our loved ones have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and we are on the road to a more normal future. We hope you will be able to hug your mothers, daughters grandmothers and SISTERS for Mother's Day!

Please join us for an engaging and timely program about the current gun violence epidemic both locally and nationally on May 13 at 7:30 pm. We will be viewing *They Ain't Ready for Me*, a feature-length documentary about Tamar Manasseh, the African American rabbinical student who is leading the fight against senseless killings on the south side of Chicago.

We will then come together online with our friends from Beth David Reform Congregation and Taylor Tabernacle Church in West Philly to participate in a discussion about what local community leaders are doing about gun violence in our own backyards. The discussion will be led by Rabbi Straus, Rabbi Newburge, and Tyrone Davis, a community activist and head of the Klutch Kings Motorcycle Club in Philadelphia, as well as a local elected official. RSVP to Jill Altshuler at jillandmarc2@gmail.com and stay tuned for the link to watch the free movie before the discussion.

With kids graduating school and summer not too far away, we hope everyone has an enjoyable Spring and that we will see you sooner rather than later in person again.

Brotherhood

Now that we are luxuriating in the middle of spring, can summer be far behind? This, we are told, is the time of year when we listen for "babbling brooks," for "sighing nightingales" (John Keats), for the "naïve light" of an evening's truth (Richard Wilbur), and when the hills are "alive with the sound of music" (Rodgers and Hammerstein). Lovely sentiments, to be sure, but false. Nature doesn't play such tricks; only sentient creatures emote. (Yes, yes, many non-human creatures emote, but I stop at gnats.) These sentiments led the eminent art critic John Ruskin to coin the phrase "Pathetic Fallacy"—deliberately ascribing emotions to non-human life.

What has this to do with Brotherhood? Simply, we emote; we yearn for a return to what we do year in and year out: to have a Golf Outing for Charity, to put up the Sukkah, to invite folks into the Sukkah for steaks and libations, to help at the Purim Carnival, and to conduct the Brotherhood Shabbat, all in person. It is our desire to reinstate the usual events and programs of past years, G-d willing, this fall. Perhaps even a BBQ in the summer would not be out of the question. We look forward to gathering as once we did every month for food and drink and chatter at our "Mens' Night Out" events; we want to present the B'nai Mitzvah celebrants with our gift in person on the bimah; and we very much want to plan our Golf for Charity outing that annually raises \$15,000 for charities. As we continue slogging through our daily routines and as summer approaches, let's all yearn for days filled with light and laughter, hope and a naive belief that soon, oh so soon, G-d will be in his heaven and all will be right with the world. But things will not be right until we help to make it so. Know that our national MRJ just sponsored a webinar for the Integrity First for America that continues to fight white supremacy and, in fact, is engaged currently in a lawsuit against many of the Charlottesville perpetrators. Go to the MRJ website for pertinent information about this issue.

Recently, we were released from Egypt's cruel bondage. Let us pray that the ger, the stranger, and more accurately, the refugee, among us now too is unshackled from her and his oppression and that as they come to us seeking refuge the salt from their eyes is washed away. Let us say *genug shoyen* to all oppression and false emotion about the plight of refugees.

Gary Brock, Vice President

Gun violence is at an all-time high, both in Philadelphia and nationwide. The staggering statistics are alarming and the call for action is immediate. MLRT Sisterhood will be presenting a program open to all MLRT members that addresses this critical issue on Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm.

Join us on Zoom for a thought-provoking discussion led by Rabbi Newburge, Rabbi Straus, and members of our neighboring communities including Beth David Reform Congregation and Taylor Tabernacle Church in West Philly.

Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education

CAMP ECE 2021

We are so excited to have camp this year and welcome many returning campers and some new campers as well!!! This year for camp we are traveling the world! We will be learning about different countries, their geography, cultures and customs, and much more. Camp is eight weeks long and runs from June 21 – August 13... that's eight weeks of fun in the sun!

Many of our students, from our two-year-olds to our incoming Kindergarten class, have already enrolled. There is so much to do, and we are so thrilled to do it all! Once a week all of our campers have music, yoga, cooking and we celebrate Shabbat as a camp every Friday. Camp is also a great way for new families to transition into the ECE school year. Children get to know our staff and school building, so on the first day of school they are walking in like they own the place.

Additionally, we will continue to provide the safest COVID-19 camp environment. We are confident we can continue our record of zero in-school COVID cases and zero in-school transmission.

We hope to see you all this summer for eight weeks (but at least four) of exploration, learning, and fun!

*four-week enrollment minimum



Scheduling Options

Monday – Wednesday – Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm or 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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9:00am – 1:00pm or 9:00am-3:00pm

Email or call the ECE Office for more information:
(610) 642-0304 or eceoffice@mlrt.org

Packing our flip flops as we type,
The ECE Leadership Team

Confirmation Greetings!

Sisterhood is helping to spread some MLRT love by offering Confirmation Greetings to our wonderful 2021 Confirmands! For a minimum donation of \$18, we will add your name and good wishes to these much needed and much appreciated greetings for our students.

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. Thank you for your support!

Confirmation Greetings, 5781

Please send your check, payable to MLRT Sisterhood, c/o Kerry Heppen, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096
Checks must be received by May 12, 2021.

Please contact Kerry Heppen at kpacdhep@aol.com with any questions.

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

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman

May is the final month of the Religious School year. Looking back on the last nine months, I am incredibly proud of the classes, programs, and family Shabbat services that we ran this year. Our goals were to build connected community in person and online, provide families choices of how their child(ren) learned and flexible schedules to meet their needs, and have fun learning and living Jewish values, holidays, and Hebrew. We met all these goals and more thanks to the dedication of our teachers, our students, and our families. We made adaptations and changes along the way, but we never lost sight of need to provide the best experiences possible.

I am very excited about the future of Jewish education at Main Line Reform Temple. In a few weeks, families will have the opportunity to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. Your commitment in the late spring and early summer months will ensure that we best prepared for a return to all in-person learning on Sunday mornings. Based on parent feedback, we will continue to provide multiple scheduling

and online options for our 3rd through 6th graders so that we can maintain small Hebrew class sizes. We hope to welcome parents back into the building for Shabbat services and onegs, mitzvah projects, and grade-level events. We will re-enter our sacred spaces with thoughtful intention and can't wait to see you in the fall!

No Religious School: May 9

Last Day of Religious School: May 16

Mazal Too!

Gloria Barsky on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Daisy Mia Golboro

Susan and Bruce Golboro on the birth of their granddaughter, Daisy Mia Golboro

Cantor Faryn Rudnick on her recent election to the Executive Board of the American Conference of Cantors; her three-year term begins in June

In Memoriam

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

Howard Beckman

Son of Aileen Beckman
Husband of Jennifer Beckman
Brother of Brad (Alisa Marion) Beckman

Donna Bronstein

Wife of Leonard Bronstein
Mother of Eric (Joan) Bronstein, David (Len) Bronstein,
Stacey Bronstein, and Karen (Jeffrey) Lipson
Grandmother of Rachel and Marc Bronstein
and Matthew, Lauren, and Michael Lipson

Solomon Cohen

Father of Michele Cohen (Marc Prizer),
Robin (Ken) Fischer, and Neil (Fiona) Cohen
Grandfather of Julie and Lindsay Prizer and
Samantha and Scott Fischer, and Alaina Cohen
Brother of Bess Leipziger
Companion of Joyce Schwartz

Ruth Golder

Wife of Mervyn Golder
Mother of Cindy Miller, Herb Golder, and Ted Golder
Grandmother of Morgan and Olivia Miller
Sister-in-law of Bob Golder
Aunt of Ellyn (Stephen) Saft

Claire Kalman

Mother of Allen Kalman (Carolyn Spector)
Grandmother of Eva and Sadie Kalman

Allan Kates

Husband of Joan Kates
Father of Marcia (Stuart) Conston

Jane Portnoy

Wife of Cantor Marshall Portnoy
Mother of Julie Beth Portnoy Simon (Alex Simon)
and Michael Portnoy
Grandmother of Jordan Max Simon
Sister of Daniel Zuger

Richard A. Sprague

Father of Barbara Sprague and Tom (Judith) Sprague
Grandfather of Jacob, Joshua, Jonathan, Rachel, Leah,
and Joseph White and Elizabeth and Julia Sprague

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your news, good and bad, with your MLRT family.

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(As of April 6)

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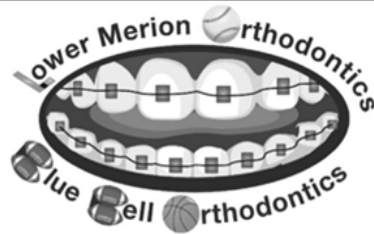
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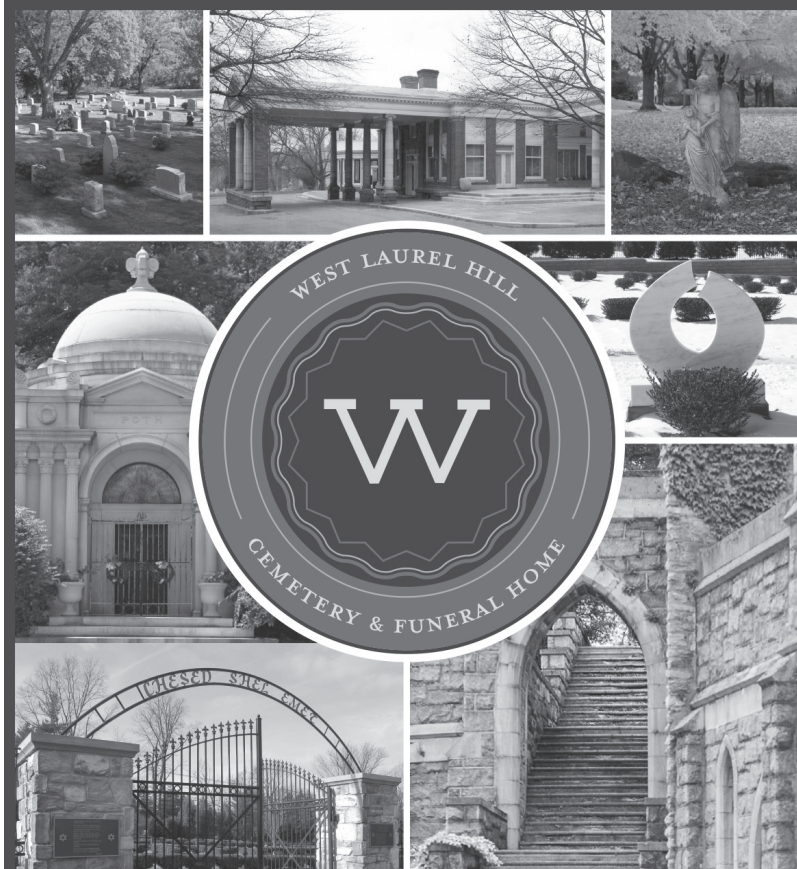
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3: *Loving* (Netflix)

10: *The Sound of Metal* (Prime)

17: *At Eternity's Gate* (Netflix)

24: *The Life Ahead* (Netflix)

FORWARD THINKING - TUESDAY, MAY 4 AT 12:00 PM

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

BOOK DISCUSSION - TUESDAY, MAY 4 AT 12:00 PM

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LUNCH & LEARN - TUESDAY, MAY 18 AT 12:00 PM

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"We All Stood at Sinai (And most of us did not look like White Ashkenazic Jews)" with Yolanda Savage-Narva.

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Sit back and relax in this virtual evening of music featuring cellist and congregant, Gordon Fink, and pianist Andy Heller.

HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE: KARL MIDDLEMAN - SUNDAY, MAY 23 AT 10:00 AM

In this lecture, Karl will discuss "Chasing the Good Life: 100 Years of The Harlem Renaissance"

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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 Shabbat Service

We invite you to join us as we say Shabbat Shalom to one another, light candles together and make Kiddush. At the end of services, we will un-mute all for our Oneg Shabbat, when we can talk to one another again.

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.

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 10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
 11:30 am *Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Alexis Meltzer*
 Daughter of Jaime & Simcha Meltzer
 5:15 pm *Bat Mitzvah of Emerson Margolis*
 Daughter of Shana & Ryan Margolis
 6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with Rabbi Kleinman

Friday, May 7

- 6:30 pm Zoom Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 8

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study
 10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
 10:30 am *Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Pearl Rose*
 Daughter of Regan & David Rose
 5:00 pm *Bat Mitzvah of Tess Frezel*
 Daughter of Andrea Brothman & Michael Frezel
 6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah

Friday, May 14

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 15

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study
 10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
 10:30 am *Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Rain Weisman*
 Daughter of Nataly & Jordan Weisman
 5:00 pm *Bat Mitzvah of Alison Rae Jubelirer*
 Daughter of Tracey & Jeffrey Jubelirer
 6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah

Sunday, May 16

Erev Shavuot

- 7:00 pm Confirmation Service

Monday, May 17

Shavuot

- 10:00 am Shavuot Service & Yizkor

Friday, May 21

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service & Graduation

Saturday, May 22

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study
 10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
 10:30 am *Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Olivia Krupnick*
 Daughter of Darlene Gaylord-Krupnick and David Krupnick
 2:30 pm *Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Madeline Ginsburg*
 Daughter of Emily & Matthew Ginsburg
 5:00 pm *Bat Mitzvah of Molly Isla Murphy*
 Daughter of Keri Fischer & Matt Murphy
 6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah

Friday, May 28

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 29

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

Friday, June 4

- 6:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 5

- 9:00 am Zoom Torah Study
 10:00 am Saturday Morning Zoom Service
 10:30 am *Bat Mitzvah of Piper Wurman*
 Daughter of Jill & Scott Wurman
 5:00 pm *Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Cohen*
 Daughter of Nicole & Michael Cohen
 6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah

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Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 am

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