

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Har Zion's Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, April 6

An Evening with *America's Got Talent* Finalist

Oz Pearlman

6:30 PM Patrons Dinner

8:00 PM Program

9:30 PM Dessert Reception

[Check out this 3 minute video!](#)

Send in your RSVP by March 29 or [order your tickets online](#)

AIPAC Policy Conference, March 24-26, 2019

Join fellow members of Har Zion in our nation's capital for the largest annual gathering of America's pro-Israel movement. For more, visit <http://www.policyconference.org/>

Visiting Scholar Rabbi Gershom Sizomu will be here on March 29 and 30

He will be speaking at the Charlestein Dinner on Friday evening and will join us for Shabbat morning Services and Havdalah. Join us in welcoming Rabbi Sizomu back to Har Zion!

For more information on the Charlestein dinner, [click here](#)



Open a Book . . . Open Your Mind Spring Series of Authors Sunday, March 31 – Thursday, April 4

Presented by the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the JFGRS

BAD NEWS - GOOD NEWS!

New Author for Sunday, March 31!

STEVEN HARTOV – *The Soul of a Thief*



[Here is a complete list of all the authors](#)

Make your reservation online at harziontemple.ticketleap.com or RSVP to Emily, 610-667-5000 or eberton@harziontemple.org



Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans and Prachim Shabbat Dinner Friday, April 5, 5:30 PM

For all HZ families with children age infant to 6 years old
Services with Rabbi Haaz, Hazzan Vogel, and Debbie Folz followed by a delicious Shabbat Dinner - BYOB (Kosher) – Jeans and casual attire encouraged
Be our guest! However, reservations are required.

Your RSVP is needed, email Debbie Folz, dfolz@harziontemple.org.



Kehillah of Lower Merion and Theatre Ariel present

The 3rd Act: Aging with Grit & Humor

Sunday, April 14, 3 PM

The Kehillah of Lower Merion proudly presents an afternoon of theatre for older adults and their friends by renown Theatre. "The Third Act: Aging with Grit and Humor" is four short plays on topics that are no stranger to older adults: the importance of friendship, forgiveness and love flavored with the spice of Jewish life. The afternoon of theater concludes with a talk back with the performers and refreshments. Join us for this delightful afternoon of theatre.

Guided audience discussion with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani and Dessert reception immediately following performances

\$10 in advance/\$15 at the door

To purchase tickets, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y4wtawv7>

Questions? Please call 610-359-8632 or email kehillahoflowermerion@gmail.com

Sponsored in partnership with Har Zion Temple, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Golden Slipper Gems, JFCS, Nana's Kitchen, Adath Israel, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Kaiserman JCC



Have you heard about Community Portrait?

It's a population study, commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia once every 10 years that will help us to most effectively evaluate and support the needs of our local Jewish communities. Your answers will help us to direct our resources to where they're most needed so our entire Jewish community can continue to grow and thrive! Keep an eye out for the survey in the mail to see if you've been selected to take part in the survey. [Learn more here!](#)



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

This Week...

Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD – Mondays, 11:15 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, 12:15 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 – Tuesdays 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.

***Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife: Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives* with Dr. Simcha Raphael – Tuesday, March 26, 10-11:30 AM**

Afterlife and Renewal of Jewish Death Rituals: Practical Wisdom for Today

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 and these texts for reflection and discussion discovering practical guidelines for responding to the human encounter with death - personally, and in our families and communities.

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.

Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen – Wednesdays, March 27; April 3, 10, 11 AM

An in-depth study of the *tefillot* in our Siddur. By engaging in a close, careful reading of the text of the service we will uncover the meaning, the history and background of our *tefillot*. Who wrote them, when, why? Why were certain phrases and words used? What feelings do they evoke within us and how do they shape and influence our entire value system and heritage? By truly knowing, understanding and feeling the words, ideas and thoughts inherent in our prayers, our participation in services will become more meaningful and will enhance our spiritual quest to capture the beauty and majesty of our heritage.

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.

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.

Mah Jongg Night – Thursday, March 28, 7 PM

Are you **DRAGON** a bit? Get **WIND** of this! Wine and friends and a boatload of smiles – come nosh and drink and try your luck with the tiles! Bring your Mah Jongg sets and your friends!

No charge for Sisterhood members – \$10 for non-Sisterhood members

For more info and to RSVP by March 25, contact Nina Greberman, zoneman@aol.com



Men's Club Dinner Meeting – Thursday, March 28, 7 PM

Come help us put together the cartons for our Yom Hashaoah Yellow Candle program.

Deli Dinner – RSVP to Jack Marine, recyclejack@aol.com

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.

Adult Education at HZT...

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Har Zion After Dark

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30-8 PM

Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani

Passover Cooking

Wednesday, April 3, 7 PM

Open A Book...Open Your Mind author Tova Mirvis, "*The Book of Separation*"

Cost: \$18

RSVP to Emily Berton, eberton@harzientemple.org or 610-667-5000, ext 109

or make a reservation online: harzientemple.ticketleap.com

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Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-8 PM

Noam Zion

The Guide to the Perplexed Seder Leader – How to Customize the Haggadah

The Rabbis expected much of the conductor of a seder – to be a master of ceremonies, a parent educator and a symposium/talk show moderator. The haggadah can be confusing and boring when recited, but it can be empowering when treated as a how-to manual and when one learns how to skip judiciously and supplement for variety and depth. For example, using contemporary artwork, we can engage participants in the politics and psychology of the four sons and DAUGHTERS. Many handouts and copies of the author's two haggadot will be available.

Special Programming

Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife: Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives with Dr. Simcha Raphael

**Tuesdays, March 26; April 9 (make up class for 2-12)
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*



The Meaning of Interfaith Dialogue – A Perspective from our Sources and History Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Abraham Skorka Tuesday, April 30, 12-1:30 PM

Rabbi Skorka will speak about his long friendship with Pope Francis and about the inter-religious dialogue they have conducted over many decades.

Rabbi Skorka was the Rabbi of the Benei Tikva synagogue for 42 years and the rector of the Rabbinical Seminary for 20 years. He has published many articles and books, especially one book called – On Heaven and Earth – which he wrote with the Archbishop of Buenos Aires Cardinal Bergoglio, who is currently Pope Francis. He is currently University Professor at Saint Joseph's University, working closely with its Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations.



\$10/person - payable at the door

RSVP needed by April 22 to Emily Berton, 610-667-5000 or eberton@harziontemple.org

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

Sisterhood...

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NEW AUTHOR FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31!

STEVEN HARTOV

The Soul of a Thief

7:00 PM

Cost: \$18

Monday, April 1, 11:30 AM – JAMIE BRENNER

The Husband Hour

Join us for a Special Sisterhood Luncheon

RSVP needed by March 27 to Emily,

eberton@harziontemple.org

FREE for HZ Sisterhood members/\$18 for non-Sisterhood members

**Make your reservation online at harziontemple.ticketleap.com or RSVP to Emily,
610-667-5000 or eberton@harziontemple.org**

Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 PM – BETH WARREN

Secrets of a Kosher Girl

Cost: \$18

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 PM – TOVA MIRVIS

The Book of Separation

Cost: \$18

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM – MAX WALLACE

In the Name of Humanity: The Secret Deal to End the Holocaust

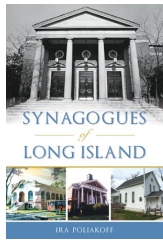
Cost: \$18

Men's Club...

Men's Club Dinner Meeting – Thursday, March 28, 7 PM

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Deli Dinner – RSVP to Jack Marine, recyclejack@aol.com



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

Please join us when Ira Poliakov 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 – payable to Har Zion Men's Club

RSVP by Monday, March 25 to Emily Berton, eberton@harziontemple.org or 610-667-5000, ext 109



HZ Men's Club Basketball League Starting – Monday, April 8

Open to the Community (you don't have to be a HZ member to play)

Meets every Monday (excluding holidays)

Kaiserman JCC, 45 Haverford Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096

45 minute games starting at 6:45 PM

6 teams of 7 players to maximize playing time

ONLY 42 spots available for the first season

Cost: \$150 (includes court time and referees)

For more info and to sign up, contact Scott Rosenthal, hztmb@gmail.com

Tikkun Olam...

-Mother's Day and Father's Day Toiletry Collection for Seniors at the Brith Sholom House

All sizes needed – sample and full size – for baskets that will be distributed. Please leave items at the front desk. Due before Mother's Day on May 12. Please help bring a smile to our seniors that tend to feel forgotten!



-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 to speak with HIAS PA about arranging pickup.
2. Twin sheets and comforters – new, or used in good condition and clean.
3. Towels and wash cloths, pots with lids and fry pans – new, or used in good condition and clean.
4. Winter and Baby Items – winter hats, baby pacifiers and baby wipes. We have added these items to our [Target Registry](#).

The smaller items can be brought to Main Line Reform Temple (410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnewood) and put in the gray plastic bin in the vestibule which is labeled for HIAS PA. If you need help unloading your vehicle, please request assistance from the custodial staff. If you have any questions as to when the building is open on Sunday to Friday, please call the office at 610-649-7800.

Thank you for your continued support!!

For more information, please contact Kerry Coughlin, kcoughlin@hiaspa.org

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

Charlestein Family 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.

Featuring Rabbi Gershom Sizomu

Chief Rabbi of Uganda, he leads a 100 year old Abayudaya Community of Eastern Uganda. Rabbi Sizomu, a member of the Uganda Parliament graduated from the American Jewish University. This unique, very

approachable leader will enlighten and inspire with incredible accounts of Jewish life in the former empire of Idi Amin. You should not miss this awesome evening.

RSVP to Patty Kita at 610-239-6004 or 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. 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 or Anne Stein, 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.

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.



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 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.

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 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, with your name and cell phone number for a text.