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# MLRT Matters

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## Lots to look forward to in 2024!

**Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony**

**MLK Day of Service**

**Tu B'Shevat Service & Seder**

**Author Brunch & Book Review**

**Come In From The Cold with  
Curtis Concert**

**JDAIM Service**



## We can't wait to spend the year with you!

***This issue was printed last year (we never pass up a chance for a joke), so please understand that events and times might change, but were accurate at the time of printing.***

***We invite you to visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) for the most up-to-date information on our calendar and [mlrt.org/israel](http://mlrt.org/israel) for our evolving response to the crisis in Israel.***

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**January/February 2024**

# My Heart is in the East

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My heart is in the East, and I am at the edge of the West.  
Then how can I taste what I eat, how can I enjoy it?  
How can I fulfill my vows and pledges, while Zion is in the domain of Edom,  
and I am in the bonds of Arabia?  
It would be easy for me to leave behind all the good things of Spain; it would  
be glorious to see the dust of the ruined Sanctuary.

This famous medieval poem, Lee-bee V'mizrach- My Heart is in the East, was  
written by Judah Halevi, the renowned rabbi, poet and philosopher who lived  
most of his life in Muslim Spain in the 12th century. After penning these words  
he actually left "behind all the good things of Spain," and attempted to make

the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He made it as far as the port of Alexandria in Egypt, where he died 6  
months after he arrived.

As I sit down to write this, Israel continues to be under siege and the war is entering its third month.  
The power and need to be part of the Jewish community, to feel connected to our brothers and  
sisters in Israel, remains unabated.

Sadly, the hideous rise of antisemitism, or as many are now calling it, Jewish hate, is pervasive.  
Students at local colleges, as well as our MLRT students on many campuses, are living in a hostile  
environment and there is tremendous pressure to take actions against the Jewish community  
and Israel. This has taken many forms, and includes (but is not limited to) peer pressure to sign  
student petitions demanding the college administration essentially engage in BDS (boycott, divest  
and sanction Israel), made to feel physically and emotionally compromised from "die ins" or  
hateful posters or slogans being posted around campus, or having their mezuzah ripped off their  
doorposts.

We recently ran a program with the ADL and two of our incredible members who are LCSWs to  
offer perspective and support for dealing with these difficult realities. There are no easy answers  
for our students, or for any of us.

It is difficult to know what the next few months will bring, though I suspect it will be more of what  
we've been experiencing. Ronald Lauder (of the Estée Lauder family) said "The imperative  
to nurture a strong, unified Jewish community grows exponentially in the face of the dangers  
surrounding us. Now is the hour for unity and harmony, for a renaissance of Jewish solidarity."  
Being together brings comfort today, and God willing, brings a stronger, more vibrant community  
tomorrow.

So, just come. Come be with us for Shabbat, for an adult education session, for our annual day  
of service on MLK Day (January 15), for our Tu B'Shevat seder (January 26); join our amazing  
Sisterhood and Brotherhood; sign up for a committee (Israel, Religious Practices, Religious School,  
Tu B'shvat seder, Second Seder and more!).

My heart is in the East, with our brothers and sisters in Israel, but it is also very much here in  
Wynnewood, with our amazing congregation and together we are better and stronger. Let's not  
forget how fortunate we are to have each other and the blessings of our community.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Lower Merion faith congregations are piloting a men's shelter program during Montgomery County Code Blue  
declarations, when winter conditions pose a threat of serious harm or death to people. On-call volunteers to staff the  
shelter are needed for the January rotation at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. The shelter needs four volunteers for  
the night, divided into two shifts. Reverend Rebecca Kirkpatrick of BMPC will be there for the first hour at least of every  
night the shelter is open to make sure volunteers are comfortable with their responsibilities and the facility.  
Please be in touch with Rabbi Newburge to learn more and sign up!



# Celebrate the Legacy of MLK



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Like many of you, I am a voracious reader. While I was in Cantorial School, though there was no end to the amount we had to read for classes, I made sure to read books for pleasure regularly. I had been introduced to the books of Greg Iles, an American author born and raised in Mississippi, through his historical fiction novels about the Holocaust. The professional bass hired each year for the High Holy Days at my student pulpit, was also a fan of Greg Iles and, while riding the train together back from Long Island to Manhattan, we discovered our shared interest. The bass, also named Greg, introduced me to Iles's Penn Cage series, which oscillates between modern day and the 1960's, or to be more accurate, the fight for civil rights in America.

We, in this community, are blessed by the relationship we have with our neighbors and friends at Zion Baptist Church. The work we do throughout the year, that is brought to the forefront each year at our annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. weekend commemoration, is impactful and important work. Though the Civil Rights Era may be in the past, the work is not nearly done. Pirkei Avot 2:20-21 reminds us: "it is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." The work is ongoing; there is always a need but also always a path towards making the world a better place.

This MLK weekend, consider all the ways you can get involved. One of those ways is through music. I know I sound like a broken record (pun definitely intended), but music is an incredible tool. Music is a bridge, a connector, a healer, and the universal language. There is nothing quite as energizing, as truly electrifying, as joining together with the members of the Unity Choir in song on Friday night and Sunday morning. All are welcome, no matter your singing ability or experience. This year, rehearsals will be at MLRT, and the Friday service will be at MLRT, and we want you, your voice, and your presence. If you are interested in singing with the Unity Choir, please contact Cantor Rudnick at [frudnick@mlrt.org](mailto:frudnick@mlrt.org).

It may seem small, but singing in the choir is an important way to stand up and continue the work and legacy of Dr. King. Singing in the choir elevates the hearts of the community and inspires people to do the work of helping to make the world a better place for future generations. Join us. You won't regret it.

## Israel Matters

In the aftermath of the devastating losses of October 7th in Israel, many stories of heroism have begun to emerge. I want to focus here on three "unlikely" heroes who demonstrate forcefully how much the fates of Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs are intertwined – in the most beautiful way. First is a young Jewish woman, Shir Nosatzki, the founder of a non-profit organization called "Have You Seen the Horizon Lately?", devoted to promoting political partnerships between Arabs and Jews. Her organization quickly organized a Jewish-Arab emergency relief center in Rahat, Israel's largest Bedouin City. They are providing food and medical assistance to over 500 families in the South – both Bedouin and Jewish. Shir and her husband, Regev Contes, have produced viral videos highlighting amazing stories of Israeli Arab heroism. One is the story of Hissam Alkrenawi, who worked in the cafeteria at Kibbutz Be'eri. When he saw one of the Jewish kibbutz members, Aya Meydan, trying to return to the kibbutz from an early morning bike ride, he warned her and literally hid with her in the bushes, then called his uncle and cousins at his home in Rahat, who rescued her when they arrived a couple of hours later. On the way, Hissam's family members took time to rescue over 30 people who were fleeing from the Nova Music Festival. As Hissam's family was loading Aya and Hissam into their truck, they were confronted by IDF soldiers finally arriving, who thought they were kidnapping Maya! Visit [bit.ly/46UScoB](https://bit.ly/46UScoB) to see more.

Another story that Shir tells is the story of Hamid Ar'ar, an Arab man from the Bedouin town of Arara. He was driving with his wife (a Muslim Israeli and mother of 9 dressed in a hijab) when they were surrounded by Hamas terrorists, and she was shot dead. Hamid immediately grabbed their baby boy and escaped on foot, hiding in a roadside shed. Later that day he heard Israeli soldiers approaching, and then heard Hamas members hiding behind the shed, and realized the Israelis were walking into an ambush. He leapt out with his son, at mortal danger to the two of them, to warn the Israeli soldiers of the danger to them. Visit [bit.ly/3Tjj6Uato](https://bit.ly/3Tjj6Uato) to see more.

*If you would like to contribute an Israel-centric article to future issues, please email Sherrill Neff at [sherrill.neff@gmail.com](mailto:sherrill.neff@gmail.com), Jackie Shulman at [jzshul@gmail.com](mailto:jzshul@gmail.com), or Renee Margulies at [Milren4@yahoo.com](mailto:Milren4@yahoo.com).*

# Be a Champion of Action



Philadelphia is the home of many well-known firsts - first public library, first zoo, first hospital, first Girl Scout Cookies and first computer. Did you know that Philadelphia is also the home the first Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service?

The idea for an MLK Day of Service evolved from a discussion in 1988 between Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Harris Wofford (who was then Director of the PA Department of Labor and Industry) and Todd Bernstein (who as an aid to Wofford and now heads Global Citizen 365 in Philadelphia). As a Senator, Wofford co-authored the federal King Holiday and Service Act with Atlanta Congressman John Lewis. Wofford and Lewis were both close friends and colleagues of Dr. King and the goal of the legislation was to challenge Americans to transform the MLK Day holiday into a day of citizen action and volunteer service in honor of Dr. King. President Bill Clinton signed the King Holiday and Service

Act into law on August 23, 1994.

The national MLK Day of Service started in Philadelphia in 1996 as a small project with 1,000 volunteers. Nearly 2 million Philadelphians have participated in MLK Day of Service projects and Philadelphia has always been and continues to be the proud home of the largest MLK Day of Service in the country.

Todd Bernstein once told the Jewish Exponent, "Dr. King was an enemy of apathy and a champion of action 365 days of the year. It's really not good enough to just get out one day and expect to really create fundamental change. That has to be an ongoing commitment throughout the year."

As we get ready to turn the calendar to 2024, now is the perfect time to ask yourself how you will be a "champion of action" in the coming year?

- Will you join a committee - like Israel, Finance, Tikkun Olam, Philanthropy, Adult Education - at MLRT?
- How about committing to driving a congregant to the doctor two times in 2024?
- Did you mark your calendar for the MLK Day of Service on January 15?
- Have you checked out upcoming volunteer activities planned by MLRT's Tikkun Olam Network?
- How about checking out the items needed by HIAS PA, Cradles to Crayons or the Mitzvah Circle and donating items from your home?

Be sure to read the rest of this bulletin, watch the weekly enews, and check the MLRT website ([mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org)) for info on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month

***Please join us for our annual JDAIM Service with pianist and composer, Dave Schlossberg, on February 16!***

Dave Schlossberg is an award-winning pianist and composer from Monroe, New Jersey. A member of numerous musical groups around the New Brunswick area, Dave also serves as the musical director for the Music Theatre Program of Middlesex County Arts Middle School. He is the musical director for the Monroe Township Chorus, and the Monroe-based Concordia Chorale, as well as co-director of the Stonebridge Singers of Montgomery, NJ.

Dave's debut album, *A Place Beyond Words*, was awarded a Silver Medal for Outstanding Achievement from the Global Music Awards and was selected as one of the Top Five Albums of Fall 2017. Dave is currently working on a semiautobiographical musical about his journey through spinal cord injury, entitled *Facing The Music*. The opening number of the musical, "Life Behind The Wheel" was also awarded a Silver Medal for Outstanding Achievement from the Global Music Awards in 2021.

**Dave will perform and speak about his disabilities at our Friday Night Service on Friday, February 16, at 6:30 pm.**

# Stronger Together



As the winter chill settles in and the festivities of the High Holy Days become distant memories, it's a poignant moment to check in on the resolutions and commitments we made during those reflective times. Often, the colder weather can make it less appealing to venture out and pursue our goals. However, this is precisely when staying connected becomes crucial, fostering a sense of community and inspiration to uphold the promises we made to ourselves and others.

Winter can be a season of hibernation, where the desire to stay indoors and avoid the cold is strong. But, it's important to remember that connection is a vital aspect of personal growth and the fulfillment of resolutions. Whether it's through virtual meet-ups, phone calls, or even sending a heartfelt email, staying connected with friends, family, and support networks can provide the encouragement needed to persevere through the colder months.

As we approach the secular New Year, revisit the resolutions and commitments you made during the High Holy Days. Reflect on your progress, celebrate successes, and acknowledge areas you think need improvement. Consider sharing these reflections with close friends or family members, fostering an atmosphere of accountability and mutual support.

As we approach Martin Luther King Day, it's worth highlighting the significance of this day beyond a mere day off. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to service and justice, and the day named in his honor encourages individuals to contribute to their communities through acts of service. Volunteering is not only a powerful way to make a positive impact but also aligns with many resolutions made during the High Holy Days.

Consider how the commitment to volunteer aligns with your resolutions. Volunteering not only benefits the community but also offers a sense of fulfillment and purpose. Take the opportunity to review the wonderful programs organized by MLRT and the Tikkun Olam Committee and select how you would like to participate in our Martin Luther King Day of Service. Your participation serves as a reminder of the impact each individual can have in building a stronger, more compassionate Jewish community. Given all that is going on in the world impacting our Jewish Community, it feels even more important than ever to find ways to connect while giving back to our local community.

As we navigate the winter months and check in on our resolutions, let's remember the importance of staying connected, even when the cold weather makes it less appealing to be out and about. We are stronger together. Martin Luther King Day provides a unique opportunity to tie our commitments to service, turning our resolutions into meaningful actions that benefit both ourselves and our local community. By embracing the spirit of service and connection, we can make a positive impact and create lasting change.

## Tu B'Shevat

Jewish mystics visualize God as a tree, with roots in creation and branches spreading far and wide. As a way to incorporate this vision into their lives, the Kabbalists created a seder for Tu B'Shevat as a "tikkun" — a ritual of repair for the world, and we know our world is certainly in need of repair.

"A person is a tree of the field..." (Deuteronomy 20:19). How is a person a tree? Essentially, in Jewish tradition, a person is like a tree because we bear fruit- our teachings and our good deeds.

The rabbis remind us of this every year when we celebrate the Tu B'Shevat, the new year for trees. Interestingly, the Torah never mentions this holiday, and it is first noted in the Babylonian Talmud in connection with Rosh Hashanah and two other new years (Rosh Hashanah is the new year for the counting of years, Elul is the new year for the tithing of cattle and Nisan is the new year for kings and festivals).

At the seder, we reflect on seven species of produce and their relationship with the land of Israel first mentioned in the Torah in Deuteronomy (8:8), which describes Israel as 'a land of wheat, and barley, and vines; of fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey.' In Hebrew, they are known collectively as *Shivat HaMinim* ('seven species'). **Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 26 at 6:30 pm when we will hold a special Shabbat service and Tu B'Shevat Seder, providing us with a unique and delicious learning opportunity.**

For questions, please be in touch with Rabbi Newburge at [gnewburge@mlrt.org](mailto:gnewburge@mlrt.org). Register by emailing Laurie Silverman at [lsilverman@mlrt.org](mailto:lsilverman@mlrt.org) or visiting [mlrt.org/tubs24](http://mlrt.org/tubs24)

# MLK Day of Service - Monday, January 15

*This MLRTMatters issue was printed in early December. We are still planning this incredible day of service honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., so please check our website at [mlrt.org/mlk24](http://mlrt.org/mlk24) for the most up to date information and activities!*

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

- \* **Unopened trial sized toiletries**
- \* **Gently used children's clothing, pajamas, and winter coats** (sizes newborn- adult medium)
- \* **Gently used shoes** (sizes 4 infant/toddler - adult 10)
- \* **New kids underwear**
- \* **Cleaning & paint supplies** (list at <https://a.co/dNmCHJs>)
- \* **School supplies:** backpacks, pencils & cases, pens, crayons, and loose-leaf paper

## ACTIVITIES AT MLRT

### BAKE SALE

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

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

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BACKPACK STUFFING

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

*Appropriate for Religious School aged children*

We will stuff backpacks with school supplies for the Families Forward shelter where children may not have all of these basic supplies. For questions, please contact Rabbi Kleinman at [kkleinman@mlrt.org](mailto:kkleinman@mlrt.org).

### CRADLES TO CRAYONS CLOTHING SORT

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

*Appropriate for teens and adults*

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

### TOILETRY SORTING & PACKAGING

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

*Open to children and adults*

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

### SALAD MAKING

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

*Appropriate for adults and families with children age 10 + Participants MUST sign up via [mlrt.org/mlk24](http://mlrt.org/mlk24) to let us know which ingredients you are bringing.*

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

## OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

### SAUNDERS HOUSE

**Meet at 100 Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood at 11:00 am**

Join our Junior Jammers at Saunders House to entertain and visit with the residents. All ages welcome!

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

**Meet at Temple Beth David at 9:30 am**

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Gladwyne Cemetery. Volunteers will meet at Beth David for an introduction and then walk over to the cemetery to rake and clean up. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended.

### WEPAC JAMES RHOADS SCHOOL LIBRARY SUPPORT

**Starting PROMPTLY at 9:30 am | 4901 Parrish Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139**

*Appropriate for adults (16+ teenagers are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult)*

WePAC seeks volunteers to help deep clean bookshelves, paint walls, hang peel and stick wallpaper, have fun and do good! For questions, contact Karen Richter at [karenrichter@gmail.com](mailto:karenrichter@gmail.com).

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

**Visit [mlrt.org/mlk24](http://mlrt.org/mlk24) to sign up for our Day of Service and for the most up-to-date information.**

*This bulletin was printed in mid-December. All programs are subject to change.*



# STAY CONNECTED!

## **Short Story Discussion Group**

Thursdays, January 11 and February 8 at 12:15 pm in person & on Zoom

Our January discussion will focus on "A Poland, A Lithuania, A Galicia" by Tova Mirvis and February will cover "What Must I Say to You" by Norma Rosen. Please join the discussion!

## **Sisterhood Dance Fitness Class**

Tuesday, January 16 at 10:30 am at MLRT

Nicole Rodriguez from MovementRX will lead a one-hour dance fitness class, followed by healthy bites. All are welcome; suggested cash donation of \$20 to the Narberth Food Pantry.

## **Israel Committee Meetings**

Mondays, January 22 and February 12 at 2:00 pm in person & on Zoom

The Israel Committee is a group of Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim members who love Israel, and who work to promote the spiritual, historical and cultural bonds that connect us deeply to the Jewish homeland.

## **Shabbat Morning Walk**

Saturday, January 20 and Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 am at Haverford Reserve

Kick off the new year with an invigorating and spiritually enlightening walk with Rabbi Newburge (weather permitting.)

## **Beer Club**

Sunday, January 21 at 7:00 pm at the home of Keri & Scott Berger


Sunday, February 25 at 7:00 pm at Tired Hands Fermentaria

Please join the MLRT Beer Club's January meeting, hosted by Keri & Scott Berger at their home in Wynnewood. They will be offering a selection of beers, snacks, Arcade Games and PingPong, but feel free to bring something if you choose. In February, we will return to Tired Hands Fermentaria in Ardmore. Their selection of brews and eats is always rotating, and parking, ordering and paying couldn't be easier. See you there!

## **Lunch with the Rabbi** - Monday, January 22 and Monday, February 12 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.

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

 **Monday, January 29 at 8:00 pm - Lady Bird (Netflix)**

*A teenager navigates a loving but turbulent relationship with her strong-willed mother over the course of an eventful and poignant senior year of high school.*

 **Monday, February 5 at 8:00 pm - American Factory (Netflix)**

*In post-industrial Ohio, a Chinese billionaire opens a new factory in the husk of an abandoned General Motors plant. Early days of hope and optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China clashes with working-class America.*

## **Bernie Kleinman Book Club** - Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm in person and on Zoom

Discuss the uplifting book, Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt for a great book to start the year! Can an octopus be smarter than a human? Can an octopus think, feel emotion and help with loss and depression? Find out! If you have any questions, please contact Norm Fienman at [nfienman@gmail.com](mailto:nfienman@gmail.com).

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

# STAY CONNECTED!

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

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

**Friday, January 12 | 7:30 pm at MLRT**

*Featuring the Unity Choir and the clergy from MLRT, Beth Am Israel, and Zion Baptist*

**Saturday, January 13 | 9:00 am at Beth Am Israel**

A spiritual and soulful Shabbat morning with the Interfaith Music Project  
*There will not be a service or study at MLRT*

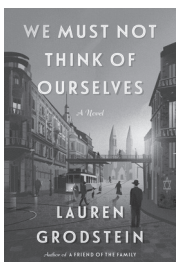
**Sunday, January 14 | 10:30 am at Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore**

**Links for all services can be found at [mlrt.org/mlk24](http://mlrt.org/mlk24)**

## SISTERHOOD AUTHOR BRUNCH & BOOK REVIEW WITH LAUREN GRODSTEIN

Wednesday, February 21 at 11:00 am

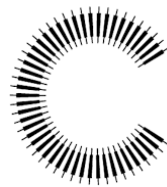
*Take part in our annual event with award-winning author, Lauren Grodstein! Delicious food and delectable discussion - what could be better?*



Inspired by a little-known piece of history—the underground group that kept an archive to ensure that the lives of Jewish occupants of the Warsaw Ghetto in World War II were not lost to history—this is a heart-wrenching novel of love and defiance that People calls "gripping, emotional, and against all odds, hopeful."

Lauren Grodstein is the author of five novels, including the Read with Jenna selection *We Must Not Think of Ourselves*, New York Times bestseller *A Friend of the Family* and the Washington Post Book of the Year *The Explanation for Everything*. She teaches in the MFA Program at Rutgers University-Camden and lives in New Jersey with her husband and children.

Further details, including how to register, will be available soon! Keep an eye on your inbox and [mlrt.org/sisterhood](http://mlrt.org/sisterhood)



**CURTIS**  
INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

## COME IN FROM THE COLD WITH CURTIS Concert

**Sunday, February 25**

**3:00 pm at MLRT**  
410 Montgomery Ave. Wynnewood

*MLRT is proud to partner with The Curtis Institute of Music for an hour-long concert featuring Israeli, French, and American songs and a piano four-hands duet by Schubert.*

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

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

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

**RSVP and learn more at [mlrt.org/curtis24](http://mlrt.org/curtis24)**



# Sisterhood



**Sue Rubin Plick**  
Sisterhood President

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and holiday season. Thanksgiving is a time when I mindfully look for gratitude in my life, however it was challenging to feel gratitude this past Thanksgiving due to my sorrow for the suffering in Israel and Gaza, and the resulting wave of antisemitism.

I feel I stand up to antisemitism by actively practicing Judaism (and supporting our Temple). One of my favorite aspects of Judaism is the idea of repairing the world through acts of kindness. There are many ways to do such, but since I am Sisterhood President, I will talk about Sisterhood actions. Sisterhood has always offered opportunities to help others.

One example is our long association with Mitzvah Circle Foundation, which is an organization supplying goods and services to families facing poverty, homelessness, illness, and a myriad of difficult circumstances. Mitzvah Circle forges relationships with those in need and delivers and distributes care packages containing clothing, shoes, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, books, household goods and more.

A thoughtful way to support the MLRT community is to take part in Sisterhood's Shalach Manot. Shalach Manot are gifts of food or drink given on Purim to family, friends, and others (considered an act of kindness). Purim starts the evening of March 23rd – the deadline for Shalach Manot ordering is a few weeks prior which will be explained in an email sent to all congregants. It is always gratifying to give and receive Purim gifts. Another way to take part is to help pack Shalach Manot bags on March 15. Also, Sisterhood always needs help delivering the bags.

Future Sisterhood activities include an Indian food cooking event in January (details pending), an exercise dance class in the morning of January 16, and the Sisterhood Book Review is February 21 at 11:00 am. The book is "We Must Not Think of Ourselves" by Lauren Grodstein who is a local author and professor at Rutgers University-Camden. The book was released in November and has received glowing reviews. For those of you who have not attended a Sisterhood Book Review, it is a light brunch with the author speaking and answering questions.

In closing - little things are the big thing, small acts of kindness matter.

# Brotherhood

Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.

("The Second Coming." W. B. Yeats, The Dial, 1920.)

As of this day of writing, there is one certainty: "Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world." The world in which Yeats writes this poem is filled with despair, futility, and uncertainty in his native Ireland experiencing "the troubles." The eerie similarities between that time and ours are unsettling. Here we need not rehearse the horrific events of October 7th; they are etched seeringly forever in our minds; in exact outline we see that things have fallen apart. The questions remain: what and who will rescue us from the madness that has been loosed upon the world? Let us collectively hope that innocence, peace, and justice will be restored by women and men working as never before to quench the lust for chaos.

The winter months have us yearning for spring; but surely, we are hardy enough to endure the less than comfortable weather, the hoar frost, and ice as Brotherhood looks forward to the following monthly outings. In January (on the 22d) the monthly Mens' Night Out has us gathering at Pietro's in Radnor. The February 21 outing has us meeting at the Great American Pub in Wayne. As always, these events begin at 6:00 pm, with the first beverage of one's choice being subsidized by Brotherhood (that translates into it's paid for by Brotherhood).

Aha, afoot is the possibility of Brotherhood merging with Sisterhood for a wine and food affair being promoted by Carlino's in Ardmore. The event is in the planning stages. Hopefully, this extravaganza will happen and will take the chill off of the season.

Kindly, Gary Brock, MLRT Brotherhood Vice-President

# Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education



**Mihaela Schwartz,**  
ECE Director

## **Birth – A Time of Opportunity for the Jewish Community**

### **Exciting Initiative in our ECE MLRT – Brand-New Infant Program starting September 2024**

There are a few times in life when the conventional routine shifts radically. An old way of life ends, and a new one begins. For young couples, the birth of a child is such a time. The birth of a baby is an especially joyous event.

It is a time of intense feelings. Parents are excited, exhausted, and full of anticipation. There is celebration, wonder, gift-giving, baby naming, reorientation, and realization. Friends and family reach out. Connections are made with other new parents, and parents naturally begin to seek support and guidance on how to raise their children.

In recognition of the vital role that programming for Jewish parents might play, we have started planning to open the first Infant program at MLRT!

### **Needs of New Parents**

Having a baby and becoming a family creates a need for parents to connect with others in a similar life stage. There is also a need to communicate with more experienced parents and professionals who can guide new parents through development, milestones, and any bumps in the road.

Our new infant program will allow parents of very young children to meet one another. It also fits into the synagogue's goal to continue bridging multigenerational programming.

The new infant program will give parents various chances to meet, connect, share experiences, form playgroups and carpools, or even find a good pediatrician. The parental friendships formed when children are young are often very long-lasting friendships. As a whole community, we are aware of this and design this educational program with plenty of opportunities for socializing.

We strongly believe that the formation of deep and strong relationships between young parents and their children can last for a lifetime, extending from children's earliest years to when they start Religious School, Tribe, and college.

### **Infants and Young Toddlers Program at MLRT ECE**

This new Infant and Young Toddlers program will provide care for infants and toddlers ranging in age from 12 weeks to two years, including a Jewish educational component. This program integrates an early childhood developmental curriculum with a Jewish curriculum for most working parents. Children are in the program from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

### **Our Program Thrives Because of Our Jewish Communal Professionals Who Are Passionate About Their Work**

The current stage of planning involves additional training for our current ECE teachers who are already highly skilled in working with young children. Our goal is to increase their early childhood expertise, expand their ability to reach new parents, and showcase their unique skills and enthusiasm.

### **Foster Personal Relationships**

Personal relationships are the building blocks for everything we do at MLRT ECE. We regularly hear from parents who come to our program to meet other parents and build new Jewish content for themselves and their children. Relationships are at the heart of our community, and parents become part of our community because they develop strong relationships with each other, with our educators, and with our clergy & staff. Jewish engagement, relationships, and friendships can influence future choices, teach about Jewish rituals, and give Judaism a positive face.

**If you are interested in securing a spot for our Brand-New Infant Program, please get in touch with the ECE MLRT office at [eceoffice@mlrt.org](mailto:eceoffice@mlrt.org) OR by phone at 484.417.6229.**

**Spots are limited. Please call us to schedule a school visit to learn more about this exciting new initiative.**

# Teach Our Children: Religious School



**Rabbi Kevin Kleinman**  
Director of Education

Different cultures, religions, and ethnic groups mark the changing of years in different ways. In the modern era, people around the world are united in marking the changing on the secular year according to January 1 of the Gregorian calendar. We celebrate with countdowns, fireworks, and parties. For the Jewish community, the year changes on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, or Rosh Hashanah. This, however, isn't technically the first day of the first month of the year. That honor goes to the first day of Nisan, when we Jews first left Egypt. We observe the new year for animals on the first day of Elul and the new year for trees on the fifteenth day of Shevat. This is called Tu B'Shevat and it has become a very important day to celebrate the earth and renew our commitment to protect it. This year we will be having a special Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Service on January 26.

I hope you will join us for a memorable evening! Details on page 8.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January 2 - No Religious School

January 5 - \*Junior Jammers & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Led Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

January 14 - No Religious School

January 15 - MLRT MLK Day of Service

January 26 – Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Service

February 2 - \*Junior Jammers & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Led Family Shabbat Service

February 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip

February 18 – No Religious School

March 1 - \*Junior Jammers & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Shabbat Service

*\*Family Shabbat Services begin at 6:30 pm*

# TheTribe and tribe jr.



**Ross M. Levy,**  
Youth Engagement, Dir.

As we step into another vibrant month, it's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible journey of TheTribe and to look forward to the exciting events we have on the horizon.

TheTribe has been buzzing with activity, offering our teens a place to connect, learn, and grow. Our recent events have not only been fun, but also immensely enriching, fostering a sense of community and belonging among our youth.

Our students ran a successful tribe jr. event that was a blast filled with mini challenges for our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We also visited Linvilla Orchards and narrowly escaped the corn maze.

## **Escape the Room Adventure - February 11**

TheTribe is set to embark on an exhilarating 'Escape the Room' adventure. This event promises to be a thrilling challenge that will put our teens' problem-solving skills and teamwork to the test. It's an excellent opportunity for them to bond, think creatively, and have a fantastic time. If you're in 8-12 grade and are good in a tight spot, check this out!

## **L'taken Trip to Washington D.C.**

Another highlight of our upcoming events is the L'taken trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for February. This trip is more than just an excursion; it's a journey into the heart of our democratic process and Jewish values. Our teens will have the unique opportunity to engage with political processes, understand the significance of civic involvement, and explore how they can make a meaningful impact in our society.

We are incredibly proud of what TheTribe has achieved and excited about what lies ahead. These events are fantastic opportunities for our teens to learn, grow, and make lasting memories. We encourage all eligible members to participate and make the most of these enriching experiences.

For more information or to register for these events, please contact Ross M. Levy at [rlevy@mlrt.org](mailto:rlevy@mlrt.org). Looking forward to seeing our teens shine in these upcoming adventures!



# Sharing Our Lives

## *Mazal Too!*

**Marc Altshuler** on his selection as the Community winner of the Health and Wellness Achievement Award for the 2023 Philadelphia Welcoming Awards

**Denis Cohen** who was recently elected Chancellor of the Louis D. Brandeis Law Society

**First Grade Students & Families** on last week's Consecration Service

**Sue & Mike Plick** on the marriage of their daughter, Natalie Plick, and Will Friedlander

**Sidney Rubin** on the marriage of his granddaughter, Natalie Plick, and Will Friedlander

**Patty & Michael Scheinfeld** on the marriage of their nephew, Scott Gershenbaum, to Lauren Azoff

**Aron Wahrman** on being named Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania

**We want to be a part of your life!** Please email Davida Chornock, Director of Marketing & Communications, at [dchornock@mlrt.org](mailto:dchornock@mlrt.org) so we can share your news, good and bad, with our MLRT Family.

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

**Maya Avera-Breslin**

Daughter of Tracy Breslin & Alison Avera

**Olivia Benjamin**

Daughter of Debra & Steven Benjamin

**Louis Bleich**

Son of Rachel & Matthew Bleich

**Hazel Boyd-Rothman**

Daughter of Jennifer Rothman & Sarah Boyd

**Samuel Doroshov**

Son of Katy & Jonathan Doroshov

**Samantha Glassman**

Daughter of Emily & Jayson Glassman

**Riley Schultz**

Daughter of Julie & Andrew Schultz

## *Save these dates*

**Annual Meeting - March 10, 2024 at MLRT**

Please join us for MLRT's Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 10 at 11:00 am. There will be an opportunity to meet and elect the slate of Officers and Trustees nominated to service in the coming year, celebrate accomplishments of the last year, learn about future plans for MLRT, and enjoy a delicious brunch with your congregational family.

**Main Line Speaker Series: Howie Roseman - April 10, 2024 at MLRT**

Howie Roseman, Philadelphia Eagles's Executive VP on Football Operations, is in his 19<sup>th</sup> year with the Eagles. Roseman is an influential voice within the organization and provides valuable perspective pertaining to both football and business decisions that help shape the franchise. You don't want to miss this!

**Evening Honoring Beth Allen and Liz Stoller - April 13, 2024 at MLRT**

This fun night of giving back will celebrate the tireless efforts of Beth & Liz with the Tikkun Olam Network.

**Additional details for all three events will be coming soon!**

Interested in sponsoring our April programs? Please contact Amy Krulik at [akrulik@mlrt.org](mailto:akrulik@mlrt.org) to learn more and show your support.

# Sharing Our Lives

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

**Lois Borden**

*Mother of Lawrence (Tatiana) Borden and Suzanne (Joseph Rubin) Borden  
Grandmother of Andrew and Matthew & Hannah and Michael  
Wife of the late Howard Borden  
Sister of Steve Toporov*

**Roy Foreman**

*Husband of Irma (nee Linkin) Foreman  
Grandfather of Jason (Amy) Cohen, Alison (Justin) Lingel, Nicole Cohen, Lauren (Jason) Leeds, Sam Foreman,  
Emily Seitz, Andrew Seitz, Madison Foreman, and Kaitlin Foreman  
Father of Debbie (Howard) Foreman Weinstock, Kenny (Karin) Foreman, Shari Foreman Seitz, and Rob (Jen) Foreman  
Great-grandfather to Maya Cohen, Jonah Lingel, Eliana Lingel, and Leo Cohen*

**Allen Ginesin**

*Father of Scott Ginesin (Stacey Ginesin)  
Grandfather of Jake, Celia, and Spencer*

**Stanley D. Ginsburg**

*Husband of Arlene Ginsburg  
Father of Robert (Mitra), Carole (Richard), and Marc (Tracy)  
Grandfather of Dana, Max, Greg (Julie), Doug (Julianne), Drew, Alexa (Adam), Sam (Jason) and Shelby  
Great-grandfather of Harlow, Story, and Benji*

**Gretchen L. Haas**

*Sister of Vic (Nancy) Haas*

**Kenneth Paull**

*Father of Sherri Paull, Scott Paull and the late Lesa Mayes  
Husband of the late Bonnie Paull*

**Pearl Resnick**

*Mother of Mindy Hargrave*

**Lois Spoont**

*Mother of David (Sally Barsh) Spoont and Andrew (Alison) Spoont  
Daughter of the late Dr. Aaron T. and Helen R. Liachowitz  
Sister of the late Claire H. Liachowitz  
Grandmother of Justin (Kate), Alexander (Einat), and Jenna (Tony)  
Great-grandmother of Jacob and Binyamin*

**Kathy Joan Stein**

*Mother of Beth Silverberg (Jonathan Roth) and Stephen Silver  
Grandmother of Cary Friedlander (Erin), Austin Schwartz (Jen Stern), Lindy Schwartz (Max Moskovitz),  
and Sky Lynn Silver  
Great-grandmother of Cameron Friedlander  
Wife of the late Joel Stein*

**Richard Weinstein**

*Brother of Donald Weinstein  
Husband of Harriette Weinstein  
Father of Seth (Karen) and Andrew (Amy) Weinstein*

Please consider a contribution to MLRT in memory of these lost loved ones. **Visit [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org) to make a donation in their names.**

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October 4 - December 5, 2023

## Annual Fund

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In memory of Roberta Fine  
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In memory of Roy Foreman

Cindy & Jeff Ruben  
In honor of Victoria Brier  
In memory of Roy Foreman

Amy & Bob Silverman  
In honor of the marriage of Sue & Mike Plick's  
daughter, Natalie, to Will Friedlander  
In memory of Lisa Sassler Cohen

# 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 2023/24...** 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.

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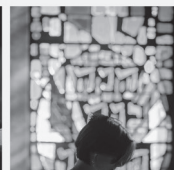
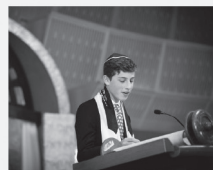
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	<b>1</b> <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>ECE Closed</b>	<b>2</b> <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL or TRIBE</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 pm</b> Unity Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah**
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Unity Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood General Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:15 pm</b> Short Story Discussion Group	<b>12</b> <b>ECE Closed</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony Service with Unity Choir, BAI, and ZBC	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Shabbat of Interfaith Harmony Service & Torah Study at Beth Am Israel^  <i>There will be no services or study classes at MLRT</i>
<b>14</b> <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>10:30 am</b> Weekend of Interfaith Harmony Service at Zion Baptist Church^	<b>15 MLK Day of Service</b> <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>9:30 am</b> MLK Service Activities at Gladwyne Cemetery & WePAC <b>10:00 am</b> Day of Service at MLRT	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Sisterhood Dance Event	<b>17</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Shabbat Morning Walk*^ <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah**
<b>21</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Beer Club^	<b>22</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Lunch with the Rabbi <b>2:00 pm</b> Israel Committee Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Brotherhood MNO^ <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26 TU B'SHEVAT</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service & Tu B'Shevat Seder	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Gev Nusbaum~ <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Arden Waldman~ <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah**
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: Lady Bird**	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>February 1</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver* <b>7:30 pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>February 2</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service	<b>February 3</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Reese Rankin~ <b>6:30 pm</b> Havdalah**

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# February 2024

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>January 29</b> 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Lady Bird**	<b>January 30</b>	<b>January 31</b> 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver* 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Reese Rankin~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
<b>4</b> 2:00 pm TON Soup Making	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: American Factory**	<b>6</b> 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club: Remarkably Bright Creatures	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Short Story Discussion Group	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Riggio~ 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Pierce Rounick~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
<b>11</b> 11:00 am Tribe Social Escape Room^	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi 2:00 pm Israel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>16 ECE Closed</b> 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah**
<b>18</b> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	<b>19 PRESIDENTS DAY</b> MLRT Office Closed ECE Closed	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 11:00 am Sisterhood Brunch & Book Review with Lauren Grodstein 6:00 pm Brotherhood MNO^	<b>22</b> 11:00 am Bible Study	<b>23</b> LITaken in DC → 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Jaiden Levine~
<b>25</b> 3:00 pm Come In From The Cold with Curtis Concert 7:00 pm Beer Club^	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class	<b>29</b> 11:00 am Bible Study TBD Sisterhood Indian Dinner 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>March 1</b> 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	<b>March 2</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Evan Krieger~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**

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# Join Us Every Week!

## **MULTI-ACCESS WEEKLY CLASSES & SERVICES**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

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

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

### **THURSDAYS**

#### **11:00 am - Bible Study**

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

### **FRIDAYS**

#### **6:30 pm - Friday Shabbat Service**

We invite you to join us via YouTube, Livestream, 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 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 PROGRAMS**

#### **MIXED CHOIR REHEARSAL - MONDAYS, 7:00 PM**

#### **SISTERHOOD CHOIR REHEARSAL - WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 AM**

No auditions are required – just a love of singing, Jewish life, and Jewish people!

### **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.*

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