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NBN invites you to join us for this workshop

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Debbie Rosen Solow, a leading Jerusalem-based real estate attorney, will walk you through the ins and outs of buying or renting a home in Israel.

Session 2 – 8 pm, *The Israeli Healthcare System*

Led by Dr Tanya Cardash, will give you an overview of the Israeli healthcare system including details on how to pick a healthcare provider, national insurance, supplemental insurance, what's covered and more! NBN staff will also be available for any general Aliyah related questions.
Lower Merion Synagogue, 123 Old Lancaster Road, Bala Cynwyd
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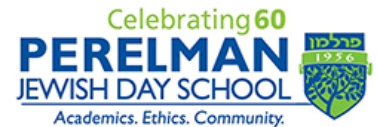
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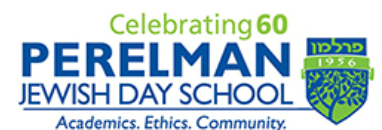
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