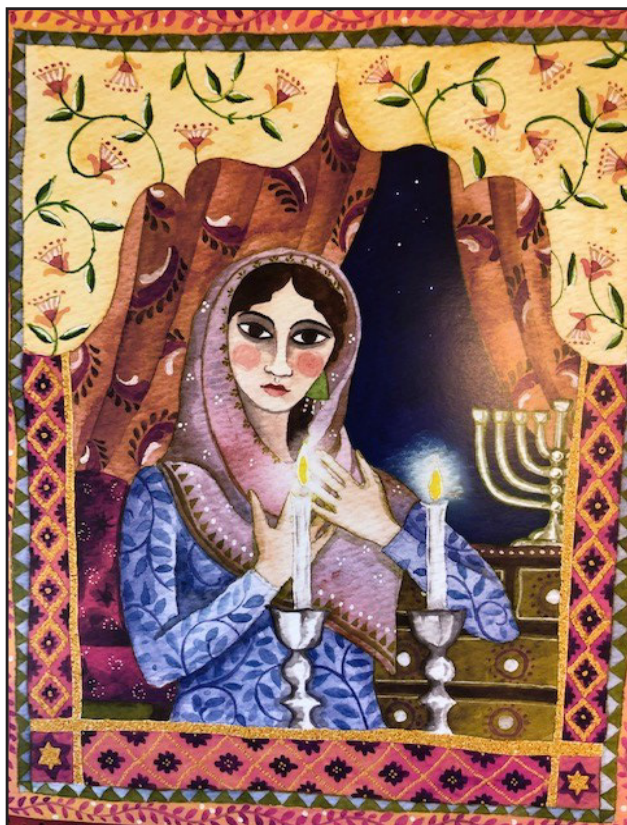


The Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple

Guidebook

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The Eleventh Annual

Open a Book...Open Your Mind for 2023-24

The Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the Department of Lifelong Learning proudly present "Open a Book...Open Your Mind."

Welcome to our eleventh season.

Admission is \$18 per author or \$180 for the series

All programs will be in-person – check your emails closer to the program date.

Wednesday, September 27

7:00 PM

Michael Posner

Leonard Cohen: Untold Stories

Wednesday, October 11

12 Noon Lunch & Learn

(Virtual from Israel)

Rabbi Jonathan Porath

Here We Are All Jews

Monday, October 16

7:00 PM

Richard Hurowitz

In the Garden of the Righteous

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 PM

Joseph Sassoon

The Sassoons:

The Great Global Merchants and the Making of an Empire

Wednesday, December 13

1:00 PM

Pam Jenoff

Code Name Sapphire

Monday, December 18

7:00 PM

Cynthia Ehrenkrantz

Seeking Shelter

Wednesday, January 10

1:00 PM

Gioia Diliberto

Coco at the Ritz

Monday, January 15

7:00 PM

Peter Blauner

Picture in the Sand

Monday, February 12

7:00 PM

Christopher Gorham

The Confidante

Wednesday, February 28

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

Sarah Birnbach

A Daughter's Kaddish

Monday, March 18

7:00 PM

Debby Applegate

Madam

Monday, April 8

11:30 AM Sisterhood Luncheon

B.A. Shapiro

Metropolis: A Novel

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 PM

Judy Rakowsky

Jews in the Garden

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 PM

Oren Schneider

The Apprentice of Buchenwald

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Cover Art:

A Jewish woman covers her eyes immediately after lighting Shabbat candles and only then recites the blessing. In this way, the first lights she sees after Shabbat is ushered in and she uncovers her eyes are the festive Shabbat candles.

The Jewish Art Calendar 2024 by Mickie Caspi, an Israeli-American artist and calligrapher.

We apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.

*Welcome Message from the
Har Zion Sisterhood President*

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to another wonderful year of programs, events and learning opportunities! This year we are thrilled to welcome Cantor Randy Herman, his wife Nicole and their children to Har Zion. We know they are going to make a wonderful addition to our synagogue.

Our Sisterhood is a dynamic and vital part of the Har Zion Temple community. I hope you will take advantage of all that Sisterhood and Har Zion have to offer to enrich our lives through personal growth, meaningful relationships, intellectual pursuits, and community service.

In this Guidebook, you will find a calendar of events, names and contact information of our officers and chairpersons, a list of Jewish holidays for the year, and candle lighting times. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us to lend a helping hand or offer new ideas. Your assistance and thoughts are always welcome.

Come join us - We can't wait to see you!

Warmly,

Michele Perlstein
Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Calendar 2023-2024/5784

SEPTEMBER 2023

Wednesday, September 13, Sisterhood Shmooze and Babka/Challah Pick-up – Main entrance, 11 am

Wednesday, September 27, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm

Wednesday, September 27, Open a Book Author, 7 pm

Thursday, September 28, Decorating the Kendall Sukkah, 10 am

OCTOBER 2023

Wednesday, October 4, Sukkot Program with Cantor Herman, Kendall Sukkah, 11 am

Wednesday, October 11, Open a Book Author, 12 pm

Monday, October 16, Open a Book Author, 7 pm

Tuesday, October 17, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm

Wednesday, October 18, Sisterhood Opening Dinner, 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 22, Sisterhood Board Meeting, 10 am

NOVEMBER 2023

Wednesday, November 8, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm

Wednesday, November 8, Open a Book Author, 7 pm

Sunday, November 12, Mid-Atlantic Region Torah Fund Event at Congregation Beth Tikvah, Marlton NJ, 12 pm

Tuesday, November 14, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm

Wednesday, November 15, Sisterhood Program – Noshing with the Word Mavens, 11:30 am

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday, December 10, Torah Fund Brunch, 11 am

Wednesday, December 13, Book Club (to join OAB), 1 pm

Wednesday, December 13, Open a Book Author, 1 pm

Wednesday, December 13, Hanukkah Gift Exchange and Comedy Night, 7 pm

Thursday, December 14, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm

Monday, December 18, Open a Book Author, 7 pm

JANUARY 2024

Tuesday, January 9, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm

Wednesday, January 10, Open a Book Author, 1 pm

Monday, January 15, Open a Book Author, 7 pm

Wednesday, January 17, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm

Sunday, January 21, Board Meeting, 10 am

Week of January 22, Sisterhood Program TBD

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FEBRUARY 2024

Tuesday, February 6, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm
Monday, February 12, Open a Book Author, 7 pm
Wednesday, February 21, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm
Friday-Saturday, February 23-24, Sisterhood Shabbat
Wednesday, February 28, Open a Book Author – Lunch & Learn, 12 pm

MARCH 2024

Tuesday, March 5, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm
Week of March 11, Sisterhood Program TBD
Sunday, March 17, Mishloah Manot Distribution, 9 am
Monday, March 18, Open a Book Author, 7 pm
Wednesday, March 27, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm

APRIL 2024

Monday, April 8, Open a Book Author, 11:30 am
Tuesday, April 9, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm
Tuesday, April 9, Open a Book Author, 7 pm
Wednesday, April 10, Open a Book Author, 7 pm
Thursday, April 11, Open a Book Author, TBD

MAY 2024

Wednesday, May 1, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 7, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/In-person), 4 pm
Week of May 13, Sisterhood Program TBD
Sunday, May 19, Sisterhood Board Meeting, 10 am

JUNE 2024

Tuesday, June 4, Closing Lunch and Installation, 12 pm
Wednesday, June 5, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm
Thursday, June 6, Rosh Chodesh Group (Zoom/in-person), 4 pm

JULY 2024

Wednesday, July 10, Book Club (out of bldg), 12:30 pm

All programs and events subject to change

Har Zion Temple Sisterhood Activities

Sisterhood has many activities, projects and functions – something for everyone! Following are descriptions of some of them that may help you decide to participate. Please call or email the contact people on subsequent pages to get involved. We need you!

1. **Rosh Chodesh Group** – This group meets on-line and in participants' homes at the time of the new moon that begins each Hebrew month. Discussions related to the holidays and themes each month are led by group members. This group's discussions are warm, interactive, stimulating and fun. Join us!
2. **Adult Education** – Sisterhood sponsors adult education classes throughout the year to enrich our members' learning and fulfill their intellectual pursuits, religious interests and cultural curiosity.
3. **Programming** – Sisterhood sponsors exciting educational, social and entertaining general meetings throughout the year. We vary the times and days of the week in an attempt to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Please join us!
4. **Chaplaincy** – These wonderful women help the residents of Bryn Mawr Village celebrate Shabbat and holidays by leading services on some Friday afternoons and on holidays at the facility.
5. **Life Cycle Events** – This group of women sends celebratory, sympathy and other timely greetings to members to acknowledge important life events.
6. **Gift Shop** – The Landau Gift Box helps Sisterhood raise money to support Har Zion Temple in maintaining its building and programming. It offers a convenient way to shop for Judaica, all-occasion gifts, bar/bat mitzvah and wedding needs, ceramics, glass, jewelry, books, candy, cookies and more. Special orders can be made for items you may see elsewhere. Our prices are competitive, we accept credit cards and we gift wrap. Please support our gift shop; we always welcome volunteers and visitors alike! LOOK FOR US ONLINE AT harziontemple.org/giftshop.
7. **Floral Fund** – Buy contribution cards "In Honor/In Memory of". Proceeds support various Sisterhood programming.
8. **College Outreach** – This group helps our college-age youth maintain their connection to Har Zion Temple and their Jewish identity by sending out holiday greetings and gifts several times a year.
9. **Sisterhood Shabbat** – Sisterhood members celebrate a special Shabbat for the congregation once a year by leading Friday night and Saturday morning services and enjoying Shabbat dinner and Kiddush together.
10. **Mishloach Manot** – Our women assemble brightly-colored, festive gift bags of hamantashen, other treats, small gifts and surprises and deliver them to congregants' homes to fulfill the mitzvot of Purim. Members support this effort financially and physically.
11. **Open a Book...Open Your Mind** – A year-long celebration of Jewish books featuring author visits, lectures, demonstrations, interactive discussions and fun. From fiction to non-fiction to poetry, memoir and cookbooks, there's something for everyone!

The information in this guidebook is solely for the use of Sisterhood members. It is not to be used for solicitations of any kind. Thank you.

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Jewish Holidays 5784/2023-2024

Rosh Hashanah, Tishrei – September 16, 17, 2023
Yom Kippur*^, Tishrei – September 25, 2023
Sukkot first days, Tishrei – September 30, October 1, 2023
Shemini Atzeret^, Tishrei – October 7, 2023
Simchat Torah, Tishrei – October 8, 2023
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan – October 15, 16, 2023
Rosh Chodesh Kislev – November 14, 2023
Chanukkah, Kislev – December 8-15, 2023
Rosh Chodesh Tevet – December 13, 2023
Rosh Chodesh Shevat – January 11, 2024
Tu b'Shevat, Shevat – January 25, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Adar – February 9, 2024
Purim, Adar – February 23-24, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Adar II – March 11, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Nisan – April 9, 2024
Pesach, First Seder, Nisan – April 22, 2024
Pesach, Second Seder, Nisan – April 23, 2024
Yom HaShoah, Nisan – May 5, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Iyar – May 8, 2024
Yom HaZikaron Iyar – May 13, 2024
Yom HaAtzmaut, Iyar – May 14, 2024
Lag ba'Omer, Iyar – May 26, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Sivan – June 7, 2024
Shavuot, First day, Sivan – June 12, 2024
Shavuot, Second day^, Sivan – June 13, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz – July 6, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Av – August 5, 2024
Tishah B'Av*, Av – August 13, 2024
Rosh Chodesh Elul – September 4, 2024
Selichot, Elul – September 28, 2024
Rosh Hashanah, Tishrei – October 3-4, 2024
Yom Kippur*^, Tishrei – October 12, 2024

*Fast day
^Yizkor

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date shown.

Candle Lighting Times 5784 (2023-2024)

(All times are PM)

September 1 7:15
8 7:04
15 6:52
22 6:40
29 6:29

October 6 6:18
13 6:07
20 5:56
27 5:47

November 3 5:38
10 4:31
17 4:25
24 4:21

December 1 4:18
8 4:18
15 4:19
22 4:21
29 4:26

January 5 4:32
12 4:39
19 4:46
26 4:54

February 2 5:03
9 5:11
16 5:20
23 5:28

March 1 5:35
8 5:43
15 6:50
22 6:58
29 7:05

April 5 7:12
12 7:19
19 7:26
26 7:33

May 3 7:40
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24 8:00
31 8:06

June 7 8:10
14 8:13
21 8:16
28 8:16

July 5 8:15
12 8:12
19 8:08
26 8:02

August 2 7:55
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16 7:38
23 7:27
30 7:17



Notes