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**Rabbi Geri Newburge**

One of the most beloved rabbinic texts is Pirkei Avot. The very first entry claims "Moses received the Torah at Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua, Joshua transmitted it to the elders, and the elders to the prophets, and the prophets to the Men of the Great Assembly." These words reflect the Jewish idea that we are part of a great chain of tradition, a *shalshet hakabbalah*, a chain that dates back from Sinai until today.

And that every generation is entrusted with a link in this sacred chain.

178 years ago, the first Confirmation ceremony was observed on these shores. The tradition began decades before in Germany as the Reform movement began taking shape. As we approach the season of Confirmation, we reflect on the significance of this important milestone in our students' Jewish education. Confirmation symbolizes the culmination of years of study and learning, as well as a commitment to embracing one's Jewish identity. It is a time for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to affirm their beliefs and values, and to publicly declare their understanding, appreciation and dedication to their heritage.

We are incredibly proud of our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students for their commitment to their Jewish education and their devotion to their faith. Over the past several years, they have spent countless hours studying Jewish texts, learning about Jewish history and culture, and exploring the principles and values that are at the core of our tradition. Their hard work and perseverance have not gone unnoticed, and we are thrilled to celebrate their accomplishments as they prepare for the beautiful ritual of Confirmation. As part of their preparations we encourage our students to take the opportunity to reflect on the significance of this milestone in their Jewish journey.

Confirmation is not just a ceremony – it is a celebration of the values and beliefs that unite us as a community. It is an incredibly special service, one of the highlights of the year, and is always meaningful, not just for our confirmands and their families, but for our entire Main Line Reform Temple family. Join us for this momentous occasion on Friday, May 31 at 8:00 pm.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and their loved ones on this simcha. May they continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of Judaism, may they always take pride in their connection to the history and traditions of the Jewish people, and may their travels bring them back to their Main Line Reform Temple family to see their smiling faces on our Wall of Fame!

## MLRT Presents: "Fiddlers on the Roof"

Sundays, June 2 and June 9; coffee at 9:30 am, program from 10:00 -11:30 am. In-person only

"Without our traditions our lives would be as shaky as ... as a fiddler on the roof," proudly proclaims Tevye, the tradition-bound milkman. In truth, there were many fiddlers. The original creative team of "Fiddler on the Roof" comprised numerous outsiders to America's predominant ethnicity, cultural identity and morality. Beginning with author Shalom Aleichem and his nonstarter bid for acceptance in American Yiddishe theater, to director/choreographer Jerome Robbins and his coercion by the House on Un-American Activities Committee, the roof of "Fiddler" was crowded with iconoclasts and provocateurs.

2024 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famed musical. Somewhere in world, whether in a country high school or a big city theater, Fiddler is being performed. Somewhere right now Tevye is contending once more with his unruly daughters. With large dollops of behind-the-scenes insight, entertainment and video examples, Karl Middleman provides a fresh look at the delights and upheavals of America's most beloved musical.

*Karl Middleman is a conductor and educator who has lectured over fifty times for the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage.*

# Love Thy Neighbor



Cantor Faryn Rudnick

Since 2020, more than 100 bills attacking the LGBTQIA community have been introduced in state legislators. 5.6% of Americans identify as LGBTQIA. 24.5% of those polled identify as gay; 11.7% as lesbian; 54.6% as bisexual; and 11.3% identify as transgender. That means that millions of Americans are at risk, under attack, cannot find health care, and not safe daily.

The Torah reminds us to “love your neighbor as yourself.” This verse is aspirational. It is nearly impossible to love others as you love yourself, but we should strive to treat others with the care, grace, and love that we show ourselves. And yet, millions of Americans live every day without grace, care, and love simply because they choose to live their truth proudly.

June is PRIDE month. But everyday our doors at MLRT are open and our offices are LGBTQIA+ safe spaces. We are allies. June is not the only month that we celebrate the LGBTQIA+ members of our community; we see you and celebrate you daily.

In honor of PRIDE month, we will welcome via Zoom, from CA, Raymond Zachary, cantorial soloist, Drag Queen, speaker, and musical theater actor. Raymond will share readings, music, and a presentation in honor of PRIDE month. Please join us on June 7 for what will be an extraordinary Shabbat celebration.

## Pride Shabbat



### PRIDE SHABBAT AT MLRT

*Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm with Raymond Zachary joining us via Zoom*

Cantorial Soloist Raymond Zachary (they/them) is a classically trained countertenor currently located in East L.A. They attended the American Jewish University as a Jewish studies major and has served as a Cantorial Soloist for several years, having the opportunity to sing with some of the most prestigious names in cantorial music. Raymond has sung on more than 35 Bimot and done extensive concert work within the Jewish community. They previously served as the Judaic outreach specialist and Dramaturg for the California Center for the Performing Arts in Escondido. In addition, Raymond has been a religious school teacher and B’nai Mitzvah tutor for a number of years passing on the traditions of the Jewish people to the next generation.

Outside of synagogue life, Raymond is an award-winning Musical theatre actor and has performed in numerous symphonic and theatrical productions. With their drag persona Miss Livinya Karr, Raymond wrote a series of programming called "Rainbow Shabbat" which has been implemented in synagogues all across the country and internationally.

This shabbatone encourages LGBTQIA+ shul goers to not only feel comfortable as a “Jew-in-the-pew”, but serves as an outreach program to say that their community encourages them to take leadership positions on their boards, committees, and even as their clergy. With programs ranging from Top Shabbat, religious school, teen programs, and adult education, Rainbow Shabbat strives to reach every age of Jew.

Please feel free to keep up with Lavinia on all of her adventures, and future rainbow Shabbat programming on Instagram @MissLivinyaKarr and @OyAuntShirley

**Join us in person at MLRT or via [mlrt.org/livestream](https://mlrt.org/livestream)**



## Farewell From Amy Krulik

For the last three years, you have indulged me and given me space in the bulletin to write about everything from the benefits of meetings to how charitable giving is good for your health. You have been endlessly patient as I connected upcoming MLRT events with both Sesame Street and General Hospital. And let's not forget the test many of you took to determine what your favorite flavor of hamantaschen filling says about your personality.

As I get ready to leave MLRT for my next professional adventure as the new Executive Director of hope+door, a national nonprofit based in Wayne, I want to share my deepest appreciation for including me as member of the MLRT family. One of the greatest pleasures of my time at MLRT is getting to know amazing people like you. There is no doubt that our community is awesome because of you!!

Simon Sinek, a great thinker and author about business leadership, has said – "Life is not beautiful because of the things we see or do. Life is beautiful because of the people we meet."

Thank you for adding to the beauty of my life, the life of our congregation and the life of our entire community. And thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your kindness, friendship and support.

May we all go from strength to strength.

## Israel Matters

MLRT was blessed recently with two visitors from Israel – Rabbi Amnon Ribak and Orly Erez Likhovsky.

Rabbi Ribak is the rabbi at the reform congregation Ma'alot Tivon in the Galilee. With Rabbi Straus, he has co-led our two congregations' biweekly zoom conversation. He led services on Friday night and taught Torah study on Saturday morning while here.

Orly is the very highly regarded Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, the social justice arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. She has litigated before Israel's Supreme Court on numerous occasions promoting the rights of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel, and in other matters involving equality, women's rights, and racism.



*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 [jjshul@gmail.com](mailto:jjshul@gmail.com), or Renee Margulies at [Milren4@yahoo.com](mailto:Milren4@yahoo.com).*

# Spring Forward with the Temple



**Lori Robbins**  
MLRT President

Our community has witnessed a troubling resurgence of antisemitism. From acts of violence and vandalism to insidious rhetoric all over the country and in our own community, we once again are confronting a dark reality that threatens our sense of safety and belonging. While, as we all know, antisemitism has always existed, I can honestly share that I have never seen such overt hostility related to my religion. It has been given a new, expanded platform and now it can openly thrive. So what can we do as Jews today? In the face of such adversity, it is more crucial than ever for us to stand together, to support one another, and to reaffirm our commitment to the values and traditions that have sustained us through centuries of hardship.

One of the most potent symbols of Jewish identity and resilience is the temple, our sacred place of worship and community gathering. For many of us, the temple is not just a building; it is a home—a sanctuary where we come together to pray, to celebrate, and to find solace in each other's company. Yet, as antisemitism rears its ugly head once again, our temples have become targets of hatred and bigotry. It is incumbent upon us, therefore, to defend and protect these cherished institutions with all our strength.

One powerful way to support MLRT and ensure its future is through legacy commitments to our endowment and annual financial contributions. By investing in our long-term sustainability, we not only secure the resources necessary for its continued operation but also send a clear message to those who seek to do us harm: we will not be intimidated, and we will not be silenced.

But our support must extend beyond mere financial contributions. It requires active participation and engagement from each and every one of us. Now is the time for us to show up, to be present, and to stand together in solidarity against the forces of hate and intolerance. Whether that means attending Shabbat services, volunteering for community events, or simply reaching out to offer support to those in need, there are countless ways for us to demonstrate our commitment to our temple, our greater Jewish Community and to each other.

Main Line Reform Temple serves not only as a spiritual home for our congregation, but also as a symbol of our presence and resilience to the greater community. By maintaining a strong and vibrant synagogue, we send a powerful message that despite the challenges Jews are facing, we are here to stay. We refuse to be driven into the shadows or to cower in fear. Instead, we stand tall and proud, ready to face whatever may come with strength, dignity, and unwavering resolve.

In times of darkness and uncertainty, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed or discouraged. But as Jews, we have endured persecution and hardship for millennia, and we have emerged stronger and more resilient each time. This too shall pass, but only if we stand together and remain steadfast in our commitment to our faith and our community. Now is not the time to retreat or to remain silent. Now is our generation's time to stand up, to be counted, and to show the world that the light of the Jewish people will never be extinguished.

The growing threat of antisemitism since the horrific acts on October 7 underscores the importance of supporting and preserving our Jewish home now more than ever. Through financial contributions, active participation, and unwavering commitment, we can ensure that Main Line Reform Temple remains a beacon of light and hope for generations to come. Together, we will overcome this challenge, just as we have overcome countless others throughout our history. And together, we will continue to shine brightly as a proud and resilient community, inspiring others to stand up against hate and intolerance wherever it may arise.

***Donate at [mlrt.org](https://mlrt.org)/contribute or contact me for more information about the Life and Legacy program.***

## **Rabbi Eric Mollo, our new Associate Rabbi, and his family will make MLRT their new nest this summer!**

A Pennsylvania native, Rabbi Mollo brings a wealth of knowledge, passion for community, and spiritual growth. His background includes local activism and leadership as the co-chair of RAC-PA, the Pennsylvania branch of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. His dedication to fostering a warm and inclusive environment aligns seamlessly with our congregation's values, and we know that Rabbi Mollo will play a pivotal role in enhancing our spiritual journey.

*Meet Rabbi Mollo, his wife, Rabbi Carolan Glatstein, and their two children, Izzie and Rosie, at his first official Shabbat as Associate Rabbi on Friday, July 5, at 6:30 pm.*

*More welcome events are in the works - keep an eye on your email!*



# STAY CONNECTED!

## **Shabbat Morning Walk**

Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am at Haverford Reserve


Celebrate springtime during this spiritual and invigorating walk with Rabbi Newburge at the Haverford Reserve (9000 Parkview Drive).

## **Israel Committee Meetings**

Monday, May 6 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.

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

 **Monday, May 6 at 8:00 pm - Giraffada (Netflix)**

*A Palestinian veterinarian persuades an Israeli colleague to help him capture a giraffe from a Tel Aviv safari park and smuggle it to a zoo in the West Bank.*

 **Monday, June 3 at 8:00 pm - The Miracle Club (Netflix)**

*There's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime.*

## **Cook For A Friend**

Wednesday, May 8 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!

## **Sisterhood Shabbat** - Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm in person and via Livestream

Take part in this annual lovely service with participation from Sisterhood and a speaker addressing the current state of women's reproductive health.

## **Lunch with the Rabbi** - Monday, May 13 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. This month's discussion will focus on Yom HaZikaron, the day of national remembrance in Israel to commemorate all the soldiers and people who lost their lives during the struggle to defend the State of Israel.

## **Finding Common Ground Through Music: A Special Chamber Music Evening** - Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 pm

This Polyphony Concert, co-sponsored by MLRT, will feature Jewish & Arab Musicians of the Polyphony String Quartet Register to attend this free program happening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 415 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore, PA - via [polyphony-education.com/donate-2](http://polyphony-education.com/donate-2)

## **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Thursday, May 23 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Give the gift of life this spring and register to donate at [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give) using code MainLineReform.

## **Bernie Kleinman Book Club** - Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 pm in person and on Zoom

Dive into Peter Blauner's [Picture in the Sand](#), a sweeping intergenerational saga told through a grandfather's passionate letters to his grandson, passing on the story of his political rebellion in 1950s Egypt in order to save his grandson's life in a post-9/11 world. If you have any questions, please contact Norm Fienman at [nfienman@gmail.com](mailto:nfienman@gmail.com).

## **Beer Club** - Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 am

MLRT Beer Club Brunch Edition! Join us for a special "Coffee" themed Beer Club brunch on Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 am. We will focus on Coffee Stouts, Coffee Porters, Espresso Martini's and the like. Hosted by Lori & David Israeli at their home in Ardmore. Please bring your favorite wine, beer, liquor or morning snack to share in the theme!

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.

# YOM HASHOAH

## COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Sunday, May 5 • 7:00 pm

Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim  
410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnewood

Guest Performer: Udi Bar-David

Performing music composed out of the ashes of the Shoah

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

The service will include liturgy and music led by the clergy and combined choirs from the Kehillah of Lower Merion, as well as heartrending music from Udi Bar-David, Founder and Artistic Director of ARTolerance and Cellist with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

**Join us in person at MLRT or online with [mlrt.org/livestream](http://mlrt.org/livestream)**

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



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### Ready. Set. Renew!

Membership renewal season at MLRT begins in May with special early bird enrollment opportunities for our Religious School families.

Look for complete details about membership, High Holy Days 5785, Book of Remembrance, and Religious School in your inbox in May and in your mailbox in June or visit the Member Portal at [mlrt.org](http://mlrt.org).

# Spring Holidays

On May 14, 1948, soon-to-be Prime Minister David Ben Gurion declared the independence of the State of Israel, which was recognized by the United States, the Soviet Union, and other countries, though not by the surrounding Arab states. Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) marks the anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel. It is observed on or near the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month of Iyar on the Jewish calendar.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut in Israel is always preceded by Yom HaZikaron-Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers. The message of linking these two days is clear: Israelis owe their independence-the very existence of the state-to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it.

*Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with MLRT on Tuesday, May 14!*

There will be a special short story, short film, and other activities to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

*Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin will speak during our Shabbat Services on May 17 about Israel and his new book, Tikkun Ha'Am: Judaism and the Crisis of Liberal Judaism.*

*Rabbi Salkin has a national and international reputation as one of America's most quoted rabbis and thought leaders. His words have been cited in The New York Times, The New Republic, and USA Today. He has appeared on many television and radio programs, and has spoken in more than a hundred communities, including in Israel, Great Britain, Cuba, and Poland. His colleagues describe him as "intellectually fearless;" "an activist for Jewish ideas;" and "a public intellectual of the pulpit." Don't miss this special sermon!*

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

The Israeli Knesset (parliament) established the day that precedes Yom Ha'Atzmaut as Yom HaZikaron, a day to memorialize soldiers who lost their lives fighting in the War of Independence and subsequent battles, as well as a day to remember civilian victims of terrorism.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/yom-hazikaron-yom-haatzmaut>

**Join Rabbi Newburge in person or on Zoom for Lunch with the Rabbi on Monday, May 13 for reflections and study for Yom HaZikaron.**

*Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and encourages us to embrace the Torah's teachings and be inspired by the wisdom that Jewish tradition has to offer. Shavuot is Hebrew for "weeks," and the holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover.*

*Unlike Passover, with Seder, or Sukkot, with the building of the Sukkah or waving of the lulav and etrog, there are few rituals, either synagogue-based or home-centered associated with Shavuot. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it is a celebration of Torah, education, and the choice to participate actively in Jewish life.*

**Our Shavuot Festival Service and Yizkor will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30 am.**

## TISHA B'AV - Monday, August 12 at 7:30 pm at MLRT

Tisha B'Av, observed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. In modern times, many Jews understand Tisha B'Av as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history, and to reflect on the suffering that still occurs in our world. We feel this acutely in the post-October 7 world, as our hearts and minds struggle with the violence afflicting our beloved Israel.

Even as we mourn, there is an element of joy and comfort. Indeed, the reading of Eicha, Lamentations, concludes with the verse "Restore us to You, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old." Please join us for this sacred day in the Jewish calendar with traditional liturgy and study, noting that this is customarily a fast day.

*Keep an eye out for more details coming this summer.*



# Teach Our Children: Early Childhood Education



**Mihaela Schwartz,**  
ECE Director

## **MLRT School for Early Childhood Education Whole Child Development Approach**

Beyond teaching academics, schools can foster children's relationships, identity, emotional skills, and overall well-being. Children are multidimensional "whole" beings whose development is complex and rich. Learning involves far more than merely acquiring knowledge in different subjects. Children need to grow and learn in their relationships, identity, emotional understanding, and overall well-being.

The brain's capacity develops most fully when children feel emotionally and physically safe, connected, engaged, and challenged. Learning is social, emotional, and academic. Positive relationships, including trust in the teacher, and positive emotions, such as interest and excitement, open the mind to learning. Children can build skills and awareness to work with emotions in themselves and their relationships. Positive, stable relationships—when adults have the understanding, empathy, and cultural competence to understand and listen to children, they can support young people in

understanding their roles within the school community.

At MLRT School for Early Childhood Education, we foster a supportive environment that promotes strong relationships among staff, students, and families. Creating a positive school climate based on solid relationships provides a bedrock for learning. As a result, our students feel a sense of safety and belonging to thrive in school. We promote a sense of community that allows teachers to know their students well by having small class sizes; our teachers consistently check in with students and parents; the whole staff practices cultural competence, inviting children's experiences into the classroom and communicating that all children are valued.

Teachers implement meaningful, engaging instructional practices that develop children's ability to manage their learning. Young children crave opportunities to learn things that matter and are relevant to their lives. For example, our teachers connect lessons in mathematics to everyday tasks students are engaged in that use those skills, such as in small cooking activities, artwork, outdoor or indoor gross motor activities, etc. In addition, we teach young children self-worth and self-control, skills that critically outperform any other positive measures of children's long-term outcomes. So, by talking with children about the best approach to a particular task and having them describe the strategy, they intend to test, for example, or ask each child to consider what could go wrong and how they might improve the task if completing it again as at the core of our approach to investigate and explore new topics. Using relevant, playful, and experimental activities in the classroom, our teachers encourage the learners to plan, monitor, and evaluate their processes and use tools like mind mapping and narrative structures to advance their learning.

We view the school as an interconnected system encompassing extended learning opportunities and community partnerships. These partnerships are not just collaborations but exciting avenues for excellent enrichment programs. For instance, we have teamed up with Yoga@Play (for Yoga), Weeplaylanguage (for Hebrew), and Chef Dad (for cooking) to offer immersion experiences where children learn from professionals to acquire a new language and regulate emotions through physical or fun and challenging activities. Moreover, through partnerships with families and providers or social services that can help children overcome barriers to learning, we provide support that reflects a whole-school approach to whole-child development, maximizing opportunities for all children to succeed.

Together, these elements form an integral part of a comprehensive framework that, in practice, builds on and reinforces each other. Extensive research shows that successful education cannot be achieved in a fragmented manner. Instead, an integrated approach can help children develop to their full potential, embracing their complexity and humanity. We at MLRT School for Early Childhood Education strive to uphold these principles, ensuring that every child here feels loved, cared for, recognized, and actively participates in our school community's wellbeing.



## **TIKKUN OLAM NETWORK PLANTING**

**Tuesday, May 14 at 5:00 pm**

Join our recent Be Inspired Bash honorees and Tikkun Olam Network chairs, Beth Allen and Liz Stoller, as they plant in our Community Garden. Produce from this garden is donated to local food pantries, giving food-insecure people in our community access to fresh produce.

**RSVP to Liz at [ljstoller@gmail.com](mailto:ljstoller@gmail.com).**

# Teach Our Children: Religious School



**Rabbi Kevin Kleinman**  
Director of Education

We have had a truly wonderful year in our Religious School. Thank you to our families, students, teachers, clergy, and madrichim for making this a meaningful and joyful experience inside and outside the classroom. From Mishpacha programs and Family Shabbat Services to the weekly learning in K-7<sup>th</sup> grade, we have built friendships, strengthened Jewish identity, and increased confidence and competence in Hebrew and prayer. The MLRT community is truly great because of all our Religious School families.

Jewish time is cyclical. We move from endings directly to beginnings. In that spirit, I'm excited to announce that MLRT membership renewal and Religious School enrollment for 2024-2025 will open in mid-May. We are excited to welcome all of our students back to Religious School in the fall! Additionally, if you know a family that would like to join MLRT and become part of the Religious School community, please feel free to refer them to Rabbi Kleinman.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**May 3 - Teacher Appreciation Family Shabbat Service**  
- Jammers participating  
- Service at 6:30 pm and Family Shabbat Dinner at 7:30 pm

**May 5 – Religious School Programs**  
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Author Event  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Challah Bake

**May 7 – Final Day of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**May 12 - No Religious School**

**May 19 - Final Day of Religious School**  
- Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with Rak Dan!

## **CONFIRMATION GREETINGS!**

Sisterhood is helping to spread some MLRT love by offering Confirmation Greetings to our wonderful 2024 Confirmands! For a minimum donation of \$18 (larger donations are always welcome), we will add your name and good wishes to these much needed and much appreciated greetings for our students.

This annual fundraiser offers an opportunity to support Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund, which provides annual grants for Youth - Programs for high school and college students, Education - Rabbinic and Cantorial scholarships, and Special Projects - Local, national, and international Sisterhood programs. Your participation shows our MLRT family how much you care AND makes a gift to the future of our Reform movement.

**Please use the form below or pay online at [mlrt.org/sisterhood](http://mlrt.org/sisterhood)**  
**Thank you for your support!**

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### **Confirmation Greetings 2024**

**Please send your minimum \$18 check, payable to MLRT Sisterhood, Confirmation Greetings, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096, no later than May 24, 2024.**

Please contact Leslie Brier at [lbrier@gmail.com](mailto:lbrier@gmail.com) with any questions.

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

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# Confirmation Class of 2024

## *Mazal Tov Confirmands!*

**Gabriella Reese Adelman**

Daughter of Patricia Adelman  
and Michael Adelman

**Sophie Bella Bobrin**

Daughter of Jackie and Josh Bobrin

**Sabrina Alexandra Cohen**

Daughter of Nicole and  
Michael Cohen

**Sophia Juliette Ehrenberg**

Daughter of Celeste Durnwald  
and Hugh Ehrenberg

**Tess Isabella Frezel**

Daughter of Andrea Brothman  
and Michael Frezel

**Ellis Michael Kamplain**

Son of Mary and Trey Kamplain

**Brooke Olivia Krupnick**

Daughter of Darlene Gaynor-Krupnick  
and David Krupnick

**Malka Elizabeth Mack**

Daughter of Hallie Lightdale  
and Avram Mack

**Maggie Remi Mirsky**

Daughter of Jennifer  
and Michael Mirsky

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# Brotherhood

The events for May and June, which coincidentally almost complete our year's activities, are few and far between, yet these will be filled with a plethora of opportunities for camaraderie and knee slapping.

- On May 15, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Brotherhood Golf Outing for Charity will again be held at the Green Valley Country Club. Refer to all the pertinent opportunities for attending in the weekly announcements and brochures that will have been sent to the congregation. You do not have to play golf to participate: donations are welcome to augment the money raised for charity giving.
- On June 4, the Brotherhood BBQ will commence at 6:00 pm at MLRT. Hawaiian attire is optional, but encouraged. Spam will not be served.
- And, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Brotherhood will lend its expertise in selling pizza at the Narberth Fourth of July Celebration, something that has been happening, it seems, forever.

To my mind Shakespeare's finest play is "King Lear." The final scene has Lear, now unrecognizable as a king, holding his dead daughter, Cordelia. He then utters these most poignant words: "Stay a little." She, of course, is beyond rescue. Who would have predicted that one person would write these bulletins for some twelve years on end and only once, incorrectly, be bowdlerized for misapplying a collective Greek noun to a reference to Aristotle's use of "men." But change there must be, and that is why this is the ultimate bulletin I will submit on behalf of Brotherhood. Clearly, I have stayed a little too long.

Omitting mention of gratitude to all my Brothers who have, year in and year out, chaired the various events (from putting up the sukkah to helping at the Purim Carnival, to arranging for participation in the Brotherhood Shabbat) would be unseemly. I salute each of you: Michael Sheinfeld, Mark Komen, Andy Shamberg, Glenn Brooks, Gerry Robbins, David Krupnick, Norman Kleinman, Rich Kupersmith, and Edward Bleeden. Your respective effort on behalf of Brotherhood often goes unnoticed, but not by me, and not by your fellow Brothers; you are the mainstay of our organization. Also meriting attention are those who help Brotherhood in small ways and large: our librarian, Sally Brown, our indefatigable creator of prose and art, Davida Chornock, and our entire team who maintain our Temple. To each of you: a heartfelt "thank you" on behalf of Brotherhood.

Most sincerely, Gary Brock, VP MLRT Brotherhood

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**

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.



**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER** - [mlrt.org/golf](http://mlrt.org/golf)

# Sisterhood



**Sue Rubin Plick**  
Sisterhood President

It is presently March while I am composing this article for the May Bulletin, and while there are significant Sisterhood events about which to write, Mother's Day looms largest in my mind when I think about May. For many moms, Mother's Day is replete with all things Hallmark – and delightfully so. For those of us who have lost our mother, Mother's Day can be a struggle. This will be my seventh Mother's Day without my mother, and I think the weeks leading up to the day are worse than the actual day. I can prepare myself for the day, but I get blindsided by commercials on TV, candy, and flowers in stores, internet pop ups, and so on.

Authoring these articles for our Temple's Bulletins has turned me into an avid "Googler." Accordingly, I researched the history of Mother's Day to see if there is any Jewish basis for celebrating the day. Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 by peace activist Anna Jarvis to honor her deceased mother by continuing the activist work she started. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson enacted the holiday to be celebrated the second Sunday of May. Ironically, Anna Jarvis came to oppose the morphing of the holiday into one commercialized with gifts, candy, and pre-made cards. She even protested a candy maker's convention in 1923 and a meeting of American War Mothers, who sold Mother's Day carnations, in 1925 where she was arrested.

Regarding Judaism's view of Mother's Day, there is no specific day to honor one's mother. The commandment "Honor your father and your mother" is not limited to one day a year. Furthermore, Jewish matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah are referenced throughout the year. One could make the case that in Judaism, every day is Mother's Day.

May brings many opportunities for Sisterhood members to gather. There is an opportunity to help at Mitzvah Circle on May 2. Please contact Liz Stoller at [ljstoller@gmail.com](mailto:ljstoller@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The Last Cook for a Friend is Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30 am. Thank you to Honor Foods for their generous donation of vegetables to enhance the meals we provide!

Our Sisterhood Shabbat is Friday evening on May 10. It is a lovely service with participation from Sisterhood and a speaker addressing the current state of women's reproductive health – an especially critical issue in these times. Also in May is our Closing event on Tuesday evening, May 21 (this is a date change), and a Sisterhood Dance Fitness class Tuesday May 28 at 10:30 am.

Thank you to Just Born Quality Confections, Jewish National Fund-USA, Mark Komen, Ross M. Levy, Laurie Silverman, and all our wonderful volunteers for helping to make this year's Shalach Manot fundraiser another success!

Sisterhood Closing Event

**CREATE A**

*Cheese Board*

**Tuesday, May 21**  
6:30 pm at MLRT

\$45 INCLUDES DRINKS AND DINNER FROM TABOULI & A CANDY DESSERT BUFFET

*Please bring cash donations for Live Like Blaine*

Live Like Blaine runs leadership programs for female athletes from all over the area.

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## **DANCE FUSION CLASS**

**Tuesday, May 28 at 10:30 am**

Join Nicole Rodriguez from MovementRX for a beginner friendly, dynamic, upbeat class that blends fluid movements and simple modern and jazz dance patterns.

Class includes a warmup sequence, balance, toning, and beginner choreography. All are welcome in this energetic class geared for women 50+!

*No dance experience necessary. Light bites after the class.*



**Register by May 21 at [mlrt.org/sisterhood](http://mlrt.org/sisterhood) or by scanning the QR code**

*Nicole is the owner/operator of Pain Free Philly and holds the following: Master of Education in Dance, Temple University, 1998; Posture Alignment Specialist, Certified 2017; Exercise Therapy Skills, Certified 2019; Exercise Therapist, Egoscue of Philadelphia, 2019; Pelvic Pro Core Exercise Solutions, Anticipated Completion 2024.*

# Sharing Our Lives

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

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*Father of Adam L. Beck (Jill), Barry J. Beck (Marla), and Caroline Beck Zuritsky (Robert)  
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*Sister of Andy Shamberg (Ronnie Neff-Shamberg) and Mindy Shamberg  
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**Richard Paul Jaffe**

*Father of Robert (Lindsey Rose) Jaffe, Emily Jaffe (Dan Shotz), and Kate Jaffe  
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Brother of Barbara (Wilfred) Lorry and Harry Jaffe*

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*Husband of Gwen (nee Hollander)  
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Brother of Bennet (Joy) Keiser and Andrew (Ellen) Keiser*

**Betty Millman**

*Mother of Attorney Charles J Millman, Henry (Mimi) Millman, and Edward (Lois) Millman  
Wife of the late Samuel Millman  
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Great-grandmother of Isabella and Theodore Emejulu and Piper, Tobin, and Max Deutschler  
Daughter of the late Benjamin and Bella Cherner*

**Elaine F. Pearlstein (nee Chaitt)**

*Mother of Michael (Mindy) Pearlstein, Michele (Tom Ruddy) Pearlstein-Ruddy, and Mark (Cammy) Pearlstein  
Grandmother of Emily Pearlstein, Adam Pearlstein, Stephanie Ruddy, Matthew Ruddy, and the late Nicole Pearlstein  
Great-grandmother of Madison and Parker*

**Irwin Leonard Ross**

*Husband of the late Sheila Ross  
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Grandfather of David Bendit (Arielle), Steven Bendit (Sophia), Dylan Bendit, and Morgan Bendit*

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.**

## SHARING OUR LIVES

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

**Eli Louis Bell**

*Son of Allison Cane-Bell & Joseph Bell*

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**Sophie Elizabeth Burns**

*Children of Lisa & Jack Burns*

**Charlotte Ehrenberg**

*Daughter of Celeste Durnwald & Hugh Ehrenberg*

**Alaina Goldman**

*Sari & Jonathan Goldman*

**Evan Krieger**

*Son of Suzanne & David Krieger*

**Bella Weissman**

*Daughter of Jessa & Steve Weissman*

*Mazal Tov!*

**Debbie & Jeff Adler** on the birth of their new granddaughter, Claire Adler Stuckey

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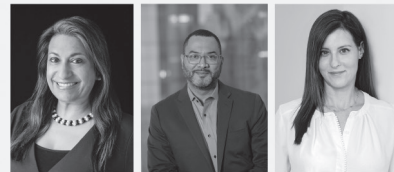
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<b>April 28</b>	<b>April 29</b> <b>SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER</b> <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Passover Festival Service with Yizkor	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>2</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta* <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>3 ECE CLOSED</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>9:00 am</b> Shabbat Morning Walk*^ <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>5:00 pm</b> B'nai Mitzvah of Ava, Kayla, and Maya Michels~ <b>7:30 pm</b> ECE Art Night Fundraiser
<b>5</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Yom HaShoah Program	<b>6</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> Israel Committee Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: Giraffada**	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Cook For A Friend^ <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>9</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta*	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Sisterhood Shabbat Service	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Parker Rose~ <b>5:00 pm</b> Bar Mitzvah of Jason Scott~
<b>12 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>13 YOM HAZIKARON</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Lunch with the Rabbi on Yom HaZikaron <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>14 YOM HA'ATZMAUT</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> TON Gardening at MLRT* <b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood General Board Meeting <b>Time TBD</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration	<b>15</b> <b>8:00 am</b> Brotherhood Charity Golf Outing*^ <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>16</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta* <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jeff Salkin	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Aubrey Morgan Dissin~ <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Bella Weissman~
<b>19</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Last Day of Religious School Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with Rak Dan	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Sisterhood Closing Event: Create a Cheese Board <b>7:30 pm</b> Polyphony Concert^	<b>22 ECE CLOSED</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>23</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta* <b>2:00 pm</b> Red Cross Blood Drive*	<b>24 ECE CLOSED</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service
<b>26</b>	<b>27 Memorial Day</b>  <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>ECE CLOSED</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Sisterhood Dance Fusion* <b>7:30 pm</b> Bernie Kleinman Book Club	<b>29</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>30</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta*	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Dinner <b>8:00 pm</b> Confirmation Shabbat Service	<b>June 1</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Reid Henry Baker~ <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Mayson Liss~

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# June 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>ECE CLOSED</b>	<b>May 28</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Sisterhood Dance Fusion*	<b>May 29</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>May 30</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta*	<b>May 31</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Dinner <b>8:00 pm</b> Confirmation Shabbat Service	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Reid Henry Baker~ <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Mayson Liss~
<b>2</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Fiddlers On The Roof*	<b>3</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> Israel Committee Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 pm</b> Keeping It Reel: The Miracle Club**	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Brotherhood BBQ*	<b>5</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>10:30 am</b> Sisterhood Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>6</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta* <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>7 ECE Early Dismissal</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night PRIDE Shabbat Service with Raymond Zachary	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Violet Jane Zornosa~ <b>5:00 pm</b> Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Bloch~
<b>9</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Fiddlers On The Roof* <b>10:00 am</b> Beer Club Brunch^	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12 MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>10:30 am</b> Shavuot Festival Service and Yizkor	<b>13</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta*	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30 am</b> B'not Mitzvah of Madeline Ptak and Layla Ptak~
<b>16</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta* <b>7:30 pm</b> Caring for the Caregiver*	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Woman's Commentary Class <b>12:30 pm</b> Bridge*	<b>27</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>12:30 pm</b> Canasta*	<b>28</b> <b>ECE CLOSED</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Shabbat Service	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service <b>5:00 pm</b> B'nai Mitzvah of Ava, Kayla, and Maya Michels~
<b>30</b>	<b>July 1</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Mixed Choir Rehearsal	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 4</b> <b>MLRT OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Brotherhood Pizza Sale in Narberth*^	<b>July 5</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Friday Night Shabbat Service	<b>July 6</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:00 am</b> Shabbat Service

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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.

## **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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## *Service of Confirmation*

Friday, May 31 | 8:00 pm