

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Tikkun Olam is Collecting Donations
for our Martin Luther King Day of Service – Monday, January 21**

We are currently accepting donations of:

- **Clothing for Men, Women, and Children** – professional clothing, shoes, scarves, handbags, belts, cold weather clothing, casual and sports clothing
- **Food** – Non-perishables: canned items, cereal, sauce, peanut butter, condiments
- **Household Goods/Baby Supplies** – tools, sewing/first aid kits, paper towels, tissues, snack packs, toiletries, playing cards, puzzle books, diapers, wipes, onesies, infants and children's winter clothes
- **Pet Items** - Dog/cat carriers, crates, leashes, cans of food, treats, pet store gift cards
- **Books** –Pre-K thru 3rd grade board books for children, teen & adult novels (no texts, diet or cookbooks), puzzle books (sudoku, crossword, word finds)
- **Personal Items** - Disposable razors, toiletries
- **Sports Equipment** – for Leveling the Playing Field ([here's a list](#))

For a complete list of items [click here](#)

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



**Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans and Shorashim Dinner
Friday, January 4, 5:30 PM**

For HZ families with children age infant to 6 years old, but all ages are welcome!
Services with Rabbi Haaz, Hazzan Vogel, Debbie and Amy Jo followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner – BYOB (Kosher). Jeans and casual attire encouraged. Don't miss it!
Be our guest! However, reservations are required for dinner.

We really do need you to RSVP!! [Register Now!](#)

This Week...

**Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD – Mondays, 10:30 AM
(After January 7, this class will resume February 4)**

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then moves on to examine stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming?

Rabbi Shawn and the Search for God – Mondays, 12-1 PM

Join Rabbi Shawn and his intrepid group of explorers on this year's journey into modern theology. Together we will wrestle with the meaning and religious concepts that affect us as individuals and as a people.



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.

D'var T'filah with Hazzan Vogel – Tuesday 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.

Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector – Tuesday, January 8, 10 AM and 5 PM

Upcoming dates: January 22; February 5, 19; March 5, 19

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. This fall the focus will be on the works of Yiddish poet and songwriter, Mordkhe Gebirtig.

TISCH with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesday after 7 AM Minyan

TISCH – remain after Minyan for breakfast and halacha study with Rabbi Shawn in the Rudofker Library. We will read the traditional and then connect it to our own current practices.

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.

Sisterhood General Meeting – Wednesday, January 9, 1:30 PM

Educate and Empower Yourself about Breast Cancer with Dr. Marisa Weiss

Director of Breast Radiation Oncology and Director of Breast Health Outreach at Lankenau, and chief Medical Officer and Founder of Breastcancer.org

Free and open to the community

RSVP to Carol Klein Kaplan, ckkaplan@harziontemple.org



Har Zion After Dark – Wednesday, January 9

6:30 PM – *The Bible Talks to Itself: The flood stories as the undoing of Creation* with Dr. Ely Levine

7:45 PM – *Art Studio Time: Mezuzah Case with Fimo* with Ariela Barlas

Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax – Thursdays, 10 AM, Rudofker Library

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.

Current Events with Norman Einhorn – Thursday, January 10, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Ripped from the day’s headlines, our multimedia classes revolve around issues that are making the news. All opinions are welcome, total respect is required.

Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh – Thursday, January 10, 7:30 PM

Monthly meetings to discuss topics related to the holidays and themes of each month. Hosted in a congregant’s home. For more information, please contact Judy Shrager, judyshrager@comcast.net.

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.

More Adult Education at HZT...

Har Zion After Dark

Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30

6:30-7:30 (early session)

Dr. Ely Levine – *The Bible Talks to Itself*

January 9 – The flood stories as the undoing of Creation

January 16 – Creation as prefiguration of the building of the Tabernacle

January 23 – Chronicles rereads Kings

January 30 – Sennacherib's invasion in II Kings, Isaiah and II Chronicles - and archaeology and Assyrian sources

7:45-8:45 PM (later session)

Art Studio Time with Ariela Barlas

Come get messy and creative in the art room with Ariela. Each week participants will have a chance to make a Jewish ritual object and engage themselves as learners with their hearts and hands rather than only with their minds.

January 9 – Mezuzah Case with Fimo

January 16 – Glass Kiddush Cup, decorating with glass paint and other material

January 23 – Candlesticks: Glass candlesticks, painted, decorated with Fimo or other materials (your choice)

January 30 – Birkat Habayit, decorated canvas boards with blessing for a residence



Special Programming

***Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife:
Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives
with Dr. Simcha Raphael***

**Tuesdays, February 12, 26; March 12, 26
10-11:30 AM**

An exploration of Jewish afterlife texts spanning three millennia of history. As travelers through time, we shall enter the worlds of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar and Hasidic tales investigating diverse ways Jews have understood the enigmatic mystery of death and the world beyond. Searching for spiritual renewal of traditional teachings, we shall use these texts for reflection and discussion discovering practical guidelines for responding to the human encounter with death - personally, and in our families and communities.

Simcha Raphael, PhD is the Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training.



[Here's a full list of our upcoming Adult Education offerings](#)

Sisterhood...

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Sisterhood Board Meeting – Sunday, January 13, 10 AM

**Sisterhood Shabbat – Friday-Saturday, February 1-2
Friday Dinner following 6 PM Services
\$39/adult, \$18/child 6-12, child 2-5 complimentary
*Open to entire congregation***

RSVP needed by Monday, January 28

Saturday Morning Services at 9:30 AM followed by an Extended Kiddush

Watch the mail for your invitation. For more info, contact Andrea Robbins, arrelst8@gmail.com

Men's Club...

**Men's Club Shabbat – Friday-Saturday, January 11-12
6 PM – Friday evening services led by Men's Club members followed by Shabbat dinner
Dinner: \$36/Adult, \$18/Child (ages 6-13) *Open to entire congregation*
RSVP has been extended to Monday, January 7, please contact
Steve Moskowitz, drsmoskowitz@gmail.com**

9:30 AM – Saturday morning services led by Men's Club members followed by an Extended Kiddush

First Annual HZ Men's Club Tennis Outing – Saturday, January 26, 7-8:30 PM

Join us at the [Radnor Racquet Club](#) (175 King of Prussia Road, Radnor) for the 1st Annual Har Zion Men's Club Tennis Outing.

\$25 per person and includes food, tennis balls and indoor court time in a round robin format.

Open to all Har Zion members – all ages are welcome!

This event is limited to the first 30 people.

RSVP ASAP to Morris Kurtzman at mkurtz2718@aol.com or Larry Brown at lawbbro2004@verizon.net
Mike Solomon, *Tennis Committee Chair*

Youth...

Har Zion Youth invites you, the parents, to have a night out!

Leave the kids with us!

Saturday nights, 6:30-9:30 PM: January 12, February 9, March 16

All HZT kids ages 4-12 in three different groups – Supervised programming, fun, Havdalah service and hearty snack

Cost per entry ticket: 1 for \$28, 3 for \$75, 6 for \$132, 12 for \$240

Entry tickets can be used for your own child/ren or for a friend

Late care - 9:30-10:30 PM can be arranged separately for \$10/child

Questions and to RSVP: skenworthy@harziontemple.org or 610-664-5746



Tikkun Olam...

-Collecting Items MLK Day – [here's the list](#) plus [sporting equipment we're collecting](#)

-Volunteers Needed for Federation's Mitzvah Food Program – [Click here](#) for more information.

Questions, please contact Norma Dworkin, 610-547-9448.

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 Laurie Albert, 610-667-5000, ext 111 or lalbert@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 or Anne Stein, 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.

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.



INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS

Mom's Melanoma Leads to Israeli Device for Early Detection

Ofir Aharon was in the last year of his PhD studies in electro-optics when his mother was diagnosed with melanoma. Learning all he could about this deadly form of skin cancer, Aharon came to the conclusion that more than half of malignant melanoma lesions (usually, moles) fail to be diagnosed in the first two years after they appear – at a stage when treatment could be lifesaving.

“Physicians say 50 percent of skin cancer starts out ‘innocent’ and then becomes cancer, but pathologists familiar with tissue structure say 95% of lesions that look innocent already started as cancer. I wondered why there was no tool that could show the early deterioration of lesions much before they became pigmented,” said Aharon.

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

Transportation to Har Zion Temple

"Oh, if I'd only known she/he needed a ride to Har Zion."

"Oh, I would have been there but I couldn't get a ride."

We are hearing these statements more and more – and would like to help our congregants who would like to attend services, meetings and programs.

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 Nanci Goldman, nancigoldman22@gmail.com or 610-664-7987.

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.

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 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, with your name and cell phone number for a text.