

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Building Our Spiritual Community*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 2 TEVET

Sixth Day of Hanukkah – light seventh candle

4:27 PM - Candle Lighting

6 PM - Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 2 TEVET

Seventh Day of Hanukkah – light eighth candle

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

4:25 PM - Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

5:31 PM - Shabbat Ends

### Sign Up Today for HZT Connect

What is HZT Connect? It's our new Member portal to all that is happening at Har Zion Temple, the NCCECE, the JFGRS, and more! How do I sign up? Visit [harziontemple.org](http://harziontemple.org) and click the link at the top of the page. Once you're signed up, you will be able to see and RSVP for events, send messages to other members, and more! Need a little more help? Call our new Director of Communications, Ebby Goldsmith, 610-667-5000, to get all the help you need! Ebby will meet with you in her office, or your home, whichever you prefer!

### ONLY A FEW SEATS REMAIN!

*Jerusalem 1000–1400: Every People Under Heaven*

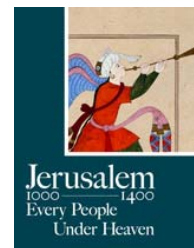
Wednesday, January 4, 8 AM - 6 PM

Members Trip to NYC – Limited to 25 attendees

\$125 per person • Payment required with RSVP

Join Rabbi Rosenberg for a trip back in time! We will meet at Har Zion for bagels and coffee, then head to NYC for a day of studying the art of Jerusalem from 1000 BCE to the present. Round trip transportation, light breakfast, lunch at Ben's Deli, a presentation by Artist and JTS Curator Tobi Kahn, admission with guided tour to *Jerusalem 1000–1400: Every People Under Heaven*, and a day of community learning are all included in the cost.

**We are limited to the first 25 paid attendees and have ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT. Please see Shonnie in the office ASAP to reserve your seats!** This program is presented as part of *Engaging Jerusalem*. For more information about other upcoming programs in this series, go to [harziontemple.org](http://harziontemple.org).



NCCECE and JFGRS will be closed through January 2

### Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans Celebrating Stay and Play, Shalom Chai, and Garinim

Friday, January 6, 5:30 PM



Join us for lively services with guitar and a delicious dinner with options for kids and adults. Geared for families with children, infants to six years old, but all ages are welcome. Jeans and casual clothes encouraged. This event is generously sponsored by the HSA of the NCCECE.

Reservations required. Email [Skenworthy@harziontemple.org](mailto:Skenworthy@harziontemple.org), call 610.667.6534 or visit the calendar at HZT Connect to RSVP.

## Engaging Jerusalem

### "If I forget thee O Jerusalem..."

Jerusalem has captured the imagination of Jews for centuries. It's the direction to which we pray, it's the aspiration of centuries of dreamers, it holds hope and promise for many.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, Har Zion will engage our kehillah in a celebration of the city of our eternal city of hope. Over the next eight months, we will explore the diverse role Jerusalem has played for us as a people from biblical times to present day.

Each month has been assigned a verb that will guide our exploration. January will be Studying Jerusalem. Throughout January we will offer opportunities both within our regular class schedule and through special programs to explore Jerusalem in all of her diversity, struggles, and glory.



All programs labeled with this icon will include *Engaging Jerusalem* content.



### Siddur Study

*From Reading to Meaning: A Comprehensive Exploration of the Prayer Book*

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM

#### *Special Engaging Jerusalem content January 18*

Come to explore the history of the development of our liturgy. Study the structure and contents of the Siddur, the textbook of the synagogue. Learn about our prayers—who wrote them, when, why, and what they mean, and how can we relate to them today. By reading our prayers in Hebrew and learning their meaning, we will enhance our enjoyment of the weekly Shabbat services. Led by Dr. Sara Cohen.

*Sponsored by Sisterhood – All are invited*



### Popular Commentaries on Genesis

Thursdays at 10 AM

*Special Engaging Jerusalem content January 12*

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. Led by Rabbi Rosenberg.

### Experience the Joys of Yiddish

Tuesday, January 10 and 24, 10 AM and 5 PM

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



### Hot Topic: Jerusalem

Wednesday, January 11, 6:15 PM

Join our month-long focus on studying Jerusalem. This class will focus on a multi-media look at the complexities facing the Holy City. Led by Norman Einhorn.

### Tikkun Olam is Collecting Donations

for our Martin Luther King Day of Service – Monday, January 16

*We are currently accepting donations of:*

- **Clothing for Men, Women, and Children** - Professional attire, jewelry, watches, handbags, dress shoes, casual clothing, formal wear, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, etc.
- **Household Goods** - Can openers, spatulas, turners (flippers), ladles, tongs, serving/cooking forks and spoons, towels (gently used), laundry detergent, pots, pans, NEW pillows, etc.
- **Pet Items** - Dog/cat carriers, crates, leashes, cans of food, treats
- **Books** - Children's books, Art how-to for adults, Spanish-English dictionaries, legal dictionaries
- **Personal Items** - Disposable razors, reading glasses, sample-sized toiletries

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

**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](mailto:mshoueka@hotmail.com) – 610-519-1211 for more information.



## **INNOVATION UPDATE FROM**

### **No-Hands-Needed Smartphone**

Access to smartphone technology for the disabled is a lot easier. Sesame Enable is an Israeli company that allows people to control their cell phones without using their hands. The device is designed for individuals with ALS and other debilitating diseases, in which victims are unable to move their limbs and has reached more than 1,200 customers globally, including in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon, in the three years since it was set up.

“It’s rare that an initiative can address the needs of an entire cohort,” says Sesame Enable CEO and co-founder Oded Ben Dov. “We are thrilled to improve the lives of so many people who have until now been shut out of the smartphone revolution. The Sesame Phone empowers people with limited or no use of their hands to gain independence and privacy and become digitally connected – things many of us take for granted in the digital age.”

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

## **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](mailto: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 Program and Events Coordinator Shonnie Lebovitz, ext 106 or [slebovitz@harziontemple.org](mailto:slebovitz@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](mailto:risey@aol.com) or 610-668-1148.

## **Shop the Gift Box for all Gift-Giving and Holiday Needs**

### **Regular hours:**

**Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM to 4 PM, Friday, 9:30 AM to 3 PM**

**Sunday, 9:45 AM to 1 PM (when school is in session)**

**Additional hours by appointment.**

For info, 610-667-2698 or [giftbox@harziontemple.org](mailto:giftbox@harziontemple.org)

The Gift Box accepts credit cards – giving you more flexibility to shop!

## **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](mailto:lalbert@harziontemple.org), with your name and cell phone number for a text.