

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tikkun Olam Collecting Items for Thanksgiving Baskets

Please donate **KOSHER** food items for our Thanksgiving Baskets and help to deliver them to local families.

We are collecting:

Canned green vegetables

Canned cranberry sauce

Canned yams/sweet potatoes

Tea bags

Drop offs can be made in the office.

Sorting will be Thursday, November 21

Basket delivery will be Sunday, November 24 at 9:30 AM in the large kitchen.

We will meet and give out designated addresses.

Questions, please contact Norma (610-547-9448) or Melissa (215-432-7800).



Please join us as we joyfully celebrate the Installation of Rabbi Seth Haaz as Senior Rabbi

Sunday, November 17, 10:45 AM

Luncheon to follow

For info: call Norman at 610-667-5000, ext 150

HSA Holiday Gift Bazaar – Tuesday, December 3, 5-8 PM

\$15 in advance/\$20 at the door (includes one drink ticket and light appetizers)

Come shop unique local vendors to support the NCCECE.

Open to the community!

Purchase tickets with check or cash at the HZT office, Venmo (Har Zion HSA), or

at harziontemple.ticketleap.com/hsa-gift-bazaar

Questions: contact Amy Langsam, amy.langsam@gmail.com



Frozen II Hanukkah Celebration – Tuesday, December 17, 5:30-8 PM

Something for Everyone!

Meet and Greet – Photos with the Frozen Characters

Dinner Stations – Vodka and Latke Bar – Kids' Buffet – Crafts, DJ, Photo Booth, Kid-friendly Movie

Community Hanukkiah Lighting – 6:30 PM

Make your reservations by Tuesday, December 10

Adults \$25 / Children (ages 2-13) \$10

AFTER DECEMBER 10 – Adults \$30/Children \$15

Drop a check at the front desk, call us, or email your RSVP to eberton@harziontemple.org

Second Annual HZ Men's Club Tennis Outing –

Saturday, January 18, 7-8:30 PM

Join us at the [Radnor Racquet Club](http://RadnorRacquetClub.com) (175 King of Prussia Road, Radnor)

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

\$10 per person if you're not playing tennis

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

Mike Solomon, *Tennis Committee Chair*

RSVP ASAP to Morris Kurtzman at mkurtz2718@aol.com or Larry Brown at lawbbro2004@verizon.net



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?

Getting Philosophical with Rabbi Shawn – Mondays, 1 PM

Come study Jewish Philosophy with a great group of learners. The class is facilitated by Rabbi Shawn and together we read and discuss articles on topics of philosophy. This year our focus will be on Zionism, Messianism and Jewish Radicalism



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.

Har Zion After Dark – Monday, November 18, 6:30 PM

Reel Torah with Dr. Ely Levine
The Ten Commandments (1956)

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.

Ancestral Journeys: Ancient Biblical Myth and End-of-Life Wisdom in Torah and Midrash with Simcha Raphael

Tuesday, November 19, 10-11:30 AM

An exploration of the themes of life, death, loss and transformation in the sacred stories of the Book of Genesis, with contemporary guidelines for living life in our times.

Isaac's Midlife Transition - The Akedah as a Near-Death Experience

What really happened to Isaac when his father brought him to be sacrificed? Through an exploration of both Torah and Midrash, we shall look at the Akedah as a near-death experience which led to the spiritual emergence of Isaac.

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.

Siddur Study with Dr. Sara H. Cohen – Wednesday, November 20, 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.

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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.

Sisterhood Book Club – Wednesday, November 20, 12:30-3:30 PM

Held at the home of a congregant – For more information, please contact Barbara Kardon, barbkardon@comcast.net.

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

There will be no class on November 28

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, November 21, 7:30 PM

Judy Shrager: Psalms

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 or Janice Katz, rhk101@hotmail.com.

Men's Club Minyannaires with Rabbi Haaz – Fridays after 7 AM Minyan

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

Adult Ed...



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Simcha Raphael, Ph.D. is Founding Director of DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training. Adjunct Professor in Religion at LaSalle University, and a psychotherapist and spiritual director, he is a Fellow of Rabbis Without Borders network, and author of the ground-breaking classic Jewish Views of the Afterlife. His website is www.daatinstitute.net

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

Sisterhood...

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

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Trip to See *Fiddler on the Roof* – Sunday, December 8

Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani is inviting Sisterhood to join the Golden Slipper Gems for a lovely day in NYC to see *Fiddler on the Roof* in Yiddish. The price includes round trip bus and tickets. Lunch is on your own. Please [click here](#) for information.



Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon

on behalf of The Seminaries of the Conservative Movement

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 AM

Honoring **Maxine Rosen**

RSVP needed by December 3

Mah Jongg – Mondays at 12:30 PM

Men's Club...

Men's Club Pub Night – Thursday, December 12, 6:30-9 PM

Bodega by La Cibra Brewing (810 Glenbrook Ave, Bryn Mawr)

Please bring a new unwrapped gift for Jewish Family and Children's Services kids for Hanukkah.

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Tikkun Olam...

HIAS is Seeking a Contact for Wholesale Linens

In order to continue supporting our work furnishing the homes of newly arrived refugees (in partnership with Main Line Reform Temple), HIAS PA is seeking a contact in wholesale linens. It would be wonderful if everyone in the Congregational Circle could circulate this request to your members. If anyone is in this business or has a contact, please email community@hiaspa.org. Thank you so much!

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 to sign up. There are readings of all sizes; we will find the right one for you!

SHOP THE GIFT BOX FOR ALL YOUR GIFT-GIVING NEEDS!

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 school is in session)

Additional hours by appointment.

For info, please call 610-667-2698, or email giftbox@harziontemple.org.

Volunteers Needed – National Museum of American Jewish History

Volunteers are needed for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – Flexible hours

Your support is very important to the Museum

Please call Olivia, 215-923-3811

AIPAC Community Program

Wednesday, November 6, 7:30 pm

Hilton City Avenue

Please join the Greater Philadelphia AIPAC community as we celebrate bipartisan Congressional support of the U.S.-Israel relationship. The program will feature local Members of Congress who just returned from an impactful trip to Israel. **Congresswoman Madeleine Dean (D-PA 4th), Congressman Dan Meuser (R-PA 9th) and Congresswoman Susan Wild (D-PA 7th)** will participate in a discussion on their recent trip to Israel and other issues that affect both the United States and Israel. Additionally, **AIPAC Managing Director for National Affairs Elliot Brandt** will discuss the state of bipartisanship and how it impacts the U.S.-Israel relationship. This program is free and open to all those who want to show their support of Israel and their appreciation of pro-Israel members of Congress. To register or learn more about this event, please click on the link in the flyer below, call the AIPAC Philadelphia office at 215-587-4101 or email philly@aipac.org.

This event is not to be missed!



Israel Bonds Philadelphia – Women's Division Invites You to an Aviva Program – An Educational Programming Initiative – Friday, November 8, 11:30 AM

Maggiano's – 1201 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Guest Speaker – Daniel Sahalo

RSVP by November 1

Lunch - Fish or Vegetarian – Couvert: \$36* per person or \$54* as an Aviva Angel**

[Click here](#) for more information

Women's Division Chair: Jean Herz; Aviva Chairs: Melinda Hochberg & Ellen Pries; Aviva Planning Committee: Lois Kaliner, Peggy Sterling, Carol Klein Kaplan, Marilyn Toub, Joy Novick, Sherrie Willner, Sharon Schanzer

Minimum \$100 Women's Division bond purchase required in 2019

Visit israelbonds.com to invest online

For info and to RSVP, contact: Sharon Richman, Registered Representative

267.443.2005 | 800.752.5671 | sharon.richman@israelbonds.com



Federation Civil Rights Mission

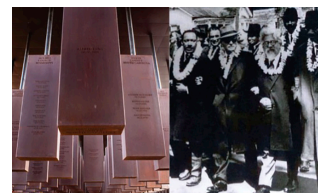
January 11 - 14, 2020

Join us for three days as we experience the historic struggle that helped shape our nation. Walk together in American history with the Philadelphia Civil Rights Mission to Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, Alabama.

Co-sponsored by the JCRC, ADL, AJC, and Kaiserman JCC

Co-Chairs: Rachelle & Ron Kaiserman, Ed Blumenthal, David Smith

For more information: Missy Stein, Director of Missions & Travel at mstein@jewishphilly.org or 215-832-0629, or visit <https://jewishphilly.org/get-involved/mission-trips/civil-rights-mission/>



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)

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, daviskjji@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

Revolutionary Patch Keeps Brain Safe after Cranial Surgery

If you're ever unfortunate enough to require brain surgery, Israeli startup Nurami Medical has got you covered – literally. The Haifa-based company has developed a patch made of synthetic, biodegradable nanofibers meant to be affixed to the dura mater – the protective membrane underneath the skull that keeps the brain and spinal cord safe – after cranial neurosurgery.

Brain surgery requires cutting through the dura, so a “bandage” of some sort must be placed to protect against bacteria, accelerate healing and keep cerebral spinal fluid from leaking. Nurami's nanofiber patches mimic the dura mater in a way that's safer and less expensive than the animal collagen-based products currently used for post-brain surgery recovery, said the company's CEO Hannoeh Marksheid.

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

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 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.

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.