

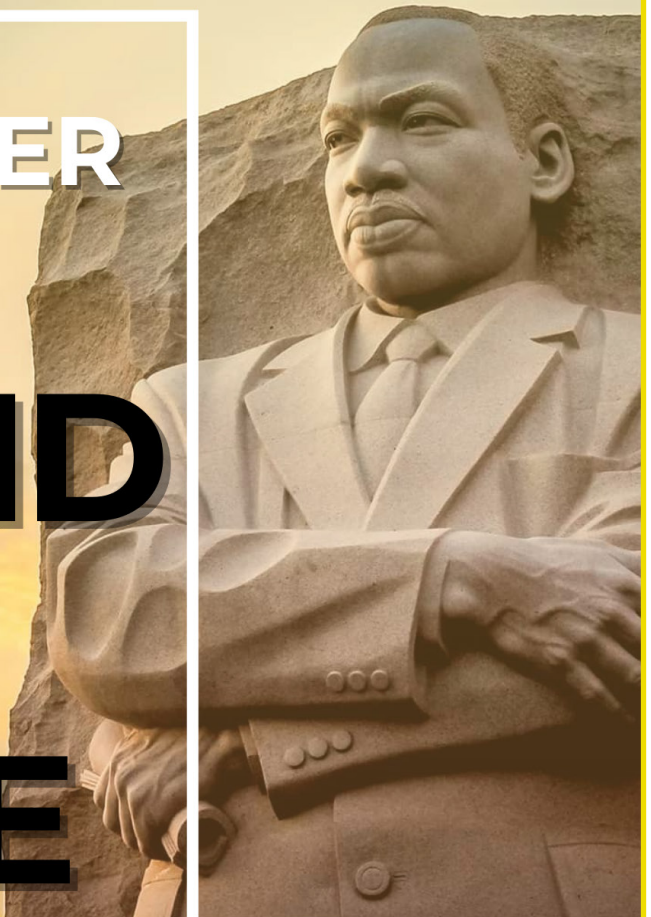


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WEEKEND OF SERVICE

JANUARY 14 - 17



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Jamie Mushlin

Hello MLRT Family! Happy New Year to all of you; may it be a happy and healthy year for you and your families. With the new year, comes new promises and resolutions. My promise and resolution is to continue on my path of making meaningful experiences and connections with all of you. We will continue to navigate our ever-changing and challenging landscape together, looking for ways in which we can be together - be it online, in person, or hybrid. One area that I find often connects us is the topic of FOOD. Whether we are talking about a great new or old recipe or discussing a place for great dim sum or take out; we connect in these moments as we share our opinions and experiences.

I told one of our members years ago at a Religious School meeting that I knew how to make knishes. My paternal grandmother was an excellent Jewish cook. She taught my mom, who also became an amazing Jewish cook and taught me all that I know. In the ultimate proof of food making connections, that member remembered our conversation and recently contacted me to ask about teaching a group of us to make knishes. I was in awe that she remembered and had an interest from all those years ago.

The days are colder and the daylight is shorter, so why not cook together and share these experiences together? I invite you to join me on Sunday, January 23 from 3:00-5:00 pm as I teach those interested in the art of making knishes.

I grew up in a house where the ritual of cooking certain Jewish foods happened along with our holidays. Just this past December, I made my mom's recipe for latkes which my family ate until our bellies were bursting. I make her brisket frequently and usually get rave reviews from my kids and Neil. As we get closer to Passover, you will hear about my gefilte fish cooking expertise (which is vast.) I'm thinking another cooking exhibition could arise from that...and this brings us back to our discussion of knishes.

Knishes were always a treat in my house. We made potato, cheese, and some objectively gross flavors for my dad, such as liver and lima bean. I learned about the type of cheese and the proper fillings and how to cut them properly with the best tool around (the side of your hand). Since my kids have repeatedly displayed a complete disinterest in learning how to make knishes (they prefer to critique and eat) I am thrilled to be able to pass on my knowledge to people who want to learn.

Please join me for "Let's Cook Knishes". More details to come, but mark January 23 on your calendar to learn, connect, and cook together.

I look forward in the coming year to more opportunities for us to be together, to connect, and to learn from and about one another.



Israel Matters

When Israel makes peace with its neighbors, there is no limit to what it can accomplish! A major recent three-way agreement among Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Kingdom of Jordan promises amazing results for the benefit of everyone in the region. The UAE will provide the financing of a massive solar energy farm in the Jordanian desert. The solar energy produced in Jordan will be sold exclusively to Israel. Israel will in turn build a massive new water desalinization plant on the Mediterranean coast, and the fresh water produced by that plant will be sold exclusively to Jordan. The UAE will be the financial facilitator of an exchange that gives Israel the electrical power that it needs, and that gives Jordan the fresh water it desperately needs. We believe that as major regional cooperation between Israel and its neighbors succeeds and spreads, there is a decreasing likelihood that Israel will be alone in the many existential challenges continuing to threaten it.

We hope you enjoy these "good news" bulletins from Israel. If you would like to contribute to future issues, please email Sherrill Neff at sherrill.neff@gmail.com, Jackie Shulman at jzshul@gmail.com, or Renee Margulies at Milren4@yahoo.com.

The author Neil Gaiman wrote "I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." Nearly 75% of American adults will start 2022 with a resolution or two or three, and Gaiman reminds us of the importance of setting forth resolutions at this time of year. The clergy and staff at MLRT are beginning 2022 with great optimism and we thought it would be fun and interesting to share our personal and professional goals for the year with you. It is our sincerest hope that 2022 brings light, peace, joy and great health to you and your loved ones.

Rabbi Geri Newburge: Most of you know that regular exercise is important to me, for mental and physical health. While I've completed short triathalons in the past, it's been awhile and I find them both stimulating and fulfilling. So one goal I have this year is to successfully complete the sprint triathlon I signed up for in August (1/4mi swim, 17mi bike, 5k run), and stay out of PT during the training!

2021 was quite a whirlwind! I appreciate the opportunity to focus on some professional goals with the New Year: I plan to collaborate with our membership, committees, and auxiliary groups and to also ensure that we are constantly building intentional relationships and connections so our members and guests feel welcome and included in our community.

Cantor Faryn Rudnick: As we know, goal setting is a big part of the New Year holiday. People want to work out more, spend more time traveling, eat healthier, etc. While all of these things sound great, I would really like to focus on being more balanced at home- allocate more time to playing board games with my family, make healthy eating and activity a part of our lifestyle, ritualize things we do in the morning or at bedtime, and spend more time doing good deeds as a whole family.

Professionally, I hope to continue to help build community here at MLRT. We have the opportunities with Dan Nichols coming, the adult B'not Mitzvah class, and all the different facets of the synagogue to build and create room at the proverbial table for everyone. I am also excited to continue to grow our outstanding music program, which has looked quite different during Covid, and now includes live, hybrid, and virtual opportunities.

Rabbi Kevin Kleinman: Since the beginning of the lockdown nearly two years ago, I have been focused on eating healthy and exercising daily. My personal goal is to use all the vegetables we receive in our weekly CSA (community supported agriculture) food share before the next shipment arrives!

On the professional side, the Religious School faculty and clergy have begun to evaluate our Hebrew curriculum in Religious School. My goal for the coming year is to add more conversational Hebrew vocabulary words into our weekly classes and assemblies. This will make it easier for our students to learn to read and write Hebrew once they enter third grade.

Amy Krulik: This fall, I shared that I wanted to expand my baking horizons and develop some skills using yeast. Thanks to excellent advice from MLRT members, I have made some beautiful and delicious challah. My goal for 2022 is to continue trying new challah recipes each month and to grow my yeast repertoire to other breads and maybe even a babka.

I have two professional goals for the new year. The first is to retire the word "pivot" and the phrase "these unprecedented times". The second is to amplify our work around member engagement so that whether you are in person at MLRT or joining us virtually, you have a strong sense of connection and belonging to our MLRT congregational family.

Ross M. Levy: Over the past year I have been blessed to watch my eldest daughter become Bat Mitzvah and we have added another four-legged friend to our family. We have focused our family time on walking together and on making music as a family.

Here at MLRT, I have been working on creating a safe and meaningful program for our teens in TheTribe and fun programs for our students in upper elementary school as part of Tribe Jr. My musical focus has extended to building a congregational band. If you're reading this and are interested in playing music with me during Shabbat services, please let me know at rlevy@mlrt.org. Music is the heartbeat of Judaism and I want to get more people feeling the rhythm!

Mihaela Schwartz: Starting a new position can frequently be challenging so I want to work towards achieving equilibrium across my personal, school, and work life.

I am thrilled with the progress we have made so far within the ECE, and thank the incredible teachers for their enthusiasm and capacity for change. I would like to continue building a community of reactive educators who deeply care about the unique needs of each family.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Service

Celebrate the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony

Friday, January 14 | 7:30 pm at Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim

Saturday, January 15 | 9:00 am Torah Study and Service at Beth Am Israel, Penn Valley

Sunday, January 16 | 10:30 am at Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore *Zoom only*

Join members of Zion Baptist Church and Beth Am Israel for our annual Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony.
Spirited music by the Unity Choir at both services.

Links for all services at mlrt.org/mlk2022

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Monday, January 17

In order to make this day a spectacular success, we are collecting the following items which will support some of our projects. Please drop off your donations in the appropriate bin in the vestibule through MLK Weekend.

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| * Unopened trial sized toiletries | * New kids socks | * Breakfast Bag Foods |
| * Gently used children's clothing
(sizes baby – 16 boys winter
clothes are especially needed!) | * New or gently used books for
all ages for the Taylor Tabernacle
Church Community | - Packets of oatmeal (please no
large containers) |
| * New kids pajamas | | - Low sugar cereal/granola bars |
| * New kids underwear | | - Applesauce cups |
| | | - Individual LOW SUGAR cereal cups |

Because of COVID space restrictions, you must register for all of the activities being offered. Each person may register for two-three activities. Please visit mlrt.org/mlk2022 to register.

IN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

SALAD MAKING

Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Upstairs kitchen

Appropriate for adults and families with children age 10 +

Participants **MUST** sign up via mlrt.org/mlk2022 to receive information about which vegetable to bring.

Food insecure families need healthy food options. Join fellow congregants in preparing salads for the Ardmore Food Pantry. For questions contact, Jill Altshuler at jillandmarc2@gmail.com.

TOILETRY SORTING & PACKAGING

Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Hausen

Open to children and adults

Sort all the wonderful trial sized toiletries collected from our congregation, make a cheerful note to go along with the goods, and then put them all together in an attractive package to benefit patients of Lankenau's maternity clinic!

For questions, contact Kerry Heppen at HeppenK@mlhs.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Service

CRADLES TO CRAYONS MOBILE WAREHOUSE CLOTHING SORT

Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Hausen

Appropriate for teens and adults

Inspect and sort clothing donated by our congregation. To benefit needy children and families served by Cradles to Crayons. For questions, contact Vanessa Coke Cohen at vcokecohen@gmail.com.

UPCYCLED VALENTINE'S DECORATIONS FOR SAUNDERS HOUSE

Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Orleans

Appropriate for ECE children

Make a beautiful Valentine to hang at Saunders House and brighten the day of the senior residents that live there! Be creative and use recycled materials to honor the holiday Tu B'Shevat, when we think about taking care of the earth.

PARSLEY PLANTING

Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Orleans

Appropriate for ECE children

To celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, plant some parsley seeds that will grow into a plant you can use for your Passover Seder this year!

BREAKFAST BAG ASSEMBLY FOR CLIENTS OF MITZVAH CIRCLE FOUNDATION

Starting at 10:00 am

Appropriate for all ages but especially younger children with a parent

Assemble a delicious bag of easy to eat/prepare breakfast foods and draw a cheerful picture on the bag to brighten someone's day!

BOOK SORTING FOR THE TAYLOR TABERNACLE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Hausen

Appropriate for ages 10 +

Come and sort through the books we have been collecting for the past month. We will sort them by reading level/age and weed out any books that are in poor condition. The books will then be delivered to Taylor Tabernacle Church for their Reading Room.

Not comfortable joining in person but still want to participate?

Below are three activities you can participate in from the comfort of your own home!

AT HOME ACTIVITIES

SALAD MAKING FOR ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY

Come pick up some containers from MLRT the week of January 10 and then make your own salad at home. You will need spinach, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, and a bean like kidney or chickpeas. Extra special attention to hygiene is required! At the end of our Day of Service, please deliver your delicious and nutritious salads to MLRT.

For questions and to receive delivery instructions, please contact Jill Altshuler at jillandmarc2@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST BAG ASSEMBLY

Pick up the following items at the supermarket and assemble your paper bags at home!

- Low Sugar Individual Cereal Cups
- Oatmeal Packets
- Applesauce cups
- Low sugar granola/cereal bars

For questions and to receive delivery instructions, please contact Liz Stoller at ljstoller@gmail.com.

UPCYCLED VALENTINE'S DECORATIONS TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF SAUNDERS HOUSE

Make some beautiful Valentines to hang at Saunders House and brighten the day of the senior residents that live there! Be creative and use recycled materials to honor the holiday Tu B'Shevat, when we think about taking care of the earth. Bring your decorations to MLRT by noon on January 16.

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

Happy New Year! Time to cuddle up with a good book, whether escapist, mainstream, serious, or scholarly.

Our short story for January 13 was written by Isaac Asimov, one of science fictions foremost story tellers. In *"Unto the Fourth Generation"*, from the collection, *Wandering Stars: An Anthology of Jewish Fantasy and Science Fiction*. He blends folk spirit with city sophistication in a story to be read more than once! First published in the April 1959 issue of the *Magazine of Fantasy and Science*, the story has an ending that has been added to the original. Join us as we discuss and contemplate its meaning.

In January, we mark the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Our library has *As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom* by Richard Michelson.

Here is the story of how two men with very different backgrounds formed a remarkable friendship and turned their personal experiences of discrimination into a message of love and equality for all.

Here are two other books about social justice that deserve a second look:

- *There Shall Be No Needy: Pursuing Social Justice through Jewish Law and Tradition* by Rabbi Jill Jacobs. Rabbi Jacobs is a leading young voice in the social justice arena. She is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. In her career, she has pushed for Jews to take an active role in pursuing social justice. In her book, she answers the question of how can a Jewish approach to social justice offer positive change for America? The topics she ties in to the narrative include poverty, health care, criminal justice, fair pay, and the environment. She uses Jewish legal sources to connect work and ideals with our Jewish heritage.
- *Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech for All* by Suzanne Nossel. We at MLRT are fortunate that the author of this timely book will speak during Brotherhood Shabbat on March 11. Suzanne Nossel is the CEO of PEN America, a leading human rights organization. The book equips readers with tools to navigate today's diverse, digitized, and divided society without curbing free expression. Her book brings clarity to the raging debate over whether free speech can survive in the 21st century.

Tikkun Olam is one of the abiding tenets of Reform Judaism. The theme of justice remains central to the understanding of tzedakah. During this month at MLRT, we will celebrate Martin Luther King Day as we strive to repair the world.

SAVE THE DATE: MLRT is partnering with One Book, One Jewish Community to bring author Dara Horn to Drexel University on January 27. Her book, *People Love Dead Jews*, is a must-read and we look forward to discussing it with Rabbi Straus later this year. Look for more details about both programs in the eNews!



Collard Greens and Gefilte Fish: Jews Participating in the Harlem Renaissance **Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:00 am at MLRT and in person**

As they chased 'The Good Life' in the 1920s & '30s, many Americans searched for new ways to spend their leisure time. Harlem became an arts mecca for the full flowering of African-American culture and Jazz was found everywhere: speakeasies, dance halls, homes, even in railroad cars. Historians usually focus on the antagonisms between Blacks and Jews during the period of the Harlem Renaissance. Yet significant strides toward racial equity were made by Sophie Tucker, Benny Goodman and other great Jewish entertainers.

Aided by a wide range of rare and pleasurable music videos, Karl Middleman of Temple University, tells the story of the glorious music of the Harlem Renaissance with a focus on contributions by Jews to the cause of improving race relations. Please join us for this fascinating lecture at MLRT! *(masks required)* for in-person attendance.

THE TEN MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS EMERGING IN JEWISH LIFE: WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY WILL MEAN IN RESHAPING OUR FUTURE? **Monday, January 24 at 7:30 pm on Zoom**

In this presentation, we will be examining both the impact of Covid and the demographic, cultural, and generational elements that will profoundly alter our community and its practices over the next decade. We will especially look at changing attitudes and connections to Israel. Dr. Steven Windmueller is an Emeritus Professor of Jewish Communal Studies and his research has been primarily focused on Jewish communal trends, anti-Semitism, and Jewish political behavior.

All programs, classes, and services are subject to change.
Visit mlrt.org/zoom for the most up-to-date information, more details, and virtual program links.

Creating Connections



Keeping It Reel: Get your popcorn ready to discuss these Netflix movies on Zoom with Rabbi Newburge!

Monday, January 17 at 8:00 pm - Tick Tick Boom

Based on the autobiographical musical by playwright Jonathan Larson, *Tick Tick Boom* is the story of an aspiring composer in New York City who is worried he made the wrong career choice, whilst navigating the pressures of love and friendship.

Monday, January 31 at 8:00 pm - Munich: The Edge of War

In this newly released film set in the fall of 1938, Hitler prepares to invade Czechoslovakia, and the government of Neville Chamberlain desperately seeks a peaceful solution. A British civil servant and a German diplomat, former classmates, travel to Munich to discuss peace.



Birthday Blessings - Friday, January 7 at 6:30 pm

For all those celebrating birthdays in January, join us for a special birthday blessing during Friday Night Shabbat Services to start the year off right.



Shabbat Morning Walk - Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 am Cynwyd Trail, Barmouth Trailhead

Celebrate Shabbat in nature with your MLRT community. Meet Rabbi Geri Newburge (with your masks!) at the Cynwyd Trail for a beautiful and invigorating winter walk.



Beer Club - Sunday, January 30 at 7:00 pm

The Grog, 863 W Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Let's toast the new year with our MLRT friends and family at the Grog in Bryn Mawr. Beer Club is open to all MLRT members who enjoy trying and sharing beer.



Lunch and Learn - Monday, January 31 at 12:00 pm

Lunch with the Rabbi is back! Take a break for lunch while Rabbi Newburge leads a thoughtful conversation on Zoom.

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF WHITENESS & WHITE DOMINANT CULTURE: RAC-PA TRAINING

Tuesday, January 4, 11, and 18 from 8:00-9:30 pm.

Join us for a space for white Jewish/Jewish Adjacent people (those of us who are not Jewish but are partnered with a Jew, part of a Jewish family, or interested in Judaism) to engage in antiracist skill building, stamina, and resistance (a 3-Part REDI Training). This training will be for our RAC PA state projects – sign up by emailing Rabbi Straus at dstraus@mlrt.org.

BERNIE KLEINMAN BOOK CLUB: MEMORY OF DEPARTURE

Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

Vehement, comic and shrewd, Abdulrazak Gurnah's first novel is a "compelling" (New York Times) and unwavering contemplation of East African coastal life, by the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2021. This is a short book, but dense, often hair-raising in its dramatic scenes of degradation and compelling... we can't wait to hear what you think!

For more information, please contact Norman Fienman at nfienman@gmail.com.

MLRT GETS TOGETHER IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 4-6 IN FLORIDA!

Friday, February 4 at 5:00 pm

Don't miss drinks, dinner, and Shabbat service at the lovely home of Nancy and George Broder in Palm Beach

Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 am

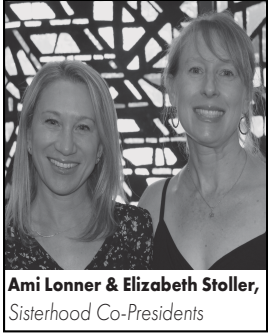
Shabbat morning walk starting at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Road A1A, Boca Raton

Sunday, February 6

Rabbi Newburge's Nosh- join Rabbi Newburge and her parents, Larry & Idelle Newburge, at their home in Boca Raton.

For more details and to RSVP, contact Michelle Wilson in the MLRT office at 610-649-7800 or mwilson@mlrt.org.

Sisterhood



Now that the frenzy of Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and New Years is over, you might be thinking – what's next to look forward to? In Sisterhood, we sometimes feel similarly; our Opening Program is done, our Paid Up Member Event is over – now what? We usually try to plan some fun winter programs to brighten the often dull days of wintertime, even if we worry that the weather might interfere. If there is one thing that COVID has given us, it is the power and convenience of Zoom! We will continue to try to plan in-person events that can easily morph into an online program if need be. We have a great pop-up in mind for February (hopefully in person!) – stay tuned for details!

Shalach Manot has been on the brain since October, believe it or not! Our packing date is March 10, so if you are available to come and help out, please plan to join us. Our greatest need is for drivers, however, and what a mitzvah it is to deliver these bags to our congregants! Please contact Lisa

Greenblatt at greenblatt5@comcast.net or Jackie Bobrin at jackiebobrin@gmail.com if you are able to make some of these fun Purim deliveries. And – hold onto your hats folks – but looking further ahead, we are in the planning stages of executing a housewares sale! This “Not Rummage” sale will be housewares only with possibly a few extras, but NO CLOTHING! The mountains of textiles just proved to be too much for us and so we are switching gears. This super scaled-down (hopefully successful) sale will benefit our MLRT community in their spring cleaning efforts and the neighborhood community in offering rock bottom prices for some nice looking goods, as well as help a number of our community partner organizations, such as HIAS-PA and Mitzvah Circle Foundation, who will receive free necessities to help them furnish their homes.

So when winter gets us feeling a little bit down, we at Sisterhood are always planning for the future, which keeps us energized and excited! To join us in keeping the Sisterhood energy flowing, please contact our Membership VPs: Sue Rhode at susan.rhode@verizon.net or Jill Kleeman at jillkleeman@yahoo.com.

Save the date for our annual Author Brunch on March 11 with Pam Jenoff, author of *The Woman With the Blue Star*.

Brotherhood

First off: apologies to any reader who may have puzzled over the Golf Outing for Charity date in the December 2021 Bulletin. Erroneously entered as “2023,” clearly the date should have been “2022.” (Not that we don’t also look forward to an event in 2023.) Alas, after about 75 of these Bulletin submissions over the last 12 years, I fear that the time to put the cap on the fountain pen may be imminent. Before this happens, let’s press on. Sparse as winter’s days are, so too the Brotherhood upcoming events. January features the monthly Men’s Night Out at a restaurant picked by our esteemed co-President, Ed Bleeden. Check the weekly announcements for time and place.

Look forward to March 11 and the annual Brotherhood Shabbat service; please contact Glenn Brooks for your part in this event. And just as a reminder, yes, the 2022 Golf Outing for Charity will be held May 18 at the Green Valley Country Club. Join us in this annual golf outing for charity, featuring good food, and camaraderie. Brotherhood would like to note that it recently made a generous donation to YESPhilly (Youth Empowerment Service) which provides much-needed services to those youth wanting to complete their high school education.

It would not be a Brotherhood January bulletin without a nod to my favorite American poet, Wallace Stevens, whose “The Snow Man” captures the chill and warmth of this season.

*One must have a mind of winter
To regard the frost and boughs
Of the pine-trees crusted with snow;*

*And have been cold a long time
To behold the junipers shagged with ice,
The spruces rough in the distant glitter*

*Of the January sun; and not to think
Of any misery in the sound of the wind,
In the sound of a few leaves*

*Which is the sound of the land
Full of the same wind
That is blowing in the same bare place*

*For the listener, who listens in the snow,
An, nothing himself beholds
Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.*

The Snow Man, 1923

Kindly, Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

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(As of December 8)

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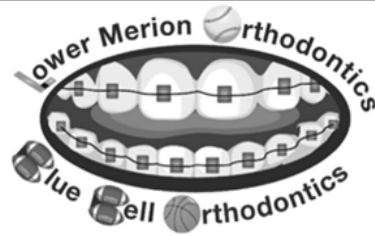
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Please join us for a special MLK Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony Service/Shabbat Shira on Friday, January 14 at 7:30 pm.

Tu B'Shevat Tu B'Shevat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day. The holiday is observed on the 15th (tu) of the Hebrew month of Shevat, this year falling out on January 17. Scholars believe that originally Tu B'Shevat was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu B'Shevat that is similar to a Passover Seder. Today, many Jews hold a modern version of the Tu B'Shevat Seder each year. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.

While the holiday is not biblical in nature, it is mentioned by the rabbis in the Talmud, and plays an important role in the Jewish calendar. Many different customs have evolved over the centuries to honor this new year of the trees. Some examples include: planting a tree, eating a new fruit, or eating from the Seven Species (*Shivat Haminim*) described in the Torah as being abundant in the land of Israel. The *Shivat Haminim* are: wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates (honey).

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

Jordon Fogel

Husband of Sandra Fogel
Father of Lori Fogel and Lisa Fogel z"l

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IN THE DECEMBER 2021 ISSUE, WE WISHED A MAZAL TOV TO JILL KLEENMAN. IT SHOULD HAVE SAID JILL KLEEMAN, AND WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE ERROR.

PLOTS AVAILABLE IN THE MLRT SECTION AT WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

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If you or your family members are interested in purchasing plots, please contact Amy Krulik, Executive Director, at (610) 649-7800 or akrulik@mlrt.org for more information or to arrange for selection and purchase of plots.

Break out your instruments because we are looking for adult congregants to join the MLRT Bimah Band!

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Shabbat & Holiday Services

Friday, December 31

5:00 pm Shabbat Service with a toast to the new year!

Please note this special service time!

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 7

6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service with special birthday blessings!

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am Torah Study

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^

10:00 am Saturday Morning Service

6:30 pm Havdalah**

Friday, January 14

7:30 pm MLK Service of Interfaith Harmony/
Shabbat Shira with Beth Am Israel &
Zion Baptist Church

Saturday, January 15

9:00 am Joint MLK Service of Interfaith
Harmony/ Torah Study and Service
at Beth Am Israel, Penn Valley

6:30 pm Havdalah**

Sunday, January 16

Erev Tu B'Shevat

10:30 am MLK Service of Interfaith Harmony at
Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore**

Friday, January 21

6:30 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 22

9:00 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

6:30 pm Havdalah**

Friday, January 28

6:30 pm Shabbat Service with Roe v. Wade
Sermon from Rabbi Newburge

Saturday, January 29

9:00 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

6:30 pm Havdalah**

All times, including B'nai Mitzvah services, are subject to change. The most up-to-date information and access links can be found on our website at mlrt.org

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MULTI-ACCESS WEEKLY OFFERINGS

THURSDAYS

11:00 am - Bible Study

Our rabbis lead an ongoing discussion of the Mishnah over the year. Join the discussion on Zoom or in person at MLRT anytime, whether you are an avid Mishnah student or have never looked at the Mishnah before.

FRIDAYS

6:30 pm - Friday Shabbat Service (please refer to the calendar for special service times)

We invite you to join us via YouTube, Livestream, or Facebook Live, or in the Morganroth Sanctuary for a Shabbat service with songs and prayers, followed by a virtual Oneg Shabbat.

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 via Zoom, from wherever you are, or in person at MLRT.

10:00 am - Shabbat Morning Service

Immediately following Torah Study, join us on Zoom or in person at MLRT for a lovely Shabbat Service featuring our clergy.

ZOOM-ONLY WEEKLY SERVICE

6:30 pm - Havdalah with the Rudnicks

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January 2022

All programs, classes, and services are subject to change. The most up-to-date information can be found at mlrt.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					December 31 NEW YEARS EVE MLRT OFFICE CLOSED @ 1:00 PM 5:00 pm Shabbat Service with special New Years Toast	1 NEW YEARS DAY 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
2 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	3	4 8:00 pm RAC-PA Understanding the Impact of Whiteness & White Dominant Culture Program	5 12:00 pm Bridge**	6 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Friends of Bill W.*	7 6:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings	8 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah
9 10:00 am Hassel Adult Education Lecture: <i>Collard Greens & Gefilte Fish</i> 2:00 pm Interfaith Philadelphia's Walking the Walk Program	10 7:00 pm Brotherhood Texas Hold'Em *	11 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <i>Memory of Departure</i> 8:00 pm RAC-PA Understanding the Impact of Whiteness & White Dominant Culture Program	12 12:00 pm Bridge**	13 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>Unto the Fourth Generation</i> 7:00 pm FTD Caregivers 7:30 pm Friends of Bill W.*	14 ECE CLOSED 7:30 pm MLK Service of Interfaith Harmony/Shabbat Shira at MLRT	15 9:00 am Joint Torah Study & Service at Beth Am Israel 6:30 pm Havdalah
16 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 10:30 am MLK Service of Interfaith Harmony at Zion Baptist Church**	17 Tu B'Shevat RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED MLK DAY OF SERVICE 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Tick Tick Boom</i> **	18 8:00 pm RAC-PA Understanding the Impact of Whiteness & White Dominant Culture Program	19 12:00 pm Bridge**	20 6:30 pm Brotherhood Men's Night Out 7:30 pm Friends of Bill W.*	21 L'Taken 6:30 pm Shabbat Service	22 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah
23	24 7:30 pm Steven Windmueller Program**	25	26 12:00 pm Bridge**	27	28 6:30 pm Shabbat Service with Roe v. Wade Sermon	29 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah
30	31 12:00 pm Lunch with Rabbi Newburge** 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Munich - The Edge of Water</i> **	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4 5:00 pm Sunshine State Shabbat (FL) 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	February 5 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah

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