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Michael Smerconish has been a fixture in broadcasting and politics for three decades. One constant on both his SiriusXM and CNN programs has been discussion of America's political divide. Never have his views been more timely. Through autobiographical vignettes, insight and humor, the politically registered Independent and centrist thinker explains what drove the nation into a partisan ditch and how the situation can improve.

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Rabbi Geri Newburge

Rabbi Rami Shapiro shares a conversation with his teacher Reb Reuven in the book, *Hasidic Tales*, from a time before he became a rabbi himself. The exchange takes place on a Shabbat afternoon in the rabbi's study, and the rabbi asks Rami if he knows what the Zohar is? Rami answers, "of course, it is a mystical commentary on Torah written by Moshe deLeon, a thirteenth century kabbalist who..."

At this point Reb Reuven screams, "Nonsense! The Zohar isn't just a commentary; it's a Torah all by itself. It is a new Torah, a new telling of the last Torah. You do know what Torah is, don't you?" Rami resists the temptation to respond and waits for Reb Reuven to answer his own question, which he does, saying, "Torah is story. God is story. Israel is story. You, my dear university educated soon-to-be a liberal pain in the ass rabbi, are a story. We are all stories! We are all Torahs!...Torah is God's storybook; God is a storyteller! Torah tells us that God created the world through speech. What kind of speech? Stories. Torah says God breathed into Adam, the first human. What did God breathe? Stories! Stories bring things alive, not once and forever but every time they are told."

I'm writing this shortly before Simchat Torah when we go back to the first words of our sacred storybook to tell the stories of our people from the beginning, starting with the creation of the universe, when God breathes into Adam, and our story first comes to life.

Reb Reuven's passion is inspiring, uplifting. He reminds us that each of us carries our own story to tell and to share as part of the community. We are blessed to have the stories of each of our congregants to add to the beautiful mosaic that makes Main Line Reform Temple a special and unique synagogue.

In November and December we have incredible opportunities to listen and learn from so many stories. (Of course if the bulletin has reached your hands before October 30 you should definitely join us for our Torah restoration program that date, and then again on November 15!). There is the fabulous return of our Speakers Series with radio and television personality Michael Smerconish on November 17. The first weekend in December will be one to remember as we begin the month with some of our youngest storytellers, our Consecration students, at Shabbat services on December 2. Then on December 4, we are excited to offer "Constitutional Concerns: From Chanukah Lights to Reproductive Rights" with two outstanding scholars, our first ever adult class that also comes with continuing legal education credits. Then on December 14, study with Rabbi Richard Hirsh as he shares the story of "What Does Judaism Teach About Jesus?"

Last, but not least, I'm honored beyond words to share in the story of Main Line Reform Temple the weekend of December 9 as we celebrate the official installation of my position with the congregation. It has been a privilege to share in each of your Torahs, your stories, and I look forward to hearing more from you in the future as we travel life's path together. May your stories be meaningful and fulfilling, thoughtful and peaceful.

MLRT Nominating Committee

Serving on the Board of Trustees is a rewarding way of getting more involved in the Temple's direction and future. If you or another member you recommend are interested in serving on MLRT's Board of Trustees or you would like to learn more about getting involved, the Nominating Committee is interested in hearing from you.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chairs, Stacey Gerwitz at staceygerwitz1@gmail.com and Sherrill Neff at sherrill.neff@gmail.com. You may also contact our Executive Director, Amy Krulik, at 610-649-7800.

Mark your calendars now!

Join Rabbi Newburge for our second annual MLRT Reunion in the Sunshine State (in and around Palm Beach county) the weekend of February 24-26, 2023. Details to follow.

The Importance of Body Language



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Last year, I had the great pleasure of teaching an adult Bat Mitzvah class. You may remember me mentioning it...a lot. I bring it up now because during one of our classes, the choreography of the service came up. That same week, while meeting with the parent of a Bar Mitzvah, this same question came up. And it has, not surprisingly, come up many times since in conversation and at services. So, I am here to answer the question you've always been too afraid to ask: What's up with all the up and down and bowing during a service?

Many of you know that the television show, *The West Wing*, is my all-time favorite show. In season two, there is a great scene between Leo and a new character, Ainsley Hayes. In their conversation, Ainsley stands up. When Leo questions her, she responds, "I'm standing up, which is how one speaks in opposition in a civilized world." Obviously, when we stand or bow during worship, we are not showing opposition; rather, it's quite the opposite. But the purpose is the same. When we use our bodies in prayer, we are emphasizing that moment, calling attention to something special, and showing respect for God. We are using our whole selves in those moments, making the moment kinesthetic, in addition to emotional, cerebral, aural, and oral.

However, it's not just the when, but the how, that marks these moments. For example, when you bow for the *Bar'chu*, the call to worship, you do **not** bend your knees, but rather bow only at the waist. You may have seen people gather and kiss their *tzitzit* during *V'ahavta*, which demonstrates love and reverence for the *mitzvot*. When we take three steps back and forth at the beginning of the *Amidah*, we are entering the "heavenly court," or God's court, which is mirrored in our bowing and steps back and forth at the final moment of the *Amidah*, during *Oseh Shalom*, as we take leave of that court.

The list of how and when to mark moments in prayer using your body is long, but fascinating. It reminds us to embrace prayer with our whole selves, and to love and respect what has been given to us through Torah. I understand that perhaps not everyone is as much of a liturgical nerd as me, but if anyone out there finds this as interesting as I do, please come see me, and we will share in a fun learning experience together, learning why we do the things we do.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8

The stakes in the upcoming midterm elections could not be higher. Every issue of importance is on the ballot and this year's voters will directly influence the shape of future policies and the day-to-day lives of Americans across the country.

MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD - VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8!



JOIN RABBI STRAUS AND LYNNE IN ANDALUSIA- JEWISH SPAIN

We invite you to join us in our next travel adventure to Spain, May 17-26, 2023. Our guide, educator and friend Julian Resnick will be co-leading this trip, along with local guides.

A trip to Spain will take us back in time to one of the greatest periods of Jewish history, the Spain of the Golden Age, which produced an abundance of Jewish poets, philosophers, kabbalists, and intellectual giants, such as Maimonides and Judah HaLevi. For 700 years--from 711 to 1492 of the Common Era--Jews, Christians, and Muslims lived in remarkable relationship and cooperation in Al Andalus – the Arabic name for the Iberian Peninsula and part of Morocco.

Although it wasn't perfect, Al Andalus was a pre-modern inspiration for living in a multi-faith, pluralistic society. In Spain it is known as the *Convivencia*, or "living together." Join us as we explore together this part of the world and learn how it might help us create a more diverse, inclusive and tolerant America.

We will begin in Madrid, celebrate Shabbat with the Reform Community in Madrid, and travel to Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Montalbano, Lucena, and Granada; and then back to Madrid.

Space is limited, so if you are interested, visit tri.ps/Tmm0

What You Do Matters



"Everybody, every human being has the obligation to contribute somehow to this world." – Edith Carter

From an oral history interview with Edith Carter:

Edith Carter was born in a small town in Czechoslovakia on December 17, 1914. Edith and her family, the only Jews in their town, had not experienced any issues with antisemitism until the rise of Nazism. Edith married Ernst Karter in 1937. After the Munich Pact of 1938, tensions and acts of antisemitism rose in Czechoslovakia. Edith and Ernst wanted to leave, but were unable to do so because of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia. Edith and Ernst were deported to Theresienstadt (Terezin) in 1942 and, after a few months, were sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of the plan to fool the Red Cross. Edith was assigned to hard labor moving bricks. She never gave up hope that she and Ernst would survive and be reunited.

In January 1945, Edith and other prisoners were forced to evacuate the camp on a death march because of the advancing Russian army. The snow was so bad, the women were forced into a barn where they were guarded for six weeks with very little heat or food. Forced to march again, Edith and five other women managed to escape and hide in a ditch. A farmhand found them, housed them in a pig barn, and brought them food. When the Russians arrived, Edith and her friends were finally free. After the war, Edith was cared for by Polish Catholic nuns before being sent to a repatriation camp, which is where she learned that Ernst had not survived. In 1948, she left Czechoslovakia and arrived in Cincinnati, where she married Gustav Carter, Ernst's cousin. Gustav had lost his wife during the war, but his two daughters, Janine and Ruth, had survived. Together they became a family and in 1951, Edith and Gustav had a daughter, Deborah. Edith died in 2010 at the age of 96.

Edith is remembered by her friends and family as "truly a remarkable woman who made the world a better place by touching all those she met."

Why tell the story of Edith Carter now? Because now is the perfect time to heed Edith's call to action by taking advantage of the myriad opportunities to contribute positively to our community and world. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Vote** – Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. While you are heading to the polls, see if one your neighbors needs a ride. Voting in the mid-term elections is one of the most important actions you will take this year.
- **Participate** – Get in on the celebration for MLRT's 70th anniversary. Upcoming MLRT@70 special events include a Main Line Speaker Series event with CNN commentator Michael Smerconish on November 17, and Rabbi Newburge's Installation Weekend, December 9-11.
- **Volunteer** – From the Caring and Israel Committees to the Tikkun Olam Network, your time, energy and talents will support MLRT and our community. What's more, the MLRT Nominating Committee is recruiting candidates to serve on the MLRT Board of Trustees (see page 2 for details.)
- **Give** – Your support of MLRT@70, the MLRT Annual Fund, or our L'Dor V'Dor Endowment Fund helps ensure a bright and strong future for our congregation. If you have fundraising ideas to share or would like to be a part of our fundraising team, we would love to hear from you.

Through her words and actions, Edith Carter touched, and continues to touch, the lives of people around the world. What you choose to do makes a difference. The future of MLRT, our community and our world depend on what you chose to do today.

Transgender Remembrance Day by Asher Mack

November 20, 2022- Transgender Remembrance Day is a memorial holiday to recognize and mourn all of our transgender loved ones-or strangers- whom we have lost to transphobia.

Although there is now more public recognition of transgender people in this country, transphobic hate crimes have risen over 50% in the past 3 years. 80% of transgender people report that, at some time in their life, they have considered suicide. Transgender people in our country live with additional fear, stress and risk every day, simply because of who they are. On this day, we remember all of the wonderful, loved people we have lost and ask ourselves, "How can we be better allies to the trans community?"

(source NIH)

MLRT Celebrates Rabbi Geri Newburge



Hello MLRT family! We have a lot going on at our home away from home, MLRT. With all of our many events and meetings, I can't think of anything more special and sacred than the installation of a new Senior Rabbi. As I said on the High Holy Days, we are all of us ready and willing to be together and we specifically planned all of our events this year with that in mind.

The weekend of December 9, 10, and 11 is designed to honor and celebrate Rabbi Newburge, and we are blessed with the opportunity to come together as a community for our Rabbi who is always there for all of us. What makes this weekend even more special is that her very beloved son, Jay, will have just returned from Israel and will be with us throughout the weekend celebrating.

Our celebrations begin with a Friday Night Shabbat congregational dinner and a service with Rabbi Dr. Gary P. Zola, the rabbi who installed Rabbi Newburge as Assistant Rabbi at MLRT many years ago. We hope to see as many of you as possible either in person at MLRT or on YouTube, Livestream, or Facebook Live. Bring your dancing shoes with you on Saturday night (I may have to get a new pair) and be ready to celebrate this momentous occasion with music, dancing, drinks, and more. We complete this fabulous weekend with a family-friendly event with cookbook author, Shannon Sharna, who will talk about her latest book and give a hands-on cooking demonstration of Rabbi Newburge's choice of recipes!

Our Installation Committee is hard at work putting the finishing touches on what promises to be an incredible weekend, but we can tell you that registration will be required for all the activities, and the registration link will be published on mlrt.org/70 when it becomes available. Additionally, there are sponsorship opportunities so that you can celebrate and honor our new Senior Rabbi even more. Contact Amy Krulik, Executive Director, at akrulik@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800 to learn more.

I truly believe we are all one another's extended family and it's what makes our community so important and special. Please join me at this special moment in MLRT's history when we install our first female senior rabbi and let's celebrate Rabbi Newburge and show her the love she constantly shows us all.



MLRT celebrates
Rabbi Geri Newburge
Installation Weekend
December 9-11, 2022

RABBI GERI NEWBURGE INSTALLATION WEEKEND

Join us for the installation of Rabbi Geri Newburge
as MLRT's fifth Senior Rabbi.

We are so excited to share this information about our weekend celebrations! We are still working on some details, which will be up on mlrt.org/70 as soon as they become available.

Friday, December 9

Congregational Shabbat Dinner & Multi-Access Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Dr. Gary P. Zola, Hebrew Union College-
Jewish Institute of Religion

Saturday, December 10

Celebrate Rabbi Newburge at our high-energy party where the focus is on great friends, food, drinks and dancing and fun.

Sunday, December 11

Get ready for a hands-on, family-friendly cooking experience and discussion with Shannon Sarna, editor of *The Nosh*, and author of the new cookbook Modern Jewish Comfort Food: 100 Fresh Recipes for Classic Dishes from Kugel to Kreplach.

Register to join us for this momentous weekend and find additional details at mlrt.org/70


STAY CONNECTED!



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

 **Monday, November 7 at 8:00 pm - A Jazzman's Blues (Netflix)**

A tale of forbidden love and family drama unravels 40 years of secrets and lies in the deep south during an unsolved murder investigation.

 **Monday, November 14 at 8:00 pm - Do Revenge (Netflix)**

In this movie loosely inspired by Alfred Hitchcock's Strangers on a Train, popular Drea wants revenge on her boyfriend for publishing her sex tape, and exchange student Eleanor is haunted by a rumor. The two teenagers team up to take action against their tormentors.

 **Monday, December 5 at 8:00 pm - Sorry to Bother You (Netflix)**

This surrealist-urban fantasy-science fiction-black comedy film follows a young black telemarketer who adopts a white accent to succeed at his job. Swept into a corporate conspiracy, he must choose between profit and joining his activist friends to organize labor.



Shabbat Morning Walk

Saturdays, November 12 and December 10 at 9:00 am at Barmouth Trailhead, Cynwyd Trail

Brave the cold at the Barmouth Trailhead and spend Shabbat morning with Rabbi Newburge on the Cynwyd Trail (end of Levering Mill Rd in Bala Cynwyd)



Jerusalem Youth Chorus Workshop - Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 am for teens and 1:00 pm for adults

In our participatory workshop, chorus Founder and Artistic Director Micah Hendler and a small group of chorus singers will share songs and stories from their experiences in Jerusalem and we will engage in dialogue and music-making all together! RSVP to Cantor Rudnick at frudnick@mlrt.org.



Beer Club - Sunday, November 13 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.



Jewish Book Month with Marjorie Margolies - Monday, November 14 at 11:00 am

Author Marjorie Margolies will tell us all about her new book, And How Are the Children: Timeless Lessons from the Frontlines of Motherhood, in our first Jewish Book Month program.



MLRT On The Move - Tuesday, November 15; bus leaving MLRT at 9:15 am

Our professional tour guide will bring the Jewish Quarter to life with views of existing buildings, old photos, and entertaining anecdotes of the Philadelphia equivalent of New York's famous Lower East Side.



Michael Smerconish - Main Line Speaker Series - Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 pm

Buy tickets to join us in person or on Livestream at mlrt.org/mlss. Sponsored by The Ginsburg Family Foundation



Ella C. Wolf Brunch with Joel Burcat - Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 am

Hear about Strange Fire from environmental lawyer and novelist Joel Burcat during our annual Ella C. Wolf program. This year will be a brunch; RSVP to Sally Brown at sbrown@mlrt.org.



Lunch with the Rabbi - Monday, November 21 and December 12 at 12:00 pm

Take a break for lunch while Rabbi Newburge leads a thoughtful conversation on Zoom.



Israel Committee Meeting - Monday, November 28 at 2:00 pm

The Israel Committee is open to all members who love Israel, and who will work to promote the spiritual, historical and cultural bonds that connect us deeply to the Jewish homeland.



Bernie Kleinman Book Club - Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 pm

All book lovers are welcome to discuss this month's selection, Nickel Boys by Coulson Whitehead.



What Does Judaism Teach About Jesus? - Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 pm

Use the holiday season to explore what Jewish tradition has taught about Jesus – to understand better what we share with our Christian friends (and often extended family), and wherein our traditions differ about such ideas as the Messiah, the Trinity and monotheism, and miraculous birth stories. Rabbi Hirsh will be teaching over Zoom.

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

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

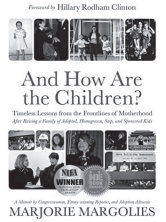


We all need thought-provoking books. With Jewish Book Month on the horizon, these two upcoming months promise to be full of literary programs. Come to Main Line Reform Temple for the enrichment that we offer through the literary arts.

November 10 is our discussion of "Alte Sachen" by Omer Friedlander. His new volume, The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land, announces the arrival of a natural-born storyteller of immense talent. The author was born in Jerusalem and grew up in Tel Aviv. His short stories have won numerous awards. He received his MFA from Boston University and currently lives in New York City.

December 8 is our discussion of "Bontsha the Silent" by I.L. Peretz. The eminent author Isaac Leib Peretz depicts the world of Eastern European Jews. In this story, he recounts the tragic life of one of his best-known protagonists. I.L. Peretz is considered by many to be the outstanding genius of Yiddish literature.

MLRT considers Jewish Book Month to be an important part of our Temple's calendar year. In November, we will host two authors from Pennsylvania. Join us on Monday, November 14 to hear well-known personality Marjorie Margolies speak about her book And How Are the Children: Timeless Lessons from the Frontlines of Motherhood. Marjorie is a former member of Congress from Pennsylvania, a journalist, a woman's rights advocate, and a mother. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication. We are excited to welcome Marjorie to speak about her new book. Join us on November 14 at 11:00 am for coffee and light fare.



Novelist Joel Burcat will be our visiting author for the annual Ella C. Wolf program. He will speak about his legal thriller Strange Fire on November 20. The Ella C. Wolf program was endowed by Bill Wolf in honor of his wife, an avid reader and lover of books. This year, our program will take place on a Sunday morning. Environmental lawyer and novelist Joel Burcat grew up in the area and currently lives in Harrisburg, PA. The protagonist, Mike Jacobs, is a Jewish environmental lawyer whose work teaches us the real outcomes and dangers of fracking and drilling for natural gas. The mandate of protecting the earth, Tikkun Olam, is one of the tenets of Reform Judaism that we hold dear. Join us at 10:30 am for a special brunch and opportunity to engage in a timely discussion concerning our environment.

Modern Jewish Comfort Food author Shannon Sarna will be a guest of honor during Rabbi Newburge's installation weekend. She will talk about her cookbook of traditional dishes with a modern twist and then give us a demonstration of a dish chosen by our honoree, Rabbi Newburge. In addition to being a well-known author, Shannon Sarna is also the editor of the popular Jewish food blog, *the Nosh*, which explores cooking through a Jewish lens. The event will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am during the Installation Weekend. Join us for a fresh take on our traditional Jewish foods.



As we explore the many facets of Jewish life through short stories, a memoir, a novel, and a cookbook, we will appreciate the richness of our Jewish heritage. Let us come together at Main Line Reform Temple for a literary celebration! Details on the Short Story Discussions and our three author visits can be found at mlrt.org/lifelong-learning.

Don't miss our Continuing Legal Education programs (free for MLRT members!) on page 15

Israel Matters

Some of the most significant archaeological discoveries in Israel were unearthed by people who simply stumbled upon them. Scuba divers in the Mediterranean found a nine-hundred-year-old Crusader sword. An eleven-year-old boy, hiking with his family, found a 2,500 year-old amulet. And during an IDF training exercise, a soldier kicked up a very rare Roman coin minted over two thousand years ago. Perhaps the oldest treasure was uncovered by an Arab Israeli en route to work.

As he walked by, some rocks crumbled on a nearby mountainside, revealing a stash of artifacts some 4,500 years old. Usually, the reward to the person finding the artifact and turning it over to the appropriate authorities is a simple thank you, but eight-year-old Itai Halperin, who found a ceramic statue from at least 2,500 years ago hit the jackpot. He became the most popular boy in his class when he was invited with his class to participate in a real dig.

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

Chanukah

Chanukah, meaning “dedication” in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and “rededication” of the Temple in Jerusalem. Also called the Festival of Lights, the holiday brings light, joy, and warmth to our homes and communities as we celebrate with candles, food, family, and friends.

Lighting the Chanukiah

We begin with one candle on the first night, and add a candle each night for eight nights. In addition, we light the shamash each night which we use to light the other candles. Since these lights are holy, we aren’t supposed to make practical use of them (e.g., using them to see or read by, or lighting other candles with them); therefore, we use the shamash to light the ones that mark each night of the holiday. The candles should be added to the menorah from the right to the left, but they are lit from left to right so the kindling begins with the newest light. The blessings are recited each night with the lit shamash in hand, after which the candles are lit immediately. The first two blessings are sung every night, the third only on the first night.

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

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tsivanu l’hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

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

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v’imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz’m’an hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

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

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higiyanu laz’m’an hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Another mitzvah of Chanukah is *pirsum hanes*, the public proclamation of the miraculous events that transpired in the days of the Maccabees. The Chanukah lights are lit at sundown in the window, when passers-by are most likely to see them.

December 18 – MLRT Community Chanukah Event

(in partnership with the ECE HSA)

Outside at 3:00 pm - weather permitting

Decorate your own sufganiot, enjoy firepits and s’mores, play dreidel games, make edible dreidels, music, and candle lighting – join in from home, too!

Be on the lookout for more details on all of our Chanukah programs at mlrt.org/chanukah

December 19 – Family story and candle lighting

December 20 – Tribe/Religious School candle lighting

December 21 – Religious School candle lighting

December 22 – Candle lighting with the MLRT, ECE, and Religious School staff – live from our evening staff party

December 23 – Chanukah Shabbat

December 24 – Havdalah candle lighting

December 25 – Virtual story or song program

Mazal Tov!

Michele Cohen & Marc Prizer on the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Prizer, to Cole Peltzman and the engagement of their daughter, Julie Prizer, to Jordan Nick

Paul de Botton and Susan Schwartz on the marriage of their daughter, Ariel de Botton, and Matt Manning

Joyce & Claude de Botton on the marriage of their granddaughter, Ariel de Botton, and Matt Manning

Irma & Roy Foreman on the engagement of their granddaughter, Emily Seitz, to Josh Grove and the marriage of their daughter, Debbie Foreman Cohen, to Howard Weinstock

Barbara & Rabbi Richard Hirsh on the birth of their grandson, Amitai Yakir Hirsh-Simckes

MLRT Sisterhood on being honored with a Silver Or Ami award (Light of my People) from Women of Reform Judaism for “Refugees and Asylum Seekers Share Their Stories of Exodus: A Women’s Interfaith Gathering.”

Patty & Michael Scheinfeld on the engagement of their son, Richie, to Lea Kaufman

Laura & Richard Shur on the marriage of their grandson, Brandon Bernstein, to Amy Alexander

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.

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman
Director of Education

We are off to an incredible start in our Religious School.

Thank you to our teaching faculty and madrichim for bringing the ruach – spirit! And a special thank you to our families for trusting us to educate and inspire your children, build their Jewish knowledge, and strengthen their identities.

November and December are filled with special programs, Family Shabbat services, and oh yeah... Chanukah. I look forward to learning and praying together in the months ahead.

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – November 8, November 20-27, and December 25-January 1

Important Religious School Dates:

Family Shabbat Service - Friday, November 4

5th Grade Participating

6:30 pm – Shabbat Service open to all

1st Grade Mishpacha Program – Sunday, November 6

9:00-11:00 am – Family Program

6th Grade Retreat – Sunday, November 13

9:00 am-12:00 pm

7th Grade Trip to NYC – Sunday, November 20

8:30 am- 7:00 pm

Family Shabbat Service - Friday, December 2

1st Grade Consecration

K-2nd Grade Participating

6:30 pm – Shabbat Service open to all

4th Grade Mishpacha Program – Sunday, November 6

9:00-11:00 am – Family Program

Kindergarten Field Trip – Sunday, December 4

9:00-11:00 am – Family Program



Tikkun Olam Network

TON is starting a new drive in support of The Lower Merion Narberth Care Co-Op's goal of providing coats to Lower Merion/Narberth. This will be an ongoing collection, so please bring your new or gently used coats of all sizes to MLRT where donation boxes are waiting in the front vestibule.

MLRT Basketball League is back!

The league is open to all, with preference given to MLRT members and to parents of kids in MLRT ECE. The season starts in late November and will continue through March (except during holidays). Games will take place on Mondays, at 6:45 pm, 7:30 pm, and 8:15 pm. Cost: \$130 for MLRT members and preschool parents; \$150 for everyone else. (This includes a post-season awards dinner.) Location: Kaiserman JCC.

If interested, contact league commissioner Chuck Forer at cforer@foreradr.com before November 18.

Teach Our Children: ECE



Building a Jewish Life Through Tot Shabbat

Much of what we do during Shabbat is outside our home and family orbit. As much as Shabbat may be an opportunity for nuclear families to spend time together, it is also a chance to enjoy the company of extended family and community in a relaxed atmosphere. On Shabbat, we can choose with whom to spend our time.

Tot Shabbat, our Temple/school ceremony, precedes the formal evening service on Friday nights for our young children and families. Through songs and prayers, we welcome Shabbat (the service is known as Kabbalat Shabbat—literally, “Welcoming the Sabbath”) and comprises of several songs and short *brachot* as well as a kid-friendly *Lecha Dodi*.

An Experience Rich with Opportunities

Tot Shabbat is an experience rich with opportunities. It helps connect each family to our ECE Jewish community, encourages families to participate in Jewish life, and provides opportunities to create and nurture relationships with members of the synagogue community. Here at ECE MLRT, we shifted our desired outcomes away from using only Jewish rituals and affiliation as evidence of Jewish engagement and more towards relationships among our parents, so that we can help create and support a vibrant network of meaningful and purposeful relationships. Our parents’ time, commitment, and efforts to build relationships between and among families is an investment in the future, a time when they could be more able and willing to engage in new learning and living.



The facilitation of the establishment of friendships is one of, if not the most, powerful things that we can do for our community; it not only encourages families to raise Jewish children but also to support young children’s development

across domains. Research found that the relationships constructed through young families’ religious attendance build a community network that promotes social, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive development. Consistent with the adage that “it takes a village to raise a child,” the network closure provided by our Tot Shabbat gatherings (that is, interaction and instruction provided to youngsters by non-parental adults who reinforce parental values) is a vital part of promoting pro-social outcomes in children.

Through Tot Shabbat, we strive to be intentional in our efforts to meet the needs of today’s parents, beginning with knowing those needs. Tot Shabbat programs are presented for young children, but the adult participants experience mature, meaningful learning and make profound connections that permanently affect their lives. We recognize that this is a time when the adults are also at a life stage particularly ripe for influence.



Participation in these programs does influence the families’ engagement in Jewish life and encourages behaviors such as social interactions with other Jewish families and the forming of new relationships. This is consistent with relevant research and extensive literature that argues that these are the most potent ways to increase Jewish identity. While Tot Shabbat participation facilitates what is designed to be a developmentally appropriate learning experience for the children, the adults participating in Tot Shabbat can also be affected in meaningful, mature, and identity-altering ways.

Keeping up with the tradition, we are ALL looking forward to many more together celebrations through MLRT ECE Tot Shabbatot!

Home-School Association

Chanukah Happening - Wednesday, December 21

Join the ECE Family community in a Chanukah celebration with activity stations for children.

Make sure to check out our other Chanukah programs on page 8 and on our website at mlrt.org/chanukah.

Sisterhood



Where does the time go? Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and the New Year are right around the corner! Hopefully many of you are enjoying the ability to be more active in Temple life than you were able to at this time last year. Sisterhood has a few events coming up next month I'd like to briefly mention. Our paid-up membership event will be December 15. Also, our partnership with Calvary Baptist Church continues as Sisterhood will again support their Christmas brunch for folks in their community. Do watch your emails for more information on these events.

I'd like to highlight the Cook for a Friend program that we've participated in for over 30 years. Sisterhood has made and supplied salmon cake meals to JCC KleinLife's Home Delivered Meals program. Per their website, the program "currently helps homebound seniors in Philadelphia with meal deliveries in the following neighborhoods: Northeast, South, Center City, and City Line Avenue. We also serve in Abington and Cheltenham Townships."

I'd love to see some new faces helping us this year. You don't have to know how to cook, so feel free to join us. We have somewhat of an assembly line operation to package up the kosher meals we prepare. Apparently, we're the only synagogue that makes salmon cakes and they are a favorite of many of the seniors who get them delivered to their homes. Once they are made, they are bagged, and then picked up by a staff member from the JCC KleinLife.

In each meal are two salmon cakes, brown rice, mixed vegetables, instant coffee, and a tea bag. Sisterhood has special pans and bowls used to prepare these meals. We meet in the upstairs kitchen at 9:30 am. We make 100 meals at a time, up from the original 25 meals. Please consider joining us November 9, December 6, March 9, April 13 or May 16. No need to dress up for this event as you may want to freshen up afterwards!

One last thing, if you're looking for a book to read over the winter break, I would recommend Coco at the Ritz by Gioia Diliberto. The author will be at our book review and brunch to be held February 21.

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." Michelle Obama

Brotherhood

True to his word, the Brotherhood scribe offers only the following facts pertaining to this auxiliary's events for the months of November and December, 2022.

- On November 1, Brotherhood hosts a Texas Hold'em Tournament. Beginning at 6:30 pm, the Circular Lounge will be transformed into a den of frivolity with participants pretending to have straight flushes when, in fact, they are looking at a pair of sixes.
- On November 10, Brotherhood will encourage men of all persuasions, new and current members, to attend one of the monthly Men's Night Out dinners at The Grog. Happy hour starts at 5:30 pm with drinks on Brotherhood. The dinner meeting kicks off at 6:30 pm. Choose to stay for dinner or just come for the drinks - either way, your presence will be appreciated.
- Wouldn't you know it: on December 6, another Men's Night Out dinner is scheduled, so be ready for more camaraderie and an opportunity to set aside the dreariness of winter in the warmth of Iron Hill Brewery. (Any questions can be answered by Ed Bleeden at brotherhood@mlrt.org.)

Well, the facts have been presented. The scribe will now beg your indulgences and veer from the vow to abjure extraneous commentary. The following assumptions must be noted:

- That the Sukkah was raised by exuberant volunteers,
- That the Steaks in the Sukkah was a roaring success (why should it not have been),
- That the Sukkah was taken down by exuberant volunteers,
- And, given this year's golf outing theme for charity giving is literacy, that Brotherhood wholeheartedly supports the Bernie Kleinman Book Club. For any questions, contact Norman Fienman at nfieman@gmail.com. Read a book and be overwhelmed by the treasures therein.

Kindly,
Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

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If you have questions about your listing, please contact
Gil Marder at gmarder@mlrt.org.

We hope to see you on Friday, November 11 at 6:30 pm for a Shabbat Service honoring the Sisterhood Choir and Sandy Norman for her continued and tireless work for Caring Community.

Please join us in person at MLRT or via YouTube, Livestream, or Facebook Live.
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We extend condolences to members of our community on the loss of their loved ones

Joseph H. Abrams

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Continuing Legal Education

CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS: FROM CHANUKAH LIGHTS TO REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

MLRT & Gratz College are offering two CLE courses on fascinating and timely constitutional topics on December 4. This program is free*, open to the community and attorneys alike, and offered in person and by Zoom. Attorneys who register for CLE credit are eligible to receive one substantive credit hour per course.

Registration will be required and information will be available at mlrt.org/cle

9:30-10:30 am Chabad Menorahs and the American Public Square with Rabbi Zev Eleff

In the 1970s, Americans of all types noticed the appearance of "Chabad Menorahs" in public spaces throughout the United States. The Jewish Hasidic (sometimes called Lubavitch) group had launched a campaign to furnish and mount large, multipronged candelabras to increase awareness of the Chanukah festival during America's busy wintertime holiday season. While the Christian Right supported the placement of Christmas trees in the public square and welcomed the Jewish contribution to its cause, liberal leaders associated with the American Civil Liberties Union and most Jewish groups opposed Chabad's seasonal initiative. They argued that Menorahs were a religious item and therefore violated the "Establishment Clause" canonized in the First Amendment. Moreover, Jewish groups explained that Chabad had threatened the very tenet of American life that had made the Jewish experience in the United States so "exceptional," compared to life in Europe—namely, Church-State separation. Ensuing legal battles in the 1980s raised the matter to the Supreme Court. All told, the episode shines a light on the dynamics of American Jewish life and how its various stakeholders found partners and parallels to influence the wider American faith community.

11:15 am-12:15 pm Dobbs and Beyond with Professor Mitchell Berman

Professor Berman will discuss the Supreme Court's decision this past summer in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, in which a 6-3 majority overruled Roe v. Wade to hold that the Constitution does not protect a woman's right to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. Berman will critically assess the Court's reasoning in Dobbs and explore what the decision augurs for the future both of legal abortion in this country and of the jurisprudence regarding unenumerated constitutional rights, including the right to same-sex marriage.

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6 11:00 am Tribe Social Event at Linvilla Orchards 2:00 pm AADD Bingo	7 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: A Jazzman's Blues**	8 No Tribe Classes	9 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 9:30 am Cook for a Friend* 12:00 pm Bridge	10 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>Alte Sachen</i> 5:30 pm Brotherhood MNO at the Grog*^	11 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service honoring Sisterhood Choir & Sandy Norman of Caring Community	12 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Maya Gugick~ 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Carter Frank~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
13 <i>Transgender Awareness Week</i> → 11:00 am Jerusalem Youth Chorus Workshop 1:00 pm Jerusalem Youth Chorus Workshop (adult) 7:00 pm Beer Club at Tired Hands Fermentaria^*	14 11:00 am Jewish Book Month: Marjorie Margolies 2:00 pm Multi-access Israel Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Do Revenge**	15 9:30 am MLRT On The Move: Jewish Philadelphia* 10:00 am Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:15 pm Torah Restoration*	16 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 12:00 pm Bridge	17 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Main Line Speaker Series: Michael Smerconish	18 ECE CLOSED 8:00 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	19 9:00 am Torah Study 9:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Jaime Friedenberg~ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kopelman~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
20 <i>Transgender Day of Remembrance</i> 8:00 am 7 th Grade NYC Trip 11:00 am Ella C. Wolf Brunch with Joel Burcat	21 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn**	22	23 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 12:00 pm Bridge	24 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED ECE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	26 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
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4 9:00 am 4 th Grade Mishpacha Program 9:30 am CLE Program 10:00 am Kindergarten MudRoom Trip^	5 3:00 - 7:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Sorry To Bother You**	6 5:30 pm Brotherhood MNO at Iron Hill Brewery**^	7 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 12:00 pm Bridge	8 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>Bontsha the Silent</i>	9 8:00 pm Friday Night Shabbat Dinner & Service RABBI NEWBURGE'S INSTALLATION WEEKEND	10 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service TBD Installation Party
11 11:00 am Cookbook Talk & Demonstration with author Shannon Sarna RABBI NEWBURGE'S INSTALLATION WEEKEND	12 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn**	13 7:15 pm Sisterhood General Meeting** 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club	14 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 12:00 pm Bridge	15 11:00 am Bible Study	16 5:00 pm ECE Simchat Shabbat 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	17 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Eloise Gerson~ 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Sophie DiDio ~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
18 3:00 pm Chanukah Program for our entire MLRT Family 1 st Night of Chanukah 🕎	19	20 7:00 pm Tribe Chanukah Program 🕎🕎🕎	21 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 12:00 pm Bridge 5:00 pm ECE Chanukah Happenings 🕎🕎🕎🕎	22 11:00 am Bible Study 🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎	23 6:30 pm Shabbat Chanukah Friday Night Shabbat Service 🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎	24 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah* 🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎
25 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED THROUGH 1/1 🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎🕎	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 No Tribe Classes	28 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 12:00 pm Bridge	29 11:00 am Bible Study	30 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	31 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service

Please join us in person at MLRT or via YouTube, Livestream, or Facebook Live on Friday nights. Torah Study/Service on Saturday mornings are in person at MLRT and on Zoom; Havdalah is Zoom only. B'nai Mitzvah Services will take place in person and on Livestream.

* In person only

**Zoom only

^ Off-site ~ Livestream

Mazal Tov to our September/October B'nai Mitzvah and their families

Theodore Adler
Son of Selly Adler

Rose Caro
Daughter of Melissa & Rodrigo Caro

Jacob Dankwerth
Son of Risa & Michael Dankwerth

Charlee Enslin
Daughter of Jennifer & Jeff Enslin

Jared Holstein
Son of Meredith & Stephen Holstein

Samuel Leib
Son of Annie Leib and Ryan Leib & Avery Green

Caleb Press
Son of Leah & Craig Press

Esti Richter
Daughter of Karen & John Richter

Tyler Schwartz
Daughter of Mindi & Phil Schwartz

Additional names to celebrate can be found on page 8

MULTI-ACCESS WEEKLY CLASSES & SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am - Adult Education: A Woman's Commentary

Join a group of curious minds to explore the Torah through the lens of the Women's Commentary with Cantor Faryn Rudnick in person or on Zoom.

THURSDAYS

11:00 am - Bible Study

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

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