

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Building Our Spiritual Community*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – 21 KISLEV – MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT**

**4:16 PM - Candle Lighting**

**6 PM - Men's Club-led Evening Service**

**7 PM - Men's Club Shabbat Dinner (by reservation only)**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 – 21 KISLEV – MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT**

**9:30 AM - *Kol Tefilah* – Men's Club-led Morning Service**

**10:45 AM - Junior Congregation**

**11:15 AM - *Kol Mishpacha* – Tot Shabbat**

**3:15 PM - Parents & Kids Together**

**4:15 PM - Minha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah**

**Bar Mitzvah: WILLIAM KENDALL, son of Nicole Kendall and Todd Kendall**

**5:19 PM - Shabbat ends**

**Men's Club invites you to Celebrate Shabbat – December 8 and 9**

**6 PM Friday Evening Service**

**Followed by dinner (by reservation only)**

**9:30 AM Saturday Morning Service**

The *Ruach* continues with the Men's Club leading services, followed by an Extended Kiddush

**Men's Club Brunch - Sunday, December 10 following 9 AM Services**

*Featured Guest - Larry Hanover, co-author of Rebuilt from Broken Glass*

**\$12 admission – payable at the door**

(Part of proceeds to benefit JFCS Holocaust Survivors Fund)



**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**

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](mailto:ninagrebs@gmail.com)**

### *Hanukkah by the Sea*

**Tuesday, December 12, 5:30-8 PM**

**Meet and Greet – Photos with Ariel, Sponge Bob, Moana and More!**

Dinner Stations – Vodka and Latke Bar – Kids' Buffet

Crafts, Music, Photo Booth, Kid-friendly Movie,

Games, Trivia and Fun with Rabbi Shawn and Norman – Prizes for K-7th

Grades, Cooking Demonstration with Ariela Barlas

**Community Hanukkah Lighting 6:30 PM**

**Make your reservations – Adults \$25, Children (ages 2-13) \$15**

**To order online, visit [harziontemple.ticketleap.com](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com) – For the convenience of online ordering, a small fee will be added. You can also feel free to drop a check at the front desk, call us, or email your RSVP to [hzt@harziontemple.org](mailto:hzt@harziontemple.org).**



### **Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen**

**Wednesday, December 13 – 10:30-11:30 AM**

A comprehensive study of our liturgy, using the Siddur (Jewish prayer book), as our text. We will explore the history, origins, authors, structures and meaning of our prayers from Biblical times to the present. This “virtual tour of Judaism” will enlighten us, enable us to relate more fully to our prayers and make our attendance at worship services more meaningful and enjoyable.



**Celebrate Hanukkah with HAZAAC – Wednesday, December 13**

**Lunch at 11:30 AM and program at 1 PM**

**\$5.00 per person – Reservations for lunch are REQUIRED.**

Please call Harriet, 610-667-5000 by Monday, December 11, to make reservations for lunch.

### **Wednesday Class Night**

**December 13, Nosh & Schmooze 7-7:15 PM, Classes 7:15-9:30 PM**

#### ***Balancing Justice and Forgiveness: Some Biblical Insights with Emilie S. Passow, Ph.D.***

What is Justice? When does it leave room for forgiveness? These are complex questions on both a personal and a societal level. By analyzing some key Biblical narratives ranging from the Garden of Eden through Moses' career, along with some classical and contemporary rabbinic commentaries, this series will explore Jewish perspectives on these ongoing issues.

#### ***Jewish Music and Prayer: Where have we come from and where are we going? with Hazzan Vogel***

Tracing the last one hundred years of musical practice in the synagogue this class will examine the ever-evolving modes and styles of prayer from the beginning of the 20th century through the present time. Through discussion about the meaning of the prayers as well as active listening, participants will be encouraged to think critically about the musical aspects of prayer and how various melodic styles and genres work to enhance the spiritual experience.

### **Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone**

**Thursdays, 11 AM-Noon**

Rabbi Dr. David Hartman – **December 14, 21**

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



### ***NEW Adult Ed Class – The Sandwich Generation***

**Friday, December 15 – 11 AM**

*At the home of Nancy Selarnick*

#### ***Calling All Women ages 45ish to 65ish!***

Study group discussing contemporary issues regarding relationships with those closest to us. We will cover topics such as young adult children, Jewish dating and aging parents among many others. Through the lens of the Torah, we will learn how to work through these issues. Taught by **Ruthi Lynn** – Expert in Sharing Relevant Wisdom to Moms! For more information and to RSVP, contact Patty Grobman [pgrobman@harziontemple.org](mailto:pgrobman@harziontemple.org).

### ***Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector***

**Tuesdays, December 19 and January 2, 10 AM and 5 PM**

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



### ***Am Echad, Lev Echad – One People, One Heart***

**with Ritasue Charlestein**

**Wednesday, December 20, 7 PM**

With guitar in hand, a ready smile and a heart filled with love, Ritasue will introduce you to her Israel! She will warm your soul and move you to tears. The tales she tells and the songs she sings present a unique glimpse into the lives of those who protect and defend the State of Israel. Ritasue's program is very powerful and inspiring, as she weaves together story and song in testimony of the bravery, courage and selflessness of Israel's soldiers.

**FREE and open to the community – Light Israeli fare**



**Save the date – February 9-11**

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

**Visiting Scholar – Rabbi Jonathan Slater**

More information to follow.

**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!

**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](mailto: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) or 610-519-1211 for more information.



**INNOVATION UPDATE FROM  ISRAEL IDEAS**

***Israeli Virtual Realty Camera Goes to Space for a National Geographic Film***

A virtual reality (VR) camera has been sent into space to take part in a National Geographic documentary directed by Oscar-nominated Darren Aronofsky, said Human Eyes, an Israel-based firm that produced the camera. The camera will be used by astronaut Paolo Nespoli to get 3D, 360-degree shots of life and work aboard the International Space Station, a joint US-Russian-Japanese-EU-Canadian low-orbit project. The footage will feed into the documentary titled "One Strange Rock."

For Human Eyes, being part of the space project represents a major coup in the virtual reality market, one that comes on the heels of much work, research, trial and error. Established in 2000, the Israeli firm, which has more than 70 patents to its name, was initially focused on printing technologies and only approached VR in 2014. 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lalbert@harziontemple.org), with your name and cell phone number for a text.