

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Our Spiritual Community

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 – 19 NISAN

6 PM - Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

7 PM - Passover Restaurant (by paid reservation only)

7:21 PM - Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – 19 NISAN

9:30 AM - *Kol Tefilah* – Morning Service

10:45 AM - *Parashat Hashavuah* – Adult Torah Study

7:20 PM - Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

8:25 PM - Shabbat Ends

Engaging Jerusalem

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem..."

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, Har Zion will engage our *kehillah* in a celebration of the city of our eternal city of hope. Through August, we will explore the diverse role Jerusalem has played for us as a people, from biblical times to present day.

April is Telling Jerusalem

"Jerusalem is a Port City on the shores of eternity" (Yehudah Amichai)

As we all recognize Jerusalem is a land-locked city so what kind of a port can it be? It is a metaphysical one that conveys the story of each traveler that visits its shores. Each journey's narrative is stored and awaits another pilgrim to carry it on to the next destination. In the month of April, we are asking you to share your Jerusalem Stories with us. Invite us into your journey and benefit from the adventures of others.



All programs labeled with this icon will include *Engaging Jerusalem* content.

TOILETRY DRIVE FOR GOLDEN SLIPPER – NOW!

The Tikkun Olam Committee is starting its annual collection for personal care items for Golden Slipper Senior Club. We prepare packages for their Mother's Day and Father's Day luncheons that are given away to attendees. We will be giving full-size products only. So we are asking for your kind generosity in donating what you can of the listed items, but please – **FULL SIZES ONLY.**

Items being collected: disposable razors, shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, body lotions, tissues (pocket size)



Digging Deeper – Holidays – Wednesday, April 19, 11 AM-12 PM

The newest Jewish holidays - Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) all occur within 10 days of each other and are linked to the experience of Jews in modernity as opposed to ancient history. What do these ten days mean in the weeks between Passover and Shavuot and what similarities or differences do these holidays share with other parts of the Jewish calendar? Join us as we explore some responses to these questions and more!

Led by Rabbi Allen

Sponsored by Sisterhood – All are invited!



Personal Israel Stories

Wednesday, April 19, 7-9 PM

RSVP to Rabbi Shawn, 610-667-5000, ext 114 or rabbishawn@harziontemple.org

We want the congregation and community members to share their Israel/Jerusalem stories. We invite you to an evening of good cheer, good food and good stories. **Add your story to ours!**

Current Events

Thursday, April 20, 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM

At the home of Patty Grobman

This class will take a multi-media look into the ever-changing news cycle with emphasis on Israel, the Middle East, and American Jewry. RSVP: Patty Grobman, pgrobman@harziontemple.org.

Led by Norman Einhorn

Sponsored by Sisterhood – All are invited!

Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Sunday, April 23, 5 PM, followed by Services at 6:30 PM

with honored guests

Sandra Roberts, *founding teacher of the "Paper Clips" Project from Whitwell, Tennessee*

Middle school students from the small southeastern Tennessee town of Whitwell created a monument for the Holocaust victims of Nazi Germany. It started in 1998 as a simple 8th-grade project to study other cultures, and then evolved into one gaining worldwide attention. At last count, over 33 million paper clips had been received. *Paper Clips*, an award-winning documentary film about the project, was released in 2004. Students from Har Zion and neighboring synagogues will be celebrating their 6th consecutive year visiting the Children's Holocaust Memorial in Whitwell, Tennessee on Sunday, April 30.

Bea Hollander, *Director of the Transcending Trauma Project, part of the Council for Relationships*

Since 1991, the Transcending Trauma Project, as part of Council for Relationships, has conducted 305 in-depth life histories with 98 Holocaust survivors, and their children and grandchildren to better understand coping and adaptation after extreme trauma. The project has produced 1200 hours of interviews which are permanently preserved as digital files. The Phil Wachs and Juliet Spitzer Archive of the Transcending Trauma Project is housed at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and is available onsite to the public. In 2015, the archive was given to Yad Vashem and Temple University's Special Collections Research Center.

This program made possible through the Sauer Family Yom Hashoah Fund.

Experience the Joys of Yiddish – Tuesday, April 25, 10 AM and 5 PM

Do you love Yiddish language, literature, poetry, song, theater, or cinema? Then this is the class for you!

Led by Gerry Spector.



Jerusalem in the Mystical Tradition

Scholar in Residence

Dr. Melila Hellner-Eshed

Saturday morning, April 29, 9 AM (PLEASE NOTE change in service time)

Dr. Melila Hellner-Eshed will deliver the D'var Torah during Shabbat morning and present a lecture Beit Midrash (Study Hall) style.

Hellner-Eshed lectures on the Zohar and Jewish mysticism in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Department of Jewish Thought and teaches in the Revivim Honors Teacher-Training Program in Jewish Studies in the University's Faculty of Humanities. She is also a research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Dr. Hellner-Eshed will also speak at Congregation Beth Am Israel on Friday evening, April 28.



**THE SISTERHOOD AND THE JANE FISHMAN GRINBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OF HAR ZION TEMPLE
PRESENT THE FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN A BOOK...OPEN YOUR MIND
APRIL 24-30**

Monday, April 24 – 11:30 AM
“The Bridge Ladies – A Memoir”

by Betsy Lerner

**FREE for HZT Sisterhood members/
\$18 for non-Sisterhood members**

Monday, April 24 – 7 PM

***“Die Laughing – Killer Jokes for Newly
Old Folks***

by William Novak

\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event

Wednesday, April 26 – 1 PM

***“The Hungry Love Cookbook – 30 Steamy
Stories, 120 Mouthwatering Recipes”***

by Cindy Silvert

\$15 in advance/\$20 day of event

Wednesday, April 26 – 7 PM

***“Accidental Soldier – A Memoir of Service
and Sacrifice in the Israel Defense Forces”***

by Dorit Sasson

In conversation with Rabbis
Moriah and Shawn SimonHazani

\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event

Thursday, April 27 – 1 PM

“The Muralist”

by B.A. Shapiro

\$15 in advance/\$20 day of event

Thursday, April 27 – 7 PM

***“Making Every Day Count – A Jewish
Doctor Confronts His Illness”***

by Dr. Joel A. Roffman

\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event

**Friday, April 28 – dinner following
6 PM Services**

***“The Rabbi and Senator Sleep
Together – Marrying Religion
and Politics”***

by Senator Joyce &

Rabbi Steven Foster

**\$40 (includes Shabbat dinner
and one copy of the book)**

Sunday, April 30 – 10 AM

***“The Nazi Titanic – The Incredible Untold
Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II”***

by Robert P. Watson

\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event

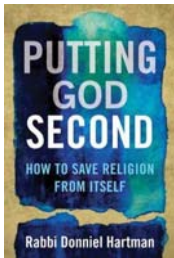
Sunday, April 30 – 7 PM

***“The Bible Doesn’t Say That – 40
Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions,
and Other Misunderstandings***

by Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event

To register: <http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com>, call 610-667-5000, or email us at openabook@harziontemple.org.



Adult Ed Book Discussion – Monday, May 1, 5 PM

***Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself* by Rabbi Donniel Hartman**

Please join Rabbi Alpert as we examine both the major themes of *“Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself”* and the Biblical and Rabbinic sources that inform this book. We will explore religion’s moral failure – its “autoimmune disease” – or how religions undermine their own deepest values. We will begin with a focus on the critical importance of not being indifferent to the needs of others and discuss both the “disease” as well as how to recover from the twin problems of “God intoxication” and “God manipulation” that is so prevalent in religious life today.

You will need to purchase the book for discussion purposes.

You are still welcome if you missed the previous sessions. Due to popularity, this class may be extended.

For questions, please email Patty Grobman, pgrobman@harziontemple.org



**SAVE THE DATE! PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE! HAR ZION EXCLUSIVE!
WRESTLING JERUSALEM – SUNDAY, MAY 7, 5:30 PM**

This film will be presented in-person by actor, author and producer Aaron Davidman. Writer-Actor Aaron Davidman embodies 17 different characters in and around the sacred city of Jerusalem as he takes us on an eye-opening journey into the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian story. This film dares the audience to leave the theater with their pre-existing ideas about its subject matter intact.

Post-film conversation will be moderated by Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, President, CLAL, dessert reception to follow the movie screening and discussion

\$36/Adults, \$18/Students with ID

Funded in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

To RSVP, visit harziontemple.ticketleap.com/, drop a check off with Harriet, or email

hzt@harziontemple.org. Please note, a small service fee will be charged for online reservations.



2017 PATRONS EVENT – TUESDAY, MAY 16

International Singer/Songwriter NOA

6:15 PM – Patrons Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM – Concert followed by Community Dessert Reception

Sponsorship levels available.

General admission: \$54 adult/\$18 student

For more information, call 610-667-5000.



Camp Ramah Scholarships Available

Any HZT family in good standing who wishes to apply for a scholarship for their child(ren) to attend Camp Ramah in the summer of 2017, should contact Laurie Albert at lalbert@harziontemple.org or 610-667-5000, ext 111.

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 (\$10 each) – To purchase your donation cards, please contact Michelle Strayer, 610-992-9371 or moibas83@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. Why not support 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 for more information.



INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS

Sweeter, Healthier Sugar Substitute

With health problems attributed to diet and sugar consumption on the rise, “there is a drive toward finding alternative sweeteners,” said Jonathan Hugh, industry manager at ED & F Man, the second-largest sugar company in the world.

An Israeli company appears to be at the forefront of a “revolution” in the sugar industry, with a sweetener product it claims is sweeter and healthier than its much-maligned processed sibling found in many a food product. “Unavoo” was founded and developed at home by Israeli entrepreneur Yuval Maimon, who was diagnosed with diabetes at age 38.

To read more, go to: <http://www.israelideas.org/#!current/clgqf>.

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, NanciG22@aol.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 Program and Events Coordinator Shonnie Lebovitz, ext 106 or slebovitz@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.

SHOP THE GIFT BOX FOR ALL 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.

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.

***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**