

OTHER HZT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 7:30 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF Heir to My Estate: The Afterlife of My Father, Rabbi Gerald Wolpe
Written and directed by Daniel M. Wolpe

What happens when an 81 year old man dies, goes to heaven, and is reunited with his father who died at age 46? Don't miss this beautiful examination of love, loss and reunion.

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim, 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia

FOR TICKET INFO: 215-677-1600



SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB WILL DISCUSS...SAVING SOPHIE BY RONALD H. BALSON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 12:30 PM

Hosted by Barbara Block, RSVP: babsblock@verizon.net or 215-978-7676

Jack Sommers, a Jewish accountant, has tragically lost his wife Alina to a sudden illness. His father-in-law, Dr. Arif-al-Zahani, fights Jack for custody of his daughter Sophie and eventually kidnaps her. Al-Zahani is a suspected Palestinian terrorist and part of the violent Sons of Canaan cell intent on ending Jewish existence in Israel. In Jack's desperation to get Sophie back he aligns himself with Russian mobsters who promise him help in rescuing Sophie.

Together they work out an embezzlement scheme to get the ransom money. Jack steals \$88 million from his law firm's client, flees from Chicago to Hawaii to await word from his cohorts, and runs into a former close friend, Marcy. He is the subject of an intense hunt by his firm's PI, Mosad agents, the CIA, the Russian government, and the local police.

At the heart of the action is the Arab-Israeli conflict. Historical, political, and biblical information infuses the characters' stories and quandaries, encompassing thousands of years of enmity, deep-seated prejudices, and the often disputed or overlooked facts behind personal and religious tragedies.

Saving Sophie is a page turning read filled with despair and anger but with hope, love, and humanity at its core. For more info: <http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book/saving-sophie>

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN

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

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

Tuesdays, 12:00-1:30 PM, Center City at the offices of Cozen & O'Connor, One Liberty Place, 1650 Market Street. **Rabbi Robert Alpert will teach at this location on February 16.**

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



JOIN HAZZAN ELIOT & KAREN VOGEL
FOR THE SEPHARDIC SOUNDS AND SITES OF SPAIN
JULY 3-14, 2016

Featuring concerts and special events created by the Cantors Assembly

-Tour the world famous Prado Museum and stroll through beautiful Retiro Park in Madrid

-Visit the Grand Toledo Cathedral and Transito Synagogue in Toledo

-Enjoy a special Ladino program at Casa De Sefarad in Cordoba

-Visit the Moorins Alcazar Palace and Old Jewish Quarter in Seville

-Tour Alhambra Palace

-Discover the works of Gaudi, include Segrada Familia & Guel Park

-Visit the ancient synagogue in Barcelona, the former Jewish center of Gerona and the lovely medieval towns of Benyoles and Besalu

Brochures available in the lobby, through Hazzan Vogel or at www.ayelet.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 Marcy 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 donation for each plaque is \$750. For information or to order a plaque, please call Marcy in the synagogue office, 610-667-5000, ext 108.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENN'S KATZ CENTER PRESENTS:

JEWS BEYOND REASON - EXPLORING EMOTION, THE UNCONSCIOUS, AND OTHER DIMENSIONS OF JEWS' INNER LIVES

With this year's theme of "Jews Beyond Reason," we're shining a spotlight on Jews' inner lives. **Comedy, tragedy, and heroism; genius, art, and literature; spirituality and belief; sex, family, and the psyche** are all on display in this series of lectures, films, and discussions, all open to the public.

We also invite you to attend "From Miracles to Mindfulness," a lecture series on Penn's campus exploring current scholarly approaches to religious experience.

These events are FREE – Registration requested.

For more info go to <http://katz.sas.upenn.edu/spring-2016-public>

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 PM – STEVEN BOWMAN

Masada and Noble Death in the Greek Shoah

Greek Jewish responses to the Nazi onslaught were influenced by an ideal of noble death based on the story of Jewish resistance at Masada, a tale that had come down to them over two millennia. This ideal, seemingly so irrational, had reverberated through Jewish history with striking variations from the ancient account of Josephus through the crusades and eventually to the unique Jewish community of Greece.

STEVEN BOWMAN, Professor Emeritus at University of Cincinnati and adjunct fellow at the Katz Center, tells the tale.

Congregation Mikveh Israel, 44 North 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA

Lecture is FREE – to register: <https://katz.sas.upenn.edu/spring-2016-public/bowman/rsvp>

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SALON ARIEL

It might be cold and snowy outside but Salon Ariel is traveling back to a hot July 4, 1944 in Lebanon, Missouri and German Jewish Matt Friedman has come to court the Protestant country gal he met the summer before. This touching Pulitzer Prize winning play is "A valentine to two lost souls finding each other" (New York Times) by one of America's most notable playwrights.

MEET SALLY TALLEY Played by Jenna Horton

Our opening weekend of *Talley's Folly* was an overwhelming success. With only one more weekend left, we are already **SOLD OUT for Saturday, February 13!** Purchase your tickets for our **Sunday, February 14 matinee at 2:00 PM** before all tickets are gone.

P.S. We have a special Valentine's Day discount for this weekend only! You and your sweetie can attend our Sunday, Feb. 14 performance for only \$25 each. You save \$11 off each ticket. Use coupon code: LOVE at checkout.

For more info on the show, go to <http://www.theatrael.org/currentseason/>.

To purchase tickets, go to <http://www.theatrael.org/single-tickets/>.

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

Forman Center, Melrose Park (K-5): 3/7 – 9:30 – 11:30 am

Stern Center, Wynnewood (K-5): 3/14 – 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/ftpimages/446/download/download_1693477.pdf

SHANDLER-PINCUS POST #305 – JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA

Questions/Comments/Newsletter Ideas: Henry Frank, Adjutant, cell-215-459-1261

(IF YOU NEED A RIDE or CAN GIVE A RIDE, CALL HENRY 215-459-1261)

ATTENTION: We need new members. Most of you know someone who is a vet, or who is an active service member. If they are Jewish, they should be JWV members. Active service members' dues are free as long as they are active. Consider gift memberships: Purim, Shalach Manot, Pesah afikomen, Awe gifts for High Holy Days, Hanukkah gelt gifts. See any officer for an application.

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@jfcspilly.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.jfcsphilly.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.

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