

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Our Spiritual Community

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 – 28 KISLEV

Third Day of Hanukkah – Light Fourth Candle

4:17 PM - Candle Lighting

6 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

7 PM - Congregational Oneg Shabbat

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 – 28 KISLEV

Fourth Day of Hanukkah – Light Fifth Candle

9:30 AM - Kol Tefilah –Morning Service

10:45 AM - Parashat Hashavuah – Adult Torah Study

4:15 PM - Minha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

5:21 PM - Shabbat ends

6 PM - Teen Dessert & Discussion – at the home of the Schulman family

Tikkun Olam is Collecting Donations

for our Martin Luther King Day of Service – Monday, January 15, 1-3 PM

We are currently accepting donations of:

- **Shul Stitchers** – 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 **labeled flame retardant**)
- **Maternity Care Coalition** – Onesies, diapers, wipes, formula, infant first aid items, receiving blankets, pacifiers, baby books

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



**PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) Presents
An American Teen: Lost and Found in the Holy Land
Sunday, December 17, 1-3 PM**

Guest speaker: **Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani**

Benjamin B. Levin Room

No charge for this program - Open to the community



**Mah Jongg Mondays with Sisterhood and the HSA
Come Play! Come Learn!**

Every Monday, 12:30 -2:30 PM and First Monday of the month, 7-9 PM

There will be no Mah Jongg on Monday, December 25 and January 1

Join the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the HSA of the Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education in weekly/monthly community open Mah Jongg play – Canasta players welcome! You may bring a Kosher dairy lunch or dairy/parve Kosher snacks.

Mah Jongg instruction available - \$10 per person

FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Questions and to RSVP: Nina Greberman, 610-733-1399 or ninagrebs@gmail.com

Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector

Tuesdays, December 19 and January 2, 10 AM and 5 PM

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

Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen

Wednesday, December 20 – 10:30-11:30 AM

A comprehensive study of our liturgy, using the Siddur (Jewish prayer book), as our text. We will explore the history, origins, authors, structures and meaning of our prayers from Biblical times to the present. This “virtual tour of Judaism” will enlighten us, enable us to relate more fully to our prayers and make our attendance at worship services more meaningful and enjoyable.



**Am Echad, Lev Echad – One People, One Heart
with Ritasue Charlestein**

Wednesday, December 20, 7 PM

With guitar in hand, a ready smile and a heart filled with love, Ritasue will introduce you to her Israel! She will warm your soul and move you to tears. The tales she tells and the songs she sings present a unique glimpse into the lives of those who protect and defend the State of Israel. Ritasue's program is very powerful and inspiring, as she weaves together story and song in testimony of the bravery, courage and selflessness of Israel's soldiers.

FREE and open to the community – Light Israeli fare

Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone

Thursdays, 11 AM-Noon

Rabbi Dr. David Hartman – **December 21**

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



What Are We Doing When We Do Jewish?

Shifting from Performance to Practice

Save the date – February 9-11

Visiting Scholar – Rabbi Jonathan Slater

More information to follow.

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!

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 (\$10 each) – To purchase your donation cards, please contact Michelle Strayer, 610-992-9371 or moibas83@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. Why not support Sisterhood while planning your shopping days? Order your Scrip cards and be prepared whenever you shop! Please contact Michele Perlstein, mshoueka@hotmail.com or 610-519-1211 for more information.



INNOVATION UPDATE FROM

Reinventing The Cinema Experience For The Digital Age

The demise of the movie theater has been long predicted but has yet to come. The final nail in the coffin may be streaming services like Netflix and inexpensive 4K flat-screen monitors, which make staying in with a bucket of homemade popcorn a cost-effective and (for millennials who prefer to watch movies on personal devices) convenient alternative to the Cineplex. Alon Nisim Cohen, a cinema buff and fan of the classic movie-theater concept, decided he wasn't about to let a time-honored tradition become the latest casualty of the digital age. Instead, he'd bring digital smarts to the theater. The result is Muvix, a mash up of the comforts of home with the excitement of a night out on the town, all run by an intriguing mobile app. 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, NanciG22@aol.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 Executive Director Gavi Miller, ext 105 or [gmiller@harziontemple.org](mailto:gmilller@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.

SHOP THE GIFT BOX FOR ALL 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.

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.