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HIGHLIGHTS

Let Spring Begin!

PURIM CELEBRATIONS - Friday, March 3 through Monday, March 6

MLRT ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, March 12

BETTER HOME & GARDEN BARGAIN SALE - Sunday, March 19 & Monday, March 20

Keep reading for everything else happening this month...There is so much more inside!

APRIL *april* Highlights

2ND NIGHT SEDER - Thursday, April 6

HEART & MUSIC: STORIES OF FRIENDSHIP FROM THE DFSSM CLASS OF 2013 - Sunday, April 16

YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM - Monday, April 17

BOARD INSTALLATION SHABBAT SERVICE - Friday, April 21



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March/April 2023

This issue was printed in February, so we ask for your understanding that programs and classes might change and invite you to visit mlrt.org for the most up-to-date information as we head into spring.

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Rabbi Geri Newburge

At the end of January, the Bernie Kleinman Book Club met to discuss Who By Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai by Matti Friedman. It was a fascinating glimpse into Cohen's history, both personal and professional, and a poignant account of the stories from the front line during the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

Toward the beginning of the book, when Friedman provides background on Cohen's family tree and his formative years, he quotes the artist, "We cannot face the heaven. We have lost our genius for the vertical. Jewish novelists are sociologists. Horizontalists. And the residue of energy left from that great vertical seizure we had four thousand years ago- that we turn toward ourselves."

What an incredible perspective and turn of phrase! I think Cohen points to something important, that our ancestors acted in a radical way to connect to the divine. Looking horizontally is problematic only when it's selfish. So really our lives as Jews should be vertical and horizontal- connecting to both the divine and community.

As we look to the spring, we are well positioned to do just that. In just a few short weeks on Monday, March 6, we celebrate Purim, and while God is not mentioned in the story of Purim at all, we are reminded of Esther and Mordechai's heroics to save the Jewish community from the nefarious Haman. (It's worth mentioning that our shpiel this year is "The Princess Bride!") On the heels of Purim we celebrate Pesach, our people's liberation from slavery in Egypt and God's role in that deliverance; we will bring together the vertical and horizontal at our Second Night Seder on Thursday, April 6.

But maybe most importantly, we are a bustling, busy community with so much to offer. Please take a moment and explore the many happenings at Main Line Reform Temple; we can't wait to see you here for whatever inspires you- the vertical: Shabbat, Torah and Bible study (of several varieties), Shabbat morning walk, and holiday observances, as well as the horizontal: bridge, book club, movie club, Sisterhood, Brotherhood. We look forward to being with you every step of the way!

This Year in Israel - May 14-21, 2023!

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. Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Jewish State's founding by experiencing Israel your way with a customized track that speaks to your unique passions and interests.

Please contact Rabbi Newburge at gnewburge@mlrt.org for more information.

BETTER HOME AND GARDEN BARGAIN SALE COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Sunday, March 12 and Monday, March 13: 9:15 am -3:15 pm

Tuesday March 14: 10:00 am -2:00 pm & 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Please drop off your donations at MLRT

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, place-mats, 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, mattress pads, shoes, toys, florist vases, and most importantly, CLOTHING OF ANY KIND.

Contact Sisterhood with any questions or to volunteer at mlrtsisterhoodmail@gmail.com

Music is Good for the Soul Month



While there is no shortage of labels for the month of April - Earth Month, Stress Awareness Month, Autism Acceptance Month, to name a few, I'd like to add one more: Music is Good for the Soul Month. Author Berthold Auerbach said, "Music is a universal language, and needs not be translated. With it soul speaks to soul." Music has the power to unify people, to bring community together, and the power to bridge divides between people. Music is, and will always be, good for the soul.

This spring, there will be many opportunities to uplift your soul through music. On April 16, please join us for what will not only be a fantastic afternoon of music, but also a groundbreaking afternoon of music. MLRT is honored to host Heart & Friendship: a reunion concert of the Cantorial Class of 2013 in honor of the 10-year anniversary of our ordination. This will be the first time since our ordination that all 10 of the members of the class will be together. We are an incredibly close and tight-knit group of women, a group who talk to one another almost daily, but we have not been all together since May 5, 2013. We come from all around the country, and it is a true honor for MLRT to be hosting. There is no cost for the concert, but RSVP at mlrt.org/dfssm so we can plan for the reception.

The next night, on Monday, April 17, we will once again join with our neighbors for our annual Yom HaShoah commemoration. And while marking Yom HaShoah is not a joyful moment, it is a time when the music presented helps to lift us from darkness. The combined choirs, the cantors of our region, and Andy and I will be there, using music as a vehicle for memory and healing. See page 11 for more information.

And finally, come support the MLRT choirs as they once again perform at the Kimmel Center at the Annual Sing Hallelujah Concert, this year marking Israel's 75th birthday. Details for this April 26 concert can be found on the Kimmel Center's website.

Music has great power.

Please join us for one or all of our musical moments during April - Music is Good for the Soul Month.

Mazal Tov to our January/February B'nai Mitzvah and their families

Belle Baldys
Daughter of Lauren & Matthew Baldys

Samantha Madelyn Gittens
Daughter of Allison & Paul Gittens

Harry Haeseler Lewis
Son of Elisa & Howard Lewis

Zara Brooke Simon
Daughter of Amanda & Eric Simon

Additional names to celebrate can be found on page 23

— ✦ MLRT Sisterhood Presents ✦ —

BETTER HOME AND GARDEN BARGAIN SALE

SHOP WITH US

MARCH 19
9:30 AM-3:00 PM

MARCH 20
9:30 AM-12:00 PM

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

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT MLRT FROM MONDAY, MARCH 12-THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim Proudly Presents



HEART & MUSIC:

Stories of Friendship from the DFSSM Class of 2013

Sunday, April 16 | 3:00 pm at MLRT

Register for this free concert at mlrt.org/dfssm

Watch LIVE at mlrt.org/live

**The Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR
10 Year Reunion Concert featuring Cantors:**



Lauren Furman Adesnik



Nancy Bach



Amanda Edmondson



Sarah Silverberg



Lauren Phillips Fogelman



Andrea Rae Markowicz



Aviva Marer



Faryn Rudnick



Leslie Niren



Alicia Stillman

Donations welcome! Dessert reception to follow.



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P is for...



According to The History Channel, over 80 million Americans have watched Sesame Street. I was four years old when Sesame Street debuted on PBS and I am proud to call myself one of the show's original fans. So, in honor of Grover (my favorite Muppet) and one of the best shows still on TV...

This MLRTMatters article is brought to you by the letter P and the number 70.

P is for Purim

Purim has everything you could want in a holiday...a great story, an invitation to boo and make lots of noise, delicious cookies, copious adult beverages, costumes and a super fun carnival. Now is the perfect time to get Purim ready by:

- Marking your calendar for our Annual Purim Carnival, on Sunday, March 5 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

This year's theme is GAMES! See page 9 for details.

- Getting your costume and grogger (noise maker) ready for our fabulous Purim Shpiel on March 6 at 7:00 pm. This year's theme is THE PRINCESS BRIDE!

P is for People

There is little question that at MLRT, the people make the place. From our lay leaders and clergy to our staff and teachers, over 100,000 hours are committed each year to making MLRT a family and a home of which we can all be proud. We are so grateful to outgoing Board President Jamie Mushlin and outgoing Treasurer Vic Haas for their tireless and exemplary service to MLRT and our community. At our Annual Meeting – March 12 at 10:30 am – we will celebrate the outgoing members of our Board, elect a new slate of officers and trustees, and enjoy brunch and a program focused on all we accomplished this year. All MLRT adult congregants in good standing are voting members of our congregation. We hope you will join us. See page 6 for RSVP and event details.

P is for Passover

Let my people go...right to MLRT for our warm, welcoming and delicious 2nd Night Passover Seder on April 6. Led by Rabbi Newburge and Cantor Rudnick, our community Seder is open to all MLRT members and their friends and family. Registration is required. See page 10 for complete information.

P is for Party

Put an exclamation point on our 70th anniversary celebration at our fabulous Decades Party on Saturday, May 6. Connect with your MLRT family as you take an exciting trip down memory lane. Through photos, historic memorabilia, music, food and drinks, you'll be immersed in our congregation's rich history. Go to mlrt.org/decades for info on event sponsorships, tickets, and ways that you can share your photos and MLRT memories.

There is no question that the next few months at MLRT are packed with a plethora of programs, projects and parties. I hope my Picks for Penultimate Program Participation will help ensure that you don't miss a minute of the action. Looking forward to seeing you soon...and often!



Decades
PARTY

MAY 6, 2023 — 7:00 PM

Celebrate 70 years of MLRT with a party for the ages!

MLRT.ORG/DECADES

Presidential Messages



Jamie Mushlin
MLRT President

Hello MLRT Family! Honestly, I can't believe it's been two years!!! The time has certainly flown by and I am more than ready to pass the torch to an extremely capable Lori Robbins. Over the last two years, we came out of the covid pandemic, sort of... Although the virus is still around, thanks to medical technology and advancements, we have been able to be together much more than the day I first took the reins when we were completely virtual. Hopefully, you haven't been too annoyed with stories of my kids, ducks or chickens too much! The new drama in the chicken world involves what you feed your flock!!! Ask me about it...all sorts of drama!!!

I want to thank all of you for your support, guidance, and help over these years. It's been a ton of fun and a ton of work. My relationships with many of you have grown into deep friendships and connections and for that I am eternally grateful. The good news is that I won't be completely put out to pasture as

I join the ranks of my esteemed predecessors as a "past president". I will look forward to my new role and to watch and support as a new team of officers tackles the goings on at MLRT.

MESSAGE FROM LORI ROBBINS, INCOMING PRESIDENT

For as long as I can remember, my family has been members of MLRT. Our community has supported me and my family through the many stages of life and offered connection at each turn. I became a Bat mitzvah, was confirmed, married and now raising our three children at MLRT. It was when my children were in the ECE that I was reminded of the importance of community. MLRT provided new friendships and connections for both me and my husband, Brian, at a time when, while not new to the area, we were in need of peers at the same stage of our life.

It is truly an honor to be able to support and contribute to the success and growth of our community. Over the next year, I am committed to working together with all of you to achieve our shared goal of consciously creating community. As we all are fully aware, COVID-19 impacted our ability to both maintain and grow our strong connections even with the innovation of zoom calls and similar technology. Engagement can be felt virtually, but these tools can be limiting in truly creating the feeling of togetherness that is felt with in-person experiences. One of my goals as your president is to continue to seek opportunities for members to connect with one another in meaningful ways. It is not lost on me that our community is diverse in that we have varied interests, differing schedules, and varied stages of life, so finding ways for such a deep connection can be a challenge. I believe that the best way to understand the needs of our members is to listen and learn. If we've ever had the chance to meet, you likely know that I love a good chat, so please consider dropping me an email at LoriGreerRobbins@gmail.com sharing something about yourself and one of your passions. One of my passions is drawing, while I don't always take the time to indulge in my passion, like community, it is always there for me when I need to feel good.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of Main Line Reform Temple.

Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 12 10:30 am


- a delicious bunch will be served -

*RSVP to Laurie Silverman
at lsilverman@mlrt.org*

STAY CONNECTED!


Shabbat Morning Walk

Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 am at the Cynwyd Trail and Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 am at Richie Ashburn Field
Celebrate spring Shabbat with Rabbi Geri Newburge at the Cynwyd Trail, Barmouth Trailhead in March and at Richie Ashburn Field in April.

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

 **Monday, March 20 at 8:00 pm - *The Pale Blue Eye* (Netflix)**

Veteran detective Augustus Landor investigates a series of grisly murders with the help of a young cadet who will eventually go on to become the world-famous author Edgar Allan Poe.

 **Monday, April 3 at 8:00 pm - *If Beale Street Could Talk* (Netflix)**

In early 1970s Harlem, daughter and wife-to-be Tish vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Alonzo Hunt, who goes by the nickname Fonny. Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together, but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit.

 **Beer Club - Sunday, March 26 at 7:00 pm**

We're returning to Lower Merion Beverage, 50 Greenfield Avenue, Ardmore. The owner will provide a selection of samples and talk about what's current in the Beer community. Attendees can purchase individual beers directly. Beer Club is open to all MLRT members who enjoy trying and sharing beer.

 **Lunch with the Rabbi - Mondays, March 27, April 24, and May 22 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.

 **Bernie Kleinman Book Club - Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in person and on Zoom**

The book being discussed is *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio. One of the first undocumented immigrants to graduate from Harvard reveals the hidden lives of her fellow undocumented Americans in this deeply personal and groundbreaking portrait of a nation.

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



HOW LAWYERS TALK ABOUT HATE AND DISCRIMINATION: ETHICAL DUTIES VS. FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH - CLE PROGRAM

Presented by MLRT and Gratz College

Sunday, March 26, 2023, 9:30 - 11:30 am at MLRT with Judge Greg Buzzard

Greg Buzzard is an administrative appellate Judge for the Benefits Review Board, a five-member judicial body charged with adjudicating appeals nationwide in litigation involving black lung disease in coal miners, occupational injuries and illnesses in the shipping and maritime industries, and war injuries sustained by military contractors. Appointed to this position by the Secretary of Labor in 2014, he issues decisions in approximately two hundred cases per year involving constitutional challenges, statutory and regulatory interpretation, evidentiary rulings, and factual disputes. Judge Buzzard also serves as an Adjunct Professor of legal ethics at Georgetown University Law Center, where he helps the next generation of lawyers explore the ethical, moral, and social issues lawyers face in the practice of law.

Prior to these roles, Judge Buzzard was General Counsel to U.S. Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, serving as the Senator's chief counsel on a broad range of legal and legislative matters, including government ethics, constitutional interpretation, federal and state justice systems, campaign finance, labor and employment law, immigration, and civil rights. In 2019, he was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation for outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and the welfare of his community. He holds a J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law and an LL.M. in International Business and Economic Law from Georgetown. Judge Buzzard resides in Wynnewood with his wife, Rachel, and children, Luke and Emma. They are members of Main Line Reform Temple and his children are students at the MLRT School for Early Childhood Education.

MLRT members seeking CLE credit will pay a special subsidized cost. Non-member attorneys seeking CLE credit will pay \$72 and must register with Gratz College. Those interested in attending for educational purposes still need to register with MLRT, but there is no fee. Please visit mlrt.org/cle for more information and registration links.

Lifelong Learning



Sally Brown,
Librarian

As spring approaches, I hope all of our readers have stayed safe and healthy. In the coming weeks, our short story group will continue with its stimulating discussions.

On March 9, we will discuss "The Cost of Something Priceless" by Elizabeth Zelvin from an anthology, Jewish Noir II: Tales of Crime & Other Dark Deeds. The author is an award-winning poet, a psychotherapist, and a singer-songwriter. Join us as we explore "The Cost."

April brings us a tale from one of our master story-tellers, Bernard Malamud's "The Magic Barrel". This story tells us of a rabbinical student who uses a marriage broker to find a wife. We hope to see you in person or via Zoom for this April 13 discussion.



In the coming months, we will host two authors. MLRT 's Brotherhood will welcome Josh Weiss, a Philadelphia author who wrote Beat the Devils. This book explores time travel in an inventive crime thriller.

Mr. Weiss is fascinated by the intersection of popular culture and Judaism. Brotherhood will participate in this annual service on Friday, March 24 at 8:00 pm.

April brings our annual community-wide Yom HaShoah service. As part of this inspiring event on April 17, Isabel Vincent will discuss her book, Overture of Hope: Two Sisters' Daring Plan That Saved Opera's Jewish Stars from the Third Reich.

Ms. Vincent won the Yad Vashem award for Holocaust History and a National Jewish Book Award for her books in addition to the honors she's accumulated as an investigative reporter. Additional details about this service are on page 11.

Please take note of three books of current interest that I have added to the library:

- Who By Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai, by Matti Friedman, a journalist who gives a riveting account of Leonard Cohen's 1973 tour of Israel during the Yom Kippur War. This book is the current choice of One Book One Jewish Community at Gratz College and is referenced in Rabbi Newburge's article in this very bulletin!
- John Boyne's book, All the Broken Places, about an older German woman who confronts the sins of her past. This a very well nuanced novel I hope you will take the time to read.
- Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood a poignant, deeply researched account of the Pittsburgh Jewish neighborhood in the aftermath of tragedy, by Mark Oppenheimer.

Let's continue our tradition of reading and learning here at Main Line Reform Temple through the spring!

Israel Matters

As promised in last month's Israel Matters, I'm going to finish my southern tour of Israel. We left off in Mitzpe Ramon where we spent two nights by the Ramon Crater Nature Preserve (Makhtesh). From there we headed south to Avdat National Park. Avdat was part of the old Incense Spice Route that extended from the Arabian Peninsula to the Port of Gaza for approximately 600 years (from the Greeks to the late Roman period). Because the incense trade was so profitable, many small towns developed along the way to service the traders and camel caravans. Avdat, settled by the Nabateans, was abandoned when a huge earthquake struck the area. Its ruins were only uncovered in 1958 under the auspices of Hebrew University. In 2005, it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is well worth a stop to see the Roman Tower, the Citadel, churches, Roman bathhouses and much more.

From Avdat, it is only a two hour drive south to Eilat, a fun, diverse city located on the Red Sea and surrounded by the legendary Red Mountains. With its warm temperatures, it is easy to understand why it is a top tourist attraction. You can swim with the dolphins, snorkel and scuba by a healthy coral reef, explore the Underwater Observatory Park, spend a day at the beach or take a boat ride. It was amazing to be able to view a bit of Egypt, Jordan and the Arabian peninsula all from our little boat.

Since the Jordanian border is only fifteen minutes from Eilat, many tourists take a side trip to Petra, a 5th century UNESCO World Heritage Site with intricate tombs, temples, and a large Treasury carved into the pink rock of the Jordanian mountains. It also is where the Nabatean spice trade began. At our southern journey's end, we had an easy 45 minute flight from Eilat to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. I hope I have tempted you to give the desert a try.

L'hitroa (Until we meet again) - Jackie Shulman

Purim


PURIM PIZZA PARTY - FRIDAY, MARCH 3 AT 6:00 PM

We will be kicking off the Purim holiday with a fun Purim Shpiel at Family Shabbat Services. Come early for pizza, salad, and of course, hamentaschen! RSVP to Zoe Levy at zlevy@mlrt.org

PURIM SHPIEL "THE PRINCESS BRIDE" - MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 7:00 PM

Need we say more?? This is the shpiel for one and all- there's action, adventure, and romance! You know the characters, now see them come alive like never before as we tell the remarkable story of Queen Esther, her uncle Mordechai, King Ahasuerus, and the wicked Haman (to name a few). Sing songs with the choir and your night will be complete!

You may have participated in the Sisterhood's Annual Shalach Manot Fundraiser, sending Purim bags to members of your MLRT family, but it's not too late to fulfill this mitzvah for others in your life. Consider creating your own to give to a neighbor, a co-worker, a teacher, or someone special in your life. This simple act will bring joy to the people in your life.



The poster is a colorful grid with various board game logos: PRIZES, CANDY LAND, Hungry Hungry Hippos, I SPY, Jenga, BATTLESHIP, CONNECT 4, OPERATION, LIFE, and SORRY!. In the center, it reads: Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, PURIM CARNIVAL, Sunday, March 5, Register by Wednesday, March 1. A list of activities includes Bouncy Houses, Games Galore, Delicious Food, Amazing Prizes, Sensory Free Space, and more. Two cards show 'Religious School Families' and 'ECE Families' with their respective times. A QR code is in the bottom right, and a note asks for board game donations.

PRIZES
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- Bouncy Houses
- Games Galore
- Delicious Food
- Amazing Prizes
- Sensory Free Space
- and more !

Religious School Families
11a - 12p
12p - 1p

ECE Families
9a - 10a
10a - 11a

Please bring your family's favorite new board game by March 5th for donation to support Families Forward Philadelphia.

Ultimate Tic-Tac-Toe



FREEDOM SONG IMMERSIVE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm at MLRT

By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, *Freedom Song* poses one stark question: "WHAT ARE YOU A SLAVE TO?" The cast of *Freedom Song* is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and an intense post show discussion with our cast, *Freedom Song* will open your eyes to the real life struggle against the "bondage of self" that we all fight every day.

RSVP to Zoe Levy at zlevy@mlrt.org.

PESACH

What is Pesach (Passover)?

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

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

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

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

As the sun sets on Wednesday, April 5, Jews throughout the world will begin the celebration of Pesach. They will gather at the Seder table and retell the story of Passover, the Jewish struggle for freedom from oppression.

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

2ND NIGHT PESACH SEDER - Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 pm

Second Night Seder is back! Rabbi Newburge and Cantor Rudnick are delighted to bring back this wonderful community event and lead a participatory seder that will keep people of all ages engaged and celebrating our freedom from slavery. The dinner will be catered and we ask that each family bring a Pesach dessert to share with others.

Check mlrt.org for cost and additional Seder details.

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

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

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

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

Haggadah – The book containing the order of the Seder.

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

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

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

PESACH SERVICES

Pesach Morning Service
Thursday, April 6 | 10:00 am

2nd Night Seder
Thursday, April 6 | 5:30 pm

7th Day of Pesach Service & Yizkor
Wednesday, April 12 | 10:00 am

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

Once again, the Jewish community will come together to gather Chametz for the Hungry before Passover. Chametz will be collected from March 20- 31 at MLRT and then distributed to local shelters and food pantries helping the hungry and the homeless.

Only fresh, unopened, unexpired items will be accepted.

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

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

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

Yom HaShoah

Members of the Kehillah of Lower Merion will join together at MLRT for our annual communal observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on Monday, April 17, at 7:00 pm.

Our commemoration will feature the lighting of the six-branched candelabrum by Holocaust survivors and the family members of survivors, in memory of the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust.

The service will include liturgy and music led by the clergy and combined choirs from the Kehillah of Lower Merion, as well as a thoughtful and moving presentation by author Isabel Vincent.

Please join us in person at MLRT or via Livestream at mlrt.org/livestream.



Isabel Vincent is an investigative reporter who has broken stories on Chinese police operations in New York City and Black Lives Matter’s financial dealings. A graduate of the University of Toronto, she is also the author of seven non-fiction books and began her career at Canada’s Globe and Mail. Among her first assignments was covering the last days of drug kingpin Pablo Escobar in Medellin when she was Latin America Bureau Chief. Serving as a foreign correspondent, she covered conflicts in Kosovo for the Globe and Mail, and the war in Angola for the Nationa Post and the Globe and Mail. Since 2008 she has been an investigative reporter for New York Post, covering New York City and corruption.

In 2021, Vincent published Two Against Hitler: The True Story of Two Courageous Sisters, a Rescue Mission in the Third Reich, and Opera, about the Cook sisters, Ida and Louise, the latter better known as romance writer Mary Burchell, who helped Jews escape Nazi-era Germany, with the possible covert assistance of the British government.

We Remember! This is a sacred and sanctified observance. It is our one opportunity to bear witness to history, and to give testimony that we will never forget that Holocaust, and those that may threaten yet again.

Please be with us in solidarity and in community. The entire community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is invited to join us and school-aged children are encouraged to attend.

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

Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut

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

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

MLRT will celebrate both days together with the larger Jewish community! See details below and at mlrt.org

Sing Hallelujah returns for the fourth time to the Kimmel Cultural Campus. This year's program will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel and feature singer, songwriter, and humanitarian Noa. Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with the MLRT choirs at the Kimmel Center on **Wednesday, April 26** at 8:00 pm.
Buy your tickets via the Kimmel Center website at kimmelculturalcampus.org

Celebrate the culture, people, and food of Israel with an afternoon of fun for all ages on **Sunday, May 7**. Experience a tasting area and cooking demonstrations by five-time James Beard Foundation Award-Winning Chef Michael Solomonov along with top local chefs at The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's A Taste of Israel Festival. There will also be performances by the renowned male a cappella group Six13. Enjoy crafts, games, educational programs, and more!
Register to join the community celebration at israel75.jewishphilly.org/events/a-taste-of-israel-festival

Tikkun Olam Network

Our annual MLK Day of Service was once again a great success thanks to you!

We had about 185 participants come to the Temple that day and they worked on the following projects:

- Made over 175 salads for clients at two local food banks
- Inspected, sorted, and packed a full van of children's clothing for Cradles 2 Crayons
- Constructed over 150 trial-sized toiletry bags for Laurel House and the Life Center of DelCo
- Constructed over 100 full-sized toiletry bags for Mitzvah Circle families
- Raised over \$300 for an organization (TBD) through our Tribe-run bake sale
- Collected, cataloged, and labeled 100 books for WePAC (West Philadelphia Alliance for Children)
- Participated in a Zoom presentation and discussion with MAZON about hunger in the US

Offsite, more volunteers were also hard at work:

- Brotherhood helped clean up and maintain the Gladwyne cemetery
- Junior Jammers sang for residents of Saunders House



Want to keep helping past the Day of Service? Do you know how to knit or crochet? Please help us continue to make blankets for homeless veterans by knitting or crocheting 6x6 squares using 4-ply acrylic yarn. Make as many as you can and please drop them off at MLRT with a note that says: For Nedra Fisher. If you have any questions, please email Nedra at bruned@aol.com.

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman
Director of Education

Our tradition teaches us, "We shall enter the month of Adar joyfully." Adar is here, and we cannot wait to celebrate Purim together! This year's Purim Carnival features new games and prizes and will be fun for the whole family. Check your email for a link to register today.

Shortly after Purim, we begin preparing for Passover. All of our students will learn to sing the Four Questions, known as Mah Nishtanah in Hebrew and they will earn their Miriam Mitzvah Marvel card. Speaking of our Mitzvah Marvel cards, we will be teaching about these Jewish heroes in March and April. When students collect all eight, they will earn their face on their very own card that we will hand out on the last day of Religious School.

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: April 2, 4, 5, 6, and 9

Purim Pizza Party - RSVP to Zoe Levy at zlevy@mlrt.org Friday, March 3 at 5:45 pm followed by our monthly Family Shabbat Service at 6:30 pm
3rd Grade Participating; all are welcome!

Purim Carnival - Sunday, March 5
9:00 - 11:00 am – ECE Families
11:00 am - 1:00 pm – Religious School Families
REGISTER AT MLRT.ORG/PURIM

K & 1st Grade Social Change Bakery – Sunday, March 19

3rd Grade Trip to Penn Archaeology Museum – Sunday, March 23

Kindergarten Mishpacha Program – Sunday, April 16
9:00-11:00 am – Family Program

5th Grade Social Change Bakery – Sunday, April 30

Teach Our Children: ECE



Mihaela Schwartz,
ECE Director

Celebrating Passover with a Seder is a time-honored tradition. At MLRT ECE, we just hosted a custom that is currently enjoying a revival among Jewish communities - the creation and celebration of a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

This ritual was developed in the 16th century by the Kabbalists (Jewish Mystics) in Safed in Northern Israel. Unlike the Passover Haggadah, the liturgy for Tu B'Shevat is less developed

and codified; there is significant space to get creative for this festive celebration.

As with the Passover Seder, the Tu B'Shevat Seder is highlighted by drinking four cups of wine, with a difference: each cup represents a different season. The first cup is traditionally white wine representing winter, the second white with a few drops of red for spring, the third a mix of red and white for summer, and the fourth primarily red for fall.

This year, our focus was less on the different colors of the grape juice that would mark each season and more on highlighting the importance of and the meaning of eating four groups of fruits at various points during the Seder. The older children spent days talking about the Seven Species – *Shivat HaMinim*- two grains and five fruits – which are listed in the Torah as unique products of the land of Israel. While the wheat crackers and the grapes were not a novelty for almost all children, tasting the figs, dates, and pomegranates was a new experience for many of our young friends.

We introduced each type of fruit as it related to a different realm or rung of existence – physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. You may think that this was too intense and even less realistic to do with our audience, however, the high level of participation among our young friends transformed our Seder from ordinary to extraordinary and memorable.

As we now approach the Passover Seder, we hang on to some meaningful ways to replicate some of the memorable Tu B'Shevat Seder moments in this upcoming school-wide Seder celebration. Sure, the purpose of a seder might be "to celebrate Passover." Still, we wondered if you could go a bit deeper and find something even more specific that will impact the growth of our young audience in their spiritual and educational journey. For example, maybe the Passover Seder will re-enact an important Jewish story by connecting it to themes of struggle that remain relevant today or express our love for friends and family by preparing distinctive foods that contain powerful symbolism.

The avenue we will take to shape our school-wide upcoming Passover Seder will be another meaningful gathering in which we want to remain truthful to our children and families. We will participate in another authentic Seder experience that will honor the joint health and well-being of all our community members.

In whichever format your family and yourself choose to participate through or plan for the Passover Seder, remember that the key to that whole experience is to express thanks and gratitude and create opportunities to reflect and make meaning of the Seder.

Sisterhood



Carol Frank
Sisterhood President

By the time this is published, spring will be just around the corner. In January, many of us participated in MLK Day activities. Wouldn't it be awesome if we all committed to continue random days of service throughout the year? I'd like to call this "Beyond MLK Day." Sisterhood continues to support many local charities through cash gifts and acts of service. Below, I've highlighted a couple of charities that we've supported for many years.

The Mitzvah Circle Foundation was started by Fran Held, the current executive director. This foundation grew from her vision to help families in crisis by reaching out to the community to collect badly needed items these families were unable to obtain. In less than 10 years, the foundation has grown into a formidable resource to help families that otherwise would have fallen through the cracks. Per their website, their latest annual impact indicates that they served over 32,000 families! I'd like you to consider volunteering to help at the Foundation by sorting donated items, pulling "orders" for clients, delivering needed items to the families, etc. You'll be astounded to witness the behind-the-scenes process that goes on. I urge you to visit their website at mitzvahcircle.org and see for yourself how you can help.

Local food banks are always in need of donations. Sisterhood has been involved with two local food banks located in Narberth and Ardmore, stmarysardmore.org/ardmore-food-pantry and narberthcommunityfoodbank.org, respectively. Perhaps you can commit to adding a few items to your shopping cart each time you go to the grocery store. Both websites list food items always needed.

There are many, many places where your service would be appreciated! As Jews, we are familiar with the term "Tikkun Olam," a Jewish concept defined by acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world. If you enjoy being part of a group, consider MLRT's "Tikkun Olam Network."

As a reminder, our annual Housewares sale will be held on March 19 and 20. Thank you in advance for your donations! See page 3 for more details.

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Brotherhood

Curiously, time spans matter. To Ernest Hemingway (b. 1899, d.1961), there was a hiatus of 11 years between two of his most successful novels, A Farewell to Arms (1929) and For Whom the Bell Tolls (1940). For me, personally, 11 years means I've written over 100 Brotherhood monthly Bulletin articles, certainly, none as meaningful as Hemingway's contributions, but as earnest, terse, and spare. I was meaning to vacate this vaunted chair, but a modern press gang cajoled me into yet another year of reportage; so, let's press forward.

Since we last met, members met at Anthony's Pizza and Sangkee for monthly Men's Night Out events where Brotherhood treats all for their first thirst quenchers as well as appetizers. For the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a squad of Brotherhood men and their friends answered the call for the Gladwyne Cemetery cleanup. If you have never had the opportunity to visit this holy site, please do, because the change from a weed-infested to cared-for and preserved site is quite remarkable. (Check with Beth David Reform Temple for information.) A Texas Hold'em Tournament was held at the end of January. This is where folks get together, eat, drink, and then either grimace or grin over the cards that get dealt. But it's all swell fun and games. Unhappily, a planned joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood event featuring Carole King songs was cancelled for lack of attendance. Hopefully, this event might be revived at some later date.

Going forward, the month of March is replete with the Purim Carnival (where Brotherhood provides the funds for all the foodstuffs that, when sold, are donated to the Religious School); another Men's Night Out, which always begins at 5:30 pm (be on the lookout for the designated place); and, most important, the annual Brotherhood Shabbat Service to be held this year on March 24. This annual service is joyfully led by our members precisely at the time of year when winter's chill is replaced by the hint of spring; not like T. S. Eliot's "April is the cruelest month," but like Chaucer's call to springtime's verdancy and hope for renewal. Such will be our lot when we celebrate our redemption on Passover.

Kindly,
Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

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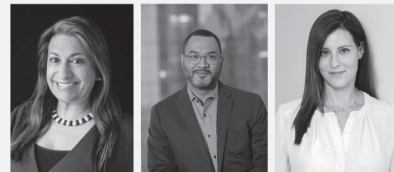
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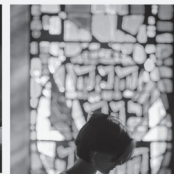
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 6:00 am 7 th Grade KLM Trip to USHMM 3:00 pm Come in From the Cold with Curtis Concert 7:00 pm Beer Club at Tired Hands Fermentaria ^{^*}	27 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi ^{**}	28	March 1 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	March 2 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	March 3 5:30 pm ECE Simchat Shabbat 6:00 pm Purim Pizza Party 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	March 4 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 4:30 pm Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Albert~ 6:30 pm Havdalah ^{**}
5 9:00 am Purim Carnival starts	6 EREV PURIM 7:00 pm Purim Shpiel	7 PURIM	8 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	9 9:30 am Sisterhood Cook for a Friend 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>The Cost of Something Priceless</i> 7:00 pm Brotherhood Texas Hold'Em	10 ECE CLOSED 5:00 pm 3 rd Grade Zoom Shabbat Blessings 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	11 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk ^{*^} 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Roni Goodman~ 6:30 pm Havdalah ^{**}
12 10:30 am MLRT Annual Congregational Meeting	13	14 9:30 am Sisterhood General Meeting	15 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	16 11:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Brotherhood MNO Happy Hour at Xolo Tacos ^{*^} 6:30 pm Brotherhood MNO Dinner & Meeting at Xolo Tacos ^{*^}	17 5:30 pm ECE Simchat Shabbat 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	18 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah ^{**}
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19 9:30 am Sisterhood Better Home and Garden Bargain Sale	20 9:30 am Sisterhood Better Home and Garden Bargain Sale 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: <i>The Pale Blue Eye</i> ^{**}	21 7:00 pm Freedom Song Immersive Workshop	22 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	23 11:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Brotherhood Texas Hold'Em Tournament* 7:00 pm ECE Bougie Bingo Night	24 8:00 pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service with author Josh Weiss	25 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Alexander Davis~ 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Jake Rappaport~ 6:30 pm Havdalah ^{**}
26 9:00 am RS 3 rd Grade Trip to Penn. Archeology Museum 9:30 am CLE Program with Judge Buzzard 7:00 pm Beer Club ^{^*}	27 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi ^{**}	28	29 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	30 11:00 am Bible Study	31 International Transgender Day of Visibility 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	April 1 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Rachel Levit and Jacob Bohnenkamp~ 6:30 pm Havdalah ^{**}

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 26 9:00 am RS 3 rd Grade Trip to Penn. Archeology Museum 9:30 am CLE Program with Judge Buzzard	March 27 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi**	March 28	March 29 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	March 30 11:00 am Bible Study	March 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	1 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Rachel Levit and Jacob Bohnenkamp~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
2 No Religious School	3 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: If Beale Street Could Talk	4 No TRIBE Classes	5 EREV PESACH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 PM 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	6 PESACH Day 1 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am Passover Service 5:30 pm Second Night Seder at MLRT*	7 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	8 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah**
9 No Religious School	10	11 7:15 pm Sisterhood General Meeting No Tribe Classes	12 7 th Day of PESACH OFFICE CLOSED No Religious School 10:00 am Pesach Service & Yizkor	13 9:30 am Sisterhood Cook for a Friend 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: <i>The Magic Barrel</i> 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	14 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	15 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Zev Rymer~ 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Dana Felicity Slipakoff~
16 3:00 pm Heart & Music: Stories of Friendship From the DFSSM Class of '13~	17 7:00 pm Yom HaShoah Program with Isabel Vincent	18 5:30 pm Brotherhood MNO Happy Hour 6:30 pm Brotherhood MNO Dinner & Meeting	19 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	20 11:00 am Bible Study	21 6:00 pm Board Installation Dinner 8:00 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service and Board Installation	22 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah**
23	24 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi**	25 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: <i>The Undocumented Americans</i>	26 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge 8:00 pm Sing Hallelujah at the Kimmel Center	27 11:00 am Bible Study	28 5:00 pm ECE Simchat Shabbat 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	29 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Celia Faye Ginesin~ 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Miller~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
30	May 1	May 2	May 3 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	May 4 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	May 5 6:30 pm Seniors Family Shabbat Service	May 6 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Decades Party

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Sally and Michael Bleshman on the birth of their granddaughter, Faly Alivia Bleshman

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Alison Cohen Lingel and Justin Lingel on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Aria Lingel

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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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