

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans – Friday, December 6, 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](mailto:dfolz@harziontemple.org).

### Masorti Speaker Visits Har Zion – Friday evening, December 6

**Dr. Yizhar Hess – Executive Director, The Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel**

#### 5:15 PM - 6:00 PM Pro-Neg

Grab a nosh and join Yizhar for a discussion on the *Masorti Movement and World Jewry*



#### 6:00 PM Services

At break, between Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, Yizhar will speak about the Masorti Movement within Israel. Following services there will be a light Oneg where congregants will have the opportunity to ask questions and schmooze with Yizhar one-on-one.

### Cook for a Friend – Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM – Catering Kitchen

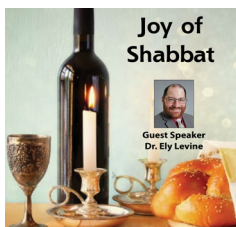
Come on out to Har Zion and perform a warm and wonderful mitzvah! Join old friends and make new ones while you help prepare delicious meals for those in need. Join us in the catering kitchen.



### Men's Club Pub Night – Thursday, December 12, 7-9 PM

**Bodega by La Cabra Brewing** (810 Glenbrook Ave, Bryn Mawr)

*Please bring a new unwrapped gift for Jewish Family and Children's Services to distribute to kids for Hanukkah.*



Joy of Shabbat



Guest Speaker  
Dr. Ely Levine

### Joy of Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 13 following 6 PM Services

All ages welcome!

BYOB (Kosher unopened)

Cost before 12/6 - \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 13)

After 12/6 - \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (under 13)

RSVP by 5 PM on Wednesday, December 11 to guarantee your reservation.

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

***Archaeology and the Bible: What do we know? What can we do?***

**Dr. Ely Levine**

***Sponsored by the Fishman Institute for Adult Jewish Studies***

RSVP to Emily Berton, [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org) or to make online reservations, [click here](#).

### Masorti Speaker Visits Har Zion – Friday & Saturday, December 13 & 14

**Rabbi Chaya Rowen-Baker, Kehillat Ramot-Zion in French Hill, Jerusalem**

#### 12/13 – 6:00 PM Services

Between Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, Rabbi Baker will speak about *The Evolving Landscape of Diversity in Jerusalem*

#### 12/14 – 9:30 AM Services

Rabbi Baker will be giving the sermon during Services





**Frozen II Hanukkah Celebration – Tuesday, December 17, 5:30-8 PM**  
**Something for Everyone!**

*Meet and Greet – Photos with the Frozen Characters*

*Dinner Stations – Vodka and Latke Bar – Kids' Buffet – Crafts, DJ, Photo Booth, Kid-friendly Movie*

**Community Hanukkiah Lighting – 6:30 PM**

**Make your reservations by Tuesday, December 10**

**Adults \$25 / Children (ages 2-13) \$10**

**AFTER DECEMBER 10 – Adults \$30/Children \$15**

Drop a check at the front desk, call us, or email your RSVP to [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org) or go to [harziontemple.ticketleap.com](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com).

**Informational Meeting for Trip to Italy with Hazzan & Karen Vogel**  
**Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM**

**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](http://secure.ayelet.com/CA2020Italy.aspx)**

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



**Jewish Family and Children's Services is partnering with Project Home for the holidays!**

345 Montgomery Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

We will be cooking meals for residents in Project Home's supportive housing program and JFCS clients who are homebound older adults and individuals struggling with food insecurity. We will be cooking on **December 16 from 9:30 AM -2:30 PM and December 18 from 2:30-6:45 PM**. Hope you can join us to help those in need during the holidays!

For more info, contact: Rachel Goldberg, Volunteer Coordinator

267.256.2267 | [rgoldberg@jfcsp Philly.org](mailto:rgoldberg@jfcsp Philly.org)

**StandWithUs Philadelphia's Fourth Annual Defenders of Israel Gala Dinner**

**Thursday, December 19, 6 PM at Har Zion Temple**

**Honoring Jeffrey Barrack with guest speaker: Oded Reviv, Mayor of Efrat, Israel**

Featuring their outstanding high school and college student leaders

Neil Cooper, Andy Cherry and Bruce Risler, Dinner Co-chairs

Register online: [standwithus.com/PAGala2019](http://standwithus.com/PAGala2019) or call 484-730-8544.

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***This Week...***

**Cook for a Friend – Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM – Catering Kitchen**

Come on out to Har Zion and perform a warm and wonderful mitzvah! Join old friends and make new ones while you help prepare delicious meals for those in need. Join us in the catering kitchen.

**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.

**Har Zion After Dark– Monday, December 9, 6:30 PM**

**What's Cookin'?**

with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani

**Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector – Tuesday, December 10, 10 AM**

You do not have to be able to speak Yiddish to experience the Joys of Yiddish culture. Enjoy the works of Yiddish authors, poets, songs, theater and cinema and incidentally learn the language.

**Shul Stitchers – Tuesday, December 10, 11:30 AM**

We invite you to join us! Knitters and Crocheters needed! Beginners or advanced!

We create a variety of items for those in need – hats, blankets, and more.

For more information, please contact [Charlotte Muchnick](#).

**Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, December 10, 7 PM**

**TISCH with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesday after 7 AM Minyan**

Join Rabbi Shawn for breakfast and inspirational learning. In this class we will engage in weekly *Halakha* (legal text) study from the Rambam's *Mishneh Torah*. Good food, great company, and a bissel of learning too!

**Parashat Hashavuah for the Sandwich Generation with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesdays, 11 AM**

Rabbi Shawn will briefly summarize the parsha. He will then bring one or more contemporary interpretations of the text for us to study and discuss. This class is designed for the "Sandwich Generation" student (those that are sandwiched between the needs of their children and those of their aging parents and between the ages of 45ish and 65ish). We will focus on topics that are relevant today. If you would like to receive information about upcoming programs, please email Patty Grobman - [pgrobman@harziontemple.org](mailto:pgrobman@harziontemple.org).

**Siddur Study with Dr. Sara H. Cohen – Wednesday, December 11, 11 AM**

An in-depth, multi-faceted study of our Shabbat liturgy. By "unpacking" the many layers of meaning and commentary, by delving into the history, background and lives of the great intellectual giants who wrote our prayers, we gain a keener understanding of their meaning and of the values and ideals inherent in them. Through this sharper knowledge and understanding, we discover what we stand for as Jews. In prior years, we covered the *Birchot HaShachar*, *P'sukei D'Zimrah*, the *Shma* and its Blessings and the *Amidah (Shmoneh Esrai)*. We begin this semester with *Kreeat HaTorah* (Torah Reading service) and Haftarah, the Musaf service (additional service) and the concluding prayers for Shabbat morning. Join us, learn and study with us so that you can connect more readily and easily to our heritage and keep our legacy alive and thriving.

**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– December 12, 19 and 26, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  
Hanukkah and winter**

**Men's Club Pub Night – Thursday, December 12, 7-9 PM**

**Bodega by La Cabra Brewing** (810 Glenbrook Ave, Bryn Mawr)

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**Men's Club Minyannaires with Rabbi Haaz – Fridays after 7 AM Minyan**

Breakfast and study with Rabbi Haaz – Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi's interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning.

**Joy of Shabbat Special Speaker Series – Friday, December 13, 8:15 PM  
(Free and open to the community)**

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**Adult Ed...**

**Getting Philosophical with Rabbi Shawn is cancelled for Monday, December 9**



**Har Zion After Dark– Monday, December 9, 6:30 PM  
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**Ancestral Journeys: Ancient Biblical Myth and  
End-of-Life Wisdom in Torah and Midrash with Dr. Simcha Raphael  
Tuesdays, December 17, 10-11:30 AM**

*An exploration of the themes of life, death, loss and transformation in the sacred stories of the Book of Genesis, with contemporary guidelines for living life in our times.*

**Carrying Joseph's Bones - Sinai Procession as a Funeral Ritual**

This presentation explores the importance of bringing Joseph's bones out of Egypt, and the Jewish tradition of memory. We shall discover how a sense of connection between the world of the living and the world of the dead has been part of the Jewish experience throughout the ages.

**Simcha Raphael, Ph.D.** is Founding Director of DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training. Adjunct Professor in Religion at LaSalle University, and a psychotherapist and spiritual director, he is a Fellow of Rabbis Without Borders network, and author of the ground-breaking classic *Jewish Views of the Afterlife*. His website is [www.daatinstitute.net](http://www.daatinstitute.net)

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

## ***Sisterhood...***

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



**Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon**  
on behalf of The Seminaries of the Conservative Movement  
**Sunday, December 15, 11:30 AM**  
Honoring **Maxine Rosen**  
**RSVP needed**

**Mah Jongg – Mondays at 12:30 PM**

## ***Men's Club...***

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**Bodega by La Cabra Brewing** (810 Glenbrook Ave, Bryn Mawr)  
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**Second Annual HZ Men's Club Tennis Outing –**  
**Saturday, January 18, 7-8:30 PM**

Join us 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](mailto:mkurtz2718@aol.com) or Larry Brown at [lawbbro2004@verizon.net](mailto:lawbbro2004@verizon.net)



## ***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](mailto:community@hiaspa.org). Thank you so much!

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:giftbox@harziontemple.org).**

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### **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





**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: Rachele & Ron Kaiserman, Ed Blumenthal, David Smith**

**For more information:** Missy Stein, Director of Missions & Travel at [mstein@jewishphilly.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:daviskjji@aol.com) or Anne Stein, [annestein1@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sbkochman@aol.com).



**INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS**

**Revolutionary Patch Keeps Brain Safe after Cranial Surgery**

If you're ever unfortunate enough to require brain surgery, Israeli startup Nurami Medical has got you covered – literally. The Haifa-based company has developed a patch made of synthetic, biodegradable nanofibers meant to be affixed to the dura mater – the protective membrane underneath the skull that keeps the brain and spinal cord safe – after cranial neurosurgery.

Brain surgery requires cutting through the dura, so a “bandage” of some sort must be placed to protect against bacteria, accelerate healing and keep cerebral spinal fluid from leaking. Nurami’s nanofiber patches mimic the dura mater in a way that’s safer and less expensive than the animal collagen-based products currently used for post-brain surgery recovery, said the company’s CEO Hannoeh Marksheid.

To read more, go to: <http://www.israelideas.org/#!current/c1gqf>.

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