

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans – Friday, January 3, 5:30 PM

Services with Rabbi Haaz, Hazzan Vogel and Debbie Folz

Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans is a monthly opportunity to welcome Shabbat with singing, dancing, prayer, and complimentary dinner, BYOB (Kosher). Jeans and casual attire encouraged! This service is geared for all Har Zion families with children age infant to 6 years old, but all ages are welcome!

Free – Reservations required, dfolz@harziontemple.org

Starting January 6

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.



Joy of Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 10 following 6 PM Services

All ages welcome!

BYOB (Kosher unopened)

\$10/adults, \$5/child (under 13) if you RSVP by January 3

\$15 per adult, \$10 per child (under 13) after January 3

RSVP by 5 PM on Wednesday, January 8 to guarantee your reservation.

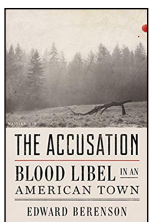
SPECIAL SERIES SPEAKER AT 8:15 PM (Free and open to the community)

My Journey and the World of Interfaith Work today

Allyson Zacharoff

Sponsored by the Fishman Institute for Adult Jewish Studies

RSVP to Emily Berton, eberton@harziontemple.org



Har Zion After Dark– Monday, January 13, 7 PM

Open a Book...Open Your Mind author

Edward Berenson

The Accusation

Admission \$18

For reservations, call 610-667-5000, ext 109, email us at eberton@harziontemple.org or go to harziontemple.ticketleap.com.

Family Friendly Fridays – January 17, 5:45 PM

A program for the post-Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans crowd!

Family Service with Norman & Rabbi Shawn followed by catered dinner

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

\$36 per family (2 adults & kids)

\$18 per adult

\$36 to put a message on our Shabbat Simcha Wall

\$360 to sponsor a Shabbat to help offset costs

\$1800 Shabbat Superstar Supporter

RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 13

You can mail a check payable to Har Zion Temple, email Norman Einhorn (neinhorn@harziontemple.org) to be billed on your HZT account, or [click here](#)

Please appreciate that we must stick to our RSVP date of Monday, January 13.

**Second Annual HZ Men's Club Tennis Outing –
Saturday, January 18, 7-8:30 PM**

Join Rabbi Haaz and C at the [Radnor Racquet Club](#) (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 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



Open to All Har Zion Families – Sunday, January 19

Jointly sponsored by JFGRS and the Men's Club

Box Making: 8:30 to 10 AM

Food Box Packing: Tiny Tots (ages 6 and under) 8:30 to 9:30 AM;

All ages: 10 - 11:30 AM

Food Delivery: 10 AM - 3 PM

We deliver food boxes throughout the 5 county Greater Philadelphia region. Most of our delivery routes are right in Northeast Philly, just 10-15 minutes from our warehouse. [Check out this map of Northeast Philly to see where we deliver.](#)

[Click here to sign up](#)



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

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



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?



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 – 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.

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.

**Holiday Learning Series with Rabbi Ira Flax –
Thursdays, December 26, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Hanukkah and winter**

Men's Club Minyannaires with Dr. Ely Levine – Friday, December 27 after 7 AM Minyan
Men's Club-sponsored study in the Rudofker Library. Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with texts and commentaries.

Adult Ed...

New Class Starting January 6

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

Sisterhood...

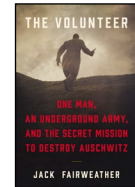
**[Open a Book...Open Your Mind 2019-20](#)
[Schedule of Authors](#)**

Sisterhood Board Meeting – Sunday, January 12, 10 AM

Open A Book...Open Your Mind Authors

Monday, January 13, 7 PM with Edward Berenson, "*The Accusation*"

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



Sisterhood Lunch and Programs

Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 AM – Lunch and General Meeting with Rabbi Haaz

Thursday, February 6, 12:30 PM – Lunch and General Meeting on Sharsheret

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

RSVP to Carol Klein Kaplan, carolkkaplan@harzientemple.org

Mah Jongg – Mondays at 12:30 PM

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Men's Club Shabbat – Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25



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.
Free and open to the community – Donation suggested

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



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

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.



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.