

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Hello Past and Hopefully New Shpielers!

Do you enjoy singing, acting, dancing? Are you looking for fun, laughs and camaraderie? We hope you will take a part in this year's Purim Shpiel which will take place on **Wednesday, March 20 – *The Megillah According to....Classic TV Theme Songs***. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 PM in the Gorson Auditorium – You can give as much or as little time as your schedule allows! We'll read through the script and listen to the songs. Bring along any friends whom you think might be interested. We hope to see you there! Questions? Interested? Contact Debbie Folz: [dfolz@harziontemple.org](mailto:dfolz@harziontemple.org)

### Cook for a Friend – Sunday, February 10, 9:30 AM

Please join us in preparing meals for community members in need. For more information and to RSVP, contact Elaine Stewart, [estew23@verizon.net](mailto:estew23@verizon.net).

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## This Week...

### Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD – Mondays, 10:30 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 begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then moves on to examine stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming?

### Rabbi Shawn and the Search for God – Mondays, 12-1 PM

Join Rabbi Shawn and his intrepid group of explorers on this year's journey into modern theology. Together we will wrestle with the meaning and religious concepts that affect us as individuals and as a people.



### 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.

### D'var T'filah with Hazzan Vogel – Tuesday after 7 AM Minyan

D'var T'filah (a "teaching about prayer") – Hazzan Vogel will offer brief insights into the spiritual dynamics of prayer focusing each time on why prayer is difficult and what we can do about it.

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

TISCH – remain after Minyan for breakfast and halacha study with Rabbi Shawn in the Rudofker Library. We will read the traditional and then connect it to our own current practices.

### 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).

### Har Zion After Dark – Wednesday, February 6, 7 PM

"Open a Book...Open Your Mind"

Author Dick Berman, "*The Machalniks: The Birth of an Air Force*"

Sponsored by Sisterhood and the JFGRS

\$18 in advance/\$25 at the door

[Click here](#) to RSVP online or make a reservation with Emily Berton, 610-667-5000, ext 109 or [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org) and drop a check at the front desk.



### Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax – Thursdays, 10 AM, Rudofker Library

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.

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

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

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## **More Adult Education at HZT...**

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**Wednesdays, February 13, 20, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Seth Haaz**

### ***Honor Your Father and Your Mother: Caring for Sick or Elderly Parents***

As our parents age, most of us find ourselves in the position of providing extensive care. This loving care dominates and characterizes a portion of our lives – it is both a tremendous privilege and a daunting challenge. Rabbinic literature describes caring for sick and aging parents as the most difficult mitzvah to fulfill. In this two-part class, come and discuss how Judaism presents this mitzvah and encourages dedication and tenderness toward parents as well as sensitivity toward caregivers. You will be amazed and touched at how thoughtfully our faith tradition handles the practical needs of those involved and affirms the beauty of our sacred relationships at one of the most trying times of our lives. Our sacred texts will naturally draw out our personal experiences, and we will welcome these opportunities to create a space to share openly and receive support.

### **Special Programming**

***Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife:***

***Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives***

**with Dr. Simcha Raphael**

**Tuesdays, February 12, 26; March 12, 26, 10-11:30 AM**

An exploration of Jewish afterlife texts spanning three millennia of history. As travelers through time, we shall enter the worlds of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar and Hasidic tales investigating diverse ways Jews have understood the enigmatic mystery of death and the world beyond. Searching for spiritual renewal of traditional teachings, we shall use these texts for reflection and discussion discovering practical guidelines for responding to the human encounter with death - personally, and in our families and communities.

*Simcha Raphael, PhD is the Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training.*



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

## **Sisterhood...**

**Sisterhood General Meeting – Tuesday, February 5, 11:30 AM**

**Special guest Arthur Werner, JD, MS**

***New Tax Laws and How They Will Affect Us***

Lunch will be served – **RSVP ASAP to [carolkkaplan@harziontemple.org](mailto:carolkkaplan@harziontemple.org)**

**No charge for Sisterhood members/\$10 for non-members**

Arthur Werner is the president and a shareholder in the lecture firm of Werner-Rocca Seminars, Ltd. He is a former adjunct professor of taxation in the Master of Science in Taxation program at the Philadelphia University and received his B.S. in Accounting and his M.S. in Taxation from Widener University. Mr. Werner lectures extensively in the areas of Estate Planning, Financial Planning, and Estate and Gift Taxation to Certified Public Accountants and Financial Planners.

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**Women's League Mid-Atlantic Region Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 24, 10 AM at Har Zion Temple**

**"Share the Spirits" with the Ladies of Sisterhood – Monday evening March 4, 6 -9 PM**

Five Saints Distillery (129 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401)

Tour and Tasting, Cash Bar, Shopping Opportunity – **Light dinner will be served**

**Minimum of 20 guests required - we must have your RSVP**

**and \$10 fee (check payable to Har Zion Temple) by Monday, February 25**

**RSVP to Carol Klein Kaplan, [carolkkaplan@harziontemple.org](mailto:carolkkaplan@harziontemple.org)**

Carpooling and designated drivers suggested

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



**Har Zion Poker Night with Men's Club and HSA – Sunday, March 17**

**5:30 PM Registration, 6 PM Tournament begins**

**Texas Hold'em – \$60 buy in, \$20 re-buys**

**BYOB Kosher – Dinner will be served – Table sponsorships available**

**Walk-ins welcome**

**RSVP by March 10 to Emily Berton, [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org)**

**Men's Club Breakfast with Author Ira Poliakoff – Sunday, March 31, 10 AM**

Please join us when Ira Poliakoff will be discussing his latest book, "Synagogues of Philadelphia." His previous book, "Synagogues of Long Island: was the 2018 First Place Award winner at Book Fest.

**Open to the Community – Breakfast will be served**

**Cost: \$10 – checks payable to Har Zion Men's Club**

**RSVP by Monday, March 25 to Emily Berton, [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org) or 610-667-5000, ext 109**

## **Youth...**

**Har Zion Youth invites you, the parents, to have a night out!**

**Leave the kids with us!**

**Saturday nights, 6:30-9:30 PM: February 9, March 16**

All HZT kids ages 4-12 in three different groups – Supervised programming, fun, Havdalah service and hearty snack

**Cost per entry ticket: 1 for \$28, 3 for \$75, 6 for \$132, 12 for \$240**

**Entry tickets can be used for your own child/ren or for a friend**

**Late care - 9:30-10:30 PM can be arranged separately for \$10/child**

Questions and to RSVP: [skenworthy@harziontemple.org](mailto:skenworthy@harziontemple.org) or 610-664-5746



## **Tikkun Olam...**

**-HIAS PA has some urgent needs for incoming refugee families...**

1. Twin Beds ONLY – all parts: a mattress, a frame, and a box spring – relatively new, in good condition, and from a bug-free home. Email [community@hiaspa.org](mailto:community@hiaspa.org) to speak with HIAS PA about arranging pickup.
2. Winter and Baby Items – winter hats, baby pacifiers and baby wipes. We have added these items to our [Target Registry](#).

For more information, please contact Kerry Coughlin, [kcoughlin@hiaspa.org](mailto:kcoughlin@hiaspa.org)

**-Volunteers Needed for Federation's Mitzvah Food Program – [Click here](#) for more information.**



**Concert of Jewish Music – Wednesday, February 20, 8 PM**

Hazzan Vogel is a soloist along with over 100 singers from across the Delaware Valley Community. Featuring Cantor Alberto Mizrahi. Tickets available at <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/events-and-tickets/201819/kcp/sing-hallelujah/>  
Special offer – save 15% with code CADV15

**The Charlestein Family invites the Congregation to Shabbat dinner at Har Zion Temple in memory of Malvina & Morton Charlestein – Friday, March 29, 7 PM following 6 PM services**

The Charlestein Family invites the Congregation to join us for a Shabbat dinner in memory of **Malvina & Morton Charlestein** on the occasion of Morton's eighth yahrzeit. We will also be honoring our post Bar/Bat Mitzvah teenagers continuing their Jewish education.

RSVP to Patty Kita at 610-239-6004 or [pkita@premusa.com](mailto:pkita@premusa.com).

**\$20/adult, \$10/ages 6-21, no charge for current and former Har Zion students enrolled in a formal or supplemental Jewish high school program (and staff)**

Make check payable to "Gary Charlestein" and mail to Gary Charlestein, Premier Dental, P.O. Box 4500, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 **by Monday, March 25.**

*Sponsored by the Charlestein/Phillips/Benjamin Families*

**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, [daviskjj@aol.com](mailto:daviskjj@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**  
**Machines about to Revolutionize the Way Food is Prepared**  
Eshchar Ben-Shitrit grew up on a kibbutz where his mother ran the dairy farm. He observed the strong bond between cows and their calves, and this memory triggered something in him when he became a father four years ago. "When my first son was born I felt it was not possible to eat meat anymore. I felt I'd be eating someone else's child," said Ben-Shitrit. "I got obsessed with finding a solution for people who enjoy meat, like me, but don't want to eat animals." Using professional expertise honed at printing companies including HP Indigo and Highcon, Ben-Shitrit quit his job earlier this year and founded Jet-Eat. Working with food scientists, he's developing 3D printing technologies to produce plant-based "beef" with the approximate appearance, texture and mouth feel of cattle meat.  
To read more, go to: <http://www.israelideas.org/#!current/c1gqf>.

### **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, [nancigoldman22@gmail.com](mailto:nancigoldman22@gmail.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 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.