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The Bulletin

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Message from Our Clergy

Everyone loves Hanukkah. It has captured the hearts of Jews, young and old, for generations. The

Hasmoneans battled Antiochus for Jerusalem. The Rabbis restored light and purity to the Temple through the miracle of the oil. Jews in the Middle Ages saw the light of hope through the darkness of their time each and every Hanukkah. In modern times, Chabad and others have used the public display of the Hanukiyah as a symbol of Torah and Mitzvot. Zionists have framed Israel as the continuing battle of the Maccabees, the few against the many, over the sovereign rule of Jerusalem and the land of Israel.



Even to this day, Hanukkah speaks powerfully to our people. Regardless of the era, Hanukkah brings Jerusalem and Israel into our consciousness.

This spring, the world will mark the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War and the theme of Israel, Jerusalem and "against all odds" will again come into focus.

As the Har Zion Temple community prepares for the celebration of this milestone, we will be presenting a diverse series of programs focusing on Jerusalem and the rich and dynamic presence she has played and continues to play for us as Jews. We will celebrate her culture, deepen our appreciation of her complex history, we will study, we will pray, we will sing, we will dance, we will honor Jerusalem and we will wrestle and struggle through some of the complex and challenging issues of our time.

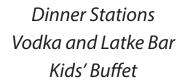
Please watch your email, HZT Connect and this *Bulletin* over the coming weeks and months as we roll out a series of diverse programs and events to inspire our appreciation of Jerusalem in her fullness.

- Rabbi Rosenberg, Hazzan Vogel, Rabbi Allen

Join us for a

Troll-rific Hanukkah Celebration Something for Everyone!

Wednesday, December 14 5:30 – 8 PM **N**ew this **Y**ear *Adults Only Lounge*



Crafts, DJ, Photo Booth, Kid-friendly Movie
Visit from a Few Characters in Costumes of Course!

First Sparks of Hanukkah 6:30 PM

Pre-order your tickets for big savings!
Adults \$18 / \$25 at the door
Children (ages 2-13) \$10/ \$15 at the door

To order online, visit harziontemple.ticketleap.com. For the convenience of online ordering, a small fee will be added. You can also feel free to drop a check at the front desk, call us, or email your RSVP to hzt@harziontemple.org!

Sign up today for



See page 11 for more info!

RELIGIOUSLY SPEAKING . . .

Shabbat Services and Activities

Friday, December 2 – 3 Kislev

5:30 PM Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans

6 PM Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

Saturday, December 3 - 3 Kislev

9:30 AM Kol Tefilah – Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah Jordyn Paszamant, daughter of

Melissa & Brian Paszamant

9:45 AM Parasha & Pop'ems – Grades 3-7

10:45 AM Parashat Hashavua – Adult Torah Study
 11 AM Junior Congregation – Grades K-7

4:15 PM Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 9 – 10 Kislev

6 PM Kol Zimra – Instrumental Service

6 PM Traditional Service 7 PM Joy of Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, December 10 - 10 Kislev

9:30 AM Kol Tefilah – Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah Jacob Erlbaum, son of

Lee Ann & Scott Erlbaum

9:45 AM Parasha & Pop'ems – Grades 3-7
11 AM Junior Congregation – Grades K-7
11 AM Teens & Torah – Grades 8-12

11:15 AM Kol Mishpacha – Tot Shabbat – Up to age 6

with parents

4:15 PM Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 16 - 17 Kislev

6 PM Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

followed by Congregational Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, December 17 – 17 Kislev

9:30 AM Kol Tefilah – Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah Leo Perlstein, son of

Michele & Michael Perlstein

9:45 AM Parasha & Pop'ems – Grades 3-7

10:45 AM Parashat Hashavua – Adult Torah Study11 AM Junior Congregation – Grades K-7

4:20 PM Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Friday, December 23 – 24 Kislev

6 PM Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariy

Saturday, December 24 – 24 Kislev Erev Hanukkah – Light First Candle

9:30 AM Kol Tefilah – Morning Service

11:15 AM Kol Mishpacha – Tot Shabbat – Up to age 6

with parents

4:25 PM Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariy/Haydalah

Friday, December 30 – 2 Tevet

Sixth Day of Hanukkah - Light Seventh Candle

6 PM Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

Saturday, December 31 – 2 Tevet

Seventh Day of Hanukkah - Light Eighth Candle

9:30 AM Kol Tefilah – Morning Service

(No Babysitting)

4:25 PM Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans Friday Night Family Service and Shabbat Dinner Celebrating the Shorashim 3's classes of the NCCECE

Join us for lively services with guitar and a delicious dinner with options for kids and adults. Geared for families with children, infants to six years old, but all ages are welcome.

Jeans and casual clothes encouraged.

Reservations required.

Please visit the calendar at HZT Connect to RSVP.

Friday, December 2, 5:30 PM

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Babysitting is available every Shabbat beginning at 9:30 AM

in the Benjamin B. Levin Room

Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study

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



Shabbat Talmud Class

Study Talmud with Rabbi Charlestein in the Rudofker Library one hour before Minha.



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.

ADULT EDUCATION . . .

With Rabbi Rosenberg

Popular Commentaries on Genesis

Thursday mornings, 10 AM

There will be no study session on 12/22 or 12/29

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.

With Rabbi Alpert

Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 18, 2 PM at Har Zion

II Kings – We will examine the Northern (Israel) and Southern (Judah) Kingdoms of Israel in the centuries following the death of Solomon through the end of each Kingdom (722 BCE for the North, 586 BCE for the South).

Talmud Study

Mondays at 10 AM

There will be no study session on 12/26

Continuing our study of the seventh chapter of Bava Metzia.

With Norman Einhorn

Current Events

Thursday, December 8, 11 AM-12 PM

At the home of Patty Grobman

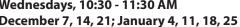
This class will take a multi-media look into the ever-changing news cycle with emphasis on Israel, the Middle East, and American Jewry. RSVP: Patty Grobman, pgrobman@harziontemple.org

Digging Deeper: The Jewish Holidays Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

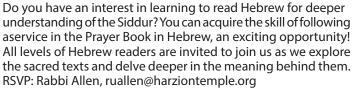
Explore the customs, ceremonies, and background of Hanukkah. Sponsored by Sisterhood – All are invited

Siddur Study with Dr. Sara Cohen

From Reading to Meaning: **A Comprehensive Exploration** of the Prayer Book



Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18, 25



Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector

Tuesday, December 13, 10 AM and 5 PM

• Yiddish language, literature, poetry, song, theater, and cinema.

Save the dates: January 10 and 24

Har Zion Yeshiva **Thursdays 7-9 PM**

HZY is a framework for exploring core human themes through the lens of the Jewish tradition. Through texts, speakers and hands-on experiences we will strive to not just live a life, but to be present for the incredible cliffs and valleys of what life has to offer. This December, dedicate some time for yourself, as together we learn to take care of ourselves.

- 12/1 Is there a Jewish way to take care of our bodies and our minds? What does our tradition have to say about self- care? Join Rabbi Allen in exploring the texts of our heritage that speak to this topic.
- 12/8 A Community Awareness event hoping to help reduce the incidence of substance abuse, self harm, isolation, bullying and suicide and create a culture of openness and advocacy. Featuring Minding Your Mind speaker Drew Bergman as he shares his personal story. Facilitated by Sheila Gillin, LCSW, Clinical Director for Minding your Mind.
- 12/15 Yoga and Jewish themes are combined by Yogi and student of Jewish text, Joel Schneier. Wear yogafriendly clothes and bring a mat if you have one!

Coming in January - Community Care - 1/12, 1/19 & 1/26

If you have any questions, please email Rabbi Allen ruallen@harziontemple.org or Patty Grobman pgrobman@harziontemple.org.

"Therefore Choose Life" *Jewish Wisdom for the End-of-Life Journey*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016

3) Understanding the Jewish Funeral: Practical and Spiritual Guidelines

Rabbi Uri Allen, Har Zion Temple, and Rabbi David Levin, Jewish Relationships Initiative

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2016

4) From Mourning to Meaning, From Longing to Legacy: The Jewish Journey of Bereavement

Reb Simcha Raphael, DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training





Rabbi Allen smiles for the camera with students in the first class of *Introduction to Judaism* in early November.



Hazzan Vogel shares a laugh with Lucas Glozman.



HZT was proud to host The Great Challah Bake Nov. 9.



Busted! Tali Schvartzman knows that Norman's candy bar is always open!



Come relax and enjoy Shabbat together following evening Services. **All ages welcome!**

Friday, December 9

Dinner following 6 PM Services

\$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 13)

RSVP by Monday, December 5 to Norman Einhorn, Neinhorn@harziontemple.org or 610.667.5000, or at harziontemple.ticketleap.com

A small service fee will be charged for online reservations.



DO YOU NEED A RIDE... To services? To daytime or evening meetings and/or programs?

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What areas would be convenient for you?
What services, meetings, or programs do you usually attend (morning/afternoon/evening)?

Please contact Nanci Goldman, NanciG22@aol.com or 610-664-7987.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR ALAN BOROFF

Alan E. Boroff, Esquire, past president and long-time volunteer leader at Har Zion Temple, died on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 (10 Elul 5776) at age 84. During his last difficult months, Alan remained an active Har Zion member, who attended Shabbat services and socialized with his community, whenever he was able to do so.

Alan was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. As a young man, he made his way to Philadelphia, where he graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in 1953.

While at Penn, Alan met Barbara Russock. They were married in 1955, and remained an exemplary couple for 60 years.

After graduating from college, Alan served in the United States Army, stationed for part of the time in Japan. Upon his honorable discharge, Alan and Barbara briefly left the Philadelphia area for Alan to attend Harvard Law School, from which he graduated in 1958. Alan and Barbara then returned to the Philadelphia area and ultimately settled in Wayne, Upper Merion Township. Alan was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1959.

As a young family, Alan and Barbara joined Har Zion Temple and in particular, Har Zion Radnor. Almost immediately, Alan became active in all aspects of the Har Zion Radnor community, was elected to the Har Zion Radnor Board, and ultimately served as chair of the Radnor Board. While chair of the Radnor Board, he developed a life-long friendship with the then rabbi at Radnor, Rabbi Gary Charlestein.

When the new Har Zion building in Penn Valley opened, Alan quickly transitioned into leadership of the merged Har Zion Temple community. He was elected to the Har Zion Board of Directors. Subsequently, Alan was elected to a variety of officer positions, including synagogue counsel, and ultimately served as president of Har Zion Temple from June 1994 to June 1996.

During his term as president, Alan stressed the importance of attendance at Shabbat and holiday services, Jewish education and a commitment to living a Jewish life. He recognized that Har Zion must function as a center for cultural, social and community activities to heighten the interest of all its members. Har Zion continued to grow in size, as it approached its 20th anniversary in Penn Valley.

In addition, during Alan's presidency, the Voluck Chai Tablet became available to recognize contributions in honor of simchas within the Har Zion community. The Board of Directors approved the "Board Standards" for directors and officers of Har Zion Temple, as well as a strong report on leadership development. For the first time, an educational component was introduced into meetings of the Board of Directors. Planning began for the celebration of Har Zion's 75th Anniversary. In addition, Alan had the unique opportunity to welcome to Har Zion Temple and sit on the bimah with Vice President Al Gore, as the Vice President was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Following his term as president, Alan remained active in leadership, a regular attendee and active participant at meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and a mentor to all presidents who followed him. He rarely missed a Shabbat service, when he was in town.

Alan practiced municipal law for 58 years, primarily with Boroff Harris Heller in Plymouth Meeting and then with Flamm, Boroff & Bacine in Blue Bell. The latter law firm split up in 2010. Alan was of counsel for Brown & Silbergeld in Bridgeport though 2014, when he retired. Although his client base was within the state of Pennsylvania, Alan was best known

for representing Upper Merion Township, Royersford, Skippack, and Springfield Township, Montgomery County.

Alan served as president of Tau Delta Phi, his college fraternity; did pro bono legal work his entire career for Lafayette Ambulance and Rescue Squad, as well as the Upper Merion Township Employee Scholarship Committee; and served on the Upper Merion Township Planning Commission from 1974 to 1979.

Alan and Barbara loved to travel, and together they visited all seven continents. Alan enjoyed skiing, camping and hiking. Alan and Barbara shared a passion for contemporary glass. Over the years, they collected many fragile art objects. They had the pleasure to donate contemporary glass to the Museum of Art & Design in New York and the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Virginia.

In addition to Barbara, Alan is survived by his daughters Lisa Boroff Berkowitz (Arthur), Joan Boroff Denenberg (David) and Marcy Boroff (Maria Veneziano); his brother-in-law Robbie Russock (Carla); and his grandchildren Emily (Jonathan Fridberg), Julie and Jacob Berkowitz, Becca and Jesse Denenberg, and Hannah Boroff.

We miss Alan and his significant contributions to the Har Zion community.

NOW, THEREFORE BEIT RESOLVED that this Memorial Resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Directors of Har Zion Temple, a copy be published in the Har Zion Bulletin, and copies be sent to Alan's family.

November 22, 2016

Madregot Photo Fundraiser Sunday, December 4 Monday, December 5 9 AM - 6 PM

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50% of the proceeds of the day will be donated to Madregot, the special needs program of the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School

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EDUCATION ...

Shabbat Learning ... It Is Not Just for the Kids

Message from **Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani**, Director of Lifelong Learning

Torah study and especially delving deep into the meaning of the weekly parasha (lection) is one method to spiritually and academically engage with our interpretive



tradition on Shabbat and you will meet other HZT members who love learning. Har Zion Temple provides multiple opportunities and modalities for congregants to study on Shabbat. Below you will see what some of these classes are and we would love to see you there as a learner and maybe even as a teacher – if you are inclined to take the plunge.

Of course the learning of Torah should always be a sweet pursuit and therefore each of the following includes some sort of sweet treats too.

Parasha & Pop'ems – a dynamic Parasha discussion for children between 3rd-7th grades. This class meets in the Rudofker Library from 9:45-10:30 AM each Saturday of the school year.

Teens and Torah – a lively conversation linking the Torah to today's hot topics for students between 8th – 12th grades – Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 11 AM in the Rudofker library.

Parashat Hashavua – A clergy-led discussion of the weekly reading with some traditional and some contemporary interpretations brought for the groups consideration – 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:45 AM.

MPITS – The Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study is a community-led exploration of the weekly reading led by members of the learning community. It meets weekly following Kiddush. On the Shabbat of Rosh Hodesh, it is led by members of the clergy.



Har Zion is proud to present our B'nai Mitzvah with a \$1000 gift certificate to be used towards the Tenth Grade Community Confirmation Trip to Israel. This gift certificate may be used by any registered student in good standing of the Har Zion High School of Jewish Studies or other approved program. For more info contact Norman Einhorn, neinhorn@harziontemple.org.

Har Zion High School of Jewish Studies

Sunday, December 18, 12 -1 PM Hanukkah Happening

Berkowitz Family Auditorium

The Middle School students of the JFGRS join Har Zion's High School of Jewish Studies for our annual Hanukkah Happening. The highlight of this fun-filled hour is our mystery gift auction. Students are asked to bring a wrapped gift with a value up to \$10, as well as money to bid on other gifts. Of course, latkes and chocolate gelt will be enjoyed by all!



Over 25 students from HZHSJS participated in Challah for Hunger on October 23. Left- (front to back) Cindy Altman, Raffi Shmulevich, Jacob Kerstein, Seth Elkins, Zeke Millrood Right- (front to back) Rachel Fuchs, Nathan Levitties, Shari Feldman, Josh Schulman, Ben Miller.

Har Zion Youth Group

Har Zion Youth has been extremely busy over the last few months. Our Philly Scavenger Hunt took us on a walking tour of Old City to seek historical information and classic Philly pop culture items. It ended at the historical Franklin Fountain where we sampled some of Philadelphia's finest ice cream. In order to celebrate fall and Sukkot (a harvest holiday), students went to Linvilla Orchards where they enjoyed a haunted hayride and

bonfire. Har Zion Youth bonded with other Jewish teens on the Main Line over s'mores and apple cider. We also enjoyed a preelection Movie Night where we enjoyed popcorn and made our own sundaes! Upcoming events: Parent's Night Out, Saturday, December 3 - USY will watch your children. Funds collected will be donated. Don't miss USY's December 17 event, Escape the Room! Bring your friends and see if you are up for the challenge.

The Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education/HSA

Our Fall "Fun"draiser was a huge success thank to chairs Meredith Maddox, Jamie Solomon, Melinda Berkman, Jaime Gordon, and Andrea Schwartz and Board Overseers, Avi Koffler, Rebecca Michels and Elana Weinstein. Our Thanksgiving Feasts were delicious, thanks to our chair Michal Jacobs.

Mark your calendars for the following December events:

HSA Board Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 9:15 AM

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

No School Wednesday, December 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences by appointment

Hanukkah Celebration Friday, December 23, 11 AM – Noon Dismissal

Parents are invited to come and watch their children participate in a school-wide Hanukkah program and enjoy a latke snack.

No School Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2 Winter Break

School re-opens Tuesday, January 3

Save the Date: Our Spring "Fun" draiser For Our Children March 18, 2017

Join us for an exciting evening of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dinner, a fabulous auction and fun galore!

We wish everyone a very Happy Hanukkah and warm and healthy winter vacation!

YOFI

YOFI means excellent and is Har Zion Temple's young family initiative! YOFI celebrates, connects, and unifies Har Zion families (with kids 10 and under) for fun, learning, and helping in our community. Come be excellent with us! Visit the Yofi group page on HZT Connect for more info on these and other programs.

Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans Celebrating the Shorashim 3's Friday, December 2, 5:30 PM

Rabbi Allen leads our youngest congregants in a fun, relaxed, age-appropriate Shabbat service followed by complimentary dinner.

PJ Havdalah Saturday, December 17, 5-7 PM

Join us for a delicious breakfast for dinner, musical entertainment, and craft project. Rabbi Allen will lead us in Havdalah.



Building Community

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

On Thursday, October 20, the HSA hosted a *Welcome Back to School/Sukkot Dinner and Celebration*. Over 200 people came to a delicious homemade dinner, which was prepared with love by the women in our



Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education. The dinner enabled many of our preschool families the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of "dwelling" in a Sukkah. The moon bounce, obstacle course, hayride, spin art, photo booth, and a Kona ice truck made the day even more spectacular! It was a very community-building event. Just right for the children and their families including children, parents, and grandparents!



















SISTERHOOD ...

Open a Book...Open Your Mind Continues

Message from **Sheila Kliger**, Sisterhood Co-President

On October 30, we kicked off the 4th annual *Open a Book, Open Your Mind* series! Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the winter and spring sessions of this signature Har Zion Sisterhood program. Please reach out to Shonnie in the office for more information about sponsoring this program.

Our first presenter, Harriett Levin Millan, author of *How Fast Can You Run*, enthralled an audience of more than 65 guests with the fictional story of a real Sudanese refugee, Michael Majok Kuch, at the event on October 30. While Millan did use some creative license with the characters in the book, the historical events are factual and presented as such in this award-winning novel which is available for purchase in the Har Zion office. Dina Gold, author of *Stolen Legacy: Nazi Theft and the Quest for Justice as Krausenstrasse 17/18, Berlin,* joined us on November 7 with a large crowd in attendance for this event as well. Her book is a nonfiction historical narrative centered on one Jewish family's legal battle to reclaim ownership of a building stolen by the Nazis in the 1930s. It is a perfect gift for the reader in your life this holiday season!

Please save the dates to join us for our winter session of this series January 22 and March 19. This session will feature Kate Siegel and her book *Mother Can you NOT?* on January 22 and *The Lost Book of Moses: The Hunt for the World's Oldest Bible* by Chanan Tigay on March 19. These two presentations will have the authors visiting us via Skype and will include light refreshments (think coffee, tea, OJ, and maybe Mimosas!). We are calling this portion of the series Open a Book, Open Your Mind: Sip and Skype!





Pictured with the author Harriet Levin Millan (far right) are Reisel Weinberger, Fern Simon, Charlotte Muchnick, Sheila Kliger, Sheila Schafer, Susan Kochman, Joy Wilf Keiser and Hope Kirschner.

Sisterhood Calendar of Events

Rosh Hodesh Group Thursday December 1, 7:30 - 9 PM

Warm, interactive, and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members. For more information, please contact Judy Shrager, judyshrager@comcast.net

Book Club

Wednesday, December 14, 12:30 PM "The Betrayers" by David Bezmozgis

(location to be announced)

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Sisterhood Program

Wednesday, January 18, 11:30 AM

Guest speaker - Esther Rabizadeh Shalom Aleichem, Aleichem Shalom

Honoring Our Past Secures Our Future
Come and learn why the traditional greeting is a

unifying force among Jews.
RSVP: Sheila Schafer, Issch@comcast.net or 610-645-5461

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Open a Book, Open Your Mind: Sip and Skype Sunday, January 22, 11:30 AM

Guest author - **Kate Siegel** *Mother Can You NOT?*More info coming soon!

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We all know what great presents gift cards make.
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Questions? Please contact Michelle Strayer, 610-992-9371 or moibas83@hotmail.com. Cards are also available in the Gift Shop.

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becoming B'not Mitzvah

Lynne & Bill Landsburg Barbara Boroff and Family, in memory of Alan Boroff

MEN'S CLUB . . .



Message from **Jack Marine**, Men's Club Co-President

Join us on Sunday, December 11 as Har Zion Temple is honored to host the Federation of Jewish Men's Club's regional Man of the Year Dinner. This year's honorees are HZMC co-presidents - Doug Sayer and myself, Jack Marine.

Please see the invitation at right – we look forward to a wonderful catered dinner and participation with several men's clubs from synagogues in the area. Please honor Doug and me and reach out to Morris Kurtzman, Mkurtz2718@aol.com, about advertising in the ad book for this event.

Once again, Hanukkah falls very near to Christmas - but this year we are having a true clashing of the holidays - when the first





Photos from the November 6 Cafe Series with Rabbi Porath.

RUDOFKER LIBRARY

Looking for a book/s on a specific topic? Please email us your requests at rudofker@harziontemple.org and we will do our best to help. Did you know you can borrow a book even if the librarian is out? If you would like to borrow a book during a time when our librarian is not in the office, please help yourself! We do ask that you follow the directions for Self Checkout which are located on the librarian's desk.

HOURS

The librarian will be present Sundays, 9 AM to 1 PM. The Library is accessible Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 4 - 6:15 PM. night of Hanukkah, December 24, is also Christmas Eve! While it has been a Jewish American custom to eat Chinese food on Christmas, we may need to add in a *latke* or two. Recently, I heard a father explaining the Hanukkah story to his children like this, "Imagine someone took your phone charger away, and your battery still lasted eight days." While this may be the millennial version with *dreidels*, potato *latkes*, and *suganifyot* we must tell the history of the Macabees. The Macabees became the Hammer of Israel and their courage and success on the battlefield has been remembered through the ages. And this Hanukkah, I wish everyone a season of love, light, and many, many, small miracles.

Looking back in 2016, we've been busy! Our Opening Dinner with Asaf Romirowsky, the Har Zion Golf Open, Men's Club Shabbat, the Café Series with Rabbi Porath; we've had no shortage of activities to keep us busy. As we kick off a new year of exciting events, we ask that you please save the date for our first pub night of 2017 on Thursday, January 19, at 7 PM as we inaugurate the Citron & Rose Tavern & Market in Bala Cynwyd.

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

19th Annual

Man of the Year

Dinner

Honoring our Men's Club Co-Presidents

Jack Marine and Doug Sayer

Sunday, December 11

Cocktails begin at

4:30 PM

Full Cocktail Reception Hot and Cold Hors d'Oeuvres Three Course Dinner

Choice of entree (must be specified in your order):
Pecan Encrusted Chicken
Grilled Salmon Teriyaki
Portobello Mushroom Napoleon

Reserve your seats by emailing

Steve Moskowitz, drsmoskowitz@gmail.com

or by dropping a check (\$70 pp)

at the front desk with MOTY

and your dinner choices in the memo.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

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We are currently accepting donations of:

Clothing for Men, Women, and Children Professional Attire, Jewelry, Watches, Handbags, Briefcases, Dress Shoes, Casual Clothing, Formal Wear, Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Etc.

Household Goods

Can Openers, Spatulas, Turners (Flippers), Ladles, Tongs, Serving and Cooking Forks and Spoons, Towels (gently used), Laundry Detergent, Pots, Pans, NEW Pillows, Etc.

Pet Items

Dog/Cat Carriers, Crates, Leashes, Cans of Food, Treats

Books

Childrens' Books, How-Tos, Fiction, Non Fiction, Spanish-English Dictionaries, Legal Dictionaries, Etc.

Personal Items

Disposable Razors, Reading Glasses, Sample Sized Toiletries

Bring your donations to the front desk and mark your calendar to join us for this powerful community event!

We are also booking appointments for the Red Cross Blood Drive

Please call Shirley Swinger to make your appointment, 484.412.8299



What is it? Why should we sign up? Is it hard to use?

HZT Connect is our new communication platform offering our Members many ways to connect with Har Zion Temple. The MOST important offering is that signing up will ensure that **you know about all of the events that are important to you** in our building and community.

When you sign up (Quick Start Guide below!) you are asked to join Groups. These Groups ensure that you get the information that is important to you via email. Simply check the boxes of the Groups which interest you and that will be how we know

what to send you! For example, you may want to know all about our Adult Education offerings, but not get notices about the Religious School, because you have no school-aged children.

This new customized email

service will help our communications department to be sure that each of our Members receives information about upcoming events in a timely manner. We will continue to send *e-Highlights*, our weekly email, as we have done in the past, but HZT Connect allows us to send much more targeted communications.

Another great feature of HZT Connect is the calendar. Now

through the HZT Connect calendar, which is linked to our website HarZionTemple.org, any one, whether or not they are signed up for HZT Connect, can RSVP for our events. Once you have signed up for HZT Connect, you don't have to enter your contact information into every RSVP form. It will auto fill the form for you. However, if you don't sign up for HZT Connect, no problem. The system will still allow you to manually enter your information to RSVP. As always, you can also call us at 610-667-5000.

You heard about it from the bima on the High Holy Days,
Maybe you heard about it in our hallways,
Perhaps it was the schools or maybe from Norman or Ebby,
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we promise that you're ready!

What about paying for events? We are moving towards the 21st century and offering event attendees an option to pay online with their credit card via the secure ticketing website, Ticketleap.com. Any event which requires

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ROSH HASHANAH at SAUNDERS HOUSE

On Tuesday, September 27, Saunders House hosted a beautiful Rosh Hashanah dinner for 50 patients and their families. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers: Judy Auerbach, Andy Coren, Eileen Chopnick, JoAnne Deglin, Ruth Gleit, Doris Grossmann, Ellen Haupt, Bobbi Jaffe, Carole Felton Shore, Shirley Swinger, Cantor Vogel, and Maxine Waxman. Thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring the event and for your support throughout the year!



Derek Katz, teacher at JFGRS, and Jacob Shatz rock out at Rock n Roll Shacharit on November 13.







CELEBRATING SUKKOT at SAUNDERS HOUSE

The light and beauty of Sukkot was celebrated at Saunders House. Volunteers Shirley Swinger, Maxine Waxman, Ellen Haupt, Bobbi Joffe and Andy Coren enjoyed leading craft activities – making flowers, fruits and vegetables with residents and then hanging them "a la" sukkah style! Adding to the festivities was a celebratory thank you to Pastor Patricia Mann who is retiring this November. Pastor Mann has provided our team of Saunders volunteers with assistance, guidance, support, and enthusiasm for many years. Because of Pastor Mann's efforts, we have been able to bring Yiddishkeit to Saunders' residents and their families. Congratulations Pastor Mann on your well-earned retirement! We will miss you!

NACHES, ETC...

BIRTHS

Welcome to the world to

Zachary Aaron Henry, son of Lana & Michael Henry and brother of Leila, Max and Alexandra.

ENGAGEMENT

Mazal tov to

Ian Dworkin, son of Norma & Dr. Gerald Dworkin, who became engaged to Misha Khalighi. They are planning a wedding in 2018.

Aaron Louis Reichlin, grandson of Claire & Robert (z"l) Reichlin, who became engaged to Emily Bilodeau.

WEDDING

Mazal tov to

Lauren Michell & Robert Meltzer, who were married on October 9. Lauren is the daughter of Lisa & Rand Michell.

Valerie Carpey & Jason Dabrow, who were married on October 29. Valerie is the daughter of Nancy & Daniel Carpey, sister of Caroline, and granddaughter of Cece & Frank Kessler.

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

TIKKUN OLAM . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shul Stitchers

Tuesday, December 20 at 11:30 AM Monday, January 16 (MLK Day) at 1 PM

Cook For A Friend

Sunday, December 4 at 9 AM Monday, January 16 (MLK Day) at 1 PM



Residents of Brith Shalom House enjoyed decorating their Sukkah with crafts they created under the direction of Roni Feierstein, Deena Goldstein, and Andy Coren. A good time was had by all.

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We gratefully appreciate the generosity of the following members for their sponsorship of the weekly Shabbat Extended Kiddush:

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MEN'S CLUB MINYANNAIRES' FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

We gratefully appreciate the generosity of the following members for their sponsorship of the Men's Club Minyannaires' breakfast:

Carol Bowers on the occasion of her father's 91st birthday Men's Club in honor of Men's Club Shabbat Ellis Weinberger in honor of his birthday

CHAI SIMCHA WALL PLAQUES

There is no greater joy than the celebration of Jewish life cycle events. The meaning and memory of your event is heightened when it becomes a permanent part of our synagogue's Chai Simcha Tablet. The Tablet is a beautiful reminder of Bar/Bat Mitzvot, baby namings, weddings, anniversaries, and other happy occasions shared with family and friends. For more information, please call the synagogue office, 610-667-5000.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the following members:

Maureen Abrams on the loss of her sister, Louise Altbeker Robin Gordon, Ellen Sall and Frances Tobin on the loss of their mother and sister-in-law, Bernice Rosenfeld

Adam and Jessica Hersh on the loss of their mother, Sarajane Hersh

Eric Berger on the loss of his father, Leonard Berger

IN MEMORIAM

We extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following congregants:

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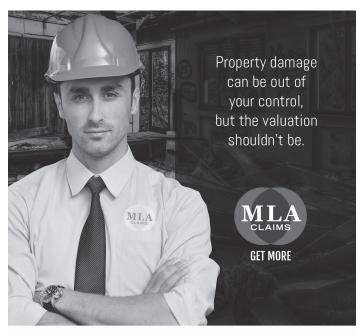
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SHABBAT / WEEKEND SERVICES Friday 6 PM - Dogole Chapel Saturday 9:30 AM - Main Sanctuary There is babysitting every Shabbat 9:30 AM - 12 PM unl Sunday 9 AM - Dogole Chapel	s ary at 9:30 AM - 12 PM unless noted.		1 Kislev ROSH HODESH 10 AM Popular Commentaries WRabbi Rosenberg	2 Kislev 2 Mc Minyannaires WRabbi Rosenberg 5:30 PM Shabbat Sha-Blue	-
	Minha/Ma'ariv 12/3 4:15 PM 12/10 4:15 PM 12/17 4:20 PM 12/34 4:25 PM 12/31 4:25 PM	riv Shabbat Ends 5.21 PM 5.22 PM 5.22 PM 5.26 PM 5.31 PM		7 PM Har Zion Yeshiva 7:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh		9:30 AM Kol Tefilah 6 PM USY Parents Night Out Toledot
4 Kislev	5 Kislev	6 Kislev	7 Kislev	8 Kislev	9 Kislev	10 Kislev
9 AM Cook for a Friend 9 AM-6 PM Madregot Portrait Fundraiser 10 AM Bikkur Holim Training WRabbi Allen 12 PM Youth Committee Mtg	1	7 PM Intro to Judaism 7 PM Madregot Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Exec Committee Meeting	7 AM Minyan & TISCH WRabbi Allen 9:15 AM HSA Meeting 10:30 AM Siddur Study WSara Cohen	10 AM Popular Commentaries w/Rabbi Rosenberg 11:30 AM Current Events 7 PM Har Zion Yeshiva 7:30 PM School Committee Meeting	7 AM MC Minyannaires WRabbi Rosenberg 6 PM Kol Zimra 6 PM Traditional Service 7 PM Joy of Shabbat Dinner	BAR MITZVAH: JACOB ERLBAUM 9:30 AM Kol Teflah
					4:17 PM Candle lighting ∭	Vayetze AR
11 Kislev	12 Kislev	13 Kislev	14 Kislev	15 Kislev	16 Kislev	17 Kislev
11 AM Continuum of Care wDavid Levin 12 PM PTA Meeting 4:30 PM MAR Men's Club Man of the Year	10 AM Talmud Study w.Rabbi Alpert	10 AM Joys of Yiddish WiGerry Spector 11 AM Holidays Adult Ed Whorman Einhorn 5 PM Joys of Yiddish	No NCCECE Classes - Parent/Teacher Conferences 7 AM Minyan & TISCH WRabbi Allen 10:30 AM Siddur Study	10 AM Popular Commentaries w/Rabbi Rosenberg 7 PM Har Zion Yeshiva	7 AM MC Minyannaires wRabbi Rosenberg 7 PM Congregational Oneg	BAR MITZVAH: LEO PERLSTEIN 9:30 AM KOI Filah 5 PM YOFI PJ Havdalah 7 PM USY Escape the Room
Dinner		Widerry Special 7 PM Intro to Judaism	12:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club 5:30 PM Har Zion Hanukkah Celebration		ΛΛ 4:19 PM Candle lighting	Vayishlach 🖟
18 Kislev	19 Kislev	20 Kislev	21 Kislev	22 Kislev	23 Kislev	v 24 Kislev
	6	11:30 AM Shul Stitichers 7 PM Intro to Judaism 7:30 PM Joint Board of Directors & Trustees Meeting	7 AM Minyan & TISCH wRabbi Allen 10:30 AM Siddur Study wSara Cohen	ł	7 AM MC Minyannaires wRabbi Rosenberg 11 AM NCCECE Hanukkah Celebration 12 PM NCCECE Dismissal	Erev Hanukkah Light 1st Candle
Arnold's Adult Bible Study w/Rabbi Alpert					0.00 M.22 PM Candle lighting	Vayeshev
25 Kislev	26 Kislev	27 27 Kislev	28 Kislev	29 Kislev	30 1 Tevet	2 Tevet
First Day of Hanukkah Light 2nd Candle JFGRS No School 9 AM Morning Minyan 6 PM Evening Minyan	Day of Hanukkah d Candle Closed Morning Minyan Evening Minyan	Third Day of Hanukkah Light 4th Candle 6:50 AM Moming Minyan 6 PM Evening Minyan	Day of Hanukkah h Candle Minyan & TISCH w/Rabbi Allen	Fifth Day of Hanukkah Light 6th Candle 6:50 AM Moming Minyan	Sixth Day of Hanukkah Light 7th Candle 6:50 AM MC Minyannaires w/Rabbi Rosenberg	Seventh Day of Hanukkah Light 8th Candle No Babysiting
	•	-NCCECE and JF	and JFGRS Closed (Classes resume 1/3)	es resume 1/3)	4:27 PM Candle lighting	Miketz AA

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