

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Our Spiritual Community

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 5 TEVET

4:20 PM - Candle Lighting

6 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 – 5 TEVET

9:30 AM - *Kol Tefilah* –Morning Service

4:20 PM - Minha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

5:24 PM - Shabbat ends

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
- **GENTLY LOVED OR NEW STUFFED ANIMALS**

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

Special MLK Weekend Program – Friday, January 12

In celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend, join us for Joy of Shabbat Dinner followed by an engaging program with the Black-Jewish Alliance of the ADL

5:45 PM – Kol Zimra (Instrumental Service) and Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

7 PM – Joy of Shabbat Dinner

All ages welcome – \$10/adult, \$5/child under 13 – BYOB (Kosher unopened)

RSVP by Noon Wednesday, January 10

Contact Harriet, 610-667-5000 or hzt@harziontemple.org and bring your payment to the front desk

8 PM – Join us in the Dogole Chapel for our Program with the ADL

Dessert to Follow





Hello Past and Hopefully New Shpielers!

Rehearsals will be every Thursday from 7 - 8:30pm

Starting Thursday, January 4 in Room 215

Do you enjoy singing, acting, dancing? Are you looking for fun, laughs and camaraderie? We hope you will take a part in this year's Purim Shpiel which will take place the evening of Wednesday, February 28.

Michael Jackson's "The Thriller Megiller"

You can give as much or as little time as your schedule allows!

We'll read through the script and listen to the songs. Bring along any friends whom you think might be interested. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact: dfolz@harzientemple.org



Fishman Institute Visiting Scholar – February 9-11

RABBI JONATHAN SLATER

Shifting from Performance to Practice: What Are We Doing When We 'Do Jewish'?

An introduction to the idea of Jewish practice as making "unifications" – internally, with others and the world; to speak about what it means to engage in "prayer as practice;" and living a life of intentionality as the goal of Jewish practice.

Friday Evening

During 6 PM Services – "Shabbat As Incubation"

Shabbat can be a time in which what we've done in the past week is transformed and raised up, allowing us to enter the coming week with energy and determination. We will reflect on the previous week, and sing our way into Shabbat.

8 PM following Joy of Shabbat Dinner*– "To Live Torah Today"

What is the purpose of our Jewish religious practice? Of course it is to preserve tradition, and to fulfill the mitzvot.

But, what are the mitzvot for? We will investigate together one way to answer this question.

***Join us for the Joy of Shabbat dinner and stay for the lecture.**

All ages welcome – \$10/adult, \$5/child under 13

RSVP by the Monday, February 5, 610-667-5000 or hzt@harzientemple.org or at harzientemple.ticketleap.com

A small service fee will be charged for online reservations.

Saturday Morning

Following Kiddush – "What is Prayer?"

Prayer is a central component of Jewish religious life. But when "going to services" is all that we know of prayer, it may feel alien, far from our own hearts. How else might we conceive of prayer, and find it in our own lives?

Sunday Morning

Following 9 AM Services, during breakfast – "Prayer as Practice"

What do we have to do to cultivate a personal prayer practice? How might doing so change how we understand, find our place in and seek satisfaction from our communal worship?

Rabbi Slater's books are available in the Landau Gift Box.



Israel at 70

The first exile – after the destruction of the first Temple – lasted for 70 years. Upon return to Israel, it is exclaimed in the Psalms that our dreams had been fulfilled. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of the first Jewish state in nearly 2000 years!

Come learn with us and engage in learning about the continued miracle that is Modern Israel.

All programs labeled with this icon include Israel at 70 content.

These programs are generously sponsored by the Shirley & Norman Greenbaum Yom Ha'atzmaut Fund.

For the upcoming adult ed schedule and Israel at 70 programs, go to

www.harzientemple.org/harzion/ehighlights/18adulted-israel70.pdf



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 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, January 10, 24, 10 AM and 5 PM

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

Current Events with Norman Einhorn – Thursday, January 11, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

At the home of Patty Grobman

Jerusalem and how it is divided between various groups and how those divisions came to be. Is Jerusalem part of the West Bank?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ED SERIES

6:20-7 PM - light fare and refreshments

7-8 PM - Classes

January 17, 24 and February 14

Rabbi Shawn and the Philosophopher's Stone

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

Ariela Barlas – Judaic Art

Come get messy and creative with Ariela – Art Room (Rm 200)



Ben Rotenberg – Competing Visions for the Jewish State

We will be exploring the words by important early Zionist thinkers and sharing our responses to their own dreams and concerns about Israel. We will be using Arthur Hertzberg's book, *"The Zionist Idea,"* along with images and articles from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone

Thursdays, 11 AM-Noon

January 18, 25, February 1 –A Covenantal Chosen People

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

Israel at 70 Featured Speakers



Rabbi Arie Hasit

Thursday, January 18

Lunch at 12 PM, lecture at 1 PM

From Talking to a Wall to Building Bridges: The Quest for Jewish Pluralism in Israel

With the collapse of the Kotel Compromise Agreement, the continued monopoly of the Ultra-Orthodox Rabbinate, and a series of disparaging remarks by Israeli government ministers, it sometimes seems like fighting for religious pluralism is a constant battle. At the same time, Conservative rabbis and community leaders on the ground are finding new ways to build bridges to Israelis thirsty for an open-minded approach to Judaism. Come join Rabbi Arie Hasit, the founding rabbi of a new Masorti community in the town of Mazkeret Batya, to learn about the challenges and opportunities of creating a dynamic community in Israel that celebrates pluralism.



Rachel Korazim

Wednesday, January 31

Nosh 6:30-7 PM, class 7-8:15 PM

On a Silver Platter - The Birth of an Iconic Text

Among the many beautiful literary works created in Israel, there are a few that acquired an iconic position. Of those, Alderman's "The Silver Platter," is in a unique position as the ritual text of commemoration for soldiers fallen for the defense of the state. It is recited in ceremonies all over Israel every Yom Hazikaron and is included in many siddurim. This session will explore the circumstances and events that brought about the composition of this outstanding text. They are all

to be found within often forgotten, yet very dramatic three weeks of the early days of the state. After unveiling the secrets of its creation, we shall study the poem in depth uncovering references to the past and prophetic visions of the future for the State of Israel.

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 ISRAEL IDEAS

Traffic-monitoring Tech To Make Cities Smarter and Safer

Fixing our broken traffic systems is critical. A recent study by the US National Highway Transportation Authority found that over 40,000 Americans died in traffic crashes in 2016 – the highest number in five years. Traffic congestion and damage from accidents cost the US economy nearly half a trillion dollars a year. Worldwide, 1.3 million people die on the roads every year, with another 20 million injured or disabled. Car crashes are the main cause of death among young people aged 15 to 29 in the US.

Speed limits, crashes and bumper-to-bumper traffic may become a thing of the past (or at least less of an annoyance) thanks to Israeli technology. A startup called Waycare is helping to put the smarts into smart cities by monitoring everything to do with traffic flow – traffic lights, road sensors, security cameras and data sent from connected cars. Waycare consolidates and makes sense of all that data for a city's traffic management center.

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.