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Rabbi Geri Newburge

In 2005 Queen Elizabeth knighted the Chief Rabbi of England, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. In telling the story he shares that Buckingham Palace is particularly sensitive to diplomatic issues. When the Queen or another royal personage comes to lay the sword on your shoulder in the ceremony, one must kneel.

Drawing from the Purim story, Rabbi Sacks, like Mordechai, would not kneel for anyone except the Holy Ones and he explained the situation to the powers that be. This presented a serious diplomatic issue in the Palace as to what to do. They devised an apparatus that allowed Rabbi Sacks to incline 10 or 15 degrees towards Her Majesty without actually kneeling, thereby satisfying the concern regarding diplomacy. When the big day arrived, he followed the proper protocol, inclining toward the Queen, and she rested her sword on his shoulder, but she did say, in an undertone to Prince Phillip, "Tell me, why is this knight different?"

It's nice to know Queen Elizabeth had an excellent sense of humor, and I would venture to guess that Queen Esther did as well in order to navigate the complexities of her royal and familial life.

As we prepare to celebrate Purim later this month and Pesach next month, these festivals serve as a worthwhile reminder of the value of freedoms we cherish as a people. In the Purim story, we find Esther and Mordechai working together to find a way to free their community from Haman's nefarious plans to eliminate the Jews from Shushan; during Pesach, we recount the narrative of Moses and Aaron negotiating with Pharaoh to release the Israelites to worship the Holy One, and with a little help from God, the 10 plagues help them accomplish this goal. With each holiday, we celebrate the Jewish people's hard-won freedom from those who would oppress or demonize us.

These stories are part of our heritage and guide us to reflect on the freedom we have to gather and observe the holidays as a community, to speak out about the injustices of the world, to fight for equality for all, to worship as we wish, and most precious of all, the freedom to live freely as Jews. This is a gift.

While the past several months have been incredibly difficult as a Jewish community, we are blessed to have the opportunity to come together to celebrate Purim, retelling the story of the heroic Esther and Mordechai on March 23 with a particularly fun Karaoke Night. In April, we will continue the tradition of our people by retelling the story of the exodus from Egypt at Festival Services on the mornings of April 23 and 29, and by offering a Second Night Seder on April 23.

The author Dara Horn wrote, "Since ancient times, in every place they have ever lived, Jews have represented the frightening prospect of freedom. As long as Jews existed in any society, there was evidence that it in fact wasn't necessary to believe what everyone else believed, that those who disagreed with their neighbors could survive and even flourish against all odds. The existence of Jews in any society is a reminder that freedom is possible, but only with responsibility—and that freedom without responsibility is no freedom at all."

Almost Everything You Wanted To Know About... with Rabbi Richard Hirsh on Zoom!

"Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About...The New Testament" - Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 pm

The Bible used by our Christian friends includes what they call "the Old Testament" and "the New Testament." Our Jewish Bible only includes the 24 books that we call Tanakh, or, "the Hebrew Bible." While most Jews have heard of the New Testament, for many of us it remains a closed book.

In this conversation, we will get an overview of the New Testament, and its distinctive forms of sacred literature, much of which was written by Jews who had come to accept Jesus as the Messiah. What is a "Gospel"? Why does the New Testament include four Gospels? Who was St. Paul, and why do we have his "letters" preserved in the New Testament? What is the Book of Revelation? How do Jews and Christians read Jewish scripture differently? (And why is there always someone behind home plate holding a sign that says "John 3:16"?)

"Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About... Passover" - Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm

Just in time for our upcoming Passover Seders, we will look at some of the puzzling and provocative questions about the Exodus from Egypt:

- If Passover celebrates leaving Egypt, what were our ancestors celebrating at the first Passover (before they left)?
- Are "Passover" and the "Festival of Matzah" one or two holidays?
- If grain is prohibited on Passover, why is matzah OK?
- Why is Elijah invited to the Seder?
- Was The Last Supper of Jesus a Seder?

Visit mlrt.org/calendar for the Zoom links to join Rabbi Hirsh

The Calling of a Cantor



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Next year marks 50 years of women in the Cantorate. It all started with a girl and a dream. Cantor Barbara Ostfeld was determined to do something that hadn't been done before. She wasn't trying to break the glass ceiling; she felt a calling and simply wanted a chance to be what she wanted to be. In a ground-breaking shift from the norm, Cantor Ostfeld applied to and attended the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College and was ordained in 1975. Though she was no stranger to the challenges of being the first female Cantor, because of her hard work and determination, Cantor Ostfeld became one of the most renowned Cantors of her generation and a true mentor and inspiration to decades of Cantors. I am honored to call Cantor Ostfeld my colleague and friend.

Because of my role on the Executive Board of the American Conference of Cantors, I have been invited to be a part of a task force for the ACC planning for the year ahead to celebrate the incredible milestone of 50 years of women in the Cantorate. UCLA's School of Ethnomusicology offers a music series known as Stories of Music, and I am excited to get to work on an installment of the series, celebrating our 50th anniversary milestone. Specifically, I am working with Dr. Mark Kligman, my former professor at HUC-JIR, now the Department Chair of Ethnomusicology at UCLA, and another colleague from the Boston area, examining the trends of the Cantorate, the evolution of the female voice in the Cantorate, female influences of the Cantorate and within the Cantorate, and so much more. If you'd like to see any of the Stories of Music, visit <http://tinyurl.com/y9sac652>. The segment we are beginning to work on in honor of 50 years of women in the Cantorate will not be ready nor debuted until next winter, but the work behind the scenes is very exciting.

Throughout the year, I will be diving deep into the history of the Cantorate and the history of the female voice and influence in the Cantorate. This will include Jewish and non-Jewish influences, the hurdles, the successes, cultural influences, and everything in between. Stay tuned; this will be the first of several bulletin articles dedicated to the celebration of 50 years of women in the Cantorate.

Over 300 people enjoyed an afternoon of music during our February Come In From The Cold With Curtis concert! Thank you to all the attendees for supporting the Curtis Institute of Music and our committee for planning this spectacular showcase of Israeli, French, and American Music!

Israel Matters

The Druze population numbers about one million worldwide and 145,000 in Israel. As loyal Israeli citizens, they serve in the military. The Druze community is separate from Islam and has experienced persecution by different Muslim regimes but is known to be loyal to their countries of residence. And lately, they are making their mark in the world of haute cuisine.

One of five sisters, Naifa Mulla learned to cook from her grandmother. After a year of national service, she attended college, married a fellow IDF soldier named Khaled, had a child, and moved to Ramat Gan to work in a bank. While having dinner at a trendy Tel Aviv restaurant, she asked to train with the chef and discovered that cooking was her true passion. After four and a half years of learning at that same restaurant and several years of catering, she decided to open her own restaurant, which she named Naifa. Her delicious Druze cuisine with ingredients from the village where she grew up, brought in fresh weekly, results in sold-out sittings – a testament to this 34-year-old chef!

Another notable Druze woman, Baama Hino, has turned her restaurant, Noor, into a kosher venue so that she could feed IDF soldiers stationed near her village of Julis in the Galilee. Lamb and yogurt are typical ingredients of Druze cooking, but in order to obtain kosher certification, Baama adapted her recipes and uses a vegan yogurt. Despite current conditions, both her restaurant and her deliveries to the military are thriving.

As is the Druze town of Daliat el-Carmel, a mixture of modernity and tradition. Starting as a small settlement, the town now has 18,000 residents. A mecca for tourists, it offers a popular outdoor market, art galleries, and great restaurants. Year-round festivals including performances, music, and art exhibits are being planned. A true Druze success story.

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.

Spring Cleaning for Your Mind, Body, and Soul



Did you know that spring cleaning is an example of what psychologists refer to as “temporal landmarks”? Those are the moments in time that signify transition, like the High Holy Days or a new semester at school. For many people, spring cleaning signals it’s time for a fresh start. A well-organized closet tells your brain that you are entering into a new phase of the year.

In addition to the aesthetic and functional benefits of decluttering and deep cleaning your home or office, spring cleaning offers some exciting benefits for your mind, body and soul.

1. Reduce stress in minutes: According to the British Journal of Sports Medicine, just 20 minutes of cleaning can reduce stress and anxiety levels by as much as 20%.

2. Make healthier food choices: A study published in Psychology Science showed that people who worked in an organized area were twice as likely to opt for an apple over a chocolate bar than those who worked at a messy desk.

3. Breathe easier: The American Lung Association reports that dusting regularly helps you breathe better by preventing respiratory issues and supporting a healthy immune system. Did you know that hundreds of thousands of dust mites can live in bedding, mattresses, upholstered furniture, carpets or curtains in your home, triggering allergies and asthma?

4. Sleep better: The National Sleep Foundation (NSF) found that people who wash their bedding and sheets weekly reported 19% better rest at night.

5. Burn calories. The American Heart Association counts housework as moderate exercise meaning you can burn as many calories vacuuming as you can on a leisurely walk. Make this the spring you get your gutters and your gut in gear.

6. BONUS BENEFIT: Thanks to the MLRT Sisterhood, your spring cleaning can also support our community. Beginning March 31, donate your clothing, accessories and jewelry (no shoes, socks, undergarments, bathing suits or luggage) to the Bargain Boutique. See page 12 for complete details.

There is no question that Louise Smith, NASCAR’s First Lady of Racing, was right... “you can’t reach for anything new if your hands are full of yesterday’s clutter.”

please join us sunday, march 10 at MLRT for our annual ²⁰²⁴meeting

Meet Rabbi Eric Mollo,
our new Associate Rabbi

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and Trustees

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Financial Report

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RSVP by March 5 for in-person attendance or
to attend virtually. You may also call 610-649-7800.

Spring Forward with the Temple



As we eagerly wait for the warmth and beauty of spring, here at MLRT we are planting seeds to secure our future. Our comprehensive planning involves engaging you and your families today while also ensuring your lasting commitment for years to come. With that in mind, we are gearing up for two big events and an exciting new initiative that promise to engage you in very different ways.

Kicking off the month of April, our Speaker Series proudly hosts Howie Roseman on April 10 – an event that promises insights, inspiration, and lively discussions hopefully including insights on how the team hopes to come back stronger and Super Bowl-ready for next season. Have you secured your tickets yet?

Next, join us on April 13 at 6:30 pm as we come together to honor and celebrate the exceptional contributions of Beth Allen-Levy and Liz Stoller to our MLRT family. The committee working on the planning of the Be Inspired Bash has been hard at work making sure this will be a night you do not want to miss! We hope you can join us for this fun evening honoring such important members of our community while supporting MLRT and The Mitzvah Circle.

And finally, as part of our commitment to sustaining the future of Main Line Reform Temple, we are excited to introduce the Life & Legacy initiative. MLRT was one of a few Jewish organizations around the Philadelphia area selected by the Jewish Federation. The purpose of the program is to help secure after-lifetime commitments that will build permanent endowments, ensuring the enduring strength and vitality of MLRT for years to come. Your participation in this initiative will leave a lasting legacy that will support future generations. For more information and to learn more about Life & Legacy, please reach out to Amy Krulik at akrulik@mlrt.org.

We extend our deepest gratitude to each member of our community for rallying behind our recent Security Campaign. Thanks to your unwavering support, we exceeded our \$100,000 goal, ensuring that Main Line Reform Temple remains a safe and welcoming space for all. Please see page 17 for our donor recognition page.

Your participation in these events and initiatives is not just a contribution; it's an investment in the enduring strength and warmth of MLRT. Wishing you all a season filled with joy, connection, and meaningful moments.

Shalach Manot



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

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

You should have received an email by February 12 that contains your personal link for ordering. Just click on your personal link and it will log you directly into your account. If you did not receive the email, please contact Lisa Greenblatt at greenblatt5@comcast.net

**ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 5.
NO EXTENSIONS!**

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

We hope you will consider participating in our Purim fundraiser!

Thank you for your support, MLRT Sisterhood

STAY CONNECTED!

Cook For A Friend

Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, April 4 at 9:30 am in the MLRT Kitchen

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

Israel Committee Meetings

Mondays, March 11 and April 8 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.

Short Story Discussion Group

Thursdays, March 14 and April 11 at 12:15 pm in person & on Zoom

March's discussion will focus on "Paskudnyak" by Sonia Pilcer, the author of "2G," the oft-reprinted essay about the psychological scars of children of survivors. Our last meeting before the summer will be about "The Judgment of Solomon" by Yehuda Yaari. Yaari goes back to King Solomon's time and presents the famous struggle of two mothers over the custody of their one son as basically insoluble from the human point of view, even if it can be resolved legally.

Shabbat Service with Rabbi Ribak

Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm at MLRT & via Livestream

Please join us for a very special Shabbat service with Rabbi Amnon Ribak from our sister congregation in Ma'alot Tivon in Israel. Rabbi Ribak and Rabbi Straus have been building community between the two congregations for several years through regular Du Siach Zoom sessions. Don't miss this important opportunity to learn from Rabbi Ribak!

Shabbat Morning Walk

Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 am at Haverford Reserve

Welcome in the changing season during a sprititual and invigorating walk with Rabbi Newburge at the Haverford Reserve (9000 Parkview Drive).


Beer Club

Join us on Sunday March 17 at 7:00pm, for the next edition of Beer Club. Feel free to bring your favorite beer or snacks to share... perhaps something from Ireland? Or maybe some Hamantaschen to get ready for Purim. This will be generously hosted at the home of Lori & David Israeli in Ardmore. The first official Beer Club of the spring is Sunday April 14 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the lower level of Whole Foods in Wynnewood, where it's easy to grab some snacks, single bottles of beer and wine, or a draft pour from the bar.

Lunch with the Rabbi - Monday, March 18 and April 15 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, March 25 at 8:00 pm - Maestro (Netflix)**

On the verge of securing a golden opportunity, American conductor Leonard Bernstein begins a tumultuous relationship with actress Felicia Montealegre, upturning their lives.

 **Monday, April 15 at 8:00 pm - I Am Not Your Negro (Netflix)**

Based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript Remember This House, this film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's recollections of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., as well as his personal observations of American history.

Bernie Kleinman Book Club - Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 pm in person and on Zoom

We will use "The Book of Esther" to discuss antisemitism, women's rights, her role in a marriage, her future leadership, the codification of our sacred texts, the Babylonian exile and the beginning of the Diaspora. If you have any questions, please contact Norm Fienman at nfienman@gmail.com.

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

PURIM



PURIM CARNIVAL

Totally APPLicable to your life! Filled with your favorite games, bounce "home screens", updated activities, delicious food for purchase, and so much more.

We can't wait to see you on Sunday, March 17. Doors open at 9:00 am for the ECE and Religious School time begins at 11:00 am.

Register and donate at tinyurl.com/PurCar2024

KARAOKE PURIM

Saturday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 pm

Hear the Megillah, shake your *grogger*, and sing the story of Purim through karaoke music of Broadway and your favorite pop hits of the 70's, 80's, 90's and today.

Come ready to sing your own songs and make requests for more signing and dancing after the Karaoke-style spiel. Food and fun! Register at mlrt.org/PurKar24

Pesach

What is Pesach (Passover)?

Pesach is a Festival of Freedom, when we recall how God released our ancestors from slavery in Egypt and assisted in bringing a free people into existence. Pesach is an Agricultural Festival, which in ancient times marked the beginning of the grain harvest. In those days, our ancestors were farmers tilling the soil for a livelihood. The story of Passover reminds us of the Land of Israel. Pesach is a Pilgrimage Festival. Three times during the year, the Israelites, according to the laws of the Torah, went in joyous procession to Jerusalem. There they celebrated the three festivals that occur during the year: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

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

As the sun sets on Monday, April 22, Jews throughout the world will begin the celebration of Pesach. They will gather at the Seder table and retell the story of Passover, the Jewish struggle for freedom from oppression.

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

2ND NIGHT PESACH SEDER - TUESDAY, APRIL 23 at 5:30 pm

Back by popular demand the Seder will be catered by Catering by Design. All the trimmings are included: charoset, maror, grape juice, matzah, seder plates, oh my! It is BYO wine and dessert (the latter is shared with the community). We would also love your involvement for the Seder, so if you're willing and able, please be in touch with Rabbi Newburge at gnewburge@mlrt.org or 610-649-7800.

Pricing is tentatively set at \$54/Adult and \$36 Child (under 13)

Register at mlrt.org/2NS2024

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

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

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

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

Haggadah – The book containing the order of the Seder.

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

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

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

PESACH SERVICES

Pesach Morning Service
APRIL 23 | 10:00 am

2nd Night Seder
APRIL 23 | 5:30 pm

7th Day of Pesach Service & Yizkor
APRIL 29 | 10:00 am

Pesach

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

Once again, the Jewish community will come together to gather Chametz for the Hungry before Passover. Chametz will be collected at MLRT and then distributed to local shelters and food pantries helping the hungry and the homeless. *Only fresh, unopened, unexpired items will be accepted.*

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

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

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

Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education



Our communal ECE MLRT Seder Journey! Celebrating Passover with a Seder is a time-honored tradition. However, at ECE MLRT, we just hosted the second time a new custom that is currently enjoying a revival among Jewish communities - the creation and celebration of a Tu B'Shevat Seder. This ritual was developed in the 16th century by the Kabbalists (Jewish Mystics) in Safed in Northern Israel. Unlike the Pesach Haggadah, the liturgy for Tu B'Shevat is less developed and codified; hence, there is more significant space for the creative organization of this festive celebration.

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

ECE MLRT hosted its second Tu B'Shevat Seder this year for and with all young children, focusing less on the different colors of the grape juice that would mark each season and more on highlighting the importance of and the meaning of eating four groups of fruits at various points during the Seder. The older children in our school spent days discussing the Seven Species – *Shivat HaMinim* – as the seven agricultural products – two grains and five fruits – listed in the Torah as unique products of the land of Israel. While the wheat crackers and the grapes were not a novelty for almost all children, tasting the figs, dates, and pomegranates was a new experience for many of our young friends.

In a kid-friendly expose, we introduced those fruits as each group of fruits related to a different realm or rung of existence – physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. You may think that this was too intense and even less realistic to do with our audience. However, we could argue with you and highlight that our young friends' participation level transformed Seder from ordinary to memorable.

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

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

Teach Our Children: Religious School



Rabbi Kevin Kleinman
Director of Education

Purim and Passover are two important holidays that occur during the late winter and early spring in the Jewish calendar. Both holidays tell the story of Jewish survival, an important message for us to teach and hold onto this year.

The MLRT Purim Carnival will be on Sunday, March 17 in lieu of Religious School. We are dividing the carnival entry times between families with preschool age children and elementary age children so that both groups will have time and space to thoroughly enjoy the celebration. Children (and adults!) are invited to come in costume. There will be games, bounce houses, food and so much fun.

Can't wait to see you there!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 1 - Family Shabbat Service – 6:30 pm
-Jammers and 4th Grade Participating
-Family Shabbat Dinner – 7:30 pm

March 3 – 3rd Grade Mishpacha Program - 9:00-11:00am

March 17 – MLRT Purim Carnival
- ECE Families – 9:00 -11:00 am
- Religious School Families – 11:00 am-1:00 pm

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – March 24-March 31

April 5 - Family Shabbat Service – 6:30 pm
- Jammers and 5th Grade Participating

April 14 – Kindergarten Mishpacha Program and Religious School Open House - 9:00-11:00 am

April 7- 7th Grade Washington, D.C. Holocaust Museum Trip

April 21 – 3rd Grade Field Trip

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – April 23-25

May 3 – Teacher Appreciation Family Shabbat Service – 6:30 pm



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APRIL 13

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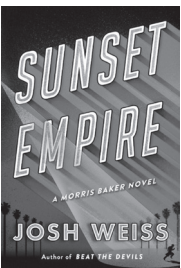


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Howie will discuss the past, present, and future of Philadelphia Eagles football and answer questions about our beloved Birds in a fireside chat moderated by Michael Barkann of NBC Sports Philadelphia
Register and sign up to sponsor this spring Main Line Speaker Series program at mlrt.org/mlss24

BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT WITH AUTHOR JOSH WEISS

Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm



Last year's Brotherhood Shabbat speaker, author Josh Weiss, is back to introduce his sophomore novel, Sunset Empire! Join Josh, Brotherhood, and MLRT for an interesting Shabbat.

December, 1959: The Korean War rages on. Protesting the bloody conflict, a Korean-American man by the name of William Yang suddenly blows himself up in the middle of a Los Angeles department store just before Christmas, which leads the U.S. government to reopen the internment camps used during World War II. President Joseph McCarthy's America has never been more on edge, paranoid and, above all, dangerous.

Several weeks later, a woman hires Morris Baker, now working as a private investigator, to track down her missing husband — Henry Kissinger — who may have a shadowy connection to Yang's purported terrorist attack. The ensuing investigation for the missing State Department consultant working for Vice President Richard Nixon sends Baker on another thrilling adventure of deceit, intrigue, sex, murder, and conspiracy where the safety of the entire world may hang in the balance.

Join us in person at MLRT or online at mlrt.org/livestream



Brotherhood

In this ever-widening morass, with a frightening ineluctable conclusion if we continue to countenance the world at war, perhaps we find solace and an antidote to this man-made madness in one of Tolstoy's most pacifist writings, the 1900's essay *Thou Shalt Not Kill*. "The misery of nations is caused not by particular persons, but by the particular order of Society under which the people are so bound up together that they find themselves all in the power of a few men, or more often in the power of one single man: a man so perverted by his unnatural position as arbiter of the fate and lives of millions . . . [that he] suffers more or less from a mania of self-aggrandizement."

While statesmen dawdle, our artists often point the way towards sanity and action against tyranny. Can we endure the suffering of so many throughout the land without end, or, as in our tradition, seek justice, justice for all? So much for mid-winter musings.

Well, now for what you actually want to know. Here are the scheduled Brotherhood events:

- March 5, 6:00 pm, Texas Hold'em at the Temple.
- March 17, Purim Carnival at the Temple to benefit the Religious School.
- March 22, our annual Brotherhood Shabbat Service at the Temple. Josh Weiss will be our keynote speaker. You might recall that Josh presented his debut novel, Beat the Devils, at last year's service. Come for the sequel: Sunset Empire.
- April 18, Men's Night Out, 6:00 pm at the Iron Hill Brewery in Ardmore.

Main Line Reform Temple Brotherhood

CHARITY GOLF OUTING

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GOLF, A DAY OF FUN, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS

Wednesday, May 15 at Green Valley Country Club

Please respond by May 1, 2024.

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The day's enjoyments include: Registration gift, Closest to Pin gift, \$10,000 Hole in One prize, 50/50 Drawing, and Live and Silent Auctions.

Please note the updated prices.

Sisterhood



Sue Rubin Plick
Sisterhood President

As I write this article, I have Purim on my mind since at this time, the next major Sisterhood endeavor is our Shalach Manot event. Thinking about the holiday, I began focusing on the fact that Purim has a woman at the center of the story; it is the Book of Esther. I became interested in whether secular women knew this female oriented tale. For example, was Esther esteemed by non-jews for her heroism in saving the Jewish population? My research revealed some remarkable history. Surprisingly, Vashti was extolled as much or more than Esther. Esther's bravery was appreciated as that of a cunning, passive nature, while Vashti's was outright assertive.

The American author and abolitionist, Harriet Beecher Stowe considered Vashti's refusal to dance before King Ahasuerus' court as a "first stand for women's rights." Elizabeth Cady Stanton, writer, and early leader of the women's suffrage movement in the 1800s, called Vashti a "sublime representative of self-centered womanhood" who rises "to the heights of self-consciousness and of self-respect."

I have always loved Purim – dressing up as a character as a child, eating my mother's delicious hamantaschen, making noise at the mention of Haman's name during the reading of the megillah, and so on. My recent learning of the interpretation and admiration of the women at the center of the story provides another level of appreciation for the holiday at a time when I believe it is important for women to stand up for our rights.

In this vein, I am proud that MLRT Sisterhood enhances Purim each year by providing Shalach Manot. I have always considered this activity as a lovely way to enable the congregation to stay connected. I now also look at it as Sisterhood enhancing a holiday celebrating women.

Speaking of Shalach Manot, the deadline for ordering the Purim bags is March 5 which is probably a day or two from when you are reading this. If you have not done so, look in your email for directions and place your order!

Some other upcoming events:

Volunteer at Mitzvah Circle on March 7 at 9:30 AM to sort through donations and pack clothing and other essential supplies for families in need. Contact Liz Stoller at ljstoller@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Clean out your closets - Bargain Boutique is approaching! Collection starts March 31 and the sale starts April 7. This is not a Housewares sale – items collected are clothing, accessories, and jewelry. Items not accepted are shoes, luggage, bathing suits, socks, and undergarments.

Boutique Bargain Sale

MLRT Sisterhood Presents



Collection drop-off at MLRT: March 31 & April 1 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
April 2 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; 5:30 - 7:30 pm April 3 & April 4 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

We'll accept new and gently used clothing, accessories and jewelry but NO SHOES, SOCKS, UNDERGARMENTS, BATHING SUITS, OR LUGGAGE.

Shop for clothing, accessories & jewelry!

Sunday, April 7 9:30 am - 4:30 pm & Monday, April 8 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

✿ Visit mlrt.org/sisterhood for more details and to volunteer

Sharing Our Lives

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

Marlene Bronstein Dubin

*Mother of Michael (Betsy) Dubin, Lisa (Ben) Hofferma, and David Dubin
Grandmother of Jessica and Sari Dubin and Zoe, Lindsey, Carly, and Danny
Wife of Leonard Dubin*

Sister of Edwin (Sophie) Bronstein, Rob (Barbara Salkin) Bronstein, and the late Judith (Gary) Bard

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*Father of our Bruce (Susan) Golboro, Mark (Marie) Golboro, and of Anne Hoffman
Husband of Betty-Jane Golboro
Grandfather of Amy (Andy) Sussman, Stacy (Aaron) Hanak, Peter (Jana) Golboro, Nina (Zach) Stenzler, Andrew
(Carly) Golboro, Lexi Hoffman, and Jon Hoffman
Great-grandfather of Ethan, Leah, Teddy, Daisy, Ruby, Lucy, Zoey, Sasha, and Sutton*

Donald L. Greenbaum

*Husband of Shelley (Blumenthal) Greenbaum
Father of Richard (Kathleen) Greenbaum and the late Margie Friedman
Stepfather of Gary (Stacey) Distell and Bruce (Sally) Distell
Grandfather of Jamin (Katie), Paul (Meg), Alex (Maddie), Dan, Andrew (Hannah), Dylan, Ryan, Sami and Matt
Great-grandfather of Savanna, Isla, and Juliet*

Samuel Grinspan

*Father of Caci Grinspan and Barbara (Brian) Sokolow
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Grandmother of Rachel Hunn, Melissa Hunn, Joshua Hunn, Hadley Barber, Samuel Hunn, Noah Hunn, Alexa Hunn,
Avery Barber, and the late Jeremy David Hunn
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In Memoriam names continue on the next page

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Mother-in-law of Joanne Fink

Richard Weismer

Husband of Merle Weismer

Father of Josh (Stephanie) Weismer and Seth (Patti) Weismer

Stepfather of Stacy (Diggi) Thomson

Grandfather of Ethan, Cameron, Gavin, Eliza, and Carly Weismer, and Dexter and Ramsay Thomson

Brother of Denny (Shelley) Weismer and Gary (Susan) Weismer

Please consider a contribution to MLRT in memory of these lost loved ones. **Visit mlrt.org to make a donation in their names.**

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

Jaiden Levine

Son of Ashley & Eli Levine

Gev Nusbaum

Son of Feroza & Gil Nusbaum

Reese Tabitha Rankin

Daughter of Abigail & David Rankin

Zachary Riggio

Son of Maryellen Koenig-Riggio & Jeff Riggio

Pierce Rounick

Son of Brooke & David Rounick

Arden Waldman

Daughter of Amy & David Waldman

Mazal Too!

Anita Beckett on the engagement of her granddaughter, Lila Currie, to Michael

Gloria & Martin Goldberg on the marriage of their son, Brian, to Concetta Smith

Joanne Fink on the wedding of her daughter, Samantha Trattner, and Jon Cox

Stella & Gordon Fink on the wedding of their granddaughter, Samantha Trattner, and Jon Cox

Cynthia Rozenberg on the birth of her grandson, Shai Giraldo Rozenberg

Marc Sonnenfeld on the birth of his grandchildren, Nina and Logan Santilli

Lindsey Weiner and Charlie DeSantis on their wedding

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

MLK Day of Service



Big thanks to those of you who either came out to participate or sent in donations to make our day successful, or both! It was wonderful to be together! Here are some stats from the day that we should all be proud of:

Despite the frigid temperature, we had 15 volunteers at Gladwyne Cemetery, 11 Junior Jammers at Saunders House, and over 131 volunteers at MLRT.

What we accomplished:

- 150 toiletry bags packed for Life Center of Delaware County & Laurel House
- 154 salads made for Ardmore Food Pantry
- Truckload of childrens clothing and shoes sorted and packed for Cradles to Crayons (3 Gaylords-worth)
- 100 snack bags packed for Mitzvah Circle Foundation
- 40 toiletry bags and more packed for Mitzvah Circle Foundation
- 30 backpacks full of school supplies packed for Families Forward
- \$173 raised for Hand in Hand (K-12 integrated Jewish-Arab schools in Israel)
- \$318 raised by TRIBE for Ardmore Food Pantry

With gratitude, Beth and Liz
Tikkun Olam Network Chairs



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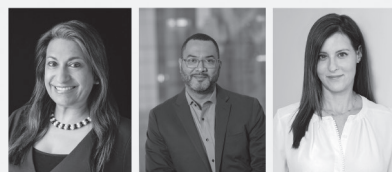
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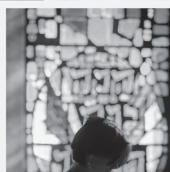
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 25 3:00 pm Come In From The Cold with Curtis Concert 7:00 pm Beer Club^	February 26 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	February 27	February 28 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	February 29 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Sisterhood Painting Night	1 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	2 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Evan Krieger~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
3 2:00 pm ECE HSA Family Fun Night	4 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	5 6:00 pm Brotherhood Texas Hold'Em* DEADLINE FOR SHALACH MANOT ORDERS	6 9:30 am Cook For A Friend^ 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	7 9:30 am TON Volunteering at MCF^ 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	8 6:30 pm Shabbat Service	9 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Eli Bell~ 5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin Burns & Sophie Burns~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
10 10:30 am Annual Meeting 1:00 pm TON Soup-er Bowl*	11 2:00 pm Israel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	12 10:30 am Sisterhood General Board Meeting	13 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	14 11:00 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Short Story Discussion Group	15 9:00 am Sisterhood Shalach Manot Packing 6:30 pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Amnon Ribak	16 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Bella Weissman~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
17 9:00 am PURIM CARNIVAL ECE 11:00 am PURIM CARNIVAL RS	18 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	19	20 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	21 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	22 6:30 pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service with author Josh Weiss	23 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Alaina Goldman~ 7:00 pm Purim Karaoke & Havdalah
24 PURIM NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL THROUGH 3/31	25 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel: Maestro**	26 7:30 pm Bernie Kleinman Book Club	27 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Almost Everything You Wanted To Know**	28 11:00 am Bible Study	29 6:30 pm Shabbat Service	30 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
31 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Rummage Sale Collection Begins →	April 1 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	April 2	April 3 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	April 4 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	April 5 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	April 6 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah**

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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>
March 31 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Rummage Sale Collection Begins →	1 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	2	3 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal	4 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	5 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	6 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah**
7 9:30 pm Bargain Boutique Sale	8 9:30 pm Bargain Boutique Sale 2:00 pm Israel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal	9	10 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Main Line Speaker Series: Catch Up with Howie Roseman	11 11:00 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Short Story Discussion Group	12 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	13 9:00 am Torah Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Walk*^ 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Be Inspired Bash!
14 7:00 pm Beer Club^	15 12:00 pm Lunch with the Rabbi 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Keeping It Reel**	16	17 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class 10:30 am Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Almost Everything You Wanted To Know**	18 11:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Brotherhood MNO^ 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	19 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	20 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Ehrenberg~ 6:30 pm Havdalah**
21 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	22 ECE & MLRT OFFICE CLOSING EARLY FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER	23 FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER MLRT OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am Passover Festival Service 5:30 pm Second Night Seder*	24 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class	25 11:00 am Bible Study	26 6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service	27 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Havdalah**
28	29 SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER MLRT OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am Passover Festival Service with Yizkor	30	May 1 9:30 am Woman's Commentary Class	May 2 11:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Caring for the Caregiver*	May 3 ECE CLOSED 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	May 4 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service 5:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Ava, Kayla, and Maya Michels~ ECE Fundraiser

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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.

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ALTERNATING THURSDAYS

7:30 pm - Caring for the Caregiver Meetings

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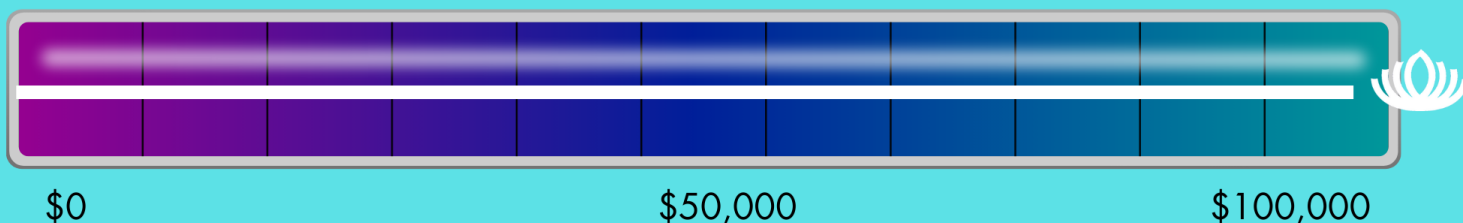
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