

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Our Spiritual Community

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 15

5:30 PM – NCCECE Prachim Shabbat Service and Dinner

6:00 PM – Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv Service

7:00 PM – Congregational Oneg Shabbat

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 16

9:30 AM – Kol Tefilah (Voice of Prayer) – Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah: Skylar Zachian

daughter of Dr. Toby Zachian and Dr. Victor Zachian

9:45 AM – Lilmod U'Lelemed (To Learn and to Teach) – Learning Service

An engaging interactive conversation exploring the context and underlying meanings of our Shabbat prayers. Discover and expand your own spiritual commitments as we study the *siddur*, *daven shacharit* and create community.

10:30 AM – Junior Congregation

11:00 AM – Parashat Hashavua – Shabbat Torah Study

Add contour, new meaning and joy to your Jewish life through discussion of the weekly Torah portion.

Take the opportunity to ask yourself, "Where am I in this story?"

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

HAR ZION PASSOVER WINE STORE 2016

Passover is quickly approaching. Wine will be sold on these specified dates:

Sunday, April 17 – 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Tuesday, April 19 – 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, April 20 – 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Pick up an order form in the Gift Box or on the table outside the Dogole Chapel.

Wine must be paid for at the time of pick-up by cash or check only.

Wine will only be sold and picked up on the above specified days. You may pre-order your wine by email: giftbox@harziontemple.org, or call 610-667-2698.



Come Sing with Me – Hazzan Eliot Vogel

At the Patrons event on **Sunday, June 5**, I will be marking my 25th year as cantor of Har Zion Temple. As part of the program for that evening, my **dream** would be to sing two songs with an **inter-generational choir** (age 12 through adult) comprised of members of Har Zion. If you have had some experience in singing in any sort of choir, I ask that you honor me through your participation.

Of course there will be a commitment of attending most of the rehearsals between now and then (see below). Please contact me cevogel@harziontemple.org or Laurie Albert (610-667-5000 x111) if you would like to lend your voice to Hazzan Vogel's **25th Anniversary Choir**.

Potential rehearsal dates and times:

Sunday, April 17, 12:15 PM

Sunday, May 22, 12:15 PM

Thursday, May 5, 7 PM

Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM

Wednesday, May 11, 7 PM

Wednesday, June 1, 7 PM

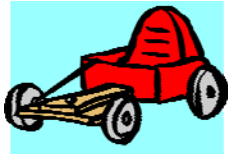
Sunday, May 15, 12:15 PM

Sunday, June 5, 5 PM (performance at 7:30 PM)

Rehearsals will be one hour in length. When you respond, please let us know your availability. We will choose the five or six most convenient dates.

****USY & KADIMA GOES TO ARNOLD'S FAMILY FUN PLACE – SUNDAY, APRIL 17 1:00 PM**

Join Har Zion, Adath Israel and Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El USYers and Kadima at Arnold's. Bring your friends for lazer tag, go-karts, arcade games and more – for students in grades 5-7. Bus leaves Har Zion at 1:00 PM and returns by 5.



RSVP to hztusy613@gmail.com. Cost: \$40 for USY members, \$45 non-members – checks made payable to HZT and submit to Sharon Kenworthy in the school office.

****THE HAR ZION COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN THE PHILADELPHIA SOUL FOR JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT – SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 4:00 PM**

- All HZ members purchasing tickets will receive a special Soul kippah
- In-game recognition of Har Zion Temple
- First 150 tickets sold get behind-the-scenes tour of the Wells Fargo Center
- Second 150 tickets sold get pre-game field access to watch player introductions from the end zone



Tickets are \$18 and \$36 – to be picked up at the Box Office

To get tickets: philadelphiasoul.com/harzion, or call David Beck, 215-253-4900 x173, dbeck@philadelphiasoul.com

****TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI ALPERT – MONDAY MORNINGS, 10:00 AM**

This class is studying the seventh chapter of Bava Metzia (Labor Law).

****APPROACHES TO TORAH – TUESDAYS, APRIL 19 AND MAY 3, 6:15-7:30 PM**

Conservative Judaism believes that there is more than one approach to understanding Torah. We debate about what really happened at Sinai. What does Torah mean? How can two Jews have three opinions about matters of "fact?" Come learn about and discuss the question of divine authority from Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist perspectives.

Join with Rabbi Rosenberg after evening minyan for light dinner and discussion.

There is no cost for dinner and rsmps are required: mgubernick@harziontemple.org.

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

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.

****HAR ZION SISTERHOOD ADULT EDUCATION – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 10:00 AM**

Har Zion Temple – All are welcome – Classes are free
SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY – Guns and Our Community

We have a gun violence problem in America. Summer 2015 saw mass shootings in a church, at military recruiting centers, at a movie theater, and in homes. This is in addition to the daily toll of gun violence in our cities. In July 2015, in one night, three people were shot and killed in Philadelphia. Every day, the news makes clear what we already know – we have a widespread and indiscriminate problem. Join **Shira Goodman**, Executive Director of CeaseFirePA, as she discusses the latest issues related to gun control.

****POPULAR COMMENTARIES ON GENESIS WITH RABBI ROSENBERG**
THURSDAY MORNINGS, 10:00 AM – THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON APRIL 21 AND 28

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.

****FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S CLUB MINYANNAIRES WITH RABBI ROSENBERG**
FOLLOWING 7:00 AM MINYAN – THERE WILL BE NO STUDY SESSION ON APRIL 22 AND 29

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.



Toiletry Drive

for Golden Slipper Mother's & Father's Day
Collecting regular and sample-sized items now through April 29.
Please leave donations at the Main Office.



THE PASSOVER PROJECT
A Jewish Campaign Against Slavery



This year Har Zion Temple joins an ever-growing number of Jewish institutions across the country bringing awareness to the plight of slaves around the world today. Slavery is not legal anywhere, but it is practiced everywhere. Slavery is found wherever goods or services depend on manual labor. Worldwide, an estimated 21 to 36 million people are trapped and working without pay, under threat of violence. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), slavery generates about \$150 billion a year in profits for human traffickers.

Each week between now and Pesah, the Festival of Our Freedom, we will present you with materials which will both enhance your seder experience as well as to suggest things that you can do to relieve the plight of slaves in the world today. For more information you may go to this website: www.freetheslaves.net/Judaism.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA: A Haggadah on Fighting Modern-Day Slavery

Available online from T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights • www.truah.org

All faith begins with the act of questioning. From God's first question to Adam and Even in Eden – Ayekah, "Where are you?" – to Abraham's challenge to God concerning Sodom and Gomorrah, to Sarah's exasperating and agonizing question about whether she would ever bear children, to Moses questioning Pharaoh's authority, the Jewish people have always been intoxicated with the art of questioning. Perhaps we who were slaves are constantly in a state of remembering the degradation and seeking never to forget. It is the privilege of free people to ask questions; this is the birthplace of our compassion and our zeal for justice. Why else might a motley band of former slaves have taken it upon ourselves to demand that humanity live up to its sacred promise for equality and dignity for all God's creation? - Rabbi Michael Adam Latz, Shir Tikvah Congregation, Minneapolis, MN

Four Questions About Modern Slavery

We start the seder by noticing what is out of the ordinary and then investigating its meaning further. How is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights, we depend on the exploitation of invisible others for our food, clothing, homes, and more. **Tonight**, we listen to the stories of those who suffer to create the goods we use. We commit to working toward the human rights of all workers.

On all other nights, we have allowed human life to become cheap in the economic quest for the cheapest goods. **Tonight**, we commit to valuing all people, regardless of their race, class, or circumstances.

On all other nights, we have forgotten that poverty, migration, and gender-based violence leave people vulnerable to exploitation, including modern-day slavery. **Tonight**, we commit to taking concrete actions to end this exploitation and its causes.

On all other nights, we have forgotten to seek wisdom among those who know how to end slavery—the people who have experienced this degradation. **Tonight**, we commit to slavery prevention that is rooted in the wisdom and experience of workers, trafficking survivors, and affected communities. When the seder has ended, we will not return to how it has been "on all other nights." We commit to bringing the lessons of this seder into our actions tomorrow, the next day, and every day to come.

****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 2016 should contact Laurie Albert at lalbert@harziontemple.org, or 610-667-5000, ext 111.

****Har Zion Day Camp is looking for motivated, enthusiastic counselors (ages 13 and above), as well as certified lifeguards. Must be available June 27 through August 19.**

Please send e-mails to harziondaycamp@harziontemple.org or call 610-667-5000, ext 198.

****USE THE SISTERHOOD SCRIP PROGRAM FOR ALL 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

Ohio Campus Goes Beta Over Israeli Start-Up Water System

Sinclair Community College in Dayton became the first pilot site to test the Woosh filtered drinking water stations outside of Israel. At a Woosh Water Station, customers can take virtually any bottle or cup of their own (up to 32 oz.) and fill it with filtered, chilled tap water; the charge is 50 cents for up to 20 oz., 75 cents for 32 oz., payable by credit card or through a pre-purchased subscription. For another 15 cents, customers can cleanse a drinking bottle before reuse with the station's O3 purification system.

The Woosh CEO said, "One of our challenges is to convince people to stop buying the next bottled water. We're promoting tap water. Because, actually bottled water is tap water (that's) filtered, shipped, and that's unbelievable in terms of carbon emissions. You get the same quality pure water without the plastic. So, you save the environment and money. We want to encourage people again and again to use their own bottle," said the CEO. To read more go to: <http://www.israelideas.org/#!current/c1gqf>.

****TRANSPORTATION TO HAR ZION**

"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 at NanciG22@aol.com or 610-664-7987.

****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!

****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.

SHOP THE GIFT BOX FOR ALL GIFT-GIVING AND HOLIDAY 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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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 Laurie Albert (610-667-5000, 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