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COVID-19 regulations and guidelines are rapidly changing and our main priority is keeping our MLRT family safe and healthy. This issue was printed in the beginning of March, so please visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) or call the Temple office at 610-649-7800 for the most up to date information.

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Jamie Mushlin

Hello MLRT Family! April is upon us, which means springtime, blooming trees, migrating birds, the wonderful holiday of Passover, and so much more. I am partial to the warmer days of the year, so I actually look forward to Passover, even with all the work involved. Inevitably, I'm stuck in the kitchen for hours on end in preparation for our annual Seder. In addition to making knishes from scratch, my other Jewish cooking claim to fame is that I make my own gefilte fish. Every year, the breathtaking beauty of the early spring sun shining down contrasts sharply with the vegetables and fish I am chopping up for a fish stock that will take your breath away in a wonderfully different way.

I grew up in a house where my mother made a fresh batch every year; no cans of doctored fish for us, but oddly enough, I do not really enjoy gefilte fish. I remember being taken to Bralow's, and watching my mom select the best looking carp (beauty is in the eye of the beholder) from the tank before bringing that now-dead fish home. I don't know if it was because my young eyes watched the fish go from swimming to slivers in her bowl or because of the smell, but I never ate my mother's gefilte fish, although I did learn how to cook it.

I meet Neil many Passovers later, and early on in our dating life, he invited me to meet his entire family and spend Passover together. I figured that I was up for the challenge, dressed extra nicely, bought flowers for his grandmother, and off I went to meet his parents, his aunt, uncle, grandparents, and cousins. Meeting your significant other's family is always nerve-wracking, but I had the added stress of facing a long meal full of extended family and trying to fit into their traditions. All was going swimmingly until the meal when a piece of gefilte fish was placed in front of me (pun intended.) My mind quickly raced through my options - talk about Four Questions! Do I politely decline? Do I just leave it on my plate? Is it rude to take a bite and leave the rest? Will they believe I am a nice Jewish girl worthy of their son if I can't eat their special gefilte fish? I desperately wanted to impress Neil's family, so I coated the fish with tons of horseradish and ate as quickly as I could without choking before I realized that this isn't the worst thing in the world (that dubious honor goes to chopped liver, of course.) Meanwhile, amidst my inner turmoil, I somehow missed that Neil passes and sits next to me with no fish on his plate. We've been married for a while, but by my calculations, Neil has at least 20 more years of eating my gefilte fish to make up for that first Seder.

I have carried on my mother's tradition of making gefilte fish from scratch every year, and even though I light candles, get my fish pre-ground, and fill the kitchen with the enticing scents of brisket, chicken soup, cakes, and more, my daughters have carried on my tradition of refusing to even enter the kitchen during the process. Please share your own Passover and gefilte fish stories with me; I would love to hear them!

Happy Pesach and may your spring be filled with sunshine, beauty, and happiness!

## Israel Matters

Israel has been a leading producer of clean technologies. In recognition of this, three Israeli companies were recently named to the Cleantech Global 100 list. This list, compiled annually by the Cleantech Group, celebrates companies around the world that have the greatest positive impact on the global environment.

**Breezometer** (based in Haifa) provides rich environmental monitoring and forecasting to over 400 million users around the world from over 11 million individual sources. Among the users are Apple Computer, L'Oreal and Siemens.

**Future Meat** (based in Rehovot) is a leader in lab-grown cultured meat products. Cultured meats (poultry and red meats) are produced using dramatically less land than animal production, and significantly reduce greenhouse emissions and freshwater use. The company recently raised nearly \$350 million to build a major production facility in the U.S.

**F Sight** (based in Hod Hasharon) has a valuable artificial intelligence-based platform for distributed energy management. This is used to predict, optimize, and trade energy. The technology improves the efficiency of major power plants, solar energy systems, electric vehicles, and other applications.

It seems like there is no end to the creative energy coming out of Israel!



# Praying for Freedom



Rabbi Geri Newburge

Before we know it, Pesach will be here and we will be sitting down for Seders (hopefully in person with our friends and family)!

Sometimes you will find an additional space on the Seder Plate for *chazaret*, or lettuce, which is used as a bitter herb. The rabbis debate the usage of lettuce in the Talmud. One rabbi asks and answers his own question "What is *chazeret*? It is lettuce." The explanation begins with a follow up question: "What is the meaning of lettuce? It refers to the fact that God has mercy on us. Rabbi Yochanan elaborates: 'Why are the Egyptians likened to bitter herbs in the verse: 'And they embittered their lives' (Exodus 1:14)? This comparison serves to tell you that just as these bitter herbs are soft at first and harsh in the end, so too, the Egyptians were soft at first, when they paid the Jews for their work, but were harsh in the end, as they enslaved them." This idea applies solely to *chazeret*, which has a bitter aftertaste, but not to other types

of bitter herbs (*maror*), which are bitter from the beginning.

A Chasidic teaching poses the question, "Why do we eat bitter herbs?" The rabbi responded: "Feeling pain, the 'bitterness,' is actually a sign of redemption. Just feeling the bitterness is itself the first glimmer of freedom; for the worst kind of slavery is when we grow so accustomed to it that we accommodate ourselves to it." We cannot grow accustomed to the suffering in the world, and our commemoration of our ancestors liberation is a poignant reminder of this fact.

The story of Passover and the themes of freedom and redemption remain as relevant as ever when we consider the world in which we live. As I write this article, the situation in Ukraine looks bleak with innocent lives lost and hundreds of thousands of people forced from their homes, all the while wondering what will come next with Russian aggression. I know all of our hearts are hurting for the Ukrainian people as they struggle to maintain their independence and protect **her** civilians. I hope you have seen our emails about how we can help from afar. It is important to make sure the Ukrainian cries for freedom are heard, and to help organizations on the ground provide the necessities of life. Please check your email and our website for up to date information on our congregational efforts to support those impacted by this terrible war.

Our tradition insists that while we are not obligated to do all the work, we are not free to disengage either. May the rituals and symbols of Pesach nourish your soul, and as you taste the bitterness of the lettuce and herbs at your Seder, may you be inspired to take action, and to effect positive change in the world. *Chag Sameach!*

## Cantor's Corner



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

This year, Reform Jews are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first female to be ordained as a Rabbi, Rabbi Sally Priesand. Just three short years later, the first female Cantor, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, would also walk down the marbled aisle of Temple Emanu-El in NYC towards ordination, following in Rabbi's Priesand's footsteps. Without their ambition, their willingness to be the firsts, the paths they paved, our experience as Reform Jews would look different. It goes without saying that because they were willing to go after their dreams, the dreams of countless others - clergy, song leaders, composers, and other Jewish professionals alike - might not have come to fruition.

It might be easy to overlook the many contributions that women have made to Judaism; after all, traditional Judaism is patriarchal. But as we have evolved, Judaism has become more and more diverse. On Friday night, April 29, we will celebrate this diversity by honoring the women of Reform Judaism. We will honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rabbi Priesand's ordination, and celebrate the women who have contributed to our musical heritage. As we have done earlier this year, this particular Shabbat service will be musically themed, utilizing music written strictly by female composers, including the music of Debbie Friedman, Peri Smilow, Elana Arian, Cantor Vicky Glikin, and more.

Recently, in one of my clergy chat groups, someone posed a question about the frequency and history behind all female clergy teams. While it is still rare, I can't help but think how far we have come. Women continue to have adult B'not Mitzvah (don't forget to join us on June 17 for our current class' Adult B'not Mitzvah); there are whole classes of females being ordained from HUC and JTS - I was a member of a class of all female cantors; women hold leadership positions within synagogues, and so, so much more.

We hope you will join us for this special evening on April 29, as we celebrate the contributions of women to Judaism, and celebrate the paths paved in order to ensure a more diverse Judaism.

# Who Tells Your Story?



Did you know that over 60 million copies of the Maxwell House Haggadah are currently in print? I am pretty sure that a good percentage of these copies are in the china cabinet in my in-law's dining room. For 88 years, the Maxwell House Haggadah has been synonymous with Passover in many U.S. households, but despite its popularity, it was far from the first Haggadah published in the States.

The first American edition of the Passover Haggadah was published in 1837 by Solomon Henry Jackson, an English-born American Jew. Jackson moved to New York City in the 1820s to establish the first Hebrew printing press, and The Jew, the first Jewish periodical in the United States. A first edition copy of Jackson's Haggadah is valued at \$80,000-\$100,000 at auction. Now would be a great time to check those boxes in the attic.

The Maxwell House Haggadah didn't hit U.S. markets until 1934. These Haggadot were part of a genius marketing gimmick by Joseph Jacobs, an advertising executive hired to promote Maxwell House coffee in the early 1920s. Jacobs thought major manufacturers should specifically target the Jewish consumer base to increase business. He worked with a rabbi in New York to reassure the Jewish community that coffee beans were a fruit and, therefore, were Kosher for Passover. Next, Jacobs distributed a free Haggadah with the purchase of every can of Maxwell House coffee to build brand loyalty and market share. And the rest is history.

Unlike my husband, I did not grow up with the Maxwell House Haggadah. My family had a single Haggadah that would be passed around the table, and everyone at the Seder would take turns reading. My grandfather, the "editor", would mark which sections to read. When my brother and I were little, my grandfather's careful editing made for a super short Seder that lengthened as we got older. He also liked to share articles about current events that he felt were modern day examples of the lessons of Passover. I think our Seders were a little Passover meets 60 Minutes.

For the last two years, our Passover Seder table has been set by Zoom. We carried on the tradition of taking turns reading the Haggadah, using a version that was easy for the three generations from three time zones in four states to follow. This year, I am looking forward to an in-person Florida Passover with my parents and in-laws. Here are some of the Haggadot that I am thinking about adding to my suitcase:

- The Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel, a collaboration between Batman comics creator Jordan B. "Gorf" Gorfinkle and Erez Zadok (this is the right year to support Jewish-themed graphic novels)
- Family Haggadah, a kid-friendly Haggadah from PJ Library (we are all kids at heart!)
- Haggadot.com, a super fun site that allows you to create a custom Haggadah
- Marvelous Mrs. Maisel Haggadah from our friends at Maxwell House that's the perfect complement to Season Four.

Here's to finding a Haggadah that fills your Seder with an inspiring telling of the Passover story.  
Chag Pesach Sameach (Happy Passover)!

Every year at Passover, we affirm our obligation to care for one another by proclaiming  
**"Let all who are hungry come and eat."** Two ways to help, both locally and globally, are below.

Once again, the Jewish community will come together to gather Chametz for the hungry before Passover. Chametz will be collected from Sunday, April 1, through Sunday, April 17, at MLRT and then distributed to local shelters and food pantries helping the hungry and the homeless.

Each year at the Seder, we ask the traditional four questions. And each year, MAZON, a Jewish nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds, asks a Fifth Question to raise awareness about a particular hunger-related issue and spark important conversations around the Seder table. This year, join us in asking: How will we retell the story of this past year, and all it has wrought?

Share your blessings: Give as much as you can or what you would have spent feeding one more person at your Seder table to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger  
10495 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90025

***L'dor V'dor, from generation to generation, we will remember and retell how a plague of disease begat a plague of inequity, and we will respond, together.***



# Passover 5782-2022

## What is Pesach (Passover)?

*Pesach, or in English, Passover, is many things. It is a Festival of Freedom, when we recall how God released our ancestors from slavery in Egypt and assisted in bringing a free people into existence.*

*Pesach is an Agricultural Festival, which in ancient times marked the beginning of the grain harvest. In those days, our ancestors were farmers tilling the soil for a livelihood. The story of Passover reminds us of the Land of Israel.*

*Pesach is a Pilgrimage Festival. Three times during the year, the Israelites, according to the laws of the Torah, went in joyous procession to Jerusalem. There they celebrated the three festivals that occur during the year: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot.*

*Pesach is all of these things, but it is especially a holiday for children-a tradition to pass on from generation to generation - L'dor V'dor... Our ancestors were instructed: "You shall tell it to your (son) child." Today, Jews around the world still follow the tradition of retelling the story of Pesach. We recount the story of the Jews in the land of Egypt and the trials and tribulations that our ancestors endured. We teach our children to value freedom, never taking it for granted and fighting for those who are still not free.*

As the sun sets on Friday, April 15, Jews throughout the world will begin the celebration of Pesach. They will gather at the Seder table and retell the story of Passover, the Jewish struggle for freedom from oppression.

Traditionally, Judaism views the Seder as both a meal and as teaching opportunity. While the Haggadah teaches us the story of Pesach, we each have stories to share with each other. And, it is the most memorable of holidays for our children as we gather round the beautiful holiday table to retell the story of Exodus, enjoy these special foods, search for the afikomen, welcome Elijah and join together in the singing of ancient melodies.

## SPEND YOUR SEDERS WITH MLRT!

Seder is twice as nice this year! Join your MLRT clergy on Friday, April 15 at 5:00 pm on Zoom for a brief First Night Seder and Shabbat prayers, and then again on Saturday, April 16 at 5:00 pm for Second Night Seder and Havdalah. This year on Zoom, next year at MLRT!

*Links and more information at [mlrt.org/passover 22](https://mlrt.org/passover-22)*

The following symbolic foods should be placed near the leader of the Seder. During the course of the Seder, they are pointed out and explained. On the Seder plate (use either a special one for this purpose or a regular dinner plate), include:

- Shank bone-z'roah, symbolizes the lamb that was sacrificed in ancient days
- Roasted egg-beitzah, represents the Pesach sacrificial offering of ancient days as well as the wholeness and continuing cycle of life
- Bitter herbs-maror (horseradish or romaine lettuce), reminds us of the bitter lives of the Hebrew slaves
- Charoset (the mixture of apples, nuts, sweet wine, cinnamon and sugar in the Ashkenazic fashion or dates, nuts and sweet wine in the Sephardic tradition), reminds us of the bricks and mortar made by the Hebrew slaves
- Greens-karpas, symbolizes the springtime of the year when Pesach takes place

**Elijah's Cup** – A special cup filled with wine. According to legend, Elijah visits every Seder in every home on Pesach and drinks from his cup.

**Miriam's Cup** – A cup filled with water to honor the role of Miriam the Prophetess in the Exodus and to highlight the contributions of women to Jewish culture, past and present.

**Haggadah** – The book containing the order of the Seder.

**Candles** – Pesach is one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals when candles are lit and blessed just as they are on Shabbat.

**Matzah** – The unleavened bread of affliction that our ancestors ate as they left Egypt.

**Salt Water** - Symbolic of the tears our ancestors shed in Egypt.

**Shabbat Passover Service & Seder**  
Friday, April 15 | 5:00 pm | Zoom

**Shabbat Passover Morning Service**  
Saturday, April 15 | 10:00 am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder & Havdalah**  
Saturday, April 16 | 5:00 pm | Zoom

**7<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover Service & Yizkor**  
Friday, April 22 | 10:00 am

# Yom HaShoah

Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, occurs on the 27<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month of Nisan. Shoah, which means “catastrophe” or “utter destruction” in Hebrew, refers to the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people during World War II.

In addition to the six million Jews who died – two-thirds of the European Jewish population – the Nazis also killed millions of others, including Roma and Slavs, political and religious dissidents, the disabled, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Today, many commemorate Yom HaShoah by lighting yellow candles to keep memories of the victims alive. (The Men of Reform Judaism co-sponsors a yellow candle program). To schedule a time to pick up a yellow candle to light at home, please email Lisa Gevov at [lgevov@mlrt.org](mailto:lgevov@mlrt.org) or call the office at 610-649-7800.

*Special thank you to the MLRT Brotherhood for providing candles to our congregation and students.*

## Yom HaShoah – A Day of Remembrance

Wednesday, April 27 | 7:00 pm | In person at MLRT and on Livestream

MLRT will be joined by members of the Kehillah of Lower Merion for our annual communal observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Our commemoration will feature the lighting of the six-branched candelabrum by Holocaust survivors and the family members of survivors, in memory of the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. The service will include liturgy and music led by the clergy from MLRT and Kehillah of Lower Merion, musical performances by the combined choirs, and a thoughtful and moving presentation by author Rebecca Frankel.

***Join us in person at MLRT or online via [mlrt.org/livestream](https://mlrt.org/livestream)***



Rebecca Frankel is the author of the New York Times best-selling book War Dogs: Tales of Canine Heroism, History, and Love, and Into the Forest: A Holocaust Story of Survival, Triumph, and Love which was named one of “The Ten Best History Books of 2021” by Smithsonian magazine, and a 2021 National Jewish Book Award finalist.

Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *National Geographic*, *The Washington Post*, and elsewhere. Rebecca has been a guest on Conan, PBS NewsHour, BBC World News, and the Diane Rehm Show, among others.

**We Remember!** This is a sacred and sanctified observance. It is our one opportunity to bear witness to history, and to give testimony that we will never forget that Holocaust, and those that may threaten yet again. Please be with us in solidarity and in community. The entire community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is invited to join us and school-aged children are encouraged to attend.

*We are grateful to Suzanne and Norman Cohn and their families for their annual support of this most important commemoration.*

### MLRT's Yom HaZikaron Commemoration will take place at 7:00 pm on May 3.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar – Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day), Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day), and Yom Y'rushalayim (Jerusalem Day, which celebrates the reunification of the city in 1967).

The Israeli Knesset (parliament) established the day that precedes Yom HaAtzmaut as Yom HaZikaron, a day to memorialize soldiers who lost their lives fighting in the War of Independence and subsequent battles, as well as a day to remember civilian victims of terrorism.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/yom-hazikaron-yom-haatzmaut>



# STAY CONNECTED!

## MLRT Mail: The College Edition is gearing up for Passover!

Help your children stay connected to MLRT while they are away at college with a package of delicious handmade goodies and a holiday message. We'll ship a little bit of their Temple home to their dorm.

Join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 5 for Baking, Booze, and Bites!

Help us and other parents of college kids bake Matzah Bark & more for MLRT Mail while making new connections and renewing old friendships. We'll provide the drinks and snacks, you bring the love!



The deadline to sign up for the Passover package is Friday, April 1.

A donation of \$18 is appreciated to help defray packaging and shipping costs.

Information on future packages will be coming later this year.

Fill out the form by scanning the QR code to the left or by visiting [mlrt.org/mlrtmail](http://mlrt.org/mlrtmail)



### Shabbat Morning Walk

Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 am at Rolling Hill Park

Celebrate Shabbat in nature with your MLRT community. Welcome the springtime season with Rabbi Newburge during a lovely walk through Rolling Hill Park, 1301 Rose Gled Road, Gladwyne.



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



**Monday, April 4 at 8:00 pm - *Being the Ricardos* (Amazon Prime)**

*This Oscar-winning drama follows 1952 Hollywood power couple Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz as they face personal and professional obstacles that threaten their careers, their relationship, and their hit television show.*



**Monday, April 11 at 8:00 pm - *The Beguiled* (Netflix)**

*While imprisoned in a Confederate girls' boarding school, an injured Union soldier cons his way into each of the lonely women's hearts, causing them to turn on each other, and eventually, on him in this wartime thriller.*



**Short Story Discussion - Thursday, April 14 at 12:00 pm in person and on Zoom**

"On Account of a Hat" was written in 1913 by Sholem Aleichem, one of the most famous Yiddish writers and humorists, at a time of resurgent anti-Semitism in the Russian Empire on the eve of World War I. Join Sally Brown for our monthly discussion of this story from [A Treasury of Yiddish Stories](#).



**Lunch and Learn - Monday, April 25 at 12:00 pm**

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

*All programs, classes, and services are subject to change.*

*Visit [mlrt.org/zoom](http://mlrt.org/zoom) for the most up-to-date information, more details, and virtual program links.*

## Tikkun Olam Network (TON)

The TON is offering the opportunity to volunteer as an MLRT group at our long-time community partner, Mitzvah Circle Foundation. Mitzvah Circle was created to fill the gaps and provide items that are not covered by government assistance. Clothing, toothpaste, diapers, and deodorant are items that people need every single day, but not all can afford to buy. Join us on April 3 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at MCF (2562 Boulevard of the Generals, Suite 100, Norristown, PA 19403) to pack boxes for families. All ages are welcome with guardians.

Please contact Rabbi Newburge at [gnewburge@mlrt.org](mailto:gnewburge@mlrt.org) if you are interested in joining us.

# Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,  
Librarian

Our story for April is by the great natural genius of Yiddish literature, Sholom Aleichem. The story "On Account of a Hat", shows his gift for making a seemingly innocent anecdote into a remarkable shrewd and poignant evocation of the whole social position (the constant burden of peril) of the Jews. I found the story in A Treasury of Yiddish Stories, where it has been translated into English for the first time. Join us on Thursday, April 14 at noon as we discuss one of Sholom Aleichem's most important stories.

After Passover, on the eve of Yom HaShoah, our community will gather for the annual Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony. This year's program, on April 27, features Rebecca Frankel, author of Into the Forest: A Holocaust Story of Survival, Triumph, and Love. Please see page six for more information.

I recently read a quote outside of a bookstore that said "Read Fiction, the real world is too terrifying." With that in mind, let me recommend two works of fiction.

- Eli's Promise by Ron Balson. National Jewish Book Award winner Ron Balson spoke at MLRT about this novel while he was writing it before the pandemic. With Eli's Promise, he triumphantly returned to the best-sellers list with this captivating saga of the Holocaust and its aftermath spanning decades and continents.
- The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family by Joshua Cohen. Many of you know that Benjamin Netanyahu lived in the Philadelphia area and attended Cheltenham High School while his father taught at Dropsie College. Joshua Cohen has written a funny and outlandish tale about this period in his family's life that will send you to the dictionary on nearly every page!

Come into the library for Passover books for all ages: children's books to enhance the Seder and adult books for guidance about the Passover customs.



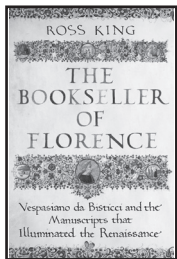
## AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC WITH CANTOR FARYN RUDNICK AND DR. ALEXANDER PANKU

**Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 pm at MLRT or via Livestream**

Please join us for an afternoon of music featuring our congregant, Dr. Alexander Panku, pianist, maestro, and composer, and Cantor Faryn Rudnick, soprano and soloist. The program will feature original works by Dr. Panku, Clara Schumann, Gershwin, and more. Please join us in person in the Hausen Auditorium, or via Livestream, for an exciting, uplifting, and beautiful program. *This program is free and open to the public; if you are moved to make a donation, please select the Cantor Portnoy Music Fund at [mlrt.org/give](http://mlrt.org/give).*



Dr. Alexander Panku has been playing concerts, solo recitals, and chamber music recitals for more than forty years after his debut at 14. He studied with world-renowned performers, teachers, and conductors in Romania before earning his Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Degrees in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Temple University. Dr. Panku has been teaching piano since 1979 to private students and on the faculty of many organizations, including his alma mater, Temple University.



## BERNIE KLEINMAN BOOK CLUB: THE BOOKSELLER OF FLORENCE: THE STORY OF THE MANUSCRIPTS THAT ILLUMINATED THE RENAISSANCE

**Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 pm on Zoom**

Ross King, the bestselling author of Brunelleschi's Dome and Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling captures the excitement and spirit of the Renaissance in this chronicle of the life and work of the king of the world's booksellers, Vespasiano da Bisticci, and how the printed book was both his downfall and an epic technological disruption that forever changed the ways knowledge spread.

All book lovers are welcome to join what is sure to be an exhilarating discussion. For more information, please contact Norman Fienman at [nfienman@gmail.com](mailto:nfienman@gmail.com).

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



# Brotherhood

March 2022 was a month filled with Brotherhood activities. On March 11, Brotherhood members gathered in the Sanctuary for the annual Brotherhood Shabbat Service. Thanks to Glenn Brooks and these gentlemen: Mark Komen, Jeff Love, Ben Prusky, Edward Bleeden, Michael Scheinfeld, Gary Brock, Noel Silber, Dave Edman, Gerald Robbins, Sherrill Neff, Peter Ballen, Adam Aronstein, Lloyd Calder, David Krupnick, and Brian Slipakoff. Glenn spearheaded the event, with members unflinchingly volunteering to participate, clearly evincing the Brotherhood spirit. The evening's guest speaker, Suzanne Nossel, had been suggested by our indefatigable Librarian, Sally Brown. Nossel provided us with a dynamic recitation of why "free speech expression issues . . . [morph in to] how to use language conscientiously, defend the right to express unpopular views, and protest speech without silencing it." Suzanne's presentation, and her current book, [Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech for All](#), highlighted how we "can and must uphold the rights of individuals to speak their minds, while also working to build a more equitable public culture, committed to dismantling racism and bigotry." The question and answer period of her presentation sparkled with audience participation.

Do you relish hot dogs and Cracker Jacks (are these still made?) at a ballpark? Well, Brotherhood invites you to attend a game with the Phillies AAA Minor League Team, the Iron Pigs, on April 24, starting at 1:35 pm in picturesque Allentown. Tickets (\$30 per person) are not plentiful, so make your reservations ASAP at [mlrt.org/ironpigs](http://mlrt.org/ironpigs) and we will root for the home team against Rochester while enjoying a 2.5 hour buffet, high top chairs facing the field in the Picnic Patio section, and unlimited soft drinks. Contact Edward Bleeden at [mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com) with your questions.

From April to May is such a wee time, but it's not too late for your support of the Sixth Annual Brotherhood Golf for Charity Outing. May 18 is the day you want to reserve for fun and relaxation at the Green Valley Country Club. By now, you probably have received an invitation to participate as a golfer or as a donor to help eradicate childhood and adolescent education disparities, this year's theme. Don't hesitate to participate in some way. More details and the online registration form can be found at [mlrt.org/golf](http://mlrt.org/golf).

Looking ahead to later in the glorious month of May, Dr. Elliott Schulman will share with us a glimpse of the perilous nature of his battle with pancreatic cancer during his *From Doctor to Patient* webinar on May 12; further information on timing and access will be shared shortly. You may wish to contribute to Elliott's fundraiser for pancreatic cancer awareness and eradication by going to [support.pancan.org/goto/ElliotsArmy2022](http://support.pancan.org/goto/ElliotsArmy2022). Also, you may view an interview with him on 6 ABC ([6abc.com/pancreatic-cancer-diagnosis-doctor/11254530](http://6abc.com/pancreatic-cancer-diagnosis-doctor/11254530)). You might wish to purchase his book, [Seeing the Light While Living With Cancer](#), available at Amazon and other outlets. All proceeds from his fundraiser and book will be given to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN).

(Ernest Hemingway, an author I never chose to admire, did have one quality to emulate: while a newspaperman at the Kansas City Star (1917-18), he honed his skill as a writer by using the "iceberg" philosophy; facts at the top and leave the rest submerged for personal interpretation. Going forward, and not for much longer, I will attempt to emulate this style as I report only Brotherhood facts and little in the way of interpretation of the world surrounding us.)

Kindly,  
Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

## MEN'S NIGHT OUT IS BACK!

Meet up with your Brothers for pre-Pesach food and drink at Gullifty's (1149 Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr) on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm.

Contact Ed Bleeden at [mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com) for more information.

**All proceeds from this year's Annual Golf Outing, sponsored by the Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim Brotherhood, will benefit organizations advocating children and adolescent education.** Let us heed Albert Einstein's observation that "it is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

For expression and knowledge to flourish there must be organizations dedicated to achieving that goal; Brotherhood will seek out those organizations validating our values.

**Your participation in this year's golf outing provides the means for such organizations to continue their essential work.** So join us for a day of golf, a day of fun, and an opportunity to help others on Wednesday, May 18, at Green Valley Country Club. All are welcome!!  
Visit [mlrt.org/golf](http://mlrt.org/golf) to register.

# Sisterhood



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

Happy Spring! One of the most important holidays in the spring is Passover, but did you know that the story of Passover and the liberation of the people Israel from slavery in Egypt begins with the saving acts of women?\*

Who were these women and what did each do?

- Midwives Shifreh and Puah refused to kill Hebrew children at birth.
- Moses' mother, Yocheved, refused to allow the Egyptians to kill her son and hid him in a basket in the reeds.
- Pharaoh's unnamed daughter found Moses and saved him.
- Moses's sister Miriam watched over him and ensured his own mother would nurse him.

Without these five women there would have been no Moses story, or even an Exodus...and no Jewish people! These enterprising women collaborated with each other across ethnic, class and religious lines, to spare the future leader of the Exodus. Was this a Sisterhood of biblical women

who were stronger together? We would like to think so! Our MLRT Sisterhood, while not quite biblical in comparison, is a collaboration of strong, creative, dedicated women who are also stronger together.

While the past two years have been challenging, we have been able to do some great things. Hopefully, you are reading this before our inaugural Better Home and Garden Bargain Sale. This is a revamped version of our former rummage sale, with some BIG modifications. We hope you will come and shop with us on Sunday, April 3 and Monday, April 4. All proceeds go back into helping the Temple, as well as supporting neighboring non-profits in need. Volunteers are needed for sale days, so if you can help, please contact Janet Treiman at [janettreiman@gmail.com](mailto:janettreiman@gmail.com).

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this year's Shalach Manot fundraiser a smashing success! Our tireless co-chairs Jackie Bobrin and Lisa Greenblatt for their hard work and dedication; Mark Komen for his computer expertise; Rabbi Newburge, Cantor Rudnick, Rabbi Kleinman, Amy Krulik, Mihaela Schwartz, and Ross M. Levy for their amazing acting chops in making a wonderful video to promote the fundraiser to the Temple community; Just Born Quality Confections for the donation of Peanut Chews; and Jen Stern for her assistance with designing this year's logo.

Please join us for the next Cook For A Friend on Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30 am. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Kamplain at [marykamplain@yahoo.com](mailto:marykamplain@yahoo.com).

*\*Based on a D'var Torah from the WRJ Centennial Called Caregivers and Guardians of Moses written by Cynthia Roosth Wolf.*

## — ✦ Shop with us! ✦ —

# BETTER HOME AND GARDEN BARGAIN SALE

**APRIL 3 9:30 AM-3:00 PM**  
**APRIL 4 9:30 AM-12:00 PM**

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Art/Ceramics/Decorative Items       | • Garden Planters/Pots       | • Linens - Bed, Bath & Table |
| • Baskets                             | • Glassware                  | • Luggage                    |
| • Cutlery                             | • Holiday Decorations        | • Rugs                       |
| • Dishes                              | • Kitchen Appliances (small) | • Sewing & Knitting Supplies |
| • Fitness/Sports Equipment            | • Kitchen Utensils           | • Tools - Garden & Home      |
| • Furniture (small occasional pieces) | • Lamps                      |                              |



# Teach Our Children: ECE



**Mihaela Schwartz,**  
ECE Director

My family's favorite part of Passover was gathering for the Seder; there wasn't anything more fascinating than having all family members read parts of the Haggadah. While my father usually led the reading and orchestrated the proceedings, we were all involved and read critical parts of the Haggadah.

As a child, I understood the power of the Haggadah as a tool for storytelling and recounting the history of the Jewish people. In Romania, a country where the existence of a communist regime dictated significant changes in the day-to-day life of Jewish people, celebrating Passover was a vital reminder of the importance of Jewish survival.

Living in Romania, one of the parts in the Haggadah that resonated most with us all was when we were reminded that above all else, each participant at the Seder must find meaning in the story as if it happened to them personally. The adults at our Seder table did an excellent job explaining that

redemption begins in each and every one of us and not on external actors and factors; my mother used to say, "if you can't see yourself in the story, you are missing the point."

So I tried hard to 'picture' it and imagine myself within the story. The struggle for me was that the Haggadah was Romanian plain text and lacked any visual cues to help a young child immerse themselves in the story, unlike many of the Haggadot used by families today. The older I grew, the more I realized that the lack of images allowed me to shape images in my mind that were solely based off the words of the Haggadah, not what someone else imagined and drew. I was encouraged to find new interpretations in the words Jews have recited for centuries and discuss them with everyone around the table. Those brain-images and the facilitated discussions added another level of active involvement among all participants in the Seder, from the youngest to the oldest. It helped me and all of the children in my generation embrace for ourselves the importance of our traditions to the continuity of the Jewish people.

However you choose to read the Haggadah, remember that it's our job to make the story come alive so that each new generation finds meaning that goes far beyond the words on the page.

Short excerpt from my Romanian Haggadah:

MA NISHTANA?

Ce face această noapte diferită de toate celelalte nopți?

- 1) În toate nopțile nu am nevoie de dip nici măcar o dată, în această seară vom face acest lucru de două ori!
- 2) În toate nopțile mâncăm chameț sau mața, și în această noapte numai mța (pâine nedospită/azimă/lipie).
- 3) În toate nopțile vom mânca orice fel de legume, și pe această maror noapte!
- 4) În toate nopțile vom mânca așezat în poziție verticală sau întinsă, și în această noapte cu toții se întinde!

The ECE is excited to present our annual Spring Event!

## **SCHMOOZE, BREWS, AND BARBEQUES**

**Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 pm**

**Adult-only Outdoor/Tented Event at MLRT**

We look forward to gathering in person for a "Backyard BBQ" themed fundraiser with delicious food and beverages, music, lawn games, local vendors, auction & raffles, and much more!  
*Proceeds from this event will go towards improving the school's technology and digital literacy initiatives.*

Details will be added to [mlrt.org/ecfund22](http://mlrt.org/ecfund22) over the next few weeks, so make sure to check back for registration, information about food, auction items, and more!

*Past auction items have included a Poconos weekend retreat, Botox, four weeks at Camp Arrowhead, tequila tasting & Dinner for 10 at Besitos, diamond jewelry, Phillies tickets... you never know what you'll find!*

**Want to support the ECE but can't attend the event?** You can make a contribution at [mlrt.org/ecfund22](http://mlrt.org/ecfund22), donate items/activities/gift cards for the auction and raffle, or sponsor the night.

Contact Carly Unger for more information at [carlychizik@gmail.com](mailto:carlychizik@gmail.com).

# Teach Our Children: Religious School



**Rabbi Kevin Kleinman**  
Director of Education

This year in Religious School, we have been focusing on teaching the core stories in the books of Genesis and Exodus to our students during our weekly assemblies. We not only look at the narrative arc of these key biblical events, we seek to see ourselves in the telling of the stories of our ancient tradition.

The Exodus – the Israelites leaving slavery in Egypt to seek their freedom in the Land of Israel – is a defining moment in the development of Jewish religious practice and identity. The stories of Moses' birth, his exile from Egypt, encountering God in the burning bush, standing up to Pharaoh, and the 10 Plagues all lead to the pivotal act of God redeeming the Israelites from bondage. This act serves as the basis for forming the covenantal relationship between God and the Jewish people for all time.

We will gather in our homes this month to celebrate Passover, a holiday that centers on remembering these events. We literally taste the bitterness of slavery (salt water). The Haggadah uses the themes from the Torah and reminds us of our modern-day responsibility to work towards redeeming those still enslaved. We end our Seder meal on a sweet note – with hope that our actions will build a more perfect world and we will meet in Jerusalem the following year. And of course, the Passover cakes, chocolate covered matzah, and macaroons help create lasting memories for our children that they will pass on to future generations.

## **Family Shabbat Service with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade participation**

Friday, April 1 - 6:30 pm

\*Family art project at 5:30 pm

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Challah for Hunger program**

Sunday, April 24 – 9:00 - 11:00 am

## **4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Conversation:**

*Thinking About B'nai Mitzvah*

Sunday, April 24 – 9:00 am

## **Family Shabbat Service with Teacher Appreciation**

Friday, May 6 - 6:30 pm

## **Last Day of Religious School**

Sunday, May 15

## **No Religious School for Passover/Spring Break:**

April 10, April 12-14, and April 17; May 8

# TheTribe and tribe jr.



**Ross M. Levy,**  
Youth Engagement, Dir.

TheTribe took some time to explore the outdoors at their last event. Longwood Gardens was the background for an amazing day. We got to enjoy the opening of the Orchid House and our teens got to explore the grounds all while on a treasure hunt for various items and sculptures.

We spent the afternoon in Kennett Square for lunch and something sweet before heading to Studio 422 for a unique scented candle making experience that really let our personalities shine through a myriad of different scents. Did you know coffee beans are used to neutralize your sense of smell? Now you know. It was a beautiful day and we look forward to our next amazing event!

Look for details in your inbox or at [mlrt.org/thetribes](http://mlrt.org/thetribes)

## **MLRT HONORS RABBI DAVID STRAUS: A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

Join us this May to honor Rabbi David Straus for his 24 years of dedicated and passionate leadership and service at Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim

An Evening with Bret Stephens\* - Tuesday, May 17  
Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Straus - Friday, May 20

**Visit [mlrt.org/RDS22](http://mlrt.org/RDS22) to learn more & register!**

*\*Tickets must be purchased in advance*



# Contributions

(As of March 8)

## Annual Fund

Jerry Dubnoff

*In memory of Caren Dubnoff*

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*In memory of Sophie Weinberg*

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*In memory of Lewis Rosenblatt*

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*In memory of Samuel Jacob Gilmar*

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*In memory of Jordan Katz*

Samuel Greenstein

*In memory of Louis Rosenblatt*

Fay & Ted Mushlin

*In appreciation of Jamie Mushlin's awesome knish baking workshop*

Bertha & Larry Smugar

*In memory of Lewis Rosenblatt*

Celia Wasserman

*In memory of Bessie W. Strickler*

Sally & Steven Woolf

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Steven Wright

## Cantor Portnoy Music Fund

David Krupnick

*In memory of Saul Britchkow*

## Cantor Rudnick Discretionary Fund

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*In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Henry Hirsch*

## Community Action Fund

Lois Kaliner

*In honor of Judie Grenen*

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Irene & Ben Greberman

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*In memory of Michael Lucente*

*In memory of Dorothy Forman*

## Food Bank Fund

Helene & Marc Cohen

*In memory of Jordan Katz*

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*In honor of Judie Grenen's special birthday*

*In memory of Lillian Miller*

Barbara & Jeremy Mishkin

*In memory of Herman Gerwitz*

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Susan Kleinman

*In memory of Evelyn Slutzky*

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Susan & Larry Picker

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*In memory of Bessie Handelman*

Lisa Cataldi Kobak

*In memory of Joseph Cataldi*

Maxine Koenig

## Rabbi Newburge Discretionary Fund cont.

Jeanne Levy

*In honor of Judie Grenen's special birthday*

Fay & Ted Mushlin

*In appreciation of Rabbi Geri Newburge for the wonderful Shabbat in South Florida*

Paula & Stanton Remer

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Laura & Richard Shur

*In memory of Leonard Voynow*

*In honor of Judie Grenen's special birthday*

Gail Simon

*In honor of the birth of Loraine Wright*

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*In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Henry Hirsch*

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*In honor of Sisterhood*

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*In memory of Ann Karmatz*

**If you have any questions about your listing, please contact Gil Marder, Member Engagement and Program Manager, at gmarder@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800.**

# Sharing Our Lives

*Mazal Tov!*

**Thank you to our outgoing Board and Trustees for their service to MLRT**

**Vic & Nancy Haas** on the birth of their granddaughter, Abigail Clare Buschenfeldt

**Jojuan Johnson and Taneasha Lightford** on the birth of their son, Treyvon Christopher Lightford-Johnson

**Sarah Beth & Troy Podell** on the birth of their daughter, Adi Sophia Podell

*We want to be a part of your life!*

*Please email Davida Chornock at [dchornock@mlrt.org](mailto:dchornock@mlrt.org) so we can share your news, good and bad, with our MLRT Family.*

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

**Arthur Nemroff**

Father of Sam (Jennie) Nemroff, Sandy (Ed) McBride,  
Sally (Gary) Ehrlich, and Lisa (Sid) Liebesman  
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Rose McBride, Max Ehrlich, Eli Ehrlich,  
Gavin Fleetwood, and Justin Fleetwood  
Great-grandfather of Conner Heck

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Mother of Jared (Pam) Pearlman and Eric Pearlman  
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Grandmother of Mia and Brayden

**Samuel Pfeffer**

Cousin of Terry (Amy) Buckman

**Florence Reiver**

Aunt of Sally (Bob) Brown

*Please consider a contribution to Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim in memory of these beloved people.  
Visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) to make a donation in their names.*

## **Have you been to Israel? Would you like to go again?**

**December 22, 2022 to January 1, 2023**

Our trip will take us from the Negev to the Golan Heights, from the Mediterranean Sea to the ancient city of Jerusalem. We will experience our people's history, both ancient and modern, and learn about what makes our homeland unique to so many people of the world.

Please contact Rabbi Newburge if you are interested at [gnewburge@mlrt.org](mailto:gnewburge@mlrt.org) or 610-649-7800.

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

If you play the guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, horns, or sing, and are interested in learning new music, jamming with fellow musicians, or rocking out a Shabbat, all while having a blast, please contact Ross M. Levy at [rlevy@mlrt.org](mailto:rlevy@mlrt.org).



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# Start Your Shabbat with MLRT

## FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*Friday, April 1 at 6:30 pm*

For all those celebrating birthdays in April, join us for a special birthday blessing during our monthly Friday Night Family Service, featuring the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

## SHABBAT MORNING WALK

*Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 am*

Celebrate Shabbat in nature with your MLRT community. Welcome the springtime season with Rabbi Newburge during a lovely walk through Rolling Hill Park, 1301 Rose Gled Road, Gladwyne.

## MUSICAL SHABBAT

*Friday, April 29 at 6:30 pm*

Honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first female rabbi ordained and celebrate the women who have contributed to our musical heritage during this musical service featuring music from female composers.

## BOARD INSTALLATION SHABBAT

*Friday, April 8 at 8:00 pm*

Join this special Shabbat Service as we welcome our newly elected Officers and Trustees.

PLEASE SEE PAGE FIVE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SHABBAT PESACH SERVICES

## MULTI-ACCESS WEEKLY CLASSES & SERVICES

### **THURSDAYS**

#### **11:00 am - Bible Study**

Our clergy lead an ongoing discussion of the Mishnah. Join the discussion anytime throughout the year, whether you are an avid Mishnah student or have never looked at the Mishnah before.

### **FRIDAYS**

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

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. *Please see the calendar for special service times.*

### **SATURDAYS**

#### **9:00 am - Torah Study**

Each week, our clergy 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 in person or via Zoom.

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

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

## ZOOM-ONLY WEEKLY SERVICES & CLASSES

### **SATURDAYS**

#### **6:30 pm - Havdalah with the Rudnicks**

Join Cantor Rudnick and her family for songs & Havdalah on Zoom, as we look towards a week of peace and of good health.

## **SERVICE ACCESS OPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR WEEKLY ENEWS OR MLRT.ORG FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR APRIL.**

## SAVE THE DATES

### **FROM DOCTOR TO PATIENT: ELLIOTT SCHULMAN'S BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER**

*Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm on Zoom*

After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Dr. Schulman created a handbook to help guide others through the difficult cancer journey and give them tools to fight. Hear from Elliott, our congregant, veteran physician, and fighter, about his ongoing battle; what he is doing for himself and for other patients; and have an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

*Look for more information about this program on page 9.*

*Details about how to join this talk will be shared in the eNews, on our website, and in the May MLRTMatters.*

### **MLRT ON THE MOVE IS BACK!**

*Early June 2022*

Tour the Philadelphia equivalent of New York's famous Lower East Side as a professional tour guide brings Philadelphia's Jewish Quarter of 1850-1950 to life. Keep an eye on your inbox for all the exciting details coming soon!

*MLRT.ORG is the best way to stay informed about all of the phenomenal programs, classes, and services MLRT has to offer! New information is added daily to our website and it is the place for the most up to date details.*

# Shabbat & Holiday Services

## Friday, April 1

- 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service with April  
Birthday Blessings  
6:30 pm Tribe April Fools Shabbat Service

## Saturday, April 2

- 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk^ \*  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Ella DeMarco~  
*Daughter of Lauren & Joe DeMarco*  
6:30 pm Havdalah with the Rudnicks\*\*

## Friday, April 8

- 8:00 pm Board Installation Shabbat Service

## Saturday, April 9

- 9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks\*\*

## Friday, April 15

### Erev Pesach - First Seder

- 5:00 pm Zoom Seder & Shabbat Service\*\*

## Saturday, April 16

### Second Seder

- 9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Shabbat Passover Festival Service  
5:00 pm Zoom Seder & Havdalah\*\*

## Friday, April 22

- 10:00 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Passover Service & Yizkor  
6:30 pm Shabbat Service

## Saturday, April 23

- 9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service  
10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Max Siegel  
*Son of Jennifer & Barry Siegel*  
4:30 pm Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Wallach~  
*Son of Christina & Matt Wallach*  
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks\*\*

## Friday, April 29

- 6:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service Honoring  
the Women of Reform Judaism

## Saturday, April 30

- 9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service  
4:30 pm Bat Mitzvah of Noa Caplan~  
*Daughter of Hara & Scott Caplan*

*In order to provide a safer environment for our Temple family, backpacks and large bags are prohibited at our services or programs. Medically necessary items will be allowed in after an inspection by a member of our security team.*

**All times and access options, 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](http://mlrt.org).

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## PLOTS AVAILABLE IN THE MLRT SECTION AT WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

A limited number of cemetery plots are still available in the MLRT section of West Laurel Hill Cemetery. The cost of a single grave is \$6,500, which is less than what the cemetery charges the public if bought directly, and includes perpetual care.

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](mailto:akrulik@mlrt.org) for more information or to arrange for selection and purchase of plots.



# April 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 CHAMETZ DRIVE BEGINS</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service with April Birthday Blessings <b>6:30 pm</b> Tribe April Fools Shabbat Service	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>9:00 am</b> Shabbat Morning Walk *^ <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Ella DeMarco ~ <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **
<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am - 3:30 pm</b> Better Home & Garden Bargain Sale * <b>10:00 am</b> TON Packing at MCF^* <b>12:30 pm</b> Tribe Jr. Gaga Tournament	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 am - noon</b> Better Home & Garden Bargain Sale * <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: Being the Ricardos **	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Brotherhood Men's Night Out *^	<b>7</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 pm</b> Friends of Bill W. *	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Board Installation Shabbat	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **
<b>10</b> <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED THROUGH 4/17</b>	<b>11</b> <b>ECE CLOSED THROUGH 4/15</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: Beguiled **	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Short Story Discussion: On Account of a Hat <b>7:30 pm</b> Friends of Bill W. *	<b>15 EREV PESACH FIRST SEDER OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> First Seder & Shabbat Service **	<b>16 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY PESACH SECOND SEDER</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Pesach Festival Service <b>5:00 pm</b> Second Seder & Havdalah **
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 pm</b> Friends of Bill W. *	<b>22</b> <b>ECE CLOSED MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Pesach 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Service & Yizkor <b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:00 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Max Siegel ~ <b>4:30 pm</b> Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Wallach ~ <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **
<b>24</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> IronPigs Patio Picnic Baseball Game *^ <b>5:00 pm</b> Afternoon of Music with Dr. Panku & Cantor Rudnick	<b>25</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Newburge **	<b>26</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <u>The Bookseller of Florence</u> **	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> KLM Yom HaShoah Program with Rebecca Frankel	<b>28 YOM HASHOAH</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 pm</b> Friends of Bill W. *	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Musical Shabbat Service Honoring the Women of Reform Judaism	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>4:30 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Noa Caplan ~ <b>6:30 pm</b> ECE Spring Fundraiser: Schmooze, Brews, and BBQs *

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# MLRT Honors Rabbi DAVID STRAUS

***A Retirement Celebration***



## **An Evening with Bret Stephens**

**Tuesday, May 17\***

**6:15 pm Patron Dinner**

**7:30 pm Lecture & Reception**

*Bret Stephens is a U.S. foreign policy expert and highly-awarded columnist for "his incisive columns on American foreign policy and domestic politics, often enlivened by a contrarian twist." During his time at the Wall Street Journal, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize.*



## **Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Straus**

**Friday, May 20**

**8:00 pm Service followed by  
an Oneg Shabbat**

*Take part in our weekly multi-access Friday Night Service filled with joy and song. This service will feature a special sermon from a colleague of Rabbi Straus, recognizing his tremendous contributions over the past 24 years to MLRT, the local Jewish community, and our interfaith partners.*

*\*Tickets must be  
purchased in advance*

**Learn more at [mlrt.org/RDS22](https://mlrt.org/RDS22)**