

SHABBAT VAERA

Friday, January 12 – 26 Tevet

4:38 PM Candle Lighting
 5:45 PM* Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv (**please note service time*) – DOGOLE CHAPEL
 5:45 PM* *Kol Zimra* – Instrumental Service – LEVIN-BAILIS ROOM
 7 PM Joy of Shabbat Dinner (by reservation only) – FISHMAN/TOBIN AUDITORIUM
 8 PM Special MLK-ADL Program – DOGOLE CHAPEL

Saturday, January 13 – 26 Tevet

9:30 AM *Kol Tefilah* – Morning Service – MAIN SANCTUARY
 TORAH READING: EXODUS 7:8 Page 357
 MAFTIR: EXODUS 8:12 Page 362
 HAFTARAH: EZEKIEL 28:25 Page 370
 10:45 AM Junior Congregation – Grades K-7 – BERKOWITZ FAMILY AUDITORIUM
 11:15 AM *Kol Mishpacha* – Tot Shabbat – LEVIN-BAILIS ROOM
Bar Mitzvah: SIMON ROSEN, son of Lisa & Ryan Rosen
Kiddush: Congregation and guests are cordially invited to join us in the FISHMAN/TOBIN AUDITORIUM. We are grateful for this week's donation to the Shabbat Fund by Sisterhood. The Extended Kiddush is sponsored by Lisa & Ryan Rosen in honor of Simon's Bar Mitzvah.

Rosh Hodesh Lecture: Following the Kiddush, the Rosh Hodesh Lecture will be held in the BAILIS ROOM. Learn with Rabbi Shawn.

3:40 PM Talmud Study with Rabbi Gary Charlestein – RUDOFKER LIBRARY
 3:40 PM Parents & Kids Together – JFGRS CONFERENCE ROOM
 4:40 PM Minha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah – DOGOLE CHAPEL
 5:41 PM Shabbat ends

IN MEMORIAM – BARUCH DAYAN HA-EMET

The Congregation extends its deepest sympathy to the families of:

WILMA MANDELL, wife of Marvin Mandell, mother of Laurie Gocial, January 7, 2018 (21 Tevet 5778)
 STEPHANIE PINCUS, aunt of David, Stephen and Sheldon Karasick, January 7, 2018 (21 Tevet 5778)
 ERNEST JACOBSON, husband of Dottie Jacobson, January 8, 2018 (21 Tevet 5778)



LANDAU GIFT BOX – 610-667-2698

January Sale – 10% OFF 50% Off Selected Items

Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM; Friday – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (when school is in session)

Mi Shebeirach

Mi shebeirach avoteinu

M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu

May the source of strength,
 Who blessed the ones before us,
 Help us find the courage to make our
 lives a blessing, and let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu

M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with
r'fuah sh'leimah,
 The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
 And let us say, Amen.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, January 14 – 27 Tevet

No Classes for JFGRS and LMAHH

9 AM Morning Service
 6 PM Minha/Ma'ariv

Monday, January 15 – 28 Tevet

Martin Luther King Day of Service – No Classes for NCCECE

6:50 AM Morning Minyan
 11:30 AM Shul Stitches
 12 PM Cook for a Friend
 1 PM MLK Day Activities
 1 PM Special Open a Book...Open Your Mind
 Program with Author Michelle Edwards


1:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive
 3 PM MLK Day Middle School Volunteer Pizza/Movie Party
 6 PM Minha/Ma'ariv

Tuesday, January 16 – 29 Tevet


7 AM Morning Minyan
 10 AM *Joys of Yiddish* with Gerry Spector
 5 PM *Joys of Yiddish* with Gerry Spector
 6 PM Minha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday, January 17 – 1 Shevat – Rosh Hodesh

6:50 AM Minyan and TISCH - *Halakha Yomit* (daily *halakha*) with the *Mishnah Berurah* - conversation & breakfast with Rabbi Shawn.

6 PM Minha/Ma'ariv
 6:20 PM Wednesday Night Class Nosh & Schmooze
 7 PM *Competing Visions for the Jewish State* with Ben Rotenberg 
Judaic Art with Ariella Barlas
Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone

Thursday, January 18 – 2 Shevat

6:50 AM Morning Minyan
 8:50 AM Sisterhood Chair Yoga
 10 AM *Popular Commentaries on Genesis* with Rabbi Rosenberg
 11 AM *Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone* 
 12 PM Lunch & Lecture with Israel @70 Speaker – Rabbi Arie Hasit
From Talking to a Wall to Building Bridges: The Quest for Jewish Pluralism in Israel
 6 PM Minha/Ma'ariv
 7 PM School Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh

Friday, January 19 – 3 Shevat

7 AM Minyan and Men's Club Minyannaires – Join Rabbi Rosenberg for "Jeopardy Rashi Style."
 This morning's breakfast is sponsored by Eileen Porges in memory of her sister Libby Greenspon on her *yahrzeit* and Karen Cooke in honor of her 27th Wedding Anniversary.
 4:45 PM Candle Lighting
 5:30 PM Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans Service & Dinner
 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, January 15, 1:30-6:30 PM

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor keyword: har zion temple penn valley



Donate blood and get a FREE Dunkin' Donuts medium hot coffee and donut!

תהיינה נפשותיהם צרורות בצרור החיים:

May their souls be bound
up in the bond of life.

The following yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week.

William Becker
Sol Berney
Edith Brenner
Tobie Kessler
Reba Matter Robinson
Arthur Shesser
William Shore
Jacob Sporkin
Nat Sporkin
Morris Weiner
Leah Zatuchni
Edwin J. Berkowitz
Gloria I. Ellis
Lillie Grad
Ruth Goldman Kleinman
Esther Kohn-Stein
Joseph M. Kruger
Samuel N. Markowich
Herman Benjamin Mosler
Leon Siebner
Lillian Weiswasser
Ann Binder
Lillian Braidy
Joan Luban Gewirtz
Debra Milstein
Jack Novick
Anita S. Rosen
Dorothy Roth

Mayer Satinsky
Etta Wallerstein
David Braidy
Harry Bronstein
William Brown
Cyril Evian
Rebecca Fine
Harry Rosenblum
Arlene Cooperman Rubin
Tillie H. Rubin
Rose Snyder
Eva (Eve) Wells
A. Irving Witz
Ella Davidowitz
Pearl Ellis
Anna Friedman
Harry Goldberg
Helen Goldberg
Isaac Goldberg
Leon Goldhammer
Libby Greenspon
Katherine Jaron
Lawrence Paul
Betty Potash
Israel Schwartz
Sylvia Solomon
Rose Tractenberg
Phyllis Goldberg

Elliott Herman
Charles Kaplan
Jack Kaplan
Joseph Silver
Jacob Sterling
Harold J. Trachtman
Leonard L. Epstein
Anna Frank
Hannah Gordon
Sidney I. Jacobs
Aaron Nichtberger
Hannah Simpson
Charles Willner
Myra Zwickel
Albert Cometz
Mae Crooglick
Dolly Friedman
Berl Frymer
Annette B. Levine
Bernard Mishkin
Eleanor Sands
Frank Satinsky
Rose L. Schwab
Shirley Seave
Milton Silver
Jean Tinkelman
Michael Wineburgh
Rose Pincus Wolkin

Open A Book . . . Open Your Mind

Monday, January 15, 1 PM

**Michelle Edwards – A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love
A Special Presentation for Martin Luther King Day of Service**

Join us for a very special intergenerational program as we welcome Michelle Edwards, author of *A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love*. Plan for a joyful book presentation followed by doing a mitzvah... making pom-poms for hats for those in need. An event not to be missed!

FREE and Open to the Community

This event is brought to Har Zion Temple in collaboration with the Jewish Book Council.
Presented by the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School.

For more information about this and/or our spring lineup, openabook@harziontemple.org or **610-667-5000**. Purchase tickets online, harziontemple.ticketleap.com

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Hello Past and Hopefully New Shpielers! Purim Shpiel Rehearsals Every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 PM in Room 215

Michael Jackson's "The Thriller Megiller"

Do you enjoy singing, acting, dancing? Are you looking for fun, laughs and camaraderie? We hope you will take a part in this year's Purim Shpiel which will take place the **evening of Wednesday, February 28**. You can give as much or as little time as your schedule allows! Bring along any friends whom you think might be interested. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact: dfoz@harziontemple.org

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Do you need the Har Zion Temple Caring Connection?

We are a network of fellow congregants who would like to hear from you if you have a need in your good times and bad. We encourage you to contact us if you know of a fellow congregant who is ill or has had a loss. Please don't assume we know. Please contact Laurie Albert, 610-667-5000, ext 111 or albert@harziontemple.org. Help us help you!

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Use the Sisterhood Scrip Program for All of Your Shopping Needs!

Now is the time to stock up on gift cards from Scrip. Why not support Sisterhood while planning your shopping days? Order your Scrip cards and be prepared whenever you shop! For more info, contact Michele Perlstein, mshoueka@hotmail.com or 610-519-1211.



INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS *Is That Food Really Fresh? Find Out At A Glance*

"The milk is past its expiry date. We have to throw it out." "No, we don't. It smells fine." "But it says so right on the carton." It's an argument that's been heard in households around the world: Does the expiration date on the package really mean the milk or the chicken or the eggs are bad?

Not necessarily, says Yoav Levy, the founder and CEO of Freshpoint, an Israeli startup that aims to solve the freshness debate once and for all using intelligent date code technology. It's an idea with enormous potential: Freshpoint just signed a deal with a major American restaurant chain.

To read more, go to: <http://www.israelideas.org/#!current/c1gqf>.

23RD ANNUAL GREATER PHILADELPHIA MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1-3 PM

BRING YOUR DONATIONS NOW

Collecting items for:

Shul Stitches – Yarn, yarn needles, scissors

Narberth Food Bank – Non-perishables – cereal, peanut butter, rice, mac & cheese, soy milk, etc

Philly Reads – K thru 6th grade children's books

Golden Slipper – Toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste (any sizes welcome)

Philadelphia Veteran's Comfort House – **NEW** Thermal long johns, winter scarves, Keurig K-cups, protein bars

Home at Last Rescue – Pet supplies, leashes, canned or dry pet food, towels

HIAS – salt & pepper shakers, pop-up laundry baskets, paper towels, **NEW** pillows

Nationalities Service Center – Cleaning/household supplies, laundry detergent; cold weather clothing - coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes for children thru adults; gently used blankets

Philly AIDS Thrift – Children (all sizes), women's and men's clothing (casual/sports)

Career Wardrobe – Women's professional - suits, skirts, pants, blouses, blazers, shoes, handbags, belts, jewelry, belts, scarves; men's professional – suits, shirts, slacks, blazers, ties, belts, shoes

New Horizon Senior Center – Raffle prizes like mugs, frames, stationery, personal care items, notepads, key chains

Free the Girls – New or gently used bras – all sizes and styles

Pajama Project – **NEW** pajamas for infants thru size 16 must be **labelled flame retardant**

Maternity Care Coalition – Onesies, diapers, wipes, formula, infant first aid items, receiving blankets, pacifiers, baby books

GENTLY LOVED or NEW stuffed animals

**Donations being accepted until 12 noon on Monday.
Bring your donations and mark your calendar to join us!**

Teachings from A Partner in Holiness by Rabbi Jonathan Slater – Va'eira (Vol 1, p151-152)
Rashi comments, "There are places (in the Torah) where Aaron precedes Moses and where Moses precedes Aaron. This is to tell us that they were equal, one to the other." All human beings are not equal in their abilities; they are all equal in value. Yet, we frequently find ourselves comparing ourselves to others, finding ourselves lacking or seeing ourselves superior to them.

What would it take to see the world on this model of Moses and Aaron?

For more, please go to <http://www.harziontemple.org/harzion/ehighlights/18Partnerinholiness.pdf>

Fishman Institute Visiting Scholar – February 9-11

RABBI JONATHAN SLATER

**Shifting from Performance to Practice:
What Are We Doing When We 'Do Jewish'?**



An introduction to the idea of Jewish practice as making "unifications" – internally, with others and the world; to speak about what it means to engage in "prayer as practice;" and living a life of intentionality as the goal of Jewish practice.

FRIDAY EVENING

"Shabbat As Incubation" – During 6 PM Services

Shabbat can be a time in which what we've done in the past week is transformed and raised up, allowing us to enter the coming week with energy and determination. We will reflect on the previous week, and sing our way into Shabbat.

"To Live Torah Today" – 8 PM following Joy of Shabbat Dinner*

What is the purpose of our Jewish religious practice? Of course it is to preserve tradition, and to fulfill the mitzvot. But, what are the mitzvot for? We will investigate together one way to answer this question.

***Join us for the Joy of Shabbat dinner and stay for the lecture.**

All ages welcome – \$10/adult, \$5/child under 13

RSVP by the Monday, February 5, 610-667-5000 or hzt@harziontemple.org or [at harziontemple.ticketleap.com](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com)

A small service fee will be charged for online reservations.

SATURDAY MORNING

"What is Prayer?" – Following Kiddush

Prayer is a central component of Jewish religious life. But when "going to services" is all that we know of prayer, it may feel alien, far from our own hearts. How else might we conceive of prayer, and find it in our own lives?

SUNDAY MORNING

"Prayer as Practice" – Following 9 AM Services, during breakfast

What do we have to do to cultivate a personal prayer practice? How might doing so change how we understand, find our place in and seek satisfaction from our communal worship?

Rabbi Slater's books are available in the Landau Gift Box.



HZT Adult Education

Department of Lifelong Learning

Upcoming Classes

Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector

Tuesdays, January 16, February 13, 27 – 10 AM and 5 PM

Do you love Yiddish language, literature, poetry, song, theater, or cinema? Then this is the class for you!

Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone

Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 1 – 11 AM-Noon

A Covenantal Chosen People

Join Rabbi Shawn as we explore modern Jewish philosophy – without getting too academic (that will be the alchemy involved).

Sandwich Generation – Calling All women ages 45ish to 65ish

Thursday, January 25 – 10 AM at HZ

Challah Making

Please join us as Liz Shaid leads us in a Challah Making class. The class will be at Har Zion.

RSVP to pgrobman@harziontemple.org so that we can order the ingredients. Without an RSVP you will not be able to bring a Challah home.

PS. For those interested, please join us to prepare, ahead of Friday's class, batches of dough at 4 PM, Wednesday, January 24, in the HZT kitchen.

HZT AFTER DARK

Wednesday Night Adult Ed Series

6:20-7 PM - light fare and refreshments, 7-8 PM - Classes

January 17, 24 and February 14

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Ariela Barlas – Judaic Art

Come get messy and creative with Ariela – Art Room (Rm 200)

Ben Rotenberg – Competing Visions for the Jewish State

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Come learn. Come connect. Come home.

Speakers - Israel@70

Thursday, January 18, lunch at 12 PM, lecture at 1 PM

Rabbi Arie Hasit - From Talking to a Wall to Building Bridges: The Quest for Jewish Pluralism in Israel

With the collapse of the Kotel Compromise Agreement, the continued monopoly of the Ultra-Orthodox Rabbinate, and a series of disparaging remarks by Israeli government ministers, it sometimes seems like fighting for religious pluralism is a constant battle. At the same time, Conservative rabbis and community leaders on the ground are finding new ways to build bridges to Israelis thirsty for an open-minded approach to Judaism. Come join Rabbi Arie Hasit, the founding rabbi of a new Masorti community in the town of Mazkeret Batya, to learn about the challenges and opportunities of creating a dynamic community in Israel that celebrates pluralism.

Wednesday, January 31, Nosh 6:30-7 PM, Class 7-8:15 PM

Rachel Korazim - On a Silver Platter - The Birth of an Iconic Text
Among the many beautiful literary works created in Israel, there are a few that acquired an iconic position. Of those, Alderman's "The Silver Platter," is in a unique position as the ritual text of commemoration for soldiers fallen for the defense of the state. It is recited in ceremonies all over Israel every Yom Hazikaron and is included in many siddurim. This session will explore the circumstances and events that brought about the composition of this outstanding text. We will study the poem in depth uncovering references to the past and prophetic visions of the future for the State of Israel.

Thursday, February 1, Lunch and Class 10-12:15 PM

Rachel Korazim - 1967 - Anxiety - Euphoria - Concern

When thinking about the 1967 "Six Days War" retrospectively, there is often times a dichotomy between those who mainly remember a glorious victory, the unification of Jerusalem, the liberation of the Old City and the Western Wall. Others will focus their thoughts and reflections on the fifty years of occupation, the controversy surrounding the settlements and the seemingly endless Israel – Palestinian conflict. The purpose of these series of session is to try and move away from this dichotomy and bring back to life through song and poetry the spirit and the authentic voices of 1967 and their lingering impacts on our lives today.

Wednesday, February 21, Nosh 6:30-7 PM Class 7-8:15 PM

Bat El Trabelsi - Why is Peace in the Middle East so Complicated?

Israeli Emissary for the Jewish Community of Greater Philadelphia
Have you ever wondered why the conflict seems to be never ending? Popular Israeli philosopher Micha Goodman deeply researched Israeli attitudes on the struggle with Palestinians and offers new ways to frame and discuss the issue and we will discuss his proposal in this program.

Monday, March 12, 8 AM after minyan and breakfast

Yaakov Malomet from the Reut Institute - *BDS, Delegitimization, and the State of Israel: A Strategic Look*

In the last 10 years, Israel and the American Jewish community have dedicated significant resources to facing this challenge, with mixed results. What is the state of de-legitimization today? What are the best strategies for protecting Israel's legitimacy?

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March 14, 21, and 28

Aviva Habib - Hebrew Music and Poetry - Cultural Development
A closer look into how Israeli culture has developed over the last 70 years.

May 9, 16, 23, and 30

Norman Einhorn - Trending News and Events in Israel Today
This class tackles those topics talked about at the water cooler and dinner table. Past classes have dealt with BDS, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Anti-Semitism, Immigration, US Elections, Israeli Advocacy and the future of American synagogues.

Programs - Israel@70

Sunday, March 4 – 10AM – 12PM @HZT

My Israel Story

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. For more information, please visit: jewishphilly.org/event/my-israel-story

Sunday, April 15

JFGRS Israel Day celebration of both Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut

Tuesday, April 17- 7PM

Community-Wide Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Har Zion

Sunday, April 29 - 10AM-12PM. Kaiserman JCC

KLM Israel Games - Har Zion children from second-fourth grades will participate in a "Macabia" style program

Sunday, May 6 - 12-5PM at Valley Forge Event Center

Philadelphia Community-Wide Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

These programs are generously sponsored by the Shirley & Norman Greenbaum Yom Ha'atzmaut Fund