

UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Har Zion's Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, April 6

An Evening with *America's Got Talent* Finalist

Oz Pearlman

6:30 PM Patrons Dinner

8:00 PM Program

9:30 PM Dessert Reception

[Check out this 3 minute video!](#)

Dinner by reservation only – General admission for program: \$54



Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans Service and Prachim Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 5, 5:30 PM

For all HZ families with children age infant to 6 years old

Services with Rabbi Haaz, Hazzan Vogel, and Debbie Folz followed by a delicious Shabbat Dinner - BYOB (Kosher) – Jeans and casual attire encouraged

Be our guest! However, reservations are required.

Your RSVP is needed, email Debbie Folz, dfolz@harziontemple.org.

Parashat Hashavuah with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani – Saturday, April 6, 10 AM

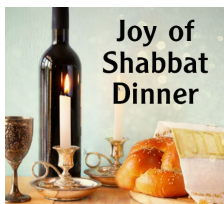
Join Rabbi Moriah as she helps to unpack the biblical text using literary methods and rabbinic interpretations. Participate in a class taught by a masterful teacher with a lifetime of experience studying our traditions.

Volunteers Needed for Saunders House and Inglis House Seders

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Joy of Shabbat Dinner

Joy of Shabbat Dinner – Friday, April 12 – dinner follows 6 PM Services

Join us as we honor Charlotte Muchnick and Nancy Selarnick as our Membership Service Award Recipients

Come relax and enjoy Shabbat together. All ages welcome! BYOB (Kosher unopened)

Before 4/6 – \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 13)

4/6 and after \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (under 13)

Deadline for a Guaranteed Reservation: 5 PM on Wednesday, April 10

RSVP to Emily, 610-667-5000 or eberton@harziontemple.org or [click here](#).

A small service fee will be charged for online reservations.

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Service Schedule for Pesah 5779

Thursday, April 18 – 13 Nisan

Bedikat Hametz – Search for Hametz after nightfall

Friday, April 19 – 14 Nisan – Erev Pesah

7 AM – Morning Service and *Siyum Bechorim*

(Fast of the First Born)

10:44 AM – Last time to eat Hametz

11:52 PM – *Biur Hametz* – Burning the Hametz

6 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

Saturday, April 20 – 15 Nisan

First Day of Pesah

9:15 AM – Morning Service

2 PM – Minha – after Kiddush

Sunday, April 21 – 16 Nisan

Second Day of Pesah

9:15 AM – Morning Service

7:35 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv

Monday, April 22 – 17 Nisan

Third Day of Pesah – Hol HaMoed

6:50 AM – Morning Service

6:00 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv

Tuesday, April 23 – 18 Nisan

Fourth Day of Pesah – Hol HaMoed

6:50 AM – Morning Service

6:00 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday, April 24 – 19 Nisan

Fifth Day of Pesah – Hol HaMoed

6:50 AM – Morning Service

6 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, April 25 – 20 Nisan

Sixth Day of Pesah – Hol HaMoed

6:50 AM – Morning Service

7 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv

Friday, April 26 – 21 Nisan

Seventh Day of Pesah

9:15 AM – Morning Service

6 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv for Yom Tov

Saturday, April 27 – 22 Nisan

Eighth Day of Pesah

Trustees and Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

9 AM – Morning Service – Yizkor Recited

7:40 PM – Minha/Ma'ariv

Yom Tov concludes at 8:34 PM

Kehillah of Lower Merion and Theatre Ariel present *The 3rd Act: Aging with Grit & Humor*



Sunday, April 14, 3 PM

The Kehillah of Lower Merion proudly presents an afternoon of theatre for older adults and their friends by renown Theatre. "The Third Act: Aging with Grit and Humor" is four short plays on topics that are no stranger to older adults: the importance of friendship, forgiveness and love flavored with the spice of Jewish life. The afternoon of theater

concludes with a talk back with the performers and refreshments. Join us for this delightful afternoon of theatre. **Guided audience discussion with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani and Dessert reception immediately following performances.**

\$10 in advance/\$15 at the door

To purchase tickets, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y4wtawv7>

Questions? Please call 610-359-8632 or email kehillahoflowermerion@gmail.com

Sponsored in partnership with Har Zion Temple, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Golden Slipper Gems, JFCS, Nana's Kitchen, Adath Israel, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Kaiserman JCC



COMMUNITY PORTRAIT
A population study of Greater Philadelphia

Have you heard about Community Portrait?

It's a population study, commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia once every 10 years that will help us to most effectively evaluate and support the needs of our local Jewish communities. Your answers will help us to direct our resources to where they're

most needed so our entire Jewish community can continue to grow and thrive! Keep an eye out for the survey in the mail to see if you've been selected to take part in the survey. [Learn more here!](#)



Jewish Federation
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This Week...

Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD – Mondays, 11:15 AM

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then moves on to examine stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming?

Rabbi Shawn and the Search for God – Mondays, 12:15 PM

Join Rabbi Shawn and his intrepid group of explorers on this year's journey into modern theology. Together we will wrestle with the meaning and religious concepts that affect us as individuals and as a people.



Sisterhood Mah Jongg – Mondays, 12:30 PM

Please bring your set. You may bring Kosher dairy/parve lunch or snacks. Questions and to RSVP, contact Phyllis Gorson, 610-667-5000, ext 112.

D'var T'filah with Hazzan Vogel – Tuesdays after 7 AM Minyan

D'var T'filah (a "teaching about prayer") – Hazzan Vogel will offer brief insights into the spiritual dynamics of prayer focusing each time on why prayer is difficult and what we can do about it.

Afterlife in Biblical Tradition: Jacob's Deathbed and the Cave at Machpelah with Dr. Simcha Raphael – Tuesday, April 9 (make-up day for 2/12), 10-11:30 AM

An exploration of Jewish afterlife texts spanning three millennia of history. As travelers through time, we shall enter the worlds of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar and Hasidic tales investigating diverse ways Jews have understood the enigmatic mystery of death and the world beyond.

Searching for spiritual renewal of traditional teachings, we shall use these texts for reflection and discussion discovering practical guidelines for responding to the human encounter with death - personally, and in our families and communities.

Shul Stitchers – Tuesday, April 9, 11:30 AM

We invite you to join us! Knitters and crocheters needed! Beginners or advanced! We create a variety of items for those in need – hats, blankets, and more.

For more information, please contact [Charlotte Muchnick](#)

TISCH with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesday after 7 AM Minyan

TISCH – remain after Minyan for breakfast and halacha study with Rabbi Shawn in the Rudofker Library. We will read the traditional and then connect it to our own current practices.

Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen – Wednesday, April 10, 11 AM

An in-depth study of the *tefillot* in our Siddur. By engaging in a close, careful reading of the text of the service we will uncover the meaning, the history and background of our *tefillot*. Who wrote them, when, and why? Why were certain phrases and words used? What feelings do they evoke within us and how do they shape and influence our entire value system and heritage? By truly knowing, understanding and feeling the words, ideas and thoughts inherent in our prayers, our participation in services will become more meaningful and will enhance our spiritual quest to capture the beauty and majesty of our heritage.

Parashat Hashavuah for the Sandwich Generation with Rabbi Shawn – Wednesdays, 11 AM

Rabbi Shawn will briefly summarize the parsha. He will then bring one or more contemporary interpretations of the text for us to study and discuss. This class is designed for the "Sandwich Generation" student (those that are sandwiched between the needs of their children and those of their aging parents and between the ages of 45ish and 65ish). We will focus on topics that are relevant today. If you would like to receive information about upcoming programs, please email Patty Grobman -

pgrobman@harziontemple.org.

Har Zion After Dark – The Guide to the Perplexed Seder Leader – How to Customize the Haggadah with Noam Zion – Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM

The Rabbis expected much of the conductor of a seder – to be a master of ceremonies, a parent educator and a symposium/talk show moderator. The haggadah can be confusing and boring when recited, but it can be empowering when treated as a how-to manual and when one learns how to skip judiciously

and supplement for variety and depth. For example, using contemporary artwork, we can engage participants in the politics and psychology of the four sons and DAUGHTERS. Many handouts and copies of the author's two haggadot will be available.

Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax – Thursdays, 10 AM, Rudofker Library

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.

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Men's Club Minyannaires with Rabbi Haaz – Fridays after 7 AM Minyan

Breakfast and study with Rabbi Haaz. Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi's interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning.

Friday Lunch Bunch with Rabbi Shawn and Norman Einhorn – Friday, April 12, 12 PM

BYO dairy lunch

A discussion of the *New York Times* Bestseller: "*Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*" by Yossi Klein Halevi

Adult Education at HZT...



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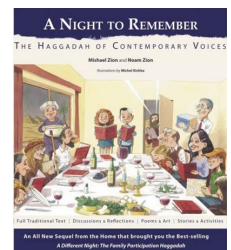
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Special Programming

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Simcha Raphael, PhD is the Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training



Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Abraham Skorka

The Meaning of Interfaith Dialogue – A Perspective from our Sources and History Tuesday, April 30, 12-1:30 PM

Rabbi Skorka will speak about his long friendship with Pope Francis and about the inter-religious dialogue they have conducted over many decades.

Rabbi Skorka was the Rabbi of the Benei Tikva synagogue for 42 years and the rector of the Rabbinical Seminary for 20 years. He has published many articles and books, especially one book called – On Heaven and Earth – which he wrote with the Archbishop of Buenos Aires Cardinal Bergoglio, who is currently Pope Francis. He is currently University Professor at Saint Joseph's University, working closely with its Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations.



\$10/person - payable at the door

RSVP needed by April 22 to Emily Berton, 610-667-5000 or eberton@harzientemple.org

[Here's a full list of our upcoming Adult Education offerings](#)

Sisterhood...

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Men's Club...



HZ Men's Club Basketball League Starting – Monday, April 8

Open to the Community (you don't have to be a HZ member to play)

Meets every Monday (excluding holidays)

Kaiserman JCC, 45 Haverford Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096

45 minute games starting at 6:45 PM

6 teams of 7 players to maximize playing time

ONLY 42 spots available for the first season

Cost: \$150 (includes court time and referees)

For more info and to sign up, contact Scott Rosenthal, hztmb1@gmail.com

Tikkun Olam...

**-Mother's Day and Father's Day Toiletry Collection for Seniors
at the Brith Sholom House**

All sizes needed – sample and full size – for baskets that will be distributed. Please leave items at the front desk. Due before Mother's Day on May 12. Please help bring a smile to our seniors that tend to feel forgotten!



-HIAS PA has some urgent needs for incoming refugee families...

1. Twin Beds ONLY – all parts: a mattress, a frame, and a box spring – relatively new, in good condition, and from a bug-free home. Email community@hiaspa.org to speak with HIAS PA about arranging pickup.
2. Twin sheets and comforters – new, or used in good condition and clean.
3. Towels and wash cloths, pots with lids and fry pans – new, or used in good condition and clean.
4. Winter and Baby Items – winter hats, baby pacifiers and baby wipes. We have added these items to our [Target Registry](#).

The smaller items can be brought to Main Line Reform Temple (410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnewood) and put in the gray plastic bin in the vestibule which is labeled for HIAS PA. If you need help unloading your

vehicle, please request assistance from the custodial staff. If you have any questions as to when the building is open on Sunday to Friday, please call the office at 610-649-7800.

Thank you for your continued support!!

For more information, please contact Kerry Coughlin, kcoughlin@hiaspa.org

-Volunteers Needed for Federation's Mitzvah Food Program – [Click here](#) for more information.

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!

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 or \$10 each – To purchase your donation cards, please contact Janice Katz, 610-525-1101 or rhk101@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 Floral Fund. Why not support Sisterhood while planning your shopping days? Order your Scrip cards and be prepared whenever you shop! Please contact Susan Kochman, 215-272-0475 or sbkochman@aol.com.



INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS Automatically Detect Medical Anomalies

Israeli startup Zebra Medical Vision, founded in 2014 by Eyal Toledano, Eyal Gura, and Elad Benjamin, uses AI to read medical scans and automatically detect anomalies. Through its innovative development and use of 11 different algorithms, Zebra Medical can identify visual symptoms for diseases such as breast cancer, osteoporosis, fatty liver, and conditions such as vertebral fractures, aneurysms, and brain bleeds.

The company will begin deploying its revolutionary medical imaging AI solutions in one of Israel's largest hospitals, Tel Aviv's Ichilov, as well as with Clalit Health Services and Maccabi Healthcare Services – Israel's largest and second-largest HMO, respectively. The three medical entities manage some 90 percent of patients in Israel, the company said. To read more, go to: <http://www.israelideas.org/#!current/c1gqf>.

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, nancigoldman22@gmail.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 Emily Berton, ext 109 or eberton@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.

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.