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# MLRT Matters

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**Remember! Celebrate! Act!**  
*A Day On, Not A Day Off!*

**CELEBRATE THE  
LEGACY OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
ALL WEEKEND  
WITH MLRT**

## **WEEKEND OF INTERFAITH HARMONY**

**Friday, January 13**

**7:00 pm at Beth Am Israel**

**Saturday, January 14**

**9:00 am at Beth Am Israel**

**Sunday, January 15**

**10:30 am at Zion Baptist Church**

## **DAY OF SERVICE**

**Monday, January 16**

**10:00 am at MLRT**

# **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEKEND**

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This issue was printed mid-December, so we ask for your understanding and invite you to visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) for the most up-to-date information as we start 2023 together.

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**January/February 2023**

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Rabbi Geri Newburge

Our movie group recently watched a movie called "Sorry to Bother You", a film that highlights the modern day realities of violence, racism, and inequality. While the movie was not overwhelmingly enjoyed by people, the discussion around these difficult themes proved worthwhile- a heartbreaking reminder that these societal ills pervade our community and world, even in 2023.

A *midrash* about the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE by the Romans provides a rationale for this catastrophic event. The rabbis viewed the destruction as divine punishment because of our *sinat hinam*, our senseless hatred for one another, and tell the story of two characters, Kamtza and Bar Kamtza. A man who was hosting a party told his servant to invite his friend, Kamtza, but not Bar Kamtza, whom he hated. Unfortunately, the servant confused the invitations. When the host's enemy arrived instead, the host proceeded to humiliate him. In retaliation, Bar Kamtza went to the Roman emperor and told him the Jews were rebelling. Because of this false report, and *sinat hinam*, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Second Temple.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr turned the concept of *sinat hinam* on its head. In one of his most famous sermons, Loving Your Enemies, Dr. King preached: "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Later this month, over MLK weekend, we will gather with our dear friends at Zion Baptist Church and Beth Am Israel, revisiting the powerful words and deeds of Dr. King. We will sing songs and tell stories about the impact he had on so many people and the difference he made in the world; we will be inspired as we are every year.

As we face unprecedented levels of antisemitism, here at home and around the world, it is as important as ever to build bridges and be in a community with people who love and support us. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of creating space for love for one another and for all peoples. We look forward to being with you at Beth Am Israel on Friday at 7:00 pm for Shabbat services and again on Saturday morning for two engaging opportunities at 9:00 am- Torah study and a musical program, Music of Freedom, and on Sunday at Zion Baptist Church at 10:30 am.

May 2023 be a year of light and love for all.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 12 | 11:00 am

Please join us for MLRT's Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 am.

There will be an opportunity to meet and elect the slate of Officers and Trustees nominated to service in the coming year, celebrate accomplishments of the last year, learn about future plans for MLRT, and enjoy a delicious brunch with your congregational family. You may participate in person or via Zoom. Additional information including the Zoom link will be sent out later.

### 2023-24 Slate of Officers

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>President:</b>           | Lori Robbins                                    |
| <b>Vice Presidents:</b>     | Hugh Ehrenberg<br>Mary Kamplain<br>Amy Kopelman |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>           | Michael Kopelman                                |
| <b>Financial Secretary:</b> | Josh Bobrin                                     |
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### Nominations for the 2023-24 Board of Trustees

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Three Year Term:</b> | Rachel Lester   |
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### Nominating Committee

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# Where Words Fail, Music Speaks



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Come in from the cold on Sunday, February 26, when we welcome students from the Curtis Institute for an afternoon of music. Special thanks to Mignon Groch who has worked, together with a wonderful team, to make this musical presentation happen. The students will present an hour of music, and will then take time for questions. Stick around after the concert for a winter warmth themed reception.

Save the date for a truly extraordinary concert on Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 pm. This May marks the 10-year anniversary of my ordination from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR. I was blessed to be a part of a special Cantorial class of 10 women, and April 16 will be the reunion of our class, the class of 2013. I will be joined by all 9 of my Cantorial classmates, Cantors: Lauren Adesnik (Louisville, KY), Nancy Bach (NY, NY), Amanda Edmondson (Roanoke, VA), Lauren Fogelman (West Chester, NY), Aviva Marer (Indianapolis, IN), Andrea Rae Markowicz (Glencoe, IL), Leslie Niren (Dallas, TX), Sarah Silverberg (Oradell, NJ), and Alicia Stillman (Boston, MA). This concert will celebrate the music of female composers, the music that is meaningful to us as a class, and will be a special afternoon of music. This will be an event not to be missed. Both this concert and the concert on 2/26 will be Livestreamed.

And finally, since good things come in sets of three, join us on Wednesday, April 26, for the annual Sing Hallelujah concert at the Kimmel Center. Our beloved music director, Andy Heller, will be participating, as will several members of the MLRT adult choirs. This year's concert will be honoring Israeli music in celebration of Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For more information about any of these musical events, please contact Cantor Rudnick.



## COME IN FROM THE COLD WITH CURTIS Concert

Sunday, February 26

3:00 pm at MLRT  
410 Montgomery Ave. Wynnewood

*MLRT is proud to partner with the Curtis Institute of Music for an afternoon hour-long concert featuring songs by Samuel Barber and a piano quintet by Brahms.*

Admission to both the concert and the reception is gratis - donations are welcome!

The Curtis Institute of Music is a private conservatory in Philadelphia. It offers a performance diploma, Bachelor of Music, Master of Music in opera, and a Professional Studies Certificate in opera. All students attend on full scholarship.

For nearly a century, Curtis has provided each member of its small student body with an unparalleled education alongside musical peers, distinguished by a "learn by doing" philosophy and personalized attention from a faculty that includes a high proportion of actively performing musicians.

More information and RSVP at [mlrt.org/curtis](http://mlrt.org/curtis)

## Cantorial Class of 2013 Reunion Concert

*The Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR*

Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 pm at MLRT

*Dessert reception to follow*



This 10 year anniversary concert will feature the voices of

**Cantor Lauren Furman Adesnik**  
*The Temple, Louisville, KY*

**Cantor Nancy Bach**  
*Transforming Traditions, NY, NY*

**Cantor Amanda Edmondson**  
*Temple Emanuel, Roanoke, VA*

**Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman**  
*Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, Westchester, NY*

**Cantor Aviva Marer**  
*Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, IN*

**Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz**  
*Congregation Am Shalom, Glencoe, IL*

**Cantor Leslie Niren**  
*Temple Emanu-el, Dallas, TX*

**Cantor Faryn Rudnick**  
*Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim, Wynnewood, PA*

**Cantor Sarah Silverberg**  
*Kol Dorot, Oradell, NJ*

**Cantor Alicia Stillman**  
*Temple Israel of Boston, Boston, MA*



# Winter is Coming... Yay!



"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand." - Edith Sitwell, poet

If you are like 9 out of 10 Americans, then we are now in your least favorite time of the year...winter. Don't worry, I am not about to tell you that I love winter, but I am going to give you six excellent reasons to embrace this cold and occasionally snowy season.

1. The days are getting longer: December 21 was the shortest day of the year which means that every day of winter has more daylight than the day before. From January 1 to February 28, we will gain over an hour of daylight!

2. Some allergies take a break: If, like me, you are one of the nearly 25 million Americans who suffer from spring allergies, then winter is the perfect time to enjoy some sneeze and itchy eye-free time outside.

3. Cold weather burns more calories: When it's cold, your body works harder to maintain your core temp. More work can equal more calories burned.

4. Less hair loss occurs in winter. In one University Hospital of Zurich study, researchers followed 823 women for six years and found that they lost the most hair in the summer and the least in the winter.

5. Lower risk of disease: Sure, you might be more likely to catch a cold in the winter, but you're in the clear for several diseases and viruses that are more prevalent in warmer temps. That's because pesky mosquitoes – like the ones that carry West Nile virus – hibernate during winter.

6. Enjoy better sleep: Your body's core temp naturally drops when you're trying to sleep; this process can take up to two hours in the heat of summer but is much faster in winter. Some new research suggests that you can burn more calories while you sleep if you keep your bedroom temp between 60-67 degrees – and you'll save energy too!

Researchers have also found that having something to look forward in January and February can dramatically improve your attitude towards winter. Before you start googling airfare to Tahiti, MLRT has you covered. Be sure to mark your calendar or register for one or all of these upcoming events:

- MLK Weekend – January 13-16
  - \*Unity Service at Beth Am Israel – January 13
  - \*Torah Study/Musical Service at Beth Am Israel - January 14
  - \*Service of Interfaith Harmony at Zion Baptist Church - January 14
  - \*Day of Service – January 16
- Evening with Deborah Zecher - Jewish Caroling: The Music of Carole King, Carole Bayer Sager, and Carolyn Leigh – February 4
- Tu B'Shevat Seder – February 5
- Come in from the Cold with Curtis – February 26
- Purim Carnival – March 5 (it's never too early to start planning your costume!)

Here's to making this winter one you will enjoy rather than endure!



## MLRT GETS TOGETHER IN THE SUNSHINE STATE!

Friday, February 24

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

Saturday, February 25 at 9:30 am

Shabbat morning walk starting at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 North Ocean Boulevard in Boca Raton

Sunday, February 26

Details coming soon!

To RSVP, contact Athena Spiner in the MLRT office at 610-649-7800 or [aspiner@mlrt.org](mailto:aspiner@mlrt.org).

# Believe in Tomorrow



Jamie Mushlin  
MLRT President

Hello MLRT Family and Happy New Year to all of you! As we enter into the last few months of winter, I'm struck by the darkness and gloominess outside. The bears by now are into a deep slumber and hibernation having filled their bellies on salmon and other goodies all through the summer and fall. My garden has been fast asleep in its dormant period for some time. The season calls for us to slumber more, snuggle under the covers with a good book, warm fire, movie, or some music. While that sounds heavenly, we all know it's just not possible to do all the time because of all of our responsibilities and activities. However, it's vital that we find times, many times during the week to relax, in just these ways and to reset our minds from the business and clutter.

Back in December, we celebrated Chanukah which is truly a celebration of light and warmth and all things sweet and savory: like the bears before us, we filled our bellies with fried potatoes and dough. Sadly we can't hibernate like them, but I feel like we can keep pieces of the holiday with us to help us through the next few months of cold, gloom, and darkness.

While I can't garden too much outside right now, I can organize and plan for the spring. I've already ordered a myriad of seeds to plant. I'm especially excited for my loofa seeds and while I'm known for passing out eggs, I hope to also be known for passing out homegrown loofa sponges. I've pulled weeds and organized my garden shed and planned for new gardens so that when the days start to get warmed and longer, I will be ready to go. I also have added grow lights inside for many of my plants and have found the lights to be so uplifting and mood altering not only for the plants but for myself and possibly my family. The warm glow they emit just makes you feel good and it's certainly not too shabby to get fresh lettuces, green beans, strawberries and all sorts of herbs too.

I also try to get more sleep during the winter, it certainly doesn't help when it gets dark at 4:30 pm in the afternoon! I feel that just like the trees and plants outside that are sleeping but still growing and getting stronger for the spring to come, the extra darkness give us time to pause, reflect, renew, and get ready for new chapters and adventures to come. So please try to light a candle, sit by a fire, or go to sleep a little earlier and notice if it helps make your day and evening a little brighter.

Audrey Hepburn once said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"...I believe in all our tomorrows.

## Next Year in Israel!

Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia on the Israel 75 Mission, a unique journey that speaks to your passions, interests and how you want to hear, feel, see, smell and taste Israel. Please contact Rabbi Newburge at [gnewburge@mlrt.org](mailto:gnewburge@mlrt.org) for more information!

## Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month



Each February during Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month, we honor those in our community with disabilities, those who care for children, parents, or others with disabilities, and disability rights advocates. This year, we will welcome author Arielle Silverman, PhD, whose book, Just Human: The Quest for Disability Wisdom, Respect, and Inclusion, tells the story of her life as a blind woman.

Arielle has spent a lifetime exploring ways to foster respect and inclusion, not only for blind people like her, but for all of us whose bodies or minds differ from the norm. In Just Human, she reflects on her formative years and presents unique anecdotes from her life that carry teachable moments for all of us. She recalls the feel of her mother's embrace, the smell of her grandparents' brisket, the inner sensations of a preteen crush, the music on her wedding day, and scholarly lessons from her dissertation research. Her words paint pictures from her mind's eye: a vision of a world where we can radically accept ourselves and our fellow humans, while at the same time work to change systems of inequality.

As she writes of the past and the present, Arielle looks toward the future, considering how we can build a more inclusive world for those who come after us ([disabilitywisdom.com/just-human-book/](http://disabilitywisdom.com/just-human-book/)). Arielle will speak at our Friday night service on February 10 at 6:30 pm. Join us!

# STAY CONNECTED!



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

**Monday, January 16 at 8:00 pm - *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* (Netflix)**

World-famous detective Benoit Blanc heads to Greece to peel back the layers of a murder mystery surrounding a tech billionaire and his eclectic crew of friends.

**Monday, February 6 at 8:00 pm - *Critical Thinking* (Netflix)**

An unwavering teacher and his students must overcome the perils in their underserved community as they compete in a national chess tournament proving that the power of critical thinking can save not only their kings, but their lives.



**Shabbat Morning Walk**

**Saturdays, January 21 and February 11 at 9:00 am**

Venture into the cold to experience the warmth of Shabbat with Rabbi Geri Newburge at Rolling Hill Park in January before heading over to the Radnor Walking Trail (520 Conestoga Road, Wayne)



**Beer Club - Sundays, January 22 and February 26 at 7:00 pm**

Please join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Beer Club gathering of 2023 at the home of Rabbi Geri Newburge. Please come prepared to share your favorite selections and try something new! In February, we will return to Tired Hands Fermentaria at 35 Cricket Terrace in Ardmore for good beer and food. Guests are responsible for their tab but ordering is very easy. Beer Club is open to all MLRT members who enjoy trying and sharing beer. RSVP to Athena Spiner at [aspiner@mlrt.org](mailto:aspiner@mlrt.org).



**Lunch with the Rabbi - Mondays, January 23 and February 27 at 12:00 pm**

Take a break for lunch and spend an hour expanding your horizons with Rabbi Newburge. Each month she leads a thoughtful, and often timely, conversation on Zoom.



**Israel Committee - Mondays, January 23 and February 27 at 2:00 pm**

The Israel Committee will be meeting both in person at MLRT and on Zoom. All congregants are welcome!



**Bernie Kleinman Book Club - Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 pm on Zoom only**

In *Who by Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai*, journalist Matti Friedman gives us a riveting account of those weeks in the Sinai, drawing on Leonard Cohen's previously unpublished writing and original reporting to create a kaleidoscopic depiction of a harrowing, formative moment for both a young country at war and a singer at a crossroads. Discussion will be led on Zoom by Rabbi Geri Newburge.

**Coming up in 2023: Shalach Manot Order Deadline: February 21, Purim Carnival: March 5, Purim Shpiel: March 6, Annual Congregational Meeting: March 12, Better Home & Garden Bargain Sale: March 19 & 20, Passover: April 5, DFSSM Reunion Concert: April 16**

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

**Tu B'Shevat** Tu B'Shevat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day. The holiday is observed on the 15<sup>th</sup> (tu) of the Hebrew month of Shevat, this year falling out on February 5. Scholars believe that originally Tu B'Shevat was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu B'Shevat that is similar to a Passover Seder. Today, many Jews hold a modern version of the Tu B'Shevat Seder each year. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.

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

This year, MLRT will hold a Tu B'Shevat Seder on February 5 at 5:00 pm. Enjoy a taste of the Seven Species as we celebrate this joyous harvest holiday together. This program is open to the entire MLRT community; see you there!

# Lifelong Learning



Our monthly reading of short stories followed by lively discussions in person and online will continue during the upcoming winter months. Our technology enables those sitting around the Temple's table and those at home to interact.

In January, we will read "The Poets in the Kitchen Window" by Ayelet Tsabari, a favorite author of mine who writes about the Mizrahi Jews' experience in her stories. A young boy living in Tel Aviv during the Gulf War discusses poetry, religion, and politics with his newly arrived sister. The stories Ms. Tsabari writes give a multi-faceted insight into life in Israel. We have read other stories by the author, taken from her award-winning collection, The Best Place on Earth. Join us on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in person or online as we discuss the story.



Our February story (note it will be the third Thursday in February) is titled "Shaare Emunah" by Steven Volynetz. He is an author who is new to us. He was born in Ukraine and grew up in Brooklyn. The story was featured in *Paper Brigade*, the literary magazine of the Jewish Book Council. "Shaare Emunah" won the Moment Magazine-Karma Foundation prize for fiction prize. Join me on Thursday, February 16 as we discuss this complex story about a Russian-Jewish man living in New York as a trader on Wall Street.

Friday evening, February 10, 2023 will be Inclusion Shabbat when MLRT and the Inclusion committee will host Arielle Silverman. She will talk about her book Just Human: The Quest for Disability Wisdom, Respect, and Inclusion. Just Human tells the story of a blind Jewish woman's journey toward building inclusion for all. Born without sight, Dr. Arielle Silverman has spent a lifetime exploring ways to foster respect and inclusion for all of us whose bodies or minds differ from the norm. Her memoir will be available for signing.

Tuesday, February 21 will be our annual Sisterhood Author Brunch. This year, our author will be Gioia Diliberto whose book, Coco at the Ritz, will generate discussion about the choices made during World War II. The famous designer was charged with treason stemming from her romance with a Nazi spy. After listening to Ms. Diliberto's presentation, you will want to read this absorbing and timely book, if you haven't already! Look for information on how to register in your inbox over the next few weeks.

At every Jewish moment, there has been a book, an author, and a community of readers to help us to understand the world in which we live. Let us continue our fine tradition here at Main Line Reform Temple.

## On Saturday evening, February 4, Sisterhood and Brotherhood are hosting a joint cabaret event called "Jewish Caroling: The Music of Carole King, Carole Bayer Sager and Carolyn Leigh."

Performed by Deborah Zecher and a piano accompanist, the program includes songs of these three iconic songwriters as well as stories about their lives. Carole King is probably the most well-known of the three with *Tapestry* having celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. Carole Bayer Sager has collaborated with so many composers and her relationship with Marvin Hamlisch was immortalized in *They're Playing our Song*. Carolyn Leigh wrote such well-known standards as "Young At Heart", "Witchcraft" and much of the music of *Peter Pan*.

Registration details will be available soon - check your inbox!

# Israel Matters

My husband and I just returned from our 10<sup>th</sup> trip to Israel. In the past, we spent most of our time in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and points north like the Galil and Haifa. This time, I wanted to head south and really explore the Negev which makes up 60% of Israel's land but has less than 15% of her population. After spending the first three nights in Jerusalem (still my favorite and most beautiful city in Israel), we began our journey south, stopping first at Bet Guvrin-Maresha National Park, known for its numerous and fascinatingly beautiful caves dug by its ancient inhabitants. After a quick stop in Beersheva for lunch, we arrived at Mitzpe Ramon, the home of the Ramon Crater (Makhtesh) Nature Reserve where we stayed for two nights.

Makhtesh is the Hebrew word for a mortar grinder. The 40x9 km crater shaped like an elongated heart was given this name because of its similarity to a grinding bowl. Unique to Israel's Negev and Egypt's Sinai deserts, a makhtesh is not created by the impact of a meteor or volcanic activity; it is a large erosion cirque created 220 million years ago when oceans covered the area. We took a guided jeep tour of the crater where we observed first hand its unique environment including plants, rock formations, landscapes, and the Ibex who leisurely roam the area. Stay tuned for my next article when we'll visit Avdat National Park, and Eilat together. *L'hiteroot (Until we meet again)* - Jackie Shulman



# MLK Weekend of Interfaith Unity

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

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

**Friday, January 13 | 7:00 pm at Beth Am Israel, Penn Valley**

*As a group, we are collecting diapers and wipes for Mitzvah Circle Foundation  
There will not be a Friday Night Service at MLRT*

**Saturday, January 14 | 9:00 am Your Choice of Torah Study or Service at Beth Am Israel**

- Torah Study with Reverend Jim Pollard, Rabbi David Ackerman, and Rabbi Geri Newburge
- Music of Freedom (musical service) with Cantor Faryn Rudnick, Hazzan Harold Messinger, and Reverend Virginia Pollard

*There will not be any Saturday morning services at MLRT*

**Sunday, January 15 | 10:30 am at Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore**

*ZBC is collecting travel toiletries for Sierra Leone; please drop them off at the church service.*

**Links for all services can be found at [mlrt.org/mlk23](http://mlrt.org/mlk23)**

## Lend your voice to our Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony!

Join the Unity Choir, made up of members from MLRT, Beth Am Israel, and Zion Baptist Church, by emailing Cantor Faryn Rudnick at [frudnick@mlrt.org](mailto:frudnick@mlrt.org). The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 2 at 7:00 pm at Beth Am Israel  
Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 pm at Zion Baptist Church  
Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm at Beth Am Israel

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Monday, January 16

*In order to make this day a spectacular success, we are collecting the following items which will support some of our projects. Can't make it to the Day of Service? You can donate items starting on January 2 to the appropriate bin in the MLRT vestibule.*

- \* Unopened trial sized toiletries
- \* Full sized toiletries (especially toothpaste!)
- \* Gently used children's clothing, pajamas, and winter coats (sizes newborn- adult medium)
- \* Gently used shoes (sizes 4 infant/toddler - adult 10)
- \* New kids underwear
- \* New kids socks
- \* New school supplies
- \* New backpacks
- \* Books for the Overbrook Elementary School from their wishlist ([tinyurl.com/yeywfkku](http://tinyurl.com/yeywfkku))

**Visit [mlrt.org/mlk23](http://mlrt.org/mlk23) to sign up for our Day of Service and for the most up-to-date information.**

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# MLK DAY OF SERVICE IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Meet us in the Hausen promptly at 10:00 to kick off the morning together. We will then divide up and get to work!

## **SALAD MAKING**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Upstairs kitchen**

Appropriate for adults and families with children age 10 +  
Participants **MUST** sign up via [mlrt.org/mlk23](http://mlrt.org/mlk23) to let us know which ingredients you are bringing.

Food insecure families need healthy food options. Join fellow congregants in preparing salads for the Ardmore Food Pantry and Narberth Community Food Bank. For questions contact, Jill Altshuler at [jillandmarc2@gmail.com](mailto:jillandmarc2@gmail.com).

## **TOILETRY SORTING & PACKAGING**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Hausen**

Open to children and adults

Sort all the wonderful trial sized toiletries collected from our congregation, make a cheerful note to go along with the goods, and then put them all together in an attractive package to benefit Laurel House and the Life Center of Delaware County. For questions, contact Kerry Heppen at [HeppenK@mlhs.org](mailto:HeppenK@mlhs.org).

## **CRADLES TO CRAYONS MOBILE WAREHOUSE CLOTHING SORT**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Hausen**

Appropriate for teens and adults

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

## **ECE TOILETRY BAG ASSEMBLY**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Orleans**

Appropriate for ECE children

Bags of FULL SIZE toiletries will be distributed by Mitzvah Circle Foundation to families in need of these personal care items. Contact Jen Rosner at [rash46@hotmail.com](mailto:rash46@hotmail.com) or Rachel Pryor at [pryor.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:pryor.rachel@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **BAKE SALE**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Hausen**

Come visit the Bake Sale run by the teens from Tribe and help support our partner organizations. If you would like to bake, please contact Ross M. Levy at [rlevy@mlrt.org](mailto:rlevy@mlrt.org).

## **KNITTED OR CROCHETED SQUARES**

**for BABY BLANKETS**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Circular**

Appropriate for anyone who knows how to knit or crochet  
Bring your homemade squares on MLK Day of Service or bring your yarn and make some at MLRT! One of our resident experts will combine the squares into blankets to be donated to Lankenau's Maternity Clinic.

## **HIAS ADVOCACY TABLE**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Circular**

Appropriate for all ages, but especially younger children with a parent

Learn the importance of access to employment authorization for asylum seekers and how this issue directly relates to the challenges facing asylum seekers who have been bussed from Texas to Philadelphia and other cities. HIAS PA staff will provide information on how to advocate this issue with your local representatives.

## **WEPAC OVERBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY SUPPORT AT MLRT**

**Starting PROMPTLY at 10:00 am | MLRT ALC 1**

Appropriate for teens and adults

Overbrook Elementary School is a K-5 school in nearby West Philadelphia whose library was recently opened by WePAC (West Philadelphia Alliance for Children) in December 2022. We need your help labeling and cataloging the donated books so we can keep their library running! Please join us with your laptop or iPad and we will work together until every book is cataloged. For questions, contact Karen Richter at [karenrichter@gmail.com](mailto:karenrichter@gmail.com).

**Due to space and instructional constraints, participants must arrive by the start of the activity to participate.**

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BACKPACK STUFFING FOR FAMILIES FORWARD HOMELESS SHELTER**

**Starting at 10:00 am | MLRT Circular**

Appropriate for Religious School aged children

We will stuff backpacks with school supplies that have been collected by the Religious School and will contribute them to the shelter where children may not have all of these basic supplies. For questions, please contact Rabbi Kleinman at [kkleinman@mlrt.org](mailto:kkleinman@mlrt.org).

## **OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES**

### **BROTHERHOOD CEMETERY CLEANUP AT GLADWYNE CEMETERY (Weather Permitting)**

**Meet at Temple Beth David at 10:00 am**

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Gladwyne Cemetery, which is adjacent to Beth David. Volunteers will meet at Beth David for an introduction and then walk over to the cemetery to rake and clean up.

**We have an additional service opportunity at MCF on January 17. Visit [mlrt.org/mlk23](http://mlrt.org/mlk23) to learn more and sign up**

# Teach Our Children: Religious School



Our Religious School community is thriving! It is incredible to watch our students learn, sing, and pray together each week. Plus, we have fun while we are it! In January and February, we will continue to have Family Shabbat services, Mishpacha and Social Change Bakery Programs, holiday celebrations, and field trips. I can't wait to see you then.

**NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** – January 1 and 15 and February 19

## **Important Religious School Dates:**

**Family Shabbat Service -**

**Friday, January 6**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Participating; all welcome!**

6:30 pm – Shabbat Service open to all

**Family Shabbat Service - Friday, February 3**

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Participating; all welcome!**

6:30 pm – Shabbat Service open to all

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mishpacha Program – Sunday, February 12**

9:00-11:00 am – Family Program

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Holocaust Museum Trip – Sunday, February 26**

8:30 am- 7:00 pm

**Purim Carnival - Sunday, March 5**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Change Bakery – Sunday, January 8**

**MLK Day of Service - Monday, January 16**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mishpacha Program – Sunday, January 22**

9:00-11:00 am – Family Program

# Teach Our Children: ECE



Main Line Reform Temple School for Early Childhood Education practitioners understands that an excellent early childhood experience offers an unrivaled opportunity to engage families with young Jewish children and deepen their Jewish connection.

During the first four months of school, educators at MLRT ECE worked on defining the school's current approach to educational excellence and Jewish

engagement. That draws its power from the unique blend of a world-renowned early childhood model that celebrates each child and values individuality and uniqueness in each student and the integration of Jewish ideas and values in daily activities.

As we moved through that process, we defined our ideology based on the belief that children deserve early childhood experiences that develop their multi-faceted potential and increase their love of learning. Mutual respect between teachers, children, and families is the hallmark to our approach. Teachers build on children's perceptual and cognitive powers to provide customized learning experiences that enable children to probe deeply into areas that interest them. The children's projects are carefully documented. The documentation uses images and words to record the student's thinking, understanding, and learning processes and is a valuable tool for reflection and dialogue.

Our family engagement approach is reflected in how families are welcomed in the morning to communication about each child to make parents partners in the educational enterprise.

Through study and discussion of the MLRT ECE values, teachers and parents develop a shared vision and deep understanding of Judaism. Of course, there is much room for interpretation, but below is a sample of the lenses we use each day:

- **Masa:** Journey (Reflection, Return, and Renewal): Families come together to begin a continual journey that implies both struggle and promise. We make time for moments of celebration, regularly gathering for Shabbat, holidays, and other important moments.
- **B'rit:** Covenant (Belonging and Commitment): The families and staff of MLRT ECE entered a "covenant" of mutual support with clearly defined but evolving obligations and roles.
- **Tzelem Elokim:** Divine Image (Dignity and Potential): The school community honors everyone's uniqueness and diversity.
- **K'dushah:** Holiness (Intentionality and Presence): Families come together to appreciate the blessing of having a community.
- **Hit'orerut:** Awakening (Amazement and Gratitude): This builds on children's joy of discovery, their sense of amazement, and wonder as a source of energy.
- **D'rash:** Interpretation (Inquiry, Dialogue, and Transmission): By studying together and through joint inquiry and dialogue, our community bonds and grows.
- **Tikkun Olam:** Repair of the World (Responsibility): This lens emphasizes the school communities' responsibility to the world around us.

We hope that through the second half of the school year, we hone into those lenses to celebrate each child's identity and promote the school's approach as the primary vector to create a space for excellence for our community.

# Sisterhood



**Carol Frank**  
Sisterhood President

Happy New Year to all my MLRT Sisters! There are many opportunities for you to participate in Sisterhood activities, so please do look at the emails we send to you from time to time. In addition to what is already on our calendar, we have "pop-up" activities such as the "Clay Hamsa Making" program that was held in November.

Here it is January, and I'm going to talk about spring cleaning! Our annual "Better Home & Garden Bargain Sale" is coming up. Without you, we would not be able to have this fabulous event which benefits our congregation and our community. As you begin your spring cleaning, please put aside usable items you no longer want or need, and we can recycle them for you! As a reminder this is what we accept: art, ceramics, decorative items, decorative baskets, kitchen utensils & cutlery, dishes, fitness

& sports equipment, small occasional pieces of furniture, glassware, holiday decorations, small kitchen appliances, lamps, UNSTAINED linens (full sheet sets, towels, bedspreads, comforters, throws, tablecloths, placemats, napkins & aprons), luggage, rugs, craft supplies (sewing, knitting...), garden planters/pots and tools (garden and home). We will NOT ACCEPT: books, electronics, large furniture, media (CD/VHS/DVD), pillows of any kind (bed & decorative), duvet covers, bed pads, bed skirts, curtains & curtain rods, drapes, shoes, toys, florist vases, and most importantly, CLOTHING OF ANY KIND. Collection begins on 3/12 and the sale will be 3/19 & 3/20. As always, we will allow caseworkers from local charities to shop for free after the sale is over (HIAS, Mitzvah Circle Foundation...). Please remember that only items in good condition are saleable, so no rips, stains, or chips. Thank you in advance for helping us with this worthy fundraiser.

Please consider supporting our annual Shalach Manot fundraiser which will be taking place in February. Not only is this a way to send a Happy Purim greeting to fellow congregants, but it's also a way to support the synagogue. Sisterhood donates most of the funds raised to the Temple by underwriting a project suggested by Amy Krulik, our Executive Director. In the works now from prior years' proceeds is the installation of outside lighting for the stained-glass window in the Sanctuary lobby. Please see page 15 for more information.

Our annual Book Review and Brunch will be February 21. We will be reading Coco at the Ritz by Gioia Diliberto. This story about Coco Chanel will be discussed by the author who will be joining us for an interactive discussion.

Something to ponder: "We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the fall or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives." Garry Zukhav

# Brotherhood

Continuing to remain true to his word, the Brotherhood Bulletin scribe details only the following facts for your edification. The New Year's Men's Night Out begins on January 12 with a foray to Sangkee Chinese Restaurant, 339 Lancaster Avenue. The format remains the same: happy hour at 5:30 pm, where Brotherhood foots the bill for you imbibing, followed by a dinner and general meeting. Brotherhood members and their guests are encouraged to attend, reacquaint, and kibitz to their heart's content. A Texas Hold'em Tournament awaits us on January 26. The evening begins with snacks at 6:30 pm, followed by staring blankly at your cards, thereby averting any hint that you are either a winner or other not. Because it's too much fun, this event is not to be missed. Speaking of events not to be missed, here's one: Sisterhood and Brotherhood are offering a program celebrating the music of Carol King, Carole Bayer Sager, and Carol Leigh. Deborah Zecher will sing the songs of these iconic performers as well as tell stories about their lives. February 4 is the date to remember for this cabaret (watch for details in the weeks to come). The 7<sup>th</sup> of February offers yet another Men's Night Out, this time at Pietro's, 236 Radnor-Chester Road, in Wayne. As always, the night begins with happy hour at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and a general meeting of the minds. (Gentle reader, you should be reminded that the time is nearing when yours truly will no longer be guiding you through the labyrinthine undertakings of the Brotherhood by way of these bulletins, since, alas, another should replace these decrepit fingers and misfiring synapses.)

Kindly,  
Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

Brotherhood has a number of activities during the year and we want you to get involved! Non-Brotherhood members and less active members are invited to attend one event because we would like to meet you. If you aren't yet a member, we encourage you to join and pay \$40 by check to MLRT. That money helps us donate to worthy charities and causes in the area. Contact Ed Bleeden at [mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:mlrtbrotherhood@gmail.com) for more information.

# Sharing Our Lives

## *Mazal Too!*

**Gloria Barsky** on the birth of her great-granddaughters, Lucy and Ruby Golboro

**Amy & Jason Cohen** on the birth of their son, Leo Morris Cohen

**Irma & Roy Foreman** on the birth of their great-grandson, Leo Morris Cohen

**Susan & Bruce Golboro** on the birth of their granddaughters, Lucy and Ruby Golboro

**Kathy & Ira Gubernick** on the marriage of their daughter, Jenn Gubernick, to Ben Attix

**Bobbie Halpern** on the marriage of her granddaughter, Jordan Pincus, to James Parisi, and on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Noa Gabrielle Fox

**Lori & Ray Levin** on the marriage of their daughter, Danielle Levin, to Jonathan Cohen

**Sunny Morgenstern** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Maya Luna

**Jennie & Sam Nemroff** on the birth of their first grandson, Hayden Nagler Nemroff

**Harriet & Joel Samitz** on the marriage of their son, Andrew Samitz, to Jessica Goldstein

**Jamie & Brett Sandler** on their By Your Side award from JAFCO/Family Matters

**Cindy & Robert Savett** on the birth of their granddaughter, Riley Judy Savett

**Debbie Cohen Weinstock** on the birth of her grandson, Leo Morris Cohen

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

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

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

### **William Bell**

Father of Cristy (Mitchell) Hollin and Marc (Suzanne) Bell  
Grandfather of Matthew, Noah, and Reid Hollin and Jonathon, Andrew and Marielle Bell  
Husband of Sylvia Bell  
Brother of Sylvia Mandel

### **Michelle Amy Bressler**

Sister of Allison (Edward) Goldis  
Aunt of Gabrielle Goldis and Sophie Goldis  
Daughter of the late Rise Sharon & Barry Evan Bressler  
Niece of Larry (Ellen) Bressler and Gary (Rimma) Bressler  
Daughter-in-love of Betty Gross Eisenberg  
Sister-in-love of Rachel (Stuart Greene) Eisenberg and Josh (Sana) Eisenberg  
Aunt-in-love of Aaron, Noah, Danny, and Benny

### **Jack Harry Carson**

Father of Staci (Michael) Silverman, Laurie (Kevin) Berzack, Michael (Michelle) Carson, and Rachel (Autumn Bayles) Carson  
Grandfather of Max Silverman, Nathan, Mitchell, Alex, Tyler, Henry, Tennyson, and Teigen  
Husband of Sharon Carson  
Brother of Franklin and the late Bill, Richard, Alvin, and Wilma

### **Susan Packel**

Wife of Leonard Packel  
Mother of David Packel and Daniel (Eve) Packel  
Grandmother of Maya Policare and Nathaniel Packel  
Sister-in-law of Sally Levin

### **Sue Perel Rosefsky**

Mother of Katherine (Steve) Leibowitz, Douglass (Lea) Rosefsky, and Matthew (Ana) Rosefsky  
Grandmother of Brooke Leibowitz, Chase Leibowitz, Ariane Rosefsky, and Aiden Rosefsky  
Sister of Jon Perel

### **Ida Weider**

Mother of Susan (Gregg) Millman, Debra (Fred) Margolis, and Bruce (Laurie) Weider  
Grandmother of Steven (Tracey) Millman, Andrea (Nim) Drechsler, Evan (Emily) Millman, Gabriel Margolis, Jeremy (Kella Kantor) Margolis, David Margolis and Drew Weider  
Great-grandmother of Joshua Millman and Levi Millman, Dahlia, Leora, Rahm, Levi, and Max  
Sister of Sam (Frances) Gelbart z"l

Please consider a contribution to Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim in memory of these lost loved ones.

**Visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) to make a donation in their names.**



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## SHALACH MANOT 2023

Shalach Manot are gifts that people send to friends and family on Purim. It's a mitzvah to send one, plus a fun way to connect with our MLRT community on this festive holiday!

Once again, Sisterhood is selling and delivering Shalach Manot packages for \$8/recipient. Special bundled pricing is available to send to MLRT clergy and staff, and additional packages for family or friends who are not members of our MLRT community will be available for \$11.

You will receive an email by **January 30** that contains your personal link for ordering. Just click on your personal link and it will log you directly into your account. If you do not receive the email by January 30, please contact Lisa Greenblatt at [greenblatt5@comcast.net](mailto:greenblatt5@comcast.net)

**All orders are due by midnight on February 21, no extensions.**

The funds raised from Sisterhood's Shalach Manot project are donated directly to MLRT for special projects or needs. Opportunities to volunteer with us for packing and contactless delivery are also available. There will be a place to indicate your desire to help on the order page or you can send an email to our Shalach Manot chairs, Lisa and Jackie, at [greenblatt5@comcast.net](mailto:greenblatt5@comcast.net) or [jackiebobrin@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebobrin@gmail.com).

**We hope you will consider participating in our Purim fundraiser!**

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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  | <b>2</b><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b> Unity Choir Rehearsal at BAI^   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class<br><b>12:00 pm</b> Bridge                                     | <b>5</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting  | <b>6</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service   | <b>7</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study<br><b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **   |
| <b>8</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Tribe Social Event at River Rink-Penns Landing<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Unity Choir Rehearsal at ZBC^ | <b>9</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b> Unity Choir Rehearsal at BAI^   | <b>10</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting  | <b>11</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class<br><b>12:00 pm</b> Bridge                                    | <b>12</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>12:00 pm</b> Short Story Discussion: <i>The Poets in the Kitchen Window</i><br><b>5:30 pm</b> Brotherhood MNO at SangKee *^ | <b>13</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> MLK Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony Service at Beth Am Israel^  | <b>14</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> MLK Torah Study or Music of Freedom Service at BAI^<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **   |
| NO SERVICES AT MLRT OVER MLK WEEKEND   |  |   |   |  |   |   |
| <b>15</b><br><b>10:30 am</b> MLK Weekend of Interfaith Harmony Service at ZBC^   | <b>16</b><br><b>MLK DAY OF SERVICE</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> MLK Day of Service Kick-off<br><b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: <i>Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery</i> ** | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class<br><b>12:00 pm</b> Bridge                                    | <b>19</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study   | <b>20</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b> ECE Simchat Shabbat featuring Kindergarten<br><b>8:00 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service             | <b>21</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Shabbat Morning Walk *^<br><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study<br><b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service<br><b>10:30 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Belle Baldys~<br><b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Gittens~<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah ** |
| <b>22</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b> Beer Club at Rabbi Newburge's home^*   | <b>23</b><br><b>12:00 pm</b> Lunch with the Rabbi *<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Multi-access Israel Committee Meeting  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class<br><b>12:00 pm</b> Bridge<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Intro to Judaism | <b>26</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Brotherhood Texas Hold'Em Tournament*   | <b>27</b> <i>L'Taken Weekend</i><br><b>INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service | <b>28</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study<br><b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service<br><b>10:30 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Zara Simon~<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **  |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br><b>7:30 pm</b> Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <u>Who by Fire</u><br><br>No Tribe Classes | <b>February 1</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class<br><b>12:00 pm</b> Bridge                            | <b>February 2</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting   | <b>February 3</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service  | <b>February 4</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study<br><b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service<br><b>10:30 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Harry Lewis~<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah **<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Jewish Caroling: Evening with Deborah Zecher*                       |

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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>January 29</b>   | <b>January 30</b>  | <b>January 31</b><br>7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <u>Who by Fire</u><br><br>No Tribe Classes | <b>1</b><br>9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class<br>12:00 pm Bridge       | <b>2</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting                     | <b>3</b><br>6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service   | <b>4</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service<br>10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Harry Lewis~<br>6:30 pm Havdalah**<br>6:30 pm Jewish Caroling: Evening with Deborah Zecher* |
| <b>5</b><br>5:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder*  | <b>6 TU B'SHEVAT</b><br>8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>Critical Thinking</i> ** | <b>7</b><br>5:30 pm Brotherhood MNO at Pietro's*^  | <b>8</b><br>9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class<br>12:00 pm Bridge       | <b>9</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study<br>12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>Shaare Emunah</i> | <b>10</b><br>6:30 pm JDAIM Shabbat with author Arielle Silverman   | <b>11</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service<br>6:30 pm Havdalah**   |
| <b>12</b><br>9:00 am Tribe Jr.<br>11:00 am Tribe Social: Expedition Escape  | <b>13</b><br>7:15 pm Sisterhood General Meeting**                            | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class<br>12:00 pm Bridge      | <b>16</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study   | <b>17 PRESIDENTS WEEKEND</b><br>6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service<br><br>ECE Closed   | <b>18</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service   |
| <b>19</b>   | <b>20 PRESIDENTS DAY</b><br><br>OFFICE CLOSED                                | <b>21</b><br>SHALACH MANOT ORDERS DUE<br>11:00 am Sisterhood Author Brunch with Gioia Diliberto    | <b>22</b><br>9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class<br>12:00 pm Bridge      | <b>23</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study   | <b>24</b><br>5:00 pm ECE 'Special Friend' Simchat Shabbat<br>8:00 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service with Sisterhood Choir<br><br>2 <sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MLRT IN THE SUNSHINE STATE | <b>25</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service<br>6:30 pm Havdalah**   |
| <b>26</b><br>6:00 am 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade KLM Trip to USHMM<br>3:00 pm Come in From the Cold with Curtis Concert<br>7:00 pm Beer Club at Tired Hands Fermentaria^* | <b>27</b><br>12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi**                                 | <b>28</b>  | <b>March 1</b><br>9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class<br>12:00 pm Bridge | <b>March 2</b><br>11:00 am Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting               | <b>March 3</b><br>5:00 pm ECE Simchat Shabbat<br>6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service  | <b>March 4</b><br>9:00 am Torah Study<br>10:00 am Shabbat Service<br>4:30 pm Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Albert~<br>6:30 pm Havdalah**   |

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*Mazal Tov to our November/December B'nai Mitzvah and their families*

**Aaron Cuba**  
Son of Randi Cuba & Stone Newman

**Carter Frank**  
Son of Laura & Bradford Frank

**Jaime Ryan Friedenber**  
Son of Danielle & David Friedenber

**Gabrielle Goldis**  
Daughter of Allison & Edward Goldis

**Maya Gugick**  
Daughter of Jessica Adler & Jeffrey Gugick

**Samantha Kopelman**  
Daughter of Amy & Michael Kopelman

*Additional names to celebrate can be found on page 12*

**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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