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# SHOWING UP: PRESENCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND CALM

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In moments of crisis, we often discover how deeply we need one another. When the world feels uncertain, when headlines overwhelm, or when personal challenges arise, our instinct is to reach out—to gather, to listen, to hold one another a little closer. In these moments, simply showing up becomes an act of courage and compassion.

Today, it can feel as though crisis is no longer an occasional interruption, but a constant backdrop to our lives. We are witnessing a troubling rise in antisemitism, deep political and social divisions, economic uncertainty, and global conflicts that feel both distant and painfully close to home. Many of us carry a quiet sense of worry—about our safety, our future, and the kind of world our children will inherit.

But Jewish tradition teaches us that our presence isn't just for emergencies. It's also for the quiet, everyday days that make up most of our lives.

The Torah reminds us that holiness is found not only in dramatic moments but also in everyday actions: in gathering for prayer, learning together, celebrating holidays, and caring for those in need. To “show up” during peaceful times—to attend services, engage in community life, check on a neighbor, volunteer, or simply be present with family and friends—is to build the relationships and resilience that support us when challenges come.

At Main Line Reform Temple, showing up also means planning for the future. It involves investing not only in what we need today but also what comes next. Your presence is precious, your involvement is priceless.

When we gather for holiday celebrations like the Purim Carnival, or our Second Night Seder, we strengthen the

rhythms and traditions that connect us across generations, but all of that comes to fruition because of the partnership between our staff and members. Events and programs like the Speaker Series and the Sisterhood Boutique Bargain Sale provide opportunities to enhance our sense of community and do good work together. Remember the Uncle Sam poster that proclaimed “I want you!”? Well, we want YOU!

These acts may seem simple, but together they are powerful. Community is not built in a single moment—it is formed over time through countless small acts of showing up. Every time we participate in worship, learning, service, or celebration, we help shape the kind of congregation MLRT will be in the future.

Pirkei Avot teaches, “Do not separate yourself from the community.” Belonging is not passive; it is something we choose again and again. In times of crisis, showing up means refusing to look away. In times of calm, it means refusing to drift away.

As a congregation, our strength lies in supporting each other through every season of life. Whether we come together in response to heartbreak or to celebrate joy, each act of presence affirms a simple truth: we are not alone.

In a world that often feels chaotic and fragile, showing up—steadily, consistently, and with intention—may be one of the most powerful acts of hope we possess.

May we continue to show up for one another, for MLRT, and for the sacred work of building a vibrant, compassionate, and enduring community.



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Two years ago, my husband, Jack, approached me with a concert idea. The world was approximately 6 months past the devastating attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 and Ukraine was still under attack from Russia, not to mention that countless places in the world where people were suffering, being persecuted for their religious beliefs, suffering from food insecurity, disease, and displacement, or suffering for innumerable other reasons. We were all feeling the pain of that period of time and knowing how healing music can be, Jack suggested a concert about forging ahead after a war. The original working title was, "From War to Recovery: A Cantorial Concert." Sadly, we haven't yet recovered, and there is still trauma and suffering all around us.

If you've made it this far, thank you for not turning the page on the dark opening of this article. There is a light at the end of this tunnel, so to speak: music is still healing, and there will still be a concert. Last year I attended a virtual class with Dr. Tanya Sermer, faculty at the Jerusalem campus of HUC-JIR and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The class was divided into two parts: the first about soundscapes (think landscapes but with sounds) and its impact on society, art, and culture. The second part was an introduction to the tragically beautiful music that came in the aftermath

of October 7. We know that even if the pit of despair, the soul yearns to create and renew. Rabbi Alan Lew taught about the cyclical nature of destruction to renewal. He regarded brokenheartedness as an opportunity for growth and transformation. Part of this opportunity comes from the ability to create art in all forms after a destruction or devastation, the ability to rise up, and the ability to find hope and unity in the darkest of days. With that in mind, we will allow the music to help us heal, to help us move forward, to help us see a brighter tomorrow.

On Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 pm, I will be joined by my dear friends and colleagues, Cantor Galit Dadoun Cohen (Morristown, NJ), Cantor Juval Porat (Miami, FL), and Cantor Alicia Stillman (Boston, MA) with Dr. Ari Sussman on piano, and other instrumentalists, for a cantorial concert entitled, "Out of The Ashes." This concert will take you on a musical journey from devastation to renewal. The music will include a variety of musical genres, imagery, and evocative sentiments. My colleagues joining are some of the most talented Cantors of this generation, and together with their incredible skills - musical, intellectual, and emotional - this will be a concert for the ages. I hope you'll save the date, and I look forward to seeing you at this incredible musical.

**OUT OF THE ASHES**

**Cantorial Concert featuring Cantor Faryn Rudnick, Cantor Juval Porat, Cantor Galit Dadoun Cohen, and Cantor Alicia Stillman**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 4:00 PM, WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

**Keep an eye on mlrt.org and your inbox for registration information!**

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# BETWEEN THE GALLOWS AND THE SEA: PURIM, PASSOVER, AND LIVING THROUGH EXTREMES

Rabbi Eric Mollo [emollo@mlrt.org](mailto:emollo@mlrt.org)

Life on Jewish time rarely offers us the comfort of emotional neutrality. In fact, the way our calendar is set up, it's as though we are constantly and deliberately vacillating between moments of danger and deliverance. As we pass from Purim and Passover, we find ourselves standing between two of the most perilous places in Jewish memory: the gallows and the sea.

Purim brings us face to face with the gallows. It is a story shaped by mortal threat, by the vulnerability of living at the mercy of others, and by the incredible speed at which public sentiment can turn. The danger is real and imminent with lives hanging in the balance. Then suddenly, there is a stunning reversal and the narrative shifts. A people headed for destruction becomes a story of survival and fear that gives way to celebration. They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!

Passover carries us to the edge of the sea; the liminal space between slavery and freedom. Here too, the danger is undeniable. Even after the ten plagues fell upon Egypt, the Israelites were still in great peril. At the sea there is nowhere else to run, the Egyptian horses and chariots are bearing down on them, and liberation seems to be evaporating before their eyes. Suddenly a door opens before them in the shape of a divided sea. Walking through it demanded movement before certainty, faith before proof, and the willingness to step literal, and figurative, uncharted waters. Perhaps, then, the Israelites were freed from their bondage not when the sea parted, but when they decided to walk towards the sea in the first place.

This year, these stories painfully and powerfully echo the stories of persecution and perseverance in our own time. In late January, our community gathered for a vigil following the murder of two protesters in broad daylight. That gathering of 350 arose from the shock and grief we were all feeling, and from a shared need to affirm the sanctity of human life in the face of violence and intimidation. We came together to mourn, to pray, to commiserate, and to mark a moment that reminded us all how quickly our safety can erode.

At the same time, we witnessed the closing of a different chapter marked by prolonged anguish. The body of the final Israeli hostage in Gaza, Ran Gvili, was brought home by IDF soldiers who risked their lives so that no one would be left behind. While nothing can undo the suffering endured or restore what was lost, this moment allowed waiting to give way to mourning; relief and sorrow bound together in the closing of a chapter that lasted well over two years.

Purim and Passover teach us that living through extremes is not an aberration in Jewish life. Rather, it is the pattern we expect and experience again and again. All too often we are called upon to navigate such moments when the stakes are high and the outcomes are uncertain. In those moments, Jewish values do not ask us to disengage or wallow in self-pity. Instead, we are called upon to help steady the system.

The world is not regulated by attempts to control it. Change begins when we choose to act within our reach. We give to righteous causes. We participate in local social justice and social action initiatives. We choose relationships over retreats, building bridges with people who do not look like us, live like us, or think like us. We continue telling our stories, eating our foods, celebrating our culture, and reminding ourselves that Jewish survival is directly connected to the investment we choose to make in our community.

Between the gallows and the sea, joy and grief, simcha and solemnity, are not opposites. They are companions. To live faithfully in this season is not to avoid the extremes, but to walk the narrow path between them with intention, courage, and compassion.

*Kol ha'olam kulo gesher tzar me'od; v'ha'ikar lo l'fached klal. The whole world is a very narrow bridge. The important thing is to not be afraid*

- Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

Chag Purim and Pesach Sameach!

May our holiday tables be filled with good food for sharing, and may our hearts be equally as filled with shared hope and love.



# MLK DAY OF SERVICE THANK YOUS



Our MLK Day of Service was made meaningful and impactful by the dedication, leadership, and generosity of so many. We were blessed to have 250 members of our congregation participate in our MLK Day of Service this year!

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to: **Rabbi Kevin Kleinman, Lauren Alexander, and Carolyn Klein** for leading our Religious School cookie-baking project; **Melissa Friedman, Leslie Guerin, Mihaela Schwartz, Katherine Haber, and Jennifer Attix** for guiding our ECE families in creating snack bags and placemats for the Ardmore Food Pantry; **Linda Finkelstein** for coordinating our Sacred Spaces Refresh; **Sherrill Neff** for organizing Cards for the residents of K'far Tikvah; **Linda Brock and the HIAS PA staff** for facilitating refugee advocacy; **Vanessa Coke Cohen** for leading the Cradles to Crayons Mobile Warehouse clothing sort; **Gaby Millman** for organizing the Philabundance Notes of Sunshine project; **Zach Gerson** for coordinating the

MAZON postcard campaign; **Cheryl Harper** for overseeing salad preparation for local food pantries; **Kerry Heppen** for organizing toiletry sorting and packaging for Laurel House and Mitzvah Circle Foundation; **Ross M. Levy and the Tribe teens** for running the bake sale and bracelet making; **Cantor Faryn Rudnick and the Junior Jammers** for singing their hearts out and bringing joy to the residents at The Quadrangle; **Rabbi Geri Newburge** for her guiding hand throughout the planning process; **Lynne Balaban, Renee Strausberg, and Davida Chornock** for their organizing efforts and support; and finally, our incredible TON chairs, **Liz Stoller and Beth Allen**, for coordinating the Recycled Book Fair benefiting WePAC and Box Lunch & A Book.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated supplies, baked, wrote notes, sorted items, advocated, cooked, cleaned, and showed up with open hearts. **Together, we honored Dr. King's legacy by turning our values into action!**



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Kamplain [president@mlrt.org](mailto:president@mlrt.org)

Since last fall, I have been marking a year of lasts. My youngest child is a senior in high school, and while he has so many firsts ahead of him, I am very conscious of the ways in which life will be different after this year. We have purchased his last school photos, logged hours on the couch for his last NFL season at home, and attended his last winter choral concert. I have lived through these transitions before, but something about this being the last time is making me take a close look at how we got here.

My kids were fortunate to learn their first life lessons at MLRT ECE. So much of who they are began in the classrooms downstairs, in the Circular Lounge and the Orleans, at Shabbat in our Sanctuary, and on the playground. Like many of you, I have pictures and videos of Shabbat Kings and Queens, Purim parades, and more laminated placemats than we can ever use, and these are an amazing archive of their first learning experiences. My kids made their first friends in the ECE, learned how to listen and participate and share, and began to absorb how we live Jewish lives.

MLRT's ECE was not just a formative place for my kids. I made friends and got involved in the HSA and built relationships that have been so meaningful to me for so long. When my son graduated from ECE, my daughters were already in Religious School, my husband was playing in the MLRT

Basketball League, and I became active in Sisterhood, where I met many women who had experienced all the change and transitions I had behind and ahead of me. Our ECE does not just prepare kids and families for kindergarten and life beyond preschool; it creates community that grows and sustains our congregation. Even though the time when my kids were in ECE seems impossibly far away, and I'm not sure how they were ever that little, I will always be so grateful that my family's MLRT journey began with ECE, and that it has continued because of the strong foundation ECE created.

***If you are easily sentimental like me, I hope you will consider acknowledging the importance of our MLRT ECE with a gift to our Playground Renovation Campaign.***

Please join us in making this outdoor learning environment more inclusive, accessible, and engaging for our youngest members. I can think of no better way of showing gratitude for the powerful impact that ECE has had than by helping to ensure that new families choose to celebrate their firsts and lasts with us at MLRT. If you would like to share your family's ECE connection or have questions about supporting our campaign, please reach out to me at [president@mlrt.org](mailto:president@mlrt.org).



## Your support to our ECE Playground Renovation Campaign will help build:

- An outdoor classroom
- A culturally grounded learning environment
- A safe and inclusive space for all children
- A community asset that supports families, educators, and future generations

### Donate Now!

Contact Mihaela Schwartz at [mschwartz@mlrt.org](mailto:mschwartz@mlrt.org) with any questions



## LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE WALL OF MAZALS!

*We are collecting kippot from the milestones celebrated at MLRT for a colorful office display.*

if you have a kippah from a B'nai Mitzvah, Bris Milah, Wedding, or other Simcha held at MLRT, we want it! Please bring your contribution to Laurie Silverman in the MLRT Office to take part in this innovative exhibition of the lifecycles celebrated at the Temple over the years.

# MLRT Annual Meeting 2026

SUNDAY, MARCH 22  1:00 PM

Please join us for MLRT's 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting to celebrate accomplishments of the last year, learn about future plans for MLRT, elect the nominated slate of Officers and Trustees, show appreciation for the outgoing Officers and Trustees, and enjoy a delicious meal with your congregational family.

## SLATE OF OFFICERS:

President - Mary Kamplain  
Vice President - Beth Allen  
Vice President - Amy Buckman  
Vice President - Hayley Ornstein  
Treasurer - Gary Fink  
Recording Secretary - Victoria Aronstein

## SLATE OF TRUSTEES: \*One-year term \*\*Two-year term \*\*\*New three-year term

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Denis Cohen	Kerry Heppen***	Sam Nemroff***	Alexis Sherman
Lori Ehrich**	Jenn Hoffman	Sue Plick	Maddy Shusterman
Zach Gerson***	Amy Kopelman	Troy Podell***	Liz Stoller*
Mignon Groch	Kari Kurtz	Seth Ruderman***	Saul Treiman
			Jared Weiner***



Lunch beginning at 1:00 pm, followed by the meeting and election.  
Scan to register or visit [mlrt.org/annualmeeting26](http://mlrt.org/annualmeeting26)

## STOP BY AND EXPLORE THE NEW LIBRARY SPACE

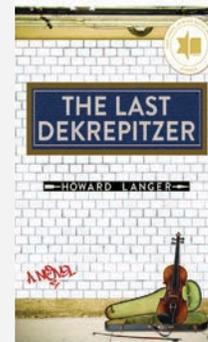
Visit the library whenever the building is open and you'll see books of every genre. Come and browse, find a book to enjoy, sign it out, and return it in a month. Take advantage of this special resource in its new location in ALC1.

Also, there's lots of activity at MLRT involving books and authors. On January 30, 2026, we welcomed Rachel Simons, author of *Sesame: Global Recipes + Stories of an Ancient Seed*. Rachel spoke about her life, the history of the sesame seed and her book and demonstrated a recipe from the book during her first Tu B'Shevat Seder. *Sesame*, a beautiful book full of tasty recipes, is one of many cookbooks available in the library.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT SPECIAL BOOK EVENT WITH AUTHOR HOWARD LANGER

Friday, April 24, 2026, at 6:30 pm

During Brotherhood Shabbat, which all are welcome to attend, local anti-trust attorney and Penn Law professor Howard Langer will discuss *The Last Dekrepitzer*. Winner of the National Jewish Book Award, the book imagines what would happen if the last remaining survivor of a Hasidic sect found his way to the pre-Civil Rights American South and took on a new identity as a blues musician named Sam Lightup. In doing so, the novel explores many subjects including race, the legacy of the Holocaust, music, and God.



MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE  
2026 PURIM CARNIVAL

# OUT OF THIS WORLD PURIM

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00-11:00 AM  
ECE FAMILIES

11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMILIES

\$22/PERSON BEFORE FEBRUARY 22\*  
\$24/PERSON AFTER FEBRUARY 22 OR AT THE DOOR



SCAN HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE AND COUNT  
DOWN TO A DAY OF GAMES, PRIZES, CRAFTS, AND MORE!

\*children under 3 are free

## Choose Your Own Adventure!

Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm



MLRT'S FREE ADULTS-ONLY PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA  
WITH FOOD, DRINKS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND MORE!



## 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." Every year at Pesach, we recall our ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt and their celebration after they crossed through the Red Sea to freedom. Now, more than ever, this sense of freedom is needed by our people—freedom from terrorism, antisemitism, misunderstanding, marginalization. May we draw strength from the sacred journey of those who came before us as we continue our quest for freedom.*

As the sun sets on Wednesday, April 1, Jews throughout the world will begin the celebration of Pesach. 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.

Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim Presents

## Second Night Pesach Seder

The MLRT clergy are delighted to offer this wonderful community event with a participatory and engaging Seder celebrating our freedom from slavery.

**Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 pm**

The catered dinner will be family-style and includes everything you need for the Seder.

BYOB. We ask that each family bring a Pesach dessert to share.

\$54/adult  
\$36/10 and under

Help underwrite the cost of the Seder with an additional contribution

Questions? Contact Laurie Silverman at [lsilverman@mlrt.org](mailto:lsilverman@mlrt.org)



Register by 3/20 at [mlrt.org/2ndSeder](http://mlrt.org/2ndSeder)

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:



**Beitza Roasted Egg**  
represents the ancient Pesach sacrificial offering as well as the wholeness and continuing cycle of life



**Z'roah Shankbone**  
symbolizes the lamb that was sacrificed in ancient days



**Maror/Chazeret Bitter Herbs**  
reminds us of the bitter lives of the Hebrew slaves; includes horseradish & bitter leaves



**Charoset**  
reminds us of the bricks and mortar made by the Hebrew slaves



**Karpas Greens**  
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 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.

**Matza** – 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 Morning Service  
APRIL 2 | 10:00 am

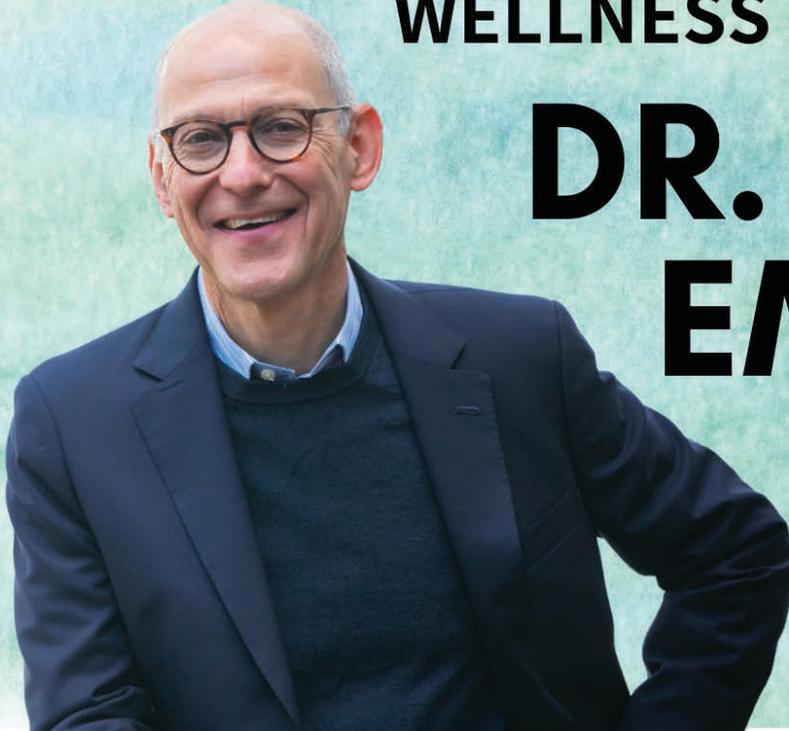
2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder  
APRIL 2 | 5:30 pm

7<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesach Service & Yizkor  
APRIL 8 | 10:00 am

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A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HEALTH,  
WELLNESS & PUBLIC POLICY

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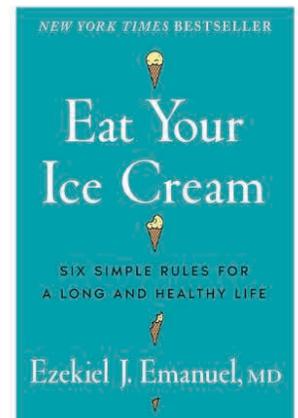
MARCH 3  
7:30 PM

410 MONTGOMERY AVENUE, WYNNEWOOD

RENOWNED PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR OF EAT YOUR ICE CREAM

Ezekiel J. Emanuel, MD, PhD, is Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, Dr. Emanuel is an oncologist and world leader in health policy and Special Advisor to the Director General of the World Health Organization. He was the founding chair of the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health and served as a Special Advisor on Health Policy to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and National Economic Council, where he was instrumental in drafting the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Dr. Emanuel is the most widely cited bioethicist, with over 350 publications and 16 books, including Eat Your Ice Cream (2026).



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YOUR TICKET!

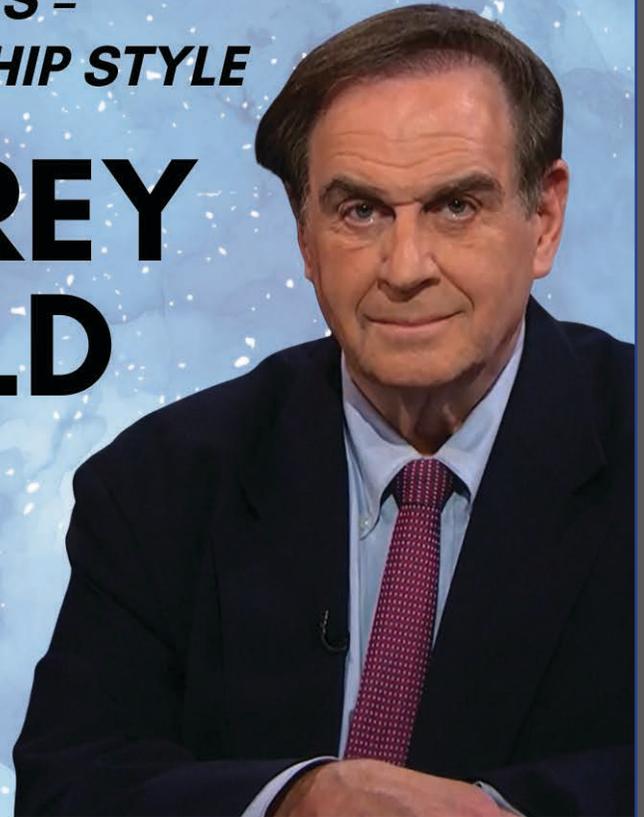


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All tickets include a copy of Dr. Emanuel's latest book, Eat Your Ice Cream

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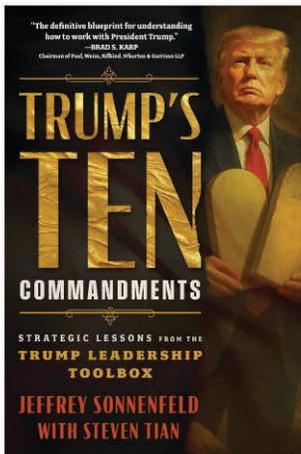
**TRUMP'S 10 COMMANDMENTS -  
DEMYSTIFYING HIS LEADERSHIP STYLE**

**PROF. JEFFREY  
SONNENFELD**



**APRIL 29  
7:30 PM**

410 MONTGOMERY AVENUE, WYNNEWOOD



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Professor Jeffrey Sonnenfeld is the Senior Associate Dean for Leadership Studies and Lester Crown Professor in Management Practice at Yale School of Management, and founder and president of Yale's Chief Executive Leadership Institute.

A former professor at Harvard Business School and Emory University, he is a leading authority on CEO leadership and corporate governance. Professor Sonnenfeld is a frequent media contributor, author of eight books, including 2026's Trump's Ten Commandments, advisor to senior U.S. government leaders, and the first academic to ring the opening bells at both the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq.



**Buy tickets or sponsor this program at [mlrt.org/MLSS26](https://mlrt.org/MLSS26)**

All tickets include a copy of Professor Sonnenfeld's latest book, Trump's Ten Commandments



March 1 - Register for online Sapir Salon

March 19 - Israel Committee Meeting

April 30 - Sapir Salon- those interested in Israel and issues impacting the Jewish community for a spirited AND respectful conversation

April 26 - Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut  
Celebrate Israel 78 with Israeli music, food, games, and fun at the Kaiserman JCC



## SHABBAT MORNING WALK

Spring into the season - whatever the weather, enjoy a Shabbat Morning Walk with Rabbi Geri Newburge!

March 7 - 9:00 am  
Cynwyd Trail



April 11 - 9:00 am  
Haverford Reserve

The RAC-PA MontCo Assembly is open to anyone who lives in Montgomery County, attends a congregation in Montgomery County, or wants to help make change here.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8 | 9:30-11:30 AM**

Beth David Reform Congregation | 130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne

Register for the RAC-PA MontCo Assembly at [rac.org/March8](http://rac.org/March8)

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## HIAS EIGHTH ANNUAL REFUGEE SHABBAT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

6:30 pm at MLRT

This service recognizes the profound impact of the global Jewish movement working on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced people.

We take a few moments to celebrate the work being done, and to educate and mobilize our community.

## LUNCH WITH THE RABBI

Fill your soul and stomach during our monthly lunch & learn with Rabbi Geri Newburge!

Monday, March 16 at 12:00 pm

Monday, April 6 at 12:00 pm

MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE-BETH ELOHIM PRESENTS

GRACE, PASSION & PRIVILEGE



**FANNY MENDELSSOHN HENSEL**

*Sunday, March 15 12:00 pm*

Cantor Faryn Rudnick and Rabbi Eric Mollo join popular musicologist Karl Middleman in a lecture-recital on the life and music of the lesser-known Mendelssohn composer, pianist, and visionary, Fanny.

Written for her illustrious family salon, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel's songs embrace a wide range of topics, including the allure of gondolas, rapture for Italy, birds flying south, romance, and much more.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM!



**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

**RUACH & RHYTHM SHABBAT SERVICE**

Join us for an immersive, music-filled Friday night where melody leads the way. With guest musicians joining our talented staff, this service is woven entirely through song, from the opening notes to the final blessing.

**Beer & Wine Social Club**



**Sunday, March 22**      **Sunday, April 26**  
 March Madness at the Buckmans      Fun at PJ Whelihan's

Raise a toast at 7:00 pm with the most spirited group at MLRT!



**MICHAEL SILVERBERG, MD**  
**PRIVATE PSYCHIATRY PRACTICE**

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**March 23**      **April 27**  
**Queen of Chess**      **Train Dreams**

Discuss a Netflix movie with Rabbi Newburge at 8:00 pm on Mondays every month on Zoom!



**YOM HASHOAH**  
MONDAY, APRIL 13 AT 7:00 PM

# STRINGS OF HOPE

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

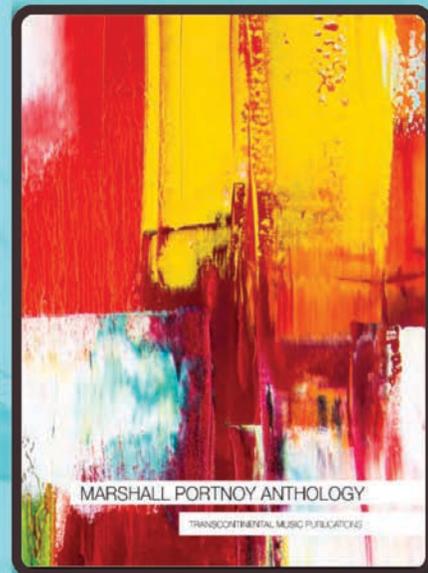
A historic first: violins that survived the devastation of Hiroshima and the Holocaust will meet in performances for the very first time, featuring the clergy of KLM and Udi Bar-David.

Once played by prominent musicians who introduced European traditions to cities such as Hiroshima and Shanghai, these instruments now carry their legacy forward.

MLRT invites you to dive into the musical legacy of our Cantor Emeritus!

# A LIFE IN SONG

with Cantor Marshall Portnoy



**Wednesday, April 15** 🕍 **12:00 pm**

Cantor Portnoy will present an inside look at his anthology of compositions, offering commentary on text-setting and musical language within the liturgy.

Blending performance, analysis, and personal narrative, Cantor Portnoy invites listeners to explore the craft and vision behind a distinguished and highly influential career in Jewish music.

Register at [mlrt.org/cmptong](http://mlrt.org/cmptong)

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CELEBRATE THE PHANATIC'S BIRTHDAY WITH OTHER MLRT MLB FANS IN SECTION 422!



**Sunday, April 12 at Citizens Bank Park**  
**1:35 pm vs Arizona Diamondbacks**  
\$40/person includes the Phanatic Birthday Game and Colonial Phanatic Bobble Head (kids 14 and under)

Tickets are limited: register at [tinyurl.com/MLRTphillies412](http://tinyurl.com/MLRTphillies412)

# REMINDER

Membership Renewal and Religious School Registration will open in May. Keep an eye on your inbox for details!

High Holy Day information will be sent out separately this summer.

# OPENING OUR DOORS, SHARING OUR VALUES: A REFLECTION ON THE ECE-RJ NETWORK VISIT

Mihaela Schwartz [mschwartz@mlrt.org](mailto:mschwartz@mlrt.org)

On Friday, January 23, our Early Childhood Education program welcomed approximately 80 early childhood educators and leaders from across the country. They came for an ECE-Reggio Jewish (ECE-RJ) network gathering, ready to learn together and see meaningful early childhood practices firsthand.

For our community, this visit was more than just a professional exchange. It was a moment of pride, reflection, and a chance to affirm the values that guide our work every day.

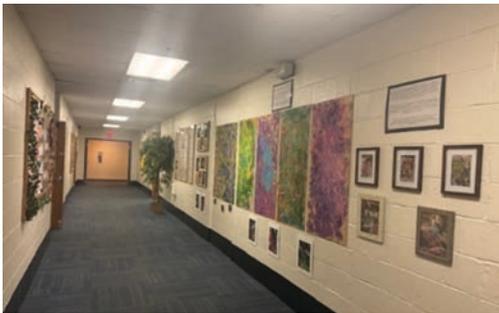
## An ECE Program Rooted in Care and Community

Visiting colleagues made it clear that they felt a deep sense of care throughout our school. They noted that children's out-of-school moments are well integrated into their daily activities through family photos, and that daily routines are thoughtfully planned to create a warm and welcoming environment. Guests mentioned that respect, warmth, and attention are given to children and families in each classroom.

Visitors also commented on the strong sense of community here, which is the result of years of effort. For the past six years, educators, families, and leaders have worked together to build trust and collaboration. This culture was evident not only in classrooms but also in conversations with our teachers, shared decisions, and the way staff support one another.

## Learning Made Visible

Throughout the school, visitors saw classrooms set up to reflect the children's ideas, ongoing explorations, and questions.



Displays of children's work, such as photographs, conversation transcripts, and ongoing projects, made learning visible in meaningful ways. These displays are more than decoration. They show how children think, wonder, and make sense of the world. Guests noted that teachers

carefully observe children, design activities that spark curiosity, and plan lessons based on children's interests and ideas.

## Educators as Learners and Leaders

Our teachers were key to making the visit special. They welcomed guests into classrooms and showed what daily life is really like, not just a prepared display. Many of our classroom teachers welcomed our guests in person, shared their classroom ideas, and reflected with our colleagues from other school communities.

These moments highlighted an essential truth about our school: our educators are not just teachers but also researchers, collaborators, and lifelong learners.

## A Moment of Affirmation

The visit confirmed that our program is a model within the ECE-RJ network and beyond. Guests saw our ongoing commitment to high-quality documentation, well-designed learning spaces, and the belief that children's voices matter. Just as important, they noticed the strong relationships among educators, families, leaders, clergy, and staff that make this work possible.

## With Gratitude

Events like this only happen because of teamwork. We are deeply grateful to our educators, Executive Director, clergy partners, and maintenance team for their flexibility, care, and all the behind-the-scenes work that made the day a success.

We invite our congregational community to share in this pride. Take a moment to walk through the ECE hallways and classrooms. Pause at the displays of children's work. In these displays, you will see not only what children are learning, but also who they are: curious, capable, and deeply engaged with the world around them.

This visit reminded us that our Early Childhood Education program is more than a place for young children to learn. It is a living example of our community's values: care, reflection, relationships, and the belief that meaningful learning starts early.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### March & April Religious School Calendar

- 3/1 – Purim Carnival (No Religious School)
- 3/6 – Family Shabbat Service
- 3/15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- 3/29-4/6 – NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- 4/10 – Family Shabbat Service
- 4/12 – Kindergarten Mishpacha Program, ECE Open House, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

### AN OUT OF THIS WORLD PURIM CELEBRATION

This Purim, we are launching into our celebration with our annual Purim Carnival. The countdown to fun is on!

Come in costume (space-themed or your favorite dress-up garb). We will have games, prizes, bounce houses, snack and lunch bar, and so much more! [See page 8 for more details.](#)



# SISTERHOOD

Amy Silverman [sisterhood@mlrt.org](mailto:sisterhood@mlrt.org)

As I write this article, the big snowstorm of January 25 is starting to subside. The sound of playoff football is emanating from the lower level of my home and I am warmed by the thought of our Sisterhood activities coming this spring.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Book Review Brunch because of the snowstorm. We are working on rescheduling it for early in May. I would like to thank the incredibly creative Book Review committee of Sue Rhode, Linda Gordon, Christina Fink, Linda Brock, Lynn Furness, Cheryl Harper and Sue Rubin Plick. I look forward to working with them again in May.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Shalach Manot team of Lisa Greenblatt, Jackie Bobrin, Ami Lonner, Liz Stoller, Amanda Charney, Jackie Arnold, Meredith Steele, and Becca Seltzer. It is a very large undertaking that provides Sisterhood with the funds to support much needed projects for MLRT.

Our in-person General Board Meeting will take place at 10:00 am on March 10 and our Zoom General Board Meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on April 14. Cook for a Friend will take place at 9:30 am on March 16.

Our Bargain Boutique Sale will take place on Sunday, April 19 and Monday, April 20. The collection for Bargain Boutique will begin on April 12. Look through your closets, basements, attics, and crawl spaces for clothing and accessories that you would like to donate (collection specifics are below!) Since it is very time consuming to organize, untangle and price the jewelry donations, we have already begun to collect jewelry for the Bargain Boutique. All jewelry being donated prior to April 12 may be dropped off in the office.

We are working on a privately guided tour of the Weitzman Museum on April 10. Look out for a Constant Contact from Sisterhood with the details.

The WRJ District Convention will conveniently take place in Wilmington, Delaware this year from April 30 to May 3. The theme is "B'Yachad: Together in Renewal, Seeds of Tomorrow". If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Harper at [charperartist@gmail.com](mailto:charperartist@gmail.com) or Amy Silverman at [adsass@comcast.net](mailto:adsass@comcast.net).

To my fellow sisters and to the Main Line Reform Temple Community at large, wishing you a joyful Purim and a zissen Pesach.



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Collection drop-off at MLRT:

April 12-15 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

April 16 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

# BROTHERHOOD

David Krupnick [brotherhood@mlrt.org](mailto:brotherhood@mlrt.org)

I recently had the incredible opportunity to travel to Israel as part of the joint MLRT/Temple Beth Hillel Mission in early December, 2025. Entitled "Hineni", ("Here I am") the five-day mission offered an intensive opportunity to experience Israel from a variety of angles. This would be my third visit to Israel, albeit over my lifetime. I first went with my family in 1971 as a child. My grandfather knew his life would soon be coming to an end and he wanted to gather with our Israeli relatives and our family one last time. My second trip was in 1985, as a Columbia University graduate student, where I gathered information as part of my Masters Thesis. Both trips had a profound impact on me, with many memories vivid to this day. Though I vowed to return some day, inevitably life's twists and turns took hold and 40 years passed.

Our agenda included impactful visits to a rehabilitative farm for veterans, planting at a kibbutz, the soccer field honoring the memory of the children killed there by a Hezbollah missile strike, Shabbat evening at the Kotel (Western Wall) and a visit to the site of the Nova Music Festival, where on October 7, 2023, 378 civilians and security personnel were murdered and 44 were taken hostage by Hamas.

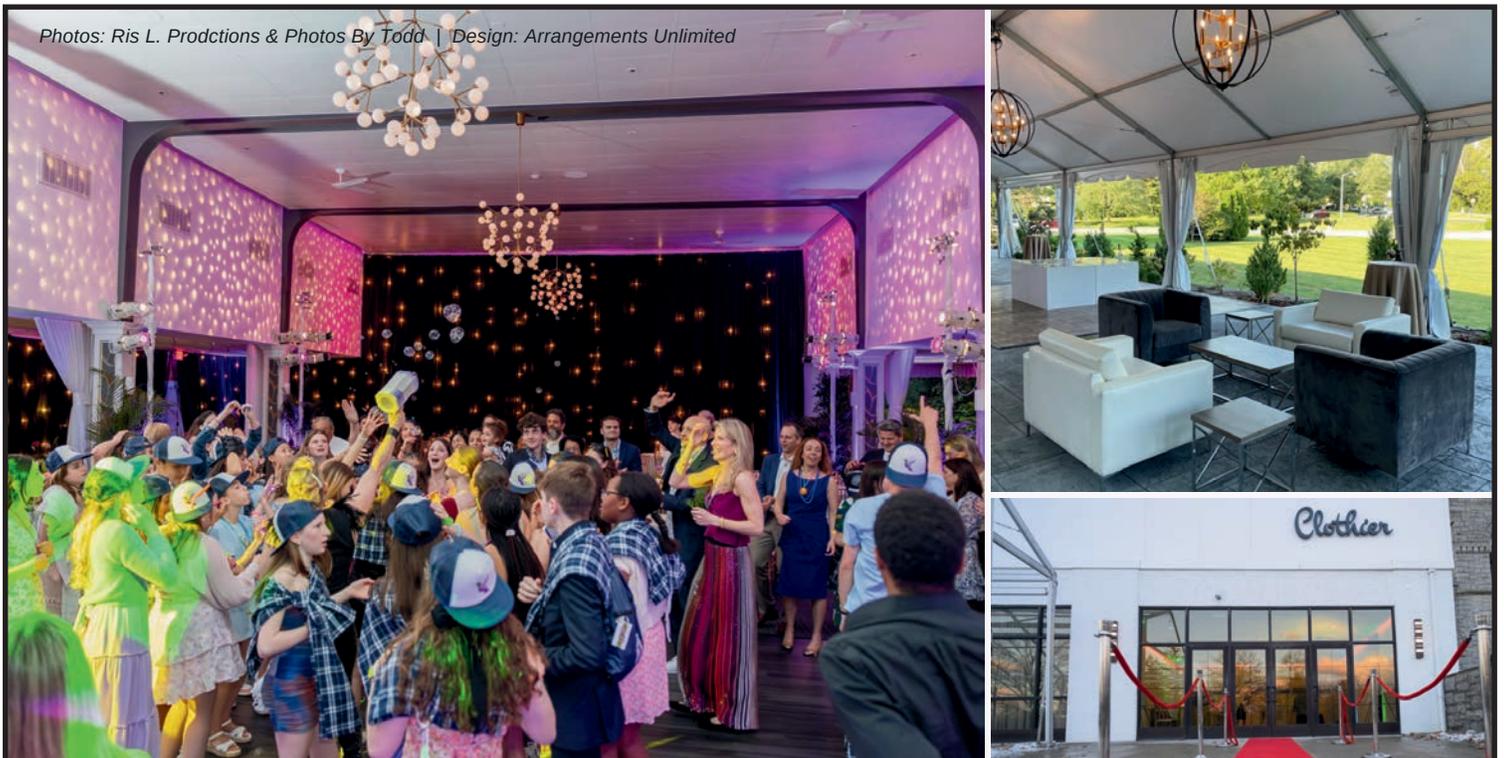
Despite my 30 years in federal law enforcement and intelligence, I was very unprepared for the deep impact the site would have on me, especially as a father. It was nearly too much to imagine at one time. I continue to process it,

yet I remain grateful for the opportunity to have visited this solemn reminder of the possible extremes of life.

The following day, I visited the Shuk (market) in Jerusalem. Just prior to Shabbat, I saw young and old people dancing in the streets, singing joyfully. There was an incredible enthusiasm in the air, in stark contrast to what I saw just the day before. It gave me more of an appreciation for the incredible resilience and optimism of Israel and the Jewish people. Even following tragedy, life has gone on. We persevere. I felt safe and at home the entire time and hope to return with my family soon.

Please join us for our Annual Brotherhood Shabbat to be held on Friday, April 24, beginning with dinner at 5:00 pm and services starting at 6:30 pm. In addition, noted author and prominent attorney Howard Langer will discuss his latest book, The Last Dekrepitzer. In this work, he imagines "what would happen if the last remaining survivor of a Hasidic sect found his way to the pre-Civil Rights American South and took on a new identity as a blues musician. In doing so, the novel explores subjects like race, the legacy of the Holocaust, music, and God." Mr. Langer will be available following the service for questions and answers as well as book signing.

See you soon and stay warm!



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# March 2026

**SUNDAY 1**  
9:00 AM PURIM  
CARNIVAL

**MONDAY 2**  
PURIM  
7:00 PM PURIM SHPIEL

**TUESDAY 3**  
7:30 PM MAIN LINE  
SPEAKER SERIES WITH  
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**THURSDAY 5**  
9:30 AM TIKKUN OLAM  
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**SATURDAY 7**  
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**SUNDAY 8**  
9:30 AM RAC-PA  
MONTCO ASSEMBLY

**FRIDAY 13**  
6:30 PM HIAS  
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SHABBAT

**SUNDAY 15**  
9:00 AM 6TH GRADE RETREAT  
1:00 PM FANNY MENDELSSOHN  
PROGRAM WITH KARL MIDDLEMAN

**MONDAY 16**  
9:30 AM COOK  
FOR A FRIEND  
12:00 PM LUNCH  
WITH THE RABBI

**TUESDAY 17**  
7:30 PM BERNIE  
KLEINMAN BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY 19**  
6:30 PM BROTHERHOOD TEXAS HOLD'EM  
7:00 PM ISRAEL COMMITTEE MEETING

**FRIDAY 20**  
6:30 PM RHYTHM & RUACH  
SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

**SUNDAY 22**  
1:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING  
7:00 PM BEER & WINE  
SOCIAL CLUB

**MONDAY 23**  
8:00 PM KEEPING  
IT REEL

**SUNDAY 29**  
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**MONDAY 30**  
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WOMEN'S COMMENTARY CLASS AT 11:00 AM  
**THURSDAY** ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS AT 12:00 PM  
**FRIDAY** FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AT 6:30 PM  
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## April 2026

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 1:00 PM OFFICE  
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**THURSDAY 2**  
 PESACH  
 MLRT OFFICE CLOSED  
 10:00 AM FESTIVAL SERVICE  
 5:30 PM SECOND NIGHT SEDER

**MONDAY 6**  
 12:00 PM  
 LUNCH WITH  
 THE RABBI

**TUESDAY 7**  
 9:30 AM TON  
 VOLUNTEER  
 OPPORTUNITY

**WEDNESDAY 8**  
 MLRT OFFICE CLOSED  
 10:00 AM FESTIVAL  
 SERVICE & YIZKOR

**THURSDAY 9**  
 9:30 AM COOK  
 FOR A FRIEND

**FRIDAY 10**  
 6:30 PM FAMILY  
 SHABBAT

**SATURDAY 11**  
 9:00 AM SHABBAT  
 MORNING WALK  
 6:00 PM NEW MEMBER EVENT

**SUNDAY 12**  
 1:35 PM MLRT @  
 PHILLIES GAME

**SUN-WED 12-15**  
 9:30 AM SISTERHOOD  
 BARGAIN BOUTIQUE  
 COLLECTION

**MONDAY 13**  
 7:00 PM YOM  
 HASHOAH EVENT

**WEDNESDAY 15**  
 12:00 PM A LIFE IN SONG  
 6:00 PM BROTHERHOOD  
 MEN'S NIGHT OUT

**FRIDAY 17**  
 6:30 PM BOARD  
 INSTALLATION  
 SHABBAT

**SUN-MON 19-20**  
 9:30 AM BARGAIN  
 BOUTIQUE SALE

**FRIDAY 24**  
 ECE CLOSED  
 6:30 PM BROTHERHOOD  
 SHABBAT

**SUNDAY 26**  
 7:00 PM BEER &  
 WINE SOCIAL CLUB

**MONDAY 27**  
 8:00 PM KEEPING  
 IT REEL

**WEDNESDAY 29**  
 7:30 PM SPEAKER  
 SERIES WITH  
 JEFFREY SONNENFELD

**THURSDAY 30**  
 7:00 PM SAPIR  
 SALON

### HAPPENING EVERY WEEK:

**SUNDAY** JUNIOR JAMMERS AT 8:30 AM  
**MONDAY** MIXED CHOIR AT 7:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY** SISTERHOOD CHOIR AT 9:30 AM  
 WOMEN'S COMMENTARY CLASS AT 11:00 AM  
**THURSDAY** ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS AT 12:00 PM  
**FRIDAY** FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AT 6:30 PM  
**SATURDAY** TORAH STUDY/MORNING SERVICE



**DON'T MISS**

SECOND NIGHT SEDER  
 BARGAIN BOUTIQUE SALE  
 YOM HASHOAH  
 YOM HA'ATZMAUT  
 SPEAKER SERIES



**B'NAI MITZVAH**

APRIL 18 - NORA SCHWARTZ (PM)  
 APRIL 25 - GRETA AGNEW



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 SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER FOR ALL OF OUR EXCITING EVENTS!

## WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONES

### Sandra Barsky

Aunt of Susan (Bruce) Golboro

### Lynn Susan Cook

Mother of Alyson (Brian) Solomon and Michael Cook; Grandmother of Lainey, Aden, Ethan, and Dylan; Wife of Ellis Cook

### Leonard Dubin

Father of Michael (Betsy) Dubin, Lisa (Ben) Hofferma, and David Dubin; Grandfather of Jessica, Sari, Zoe, and Lindsey Dubin, and Carly and Danny Hofferma; Husband of the late Marlene Bronstein Dubin; Brother of the late Berny (Maxine) Dubin and Arlene Dubin

### Richard Lee Ehrenberg

Father of Hugh Ehrenberg (Celeste Durnwald) and Debra Leigh Ehrenberg; Grandfather of Sophia & Charlotte Ehrenberg; Husband of Mary Sue Ehrenberg

### John Seymour Hirsch, Jr.

Father of Brian (Lauren) Hirsch; Grandfather of Abigail, Madeline, and Henry

### Michael Lester

Father of Rich (Rachel) Lester and Steven (Terri) Lester; Grandfather of Owen, Julia, and Eli Lester, Haleigh (Justin) Goldstein, Ryan Lester (Kim Batten), Aldin Miller, and Kaylie Miller; Husband of Annette Lester; Brother of Anita Brown and Ira Lester; Great-grandfather of Brayden and Liam Goldstein

### Wolfgang Arnoldo Levy Lewin

Father of Henry Levy (Beth Allen), Roberto (Laura) Levy, and Ernesto (Renee) Levy; Husband of Wilma Levy; Brother of Martin Levy; Grandfather of Sabrina, Alana, and Dahlia, Ilan, Alex, Noah, and Jonathan Levy

### Dr. Gerald Marks

Father of John (Meredith) Marks, Richard (April) Marks, and Jim (Palma) Marks; Grandfather of Victoria, William, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Jacob (Muriel), Charlotte, Julia, Caroline (Robert), Camille, and Sarah; Great-grandfather of Georgina; Husband of the late Barbara Marks; Partner of Astrid Suurbek; Brother of Burton (Nancy) Marks

### Paul Siegel

Father of Gabby Siegel, Jeremy (Carolyn) Siegel, and Miles (Amanda) Siegel; Husband of the late Dorothy Ann Siegel; Brother of Hano Siegel; Grandfather of Rachel (Jason) Smoller, Mea, Jonah (Kat), Ruth (Mike), and Isaac (Anna) Siegel; Great-grandfather of Benjamin Starr-Smoller

### Lillian Ruth Summer

Mother of Ross (Ashley) Summer, Lori (Steve) Machiorlette, and Renee (Gerald) Melchiodi; Grandmother of Jacob and Ella Summer, Morgan (Karley) Machiorlette, Brette (Kevin) Amaroli, Max (Meghan) Machiorlette, Zachary (Ashley) Melchiodi, and Lauren Melchiodi; Wife of Warren Summer; Sister of Arthur (Linda) Horlick; Aunt to several nieces and nephews

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