

## **OTHER HZT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **OTHER HAR ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Rabbinical Assembly Monthly Lunch and Learn**

All are welcome. For more information, please call Rabbi Gary Charlestein, 610-239-6003.

**Tuesdays, 12-1 PM, Elkins Park** at the Library of Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

**Tuesdays, 12-1:30 PM, Center City** at the offices of Cozen O'Connor, One Liberty Place, 1650 Market Street. **Rabbi Robert Alpert teaches at this location on April 4.**

**Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 PM, Plymouth Meeting** at the offices of Premier Dental, 1710 Romano Drive. **Rabbi Gary Charlestein teaches at this location.**

#### **Aliyot Are for Everyone!**

If anyone would like an *aliyah* to commemorate a *yahrzeit*, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, graduation, or just because – please contact Rabbi Alpert, 610-667-5000, ext 104 or [rralpert@harziontemple.org](mailto:rralpert@harziontemple.org). Need to review or learn the blessings? Rabbi Alpert can help you with that too!

#### **Chai Simcha Wall Plaques**

There is no greater joy than the celebration of Jewish life cycle events. The meaning and memory of your event is heightened when it becomes a permanent part of our synagogue's Chai Simcha Tablet.

The Tablet is a beautiful reminder of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, wedding, anniversary, and other happy occasions shared with family and friends. For more information, please call the synagogue office.

#### **Yahrzeit Plaques**

Remember your loved ones with a *yahrzeit* plaque in the Bronstein Memorial Room. The donation for each plaque is \$750. For information or to order a plaque, please call the synagogue office.

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### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ***SEPTA Key senior photo ID sessions to be held at senior centers***

SEPTA representatives will be present at five Philadelphia senior community centers in the coming weeks to take photos for the new [SEPTA Key senior photo ID](#) cards, which work with SEPTA's new fare payment system and will serve as IDs for those 65 and older to access the Seniors Ride Free Program. During the photo sessions, information will be shared about SEPTA's paratransit service, Customized Community Transportation (CCT) Connect, which is for seniors and individuals with disabilities. CCT Connect riders will be able to provide feedback about the program to SEPTA representatives. For more info, visit [www.pcacares.org](http://www.pcacares.org).

#### **Israeli Film Festival of Philadelphia Opens 2017 Season – March 4-April 2**

In our 2017 season, the Israeli Film Festival of Philadelphia marks its 21st year.

The Israeli Film Festival of Philadelphia is a celebration of Israeli culture, with the aim of enriching the American vision of Israeli culture and society through film. Each season, a slate of feature films and documentaries are selected to provide a diverse and impartial reflection of Israel.

It is our goal to be both entertaining and informative. Our program includes feature films, dramas, comedies and documentaries that are award-winning and have received wide recognition both in Israel and abroad. As a non-profit organization, the continuing success of the IFF is due, in large part, to support from various organizations and private donors.

The IFF is funded through ticket sales, personal and corporate contributions, as well as in-kind contributions. Organizational support is provided by The Center for Israel and Overseas, the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia, and a wide array of community partners.

For more info go to: <http://iffphila.com/>



#### **Free Passover Email Series Starting March 23**

InterfaithFamily has created a free email series for Passover. This three-session email series will introduce those who elect to receive it to the story of Passover and Passover observance. It will also contain an exploration of how the themes of the Passover story relate to modern times. This series starts

on March 23 and participants will receive one email per week for three weeks.

To sign up for InterfaithFamily's free Passover email series go to [interfaithfamily.com/Passoveremail](http://interfaithfamily.com/Passoveremail).

If you have any questions about this email series, please contact Robyn Frisch, [robynf@interfaithfamily.com](mailto:robynf@interfaithfamily.com).

### **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin to Speak at Old York Road Temple-Beth AM – Sunday, April 2, 4 PM**

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin will be speaking on "the State of American Jewry." This program is free and open to the community. There will be a question and answer session and books will be available for purchase. Old York Road Temple – Beth Am, 971 Old York Road, Abington, PA  
For more info: 215-886-8000 or visit [www.oyrtbetham.org](http://www.oyrtbetham.org).

### **Friendship Circle Gala – Sunday, April 2, 5 PM**

Celebrate with The Friendship Circle at our annual Join Our Circle Gala.

This year's theme is *Oh, the Places We'll Go!*

Show your support and come together as a community to recognize everything the organization and its participants have done to make The Friendship Circle the best it can be.

The program begins promptly at 5:15 pm followed by a buffet dinner and wine bar.

The Hilton Hotel, 4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

For more information or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Chani Baram

at [RSVP@phillyfriendship.com](mailto:RSVP@phillyfriendship.com) or [215-574-1765](tel:215-574-1765) or visit <http://www.phillyfriendship.com>

### **Jewish Women's Renaissance Project**

Free\* 8 day trip to Israel – July 17-24

When was the last time you did something wonderful for yourselves?

Momentum is an eight day journey in Israel, connecting us to the land, to our Jewish values, and to each other. You can now register for the Women's JWRP Summer 2017 trip on their website.

To sign up go to [www.jwrp.org](http://www.jwrp.org) and click "apply" or contact Estee Kopel (215) 435-7878 for more info.

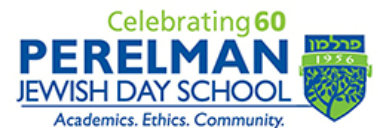
\*excluding airfare, \$75 tips and \$99 acceptance fee

### **Growing Up Perelman – Perelman Jewish Day School**

Academics. Ethics. Community. And an unparalleled dual-language curriculum that strengthens cognitive development, problem solving and reasoning.

Attend an Open House, schedule a personal tour, and speak to current Perelman parents

For a schedule of open houses: <http://www.pjds.org/OpenHouse>



### **Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy**

Come love where you learn. For more information or a personal tour, contact Jen Groen: [jgroen@jbha.org](mailto:jgroen@jbha.org) or 610-922-2350.

### **JCC Maccabi Experience - Tryouts Posted**

The JCC Maccabi Games is an Olympic style sporting competition for Jewish athletes ages 13-16. It is held each summer in North America. Team Philadelphia recruits from the 5-county Philadelphia area to form one delegation. Athletes must tryout and be selected for a team. Sports include: basketball, soccer, baseball, ice hockey, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, dance, track, golf and table tennis. The sport selected determines the city you will be travelling to. 2017 Hosts are: Birmingham July 30-Aug 4; Miami and Albany Aug 6-11. For more information call or email Marti Berk at 610-896-7770 x125 or [mberk@phillyjcc.com](mailto:mberk@phillyjcc.com).

Mid-Atlantic Jr games is a one-day Maccabi experience for Jewish athletes ages 10-12. This set of games allows athletes to play for their "neighborhood" and divides the area into four delegations: Team Kaiserman (Main Line), Team Mont Co, Team Center City and Team Bucks. Athletes tryout for a team in one of these neighborhoods. Games will be held this year in Wilmington DE on Sunday, May 7. For more information call or email Marti Berk at 610-896-7770 x125 or [mberk@phillyjcc.com](mailto:mberk@phillyjcc.com). (Those interested in Jr Maccabi Bucks County should contact Jeff Fuchs at [jeff@bucksmaccabi.com](mailto:jeff@bucksmaccabi.com))

### **Jewish High School Juniors – Snap into College with Lasko College Prep Program! Have fun and get ready for college starting this summer:**

- Increase your SAT scores
- Get help in making college decisions
- Get hands-on help with applying for scholarships and financial aid
- Get a summer internship at a Jewish nonprofit agency
- Make new friends and participate in a Mitzvah project
- Receive a financial reward upon successful completion

Plus, get a full year of assistance in navigating the college process – all for FREE!

Start the application process NOW at: [www.jevshumanservices.org/lasko-program](http://www.jevshumanservices.org/lasko-program)  
Financial guidelines apply. **To find out more call 215-832-0875 or email [LaskoCollege@jevs.org](mailto:LaskoCollege@jevs.org)**  
The Lasko College Prep Program is managed by JEVS Career Strategies, a division of JEVS Human Services.  
JEVS Career Strategies, 2100 Arch Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
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### Ongoing Series Presented by Jewish Family and Children's Services



#### Practicing Inclusion

by Lisa Ney, LCSW, Assistant Director of Individual and Family Services  
As Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month draws to a close, it is an ideal time to reflect on what it really means to be inclusive. Inclusion of all is what makes a community, and there are three main components to full inclusion: word; deed; and thought.

[Click here to learn how.](#)

### JFCS Needs Volunteer Drivers for Seniors

Help steer an older adult in the right direction! Be part of JFCS' Silver Wheels program and provide easy, accessible, and affordable transportation for older adults. We help out with non-emergency medical appointments; food shopping, bank, pharmacy, and social activities errands.

Please contact Lisa Tischler: [267.256.2082](tel:267.256.2082) or [ltischler@jfcspilly.org](mailto:ltischler@jfcspilly.org).



### Klein JCC...

10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116 • [www.kleinjcc.com](http://www.kleinjcc.com)

**Heart to Heart is here for you!** Are you having difficulty making ends meet? Have you recently lost your job? Have you been experiencing hardship or recent life changes? Are you struggling to put food on the table? Are you looking for assistance in deciding what to do next in order to improve your situation? If you've said yes to any of these questions and you are under the age of 65, contact us now for help! For additional information and eligibility, please contact Program Director Anya Goldberg, at 215-698-7300 x135 or [agoldberg@kleinjcc.org](mailto:agoldberg@kleinjcc.org).

The **Mitzvah Food Project** needs your help to deliver food boxes to seniors in need! We are relying on support from our community to deliver food boxes to nearby senior homes and apartments (once a month) from two of our pantry locations. Boxes are provided by the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

Now is your chance to do a wonderful mitzvah: sign up for a delivery route today! Delivery routes are local and will take approximately 30 minutes. Recipients will sign for the food box at the door. Please know...we must fill these routes in order to pilot this new program.

Locations of food box pick-up are: **JCCs Raymond & Miriam Klein Branch, 10100 Jamison Ave, Northeast Philadelphia 19116** and **JCCs Jacob & Esther Stiffel Senior Center, 604 Porter Street, South Philadelphia 19148.**

**Whether you are looking for a B'nai-Mitzvah Project for your child, community service work, or just volunteering for a wonderful cause, please e-mail or call us.** We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you soon! Together, we can end hunger in our community.

Contact the Mitzvah Food Project's Administrative Office with any questions:

215-832-0509 or by email at <mailto:foodproject@jfgp.org>.

Interim Project Manager, Deirdre Mulligan, (215) 832-0509

Mitzvah Food Project Coordinator, Deena Goldstein, (215) 832-0831



### Philadelphia Food Distributions

One Sunday each month, 750-1,000+ volunteers of all ages and backgrounds meet as a community at our Northeast Philadelphia warehouse, located at 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, 19154. These volunteers pack fresh produce and non-perishable kosher food, load their cars with boxes, and deliver food and a smile into the homes of those in need. This is a great way to fulfill your community service requirements for school or work. Community service forms are available at each of our food distributions. Box packing takes place from 10 - 11:30 AM, followed by food delivery. Early risers are welcome to help make boxes and bag fresh produce (no produce during the summer) between 8:30 - 10 AM. Just be sure to wear closed toe shoes while in the warehouse, as sandals are not permitted. Looking to volunteer later in the day or short on time? Food boxes can be picked up for delivery from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Most delivery routes



consist of 8-12 boxes and typically take about an hour to complete. Driving directions and a map are provided.

To volunteer, sign up for our email list (where you will receive an email prior to each distribution that will contain a link that you can use to register directly for that food distribution), email <mailto:jra@jewishrelief.org>, or call 610-660-0190 x104.

### **JEVS Human Services Career Strategies**

1845 Walnut Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Looking for work these days can be overwhelming for anyone, regardless of background, skills and interests. JEVS has a variety of services for job seekers to help you get from *where you are* to *where you want to be*. For more info: 215-854-1800 or visit <https://jevshumanservices.org/job-readiness-career-services/>.

### **Jewish Family and Children's Services Domestic Violence Program**

We invite you to be a part of the extraordinary journey of growth and freedom that these women are courageously facing. For more information call 267-256-2000, or visit [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org).

### **In Support of Israel . . .**

Let Washington know that we appreciate the US support of Israel and to urge continued support.

Call 202-456-1111 or e-mail to [comments@whitehouse.gov](mailto:comments@whitehouse.gov). Contact your Senators and Congressmen – visit [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov); [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). FOR INFORMATION AND TO MAKE DONATIONS FOR FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES, visit [www.fidf.org](http://www.fidf.org).