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Plus Keeping It Reel, Cook For A Friend, Beer Club, Adult Learning, Book Club, and SO MUCH MORE! See inside for details about all of our fabulous happenings.

This issue was printed in the beginning of October, on day 10 of the Israel-Hamas war. Please understand that events and times might change, but were accurate at the time of printing. We invite you to visit mlrt.org for the most up-to-date information on our calendar and mlrt.org/israel for our evolving response to the crisis in Israel.

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As this MLRTMatters goes to print, Israel is at war, and the immediate future is uncertain. The first email we shared with the congregation after Hamas invaded Israel and killed more than 1,400 innocent lives and took more than 150 people hostage spoke about the Talmudic principle *Kol Yisrael aravim zeh l'zeh*- all Israel is responsible for each other. Since that horrific day, the Jewish community has come together to be a source of strength each other in all possible ways, and Main Line Reform Temple is no exception. We feel truly blessed to be a congregation committed to *Klal Yisrael*- the people and State of Israel, especially in times of trauma and loss. Thank you for your kindness, sensitivity and commitment to the Jewish people.

We will continue to work together to help those impacted. Please make sure you are receiving our emails with updates and ways to support those in need, as well as check our website for updates. We pray the violence comes to an end speedily and a path for peace is forged.

If you do not receive weekly MLRT emails, please contact Davida Chornock at dchornock@mlrt.org to resubscribe to our mailing list.

MLRT's Israel Committee will have their final two meetings of 2023 at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 20 and Monday, December 18. All are welcome!

Israel Matters

Ramon Tubin was the former chief Technology and Innovator Officer at a digital security services company, but his heart was no longer in it. Instead, he wanted to do something for his son, Yuval, who has autism, as well as the other 300 million autistic people around the world. That wish led Tubin to launch the first Hackautism Hackathon to mark Yuval's 19th birthday four years ago. Every year, the organization issues invitations via social media and newsletters to over one million stakeholders, including parents of autistic children and people who discovered the needs of this community through military service or volunteering. They are asked to submit entrepreneurial ideas that align with Hackautism's criteria to develop real solutions for autistic people that are innovative, scalable and will have strong impact.

Hackautism first draws up a short list of 100 initiatives and narrows that down to 25, which are presented at a two-day hackathon. Programmers, designers and product developers from various disciplines work with the creators of the 25 initiatives to develop their ideas. A panel of judges, including Tubin, Microsoft and Google narrows the list down to 10 who are invited to participate in the program. The entrepreneurs with the most mature initiatives pitch their business model to investors. Initiatives from the last few years include "Fun Friends" an AI app that connects autistic children based on their geographic location and interests and "Poppins", the world's first streaming channel designed specifically for people who experience and interact with the world around them in different ways. In the first year, Yuval actually crowned the crowd favorite with his very own initiative, a zebra sanctuary. Yuval said he chose this idea because "zebras are like kids with autism. Everyone admires them from afar but nobody stops to actually play with them". Yuval is still working on his dream of an equine sanctuary. He now has a donkey that goes on walks with him at home. And this year's Hackathon will include 200 ventures from 25 different countries. All from a father's love.

If you would like to contribute an Israel-centric article 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.

EXPLORE ISRAEL WITH RABBI NEWBURGE!

We are deeply connected to Israel, now and at all times. We offer regular classes and lectures about Israel, its beautiful land, its courageous people, and its dreams for peace. Israel is a complex place, filled with contradictions, history, passions, and intensity like no other place on earth. It is the land of our people. **Join Rabbi Newburge to explore the many facets of our homeland March 25-April 3, 2024.** With open minds, willing spirits, a little bit of patience, and a good sense of humor, we will find our time together enriching, as individuals and as members of our shared Jewish Community. Please contact Rabbi Newburge for more information.

Care For Others



Rabbi Geri Newburge

As I sit down to write this article, we are in the midst of Sukkot and Simchat Torah is right around the corner, but my mind is on events, programs, and holidays in November and December.

Nearly 2000 years ago the rabbis of the Talmud considered every aspect of life in their day; they questioned, debated, and wrote various opinions on almost every topic under the sun. In considering the agricultural commandments they wrote, "These are the things that have no limited prescribed: Leaving the corners of the field, bringing first-fruits to the Temple; bringing the offerings to the Temple for the three pilgrimage festivals, acts of kindness, and the study of the Torah."

These last two commandments have seemingly little to do with one's fields. Without taking up the entire bulletin for a text study, I think we can safely say that both acts of kindness and the study of Torah are critical to the good practice of the agricultural commandments our rabbis sought to understand and apply in their world.

Most of us are not harvesting first fruits, and none of us can bring offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. However, we can reimagine what these acts are in our world and fulfill acts of kindness and the study of Torah. In just a few days, we turn the Torah back to the beginning and start to read through every portion once again, and I am reminded that the Torah instructs us 36 times to care for the stranger — far more than it commands us to observe Shabbat or any other law.

MLRT has a well established relationship with HIAS Pennsylvania which supports low-income immigrants of all backgrounds as they build new lives in our community. During this past April and May, HIAS PA welcomed more than 70 refugees representing 10 different countries, all in need of finding their way in the United States and setting up their new homes. This number will only rise, and it is expected that in the fiscal year 2023-2024 - HIAS PA will likely be sent up to 300 people.

When we sit with our families around the Thanksgiving table or gather to make latkes and light the Chanukiah, please consider fulfilling the rabbinic teaching with acts of kindness by helping families in need to establish new, safe lives in our area.

May these closing months of 2023 bring you and yours good health, fulfillment, and peace.

If you would like to help HIAS PA and their clients, please participate in MLRT's drive during November. This will continue to help the Temple's long relationship with HIAS PA of "welcoming the stranger."

1. You can purchase an item from HIAS PA's Target Community Registry and ship it directly to HIAS PA by visiting target.com/gift-registry/gift/hiaspa-refugee-needs. Once you are logged into your Target account, choose the option for "Shipping to the address on HIAS Pennsylvania's Registry."
2. Donate very gently used household items. Visit bit.ly/46W4WM6 for a list of what HIAS PA does and does not accept. All gently used in-kind donations can be brought to MLRT and left in HIAS PA's bin in the vestibule. (*link is case-sensitive*)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with our HIAS-PA work, please contact Lisa Lamboy at community@hiaspa.org or Linda Brock at thebrocks2r@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars to join our annual MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 15, 2024.

Look for details about the entire MLK Weekend, including our annual interfaith Shabbat of Unity, our all-ages activities and service opportunities, and what items we are collecting for those in need, at mlrt.org/mlk24 towards the end of November.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email our Tikkun Olam Network Chairs, Beth Allen and Liz Stoller, at ballenlevy@yahoo.com and ljestoller@gmail.com.

A Chorus Line



Did you know that singing, especially communal and choral singing, only has benefits? There is not a single disadvantage to singing in a choir. And, did you also know that here at MLRT we have 3 volunteer choirs? That's right, you have the option of having any number of positive musical experiences throughout the week.

You can join the Mixed Choir on Monday nights at 7:00 pm, or the Sisterhood Choir for singing and lunch on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, or maybe you have a child who loves to sing and perform and wants to join the Junior Jammers on Sundays at 8:30 am. The possibilities are endless. All are welcome - no experience necessary. Just bring you! While I, obviously, take great pleasure from singing, I don't want you to take my word alone for it, so here are the top 10 reasons (according to Opera North) why you should join the MLRT singers.

1. Singing makes you feel better!
2. Singing enhances lung function. All you runners can benefit! It helps me in my distance running.
3. Singing relaxes stress.
4. Singing improves memory.
5. Singing in community builds community.
6. Singing is a form of self expression.
7. Singing reduces pain, physical and mental/emotional.
8. Singing boosts confidence.
9. Singing improves general well-being and well-being practices.
10. Singing is for everyone!

Jewish texts tell us to sing praises with joy. All singing is all joy at all times. For information about how you can join the choirs, please contact Cantor Rudnick.

Message from our Executive Director



Amy Krulik,
Executive Director

When I was in high school, one of my best friends visited her grandmother everyday after school. She got hooked on her grandmother's favorite daytime program...General Hospital. My friend loved to spend lunch regaling us with tales of Luke and Laura's wedding and, my personal favorite, the weather machine that got in the hands of the evil Cassadine family who made it snow in July in Port Charles.

I think about that weather machine every fall and how awesome it would be to control the weather. Upcoming simcha? No problem. I'll just dial in day of sunshine. Planning an event with an outdoor fire pit? One crisp, clear night coming right up. My weather machine and I could also ignore all the talk about the high snow totals forecast for our area this winter.

The weather machine might be a pipe dream, but all the technology improvements we have made at MLRT are 100% real. Here are some of the highlights:

1. We moved from cable to dedicated fiber for our internet. This improvement has allowed us to increase the quality of our livestreaming for all services and special events.
2. We installed livestream capability in the Chapel. We have moved our Saturday morning Shabbat service back to the Chapel and can now stream smaller services and programs with ease.
3. We expanded our Owl habitat with the addition of a second unit. The Owl is one of coolest tools to come out of COVID as it helps create a more personal and connected experience between people in-person at a program and people who are participating from home.
4. We added a second camera to the livestream in the Sanctuary. We will now be able to smoothly change between views of the bimah and utilize cool features like a split screen showing multiple aspects of the service at the same time.

Whether you are at MLRT or at home, our goal is to make it easy, meaningful and fulfilling for you to participate in our exciting calendar of activities. Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will keep us from connecting at MLRT... no weather machine required.

Meaningful Future at MLRT



Lori Robbins
MLRT President

This year during High Holy Days walking through our doors, in our temple, and at Lower Merion High school, I felt connection, warmth and community. While we may not know each other personally, we all were able to gather to celebrate and observe these holy days together. I am sure you will join me in extending heartfelt appreciation for our dedicated clergy and all of our MLRT staff. They have tirelessly worked to make these services meaningful and successful, guiding us through moments of reflection, prayer, and community. Their unwavering commitment has brought spiritual richness to our lives, and for this, I am grateful they are the thread of our community.

As we cherish these moments and look forward to our future, we must also acknowledge the rising costs affecting all of us. This fact is also one that impacts MLRT, as we are facing increasing costs that will increase our operating budget in the near future. That is a reality that we must address today and for years to come. To continue providing a sacred space to pray, learn, celebrate, comfort and cultivate and support our vibrant community, we need to invest in our future through philanthropy. We hope you will consider increasing your connection with MLRT both in your membership commitment and beyond. I encourage you to participate in some of our upcoming events as they support our goals of building connection, community while simultaneously supporting our fundraising goals. Fundraising is about investing in the well-being of our community. Your support and attendance at these events will help make it both fun and successful for MLRT and its future.

This year we are planning various ways to join together as a community and find meaningful connections. While I mentioned a few in the High Holy Day announcements, please continue to find updates in our communications (emails, this bulletin, social media and posted in the front of the building). There will surely be something for everyone, including our fall Speaker Series event with Senator Al Franken on November 8, and (sneak peek!) a spring event with journalist Maggie Haberman on April 15. We are planning a spring Gala which will surely be a fun time. In addition to our larger events, we will continue to offer connections through small groups like clubs like Movie Club or Beer Club (for a full list of these small groups and how to get involved, please reach out to Gil Marder at gmarder@mlrt.org).

In this season of reflection and renewal, let us extend our gratitude and generosity to honor our clergy and staff and secure a thriving future for our beloved community.

MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE-BETH ELOHIM PRESENTS

LIFTING OUR EYES, FINDING A CURE

Concert benefitting The American Cancer Society

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 3:00 PM AT MLRT & ONLINE

Performances by Cantors Faryn Rudnick and Marshall Portnoy, members of the Reform Cantors of Philadelphia, local volunteer choirs, and soprano Julie Simon, guitarist and composer Ross M. Levy, and pianist Andy Heller

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Chanukah

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

Lighting the Chanukiah

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

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

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

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

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

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

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

For first night only: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

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

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

SHARE THE LIGHT WITH MLRT THIS CHANUKAH!

SHABBAT CHANUKAH & CONSECRATION - Friday, December 8 at 6:30 pm

Consecration is a celebration of our first grade students beginning their Religious School educational journey. Join them in this milestone at our Shabbat Chanukah Service. All are welcome to this festive evening!

MLRT'S CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA - Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 pm

Join us for an incomparable Chanukah party! Let's celebrate the miracle of oil our ancestors experienced when they rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem when the Maccabees defeated the despot Antiochus IV. We will have sufganiyot (donuts)! We will have latkes! And we will have more toppings for both (feel free to mix and match) than you've ever dreamed of. Bring your chanukiah (menorah) to light with us as well and mark your calendars now for the best Chanukah happening of 2023! Register for this annual extravaganza for \$5 per person at mlrt.org/chanukah23.

KRISTALLNACHT COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm at Congregation Rodeph Shalom
615 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Rabbi Newburge and Cantor Rudnick will take part in this Kristallnacht commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Memorial Scroll Trust. The ceremony, featuring Jeffrey Ohrenstein, Chairman and Trustee of MST from London, and Lois Roman, a Board Member who presents an engaging telling of the inspiring story of the Torah scrolls, will be followed by a reception. Registration for all attendees is required; visit tfaforms.com/5078517

The MLRT Holocaust Memorial Scroll was generously donated in 1991 by Marion and Bernard Wilen in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

STAY CONNECTED!

 **Cook For A Friend** - Thursday, November 2 and Tuesday, December 5 at 9:30 am

Help Sisterhood prepare meals for the food insecurity people in our area. All levels of cooking expertise welcome!

 **Beer Club**

Sunday, November 5 at 7:00 pm at Lower Merion Beverage

Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 pm at Tired Hands Fermentaria

Please join the MLRT Beer Club at Lower Merion Beverage, 50 Greenfield Avenue, Ardmore, as we sample the latest and greatest offerings and walk amongst thousands of unique and interesting brews. Please bring a snack to share, and beers can be purchased individually. Our last session of 2023 will be at Tired Hands Fermentaria, 35 Cricket Terrace, Ardmore. Parking and ordering are convenient, and be ready to stock up on local brews in time for your Hanukkah parties!

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

 **Monday, November 6 at 8:00 pm - You Are So Not Invited To My Bat Mitzvah (Netflix)**

Stacy and Lydia are BFFs who've always dreamed about having epic bat mitzvahs. However, things start to go comically awry when a popular boy and middle school drama threatens their friendship and their rite of passage.

 **Monday, December 4 at 8:00 pm - The Fundamentals of Caring (Netflix)**

A writer retires after a personal tragedy and becomes a disabled teen's caregiver. When the two embark on an impromptu road trip, their ability to cope is tested as they start to understand the importance of hope and friendship.

 **Main Line Speaker Series: An Evening with Al Franken** - Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm

Our beloved Main Line Speaker Series is back, and in a big way, with Emmy & Grammy winner, author, comedian, and former senator, Al Franken! Buy your tickets to join us in person or virtually for this moderated conversation with one of the original writers (and stars) of Saturday Night Live. More details on page 8.

 **Shabbat Morning Walk**

Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 am at Cynwyd Trail (Barmouth Trailhead, Bala Cynwyd)

Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am at Radnor Walking Trail (520 Conestoga Road, Wayne)

We can't predict the weather, but we can promise an invigorating and spiritually enlightening walk with Rabbi Newburge.

 **Lifting Our Eyes, Finding A Cure Benefit Concert**- Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm

Performances by Cantors Faryn Rudnick and Marshall Portnoy, members of the Reform Cantors of Philadelphia, local volunteer choirs, and soprano Julie Simon, guitarist and composer Ross M. Levy, and pianist Andy Heller. Register for free and donate to the American Cancer Society at mlrt.org/acsben.

 **Lunch with the Rabbi** - Monday, November 13 and December 18 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 in person and on Zoom.

 **Adult Learning with Rabbi Hirsh** - Wednesday, November 15 and Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 pm

"Almost Everything You Wanted to Know: The Things That You're Liable to Hear in the Bible..." Is the Jewish Bible the same as the Christian Old Testament? Do Jews believe the Bible is 'the word of God'? What is the difference between the Torah and the Bible? Where did the Bible come from? Join in the conversation on Zoom about how Jewish tradition has viewed the Bible, and how contemporary Judaism seeks to find inspiration and guidance in a book written over 2,000 years ago.

 **Shabbat Service with guest author, Andrew Lawler**- Friday, November 17 at 6:30 pm

In partnership with the Israel Committee, we are proud to have national best-selling author and prolific journalist, Andrew Lawler, join us at our Friday Night Service. During this timely program, Andrew Lawler will discuss his new book, [Under Jerusalem](#), a sweeping history of the hidden world below the Holy City—a saga of biblical treasures, intrepid explorers, and political upheaval.

There is too much going on this winter for one page! Programs are continued on page 8.

STAY CONNECTED!

American Red Cross Blood Drive- Monday, December 4 at 3:00 - 8:00 pm

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients: if you are an eligible type: O, B-, or A-, please consider making a Power Red donation. Make appointments for all blood types and find out more about the importance of red blood cells at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass). Saving lives is a gift, but all donors at this drive will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card - just in time for the holidays!

Bernie Kleinman Book Club - Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm in person and on Zoom

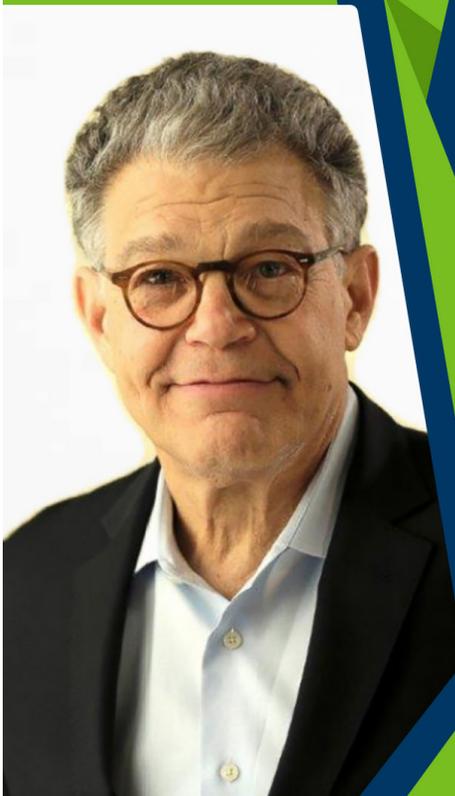
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, the best-selling novel by James McBride, is a tale of how "kindness, love and principle" rule the world. Set in a neighborhood where Blacks and immigrant Jews have lived next to each other for decades, holding the mysterious secret of a 47 year old skeleton buried deep beneath the ground. This book is not to be missed and neither is our discussion! Join us!

Shabbat Service Celebrating Cantor Portnoy's Music Anthology- Friday, December 15 at 6:30 pm

The service will feature Cantor Marshall Portnoy, our mixed choir, and several of the voices from the digital recordings that accompany the sheet music of his newest anthology release.

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

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It Takes a Kehillah to Make a Mensch



Mihaela Schwartz,
ECE Director

Building Jewish Identity as Part of Overall Identity in our Early Childhood Setting

We just finished the first month of school in ECE and have already learned so much about our school community. We welcomed new and old friends and paved the road for a successful year.

The overarching goal identified by our early childhood educators at our annual professional development session was to have educators and young children be or aspire to be "Mensch" within our school community. Despite the very different ways we each define what it means to be a "Mensch," there is a common core that we at ECE MLRT share as we work to forge a Jewish identity for our entire school community.

September was the month we made space for genuine and authentic learning through observations, profound listening moments, collaboration, invitations to explore the school setting, and getting to know each other. That allowed us to create a learning context for a strengthened Jewish identity with a shift from the predominance of a teacher-centered environment to peer influence. With care and deliberation, we are creating a community that fosters Jewish living and provides support for practicing behaviors like "you are not expected to finish the job, but you are not free to quit (Pirkei Avot)"; the task of promoting *Menschlichkeit* as an ongoing process where school and home have important roles that allow us together to create a *Kehillah* (community), and that the collective responsibility of *Menschlichkeit*-promotion rests on the shoulder of the community.

Following Abraham Joshua Heschel's observation, "The act teaches us the meaning of the act," we supported our young children to learn by doing and exploring who we are through the same approach. By appropriately targeting our "audience," the staff created opportunities to teach children to follow their interests and find their unique way to contribute to their classroom's life through "hands-on," "brains-on," and "hearts-on" daily moments.

A few critical concepts introduced to young children to help us reach the *Menschlichkeit-Kehillah* duo were honesty, fairness, truthfulness, trust, hope, keeping promises, and empathy. Those concepts were practiced daily through classroom rules and interactions like "paying attention to teachers," "understanding similarities and differences among us all," "working to the best one's ability," "using words effectively, especially for feelings," "cooperating," "responding positively to approval" "thinking out loud; asking questions"; and "providing opportunities for responsibilities in the classroom."

By starting the school year following this model, we only hope that by participating and engaging in these learning scenarios, young students will learn how to be part of the *Kehillah*, develop self-concept, and convert these early developmental links in their Jewish identity.

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

Leo Berger

Son of Keri & Scott Berger

Jackson Bleznak

Son of Karen & Daniel Bleznak

Michael DeRosa

Son of Brandy & Joseph DeRosa

Isadore Kleinman

Son of Rabbi Kevin Kleinman & Chana Rothman

Sydney Gabrielle Margolis

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Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman
Director of Education

In American culture, the month of November centers around the holiday of Thanksgiving. At its core, this day is about being grateful for the many blessings in our lives. This is a very Jewish concept. Gratitude is one of the three core themes of Jewish prayer. The Hebrew word for thanks is "todah." I want to say todah rabbah – a very big thank you to everybody who helped make our Religious School opening months so successful. Thank you to our Religious School teachers, staff, and madrichim for your hard work making students feel comfortable, educating our students about the Jewish holidays, and jumping right in to our Judaic Studies and Hebrew curriculums. And todah rabbah to our students and families for being with us this school year. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our programs and services in the weeks ahead.

In December, we celebrate Chanukah! We will have our annual Consecration – honoring our First Grade students beginning of their formal Jewish Education on Shabbat Chanukah – December 8.

This will be a special evening, and all are welcome to join!

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

November 3 - *3rd Grade Led Family Shabbat Service

November 12 – 1st Grade Mishpacha (family) Program

November 12 – K field trip to the Mud Room

November 19-26 – No Religious School

December 1 - *Kindergarten Led Family Shabbat Service

December 8 - *Family Chanukah Shabbat with 1st Grade Consecration

December 24-January 2 – No Religious School

*Family Shabbat Services begin at 6:30 pm

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Please contact Nominating Committee Chairs, Jamie Mushlin at jamiemush@yahoo.com and Brad Frank at bradfordfrank@yahoo.com. You may also contact our Executive Director, Amy Krulik, at 610-649-7800.

Mazal Tov

Ally Altshuler on her selection as a 'Champion Candidate' in 'Best Buddies of Philadelphia's 2023 Champion of the Year' program

Sally Bleznak on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Jackson Bleznak

Leslie & Ken Brier on the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Brier, to Sarah Thomas

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Sisterhood



Sue Rubin Plick
Sisterhood President

I want to talk about Barbie. As most of you know, the movie came out this past summer. (As a side note, the Barbie doll was created 60 years ago by a Jewish woman, Ruth Handler.) Reading articles about the movie and seeing it at the theater got me thinking about how Barbie transcends age and generations. When I became too old to play with my Barbies, I passed them on to my little sister. When my two daughters outgrew their Barbies, they passed them on to a younger cousin. I feel confident most of us played with Barbies, and/or our daughters, nieces, friends' daughters all played with Barbies – generations sharing the same experience.

Sisterhood is like Barbie – generations are tied together by a common thread of participation. This is exemplified by the longevity and relevance of Sisterhoods. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (eventually renamed Women of Reform Judaism) was founded in 1913. Each generation of women belonging to WRJ has taken on the issues and challenges of the current times. The longevity and relevance of Sisterhood, as well as the diversity of ages, is demonstrated by MLRT's Sisterhood membership, particularly notable at General Board meetings. The more "seasoned" women are a wealth of knowledge – helping others avoid pitfalls of the past and offering wise advice for current endeavors. The younger members bring a breath of fresh air with their enthusiasm and creative ideas and events.

Regarding Sisterhood events and activities – Our Opening Event was a marvelous evening with food trucks and a band. Thank you Maddy Shusterman and Jackie Bobrin for spearheading a wonderful kick off to our year. There are many events to look forward to, such as our Paid-up Membership party on the evening of December 5 and Cook for a Friend during the day on December 5. Also in December is our Calvary Baptist Church gift drive. Sisterhood Book Review is Wednesday, February 21; the book is "We Must Not Think of Ourselves" by Lauren Grodstein. Another activity to keep on everyone's radar is Sisterhood's Bargain Boutique sale featuring clothing and accessories, which starts April 7. Collection begins March 31, so start cleaning out those closets!

Coming back to Barbie, a quote from the movie is "Us mothers stand still so our daughters can look back to see how far they've come."

Brotherhood

Adam Aronstein, Mike Blisard, Jon Arnon, Jacob Arnon, Ed Bleeden, Glen Brooks, Tom Harari, Mark Komen, Dave Krupnick, Gerry Robbins, Andy Shamberg, Matt Stein, Oliver Stein (a sophomore at Lower Merion High School), and me. Do you know these Brothers? And do you know Sharon Altman who prepared wonderful nosh trays for all who gathered? The aforementioned gentlemen are the volunteers who, every year, put up our 24' by 48' sukkah. Nimble and gingerly they connect framework tubing and fasten rattan roofing so that the stars may be viewed (the s'chach provides shade, but not so it blocks out the heavenly objects). While not as expert, they follow in a long tradition of putting things up. The Kanien'keha:ka, or Mohawk, were contributors to building many of the iconic skyscrapers that dominate the Manhattan skyline, including the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building. They were a "band of brothers," said Lynn Beauvais, a grandmother from a fourth-generation ironworker family. And so, too, are we a band of brothers actually predating the Mohawk tradition. The Mohawk performed their feats of courage and skill to feed themselves and their families; we are performing an age-old mitzvah. We perform the mitzvah of building and dwelling in the sukkah as prescribed in Leviticus 23:42, 43. We create this space for the Religious School, the ECE, and our congregation at large to celebrate our release from the Egyptian's bondage of our ancestors. The festival of Sukkot is associated with joy and beauty, thus it is decorated by those who delight in beauty, our children. The building of the sukkah, in a word, is an exercise in redemption.

We will have taken the sukkah down on October 8, but not before enjoying our annual festive meal, 'Steaks in the Sukkah.' I can only imagine that the evening was well attended and successful. Also in October, there was held a Texas Hold'em tournament on the 23rd. As for November's events they will include a Men's Night Out on the 8th at The Grog in Bryn Mawr. And December will see us straining once again to determine if two pair will be sufficient to win another hand at Texas Hold'em on the 11th. Again, thanks to all our Sky Walkers who give service to our Temple, service given with earnestness and camaraderie.

Kindly,
Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

MLRT L'Dor V'Dor Society: Envisioning our Future

Perhaps you remember... Ten years ago, MLRT launched the L'Dor V'Dor Society and established our first formal endowment fund with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Over 160 congregants made a commitment to MLRT's future by contributing to the endowment fund. We are truly grateful for your support.

Fast Forward to 2023... MLRT was selected for the first cohort of the Jewish Federation's new Life & Legacy Endowment Program. This program is funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. We are joined by just 11 other Jewish organizations from the Philadelphia area and, working together, we will transform the way we each treat planned giving at our respective institutions. Through our participation in the Life & Legacy program, we will receive professional support from the Jewish Federation which will allow us to build on the extraordinary endowment work started a decade ago.

What's next... Our renewed endowment effort officially begins November 2023. You do not need to wait to have a conversation about helping to create a strong future for MLRT or about the exciting planned giving tools available through our L'Dor V'Dor Society.

Contact Amy Krulik at akrulik@mlrt.org for more details.



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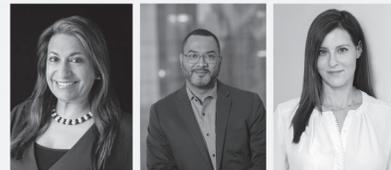
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11:00 am - Bible Study

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6:30 pm - Friday Shabbat Service

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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 via Livestream for a lovely Shabbat Service featuring our clergy.

ZOOM ONLY WEEKLY SERVICE

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.

IN PERSON ONLY WEEKLY PROGRAM

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS

7:30 pm - Caring for the Caregiver Meetings

Led by MLRT congregant, Susan Haiman, this group will be a safe space to talk, listen, and explore how you, the caregiver, are feeling, as well as learn strategies to find relief from the stress and pressures of being a caregiver to an aging partner/parent/family member.

This group only meets in person to preserve the privacy of the members and their loved ones.

Please see the calendar for dates.



BRIDGE AT MLRT EVERY WEDNESDAY! CANASTA AT MLRT EVERY THURSDAY!

Players of all levels are welcome to join the games at MLRT every Wednesday for Bridge and Thursdays for Canasta from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Come play and enjoy, with or without a partner, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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Break out your instruments! We are looking for adult congregants to join the MLRT Bimah Band!

If you play guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, horns, or sing, and are interested in learning new music, jamming with fellow musicians, or rocking out a Shabbat, all while having a blast, please contact Ross M. Levy at rlevy@mlrt.org.

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