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The Bulletin

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The Madregot Program of the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School
presents

A Walk Down Ben Yehuda Street

Featuring beautiful artwork from

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**Gala Opening
December 6, 7:30PM**

\$36 - Reservations required



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Tuesday/Wednesday 10AM-8PM



Experience the excitement and the beauty that Israeli
artists will bring through their paintings, sculptures,
Judaica and jewelry!

Message from Rabbi Allen

Who was the first person to celebrate Hanukkah? Give up? You may be surprised to learn that the first person to celebrate Hanukkah was none other than the first human being, Adam. This is indeed a surprising claim since the triumph of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek army and the rededication of the Temple, with the miracle of the jug of oil, did not occur until thousands of years after Adam lived. So how could Adam have celebrated Hanukkah? What was his celebration?



To answer this question, we turn to the Babylonian Talmud Tractate Avodah Zarah 8a, where we learn the following story:

"Our Rabbis taught: When primitive Adam saw the day getting gradually shorter, he said, 'Woe is me, perhaps because I have sinned, the world around me is being darkened and returning to its state of chaos and confusion; this then is the kind of death to which I have been sentenced from Heaven!' So he began keeping an eight day fast. But as he observed the winter equinox and noted the day getting increasingly longer, he said, 'This is the world's course,' and he set forth to keep an eight day festival."

Adam is not celebrating the military victory of a small band of Jews over their would-be oppressors, nor is he commemorating the miracle of limited oil resources stretching far beyond their means. Rather, Adam is acknowledging something far more basic and human: Light is good and darkness is bad.

In modern psychological medicine, we might diagnose Adam with seasonal depression, sometimes known as the winter blues. As the days get shorter and the temperature drops, it is a deeply human emotional response to react with a kind of sadness. We spend less time outdoors than in the summer and spring and we may have less human contact with those around us due to the cold and lack of light. What we need most in
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A Community Hanukkah Dinner Celebration

Wednesday, December 17, 5:30-8:30 PM

Something For Everyone!

Open All Evening....

Adult Vodka and Latke Bar – Soups, salads, pasta station, desserts and

Specialty Kids Korner – Pizza bagels, grilled cheese sandwiches, latkes, pasta, mozzarella sticks, soft pretzels and dips, "FROZEN" candy and Hanukkah gelt

5:30 - 6:30 PM **For the Kids: Meet and Greet and Photos with the Characters from the Movie "Frozen"**

6:30 - 6:45 PM **Community Hanukkiah Lighting**

6:45 - 8:30 PM **For the Adults: DJ Music and Photo Booth**

After the Kid's Hour and Candle Lighting, we will have crafts and screening of "Frozen" for the kids

RSVP BY DECEMBER 11 – Adults \$15 / \$25 at the door, Children (2-13 years)

\$10 / \$15 at the door, Children under 2 are free

RSVP to hzt@harziontemple.org or 610-667-5000, make checks payable to HZT

RELIGIOUSLY SPEAKING . . .

SHABBAT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Friday, December 5 – 14 Kislev 5775

6:00 PM Minha/Maariv

Saturday, December 6 – 14 Kislev

9:00 AM Morning Service

Friday, December 12 – 21 Kislev

Men's Club Shabbat

6:00 PM Men's Club-led Services
followed by dinner

Saturday, December 13 – 21 Kislev

Men's Club Shabbat

9:00 AM Men's Club Shabbat Service

Friday, December 19 – 28 Kislev

Third Day of Hanukkah

Light 4th candle before Shabbat candles

6:00 PM Minha/Maariv

Saturday, December 20 – 28 Kislev

Fourth Day of Hanukkah – Light 5th candle

9:00 AM Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah Maggie Goldenberg, daughter of
Susan & Gary Goldenberg

Friday, December 26 – 5 Tevet

6:00 PM Minha/Maariv

Saturday, December 27 – 5 Tevet

9:00 AM Morning Service

TISCH

After Wednesday morning minyan.

Join Rabbi Allen for breakfast and inspirational learning.



Friday Morning Minyannaires

Join Rabbi Rosenberg for morning minyan and
then stay for a bite-size portion of Torah along
with your coffee and bagel.

DAILY SERVICES

	Morning	Evening
Sunday	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Monday	6:50 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Wednesday	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	6:50 AM	6:00 PM
Friday	7:00 AM	6:00 PM

Exceptions: see calendar on page 15.

SHABBAT

Junior Congregation

(For children grades K-7)

With Norman Einhorn

10:30 AM, Dogole Chapel

Except December 27



Torah Shabbat

(For children ages 2-5)

With Susan Yefet, Beverly Goldberg

11:15 AM, Benjamin B. Levin Room

will be held on the first and third

Saturday of the month

Babysitting will take place every Shabbat,

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

(There will be a Shabbat component in which the
babysitter reads a Shabbat story as well as sing Shabbat
songs, and have challah as a snack.)



Join us for services led by
members of the congregation.

To read Torah or help lead
services, contact Dan Dean,
dzdean@comcast.net or Kevin
Warbach, kevin@warbach.com.

Date to be announced.



Family Beit Midrash

Saturday, December 13, 20, 10:30 AM

With Rabbi Uri Allen

Join us for an interactive discussion on the
weekly Torah portion.



Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study

Every Shabbat following services and kiddush
join in an informal discussion
of the day's Torah portion.



Shabbat Talmud Study

With Rabbi Gary Charlestein and Rabbi Robert Alpert

Saturday afternoon, 1 hour before Minha

Spend an hour learning what issues
mattered to the Sages.



Late Shabbat Learning

With Rabbi Scott Rosenberg and Rabbi Uri Allen
Shabbat afternoons between Minha & Maariv

CELEBRATING HANUKKAH . . .

How to Light Hanukkah Candles

Tuesday, December 16 through Tuesday, December 23

(Light Hanukkah candles before Shabbat candles)

Light the shammash candle first. Use it to light the other candles. On the first evening of Hanukkah, Tuesday, December 16, place one candle on the far right as you face the hanukkiyah (the Hanukkah candelabrum). On the second night and on each succeeding night place the candle for that evening to the left of the candle which preceded it.

Light the newest candle first and then continue lighting the candles from left to right. On Friday evening, the Hanukkah candles are kindled before the Shabbat candles, and on Saturday night the Hanukkah candles are kindled after Havdalah, which marks the conclusion of Shabbat.

Before lighting the candles, the following *berakhah* (blessing) is recited:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל הַנֶּחֱפָה.

Barukh attah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel hanukkah.

Praised are You Adonai, our God, sovereign of the universe, Whose commandments add holiness to our lives and Who commanded us to kindle Hanukkah lights.

Begin to light the candles while reciting the second *berakhah*:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Barukh attah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam she-asah nissim la-avoteinu bayamim hahem ba-zman hazeh.

Praised are You Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors long ago at this season.

On the first night of Hanukkah, we recite *shehe-heyanu*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁהַחֲיֵנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Barukh attah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam sheheheyanu v'kiyemanu v'higi'anu la-zman ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has given us life, sustained us, and allowed us to reach this time.

While Hanukkah is considered a minor festival, there are significant liturgical additions that transform it into a major religious observance.

Hallel (Psalms 113-118 – Praises to God)

As on Sukkot, a full Hallel is recited during the Shahrarit (morning) service on all eight days of Hanukkah. Through the Hallel we express our gratitude and joy for God's providence and deliverance.



Al Hanissim (We thank God for His miraculous deliverance)

The prayer Al Hanissim is added to every Amidah during the eight days of Hanukkah— evenings, mornings, and afternoons. Al Hanissim is also recited in the Birkat Hamazon (Grace after Meals) during Hanukkah.

Torah Reading

The Torah is read every morning of Hanukkah. Three people are called up for aliyot, four on Rosh Hodesh Tevet, which always falls during Hanukkah, and seven on Shabbat. The Torah reading is taken from Parashat Naso. It is known as Parashat Hanesiyyim, "Offerings of the Princes," because it tells of the gifts the Princes of Israel brought to the dedication of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. That dedication becomes a model for the rededication of the Temple in the days of Judah Maccabee.

As on the major festivals, Tahanun and Lamnatzeah are omitted every day during Hanukkah, and on Shabbat mincha we omit Tzidkat'cha.

ADULT JEWISH LEARNING . . .

One-on-One Learning with the Clergy

All of our clergy would enjoy the opportunity to spend one-on-one time teaching whatever topic or aspect of Judaism you would like to study.

Some suggested topics available are: Hebrew language, Torah Reading, Text Study, Chanting Torah or Haftarah. Call Leah Abrams, 610-667-5000, ext 111, to make an appointment!

Classes with Rabbi Rosenberg

Popular Commentaries on Genesis

Thursday mornings, 10:00 AM

We will study the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the *Etz Hayim* Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible.

Men's Club Minyannaires

Friday mornings, following 7:00 AM Services

Jeopardy Rashi Style

We will examine the commentary of Rashi on the Torah to deepen our appreciation of the issues Rashi saw in the text and to understand how his commentary maintains relevance through today.

Class with Rabbi Allen

TISCH

Wednesday mornings following 7:00 AM services

Halakha Yomit (daily halakha) with the Mishnah Berurah

Join us each week as we study a different halakha and ask ourselves about the underlying values that inform our practice.

Classes with Rabbi Alpert

Adult Bible Study

Sunday evenings, once a month

We will study the Book of I Kings. Topics include the transition from David to Solomon, the building of the First Temple, Solomon's spiritual downfall through intermarriages and the splitting of the Kingdom.

Talmud Study

Mondays at 10:00 AM

Continuing our study of the sixth chapter of Bava Metzia

Study with Sara

Join us **Sundays, from 10:00-11:00 AM**
with **Dr. Sara H. Cohen**

Do you want to learn how to read Hebrew with your children? Do you want to learn how to participate in a Shabbat service with your children? Do you want to bring home the holidays?

RSVP to Sharon Kenworthy at jfgrs@harziontemple.org

Cooking Demonstration with Davis Denick

***Bring home Kosher recipes
for your family***



Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 PM

Davis Denick is a chef for Samuels & Son Seafood. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America - Hyde Park and has spent most of his professional career cooking the seafood-centric cuisine of Miami and the Florida Keys for Noble House Hotels. He has traveled across the country to open seafood restaurants at other Noble House resorts. Most recently, he has been working in Philadelphia for Garces Restaurant Group. He hopes to share his passion for fresh, innovative and robustly flavored cuisine.

**\$10 charge /person
to include light refreshments after the program**

JerusalemU presents the Philadelphia premiere of

Beneath the Helmet, From High School to the Home Front

A new film featuring the coming-of-age story about five Israeli soldiers

**Sunday, December 7, 2:00 pm
Har Zion Temple**

Following the film, hear remarks from IDF officer Shoval Dorani, who recently returned from her service in Israel. Then take A Walk Down Ben Yehuda Street and enjoy a variety of artwork by Israeli artists along with dessert!

Reserve seats at www.Beneathhelmet.com/Harzion

No Charge – RSVP necessary – Space is limited

Program sponsored by
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Rabbinical Assembly Lunch and Learn

For more information, call Rabbi Gary Charlestein, 610-239-6003.

Tuesdays in Center City, 12:00-1:30 PM

Offices of Cozen & O'Connor, 1900 Market St., Phila. Stock Exchange Building

Rabbi Robert Alpert teaches at this location on December 16.

Wednesdays in Plymouth Meeting, 12:30-1:30 PM

Offices of Premier Dental, 1710 Romano Drive – off Ridge Pike and Belvoir Road

Rabbi Charlestein teaches at this location.

NACHES, ETC . . .

BIRTHS

Eleanor Sydney Sofair Fisch was welcomed by **Sarah Chopnick & Adam So-fair-Fisch**, grandparents **Eileen & Steve Chopnick**, and aunt **Susan Chopnick** on October 24.

Rafael Joseph Abram was welcomed by **Sarah Grafman & Benjamin Abrams**, grandparents **Fredy & Lew Grafman**, aunt and uncle **Jenny & Charles Grafman** and cousin **Neil**. Rafael is named for our beloved cousin, **Ralph Snyder (z"l)**.



BIRTHDAYS

Ellis Weinberger, husband of **Reisel Weinberg** celebrates a special 70th birthday.

Nancy Gottlieb, wife of **Dr. Scott Gottlieb** celebrates a special 50th birthday.

Remember to call or email **Jane F. Kontopodias**, 610-667-5000, ext 107 or jfetscher@harziontemple.org, with all your happy news!

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these darkest days is that which speaks to our most basic humanity.

I suspect that this is one of the reasons that Hanukkah is one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays. Beyond the historic and mythic traditions surrounding this holiday, which are indeed inspiring, it addresses some basic human need we have to increase light in our world at the time when it is darkest. Nightly celebrations with friends and family, playing dreidel and eating latkes in the warm glow of our hanukiot all serve to address the feelings that Adam experienced during the first winter on record, and that we may be feeling as well.

The story of the "first Hanukkah," as it were, is meant to reveal a deep truth about this time of the year, and to suggest that it is within our human capacity to increase light and joy in the world. Adam's first response was to fast, hoping to garner God's favor for his assumed transgressions that led to this slow decline in daylight and heat. But upon realizing that the days did indeed begin to grow in light, Adam instituted a celebration to recognize that the world does indeed function with some order and coherence.

My wish for all of us at this time is that in addition to recognizing and celebrating Hanukkah as an expression of our Jewishness, we also do so as an expression of our humanity. May your Hanukkah be filled with miraculous light, for us, the Jewish people, and the whole world.

Hag Urim Sameach!

TIKKUN OLAM . . .

It's Time to Clean Out Your Closets MLK Day 2015 Collection Items

HIAS - Shoes and clothing for children, infant through 10 years of age educational toys

Narberth Food Bank - Non-perishable food items

Career Wardrobe - Women's Clothing & Accessories

Phila Zoo - Cell Phones

Philly Reads - Books for preschoolers thru 8th grade

Impact Thrift - Men's Clothing

Nationalities Service Center - Socks, hats, gloves, scarves and school supplies

Shul Stitchers - Yarn

Lions Club - Glasses

Francisvale - Towels (gently used), dog/cat crates, leashes, canned cat food

Philadelphia School District - Musical instruments

New Horizon Senior Center - Bingo prizes

Veterans Multi-Service Center - New or gently used

- kitchen utensils, pots & pans, shower curtains & rings and linens (mostly twins needed, but doubles and queens accepted)



Har Zionites celebrate Rosh Hashanah with residents from Saunders House and Inglis House.

SISTERHOOD . . .

Meryl Littman – Accomplished Educator, Scientist and Clinician

Message from **Debbie Golden**, Sisterhood Co-President

Our Sisterhood includes so many accomplished women who have done amazing things over the course of their lives, but not all of us are aware of their accomplishments. Norma and I thought it would be nice to spotlight a few of these women in this column so that we could all get to know them. This month we feature Meryl Littman.

Meryl is one of the warmest, sunniest people that I have met at Har Zion. I got to know her when I first started singing in lay choirs for special events at Har Zion. I was impressed with her knowledge of music, her fine ear and her sight-reading. But, I did not know that her musicianship was only the tip of the iceberg! Later on, we got to know each other a little better as regular Purim Shpielers. Meryl is always game and good natured, willing to cut loose and participate in the silliness of our shpiels, but also contributing her understated, considerable musical skill. She is grateful to Hazzan Vogel for teaching her to chant Haftarah, which she was honored to do for Rosh Hashanah 2013. She has also davened Shaharit for Sisterhood Shabbat and chanted Torah and Haftarah for Minyan in the Round. Meryl is a regular at the Milton Pomeranz Interactive Torah Study, Shul Stickers, Cook for a Friend, Hamentashen baking, Rosh Hodesh meetings and adult education.

Meryl's family includes husband Gary, daughter Jess, and her husband Uri Moszkowicz, daughter Sarah & John Sicherman, and daughter Amanda and boyfriend Marc Prine. Meryl has five grandchildren, Elana 5, Shimmy 4, Yonah 2, Kayla 1, and newborn "Haddie". Gary is a Bruce Springsteen fanatic, and Meryl and Gary never miss a concert when he is in town.

Meryl has been a practicing Clinician-Educator at PennVet for 35 years and continues her tenure as a professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, where she received her training. Her professional accomplishments are numerous. Some of the highlights include her expertise in Lyme disease, other tick-borne and infectious diseases, and genetic diseases that affect the kidney. She has published and lectured extensively on her interests over the course of her career, and is currently serving on the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Tick and Lyme Disease Task Force. Perhaps her most enduring accomplishment is a long, long list of residents that she has trained, and who have gone on to become clinicians, professors and researchers all over the world. We are so fortunate to have Meryl in our Sisterhood and in our congregation!



Sisterhood Calendar of Events Sisterhood Adult Ed

**Tuesdays, December 2 & 9, 10-11:30AM
Influential Jewish Women**

Join Sara Cohen for a kaleidoscopic view of important Jewish women from Biblical (coming from the era of the Early Prophets) and Talmudic times.

We will learn how they educated, influenced and enriched the life of our people. After surveying their historic and sociological backgrounds, we will learn of their goals, accomplishments, challenges and uncertainties.

*Open to all women in our community
regardless of synagogue affiliation.*

For more information, contact Sheree Bloch,
sheree@blochmail.net or 610-574-6658.



Sisterhood Book Club

**Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 PM
Rudofker Library**

"The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd

Inspired by actual historical figures like Sarah and Angelina Grimké and Denmark Vesey, and enlivened by original creations like Charlotte and Handful, *"The Invention of Wings"* is the extraordinary story of two struggles for freedom: the battle of Handful to find the wings her mother promised and the equally intense quest of Sarah to liberate her mind and spirit. This triumphant novel also speaks with wisdom about the nature of evil and injustice, the courage to dare what seems unattainable, and the hope inside of us that the worst darkness can't extinguish.

RSVP to estew23@verizon.net.



Women's Rosh Chodesh Group

Thursday, December 18, 7:30 PM

The Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group integrates Judaism into women's spiritual, personal, professional, and community lives. Meetings are held in participants' homes. Warm, interactive and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members.

Floral Fund Donation Cards

Minimum contribution: \$10.00

Questions?

*Please contact Emily Schwartz at 610-660-0609
or emilyruth@gmail.com.*

Cards are also available in the Gift Shop.

SISTERHOOD FLORAL FUND

Debbie & James Golden

In honor of/birth of new grandbaby Haddie
to Meryl & Gary Littman

MEN'S CLUB . . .



Har Zion Men's Club
We've Got It Covered

**MEN'S CLUB
SHABBAT WEEKEND
DECEMBER 12-14**
*Please join the members
of Men's Club
as we welcome Shabbat*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 PM Men's Club-led Services

Followed by Prime Rib Dinner

\$30/adult, \$15/child under 13

RSVP requested for dinner by

Monday, December 8

to Morris Kurtzman, mkurtz2718@aol.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM Morning Services led by Men's Club

Followed by a Kiddush Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM Morning Services

10:00-11:30 AM Brunch

Featuring local celebrity, Louis Greenstein
author of "Mr. Boardwalk"

\$10 - *RSVP requested for brunch*

Dr. David Maltz, cherrybend@msn.com

Make checks payable to Har Zion Men's Club and send to HZT, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley, PA 19072.



The Men's Club Golf Outing was a success!

First-ever Men's
Club Pub Night!



RUDOFKER LIBRARY . . .

NEW ITEM – Nonfiction

"Anti-Judaism: the Western Tradition" by David Nirenberg

Nirenberg's work is an impressive scholarly accomplishment that matches a dauntingly large subject matter with a vast vault of personal knowledge. At 474 pages and 13 chapters covering more than 3000 years, it is thorough without being exhaustive. The book cogently follows the development of anti-Judaism from Ancient Egypt through to the de-Judaizing theories of Martin Heidegger and Joseph Goebbels. This book represents a scholarly feat few writers could hope to match, engagingly tracking the history of how influential thinkers – from ancient Egyptian historians to Weimer Republic philosophers – negatively interpreted Judaism to better understand their own religions and society (Christopher Smith Kings College London)

OVERDUE BOOKS

Please return your overdue items to the library promptly. Thank you!

NEW BOOKS

Many new books have arrived. Please check our new book display on the bookcases facing the entrance doors.

Please do not hesitate to email the library (rudofker@harziontemple.org) if you cannot locate an item.

HOLIDAYS

Hanukkah begins on Tuesday evening, December 16 and ends the evening of December 24.

Rosh Hodesh Tevet begins Sunday evening, December 21.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, 4:00 – 6:15 PM

Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Sunday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Monday by appointment.

These hours may change. Please check the *Bulletin* regularly for upcoming changes.

Har Zionites Share International Experiences

Over 100 people attended **Roots: From Africa to Har Zion**, which was co-sponsored by HSA, PTA, Sisterhood, Men's Club, HAZAAC and the Trustees. The program continued the Fall theme of "Jews Around the World" and featured congregants whose families were from Egypt and South Africa. Thank you very much to Michele Perlstein, Danièle Cohen Grossman, Joan & David Maltz, Samantha Evian Zemble and Andy Evian for taking the time to share with us how life, holidays and life-cycle events are celebrated, and how they are similar and different from life in the United States.

EDUCATION . . .

Join Us for Hanukkah – Bring Light into Your Life

Message from **Rabbi Nogah Marshall**,
Educational Director



A few weeks ago on a Wednesday evening during break between classes, I was talking with a couple of students who just came from the Postcard Project: A Jewish Adventure around the World taught by Aviva Habib. In this class, students "travel" to places that have made a strong mark on Jewish history such as Spain, Morocco, Yemen and Russia, among others. Students "meet" interesting people who lived here and "interview" them about their lives. At each location students create a postcard about their visit and what they have learned.

During the conversation one of the students showed me her postcard about her "visit" to Yemen. She shared with me information that she learned – specifically that there are only 300 Jews left in Yemen and it is not a safe place for Jews to live. As we approach the festival of Hanukkah, I am reminded of this conversation. Although we do not live in a time in America where the Jewish people are persecuted, there are still areas in the world that are not safe to live a Jewish life. And even though our lives here in Penn Valley are good, we all know that our life can change at any given moment. And for some reason, only when we experience these uncertainties it is then that we take a moment and begin to appreciate what life is all about, and begin to live our lives the way we should.

In just a matter of days, Jews around the world will be celebrating the festival of Hanukkah. The festival of Hanukkah is a celebration of rededication and a celebration of our freedom as a Jewish people. We are fortunate that we have the freedom to light our Hanukkiah in our windows, pray freely, and publicly live our lives as Jews. After my conversation with my students, it was even more crucial that we teach our children to be proud and excited to be Jews. It is our obligation to bring holiness into our lives.

As we begin to prepare for the festival of Hanukkah, I encourage you to bring some light into your lives by joining us for one of our many Hannukah programs. On Wednesday, December 17, Har Zion will be hosting a synagogue-wide Hanukkah dinner with the theme "Frozen." There will be activities for all ages – children and adults. You also won't want to miss our Menorah Madness program where we will attempt to break the world record for lighting the most *Hanukiot* on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 AM.

By coming together as a faith community in times of celebration and in times of need, we are igniting the spark of holiness. All of our classes in Religious School strive to

Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School/PTA

Junior Congregation and

Family Beit Midrash with Rabbi Allen

December 6	Junior Congregation
December 13	Junior Congregation Family Beit Midrash
December 20	Junior Congregation Family Beit Midrash
December 27	No Junior Congregation

School

December 6	Madregot Art Show Gala
December 7-10	Madregot Art Show
December 8	PTA Meeting, 10:00 AM
December 14	Gan Family Program, 10:00 AM
December 21	Menorah Madness, 10:00 AM JFGRS Hanukkah Happening, 12:00 PM
December 24-31	Winter Break – No School

Youth Activities

USY

Saturday, December 13 – Laser Tag at Grand Slam USA
Monday, January 19 – Day of Service for MLK Day

Kadima

Sunday, December 21, 1:15-2:45 pm – Latke Wars
Wednesday, January 14, 4:15-5:30 pm – Snack 'n Study
Monday, January 19 – Day of Service for MLK Day

Haverim/Garinim

Friday, December 19, 5-7 pm – Proneg (craft, snack,
Kabbalat Shabbat)
Sunday, January 11, 1-3 pm – Art with Ariella
Monday, January 19 – Day of Service for MLK Day

ignite the spark of holiness by making meaning of what is taught in the classrooms.

I am grateful to be part of the Jewish people and hope one day all Jews will be free to live their lives as Jews. As George Bernard Shaw said, "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generation."



Register Your Child in
The Noreen Cook Center
For Early Childhood Education
of Har Zion Temple Today!
Classes for ages 18 months through
Kindergarten Early morning drop-off,
Kids' Knowledge College,
Stay & Play (6 to 24 months), and
Extended Care till 5:30 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)
Call **DEBBIE FOLZ, DIRECTOR,**
610-667-6534 to be warmly welcomed into
our school community.

The Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education/HSA

Ladies' Night Out was a huge success thanks to co-chairs Tal Rosenthal and Joelle Toskey and Board Overseers Rebecca Kirshner, Rebecca Michels and Elana Weinstein. We hope to see you at the following December events:

HSA Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 9:15 AM, in Library

Everyone is welcome, so please come out and join us and hear what we are planning for the upcoming year. Get involved!

Pajama Hanukkah Havdalah Program

Saturday, December 20, 4:30 PM

Families will enjoy a lovely evening sharing in a Havdalah service followed by a dairy dinner and arts and crafts activities.

Hanukkah Celebration

Tuesday, December 23, 11:00 AM

Parents are invited to come participate in a school-wide Hanukkah sing-along and enjoy a latke snack. **Noon Dismissal**

Also, please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL** on the following days:

Wednesday, December 10 – Parent-Teacher Conferences by appointment

Wednesday, December 24-Friday, January 2 – Winter Break

School re-opens Monday, January 5

Save the Date:

For Our Children Fundraiser – March 7, 2015

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Never Too Young...

Message from **Debbie Folz,**
Early Childhood Education Director



More and more we hear about abhorrent situations in schools and workplaces where constant and consistent bullying has led to tragic outcomes. As parents of preschoolers, we tend to think, "That could never happen to my child, after all, he or she is only 3 or 4 years old!" Up until a couple of weeks ago, I would have agreed with you.

Once a month I meet with the directors of the other Jewish preschools in the area. At our meetings we discuss issues that are relevant to all of us, brainstorm ideas and try and come up with some workable solutions. At one of our meetings, one of the directors brought up the idea of bullying in preschool and wanted to know if anyone was tackling this difficult concept. It was a subject close to my heart, so I decided to look into what exactly is bullying in the preschool. Although I have just scratched the surface, I'd like to share what I've discovered with you. Many times, preschool bullying is overlooked because it's so difficult to separate those behaviors from normal social experimentation. And while we immediately act upon kicking or hitting, teachers and parents don't always pick up on the other venues of bullying; name-calling, ridiculing, and repeatedly leaving a child out of the game or group. There is a difference between a child learning to assert himself and intentionally hurting another child, physically or emotionally. The stress that accompanies being bullied can manifest itself in a number of ways; headaches, tummy aches, whining, clinging, avoiding eye contact and unexplained injuries, to name just a few. I am certainly not suggesting that every time your child complains of an upset stomach that he is the victim of bullying. We don't want to turn into alarmists and question every word our children say. But, at the very least, preschool is the perfect time to start the conversation. I know that our Kindergarten children are acutely aware of bullying and take it seriously. In the Gan hallway there is a sign that says "NO Bullying Zone." Communication is the key. Teaching tolerance, inclusion and being kind to others are core Jewish values. If we practice these values, model them at home and in school, and practice what we preach, it is my hope that one day we won't have to teach about bullying in school because it won't exist. Let's start today!

Menorah Madness

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 AM

In 2012, the Jewish Center in Princeton lit 834 menorahs...making them the current world record holder! Join the Har Zion Community as we attempt to light as many menorahs as we can – we might even beat the world record! Bring your favorite menorah and candles as we try to make history!

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There's Hope? There's Hope!

By **Gerald Spector**

Hope has always been the key to the survival of the Jewish people. For millennia Jews have asked the question "There's hope for a Jewish state?" The answer has always been "There's hope!" and indeed, in 1948 that hope became a reality with the establishment of the modern State of Israel that has *Hatikvah*, "The Hope" as its national anthem. Today, the question is, "Is there hope for peace between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors?" According to Ari Sandel the answer is "There's hope!"

California native Ari Sandel is the son of an American mother and Israeli father. In 2005, he co-wrote, produced and directed a short film, *West Bank Story*, which, in 2007, won an Oscar for best short film of 2006.



West Bank Story allegorically addresses the hope for peace between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors. It is a musical comedy about an Israeli soldier and a Palestinian fast food cashier who fall in love in spite of their families' animosity stemming from their dueling falafel stands,


Kosher King and Hummus Hut, in the West Bank. When the Kosher King's new pastry machine juts onto Hummus Hut property, the Palestinians ruin the machine and the Israelis respond by building a wall between the two restaurants. Tensions escalate when the couple professes their love for each other, triggering a chain of events that destroys both restaurants. This forces all to find common ground in an effort to rebuild. Thus, a seed of hope is planted.

On **Wednesday, December 10, Har Zion Active Adults Club (HAZAAC)** will show the film *West Bank Story* along with Ari Sandel's Oscar acceptance speech and clips of a discussion of the film at the Mideast Press Club.

This event includes a luncheon and is free for HAZAAC members who have paid annual dues of \$50.00 per person (\$60.00 if not a member of Har Zion Temple). Everyone else is invited at \$15.00 per person for lunch and program. **Lunch will be at 11:30 AM with program to follow at 1:00 PM. Please call Suzy Levin, 610-667-5000 ext 108, by Friday, December 5, to make reservations.**



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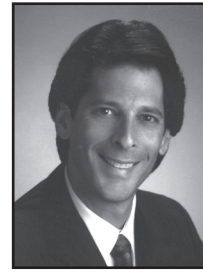
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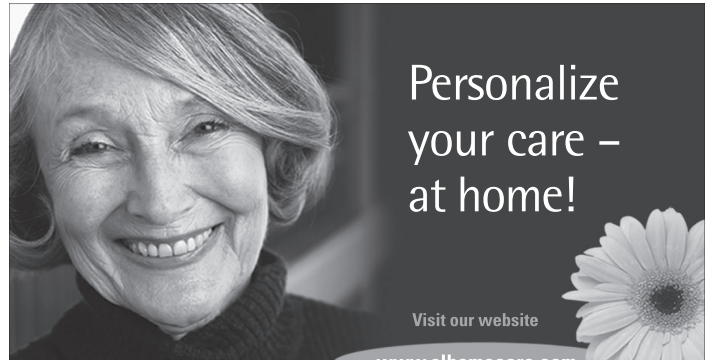
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SATURDAY

7 15 Kislev
Madregot Art Show 10 AM-4 PM
10:00 AM Study with Sara
10:00 AM Tzion Class
10:00 AM PTA Meeting
2:00 PM Beneath the Helmet
6:00 PM Men's Club Regional Dinner

8 16 Kislev
Madregot Art Show 10 AM-4 PM
10:00 AM Talmud Study
w/Rabbi Alpert

9 17 Kislev
Madregot Art Show 10 AM-8 PM
10:00 AM Sisterhood Adult Ed
4:00 PM JFGRS Visits
7:30 PM Saunders House
Program Stand With Us

10 18 Kislev
Madregot Art Show 10 AM-8 PM
7:00 AM Minyan and TISCH
w/Rabbi Allen
11:30 AM HAZAAC Lunch &
Program
1:00 PM Sisterhood Book
Club
7:30 PM Strategic Planning
Meeting

11 19 Kislev
Popular Commentaries
w/Rabbi Rosenberg
7:00 PM Caring Connection
7:30 PM Com Mig
Special Congrega-
tional Meeting

12 20 Kislev
7:00 AM MC Minyanaires
6:00 PM w/Rabbi Rosenberg
Service followed
by Dinner

13 21 Kislev
9:00 AM Men's Club Shabbat
10:30 AM Service
7:00 PM Family Beit Midrash
USY Laser Tag

14 22 Kislev
9:00 AM Morning Service
followed by
Men's Club Brunch
with "Mr Boardwalk"
Tzion Class
10:00 AM Gan Family Program
10:00 AM Adult Home Bible
7:30 PM Study w/Rabbi Alpert

15 23 Kislev
10:00 AM Talmud Study
w/Rabbi Alpert
7:00 PM Matzah Miat Meeting

16 24 Kislev
Erev Hanukkah
Light 1st Candle
12:00 PM RA Lunch & Learn
w/Rabbi Alpert
4:00 PM Gimmel Visits Sunrise
Senior Center

17 25 Kislev
First Day Hanukkah
Light 2nd Candle
6:50 AM Minyan & TISCH
w/Rabbi Allen
5:30 PM Community
Hanukkah
Celebration

18 26 Kislev
Second Day Hanukkah
Light 3rd Candle
6:50 AM Davening & Donuts
10:00 AM Popular Commentaries
w/Rabbi Rosenberg
7:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh
Hodesh

19 27 Kislev
Third Day Hanukkah
Light 4th Candle
6:50 AM MC Minyanaires
5:00 PM w/Rabbi Rosenberg
7:00 PM Havenim/Ganimin Event
Congregational
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20 28 Kislev
Fourth Day Hanukkah
Light 5th Candle
BAT MITZVAH:
MAGGIE GOLDENBERG
10:30 AM Family Beit Midrash
11:15 AM Tot Shabbat
4:30 PM NCC PJ Hanukkah
Havdalah

21 29 Kislev
Fifth Day Hanukkah
Light 6th Candle
Congregational Trip to Israel
USY International Convention
10:00 AM Menorah Madness
11:00 AM UNIQUE Hanukkah
12:00 PM JFGRS Hanukkah
Happening
1:15 PM Kadima Latka Wars

22 30 Kislev
Sixth Day Hanukkah
Light 7th Candle
Rosh Hodesh
6:50 AM Morning Minyan
10:00 AM Talmud Study
w/Rabbi Alpert

23 1 Tevet
Seventh Day Hanukkah
Light 8th Candle
Rosh Hodesh
6:50 AM Morning Minyan
11:00 AM NCCCE Hanukkah
Celebration
12:00 PM NCCCE Dismissal

24 2 Tevet
Eighth Day Hanukkah
NCCCE and JFGRS Closed
7:00 AM Minyan and TISCH
w/Rabbi Allen

25 3 Tevet
NCCCE and Offices Closed
9:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:00 PM Evening Minyan

26 4 Tevet
NCCCE Closed
7:00 AM MC Minyanaires
w/Rabbi Allen

27 5 Tevet
No Jr. Congregation
Birkat HaHodesh/Miketz

28 6 Tevet
JFGRS Closed

29 7 Tevet
NCCCE Closed
10:00 AM Talmud Study
w/Rabbi Alpert

30 8 Tevet
NCCCE and JFGRS Closed
7:00 AM Morning Minyan
6:00 PM Evening Minyan

31 9 Tevet
NCCCE and JFGRS Closed
7:00 AM Minyan and TISCH
w/Rabbi Allen

SHABBAT / WEEKEND SERVICES
Friday 6:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - Main Sanctuary
10:30 AM - Jr. Congregation - Dogole Chapel
11:15 AM - Tot Shabbat - Benjamin B. Levin Room
Sunday 9:00 AM

Shabbat Ends
12/6 4:20 PM
12/13 5:20 PM
12/13 4:20 PM
12/20 5:21 PM
12/20 4:20 PM
12/27 5:27 PM

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