

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Our Spiritual Community

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22

6:00 PM – Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv Service
(Light candles before coming to Services)

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 23 – FIRST DAY OF PESAH

9:30 AM – Kol Tefilah and Pesah Service

10:30 AM – Tefilot Noar – Teen Service

11:15 AM – Kol Mishpacha – Family Service

1:30 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv for Shabbat and Yom Tov



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:

Thursday, May 5, 7 PM

Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM

Sunday, May 15, 12:15 PM

Wednesday, June 1, 7 PM

Sunday, May 22, 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.

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

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

****MINYAN & TISCH WITH RABBI ALLEN – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

FOLLOWING 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.



****PASSOVER RESTAURANT – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 5:00-8:00 PM**

Catered by Betty the Caterer – Soup and Salad Bar, Entrees, Kugel, Veggies and Dessert

\$40/Adult - \$20/Child 12-5 years old - \$110/Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED – Call Marcy Gubernick, 610-667-5000 or email, mgubernick@harziontemple.org – Payment at the door and make checks payable to Betty the Caterer – Har Zion cannot bill you.

****POPULAR COMMENTARIES ON GENESIS WITH RABBI ROSENBERG**

THURSDAY MORNINGS, 10:00 AM – THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON APRIL 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 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.

****ISADORE L. KIRSCHNER TEACHER APPRECIATION AWARD**

We will be honoring ALL of our teachers whose energy, service and dedication create excellence in the development of Jewish Education and Jewish traditions for our synagogue's children.

Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School celebration - Sunday, May 1 at 11:15 AM

Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education celebration – Friday, May 6 at 10:30 AM

****YOM HASHAOH COMMEMORATION – SUNDAY, MAY 1, 5:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY SERVICES AT 6:30 PM**

*With Special Guests Dachau Survivor Ernest Gross and Don Greenbaum, his American Liberator
This program made possible through the Sauer Family Yom Hashoah Fund.*

****APPROACHES TO TORAH – TUESDAY, 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 rsvp is required: mgubernick@harzientemple.org.

***Shabbat* ACROSS THE MAIN LINE – FRIDAY, MAY 20, 5:00-7:00 PM**

Ashbridge Park – 1301 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA

BYO Picnic, chairs and blankets - Live Music for All Ages – Limited number of tables available

There is no cost for this event; pre-registration is requested.

Register at jewishphilly.org/mainlineshabbat

For question, contact Rabbi Allen 610-667-5000 or Rabbi Leah Richman 215-832-0558

Sponsored by the Kehillah of Lower Merion – in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia



Toiletry Drive

for Golden Slipper Mother's & Father's Days

Collecting regular and sample-sized items now through April 28.

Please leave donations at the Main Office.



THE PASSOVER PROJECT A Jewish Campaign Against Slavery



This year Har Zion Temple joins an every 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.

****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

American Commuters Get a Low-Cost Shared Ride

The days of hailing a cab and searching for change are coming to a halt. Today's commuters can schedule and pay for cabs and ride-shares from their mobile devices. Via, a ride-sharing app which launched in 2012 offers on-demand shared rides driven only by licensed taxi drivers. Book a ride through the free iOS or Android app, and the algorithms match you with a "Via-cle" already headed your way with up to five other passengers. So far, the service is available in parts of Chicago and New York City.

For New York City users, rides cost \$5 plus tax if prepaid or \$7 plus tax, if not prepaid, and is charged automatically to a credit card or commuter benefits debit card. The rides pick you up on the nearest corner of a street that flows in the direction of your destination and drops you off within a couple of blocks of where you want to go. The company reports that the average wait time for a Via-cle is five minutes. Users get an estimate of pickup time before booking and can use the app to track the van's progress. 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.

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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.

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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

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