

OTHER HZT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN

All are welcome. For more information, please call Rabbi Gary Charlestein, 610-239-6003.

Tuesdays in Jenkintown at the Library of Adath Jeshurun Congregation, 12:00-1:00 PM.

Tuesdays in Center City at the offices of Cozen & O'Connor, 1900 Market St in the Phila Stock Exchange Building, 12:00-1:30 PM. **Rabbi Robert Alpert teaches at this location on December 9.**

Wednesdays in Plymouth Meeting at the offices of Premier Dental, 1710 Romano Drive – off Ridge Pike and Belvoir Road, 12:30-1:30 PM. **Rabbi Gary Charlestein teaches at this location.**

HAVDALAH HANUKKAH PAJAMA CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

In the Berkowitz Family Auditorium

Join us for a delicious dinner (Breakfast for Dinner) featuring Larry the Hat Man, Havdalah with our Clergy and Craft Projects.

Please bring your family *hanukkiah* as we will light them together celebrating the fifth night of Hanukkah! Children (and adults too) are encouraged to come in Pajamas and bring a new pair and/or a book to donate! The children will be decorating gift bags for the donations on Tuesday, December 23 as part of the Pajama Program Mitzvah Project! For more information about the Pajama Program: <http://pajamaprogram.org>
If you have any questions please call Gail at 610-667-6534.

MENORAH MADNESS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10:00 AM

In 2012, the Jewish Center in Princeton lit 834 menorahs...making them the current world record holder! Join the Har Zion Community as we attempt to light as many menorahs as we can – we might even beat the world record! Bring your favorite menorah and candles as we try to make history!

Co-sponsored by the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School and the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple



KADIMA LATKE WARS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1:00-2:30 PM

Berkowitz Family Auditorium

Challenge your friends to see who can make the best and most unique latkes on this side of the Schuylkill River!

Kadima Members \$10/ Non-Members \$12

RSVP to hztusy613@gmail.com

CONGREGANTS NOT RECEIVING E-HIGHLIGHTS

If you know Har Zion members who are not receiving E-HIGHLIGHTS, tell them to send their email address to jfetscher@harziontemple.org with the request to be added to the E-HIGHLIGHTS distribution list. Also, if your email has changed, please notify the synagogue office.

ALIYOT ARE FOR EVERYONE!

If anyone would like an honor for the High Holidays, or if you would like an aliyah to commemorate a *yahrzeit*, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, graduation or just because – please contact Rabbi Alpert, 610-667-5000, ext 104 or rralpert@harziontemple.org.

Need to review or learn the blessings? Rabbi Alpert can help you with that too!

CHAI SIMCHA WALL PLAQUES

There is no greater joy than the celebration of Jewish life cycle events. The meaning and memory of your event is heightened when it becomes a permanent part of our synagogue's Chai Simcha Tablet. The Tablet is a beautiful reminder of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, wedding, anniversary, and other happy occasions shared with family and friends. For more information, please call Suzy Levin in the synagogue office, 610-667-5000, ext 108.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Remember your loved ones with a *yahrzeit* plaque in the Bronstein Memorial Room. The cost for each plaque is \$500. For information or to order a plaque, please call Suzy in the synagogue office, 610-667-5000, ext 108.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATION KOL AMI PRESENT INCLUSION PROGRAM – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1:00-5:30 PM

Kindness Counts: Welcome and Inclusion of LGBTQ* Jews and Their Loved Ones into the Mishkan

This conference at Congregation Kol Ami in Elkins Park, provides a vibrant space in which learning and dialogue about LGBTQ welcome and inclusion, based on Jewish values and mitzvot, leads to recommendations for making a synagogue or other Jewish community or organizations a safe and diverse spiritual, social and educational Jewish home for LGBTQ members and straight allies. Joanna Ware, associate National Program Director, of Keshet will give the keynote address. Keshet is a “leading national organization devoted to creating welcome and inclusion for Jews in all areas of life.” Interactive workshops are designed to help individuals and congregations create a safe and inclusive space for ritual and education, sharing experiences, and informing congregational leadership of organizational best practices leading to greater welcoming and inclusion. Synagogue “teams,” comprised of some combination of clergy, professional and lay leaders, as well as individuals are welcome.

***Who would benefit in attending?**

-Congregational clergy, educators, professional and lay leaders, board members and congregants interested in creating a more welcoming and inclusive Jewish community.

-Teens, post bar/bat mitzvah, through esteemed elders interested in learning more about creating safe spaces for LGBTQ Jews and straight allies to explore together Jewish ritual and social and educational programming across the life cycle.

-Straight allies interested in learning more about creating a welcoming and inclusive synagogue environment.

Cost: \$20/individual, \$15 for seniors aged 65 & older pre-registered

Cost at the door: \$25/individuals, \$20 for seniors 65 & older

For questions, or to register: janetausig@gmail.com or 215 901-8730.

*LGBTQ: Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning

BERNICE OSWALD WOMEN'S LEAGUE INSTITUTE MID-ATLANTIC REGION OF WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM, FALL 2014 *STUDY WITH RABBI DAVID ACKERMAN*

December 8, 15, 9:45 to 11:45 AM, Har Zion Temple

Jews and Christians: Scenes from a complicated relationship

Early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism grew up side by side in the Land of Israel beginning twenty centuries ago. The two traditions and their adherents have been rubbing up against one another every since. It hasn't always been pretty. We'll explore key moments - some uplifting, some not - in this complex and ever evolving relationship, from the earliest encounters between Jews and Christians through the ups and downs of the Middle Ages to the reflections of a number of contemporary Jewish thinkers.

For information: Millie Brooks – 215-635-7120; milbrooks@verizon.net, Violet Zeitlin – 215-635-1587; razeitlin@aol.com, Rabbi David Ackerman – 610-667-1651 x 305; rabbidavid@bethamisrael.org

GOLDEN SLIPPER ON THE MAIN LINE PRESENTS FALL 2014 LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

Golden Slipper on the Main Line's announces the start of its fall Lifelong Learning program for Active Adults which runs through December 11. The series features eight exciting courses in History, Film, Music, Current Events and our Monday Speakers Forum featuring renowned local guests. Walk-in registration will take place the first week of the series in the front lobby beginning at 9:30am.

The series will be held at Adath Israel in Merion Station. Contact Cheryl Blumenthal at 610-359-8632, ext. 11 for a copy of the program guide or visit www.goldenslipperseniors.org, click on the *Slipper on the Main Line* tab and go to Lifelong learning.

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH PHILADELPHIA YACHAD! JOIN US FOR A CHANUKAH PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Kaiserman JCC, 45 Haverford Road, Wynnewood, PA

\$5 – RSVP TO SHERI ROSENBERG: 908.208.3599 OR ROSENBERGS@OU.ORG

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FRIENDS, AND FOOD! OPEN TO AGES 19+

Yachad, the National Jewish Council for Disabilities, is dedicated to enhancing the life opportunities of Individuals with disabilities, ensuring their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life. Yachad is an agency of the Orthodox Union.

KLEIN JCC'S HEART-TO-HEART PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In an effort to brighten the spirits of needy families during the Jewish festival of Chanukah, **from now until December 16**, Heart to Heart and the Klein JCC in Northeast Philadelphia are looking for individuals and organizations to fulfill holiday wish lists for needy families throughout the area. The holiday gift drive is being conducted as part of Heart to Heart's Adopt-A-Family program. According to Mallory Hanfling, director of the Klein JCC's Heart-To-Heart program which coordinates the annual holiday program, "Every year we receive holiday wish lists from area families who cannot afford to observe and celebrate the Jewish Festival of Lights in the full spirit of the holiday with the traditional gift giving. We in turn seek out individuals and organizations to adopt a family and fulfill their holiday wish lists."

"We are looking for people and groups who can help out by providing the gifts and toys submitted on the wish lists," notes Hanfling. "And what is really unique about our Adopt-A-Family program is both the givers and receivers remain totally anonymous."

If you are interested in adopting an area family in need as part of your holiday gift giving, contact Mallory Hanfling at 215-698-7300, extension 135 or email her at mhanfling@kleinjcc.org.

MACCABI USA IS SEEKING JEWISH ATHLETES 15-85 TO REPRESENT THE USA AT THE 13TH PAN AMERICAN MACCABI GAMES IN CHILE – DECEMBER 28, 2015-JANUARY 4, 2016

Participating sports, age divisions, and the official applications to apply are available. Visit www.maccabiusa.com to learn more! Additional questions, contact maccabi@maccabiusa.com.

JACK M. BARRACK HEBREW ACADEMY

Come love where you learn. For more information or a personal tour, contact Jen Groen: jgroen@jbha.org or 610-922-2350.

GROWING UP PERELMAN

Academics. Ethics. Community. And an unparalleled dual-language curriculum that strengthens cognitive development, problem solving and reasoning.

Attend an Open House, schedule a personal tour, speak to current Perelman parents

Perelman Jewish Day School

Stern Center, Wynnewood (K-5)

1/21 – 9:30 – 11:30 am

Forman Center, Melrose Park (K-5)

12/12, 1/22 – 9:30 – 11:30 am

For information or to sign up, call Mindy Andelman, 610-658-2518 X207, mandelman@pjds.org, or go to <http://www.pjds.org/OpenHouse?rc=0>.

KLEIN JCC...

10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116 • www.kleinjcc.com

Heart to Heart is here for you! Are you having difficulty making ends meet? Have you recently lost your job? Have you been experiencing hardship or recent life changes? Are you struggling to put food on the table? Are you looking for assistance in deciding what to do next in order to improve your situation? If you've said yes to any of these questions and you are under the age of 65, contact us now for help!

For additional information and eligibility, please contact Anya Goldberg, Program Director at 215-698-7300 x135 or agoldberg@kleinjcc.org.

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY NEEDS YOU!

A Call for Young Professionals...

We are coordinating a regular group of volunteers to attend JRA each and every month of the year, and are asking the Har Zion young professionals group (AVIV) if they would be interested in joining. We typically meet at 9:00 AM and help assemble boxes for 2-2.5 hours and then make deliveries using our own vehicles. So, all told, it's about a four hour commitment. We need to have a list of volunteers in order to get routes assigned, etc. We just need volunteers' full names and email addresses. And we need to know if they'll be bringing their own cars as we're responsible for delivering the boxes of food to the recipients. Because of this, it's important that people honor the commitment as we get assigned a certain number of routes and boxes based on how many people volunteer and how many cars we have at our disposal. If you are interested, please contact Josh Brockman, jobrockm@yahoo.com.



JFCS NEEDS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR SENIORS

Help steer an older adult in the right direction! Be part of JFCS' Silver Wheels program and provide easy, accessible, and affordable transportation for older adults. We help out with non-emergency medical appointments; food shopping; bank, pharmacy and social activities errands.

Please contact Lisa Tischler at 267.256.2082 or email ltischler@jfcsp Philly.org.

The **Mitzvah Food Project** needs your help to deliver food boxes to seniors in need! We are relying on support from our community to deliver food boxes to nearby senior homes and apartments (once a month) from two of our pantry locations. Boxes are provided by the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).



Now is your chance to do a wonderful mitzvah: sign up for a delivery route today! Delivery routes are local and will take approximately 30 minutes. Recipients will sign for the food box at the door. Please know...we must fill these routes in order to pilot this new program.

Locations of food box pick-up are: **JCCs Raymond & Miriam Klein Branch, 10100 Jamison Ave, Northeast Philadelphia 19116** and **JCCs Jacob & Esther Stiffel Senior Center, 604 Porter Street, South Philadelphia 19148.**

Whether you are looking for a B'nai-Mitzvah Project for your child, community service work, or just volunteering for a wonderful cause, please e-mail or call us. We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you soon! Together, we can end hunger in our community.

Contact the Mitzvah Food Project's Administrative Office with any questions: 215-832-0509 or by email at foodproject@jfgp.org.

Deirdre Mulligan, Interim Project Manager, (215) 832-0509

Deena Goldstein, Mitzvah Food Project Coordinator, (215) 832-0831

HELPING HANDS - JEVS HUMAN SERVICES CAREER STRATEGIES

1845 Walnut Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Call 215-854-1834 today to learn more about this exciting program and to see if you qualify.

Are you an unemployed or underemployed Jewish individual under 65 living in the Delaware Valley? Helping Hands may be just what you're looking for . . . and it's FREE! *Funded by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia in collaboration with Jewish Family and Children's Services.*

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

We invite you to be a part of the extraordinary journey of growth and freedom that these women are courageously facing. For more information call 267-256-2000, or visit www.jfcsp Philly.org.

IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL . . .

****Let Washington know that we appreciate the US support of Israel and to urge continued support.**

Call 202-456-1111 or e-mail to comments@whitehouse.gov. Contact your Senators and Congressmen – visit www.senate.gov; www.house.gov. FOR INFORMATION AND TO MAKE DONATIONS FOR FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES, visit www.fidf.org.