

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Joy of Shabbat Dinner – Friday, May 10 – follows 6 PM Services**  
**By reservation only**

### **Parashat Hashavuah with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani – Saturday, May 11, 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.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 PM**

Make Har Zion's business your business!

***This is an important meeting – special elections – your vote counts!***

### **Men's Club Closing Dinner – Monday, May 20**

A 'Fireside Chat' with **Howie Roseman**

*Executive Vice President of Football Operations for the Philadelphia Eagles*

**Registration and Deli Dinner at 6:20 PM**

**Program at 6:30 PM**

**Kids welcomed and encouraged!**

**Cost for adults: \$25 (payable to Har Zion Men's Club)**

Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Chapter

**Space is limited!**

**Please respond by Wednesday, May 15 to Emily Berton, [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org)**

**or 610-667-5000, ext 109**



### **Har Zion Active Adults Club Program and Luncheon – Wednesday, May 29, 11:30 AM**

HAZAAC invites you to "**Connect with Your Roots**" in a discussion with films of Jewish Life in Pre-1939 Central Europe

**Lunch at 11:30 AM, Program at 1 PM**

**Please note that reservations are requested for the luncheon.**

**RSVP by Friday, May 24 – Please call Emily Berton at (610) 667-5000 to make reservations.**

**There is a \$10.00 charge for the luncheon (payable at the door).**

### **Israeli Scouts Come to Har Zion – Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 PM**

The Men's Club of Har Zion Temple invites you as their guest to a family-friendly, fun, community celebration of Israel!

**Free Community Performance – 5:30 - 6:15 PM**

**Optional Pasta Dinner with the Scouts – 6:15 PM**

**Adults \$8, Children \$5**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY MAY 24 – go to**

**[harziontemple.ticketleap.com](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com) or**

**RSVP to Emily Berton, [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org) or 610-667-5000, ext 109**



### **The Har Zion community looks forward to celebrating with the Verne Family!**

**Friday, May 31, 6 PM Services**

Kami and Josh Verne invite you to join them as their daughter Brooke leads a Shabbat Service for her Bat Mitzvah.

**Dinner to follow – please be our guests!**

The only presents we need are your presence!

**[RSVP for dinner required](#) by Friday, May 24**



**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**  
of Greater Philadelphia

### **Har Zion Landau Gift Box**

We are now online! Visit us at [harziontemple.org/giftshop](http://harziontemple.org/giftshop)

**SUMMER HOURS BEGIN JUNE 18 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30 AM to 3 PM**

**Regular Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday – 9:30 AM to 4 PM, Friday – 9:30 AM to 3 PM**

**Sunday – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (when school is in session)**

**Additional hours by appointment – 610-667-2698**

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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.

### **Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector, Tuesday, May 14, 10 AM and 5 PM**

You do not have to be able to speak Yiddish to experience the Joys of Yiddish culture. Enjoy the works of Yiddish authors, poets, songs, theater and cinema and incidentally learn the language.

### **Shul Stitchers – Tuesday, May 14, 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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:pgrobman@harziontemple.org).

### **Har Zion After Dark – Wednesday, May 15**

**6:30-7:30 PM (early session)**

**Dr. Michael Schatz – Part 2: History of Jewish Philadelphia: Jewish Neighborhoods in Philadelphia**

**7:45-8:45 PM (later session)**

**Rabbi Ira Flax – Revolt and Redemption; the Rise of Rabbinic Judaism from 200 BCE - 200 CE**  
*Herod, Josephus, and Masada*

## **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.

## **Current Events with Norman Einhorn – Thursday, May 16, 11:15 AM**

Ripped from the day's headlines, our multi-media classes revolve around issues that are making the news. Whether it's Israeli or American politics, the class tackles topics that are discussed around the dinner table. All opinions are welcome, total respect is required.

## **Men's Club Minyannaires with Rabbi Shawn – Fridays after 7 AM Minyan**

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

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## **Adult Education at HZT...**

### **Har Zion After Dark**

**Wednesdays, May 15, 29**

**6:30-7:30 PM (early session)**

**Dr. Michael Schatz**

#### ***Part 2: History of Jewish Philadelphia: Jewish Neighborhoods in Philadelphia***

In this series, we will trace the patterns of migration of the children of Jewish immigrants as they moved out of South Philadelphia toward Strawberry Mansion, West Philly, Wynnefield, and Logan. Then we will delve into the "Third Settlement"- neighborhoods close to the edge of the city that were built up after the second World War, and the Jewish communities that formed in West Oak Lane, Northeast Philadelphia, and more. Jews moved slowly to the suburbs in Philadelphia, only settling in Cheltenham and parts of Lower Merion in significant numbers before 1970. We'll look at the evolution of these communities, and then finish with a discussion of the new realities of outer ring suburbanization, resettlement of the city, and the impact of immigration from the former Soviet Union, the resurgence of Orthodox Judaism, and Jewish rise to prominence in politics and philanthropy. We will also devote a session to the history of Jewish Education in Philadelphia.

**7:45-8:45 PM (later session)**

**Rabbi Ira Flax**

#### ***Revolt and Redemption; the Rise of Rabbinic Judaism from 200 BCE-200 CE***

**May 15 - Herod, Josephus, and Masada**

**May 29 - Bar Kochba, Betar and Hanukkah**



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

## **Sisterhood...**

### **Sisterhood Board Meeting**

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30 PM (Light dinner will be served)**

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Closing Campaign Dinner – Summer in Style**

**Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 PM**

Fashions by Pasha in Bryn Mawr

**6:30 PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner & Fashion Show**

**Dinner couvert: \$40 and a Campaign Contribution**

[Click here](#) to download RSVP.



### **Calling all Har Zion Fashionistas...**



*Our Closet – powered by JFCS, is a volunteer-driven organization with the mission of providing free clothing and accessories to Philadelphians in need via pop-up shops in their neighborhoods.*

**We need you to donate gently used ACCESSORIES ONLY:**

- Hats
- Scarves (warm or decorative)
- Gloves
- Jewelry
- Pocketbooks and Wallets
- Belts
- Flat Shoes and Sneakers

For more information, please contact Reisel Weinberger, 610-420-6902 or [risey@aol.com](mailto:risey@aol.com)

**Please bring your items to the main office and leave them with Harriet or bring them to our Closing Campaign Dinner for our drop box.**

## Men's Club...

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## Tikkun Olam...

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

Box fans, diapers and trash cans. We have added these items to our [Target Registry](#).

For more information, please contact Kerry Coughlin, [kcoughlin@hiaspa.org](mailto: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?

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sbkochman@aol.com).

*Shop Scrip*  
Benefits the Sisterhood Floral Fund



AND MORE!  
Scrip is available for pickup in the upper Meriden Plaza Building, 40 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10018



### INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS

#### Bacteria-hunting kit to spot food hazards before they enter our homes

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 48 million people get sick each year in the US, 128,000 are hospitalized and another 3,000 die because of food-borne diseases — illnesses originating from food spoilage or contamination. Israeli startup Yarak Microbio says it has developed a way to identify life-threatening bacteria in as little as under an hour, before the food products they could be lurking in get sold. The technology can thus protect not only consumers but also small firms that can't afford the financial cost of recalls, lawsuits or the cancellation of their contracts with retail chains, the firm says.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lalbert@harziontemple.org), with your name and cell phone number for a text.