

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Men's Club Shabbat

Friday, January 24 – Services at 6 PM followed by dinner

Saturday, January 25 – Services at 9:30 AM followed by kiddush

Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner *by reservation only*



### PURIM 2020 –

### MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 9 AND 10

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**7:15-9:30 PM** – Ma'ariv, the Har Zion Purim Players present "I Guess That's Why They Call It a Spiel", full Megillah Reading, Reception

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

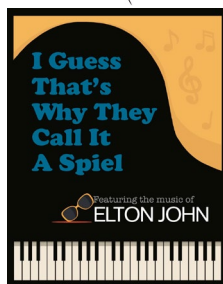
**6:50 AM** – Shacharit, Megillah Reading and special breakfast

**4:15 PM** – Special JFGRS School Activities

**5:15 PM** – Shul-wide Festive Family Creative Megillah Reading

Geared for elementary and middle school-aged children and their families – but all are invited!

**6 PM** - Dinner



### More info including reservations to follow

### Purim Shpiel Rehearsal – Monday, January 27 at 7:30 PM in Room 215

Questions? Interested? Contact Dorene Karasick, [dorene.karasick45@gmail.com](mailto:dorene.karasick45@gmail.com)

### Har Zion Landau Gift Box

**WINTER SALE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ADDITIONAL 10% OFF ALREADY DISCOUNTED PRICES FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT BOOKS, CARDS, WINE, FOOD AND SPECIAL ORDERS. COME IN AND SHOP OUR 50% OFF SECTION!**

We are now online! Visit [www.harziontemple.org/giftshop](http://www.harziontemple.org/giftshop) Shop our discounted prices!

Or stop in and shop for all your holiday and gift-giving needs. Religious and General Gifts, *Talitot*, Holiday and Shiva Trays, Bridal and Bar/Bat Mitzvah Registry, Greeting Cards, Gift Wrapping and Shipping **Regular Hours Monday-Thursday – 9:30 AM to 4 PM; Friday – 9:30 AM to 3 PM; Sunday – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (when JFGRS is in session) Additional hours by appointment.**

**610-667-2698**

### AIPAC Policy Conference, March 1-3, 2020

Join fellow members of Har Zion in our nation's capital for the largest annual gathering of America's pro-Israel movement. For more, visit <http://www.policyconference.org/>

Discounted tickets are available. Please contact Norman Einhorn, 610-667-5000, ext 150 or [neinhorn@harziontemple.org](mailto:neinhorn@harziontemple.org).

### Join Hazzan Eliot & Karen Vogel and the Cantors Assembly for A Jewish Musical Journey through Italy (Rome | Florence | Venice) – June 22 – July 2, 2020

For over two thousand years, Jewish communities have existed in Italy. Our ancestors settled here during the pre-Christian Roman era and, through periods of prosperity and times of persecution, have held a continuous presence until today. We'll explore these roots and routes – historic, religious and, of course, musical! Join us as we sing, study, sightsee and celebrate together in inviting, intriguing Italy. On our adventure together we will...

Delight in Jewish Music with an operatic Italian flare, featuring the soaring voices of the Cantors Assembly.

- Explore Italian history through a Jewish prism, with scholarly presentations by noted scholar Prof Stephen Berk throughout.
- Enjoy a gondola ride through Venice, visit Rome's old Jewish Ghetto in the Trastevere area, tour the gorgeous Duomo of Florence...and so much more!

**Full itinerary, pricing and registration at: [secure.ayelet.com/CA2020Italy.aspx](http://secure.ayelet.com/CA2020Italy.aspx)**

**Please choose the Deluxe category when registering to join this group.**



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## ***This Week...***

### **Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD – Mondays, 11:45 AM**

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming?

### **Wisdom of the (S)Ages: Moral Instruction from the Bible to the Rabbis with Dr. Ely Levine Mondays, 1-2 PM**

Wisdom Literature aims to provide its readers with practical and often moral instruction. Jewish Wisdom Literature includes the Biblical books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, the Wisdom of Ben Sira, and Pirkei Avot. We will explore selections from this Jewish wisdom, trying to understand the moral sensibilities of our ancestors and looking for tidbits useful in our own lives.



### **Sisterhood Mah Jongg – Mondays, 12:30 PM**

Please bring your set. You may bring Kosher dairy/parve lunch or snacks. Questions and to RSVP, contact Phyllis Gorson, 610-667-5000, ext 112.

### **Purim Spiel Rehearsal – Monday, January 27, 7:30 PM**

### **D'var T'filah with Hazzan Vogel – Tuesdays after 7 AM Minyan**

*D'var T'filah* (a "teaching about prayer") – Hazzan Vogel will offer brief insights into the spiritual dynamics of prayer focusing each time on why prayer is difficult and what we can do about it.

### **Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector, Tuesday, January 28, 10 AM and 5 PM**

You do not have to be able to speak Yiddish to experience the Joys of Yiddish culture. Enjoy the works of Yiddish authors, poets, songs, theater and cinema and incidentally learn the language.

### **Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, January 28, 7 PM**

### **TISCH with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesday after 7 AM Minyan**

Join Rabbi Shawn for breakfast and inspirational learning. We will engage in weekly *Halakha* (legal text) study from the Rambam's *Mishneh Torah*. *Good food, great company, and a bissel of learning too!*

### **Parashat Hashavuah for the Sandwich Generation with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesdays, 11 AM**

Rabbi Shawn will briefly summarize the parsha. He will then bring one or more contemporary interpretations of the text for us to study and discuss. This class is designed for the "Sandwich Generation" student (those that are sandwiched between the needs of their children and those of their aging parents and between the ages of 45ish and 65ish). We will focus on topics that are relevant today. If you would like to receive information about upcoming programs, please email Patty Grobman - [pgrobman@harziontemple.org](mailto:pgrobman@harziontemple.org).

### **Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax – Thursdays, 10 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.

### **Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh Group – Thursday, January 30, 7:30 PM – out of the building**

Warm, interactive, and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members. For more information, please contact Meryl Littman, [merylitt@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:merylitt@vet.upenn.edu) or Janice Katz, [rhk101@hotmail.com](mailto:rhk101@hotmail.com).

### **Men's Club Minyannaires with Rabbi Haaz – Friday after 7 AM Minyan**

Breakfast and study with Rabbi Haaz in the Sall Study. Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi's interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning.

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## Adult Ed...

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### Save the Dates!

#### Siddur Study with Dr. Sara H. Cohen

Resumes February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 at 11 AM

An in-depth, multi-faceted study of our Shabbat liturgy. By "unpacking" the many layers of meaning and commentary, by delving into the history, background and lives of the great intellectual giants who wrote our prayers, we gain a keener understanding of their meaning and of the values and ideals inherent in them. Through this sharper knowledge and understanding, we discover what we stand for as Jews. Join us, learn and study with us so that you can connect more readily and easily to our heritage and keep our legacy alive and thriving.

### Coming in April...

#### Ancestral Journeys: Ancient Biblical Myth and End-of-Life Wisdom in Torah and Midrash - Part II with Rabbi Simcha Raphael Tuesdays, April 21, May 5, 19 and June 2, 10-11:30 AM

A four-part mini course exploring sacred moments of transition in the lives of our Biblical ancestors. Through study of texts, conversation and reflection we shall discover helpful guidelines for dealing with end-of-life transitions and challenges in our times.

[Here's a full list of our upcoming Lifelong Learning offerings](#)

## Sisterhood...

### [Open a Book...Open Your Mind 2019-20](#) [Schedule of Authors](#)

#### Open A Book...Open Your Mind Authors

Monday, February 3, 7 PM with Jack Fairweather, "The Volunteer"

Admission \$18

For reservations, call 610-667-5000, ext 109, email us at [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org) or go to [harziontemple.ticketleap.com](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com).



#### Sisterhood Lunch and Program

Thursday, February 6, 12:30 PM – Sharsheret

Sharsheret, a national non-profit organization, improves the lives of Jewish women and families living with or at increased genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer through personalized support and saves lives through educational outreach.

*We will also be collecting new or gently used bras to donate to Mathilde's Mentionables.*

**RSVP needed by January 31**

Free to Sisterhood members; \$10 for non-Sisterhood members

RSVP to Carol Klein Kaplan, [carolkkaplan@harziontemple.org](mailto:carolkkaplan@harziontemple.org)

#### Sisterhood Pink Shabbat – Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22

Honoring Sisterhood Past Presidents

Sisterhood-led Friday evening services at 6 PM followed by dinner

Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM led by Sisterhood followed by Kiddush

RSVP for dinner needed by February 14. Watch the mail for your invitation.

Mah Jongg – Mondays at 12:30 PM

## **Men's Club...**

### **Men's Club Shabbat**

**Friday, January 24 – Services at 6 PM followed by dinner**

**Saturday, January 25 – Services at 9:30 AM followed by Kiddush**

Join us for Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner provided by Joy Landau.

**Reservations required for dinner**



### **Men's Club Breakfast and Program with David Sussman**

**Sunday, January 26, 11 AM**

***A Story of Survival – Jewish Identity and Empowerment: Lessons Learned on the IDF Battlefield***

Mr. Sussman is a motivational speaker and one of Israel's most popular tour guides.

**Reservations requested: [jordan.landau@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.landau@gmail.com)**

**Free and open to the community – Donation suggested**

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### **Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity for you and your family?**

**Join JFCS for a Family Volunteer Opportunity – Sunday, March 1, 2-4 PM**

**Highlighting our Child Welfare program**

The Barbara and Harvey Brodsky Enrichment Center of JFCS, 345 Montgomery Avenue, Bala Cynwyd

We'll bake hamentaschen for JFCS and Mitzvah Food Pantry clients, sort items and stuff duffle bags for children in foster care, and enjoy story time! Children of all ages welcome!

Glatt kosher snacks will be served.

**Cost: \$18 per family (\$20 at the door)**

**RSVP: Please register in advance at [www.jfcsphilly.org/circleofhands](http://www.jfcsphilly.org/circleofhands)**

For more information, contact Emalie Clamage at [eclamage@jfcsphilly.org](mailto:eclamage@jfcsphilly.org)

We are in need of donations of travel-size toiletry items, duffle bags, socks, blankets, and picture frames. If you know of a group or an organization that would like to donate items, please contact Emalie

Clamage at [eclamage@jfcsphilly.org](mailto:eclamage@jfcsphilly.org)

**Circle of Hands Committee:** Kirsten Baritz, *Chair*, Marissa Cohen, Nicole Masloff, Jackie Robins, Michele Rosenfeld, Amy Roslow, Jenna Zalut



### **From the Ritual Committee...**

#### **Our Services Are Made Holier by Your Participation!**

Do you know how to read Torah? Would you like to practice your skills in a low-pressure environment?

Then email us at [RitualCommittee@harziontemple.org](mailto:RitualCommittee@harziontemple.org) to sign up. There are readings of all sizes; we will find the right one for you!

### **BRCA Founder Outreach Study**

Women and men with a *BRCA* gene mutation have a greater risk of developing several types of cancer. Most of those at risk do not know that they carry a *BRCA* mutation.

**The BFOR study provides genetic testing for common *BRCA* mutations** for women and men of Ashkenazi (Eastern European) Jewish ancestry, age 25 or older, in four U.S. metropolitan areas. 95% of American Jews are Ashkenazi.

To learn more: **[The BRCA Founder Outreach \(BFOR\) Study](http://www.bforstudy.com)** ([www.bforstudy.com](http://www.bforstudy.com))

### **Do you need the Har Zion Temple Caring Connection?**

Do you know about the Har Zion Temple Caring Connection? We are a community, 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 any congregant 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 Kim Kliamovich, 610-667-5000, ext 108 or [hzt@harziontemple.org](mailto:hzt@harziontemple.org). Help us help you!

### **College Outreach Program (A free service provided by the Sisterhood of Har Zion)**

During the year, the College Outreach Program sends holiday packages to those college students who are away from home. It is a small way to keep them in touch with Judaism and Har Zion Temple.

Once again we are collecting the names and addresses of our **college students**.

**Please remember that each year addresses change.** You can email your information to: Karen Davis, [daviskjj@aol.com](mailto:daviskjj@aol.com) or Anne Stein, [annestein1@comcast.net](mailto:annestein1@comcast.net).

**Sisterhood Floral Fund Donation Cards** are available for acknowledging special birthdays, special events, happy occasions, new babies and wishes for a speedy recovery, as well as, memorializing loved ones. Contributions to the Floral Fund provide Bimah flowers throughout the year.

**Four for \$30 or \$10 each** – To purchase your donation cards, please contact Janice Katz, 610-525-1101 or [rhk101@hotmail.com](mailto:rhk101@hotmail.com).

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

Stock up on gift cards from Scrip. A percentage of the money you spend on each card benefits the Sisterhood Floral Fund. Why not support Sisterhood while planning your shopping days? Order your Scrip cards and be prepared whenever you shop! Please contact Susan Kochman, 215-272-0475 or [sbkochman@aol.com](mailto:sbkochman@aol.com).



### **Transportation to Har Zion Temple**

**Do you need a ride...**To Services? To daytime or evening meetings and/or programs?

**Can you provide an occasional ride?** What areas would be convenient for you? What Services, meetings, or programs do you usually attend (morning/afternoon/evening)?

**Please contact Meryl Littman, [merylitt@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:merylitt@vet.upenn.edu) or 610-649-3461.**

### **Share Your Simha!**

We encourage you to sponsor an Extended Kiddush to celebrate any special simha, such as an Anniversary of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Baby Naming, Aufruf, Birthday, Anniversary or Graduation, etc. You may also want to consider contributing to our Shabbat Fund in honor of your special occasion. For more information, please contact Emily Berton, ext 109 or [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org).

### **Bimah Flowers Can Be Sponsored**

Bimah flowers can be sponsored in honor of a special occasion such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Anniversary or Special Birthday. Please contact Reisel Weinberger, [risey@aol.com](mailto:risey@aol.com) or 610-668-1148.

#### **Regular Daily Minyan**

Evenings: 6 PM

Mornings: Sunday – 9 AM; Monday and Thursday – 6:50 AM; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 7 AM

#### **Minyan Volunteers Needed**

*"The world stands on three things: on Torah, on prayer and on kindness to others."* – Pirkei Avot

Please register to be called if we need you for daily minyan. E-mail or call Laurie Albert, ext 111 or [lalbert@harziontemple.org](mailto:lalbert@harziontemple.org), with your name and cell phone number for a text.