

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEBRUARY IS JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

JDAM is a unified national initiative to raise disability awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion in Jewish communities worldwide. JDAM takes place during the month of February – though we know that inclusion is a 365-day-year effort. JDAM is a time when we can focus our attention on providing meaningful inclusion and full participation of people with disabilities and their families in Jewish community.

For more info: <http://jewishlearningventure.org/buildingcommunity/wci/>

**BUILDING OUR SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Join us on Shabbat morning for an energetic and spirit-filled tefillah (prayer service), including a new Har Zion Temple Beit Midrash community Torah study. We will nosh, learn and experience community followed by the Torah Service and Musaf.

9:00 AM – P'sukei D'Zimra and Shoharim

10:00 AM – Har Zion Beit Midrash – Community Torah Study

10:35 AM – Torah Service and Musaf

Followed by our Congregational Kiddush and the Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study.

**"I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...." MOTOWN IS COMING TO HAR ZION!



REHEARSALS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10:30 AM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7:00 PM

This year on Purim, allow your inner-thespian a chance to express itself. Take a part in the Purim Shpiel: "The Motown Megillah." **The Purim Shpiel will take place on Wednesday evening, March 4, 2015.** If you have any questions, please contact Hazzan Eliot I. Vogel at 610-667-5000 ext. 102 or Debbie Folz at 610-667-6534.

If you are interested in being part of the shpiel, email Debbie Folz: dfolz@harziontemple.org.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 11:30 AM – THE SISTERHOOD OF HAR ZION TEMPLE HOSTS JUDY WICKS, ENTREPRENEUR, ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR FOR LUNCH AND DISCUSSION

Join Har Zion's Sisterhood in welcoming Judy Wicks. Judy, founder of the White Dog Café, is an entrepreneur, activist, and author working to build a more compassionate, environmentally sustainable and locally based economy. Her award-winning memoir *Good Morning, Beautiful Business: the Unexpected Journey of an Activist Entrepreneur and Local Economy Pioneer* was published in 2013, and won the gold medal for Business Leadership from Nautilus National Book Awards in 2014.

Judy has founded several non-profits and cofounded the nationwide Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). **Plan to join us for lunch** and to enjoy this much-honored and highly sought-after presenter. Her book, *Good Morning, Beautiful Business*, will be available for sale and signing.

(\$18 couvert – for non-Sisterhood members. Check payable to Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple)

RSVP to Sherry Pearlstein, sherrypearl1@gmail.com

****MINYAN & TISCH WITH RABBI ALLEN – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FOLLOWING 7:00 AM MINYAN**

Halakha Yomit (daily halakha) with the Mishnah Berurah – Join us each week as we study a different halakha and ask ourselves about the underlying values that inform our practice.

****POPULAR COMMENTARIES ON GENESIS WITH RABBI ROSENBERG – THURSDAY MORNINGS, 10:00 AM – WILL RESUME MARCH 5**

We will study the commentaries found in the *Hertz Chumash*, the *Etz Hayim Chumash* along with the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible.

****SISTERHOOD DAVENING SKILLS WITH RABBI ALPERT – THURSDAY MORNINGS, 11:00 AM**

Learn how to lead the weekday service and feel more at home at Minyan. The class is open to all who know a bit of Hebrew. For more info, please contact Debbie Golden, goldendagg@gmail.com.

****FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S CLUB MINYANNAIRES – WITH RABBI ROSENBERG
FOLLOWING 7:00 AM MINYAN**

Jeopardy Rashi Style – This class will examine the commentary of Rashi on the Torah to deepen our appreciation of the issues Rashi saw in the text and to understand how his commentary maintains relevance through today.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAT IS BACK!

This year's first "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbat" will take place the weekend of February 20.

What is GWC2S?

GWC2S is an initiative that uses the power of Shabbat meals to strengthen our synagogue's sense of kehillah or community. Participants can host Shabbat dinner (on Fridays) or Shabbat lunch (on Saturdays) in their own homes or be guests at someone else's home.

How does it work?

You decide whether you want to be a host or a guest. If you are hosting you can invite families you know or request to host families you have not met. You decide whether it's Friday night dinner or Saturday lunch. As a host, you choose the menu and the time. We provide a Shabbat kit that includes challah, wine, candlesticks, and a card with all of the Shabbat blessings.

Beginning the morning of Thursday, February 19, Shabbat kits will be available for pick up in the Groom's Room at Har Zion.

If you'd like to be a host or a guest, and/or you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Allen, Hannah Bookbinder, or Cindy Reisner at GuessWhosComing2Shabbat@gmail.com.

We are excited to share in the beauty and power of Shabbat. Please join us!

****HSA PRACHIM SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 5:30 PM
DON'T MISS IT!**

Class Shabbat Dinners are covered by your HSA dues (this includes **2 adults and your children**)

5:30 PM Services followed by a Shabbat Dinner

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Rabbi Nogah Marshall, rnmarshall@harziontemple.org

****SISTERHOOD ADULT EDUCATION – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 10:00-11:30 AM
PERSPECTIVES ON THE BOOK OF ESTHER**

Musical Perspectives on the Book of Esther with Hazzan Vogel

This class examines the tropes and traditions of musical detours used in chanting the Scroll of Esther, and will also focus on the many ways in which the story of Esther has inspired musical creativity in the past through contemporary times.

Open to all women in our community.

For more information, contact Sheree Bloch, sheree@blochmail.net or 610-574-6658.

****ADULT EDUCATION GOES TO THE MOVIES – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7:00 PM
*Trembling Before God***

An unprecedented feature documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality and religious fundamentalism. Built around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma – how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbid homosexuality.

Refreshments will be sold to benefit the USY

Free admission – Discussion following movie

RSVP is requested: hzt@harziontemple.org or 610-667-5000



****SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION DEADLINE – MARCH 15**

Har Zion is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of scholarship awards to help support those pursuing Jewish educational programs primarily for students at the High School level and above. Several generous donors have established endowments at Har Zion for this purpose. Scholarships will be awarded twice during the year. Those who wish to be considered for an award should submit a letter outlining the program or activity, the cost, and other pertinent information. Letters should be directed to Har Zion's Executive Director, Gavi Miller. Please label the envelope Scholarship Awards/Assistance so that confidentiality can be maintained. Requests can be submitted for any member in good standing, but must

be postmarked (or hand-delivered to the office) by noon, March 15 for consideration. Final determination of awards and amounts will be decided on merit, need, and the number of requests received. For more information, contact Gavi Miller at 610-667-5000 ext 105 or gmiller@harziontemple.org.

****THE CHARLESTEIN FAMILY INVITES THE CONGREGATION TO JOIN US FOR A SHABBAT DINNER AT HAR ZION TEMPLE IN MEMORY OF MALVINA & MORTON CHARLESTEIN**

On the occasion of his 4th Yahrzeit, **Friday evening, March 27 following 6:00 PM services.**

We will also honor the historic Har Zion Akiba-Barrack connection featuring our families: past, present and future. RSVP to Theresa Szarawara at 610-239-6004 or tszarawara@premusa.com.

\$20 per adult; \$10 college students/children 9 and older; current Barrack students – No charge.

RSVP needed by Monday, March 23. Make checks payable to "Betty the Caterer" and mail to: Gary Charlestein, Premier Dental, PO Box 4500, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Sponsored by the Charlestein/Phillips/Benjamin Family

"Good people leave too soon but they and their legacy are with us always."

****SUPPORT SISTERHOOD WITH SCRIP!**

It's a busy time of the year! Now is the time to stock up on gift cards from Scrip. A percentage of the money you spend on each card benefits the Sisterhood. Why not support your Sisterhood while planning your shopping days. Order your Scrip cards and be prepared whenever you shop!

Please contact Michele Perlstein, mshoueka@hotmail.com - 610-519-1211, or Nina Greberman, zoneman@aol.com - 610-733-1399 for more information.

To download an order form, copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.harziontemple.org/harzion/ehighlights/14scripsform-3.pdf>



INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAELIDEAS

Israeli Technology Helps Speech Impaired to Communicate in Their Own Voice

We take the ability to communicate for granted. Sans electronics, speaking is our primary means of communication. It feels good to engage others, to express one's self. The average person speaks thousands of words per day. But, what if you couldn't do something as simple as tell your child, "I love you"?

Approximately 1.5% of the world's population suffers from a speech impediment, and is challenged by this vital and basic human activity. One Israeli startup, Voiceltt hopes to alleviate that problem with a new technology that allows everyone to speak freely. For more information:

<http://www.israelideas.org/#!in-the-spotlight/c200w>

****TRANSPORTATION TO HAR ZION**

"Oh, if I'd only known (s)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 at NanciG22@aol.com or 610-664-7987.

SHOP THE HAR ZION LANDAU GIFT BOX FOR YOUR GIFT GIVING NEEDS!

Regular hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday – 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM (when school is in session)

Additional hours by appointment.

For info, please call 610-667-2698, or email giftbox@harziontemple.org.

The Gift Shop is now accepting credit cards – giving you more flexibility to shop!

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****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. Call 610-667-5000, ext 178 or caring@harziontemple.org to connect with us. Help us help you!

****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. Please contact Shonnie Lebovitz, Program and Events Coordinator (ext 106 or slebovitz@harziontemple.org) for more information.

****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 or 610-668-1148.

REGULAR DAILY MINYAN

Evenings: 6:00 PM

Mornings: Sunday – 9:00 AM, Monday and Thursday – 6:50 AM,
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 7:00 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 Leah Abrams (610-667-5000, ext 111 or labrams@harziontemple.org) with your name and cell phone number for a text.

AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY DESPERATELY NEEDS A KIDNEY - BLOOD TYPE B or O

To learn how you can save a life or for more information about kidney donation, please call: (718) 431-9831 or email: R718@renewal.org. Visit WWW.RENEWAL.ORG