



DECADES PARTY

BROTHERHOOD GOLF
TOURNAMENT
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
CONFIRMATION

Tuesday, May 19
Tuesday, May 23
SHAVUOT

Thursday, May 25-Friday, May 26

MAY HIGHLIGHTS! MAY HIGHLIGHTS!



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May/June 2023

This issue was printed in the beginning of April, 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.

Beauty Enriches the Soul

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Rabbi Geri Newburge

Can you picture the prayer book from your childhood? I imagine for most, if not all, of us it was in black and white, one font type, maybe two. It was straightforward and probably not all that aesthetically pleasing. Over the years, the publishers of many *siddurim* (prayerbooks) printed books that are more visually engaging.

There is a rich history of beautifying our sacred texts. During the Middle Ages, the art of the book became the focus of artistic creativity for Jewish communities in the Near East and Europe. Adorning and decorating their Bibles, *siddurim*, and legal codes became one of the most meaningful ways in which to express their faith. Rabbi Isaac of Majorca (1361-1444) believed

that a book written in elegant script and decorated with beautiful illuminations enriched the soul of the reader. Rabbi Meir ben Baruch of Rothenburg, the greatest *halachik* authority for Ashkanazic Jews at the end of the 13th century, disapproved of illustrating prayerbooks - not because the art itself was prohibited, but because of the distraction the illustrations might cause the reader while his or her heart and mind should be on prayer.

Illuminated manuscripts are truly a gorgeous sight to behold, and I can sympathize with Rabbi Isaac's approach that such beauty would "enrich the soul." One modern artist, Michal Meron, carried on this tradition in an innovative and meaningful way.

Meron created an Illustrated Torah, with unique pictorial interpretation of the 54 weekly Torah portions, plus a special painting illustrating the Ten Commandments. The paintings are presented on a single canvas scroll with rollers, like a real Torah, and is read sequentially as a regular Torah would. You will see the vibrant colors, design, and gilt that is utilized for every Torah portion.

We are the very proud owners of this Illustrated Torah, with gratitude to the Lewis family for their thoughtful generosity. They were inspired to bring this art work to Main Line Reform Temple in anticipation and celebration of their son's, Harry's, Bar Mitzvah.

Please keep your eye out for opportunities to see and read from the Meron Illustrated Torah- it will bring the stories of the Torah to life in an incredible new way.



Mazal Too and Kol HaKavod, Cantor Faryn Rudnick!

Cantor Rudnick was selected to receive the President's Award for Volunteerism from the American Conference of Cantors because of her tireless efforts for Tikkun Olam.

Cantor Rudnick, an advocate for those with other abilities, ensures the ACC participates in annual Disability Awareness programs across the Reform Movement and the greater Jewish community, as well as represents the ACC at the Jewish Disability conferences, co-chairs the Committee for Continuing Professional Development, and serves on the Executive Board! In addition to her ongoing work with the ACC, Cantor Rudnick also launched a 'Care for the Caregiver' group at MLRT this year.

We are so grateful and appreciative of all you do for MLRT, the Jewish community, and the community at large.

Relationships Require Work



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Last year, after reading through some materials I shared ahead of Torah study, Rabbi Hirsh commented that I must be a lover of the Book of Leviticus. I hadn't thought about it, because in truth, I am a lover of Torah, period, but after his comment, I started to think about why I like Leviticus so much. Truthfully, Leviticus is hard. It is not without its controversy, and on the surface, there is a lot about this particular book of the Torah that makes me angry. But as I have begun to dig deeper and deeper, I have come to understand that at its core, Leviticus is about relationships – relationships with the land, our family, our employees, the world around us, ourselves, and God. When we strive for better relationships, we create holier relationships.

So much of Judaism focuses on relationships. It isn't just the Book of Leviticus, but Shir HaShirim and other texts, Kabbalah, mussar, and so much more. But so often, we are so busy going, going,

going that we don't take the time we need to be present in our relationships, with others or with ourselves. Pirkei Avot teaches us to "not separate ourselves from the community." As humans, we crave relationships. Just as it "was not good for human to be alone," and Adam needed a "helpmate," so too do we need to be in strong, healthy relationships – whether with ourselves (remember to be kind to yourself!), our families, God, and/or our community.

As we move into the summer months, which hopefully will give us some reprieve from the constant business of our lives, I hope we can find some time to work on our relationships. While the days are longer, and the work slows down, make more phone calls, plant a garden, walk out in nature, read a book together with your children, make dinner plans, have family game night, go to Torah study, or find some other way to focus on your relationships. Though I don't ignore those challenging parts of Leviticus, I still really enjoy this book, seeing the deeper meaning within the book, the meaning that reminds us of the profound and Divine nature of positive relationships.

Shavuot

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and encourages us to embrace the Torah's teachings and be inspired by the wisdom that Jewish tradition has to offer. Shavuot is Hebrew for "weeks," and the holiday occurs seven weeks after Pesach. Unlike Pesach, with Seder, or Sukkot, with the building of the Sukkah or waving of the lulav and etrog, there are few rituals, either synagogue-based or home-centered associated with Shavuot. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it is a celebration of Torah, education, and the choice to participate actively in Jewish life.



Thursday, May 25 | 7:00 pm

Anyone with care and courage can change history. First to Stand follows Irwin Cotler and his team of young activists at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre as they take on the cases and cause of political prisoners and human rights activists battling against the world's most repressive regimes.

Cotler began fighting for freedom and justice in law school with the landmark case of Russian refusnik Natan Sharansky, for whom he devised his "mobilization of shame" against the human rights violator — essentially, a PR blitz against a superpower to convince them holding a political prisoner is bad for their image. The strategy led to Gorbachev releasing Sharansky in 1986.

It is a film of high stakes, emotion and drama, which takes us from the streets to the strategy sessions and corridors of power, as Cotler meets with the heads of state arguing passionately for his client's release. With unprecedented access, we will follow their families and supporters.

This movie speaks to the challenges Jewish people have faced for millennia. We see once again the importance of fighting for individual and a people's freedom, and the joy of tasting that freedom for the first time as our ancestors did once they fled Egypt and stood at Sinai to receive the Torah. Join us to watch and discuss!

SHAVUOT AND YIZKOR SERVICE

Friday, May 26 | 10:00 am in person at MLRT or via Livestream Join our Multi-Access Shavuot Service with Yizkor (Memorial Prayers) for those we have lost in the past year.

Check Membership Off Your To-Do List!



Amy Krulik, Executive Director

Our brains are wired to love lists. Why? Because lists are excellent for tapping into our preferred way of receiving and organizing information. Plus, lists promise information that is finite – the amount has been quantified upfront.

With membership season for 2023-24 officially starting on May 1, I am delighted to share my list of...

FOUR EXCELLENT BENEFITS OF RENEWING YOUR MLRT MEMBERSHIP FOR 5784

- 1. Sense of Community: Many of us don't know the people who live down the street or even the neighbors who live next door. Belonging to MLRT provides countless opportunities to build a powerful and meaningful social community.
- 2. Opportunities to Make a Difference: One big benefit of MLRT membership is our unwavering commitment to help others and make a difference in our community. From food collections to standing up against anti-Semitism in our area schools, MLRT members are ready to take action whenever and wherever we are needed.
- 3. Celebrating the Jewish Year: Making a commitment to join MLRT is a powerful way to connect with the rhythms of the Jewish year. Shabbat services and holiday celebrations are one part of our calendar that is bursting with activities. Receiving this bulletin, reading the weekly enews, or being part of an MLRT-sponsored group can help strengthen your Jewish connection and sense of being part of the wider Jewish community.
- 4. Invest in Our Jewish Future: For 70 years, MLRT has been the spiritual, educational and social home for thousands of families and individuals. Annual membership commitments make this possible. The future of MLRT and our congregation's role in building, shaping and supporting the future of our entire Jewish community is truly in your hands.

Invest in our future by renewing your membership today!

P.S. Here's a bonus list of:

TOP FOUR THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- 1. Donation History: Whether you renew online or by mail, your renewal information will be personalized with details about your membership commitment level from last year.
- 2. Early Registration Benefit: All Religious School families who renew their membership between May 1-31 will pay this year's tuition rates next year.
- 3. Special ECE Tuition Rate: All 2022-23 graduates from our ECE's pre-K and kindergarten classes will enjoy a 50% discount on Religious School tuition in 2023-24.
- 4. More Detailed Information: Look for details about exciting programs, services and resources that are available only to MLRT members. You'll also learn about the financial resource required to maintain our operations and the important role your membership plays in making everything possible.

Israel Matters

The amazing news that Israel ranked fourth on the list of happiest countries (exceeded only by Finland, Norway, and Iceland) would be enough to make Judaphiles proud, but the activities of Magen David Adom (MDA), the Israeli Red Cross, is additional reason for admiration and pride. In Israel and in almost every nation where a catastrophe has occurred, one finds the committed workers of MDA on the ground administering life-saving aid. The organization also serves as an example of how Israelis and Palestinians can live and work together.

Now 38, Fadi Dekaidek began volunteering for MFA when he was 17. He now supervises about 300 workers and volunteers from Arab communities in and near Jerusalem, encouraged by the support of family, friends, and neighbors. Most recently, he was one of the first emergency medical responders to a deadly terror attack, and he was not the only Arab Israeli on the scene, a cooperative effort he views as "an example for the whole world."

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

MLRT: Where Special Moments are Made



Lori Robbins MIRT President

Memories are gems stored in our minds forever. If we are fortunate enough, we have photographs and videos to both remind us of those moments and to help share them with others. In preparing for my daughter's Bat Mitzvah, I am recalling my own Bat Mitzvah and how special it was for my family and me. Naturally, I found myself searching for my Bat Mitzvah photos to share with my own children and share some of the stories of that day. They had many questions, some about my very poofy shoulders, my questionable style, and a few about the notable changes to Main Line Reform Temple from 1993 to today. Forutnately, they were also kind in saying that I look exactly the same (they are so sweet). I have photos of myself growing up at Main Line Reform Temple, starting from my Consecration in Religious School to my wedding. Over these 30+ years, I have witnessed the evolution of both the physical building as well as clergy and senior staff. Many lasting impressions on my life have taken place in this

special home. I am glad I stuck around for my Confirmation for many reasons, ranking high was socialization with my peers, but most importantly finding out the number of circles on the Morganroth Sanctuary ceiling. Little did I know at the ripe age of 16 that my experiences in Confirmation would impact me so greatly that I would be the person taking on the important leadership as President of our very sacred place.

And just as I am recalling my memories made at MLRT in preparation for my family's upcoming celebration, our community is preparing to celebrate our 70th anniversary on May 6. We hope you too can dig through your albums and find a few gems to share with us, just like the ones I have shared with you. I plan to continue to share photos of my time at MLRT throughout this year as your President. I hope to share a story or two of my memories at MLRT and would love to see and hear yours too. MLRT is a place where special moments are made that leave lasting memories forever. This is what builds our community, so take photos of those moments today and always make time to reflect on them in the future. This is how memories are passed from generation to generation, L'Dor v'dor.

We hope you can join us in celebrating our 70 decades of memories. I am looking forward to seeing you there and making new memories together.













Decades Party

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For 70 years, MLRT has been the educational, spiritual and social home for over 10,000 Main Line area families and individuals. None of what we have accomplished over the past seven decades would have been possible without the generous support of people like you.

We know how important our members are to creating a solid foundation from which we will launch MLRT's next 70 years of extraordinary service to our community.

Support the next 70 years at MLRT by...

Celebration Part 1 – THE PARTY

Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 pm (ECE Pre-Game at 6:30 pm)

From signature cocktails honoring your favorite decade, to a live band and fabulous food, you don't want to miss THE party of the year. \$136 per person.

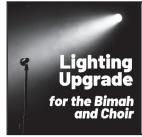
Celebration Part 2 – THE GIFT REGISTRY

No party is complete without an exciting gift registry. Our Decades Party registry includes items that will enhance our ECE and Religious School programs, improve areas of our building used by all congregants, and beautify our amazing collection of Torahs. There are gift options for every interest and budget and many gifts come with tickets to The Decades Party and an ad in our 70th Anniversary Ad Book.

Buy your tickets or something off the registry at mlrt.org/decades. General event contributions at all levels are also welcome.



Torah Covers \$3,600



Lighting Upgrade for Bimah & Choir \$2,500



AV Enhancement for ALC 1 \$1,800



Playground Eco-surface \$1,500



Baby Room Fund \$1,000



Rollers for the Torah Scrolls - Etz Chaim \$540



iPads for Religious School \$500



Wireless Microphones \$360



Music Stands \$180



New Multi-use Outdoor Space \$100

Celebrate our past and invest in MLRT's future at mlrt.org/decades

Lifelong Learning



JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL

It has been a wonderful year of programming for lovers of literature. Our short story class began with "Address Unknown" and continued with new authors such as Steven Volynetz and Omer Friedlander. We read stories by the masters of our literature, I.L. Peretz and Bernard Malamud. A story from Jewish Noir warned us of tales of crime and other dark deeds. With our loyal members returning and new ones joining, I hope to continue with another year of intelligent discussions.

Our visiting authors from the Jewish Book Council (JBC) spoke about a wide range of topics of interest to our Jewish audience, ending with Isabel Vincent's Overtures of Hope at our Yom HaShoah commemoration and including the inspiring author for disabilities month, Arielle Silverman. Our Sisterhood and Brotherhood contributed their energies to greet the authors with a delicious brunch and a welcoming dinner.

We have two discussions of contemporary stories remaining in May and June. May 11 will be "Knitting One" by Suzan Sherman. The story explores the present-day dilemma of interfaith dating. For June 8, with summer upon us, "Sour or Suntanned It Makes No Difference" by Johanna Kaplan gets us ready for the camp experience.

When choosing your books for summer reading, consider one of the many authors of Jewish interest who enrich our community through the literary arts.

Enjoy the summer and if you need to contact me, I will be here on Thursdays in the summer.

STAY CONNECTED!

Beer Club - Sundays, May 7 and June 11 at 7:00 pm

We're returning to Lower Merion Beverage, 50 Greenfield Avenue, Ardmore in May. In June, enjoy the latest seasonal offerings from Tired Hands Fermenteria, 44 Cricket Avenue, Ardmore. Parking and ordering is easy and convenient. See you there! Beer Club is open to all MLRT members who enjoy trying and sharing beer.

Shabbat Morning Walk

Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 am at the Cynwyd Trail and Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 am at Rolling Hill Park Enjoy the sunshine on the springtime Shabbat Morning Walks with Rabbi Newburge. We will return to the Barmouth Trailhead on the Cynwyd Trail in May and tackle Rolling Hill Park (1301 Rose Glen Road, Gladwyne) in June.



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

Monday, May 15 at 8:00 pm - Critical Thinking (Netflix)

Carla Berkowitz, Executive Producer of the movie Critical Thinking, will join us to discuss this thoughtful and compelling film. Carla was born in Caracas Venezuela and moved to Miami, FL when she was nine years old. After high school, she returned to Venezuela for two years to study art and communications before she graduated from the University of Miami with degrees in Judaic Studies and Political Science.

Monday, June 5 at 8:00 pm - Won't You Be My Neighbor (Netflix)

Filmmaker Morgan Neville examines the life and legacy of Fred Rogers, the beloved host of the popular children's television show Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, in the top-grossing biographical documentary ever produced.

Lunch with the Rabbi - Monday, 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Thursday, May 25 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Save a life during a national blood shortage and sign up to donate blood at redcrossblood.org/give.

Bernie Kleinman Book Club - Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 pm in person and on Zoom

Led by Dr. Richard Shulman, we will talk aboout Forever, another magical epic saga from Pete Hamill. In this widely acclaimed bestseller, an extraordinary Jewish/Irish man arrives in New York in 1740, hell-bent on avenging his father's death, and remains . . . forever, thanks to the shamanistic powers of an African slave.

Players of all levels are welcome to play bridge at MLRT every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. We have cards and tables. Come play and enjoy, with or without a partner, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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

Rest and Renewal

Mihaela Schwartz,

I want to close the school year with a few thoughts that I feel deep in my heart.

MLRT School for Early Childhood Education can be a place of human exploration and a center of love and learning. It can promote the long-term flourishing of young people by teaching them mastery in forming friendships, working together, and caring about each other. Lesson by lesson, these things are possible across the school day and worth our labors and efforts. These things aren't impossible, but they are rare: we forget, get distracted, get stressed, and are under pressure.

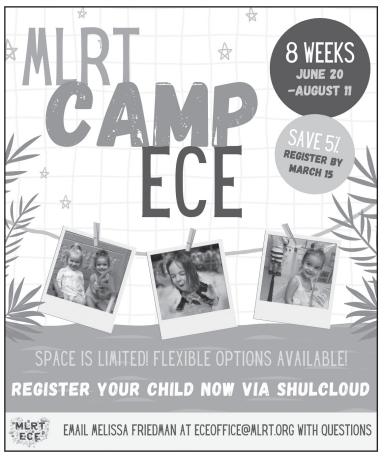
But right now, it's time to pause. We all need a break, walks in the woods, by the shore, talks with friends, and time in the hammock with a great book.

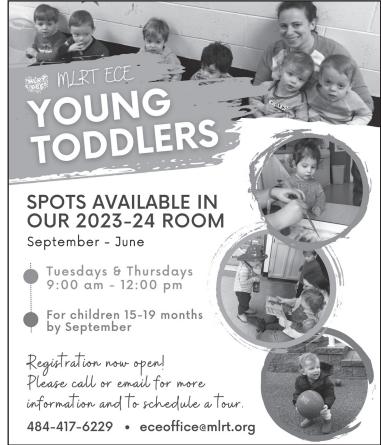
I'm going to urge you to take a month to be quiet. I've felt that this summer is a time to pause on a few things. A good friend of mine renamed the "more deserved summer quiet time" into "light and joyous reflection time." I usually reflect and write small notes at the end of each week throughout the school year. But for one summer month, even though there are lots I want to say or reflect upon, I will refrain from saying it because there's a time for quiet. And though I love the educator's discipline – thoughtful reflections - I love the change I'd like to see in the world even more. And right now, one of those changes is, Shhhhh! Quiet.

Stepping back from work, consumption, and productive activity for self-renewal and contemplation is a sacred act that provides perspective and offers us an opportunity for healing. This is a significant focus of Shabbat. I will make that my guide throughout my quiet month, and I sincerely hope to get close to one of our central Jewish values – Menucha (rest and renewal).

I tell you what — it may sound cheesy or disingenuous, but in my heart, will, and mind, there is a deep appreciation for our teachers and families, the work you all have done this past school year, and the work you'll do in the upcoming school year.

Despite my personal choice to embrace quietness and light reflection time for one summer month, the MLRT ECE continues its adventure through noisy SUMMER CAMP DAYS! So please have your child or grandchild join us for camp! We guarantee them plenty of fun time, water play activities, FOAMania days, and much MORE!





Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman Director of Education

We have had such an incredible Religious School year. From holiday celebrations to hands on classroom learning, Mishpacha and Social Change Bakery programs to Hebrew Through Movement, our students thrived at MLRT. Thank you for your support and participation throughout the year. We will celebrate our accomplishments with a party on the last day of Religious School (May 21) and move all our students up to the next grade at our final Family Shabbat service (June 2).

We can't wait to do it all again, starting September 10! We are already busy planning the year ahead. All we need is you and your family! Religious School enrollment is part of the membership renewal process. You can submit both with a few clicks of a button on our member portal.

Throughout the month of May, we are offering families a chance to enroll their students for the 2023-2024 Religious School year at the 2022-2023 tuition rates.

We are also offering all 2023 ECE Pre-K and Kindergarten graduates 50% tuition for the coming Religious School year.

2023-2024 K-7th Grade Religious School Schedule

K-6th Grade Judaic Studies Class – Sunday, 9:00 am-11:00 am
K-2nd Grade After Care – Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
3rd-6th Grade Hebrew Class – Your Choice of:

Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm OR Wednesday, 4:15 pm-5:15 pm OR Thursday, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm (Zoom)

7th Grade Religious School Class – Tuesday, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm

Important Religious School Dates

Family Shabbat Service - Friday, May 5 6th Grade Participating; all are welcome! 6:00 pm Snack & Schmooze; 6:30 pm Service "Moving Up" Family Shabbat Service - Friday, June 2

K-6th Grade Participating; all are welcome!

5:45 pm Shabbat Dinner; 6:30 pm Service

No Religious School – May 14

Religious School Party – May 21

Last Day of Religious School – May 21







Do you enjoy gardening? Do you need a mitzvah project where you can get your hands dirty? Are you going to be in town a few times a week during the summer? Would you like to help supply people in our community with fresh produce?

The MLRT Tikkun Olam Network has a community garden at MLRT where we plant, care for, and harvest vegetables from May-September. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Liz Stoller at listoller@gmail.com

Sisterhood



Carol Frank Sisterhood President

As MLRT celebrates its 70th anniversary, I think it's appropriate to reflect on the history of Jewish women and how it relates to Jewish women of today. Jewish women have played a vital role in shaping Jewish history, culture, and tradition. From biblical figures such as Esther and Ruth, to more recent leaders such as Golda Meir and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Jewish women have made significant contributions to their communities and the world at large.

Throughout history, Jewish women have faced unique challenges and struggles. In traditional Jewish society, women were often excluded from religious and educational opportunities, and their roles were largely limited to the domestic sphere. However, even in the face of these obstacles, Jewish women have always found ways to assert their agency and make their voices heard.

In the early 20th century, Jewish women played a key role in the American labor movement and the fight for workers' rights. They were also active in the suffrage movement, advocating for women's right to vote. During World War II, Jewish women were among the many who fought against fascism and anti-Semitism, both on the battlefield and on the home front.

Today, Jewish women continue to be at the forefront of social action and advocacy for human rights. From fighting for reproductive justice to advocating for immigrant and refugee rights, Jewish women are making their voices heard and working towards a more just and equitable society.

As MLRT celebrates its 70th anniversary, it's important to recognize the contributions of Jewish women both past and present. By building on the legacy of those who came before us and working towards a better future, we can continue to make a positive impact on our communities and the world. The Sisterhood's commitment to social action projects and women's rights is a testament to the ongoing importance of these issues, and we can all take inspiration from the courage and resilience of Jewish women throughout history.

"The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future."

- Stephen Ambrose



🖶 Sisterhood's Closing Event is happening on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 pm 🖼



Enjoy line dancing, delicious barbeque, and an open bar with your MLRT Sisters as we close out the 2022-23 programming year. \$36 per person - registration will open on mlrt.org/sisterhood on May 1.

Questions? Contact Maddy Shusterman at meshusterman@gmail.com

Confirmation Greetings!

Sisterhood is helping to spread some MLRT love by offering Confirmation Greetings to our wonderful 2023 Confirmands! For a minimum donation of \$18, we will add your name and good wishes to these much needed and much appreciated greetings for our students. This annual fundraiser offers an opportunity to support Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund, which provides annual grants for Youth - Programs for high school and college students, Education - Rabbinic and Cantorial scholarships, and Special Projects - Local, national, and international Sisterhood programs. Your participation shows our MLRT family how much you care AND makes a gift to the future of our Reform movement.

Please use the form below or pay online at mlrt.org/sisterhood. Thank you for your support!

Confirmation Greetings 2023

Please send your minimum \$18 check, payable to MLRT Sisterhood, c/o Leslie Brier, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096, no later than May 19, 2023.

Questions? Email Leslie Brier at lcbrier@gmail.com.

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

Brotherhood

The dolorous Alfred Lord Tennyson was burdened throughout his life with the feelings of inadequacy as a poet. Ultimately, he was grateful for "a little thing;" he was grateful for his friendships. I am grateful for the friendships I have encouraged throughout my years in our Brotherhood, and especially for those who rarely are recognized for their efforts which sustain our Temple in small and large ways. Let me begin by thanking the Temple staff who support Brotherhood in kindnesses and assistance whenever asked. For their ongoing contributions as committee chairs, let us sing the praises of: Michael Scheinfield and Mark Komen (the Sukkah up and down); Gerry Robbins, Andy Shamberg, and Mark Komen (Steaks in the Sukkah); Glenn Brooks (Purim Carnival); Andy Shamberg, Glenn Brooks, myself (Brotherhood Shabbat Service); Edward Bleeden (Men's Night Out); Andy Shamberg, Ed Bleeden (Texas Hold'em); Norman Fienman (Bernie Kleinman Book Club); David Krupnick (Jack of all Trades); Michael Scheinfield (Narberth 4th of July Pizza); and Andy Shamberg, Gerry Robbins, Mark Komen, and myself (Annual Golf Charity Tournament). These gentlemen, and all Brotherhood members, have an opportunity to participate in the following events in May and June:

- On May 10, our Sixth Annual Charity Golf Outing at Green Valley Country Club (check your mail for an invitation to play or contribute).
- May 18, at the usual time of 5:30 pm for cocktails, followed by a dinner at Country Squire Dinner (2560 West Chester Pike, Broomall) for the ultimate Men's Night Out for this year.
- Our Summer BBQ will be two days before my birthday (June 22) beginning at 6:30 pm at MLRT.
- Tom Wiener and I plan to attend a Men of Reform Judaism Convention in Providence, Rhode Island between June 23-25. The two of us are long-time members of the MRJ Executive Board.
- The ultimate event for the year takes place, as it always does, at the Narberth 4^{th} of July extravaganza. Brotherhood members sell pizza, something they have been doing for eons. Join us this year in this mitzvah outside the Temple.

The man who taught Alexander the Great asks in his Nichomachean Ethics (Book IX), "why does the happy man need friends?" He answers: "Surely it is strange, too, to make the supremely happy man a solitary; for no one would choose the whole world on condition of being alone, since man is a political creature and one whose nature is to live with others. Therefore even the happy man lives with others; for he has the things that are by nature good. And plainly it is better to spend the days with friends and good men what with strangers or any chance person. Therefore the happy man needs friends." That we all should spend our days with friends and good men is a balm we can embrace. (I am confident that if the Stagirite were alive today he would include women.)

Kindly, Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

Mazal Too to our March/April B'nai Mitzvah and their families

Benjamin Albert Son of Andrea & Jason Albert

Jacob Bohnenkamp Son of Katherine Bar & Martin Bohnenkamp

Joshua Davis
Son of Caroline & Michael Davis

Roni Goodman
Daughter of Jessica & Michael Goodman

Rachel Levit
Daughter of Janis & Braden Levit

Jake Rappaport Son of Jamie & Seth Rappaport

Mazal Too!

Reed Pyeritz on his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Marfan Foundation

Eileen & Sam Rosen on the birth of their daughter, Robyn Rosen

Cantor Faryn Rudnick for her ACC President's Award for Volunteerism

We want to be a part of your life!

Please email Davida Chornock, Director of Marketing & Communications, at dchornock@mlrt.org so we can share your news, good and bad, with our MLRT Family.

Confirmation

Mazal Tov to our 2023 Confirmands and their families

Evan Berger

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Son of Rachel & Richard Lester

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Daughter of Stacy & Howie Rosen

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Son of Dana & Seth Ruderman

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Son of Amanda & Marc Swarbrick

Our Tribe 10th graders will join decades of other dedicated students and become MLRT confirmands during this wonderful **Confirmation Service** on **Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm**. Celebrate with us!

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

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Husband of the late Gloria Buten
Father of Matthew (Beth Brownstein) Buten, Collin (Jessica
Morrow) Buten, and John (Sarah Ditroia) Buten
Grandfather of Alexa, Sophia, Spencer, Rosemary,
and Oliver

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Father of Bradford (Laura) Frank and Michael (David Adams) Frank Grandfather of Adeline and Carter Frank and Eliana Husband of the late Dr. Barbara (nee Balis) Frank Brother of Harriet Shane

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Father of Ellyn Golder Saft (Stephen z"1)
Husband of the late Cynthia Golder
Loving companion of Sandre Lustine
Brother to the late Mervyn & Ruth Golder z"1
Grandfather of Jonathan Saft and Lauren & Steve Hanulec
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Father of Carey (Jared) Weiner, Lisa (Eric) Pinkis, and Evan (Jan Grayson) Golub Grandfather of Vanessa and Simone Weiner, Joshua and Maya Golub, and Ariella, Aiden, Asher, and Aitan Pinkis Husband of Gilda Golub

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Grandmother of Noa and Jack Sandler and Reese and Sydney Lipowicz
Wife of Lawrence Newman
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April 30 ECE Teacher Appreciation Week →	1	2	3 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	4 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	5 6:30 pm Seniors & Family Shabbat Service	6 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm ECE Pre-Game 7:00 pm Decades Party
7 1:00 pm A Taste of Israel Community Festival^ 7:00 pm Beer Club^	8 ECE CLOSED	9 9:30 am Sisterhood General Meeting Last Day of 7th Grade and Tribe	10 8:00 am Brotherhood Golf Tournament^ 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	11 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: Knitting One 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	9:00 am ECE Pastries with Parents 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	13 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Isabelle Illfelder~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
14 Mother's Day NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Critical Thinking with Carla Berkowitz**	16 9:30 am Sisterhood Cook for a Friend	9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	18 11:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Brotherhood MNO Happy Hour at Country Squire Dinner*^ 6:30 pm Brotherhood MNO Dinner & Meeting at Country Squire Dinner*^ 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	19 6:30 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service	20 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Maya Gillman~ 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Sylvester~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
21 Last Day of Religious School	22 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi**	23 7:00 pm Confirmation	9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	25 11:00 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 pm Shavuot Movie Program	26 SHAVUOT OFFICE CLOSED ECE CLOSED 10:00 am Shavuot Festival Service with Yizkor 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
28 Memorial Day	29 OFFICE CLOSED ECE CLOSED	30 7:00 pm Sisterhood Closing Event: Line Dancing and BBQ	9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	June 1 11:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Rubien~ 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	June 2 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	June 3 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Winnie Frezel~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**

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May 28 Memorial Day	May 29 OFFICE CLOSED ECE CLOSED	May 30 7:00 pm Sisterhood Closing Event: Line Dancing and BBQ	May 31 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	1 11:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Rubien~ 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	2 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	3 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Winnie Frezel~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
4	5 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Won't You Be My Neighbor**	6	7 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	8 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Short Story Discussion: Sour or Suntanned It Makes No Difference 6:30 pm Kindergarten Graduation 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	9 ECE LAST DAY 8:00 pm Pride Shabbat Service	10 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah of Phoebe Ruderman and Ellis Margolies~ 5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Ella Silk and Levi Silk~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
11 7:00 pm Beer Club^	12	7:15 pm Sisterhood General Meeting 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: Forever	9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	15 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	16 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Emily Albert~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth OFFICE CLOSED	20 FIRST DAY OF CAMP MLRT ECE	9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Bridge	22 11:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Brotherhood Summer BBQ 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	23 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
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Our annual Shabbat at the Shore Service and Dinner will happen on Friday, August 18 in Ventnor at the home of Amy & Terry Buckman. Look for more details coming soon!

Summer's Special Shabbat Services

Seniors Shabbat Family Service - Friday, May 5, 6:30 pm

6th Grade will participate in this Family Shabbat Service recognizing and honoring all of our graduating seniors

Moving Up Shabbat - Friday. June 2, 6:30 pm

Our Religious School students will mark the end of school and celebrate moving up to a new grade during this annual Family Shabbat Service.

Pride Shabbat - Friday. June 9, 8:00 pm

June is LGBTQ Pride Month! Our Pride Shabbat service is an excellent way to honor our community members, as well as the Reform movement, for LGBTQ equality, equity, and inclusion, to celebrate victories against discrimination, and to commit to the work ahead.

Devotion by the Ocean - Friday, July 28

Join our annual joint Devotion by the Ocean with Shirat Hayam and Beth David Reform Congregation in Ventnor (Newport Ave & Beach behind the library.)

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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.

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6: 30 pm - Havdalah with the Rudnicks

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