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The Bulletin

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PURIM 2015

"I Heard It Through the Grapevine...."

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

10:00 AM-1:00 PM – Purim Carnival No Regular Classes for Elementary or Middle School

Come in costume for a parade - Prizes will be given Snacks for sale, games, activites and raffle

Open to all children through 7th grade and accompanied with a parent \$10/child ages 2 and up - under 2 and adults are free

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:45 PM - Minha/Maariv

6:00 PM – Children's Dinner and Magic Show

6:15 PM – Full Megillah Reading

7:30 PM – Dinner Theatre featuring the Har Zion Purim Players in *"The Motown Megillah"*

There is no charge for either dinner. RSVP needed for BOTH dinners by February 25: 610-667-5000 or hzt@harziontemple.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

6:50 AM - Morning Minyan and Megillah Reading

Save the Date! 2015 Patrons Event Sunday, April 12, 2015

Har Zion University

Only the lesson that is enjoyed can be learned well.

- Yehuda HaNasi

Look for your invitation

Celebrating Tu B'Shevat

Message from Rabbi Uri Allen

"The almond tree is in bloom and the golden sun is shining, with birds on every rooftop, declaring the coming holiday!" Wait, what? I don't see anything blooming, and it has been a rare treat of late to get a glimpse of the shining sun.



Yet, the words of the song are true, Tu B'Shevat is here!

Growing up in Northern New Jersey, I often found it curious to celebrate Tu B'Shevat in the middle of winter. We could not go out to plant trees – the ground was too hard and cold. We did not see buds on any trees, let alone an almond blossom – we only saw bare branches and limbs. Where I grew up, Tu B'Shevat meant eating dried fruit and carob chips. The experience of living in Philly is probably very similar. So I ask the question: How can we mark the coming spring when there is so much winter left to go? How can we celebrate Tu B'Shevat when we are not experiencing the change in seasons?

Tu B'Shevat is the New Year for the trees. In Mishnaic times, this marked the beginning of a new tax year on tree produce. Later in the Middle Ages, the Kabbalists created a Tu B'Shevat seder that sought to deepen their relationship with nature through the four stages of divine emanation in which God created the world. And as recently as just a few decades ago, Tu B'Shevat took on the valance of Jewish environmentalism – a kind of Jewish, Earth day. A day in which we can be reminded and recommit ourselves to the work of caring for our world.

My favorite part of Tu B'Shevat, as it is with most Jewish holidays, is the food. If Rosh Hashanah has apples and honey, Hanukkah has latkes and Pesah has matzah, what does Tu B'Shevat have? Tu B'Shevat has fruit, of course. But not just any kind of fruit. What we eat on Tu B'Shevat is fruit of the Land of Israel. As Deuteronomy 8:7-8 teaches us, "It is a land of *(continued on page 3)*

RELIGIOUSLY SPEAKING . . .

SHABBAT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Friday, February 6 – 18 Shevat 5775 Sisterhood Shabbat

6:00 PM Sisterhood-led Service

followed by Dinner

Saturday, February 7 – 18 Shevat 5775 Sisterhood Shabbat

9:00 AM Sisterhood-led Morning Service

5:00 PM Minha

Bat Mitzvah Jordan Levy, daughter of

Suzin & Howard Levy

Friday, February 13 – 25 Shevat

6:00 PM Minha/Maariv

Saturday, February 14 - 25 Shevat

9:00 AM Morning Service

Friday, February 20 - 2 Adar

6:00 PM Minha/Maariv

7:00 PM Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?

Saturday, February 21 – 2 Adar

9:00 AM Morning Service Bar Mitzvah Avery Stamps, son of

Melissa & Richard Stamps

Friday, February 27 - 9 Adar

Youth Shabbat

6:00 PM Youth-led Service followed by dinner

Saturday, February 28 - 9 Adar

Youth Shabbat

9:00 AM Youth-led 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: se	ee calendar on	page 15.

SHABBAT

Junior Congregation (For children grades K-7) With Norman Einhorn 10:30 AM, Dogole Chapel Saturdays, February 7, 21, 28



(For children ages 2-5)
With Susan Yefet, Beverly Goldberg
11:15 AM, Benjamin B. Levin Room
Saturdays, February 7 and 21

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 Werbach, kevin@werbach.com.

Saturday, March 7



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

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

NACHES, ETC . .

BIRTHS

Welcome to the world to

Jack Shoemaker, son of Jessica & Eric Shoemaker, and grandson of Jane & Dr. Irving Herling.

Charles J. Mizrachi, son of Samantha & David Mizrachi, and grandson of Harriet & Charles (z"l) Rash.



Happy 75th Birthday to **Sheila Schafer**, wife of **Louis Schafer**.

Happy 80th Birthday to **Samuel Karsch**, husband of Carole Karsch.

Happy 90th Birthday to long-time congregant **Naomi Barsky**. Naomi graduated from Religious School, was Confirmed, and married her husband Jay (z"l) here at Har Zion.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mazel Tov to **Michael Solomon**, husband of **Judy Weinberger**, who was elected to serve a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Alliance on Mental Illness PA of Montgomery County. He also published a book entitled "It Comes From Within," about his life with bi-polar. This book is on sale in the Gift Box.

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

News from PNAI

PNAI, or Parents of North American Israelis, is a group of proud parents of children who made Aliyah. We have over 3000 members through the United States and Canada. Our Philadelphia area group totals 80 family members, including members in New Jersey. We are a support group who keep in touch with our members' children while visiting Israel, and often take small packages to them.

Although we are not a fundraising organization, our national group recently donated \$50,000 to furnish a Lone Soldier apartment in Ramat Gan. Lone Soldiers are young men and women from around the world who volunteer in the IDF, and the Lone Soldiers' homes offer them a place to stay when they are not on duty.

One of our projects is contributing to the Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces. Our informative meetings include information on housing, loan funds, best air fares and current events, just to name a few.

Our next meeting will be a Shabbat Dinner at Saunders House on March 6. Our closing luncheon date is May 3.

If you have children living in Israel and are interested in learning more about PNAI or in joining us at any of these events, please contact Shirley Swinger at 610-353-2723; smswinger @comcast.net; or Gloria Schlosberg at 215-557-9585, gbs1614@gmail.com



Join us on **Shabbat morning February 14** for an energetic and spirit-filled tefillah (prayer service), including a new Har Zion Temple Beit Midrash community Torah study.

We will nosh, learn and experience community followed by the Torah Service and Musaf.

9:00 AM - P'sukei D'Zimra and Shaharit

10:00 AM - Har Zion Beit Midrash - Community Torah Study

10:35 AM - Torah service and Musaf

Followed by our Congregational Kiddush and the Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study.

Rabbi Allen (continued from page 1)

wheat and barley and grapes and figs and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey (dates)". By eating the fruit of the Land of Israel, we connect ourselves to the natural reality that exists there – to the change in season, to the onset of spring and to the rhythms of life, not of our own time and place, but to Zion and Israel. It is no wonder then, that the Jewish National Fund adopted Tu B'Shevat as its big Jewish holiday. Not simply because it was about trees, but because it served to link Jews from all over the world to the reality of the Land of Israel.

How will you connect to Israel in this time? Will you be following Israeli current events? Continue to improve your Hebrew? Maybe you will be planning a trip to Israel in the near future? Whatever it is, let us be reminded as we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, that although Israel is half a world away, the rhythms and patterns of our Jewish calendar continue to link us to our homeland and our people.

Happy Birthday Trees!



February 8, 2015

Please join us for our largest single day of fundraising...

On February 8, 2015, please help Federation's 2015 Campaign – and the new secular year – get off

to a bright start by manning the calls that make the difference.

Register at jewishphilly.org/ssregister or call 215-832-0630 Three shifts: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 3:00-6:00 PM, 6:00-9:00 PM

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy Schwartz Campus of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phildelphia, 272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA **Co-chairs:**



Sheree & Wayne Bloch Robin & Steven Katz

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

Save the Dates for Movie Night!

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

February 11 *Hava Nagila*

February 25
Trembling Before God



Free admission - Discussion following movie

Refreshments will be sold to benefit USY RSVP requested: hzt@harziontemple.org or 610-667-5000

Fishman Institute for Adult Jewish Studies presents

2015 B'bayit Series

Our B'bayit series brings Torah into our homes. This year our focus is on siblings – those related to us and those who became our "brothers" and "sisters" at summer camp.

Through conversation, songs and fun we will explore how our siblings shaped us, our relationship with them as adults, the impact of rivalries, personalities and responsibilities, and how to best respond when siblings ignore our advice, as well as insights from our tradition into sibling relationships. We will share a few laughs while we learn practical lessons to foster ever-meaningful and vibrant relationships with our brothers and sisters.

All ages are welcome to join us!

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30-9:00 PM Am I My Brother's/Sister's Keeper? Led by Rabbi Nogah Marshall

Hosted by Meredith and Josh Friedman

RSVP to Sharon Kenworthy in the school office, skenworthy@harziontemple.org

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 on February 17.

NOW TUESDAYS in Plymouth Meeting, 12:30-1:30 PM Offices of Premier Dental, 1710 Romano Drive Rabbi Charlestein teaches at this location.

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New! Coming in March!

Adult Education presents an





Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00-8:00 pm

Fee: \$150 for the series (payable to HZT)

Projects will be Blessing of the House Hamsa and a Challah cover

RSVP by February 23 to hzt@harziontemple.org

Questions? Please send email to

skenworthy@harziontemple.org

Sisterhood Adult Education

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM Perspectives on the Book of Esther

February 4

A Theological Perspective on the Book of Esther with Rabbi Rosenberg

This class will discuss the role of God in the Book of Esther and, because of the lack of a clear devine presence, the debate over whether the Book of Esther has a place in the cannon.

February 11

The Mirror Has Two Faces with Rabbi Marshall
This class will examine the roles of Vashti and Esther
in the Book of Esther and how their characters play a
role in our society today.

February 25 Musical Perspectives on the Book of Esther with Hazzan Vogel

This class examines the tropes and traditions of musical detours used in chanting the Scroll of Esther, and will also focus on the many ways in which the story of Esther has inspired musical creativity in the past through contemporary times.

Open to all women in our community.

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

Any HZT family in good standing who wishes to apply for a scholarship for their child(ren) to attend Camp Ramah in the Summer of 2015 should contact Leah Abrams at labrams@harziontemple.org, or 610-667-5000, ext 111.

TIKKUN OLAM . . .

The following letter accompanied gifts of blankets taken to Israel this past December by Norman Einhorn and Rabbi Rosenberg. These blankets were made especially for members of the IDF and Lone Soldiers.

Dear Friends,

Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, Pennsylvania, is a well-established Conservative congregation. Over the years, we have responded in many varied ways to the needs of our community in the city of Philadelphia and the nearby suburbs. One very active committee of the Congregation is the Tikun Olam committee. This group fosters and supports many efforts to help repair our world through active participation in Mitzvot.



Some of our shul stitchers pictured with the blankets sent to Israel.

Our "Shul Stitchers" group was begun in 2000. A member of the Tikun Olam Committee, Karen Lieberman, was visiting the Stiffel Senior Center in South Philadelphia, when she met a woman who was knitting a cap for a

recovering cancer patient. The idea for our own knitting group was born! Soon congregants were meeting together regularly, knitting patches which were then sewn into panels, then panels were sewn into blankets, edgings were crocheted and blankets were ready to be given to those in need. Over the years we have been able to produce a growing number of hand-stitched blankets, as many as 30 to 50 some years, all lovingly made by our members.

Over time, we have reached out to survivors of Hurricane Katrina, veterans of our wars in hospitals and in shelters, sick and recovering children, women in shelters and the homeless. As American Jews, our thoughts and prayers are always on Eretz Israel. We have shared, although vicariously, the pride of accomplishment and joys offered by living in the land of our ancestors, but also the worry and the pain



Lone Soldier, Chelsea Golber

of living under threats to our people. This is our first opportunity to show our support of the fantastic IDF and the "Lone Soldiers" who guard our beloved Israel in a material way. We hope our blankets will offer comfort to those who receive them. Only good wishes and our heartfelt prayers for safety and peace go with them. Please know that as the tag says, they are "Made with love by the Shul Stitchers of Har Zion Temple."

Charlotte Muchnick, Coordinator, Har Zion Temple Shul Stitchers

SISTERHOOD . . .

New Class Starting in February

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

According to the Shulchan Aruch (the 16th-century code of Jewish law), the sh'liach tzibur must demonstrate humility, acceptability to the congregation, knowledge of the rules of prayer and the proper pronunciation of the Hebrew text, an agreeable voice, proper dress, and a beard. (The beard may be waived except for the High Holidays.)

Har Zion waived the beard long ago, but we still have a dearth of women who lead our daily *minyanim*. If you are ready to try, or even if you would simply like to become more familiar with daily services, please join us for Sisterhood's latest venture, our davening class taught by Rabbi Alpert. We invite Sisterhood members and all members of the congregation to learn to lead *minyanim* and participate in the morning *minyan*. The classes take place beginning Thursday morning, February 5 at 11:00 AM in Rabbi Alpert's study and conveniently follow Rabbi Rosenberg's weekly class on Genesis. Our goal is to have women serving as prayer leaders during *minyan* from time to time.

February will be an exciting month for Sisterhood. Our incredibly popular Wednesday morning classes will focus on the fascinating character of Esther from three perspectives: theological, symbolic and musical. Through Sheree Bloch's efforts, Sisterhood's classes have become re-energized this year. They have been fascinating and crowded with eager and engaged students. All are welcome as we explore the character of the intriguing and seductive Esther.

Sisterhood Shabbat is the jewel in the crown this month. It is always a moving service and an opportunity for our members to demonstrate their skill or try something new. Please support our women on the weekend of February 6-7 as we lead Friday night and Saturday morning services. Join us for a joyful and musical Shabbat Dinner on Friday night.

Finally, Sisterhood needs your help, and there are many opportunities to contribute. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at goldendagg@gmail.com, and I will connect you with the right person. We need more help in the gift shop, with Matzah Mia, Open a Book, Open your Mind (our major fundraising opportunity), setting up for Shabbat Kiddush, setting up for meetings, publicity and social media. We also need participation in our on-going fundraising activities. Please buy raffle tickets for our 50/50 raffle at any weekday Sisterhood event. Please shop in the Landau Gift Box which discounts all of its merchandise, can special order popular brands, makes gorgeous gift baskets and trays and always will wrap your gift for free. Our Floral Fund cards support the bimah flowers and are lovely tributes and memorials. Please contact Emily Feinzig Schwartz at emilyruth@gmail.com to purchase Floral Fund Cards.

Thank you for all you do to make Sisterhood a vibrant and important constituency of Har Zion Temple!

Sisterhood Calendar of Events

Sisterhood Shabbat February 6 and 7

Friday Night Services and Dinner Shabbat Morning Services All led by members of Sisterhood!

Sisterhood General Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 11:30 AM Lunch and Program with Judy Wicks Entrepreneur, Activist and Author

Her book, Good Morning, Beautiful Business: the Unexpected Journey of an Activist Entrepreneur and Local Economy Pioneer, will be available for sale and signing. \$18 couvert - for non-Sisterhood members - RSVP to sherrypearl1@gmail.com

Women's Rosh Chodesh Group Thursday, February 19, 7:30 PM

Led by group members, these meetings are held in participants' homes with warm, interactive and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month.

Volunteers Needed for Mishloah Manot Assembling Packages and Distribution

Contact Shelley Brietling, sbrietling@comcast.net, 610-896-8922, Madelyn Karasick, madsk1410@gmail.com, 610-505-6131 or Dorene Karasick, gingeralegal45@aol.com, 610-664-2807.

HOLD THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 A New and Exciting MATZAH MIA 3 Is Coming Your Way!

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

Reisel and Ellis Weinberger

Marilyn & Lew Becker/Mazel Tov on your 50th wedding anniversary, Susan Kochman/Wishing you a speedy recovery

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MEN'S CLUB . . .



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

Message from

Jack Marine, Men's Club Co-President

The Men's Club Shabbat Weekend was spectacular! It began Friday, December 12, at Friday evening Shabbat. The Friday Ma'ariv service began with a series of hymns, Psalms, and blessings collectively known as Kabbalat

Shabbat, chanted first by Gary Kerstein and followed by Roy Stander. Michael Solomon concluded services with his rendition of the Kiddush and Yigdal. There were well over 75 people in the Chapel. After services we strolled over to our 100+ people sold-out Shabbat dinner, catered by Boscov's. The room was packed with excited supporters. Once everyone found a seat, I recited the Kiddush and we began eating! Wow, that roast beef was tasty! Although there was a lot of groundwork done by Doug Sayer and myself, it was Gary Novick who pulled all the details together and made this event a great success. *Yasher Koah* to all of those who participated.

Saturday morning services commenced with Alan Susser leading the Shacharit service. The Torah service was lead by amateur cantor Jack Marine with Torah readings by David Maltz, Morris Kurtzman, Neil Appel, Larry Brown, Michael Willner, and Marten Hirsch. Howard Herzberg gave us commentary on the day's Parasha, and Doug Sayer delivered a humorous D'var Torah followed by Steve Mendelsohn chanting a glorious Haftarah, and Ed Caplan leading a pitch-perfect Musaf Service. Thanks to all who participated in our Shabbat morning service. We had an extended Kiddush afterwards, which included eggplant parmigiana!

On Sunday, we hosted a brunch with local author Louis Greenstein who wrote the novel, "Mr. Boardwalk" and whose father, Bernie, once owned and operated a famous soft pretzel bakery on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. Most of those who were there had some connection to the pre-casinos era Atlantic City and we all really enjoyed Mr. Greenstein's shpiel!

MEN'S CLUB INVITES YOU TO BRUNCH AND CONVERSATION WITH RABBI STEPHEN FUCHS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:00 AM

Author of the new ground-breaking book,
"What's in It for Me: Finding Ourselves
in Biblical Narrative"

Open to the entire Lower Merion Community

Rabbi Fuchs is a beloved teacher, nationally recognized scholar, and former president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Books will be available for sale.

RSVP Required - Space Limited: drsmoskowitz@gmail.com

RUDOFKER LIBRARY . . .

Important Days in February

February 4 is Tu B'Shevat, and February 19 (Thursday) is Rosh Hodesh Adar.

Purim will occur in March.

Borrowed Books?

Please return any overdue library materials you may have. If you wish to renew any of these items, please call the library 610-667-5000, ext 129 or email us at rudofker@ harziontemple.org.

New Book

Adult Fiction: The World Outside by Eva Wiseman

Seventeen-year-old Chanie has spent her entire life in New York's Hasidic Crown Heights neighborhood. Her days center around obedience to God, her parents, and her Rebbe. Her dream of becoming an opera singer seems impossible until she meets David, a non-Hasidic Jewish boy who helps her to see that her beautiful voice can lead to a life beyond the restrictive world she knows. Set in 1991 during the Crown Heights riot, the book depicts the sect sympathetically. Chanie is bright and questioning; she demonstrates her spunk by falling in love with a Jewish-but-not-Jewish-enough David, who helps her apply to Juilliard, where she is accepted. Chanie must make a final decision to either give up Juilliard and David or submit to an arranged marriage. (Booklist Review).

Been to the Net Yet?

Please visit the Library Catalog on the Internet at: http://library.harziontemple.

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.

Nitzanim (Buds)

A Taste of Religious School

Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 16, 23 3:30-4:45 PM

Pre-K and Kindergarten

For our youngest friends as they begin their journey of lifelong learning at the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School

Class is for children and parents together

For our NCCECE Students, supervised snack 3:15 - 3:30 PM For older siblings – supervised homework study

Session cost: \$70 - open to members and non-members

To register: 610-664-5746 or jfgrs@harziontemple.org

EDUCATION . . .

Route 613 Update

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

This year The Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School initiated a new innovative program for students in grades 3-7 called Route 613. Route 613 is a revolutionary education initiative that engages students in experiential learning based



on their individual interests, schedule, and learning style. From third through seventh grade, students engage in a wide range of classes that speak to the whole child, and together build a unique journey through the possibilities of Jewish life. Each participant plans and builds a personalized roadmap, choosing classes and workshops that match his or her passions and curiosities, as well as preferred mode of learning.

Route 613 has brought such excitement to our building. On any Tuesday afternoon you can find students drumming in the Berkowitz Family Auditorium to the Shabbat Shacharit prayers. You can find students in the library learning with the members of the Clergy. Other students can be found in the Seave Music Room rehearsing together as a choir for performances at the Saunders House and Sunrise Senior Living Center. Students can be found conversing in Hebrew during Hebrew Ulpan class, and others can be found partaking in mitzvah projects to help those less fortunate. On Wednesday evenings, you will find students learning about Israel and current events in a multi-media class or learning about Jewish history through feature films, while others are studying the weekly Torah portions through sports. And on Shabbat mornings students can be found in the library studying the Shabbat Shacharit prayers and Torah portion.

Two major impacts Route 613 has had on our school has been a change in the atmosphere and an increase in attendance and decrease in early pick-up. Students are excited to come to class and do not want to leave. Route 613 has brought a new excitement and energy to the youth of Har Zion Temple.

This past month I am proud to report that our program has become nationally recognized. In January, I had the privilege to be a featured presenter on a webinar for Shinui: the Network for Innovation in Part-Time Education. With the support of the Covenant Foundation, this organization works to spark, nurture, and spread educational innovation through the five communities and beyond – Cleveland: Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, Houston: The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, New York: The Jewish Education Project, Philadelphia: Jewish Learning Venture, San Francisco: Jewish Learning Works. Also in January, I was part of the Webinar entitled: "Managing the Change Process." In this webinar, I reflected on the change our school went through and shared what key elements of

Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School/PTA

School

February 1 Bet Family Program, 10:00 AM

February 7 JFGRS Havdalah Program with Penn's

Shabbatones Jewish Acapella Group,

5:00-7:00 PM

February 8 Dalet Siddur Decorating Program,

10:00 AM

February 15 No School - Presidents' Day

February 22 PTA Meeting, 12:00 PM

6th Grade Tefillin Wrap Program

February 27 Dalet Siddur Ceremony, 6:00 PM

Youth Shabbat

Junior Congregation

February 7 Dalet Shabbat

February 14 Family Beit Midrash,

No Junior Congregation

February 21 Heh Shabbat

February 28 Youth Shabbat

Youth Activities

Saturday, February 21 Kadima at Bounce U

Thursday, February 26
Youth Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM

Friday and Saturday, February 27-28
Youth Shabbat and Aroma Coffee House

This month is very exciting for our USY chapter. We have **Youth Shabbat** on **February 27 and 28**.

Teens will participate in Shabbat services, and be encouraged to demonstrate their leadership skills, as well as their general knowledge of the service.

Also, we are holding our annual **Aroma Coffee House** event, **Saturday, February 28 from 8:30-10:30 pm**.

For this we are inviting teens from 8th to 12th grade to participate in an open mike night. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, and baked goods to nosh on, all while watching friends perform. It will be a guaranteed good time and a way for people to show off their talents.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please feel free to email me at ariherzberg@gmail.com.

our processes led to the innovation of Route 613.

We are already in our second semester of Route 613 and we are having a great time. As always, if you have any suggestions and/or feedback my door is always open. I look forward to another great semester of learning together.



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

The Preschool and HSA hope you enjoyed our January events. We thank Lisa Katchman and Avery Green for co-chairing our wonderful Stay and Play, Shalom Chai and Garinim Shabbat Service and Dinner. We have many exciting events coming up for February and we look forward to seeing you at all of them:

HSA Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 PM in Debbie's office All are welcome.

Prachim Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 20, 5:30 PM

We look forward to welcoming Shabbat with a children's service and delicious dinner for our Prachim students and their families.

Also, please be aware that there is **NO SCHOOL** on the following days:

Friday, February 13 and Monday, February 16 Presidents' Weekend

Upcoming Events

Save the Date:

Betting on Our Future...For Our Children 'Fun'draiser – March 7 7:15 PM Havdalah, 7:30 PM The Party begins and continues until...

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More Than One Kind of Smart

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

"He has a low IQ."

"She's very intelligent."

Sometimes we talk as though intelligence were a single commodity that people have in greater or lesser supply. Yet, we see all around us adults and children who are very smart in math but not at all good with words, musically



gifted but klutzy on the athletic field, and so on. Most of us struggle with some tasks and sail through others.

Educators now know more about this variety in individuals' "intelligences" – the modes we use to interact with the world – thanks to the work of psychologist Howard Gardner. In his book *Frames of Mind: The theory of multiple intelligences*, he describes seven of these intelligences.

Children with musical intelligence have a natural ear for melody, rhythm, and other musical elements; spatially oriented children enjoy reading maps and exploring how mechanical devices work. Other children are more at home using their **linguistic** aptitude – telling stories, playing with words, and reciting tongue twisters. Strong logical-mathematical intelligence shows up not only in math aptitude but in enjoyment of games and problems requiring logic and reasoning. Children who learn best when they are moving and handling things rely on their bodily-kinesthetic intelligence. An affinity for natural world and its creatures stands out in children with a naturalistic mode of intelligence. Finally, children who make friends easily and have plenty of "street smarts" are interpersonal naturals, while quiet thinkers and strong-willed debaters shine in the more internal, reflective intrapersonal mode.

All of us have preferred modes of intellectual functioning. At the same time, we need to use each of the modes in one situation or another. What is so nice is that our teachers here at the NCCECE recognize the various ways that children think and learn, and they help our children to use their individual strengths to become more adept in learning modes that are *not* their strong point. That is why I believe we have the best preschool on the Main Line.

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HAZAAC Har Zion Active Adults Club

Miracles Do Happen

By Gerald Spector

At the next meeting of the Har Zion Active Adults Club (HAZAAC) on Wednesday, March 18 (we do not have a February meeting), we will present the first in a series of three programs on the theme "Jewish Culture." This program will be about the history and achievements of a unique Jewish cultural institution that has miraculously managed to preserve and revive what are arguably the two most significant characteristics of European Jewry, its language and literature.

As usual, 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 to attend at \$15.00 per person for lunch and program. Lunch will be at 11:30 AM with the program to follow at 1:00 PM. Please call Harriet Schiffer at 610-667-5000 by Friday, March 13, to make reservations for lunch.

We look forward to seeing you at this not to be missed event.

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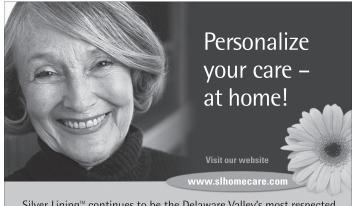
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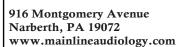
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Purim Carnival!

Sunday, March 1, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

No Regular Classes for Elementary or Middle School Come in costume for a parade - Prizes will be given Snacks for sale, games, activites and raffle

Open to all children through 7th grade Children must be accompanied by an adult \$10/child ages 2 and up - under 2 and adults are free

Questions? Please call the school office, 610-664-5746.

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