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**RABBI
DAVID
STRAUS**



As he retires after 24 years of dedicated and passionate leadership

**An Evening
with
Bret Stephens**

Tuesday, May 17



**Shabbat Service
with
Rabbi Pesner**

Friday, May 20

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Jamie Mushlin

Hello MLRT family! It's been quite a year for all of us. It seems like every year we say is "a year like no other" but it still holds true. While we've all faced challenges, the good news is that we are still here, still a community, and still a family supporting one another through it all.

As we bask in the sunlight and the warm days to come, we can take comfort in knowing that even when things seem dark, there is always good times ahead. I've shared with you all that my older daughter is in college and finishing her freshman year as I write this. She's had her ups and downs, just like everybody else, and it is sometimes so hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I promise her all the time that it's there because I truly believe things can always turn around. The New Oxford Dictionary defines a Pollyanna as "an excessively cheerful or optimistic person." No one wants to be thought of as excessively anything, but I do always try to look on the bright side of life and consciously search for the silver lining. This optimism can sometimes annoy the people around me, particularly my family, but I cannot and will not go through life any other way. I find that thinking positively and optimistically just makes me feel better, and I try to pay it forward in all of my interactions with people.

It is certainly easier to adopt a sunny attitude as we approach summer time and vacations and the shore. My hope is that you have more sunny and happy days than dark ones. While you are enjoying the coming months, know that we will be hard at work on the programs and holidays for the upcoming year. As you can probably guess, I like to think that we will be able to gather together safely to celebrate in person. I look forward to that time, but I also plan on savoring every moment of the warm days of spring and summer and not rush ahead. I wish the same for each and every one of you!

Please know that in your dark times, we are here for you... to listen, support and be there always.

Have a wonderful summer!!!

Ready. Set. Renew!

Membership renewal season at MLRT begins in May with special early bird enrollment opportunities for our Religious School families.

Look for complete details about membership, High Holy Days 5783, Book of Remembrance and Religious School in your inbox in May and in your mailbox in June or visit the Member Portal at mlrt.org

Israel Matters

In 2013, a group of Arab women from East Jerusalem decided they wanted to study Hebrew. Unable to find a program, they invited two Jewish students from Hebrew University to teach them and that's how the "Women Speaking Hebrew" program began. By 2015, the growing demand led to the establishment of a non-profit, Lissan, whose mission is to increase accessibility to Jerusalem's two spoken languages, Hebrew and Arabic. 60% of Jerusalem's 927,000 residents are Jewish and most live in West Jerusalem. 40% are Arab and mostly live in East Jerusalem. While almost 90% of Arab men can speak Hebrew, only one-third of Arab women currently can as Hebrew is not traditionally taught in east Jerusalem schools.

Lissan waives all fees for women who cannot pay the registration cost. Currently, there are 40 volunteer teachers, * coordinators, and 400 female students ranging from beginner to advanced. The ratio of one instructor for every five students allows for the regular practice of conversational skills in Hebrew, making it easier for the Arab women to navigate the bureaucratic challenges of daily life. Lissan also teaches Arabic to medical teams from the western part of the city who render services in East Jerusalem. Lissan is another positive example of creating better understanding and communication between Arabs and Jews in action.

Celebrate and Consecrate



Rabbi Geri Newburge

It's inspiring to walk down memory lane at Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim, and I have the good fortune to do it every day. Our famous wall in the hallway leading to the Sanctuary has pictures of all the Confirmation classes, starting from the earliest days of the congregation. Oftentimes, we find people of all ages wandering before the framed pictures on Shabbat, trying to find themselves or a family member. There is, understandably, great pride in finding one's picture amongst the smiling faces.

We are excited to add to the illustrious wall honoring the 21 incredible Confirmands this year. On Sunday, June 5, our 10th graders will lead us in Shavuot Services, celebrating the giving and receiving of the Torah. It is an appropriate time to mark their maturation and education since their B'nai Mitzvah.

The rabbis teach that Moses shared a reflection from the Israelites' time at Mount Sinai at the end of their forty years of wandering. They draw their teaching from Deuteronomy 5:23 when Moses says, "As who is it, from all flesh that heard the voice of the living God speak from amidst the fire," meaning the Israelites would hear God's voice and live, but if any idolaters heard they would die. Furthermore, the rabbis asserted, "Come and see how the Voice would go out among all of Israel - each and every one according to his strength: the elders according to their strength; the young men according to their strength; the infants according to their strength; the women according to their strength; and even Moses according to his strength." Here the rabbis drive home the point that every individual at Sinai was able to receive the Torah in a way they understood, everyone from an infant to Moses.

As we have studied with our Confirmands in the years since their B'nai Mitzvah, we have watched them grow into thoughtful, engaged adults who each have their own understanding of the Torah. This group of young adults will share their wisdom with us at the service, and should be especially feted as they have faced the unprecedented challenge of continuing their Jewish education through the pandemic, and we can finally return to our in person observance of the holiday and Confirmation (it will also be available on our Livestream). On Shavuot, the Jewish community throughout the world carries on the tradition of accepting the Torah. Please join us on Sunday, June 5 at 10:00 am to join the celebration.

Cantor's Corner



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

2022 has been a momentous year for women in many ways. Maya Angelou became the first woman of color to appear on the US quarter; Honduras elected its first female President; Pakistan appointed its first female Supreme Court Judge; Jane Campion was the first woman nominated for multiple Oscars for best director; and Ketanji Brown Jackson was appointed as the first Black woman to serve as a US Supreme Court Judge. 2022 also marked the 100th anniversary of the first Bat Mitzvah and the 50th anniversary of the first female ordained as a rabbi. Here at Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, 2022 could be called the year of the woman.

Last summer, we put a note in a bulletin about an adult B'nai Mitzvah class. Many people, all identifying as females, responded positively, forming our current adult B'not (all female) Mitzvah class. Beginning in September, the women in our adult B'not Mitzvah class dedicated themselves to immersive study, learning Hebrew, studying the meaning and context of our liturgy, learning about rituals and Jewish law, learning about Torah, and building a unique and special cohort community. The six women who will become adult B'not Mitzvah together have not only added value and friendship to one another's lives but have added incredible value to my life. It has been a gift to spend each Wednesday morning with this group of smart, excited, talented, and thoughtful women.

Please join us in celebration on Friday night, June 17, at 8:00 pm as the class is formally called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah. The adult B'not Mitzvah will be the perfect culmination of a remarkable year of study and work. Mazal tov to the class!

MLRT ON THE MOVE IS BACK!

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. See page 8 for more details and how to register.

The Place Where You Belong!



Belonging is a fundamental part of being human. A recent MIT study found that we crave interactions with other people in the same region of our brains where we crave food. In fact, we may think of relationships with other people as the icing on the cake, but these relationships are actually the cake itself.

A sense of belonging is crucial to our life satisfaction, happiness, mental and physical health and even longevity. That same MIT study found that a loss of belonging has been associated with stress, illness, decreased wellbeing, and depression. Being part of an engaging community gives us a sense of belonging and can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves.

There is no question that the pandemic has exacerbated our need for belonging and mental health professionals recommend that we be intentional about creating opportunities for belonging.

Here are some steps you can take:

- **Be Part of Something.** Build your friendships by joining a group with which you feel a common sense of purpose and solidarity. Check out MLRT's myriad of committees, adult education classes, Sisterhood & Brotherhood or fun social groups like Beer Club.
- **Be patient.** It might take time to gain acceptance, attention, and support from members of the group. Some MLRT groups meet weekly and other just a few times a year. Each time you connect with a group, you are strengthening relationships with new friends and old.
- **Practice acceptance.** Focus on the similarities, not the differences, that connect you to others, and remain open to new ways of thinking. There is an old adage that if you ask two Jews a question, you will get three opinions. The diversity of the MLRT community makes for interesting conversations every day.

Our community is going to be an especially active one over the next two months with over 90 opportunities to have meaningful, joy-filled, delicious, intellectual and spiritual experiences that will help build your sense belonging to our MLRT community.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Yom Ha'Atzmaut – May 1 – Celebrate Israel's 74th birthday at MLRT's Israel Independence Day BBQ.
- Yom HaZikaron – May 3 – MLRT is hosting the Philadelphia-area's ceremony commemorating fallen soldiers in Israel.

- Overcome Overthinking with Deborah Grayson Riegler – May 5 – This award-winning coach and author will help you challenge your thinking, create new strategies, and connect with others so that you can live the life you want—and deserve.
- From Doctor to Patient with Elliott Schulman – May 12 – MLRT member Dr. Elliott Schulman will discuss his new book [Seeing The Light While Living With Cancer: How Adversity Can Teach Us to Live a Meaningful Life.](#)
- An Evening with Bret Stephens – May 17 – We kick off our celebration of Rabbi Straus with a presentation by Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Bret Stephens followed by a delicious dessert reception.
- Friday Night Services with Rabbi Jonah Pesner – May 20 – Our celebration of Rabbi Straus continues with Rabbi Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, who will lecture about the Prophetic Power & Politics: How Reform Jews Can Create a More Just World during our Friday Night Shabbat Services.
- Confirmation – June 5 – Our Tribe 10th graders will join decades of other dedicated students and become MLRT confirmands during at this wonderful Shavuot service.
- Kindergarten Graduation – June 2 – Our Super Stars will shine as they celebrate their readiness for the next step on their educational journey.

Phew! It is going to be an exciting spring at MLRT. As you mark your calendar for all of these exciting opportunities to connect and belong at MLRT, be on the lookout for membership renewal information in your mailbox and inbox. High Holy Days 5783 will be here before you know it!

And remember, no one belongs at MLRT more than YOU!

P.S. You may have noticed that this is the May/June issue of MLRTMatters. We are moving to a bi-monthly format to help ensure that you are receiving advanced information about upcoming major programs, we are able to share more information about Jewish holidays and observances and, perhaps most importantly, we have the time and resources needed to promote all of our amazing activities. MLRTMatters just one part of our multi-channel marketing effort that includes our eNews, website, social media, and targeted emails.

Celebration of Rabbi David Straus

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 to learn more & register!

**Tickets must be purchased in advance*



RABBI DAVID STRAUS

David Straus has been the Senior Rabbi at Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim since July 1998 - only the fourth rabbi to serve in this position at MLRT. Prior to his 24 years at MLRT, Rabbi Straus served congregations in Trenton, NJ; Cleveland, OH; and Washington, DC.

Rabbi Straus is active in the Jewish and non-Jewish community. He is a past president of the VAAD: The Philadelphia Board of Rabbis, and served as chair of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council from 2010-2014. He is a co-convenor of the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia and the chair of the National Council of Synagogues which meets regularly with members of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, National Council of Churches, and the Evangelical Community. He has served on the board of Philabundance, the advisory committee of Eldernet of Lower Merion, and the Jewish Community Federation of Philadelphia.



BRET STEPHENS

Bret Stephens began his career at *The Wall Street Journal* in 1998 as an editor in New York and later as a writer and editor in Brussels. At 28 years old, he was named editor-in-chief of the *Jerusalem Post*. He has reported stories from around the world and interviewed dozens of world leaders.

In 2017, he became a regular political analyst for MSNBC and an op-ed columnist and associate editor for the *New York Times*. Mr. Stephens was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary for his work as the author of "Global View," the WSJ's foreign-affairs column. He also served eight years as the Journal's deputy editorial-page editor, responsible for the newspaper's global opinion section, as well as a member of the editorial board.

In 2014, Mr. Stephens published his book, *America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder* and was awarded the Professional Achievement Prize by the University of Chicago, a distinction he shares with composer Philip Glass, astronomer Carl Sagan and Nobel laureate Gary Becker.



RABBI JONAH PESNER

Rabbi Jonah Pesner serves as the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and as Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism, a position to which he was appointed to in 2011. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by *Newsweek* magazine, he is an inspirational leader and tireless advocate for social justice. In 2006, he founded Just Congregations (now incorporated into the Religious Action Center), which engaged clergy, professional, and volunteer leaders in interfaith efforts in pursuit of social justice. Over the course of his career, Rabbi Pesner has also led and supported campaigns for health care reform, racial justice, economic opportunity, immigration reform, LGBTQ equality, human rights, and a variety of other causes.

Rabbi Pesner will celebrate Rabbi Straus, who has devoted his rabbinate to building a dynamic Jewish community, working in relationship across lines of race and faith to pursue justice. Join us for this special Friday Night Service!

REGISTER AT MLRT.ORG/RDS22

May and June Holidays

On May 14, 1948, soon-to-be Prime Minister David Ben Gurion declared the independence of the State of Israel, which was recognized by the United States, the Soviet Union, and other countries, though not by the surrounding Arab states. Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) marks the anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel. It is observed on or near the 5th of the Hebrew month of Iyar on the Jewish calendar, which usually falls in April.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut in Israel is always preceded by Yom HaZikaron-Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers. The message of linking these two days is clear: Israelis owe their independence-the very existence of the state-to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it.

Celebrate Israel Independence Day with an exciting BBQ, Israeli-themed games, Israeli wine tasting, and so much more!

*Sunday, May 1
11:00 am-1:00 pm at MLRT*

RSVP to this free family-friendly event at mlrt.org/isind

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

In person at MLRT and via Livestream

Unite with the people of Israel in commemorating the legacy and sacrifice of fallen soldiers and terror victims.

Join us for a meaningful event with songs and personal stories to celebrate the lives of the ones we have lost and to show our gratitude and respect. Rabbi Straus will join with other area clergy to bring extra meaning to this service and the MLRT choir and Cantor Rudnick will lend their voices to this ceremony.

REGISTER AT [IAC360.ORG/EVENT/YHZ-PHILLY](https://iac360.org/event/yhz-philly)

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 Ha'Atzmaut (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 Ha'Atzmaut 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.¹

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

SHAVUOT, CONFIRMATION, AND YIZKOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 5 | 10:00 am in person at MLRT or via Livestream

Join our Multi-Access Shavuot and Confirmation Service with Yizkor (Memorial Prayers) for those we have lost in the past year. Celebrate our incredible 10th grade students who have pursued additional Jewish education and commitment to our community!

Hineini, We are Here! We hope you will stay 'here' at MLRT after the service for some snacks and socializing with your MLRT family and the 2023 Confirmands.

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

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

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

Confirmation 2022

Jewish tradition focuses on the sanctity of life and time. On Sunday, June 5, we will have the opportunity to consecrate both during the holiday of Shavuot, a pilgrimage festival for our ancestors, who travelled to Jerusalem with their wheat harvest as an offering, and commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

We carry on this observance with the ritual of Confirmation, celebrating the accomplishments of our incredible 10th grade students who have pursued additional Jewish education and commitment to our community.

Mazal Too to our 2022 Confirmands!

Allyson Altshuler

Daughter of Jill & Marc Altshuler

Oliver Angert

Son of Erica Angert &
Adrian Lopez Denis

Andrew F. Badt

Son of Heather & Richard Badt

Sasha Bryn Beck

Daughter of Jill & Adam Beck

Gabriel Bobrin

Son of Jackie & Josh Bobrin

Zachary Nathan Cohen

Son of Nicole & Mike Cohen

Avery Morgan Ender

Daughter of Jessica & Farrell Ender

Anna Fleur

Daughter of Laura Banchero
& Ryan Fleur

Jay Bertram Goldberg

Son of Geri Newburge &
Eric Goldberg

Livia Jordan Kamplain

Daughter of Mary & Trey Kamplain

Ethan Matthew Kopelman

Son of Amy & Michael Kopelman

Alana Levy

Daughter of Beth Allen & Henry Levy

Harold Ezra Mack

Son of Hallie Lightdale & Avram Mack

Brynne Meredith Mushlin

Daughter of Jamie & Neil Mushlin

Rachel Mia Riggio

Daughter of Maryellen Koenig-Riggio
& Jeff Riggio

Lila Rae Schwartzberg

Daughter of Caryn & Louis
Schwartzberg

Sophia Z. Snyder

Daughter of Anila Hyder
& David Snyder

Jake Stoller

Son of Elizabeth & Jason Stoller

Charlotte Victoria Wizov

Daughter of Michelle & Ryan Wizov

Jacob Davis Wizov

Son of Michelle & Ryan Wizov

Samuel Dylan Wizov

Son of Michelle & Ryan Wizov

Confirmation Greetings!

Sisterhood is helping to spread some MLRT love by offering Confirmation Greetings to our amazing 2022 Confirmands! For a minimum donation of \$18, we will add your name and good wishes to these much needed and much appreciated greetings for our students.

This annual fundraiser offers an opportunity to support Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund, which provides annual grants for Youth - Programs for high school and college students, Education - Rabbinic and Cantorial scholarships, and Special Projects - Local, national, and international Sisterhood programs. Your participation shows our MLRT family how much you care AND makes a gift to the future of our Reform movement.

Confirmation Greetings, 5782

Please send your minimum \$18 check, payable to MLRT Sisterhood, c/o Kerry Heppen, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnwood, PA 19096, no later than May 31, 2022. Please contact Kerry at kpcadhep@aol.com with any questions.

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

STAY CONNECTED!



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

Monday, May 2 at 8:00 pm - Dreamer (Netflix)

In Lexington, Kentucky, the horse barn of the Crane family has been empty for years due to the financial difficulties of the family. When the mare Sonya, a.k.a. Soñador (Dreamer), breaks a foreleg in a race Palmer, the owner, decides to put her down. To save her life, Ben Crane accepts the injured horse instead of the three month's salary owed by Palmer. His daughter Cale becomes emotionally connected with Sonya, and while the horse is being rehabilitated, the wounds in the Crane family are also healed.

Monday, May 9 at 8:00 pm - Shirkers (Netflix)

In 1992 teenager Sandi Tan shoots Singapore's first road movie with her enigmatic American mentor, Georges, who then absconded with all of the footage. The 16 mm film is recovered 20 years later, sending Tan, who is now a novelist living in Los Angeles, on a personal odyssey in search of Georges' footprints.

Monday, June 6 at 8:00 pm - The Other Side of the Wind (Netflix)

After years of exile in Europe, a maverick director heads back to Hollywood to complete his comeback film, The Other Side of the Wind. Released after Welles' death, this mockumentary holds the record for the longest production time in history - 48 years!

Monday, June 13 at 8:00 pm - Young Frankenstein (Amazon Prime)

An American grandson of the infamous scientist, struggling to prove that his grandfather was not as insane as people believe, is invited to Transylvania, where he discovers the process that reanimates a dead body.



Shabbat Morning Walk

Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am at the Barmouth Trailhead, Cynwyd Trail

Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 am at Haverford Reserve, 9000 Parkview Drive, Haverford

Celebrate Shabbat in nature with your MLRT community. Enjoy the gorgeous weather of late spring/early summer with Rabbi Newburge at the Cynwyd Trail in May and the Haverford Reserve in June.



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 lies ahead; and ask any questions you might have on Zoom.



Beer Club - Sunday, May 15 at 7:00 pm

Beer Club is open to all MLRT members who enjoy trying and sharing beer. Sip with us at Tired Hands Fermentaria (35 Cricket Ave. Ardmore) Members are responsible for their own tabs.



Lunch and Learn - Monday, May 23 at 12:00 pm

Take a break for lunch while Rabbi Newburge leads a thoughtful conversation on Zoom. After this meeting, Lunch and Learn will go on hiatus and return in the fall.



Blood Drive - Thursday, May 26 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Be a part of something big - donate blood at the American Red Cross at MLRT. Registration strongly suggested with code MainLineReform at redcrossblood.org.

MLRT ON THE MOVE IS BACK!

Tuesday, June 7, leaving from MLRT at 9:15 am

Tour the Philadelphia equivalent of New York's famous Lower East Side. From the 1880's through the 1920's, Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe populated the area bounded by Spruce, Christian Street, 2nd, and 6th. There, they created a vibrant community with its own Yiddish Theater, literary societies, and newspapers, along with synagogues, banks, bath houses and delicatessens. Join us as our professional tour guide brings the Quarter to life with views of existing buildings, old photos, and entertaining anecdotes.

\$60/member and \$70/non-member (Lunch at the 4th Street Deli is not included in the price)

Space is limited so register now at mlrt.org/MOTM

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

Welcome summer! For many, it is when we find the time to read a classic you missed or the newest book that others are reading. What are you planning to read in your leisure time?

We will have multi-access short story discussions on Thursday, May 12 and again on June 9. Our story for May is "Uncle Oswald" by Tamar Yellin, and it explores the obligations we feel towards family. Last summer we read a story from Ms. Yellin's collection, *Kafka in Bronteland*. Her stories are beautifully crafted with strong Jewish content and I look forward to exploring this one with you all.

We will close on June 9 with "The Jewbird" by Bernard Malamud. I found the story in *Wandering Stars: an Anthology of Jewish Fantasy and Science Fiction*, and enjoyed Malamud's way of injecting humor into

allegory; of course, I would expect nothing less from one of the best-known Jewish authors of the twentieth century! After a year of Zoom programming, I am very excited to get to see you all in person (and on Zoom) for these two programs.



OVERCOMING OVERTHINKING POSTPONED!

Experiencing stress and anxiety at work and in life is expected. In fact, healthy levels of stress can help us set clear goals, prioritize our work, and improve our overall performance. However, when we experience too much stress, it can lead to physical illness, poor performance, and burnout. It is also contagious, spreading between people who live or work together, and can quickly become "baked into" a culture.

Join us for a discussion with Deborah Grayson Riegel, executive coach, Wharton instructor, and author of *Overcoming Overthinking: 36 Ways to Tame Anxiety for Work, School, and Life* and *Go to Help: 31 Strategies to Offer, Ask for, and Accept Help*, about what contributes most to your personal level of stress and how to adopt new mindsets and behaviors to help you withstand, recover, and bounce back from stress.



HASSEL ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE WITH KARL MIDDLEMAN

*Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm in person at MLRT and online **

It seems only yesterday Sondheim was 25 and hailed as the wunderkind partner of Leonard Bernstein for his sharp lyrics to *West Side Story*. Of the greatest Broadway composers only two matched Sondheim's brilliance as both a composer and wordsmith. But Sondheim had it all over them as a complete man of the theater. With his 'concept' musicals, *Company* (1970) and *Follies* (1971) he totally revolutionized the American musical in captivating ways. Maestro Karl Middleman will pay homage to the greatest master of modern musicals with spectacularly engaging videos from such great hits as *Into the Woods*, *A Little Night Music*, and much more. We'll also review ways that Sondheim embodied traditional Jewish values.

As both a conductor and educator, Karl Middleman's presentations have been hailed for the easy way they mix scholarship with showmanship. Karl has lectured for the Philadelphia Orchestra over 50 times and he teaches at Temple University and at the Chautauqua Institute.

**Please note the corrected time/date!*

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

JOIN RABBI STRAUS AND LYNNE IN A TRIP TO ANDALUSIA- JEWISH SPAIN

"Man plans and God laughs." COVID necessitated our cancelling our trip to Spain but we are rescheduling for May 17-26, 2023, with Barcelona as an optional add on at the end of the trip. Andalusia was the area of the Golden Age of Spain in Jewish history. We will visit Madrid, Cordoba, Toledo, Granada, and Seville; meet with Jewish community leaders; tour all the major historic sites; go to a vineyard; enjoy great meals, and more!

Space is limited, so if you are interested (even if not yet certain) please email Rabbi Straus, dstrauss@mlrt.org or call the Temple office to get your name on the list. An orientation meeting will be held in the fall.

Brotherhood

Polonius exclaims in Act 2, Scene 2 of "Hamlet" that "brevity is the soul of wit." To that ironic end, here are the scheduled events for Brotherhood in the upcoming months of May and June, 2022, months of late spring and early summer.

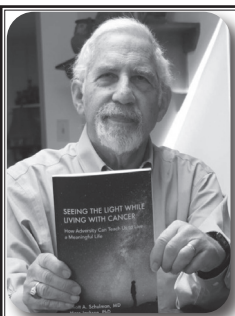
- May 12: The Elliott Schulman evening from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in which Elliott discusses his role as patient, not doctor as he chronicles his battle with pancreatic cancer. (Details below)
- May 18: the fifth annual Charity Golf Outing gets under way at 8:00 am at the Green Valley Country Club. There are only four spots available for golfer, so don't hesitate. You can also show your support for charity by sponsoring a hole. This will be our finest year!
- May 26: there will be a Men's Night Out at a local restaurant. Our intrepid Ed Bleeden will follow up with a place and starting time, so be on the look-out for additional information.
- June 21: a day before my birthday, Brotherhood will hold its annual Member's BBQ. All libations and fixin's will be provided by your Brotherhood. Beginning at 6:30 pm and concluding at 8:30 pm, come and schmooze for the last time before everyone departs for other ports, other parts.

I would ask a boon for a personal note. In a few short days, Rabbi David Straus will depart from his role as spiritual leader of our congregation. He filled many roles as senior rabbi, for me his weekly crowning achievement was leading Torah Study. It was there that one saw how nimbly he interpreted the ancient texts and arcana, always striving to apply them to our world. While his stay with us was not brief, it was completely satisfying.

Kindly,
Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

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 to register.



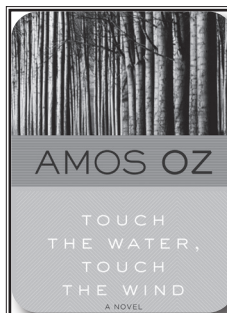
FROM DOCTOR TO PATIENT: ELLIOTT SCHULMAN'S BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER

Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm
Please join us on Zoom

After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Dr. Schulman created a handbook to help others through the difficult cancer journey and give them tools to fight. Elliott co-authored Seeing The Light While Living With Cancer with two of his partners and placed an emphasis on dealing with the disease, the challenges that lie ahead, and remaining positive.

Hear from Elliott, congregant, 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.

Visit mlrt.org/zoom for the Zoom link.



BERNIE KLEINMAN BOOK CLUB: TOUCH THE WATER, TOUCH THE WIND

Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 pm
Please join us on Zoom

Amos Oz takes you back to 1939: as the Nazis advance into Poland, a Jewish mathematician and watchmaker named Pomeranz escapes into the wintry forest, leaving behind his wife, Stefa. After the war, having evaded the concentration camps, they begin to build new lives, Stefa in Stalin's Russia and Pomeranz in Israel, where, as they move toward reunion, another war is brewing. An intricate tale of people seeking escape from a hostile world in thrillingly fantastical ways.

All book lovers are welcome!

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

Sisterhood



Ami Lonner & Elizabeth Stoller,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

As we sit down to write our last bulletin article, it is hard to think back to three years ago when we first started in our positions. So much has happened during this time but we won't bore you with what has been said a million times already about our lives before we hoarded toilet paper and existed in a pre-Zoom era, etc.

We have been involved in planning so many fun events and programs and have been lucky enough to have learned so much from our many presenters and each other along the way. From a Women of the Wall presentation to a panel on gun violence, our sisters have provided programs that covered a wide range of topics.

Of course, we are immensely proud of the fundraising efforts during our tenure but we must attribute that success to our dedicated teams of Sisterhood members who worked tirelessly on these programs. Our annual Shalach Manot event has become a huge point of pride for us and we owe particular thanks to Jackie & Lisa for this. This year, we revamped our traditional Rummage Sale and held our first ever Better Home & Garden Bargain event, or as we called it

for the first few weeks of planning, "Not Rummage!"

A HUGE thank you goes out to our whole Sisterhood planning committee who put in hours and hours of work: Mary, Betsy, Kari, Gavi, Janet, Beth, Margie, Melanie, Adele, and THE LINDAS! We also need to thank Amy Krulik for being on call virtually all the time and Dave Greim and the whole maintenance staff for helping us with all the little issues that cropped up along the way. Over the years, it has become clear that we cannot expect to pull-off these massive undertakings without the support of the whole Temple – especially since this year, we took over the Hausen for an entire week! Thank you to all the teachers and staff who had to change their routines because of us! We hope you agree that it was worth it though, because we are extraordinarily pleased to say that we earned over \$9,000 and we were left with nary a pile of clothing! This money helps us to support the many monetary donations that our Sisterhood makes to charitable organizations such as Planned Parenthood, Mitzvah Circle Foundation, and supports other initiatives like our disaster relief fund, which this year is going toward helping Ukrainian refugees.

Finally, we would like to put one last plug in and encourage everyone to send in their Confirmation Greetings. This fundraiser supports the WRJ's YES fund and is a lovely way to congratulate our 10th graders who have reached a milestone in their Jewish education. See page 7 for more information.

While it hasn't always been easy, we would like to thank you for sticking with us during our presidency. We know how hard it was to feel a part of something when we couldn't look at each other live, and we couldn't hug, and couldn't eat and drink and celebrate together. But we made it through, and hopefully, you all still feel a connection to your Main Line Reform sisters. We are pleased to report that we even gained some new members along the way! It has been our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to watching Sisterhood continue to grow!

Please note: we rescheduled Cook for a Friend to May 12... Same time (9:30 am - 12:00 pm) and same place (Upstairs Kitchen). We hope to see you there!

Keep a look out for more information about our June 1 Closing Event - it is sure to be a blast!

Gun Violence Awareness Service

FROM THE SANCTUARY TO THE STREETS: FROM LAMENT TO ACTION

Thursday, June 9 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (1723 Race Street)

Rabbi Straus invites you to join him at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul for a multi-faith service with the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia, Heeding God's Call, and families who lost loved ones to gun violence in Philadelphia this past year. This service and call to action is in memory of those 504 victims, and will be led by members of the Religious Leaders Council, including Rabbi Straus. At the end of the service, carrying T-shirts with the names of all those who were killed with guns this past year, we will walk to a site of this unspeakable violence, and re-sanctify and re-consecrate the ground. We will then walk to City Hall for a Call To Action.

Questions and Event Contact: Bryan Miller at 251.238.8550 or contactheeding@gmail.com

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman
Director of Education

Todah Rabbah – a huge thank you to our students, parents, teachers, and madrichim for an outstanding and successful Religious School year! This year, we welcomed over 75 new students to our Religious School. We piloted our flexible Hebrew schedule. We returned to in-person classes, Mishpacha and holiday programs, and Family Shabbat Services. *Hinei Mah Tov U'manayim* – how good it is, how sweet it is that we were able to spend so much time together!

Please join us in celebrating our year together and honoring and appreciating our teachers on Friday, May 6 for our Teacher Appreciation Shabbat. Our final family service of the year will be on June 3, and it's "Camp Shabbat!" Come to services wearing your summer camp gear and we will give a special send-off to all of our students before the summer begins.

Finally, please be on the lookout for information about MLRT Membership Commitment and Religious School enrollment for the 2022-2023 year. You can complete both on ShulCloud, via our Member Portal at mlrt.org. We can't wait to welcome our students back to Religious School in the fall.

Family Shabbat Service with Teacher Appreciation
Friday, May 6 - 6:30 pm

Last Day of Religious School
Sunday, May 15

NO Religious School
Sunday, May 8

Family "Camp Shabbat" Service
Friday, June 3 - 6:30 pm
Special blessing for all of our summer campers!

TheTribe and tribe jr.



Ross M. Levy,
Youth Engagement, Dir.

TheTribe is getting wild!

Join us on Sunday, May 1 for a trip to the Zoo. Limited space available so sign up today! \$20/pp

Grab your wands and come with us to another world as TheTribe checks out the new Harry Potter Experience at the Franklin Institute on Sunday, May 22. Limited space available; bus departs from MLRT at 4:15 pm. \$30/pp

Look for details in your inbox or at mlrt.org/thetribe

MAZAL TOV TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMANDS!



Teach Our Children: ECE



The sincerest tribute to YOU ALL!

Again, we are gathered “in words” to celebrate the year and give thanks to our children, families, staff, and MLRT colleagues as we all worked hard to get closer to the finish line of another school year. A sincere THANK YOU to you all as we enter the last two months of the current school year.

It has been another exciting and uniquely challenging year as we created goals with our young children in mind. Here is what we accomplished throughout this school year.

Together with their teachers, our young children have participated in yearlong ‘imaginative language and pretend situations,’ where they explored things in the world, including ideas, that they find meaningful. Children’s motivation to construct knowledge and learn from others was directly tied to personal interests and the support they received from the learning environment of their teachers and their peers. The children actively participated in constructing the monthly and yearly learning goals. Teachers and children were equal partners in creating opportunities, affirming significance, and generating new lines of thought. Every emergent unit of study and its four to six-week project trajectory started in the burgeoning ideas and feelings that stir beneath every young child’s consciousness.

We have identified ‘friendship’ as a dominant theme of early schooling that is deeply connected to the appropriate development for young children. The interpersonal communication required to sustain fantasy play helped children practice what it takes to be friends in real life. Practicing the overall requirements of the play – the initial agreement to participate, the creation of a scene and objective, and the continuous negotiation between players that is necessary for it to proceed – our children have multiple daily opportunities to practice the push me/pull you terrain inherent in friendship.

As we progressed in the year, each classroom and every age group recognized the power of storytelling as one of the driving forces to meeting young children at their best. From authors’ studies in all two-year-old classrooms to a balanced literacy curriculum in kindergarten, storytelling has been a vivid presence in the children’s daily activities. It invited children to acquire interest in how stories work, where stories come from, what tales are composed of, sequencing, plot development, characterization, writing process, authorial intention (the last three traits mostly for our older three years old, pre-k, and kindergarten), and use of imagination.

It is again an absolute pleasure to be able to invite you ‘celebrate’ the year that we are about to leave behind. I am humbled and proud to be able to close out this school year. I know that I am beyond fortunate to be surrounded by this wonderful school community. The drive, passion, and determination underpinned by skills, knowledge, and empathy among all community members helped raise progress and achievement within our school.

While we approach the last day of school on June 10, all of us here at Main Line Reform Temple School for Early Childhood Education, wish you peace of mind, prosperity through the rest of the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, and joy to fill your summertime.

We are excited to see many of our students at MLRT Camp ECE this summer - where the fun happens!

We can’t wait to see you all back in the fall and embark on our continued journey to educate, love, and care for our young generations.

Look for information on our Shab-BBQ and other fun events leading up to the end of school in your inboxes and the backpacks of your children.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Schmooze, Brews & BBQs Spring Fundraiser!

A special thank you to our sponsors who helped make the fundraiser fun for all: American Made, RFILU, and Sesame Rockwood Camps; our Photobooth Sponsor & Vendor: Milner Diamonds; Dessert Sponsor: The Sweet Trading Co.; Beverage Sponsor: GoPuff; DJ B-Rich for the music! *

The night wouldn’t have been as successful without our wonderful vendors: Dress with Jess, Rae of Light, Pixie Lane by Jamie B., Samsara Sari, and Blessed in Distress Apparel. *

You can still make a donation to support this important ECE fundraiser and learn more about the sponsors and vendors listed above at mlrt.org/ecefund22

*Sponsors and vendors as of 4/15

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(As of April 10)

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TISHA B'AV

Thursday, July 30 | 7:30 pm in person and online

Tisha B'Av, observed on the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. In modern times, many Jews understand Tisha B'Av as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history, and to reflect on the suffering that still occurs in our world.

Even as we mourn, there is an element of joy and comfort. Indeed, the reading of Eicha, Lamentations, concludes with the verse "Restore us to You, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old."

Please join us for this sacred day in the Jewish calendar with traditional liturgy and study, noting that this is customarily a fast day.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2022 DATES!

Saturday, September 17: Selichot

Sunday, September 25: Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 26: Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 27: Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Study Session

Tuesday, October 4: Erev Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5: Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 9: Sukkot Begins

Sunday, October 16: Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

All High Holy Day Services at MLRT will be multi-access and we encourage you to attend in whatever way you are most comfortable. Please look for information about requesting tickets and purchasing guest tickets in your Membership Commitment Form email and mailing.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The 2022/5783 Book of Remembrance will be distributed on Yom Kippur, October 4 before Yizkor. Yizkor Prayers are included in the liturgy on Yom Kippur Day at both the Traditional and Contemporary Services. We are products of those who came before us and it is fitting at the High Holy Day season to acknowledge our debt to them and remember them with fondness.

Please fill out the Book of Remembrance form in your Membership Commitment packet when you receive it and return it to the office no later than **August 25**.

If you need assistance, please email BOR@mlrt.org before the deadline to ensure your entry in the 2022/5783 Book of Remembrance.

Thank you!

Sharing Our Lives

Mazal Too!

Cindy & Joe Domosh on the marriage of their niece, Rachel Corson, and Benjamin Mackey

Eileen & David Edman on the marriage of their daughter, Kara, and Eric Weinbaum

Susan Kleinman on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, London Escritor

Owen Lester, a co-author of 'A ZTF Look at Optical Variability of Young Stellar Objects in the North America and Pelican Nebulae Complex' published by the Astronomical Journal of the American Astronomical Society

We want to be a part of your life!

Please email Davida Chornock at 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

Harvey Glickman

Husband of the late Sylvia
Father of Lisa Glickman-McDonough,
Nina Nathani (Mehmood),
and Peter Glickman (Clara Cohn)
Grandfather of Rian, Mikal, and Kevan

Ellis Horwitz

Husband of Margot Horwitz
Father of Claudia (Sage Hayes) and
Stuart (Dr. Bonnie Kane)
Grandfather of Fifer and Bodhi
Brother-in-law of Robert and Sharon Freedman

Libby Love

Mother of Jeffrey (Maria) Love,
Terry Love Jackson (Ed), Bizette Gailewicz,
Rachael (David) Abramson, and Joshua (April) Love
Wife of Alvin Love, Z'L
Great-grandmother of Jacob, Stella, Ari,
Everly, and Aura

Please consider a contribution to Main Line Reform Temple
Beth Elohim in memory of these beloved people.
Visit 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 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.



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Specialty Shabbat Services

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Friday, May 6 at 6:30 pm Teacher Appreciation Family Service

Friday, June 3 at 6:30 pm "Camp" Shabbat Family Service

Show your appreciation for the hard-working and dedicated teachers in the May Family Service and get a blessing before going off to camp at our June Family Service. Both services also feature birthday blessings!

SHABBAT MORNING WALKS

Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am at the Barmouth Trailhead, Cynwyd Trail

Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 am at Haverford Reserve, 9000 Parkview Drive, Haverford

Celebrate Shabbat in nature as a community. Enjoy the gorgeous weather of late spring with Rabbi Newburge at the Cynwyd Trail in May and the Haverford Reserve in June.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Friday, May 13 at 8:00 pm in person at MLRT and virtual access options

This Shabbat, Sisterhood will be thanking the outgoing board members and welcoming some new faces to their Board. We hope you will join us a service filled with gratitude and joy for all that has been accomplished in the past year.

PRIDE SHABBAT

Friday, June 10 at 8:00 pm in person at MLRT and virtual access options

June is LGBTQ Pride Month! Our Pride Shabbat Service is an excellent way to honor our community members, as well as the Reform movement, for LGBTQ equality, equity, and inclusion, to celebrate victories against discrimination, and to commit to the work ahead. Judaism teaches us that everyone is created *b'tzelem elohim* – in the image of God. At Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim we welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to become involved in the religious, social, and educational life of our congregation, and celebrate each of our members as a sacred part of the beautiful mosaic they represent for our congregation.

ADULT B'NOT MITZVAH

Friday, June 17 at 8:00 pm in person at MLRT and virtual access options

The Adult B'not Mitzvah class combines learning and laughter and over the past year, these women learned about a range of topics, including Hebrew, Torah, rituals, and more, while also forming lasting and invaluable friendships. They will show off their newly acquired skills and get recognized during this Friday Night Service.

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.

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.

May Shabbat & Holiday Services

Friday, May 6

6:30 pm Multi-Access Family Shabbat
Service Teacher Appreciation/
Musical Shabbat

Saturday, May 7

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk with
Rabbi Newburge
9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of father and son,
Martin Silverman and Daniel
Silverman (Son of Kim & Martin
Silverman)
5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Hudson Leo
Weissman
Son of Jessa & Steve Weissman

Friday, May 13

6:00 pm ECE Sha-BBQ Service
8:00 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 14

9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Gordon
Son of Melanie & William Gordon
Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Mollick
Son of Lilach & Ethan Mollick
5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Charlie Hammel
and Brody Hammel
Sons of Jessica & Jed Hammel
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks

Friday, May 20

8:00 pm Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi
David Straus with special guest,
Rabbi Jonah Pesner
9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Marie Kozloff
Daughter of Jeannette & Louis Kozloff
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Johnston
Son of Samantha & Derek Johnston
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Emery Ava King
Daughter of Tracie & Jason King
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks

Friday, May 27

6:30 pm Multi-Access Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 28

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

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.

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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 for more information or to arrange for selection and purchase of plots.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00 am Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration! 11:00 am Tribe Trip to the Zoo	2 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Dreamer**	3 7:00 pm Community-wide Yom HaZikaron Ceremony at MLRT	4 YOM HAZIKARON 12:00 pm Bridge	5 YOM HA'ATZMAUT 11:00 am Bible Study	6 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Musical Service with Teacher Appreciation and May Birthday Blessings	7 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel and Martin Silverman~ 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Hudson Weissman ~
8 MOTHER'S DAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	9 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Shirkers**	10 LAST DAY OF 7 TH GRADE AND TRIBE	11 12:00 pm Bridge	12 9:30 am Sisterhood Cook For a Friend* 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: Uncle Oswald 7:00 pm From Doctor to Patient**	13 5:00 pm ECE Sha-BBQ 8:00 pm Sisterhood Shabbat	14 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Jonathan Gordon and Daniel Mollick~ 5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Charlie Hammel and Brody Hammel ~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
15 LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:00 pm Beer Club at Tired Hands Fermentaria^*	16	17 7:30 pm An Evening with Bret Stephens*	18 8:00 am Brotherhood Annual Golf Outing*^ 12:00 pm Bridge	19 LAG B'OMER 11:00 am Bible Study	20 800 pm Rabbi Straus Celebration Shabbat Service with guest speaker, Rabbi Pesner	21 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Caroline Kozloff and Matthew Johnston~ 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Emery King~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
22 4:15 pm Tribe Trip to Harry Potter at the Franklin Institute*^	23 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Newburge**	24	25 12:00 pm Bridge	26 11:00 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive*	27 ECE CLOSED 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	28 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY ECE CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED	31	June 1 7:00 pm Sisterhood Closing Event	June 2 11:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Kindergarten Graduation	June 3 6:30 pm "Camp Shabbat" Family Service with June Birthday Blessings	June 4 EREV SHAVUOT 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Leff ~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**

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June Shabbat & Holiday Services

Friday, June 3

6:30 pm Multi-Access Family Camp
Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 4

9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Andrew Leff
Son of Lena & Stephen Leff
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks

Friday, June 10

8:00 pm Pride Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 11

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk with
Rabbi Newburge
9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Borden^
Son of Tatiana & Lawrence Borden
4:30 pm Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Bernstein
Daughter of Ariann & Brad Bernstein
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks

Friday, June 17

8:00 pm Adult B'not Mitzvah Service and
Celebration

Saturday, June 18

9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Levy
Daughter of Beth Allen & Henry Levy
6:30 pm Zoom Havdalah with the Rudnicks

Friday, June 24

6:30 pm Multi-Access Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 25

9:00 am Torah Study
10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service
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**Please see pages 6 and 7 for more
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You Belong Here.

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Be Inspired. Be Connected. Belong.

Believing in those words means we want everyone who joins or visits MLRT to feel at ease and comfortable participating in all aspects of temple life: spiritual, ritual, social, educational, and musical. Our Inclusion Committee's mission is to proactively combat and remove barriers to participation and engagement of all kinds so that our collective mission of a warm and thoughtful community is widely realized and maintained from generation to generation.

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5 SHAVUOT 10:00 am Shavuot, Confirmation, and Yizkor Service	6 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>The Other Side of the Wind</i> **	7 9:15 am MLRT On The Move! Jewish Phila. Tour 7:00 pm Hassel Adult Education Lecture: Karl Middleman	8	9 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>The Jewbird</i> 2:00 pm Gun Violence Awareness Service^	10 LAST DAY OF ECE 8:00 pm Pride Shabbat	11 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk *^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Borden^ 4:30 pm Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Bernstein ~ 6:30 pm Havdalah **
12	13 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Young Frankenstein</i> **	14 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <u>Touch The Water, Touch The Wind</u> **	15	16 11:00 am Bible Study	17 8:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat Service	18 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Levy~ 5:00 pm Havdalah **
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21 6:30 pm Brotherhood BBQ	22	23 11:00 am Bible Study	24 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	25 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah **
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