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# The Bulletin

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

*All volunteers must be vaccinated and wear a mask. Please register with Norma Dworkin ([nldworkin58@gmail.com](mailto:nldworkin58@gmail.com)). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (and be vaccinated). We cannot accommodate children under 5 at this time.*



### Volunteer Options on MLK Day Include:

**Donation Sorting – 12 Noon-3 PM**  
Help organize and sort donated goods for distribution to local charities.

**Cook for a Friend – 10 AM-12 Noon**  
Help prepare meals for those in need at the Klein Life Center and in our community.

**Letter Writing – 12 Noon-3 PM**  
Letter writing for veterans, soldiers and IDF.

**Shul Stitches – 11:30 AM**  
We will be working on a project.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
1:30 - 6:30 PM • Gorson Auditorium  
Reserve your spot today – call 1-800-REDCROSS.

*Items may be dropped off at the Main Entrance. However, if you don't have time or the items needed, you may donate to the Tikkun Olam Fund for a specific charity and the committee will happily shop for you! Also gift cards or checks are acceptable.*

### We are currently accepting the following donations from Monday, January 3 through MLK Day, January 17:

**Narberth Food Bank** – non-perishables (not expired) like canned: tuna, chicken, fruit, vegetables, spaghetti/ravioli, chili/stews, soups, rice, mac & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, jarred tomato sauce, granola bars, crackers, etc.

**Francisvale Animal Shelter** – gently used, clean towels & blankets (if knitted must be tight), unopened dog/cat food and treats, toys, leashes, unscented cat litter, dog scoopers and biodegradable pick-up bags, crates and beds

**HIAS** – Acme, Walmart or Target gift cards to be used for emergency needs, scissors, note pads, markers any color, laundry detergent no bleach, all purpose cleaner no bleach, dish detergent, 2-ply toilet paper

**Nationalities Service Center** – baking dishes, pots & pans, kitchen utensils, silverware, plates, cups, bowls, etc. for kitchens when Afghan refugees move into their homes

**Marie's Closet** – children (all sizes), women, and men clothing (casual/sports), and winter coats and boots

**Mitzvah Circle** – feminine hygiene supplies, baby supplies, new school supplies, new socks/underwear, toys (in good condition with **no** missing pieces)

**The Wardrobe – women's professional wear** – suits, skirts, pants, blouses, blazers, shoes, handbags, belts, jewelry, scarves; **men's professional wear** – suits, shirts, slacks, blazers, ties

**Menz Fit** – gently used men's belts and shoes

**Vietnam Veterans of America** – Hard/soft back adult/children books (fiction/non), textbooks, magazines

**Laurel House** – toiletries, diapers, and cell phones

**Free the Girls** – new or gently used bras of all sizes and styles

**Lion's Club** – glasses

## Remembering to Pause

Message from **Rabbi Seth Haaz**

I am thrilled that our youth Torah chanting program now includes fifth graders, and our educational team at Har Zion looks forward to developing a talented, experienced cadre of young leaders. In the very first lesson that I teach as a part of this course, I explain that there are two categories of notes in Torah chanting: there are joining notes, and there are pausing notes. Why is this such an important lesson to teach? Well, if, while chanting Torah, you pause at a joining note or join at a pausing note, it is a correctable mistake. But, even more important than that, and much more basic, is that the Torah chanter needs to breathe. One can master the Hebrew and the music and know precisely how to graft them together, but, if that person does not pause to breathe, then that person cannot chant Torah... at least not for very long.

It is important to remember to pause and breathe when chanting Torah, and this lesson should be extrapolated to life in general.  
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## Nominating Committee Appointed

Michael Perlstein, Past President of Har Zion Temple, has been appointed chairperson of this year's Nominating Committee. Members of the committee include Dorene Karasick, Ron Robbins, Harry Sauer, Bill Novick, Samantha Rash Mizrahi, Alan Workman, Abby Siegel-Greenberg, Fredy-Jo Grafman, Sheri Herzberg and Morria Pedowitz.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 902 of the Bylaws, "Any member in good standing may submit to the Nominating Committee suggestions for names of candidates for election to the Board, provided that the suggestions are submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting," which will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**.

If you have any questions or are interested in having someone (including yourself) considered for nomination to the Board, please contact Michael Perlstein at [msperl@verizon.net](mailto:msperl@verizon.net) or any other member of the Nominating Committee.

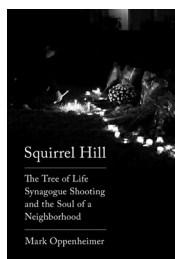


***Save the Date!***  
**Friday-Sunday**  
**February 25-27**  
**Visiting Scholar**  
**MARK OPPENHEIMER**

Our guest for the weekend will be Mark Oppenheimer. He is the author of *Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood* and *Thirteen and a Day: The Bar and Bat Mitzvah Across America*, and co-author and co-host of the podcast *Unorthodox for Tablet* magazine.

He will be speaking to us about his work throughout the weekend.

**Watch your emails  
for more information.**



## Rabbi Haaz (continued from page 1)

You can be productive in your work life and available for your loved ones and friends in your personal life, but if you do not remember to pause regularly, those blessings in your life will not be sustainable.

Our lives have changed much over the past two years, and we each need time to breathe and reflect on what we have lost, what we have gained, and where we are going. Although life seems to move at a frenetic pace, there are opportunities to pause in every verse of Torah and in every day of life. And, the first lesson of Torah chanting teaches us that forgetting, missing, or squandering these opportunities to pause and take a breath is a significant mistake. The years 2020 and 2021 were uniquely disruptive. Regardless of what 2022 brings, let us remember to pause, breathe, and consciously nourish our mind, body, and soul.

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## Ritual Matters

Message from **Dr. Ely Levine**,  
Ritual Director and Scholar in Residence



Last issue, I told you about how "I have that Shabbat feeling all over me." This time, I want to talk about another song we sing in the NCCECE Kabbalat Shabbat service: "*Ma Yafe HaYom*" (How beautiful is the day!). When I sing this with the children, I introduce it by reminding them of how the anticipation for Shabbat helps us to enjoy the day. With the candles, wine, and challah, with the singing, and when we are feeling thankful, Shabbat is a beautiful day. Even if it is raining or snowing outside, Shabbat is a beautiful day.

As I write this, it is Saturday night and Shabbat is over, but what a beautiful Shabbat it was! We celebrated a simha at services this morning. There have been quite a few this fall: B'nai Mitzvah, Aufrufs, and Baby Namings. A family comes to celebrate and brings with them many guests. As I looked around the sanctuary this morning, the room felt full. Of course, this is "COVID full", so not every seat was occupied; however, there were people all over the room, excited to be there and eager to celebrate Shabbat. Both guests and those who attend services regularly participated in the service. The singing was lively. There was a buzz of excitement in the room. Sure that buzz could also be described as noise, but when we accept the reason for it, we can be okay with noise. The occasion of the simha had nothing to do with me, and fully half of the crowd I had never seen before, but how wonderful I felt.

Do you remember those old Temple University commercials? So-and-so could have gone anywhere, but she chose Temple. Whether the occasion is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a Baby Naming, or an Aufruf, families can choose to celebrate anywhere – or nowhere – but they choose Har Zion. They feel some connection to the space, to the institution, but probably mostly to the community, that they wish to share their happiness with us. They are inviting us to share their joy, to be happy with them.

Among the *mitzvot* about Shabbat is to make it a delight, an *oneg*. We use that word sometimes to describe the food we serve after Shabbat services, but that is because good food often raises our spirits. (Sure, being able to serve food again like we used to do would go a long way to bringing back that delight, but we are not there yet.) Like many of you, I do not plan to have another Aufruf or Baby Naming, and my birthday only comes once a year. I need other people's occasions to celebrate, others' joy to join in with. I need other families to bring in large crowds to our sanctuary, to make a little noise, and to make our services feel alive.

When we think about our own lifecycle events – either in the past or that we are planning – we think about the beauty and delight of celebrating with the Har Zion community. When others bring their celebrations to us, let us recognize their similar hopes, and help make their Shabbat a beautiful day too!

# ADULT JEWISH LEARNING . . .

All classes will continue on Zoom. Some may be held in-person at Har Zion. Please watch the weekly emails for more info and updates.

## **MONDAY**

### **1 PM – NaKh: The Rest of the Bible with Dr. Ely Levine**

We spend a lot of time on certain parts of the Bible – chiefly, the Torah. It is time to read through the Prophets and the Writings more carefully. Join this class to read and discuss the rest of the Bible. We will move at a comfortable pace, but include some deep exploration of texts. New participants are welcome at any time! We began this fall reading through the Books of Samuel.

### **8:30 PM – Talmud Study with Rabbi Gary Charlestein**

Call Gary (215-290-0405) if you need to pick up the text.

## **TUESDAY**

### **10 AM – Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector**

**Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 22, Mar 8, 22, Apr 5, 19, May 3, 17, 31, Jun 14**

### **4 PM – Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh**

**Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28**

Warm, interactive, and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members. For more information, please contact Meryl Littman, [merylitt@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:merylitt@vet.upenn.edu) or Janice Katz, [rhk101@hotmail.com](mailto:rhk101@hotmail.com).

## **WEDNESDAY**

### **8:15 AM – TISCH with Rabbi Shawn**

Are you looking for a little traditional text early in the morning? If so, join Rabbi Shawn, the Rambam and friends from Har Zion as each week we work our way through the Mishnah Torah, written by Rabbi Moses Maimonides in the 12th Century. You can join the group from the comforts of your own home by Zoom or in person after morning minyan. We have just begun the fascinating section on Torah, Mezuzah, and Tefillin and would love to have you come along for the friendly conversation and the traditional learning.

### **12:30 PM – Learning with Dr. Ely Levine**

**New class coming soon**

## **THURSDAY**

### **10 AM – Commentaries on Exodus with Rabbi Ira Flax**

Join us for an in-depth study of the Book of Exodus. Starting with the commentary of the Hertz and Etz Chaim Chumash we then delve into the insights found in the Talmud, Midrash, and the major commentators spanning the length of Jewish history. It's Torah as you have never studied it!

### **7 PM – Open a Book...Open Your Mind**

**Select authors will be a part of our Adult Ed sessions.**

**January 6 – Sam Apple, *Ravenous*; February 3 – Joshua M. Greene, *Unstoppable*; March 3 – Mark Gerson, *The Telling*; April 7 – Tracy Walder, *The Unexpected Spy***

Admission is \$18, please visit [www.harziontemple.org](http://www.harziontemple.org) to register and for more information. See page 7 for the full schedule.

### **7 PM – Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism**

*While this course flows from beginning to end, each session stands alone, so we welcome you to drop in as you are able.*

### **Peoplehood with Dr. Ely Levine**

**Jan 13, 20, 27**

*Explores questions related to the collective experience of Jewish life: What does it mean to be part of the Jewish community? To what extent can communities hold diverse and shared values at the same time? What does Jewish Peoplehood mean today, when the centers of Jewish life, North America and Israel, are so different and independent from one another?*

### **Practice with Rabbi Shawn**

**Feb 10, 17, 24; Mar 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr 28; May 5 (Yom Ha'atzma'ut), 12, 19**

*Explores questions that are fundamental to Jewish practice: What is the system of mitzvot trying to accomplish? Why the need for ritual action beyond belief? How have Jewish thinkers conceived of the meaning of mitzvot in an age of radical human autonomy?*

*This series comes to us from the Shalom Hartman Institute and is an introduction to philosophical ideas in Jewish peoplehood, practice, faith, and ethics based on Hartman Torah from the past four decades.*

## **SHABBAT**

### **Following morning services – Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study**

This participant-led and organized study group wrestles with the meaning of the weekly Torah portion.

### **ScholarStream is Back!**

*The Conservative Movement seminaries and institutions are partnering to offer these series that will bring you face-to-face with the brightest and most engaging scholars our movement has to offer.*

### **Series #4: The Other Within – Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in a Pluralistic Movement**

**Wednesdays, January 19, 26 and February 2, 9 at 8 PM**

### **Series #5: Halakha – The Process Moving Forward and the Forward-Moving Process**

**Wednesdays, February 16, 23 and March 2, 9 at 8 PM**

**Registration is required before each session** – You can register at no cost, but you need to use coupon code: HZTPennValley21 to skip through the credit card/billing info. A day before each session, the Zoom link will be sent out to all those who registered.

**Check the weekly emails for more information and to register for these FREE sessions.**

# EDUCATION . . .

## *Abiri Talit Project*

On October 24 and November 14, a healthy handful of families embarked on a meaningful multigenerational process to hand fabricate *Talitot* for the young women in their families that will become Bat Mitzvah in the near future. Together with fabric artist, Heather Stoltz, the girls and their grandmothers, moms, or great aunts selected fabric and crafted these simple cloths into beautiful heirloom *Talitot* that they will get to wear proudly as Jewish women following their *Smachot*. The finished products were indeed beautiful and it was extremely meaningful to learn together about what constitutes a kosher *Talit* and even how to tie the *Tzitzit* but the true value of this program was the priceless interaction between the girls and their accompanying relatives. They shared stories and learned to support each other through a spiritual and hands-on activity that we're sure will be remembered by all who participated. This program was generously supported by the Abiri-Jean Jewish Arts Fund.





## News from the HSA

### Holiday Gift Bazaar

The HSA held their annual Holiday Gift Bazaar fundraiser event on Sunday, November 7 in the Har Zion parking lot. We were lucky to have 25 local vendors and businesses join us for a beautiful day of shopping with friends and family. It was so nice to be able to hold this event in person. Many thanks to our VP's of Fundraising – Jodi Elkaim, Jenna Korff, and Marisa Langford for making this event possible.

### Holiday Celebrations

Although parents weren't able to join their children in the classroom this year for Thanksgiving Feasts or a school-wide Hanukkah celebration, the HSA provided our wonderful NCCECE teachers with all the supplies needed for in-school celebrations and activities for the holidays.

### Latke Sale

Thank you to all the NCCECE and JFRS families, staff, congregants, and community members who purchased latkes through our fundraiser! We truly appreciate your ongoing support and hope you and your families had a very Happy Hanukkah!



## News from Diane Halpren

We are looking forward to another fun-filled summer at Har Zion Day Camp. If you haven't already enrolled your child for the summer of 2022, go to Har Zion's website to fill out the application. While attending our camp, your child will have an opportunity to experience pony rides, a moon bounce, creative movement, gymnastics, soccer, music, art, science and of course, swimming in our in-ground pool. Our counselors are full of positive energy, nurturing, creative and will ensure the safety of your child. If you know of anyone that fits that job description, we are looking to add to our staff. Please have them reach out to me at [harziondaycamp@harziontemple.org](mailto:harziondaycamp@harziontemple.org).

HAR ZION DAY CAMP WILL BE SO MUCH FUN FOR YOU.....IN THE SUMMER OF 2022!!!!!!!



# SISTERHOOD . . .

*From time to time we will have Sisterhood members share their stories and adventures. This is from Michele Perlstein from her trip to Israel.*

## **My Trip to Israel this Summer**

This past July, by some great alignment of luck and opportunity, I got the chance to travel to Israel with a group of women through an organization called Momentum (formerly the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project or JWRP). Momentum was created by women for women, and informally refers to itself as "Birthright for Moms."



Getting into Israel during a global pandemic was not easy. I had to take a full PCR test within 72 hours of my flight, another PCR test upon arrival at the airport, and a blood serum test to check for antibodies. While we waited for those results to come in, we would have to stay in quarantine in our hotel rooms until given the all clear. However, all that trouble was well worth it. As I and the other women from our group made our way to buses that would take us to our hotels, we rounded a corner at Ben Gurion airport and were greeted by a group of people who work for Momentum in Israel with loud cheers and shouts of "welcome to Israel!" They played music and we sang and danced and they even threw some confetti at us. What an amazing way to be welcomed to a country!

That was the start of a beautiful week. At the beginning of that week, I had only met the women in my group a couple of times before the trip and barely knew them. By the end of the week, we'd all become the best of friends. Many of the women had never been to Israel before and we all came from different levels of observance, but it was clear that all were committed to strengthening Jewish values in our homes and with our families. In addition to our group from Philadelphia, there was another small group of women from Park City, Utah and a group of women from Israel on our bus. This year, Momentum opened up their trip to a new group of women – the Healthcare Heroes, as a way to thank those women who worked on the front lines of the COVID pandemic. Finally, the last group of women on this particular trip was the Mothers of Lone Soldiers.

Since I have been to Israel twice before, I wondered if I would get the chance to do anything new or see something that I hadn't seen before. I knew we would be going to some of the usual spots that are the must sees in Israel, such as the Kotel, Mahane Yehuda market and Ben Yehuda Street, the Shuk HaCarmel, Masada, the Dead Sea and of course Yad Vashem. Well, it turns out that I did go to new places and do different things than I had done on my prior trips to Israel.

Some first time sights for me were:

- the Palmach Museum which tells the fascinating story of the pre-State defense forces which eventually became the IDF;
- the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, a museum housed in a beautiful new building in Jaffa that was the brainchild of Shimon Peres and highlights amazing Israeli innovations;

- ANU - The Museum of the Jewish People, a redesigned and re-envisioned Museum of the Diaspora;
- Har Herzl where we visited to the grave site of lone soldier Michael Levin;
- Ammunition Hill where I learned about the battle for Jerusalem in the Six Day War and the brave soldiers who gave their lives there;
- and a place in the Judean Hills called Eretz Beresheet where I got to ride a camel for the first (and hopefully not last) time.

Another thing that was new for me was that I had never been to the Kotel on Shabbat. I felt a feeling of peace and spirituality envelope me as I walked to the Wall past groups of women singing songs to welcome in Shabbat. The next morning we were invited into the private home of a family living in Jerusalem for Shabbat lunch which added a lovely personal touch to the day. And then there was my visit to Yad Vashem. Although I had been there before, the sheer magnitude of the atrocities of the Holocaust hit me with full force just as it did the first time I visited 12 years before. But just as strong was the feeling of triumph as we left there chanting "we're still here!"

One of the best highlights from my trip happened during our time in Eretz Beresheet. There were a few women from each of the groups who did not have a Hebrew name. A ceremony was held for those women and they each were given the opportunity to pick a Hebrew name that was meaningful to them and then we sang and danced (there was a lot of that on this trip) and did the Hora in celebration of their new Hebrew names. It was a truly uplifting moment.

As we ended our week in Israel, it seemed that every single one of us had vowed to return as soon as possible and moreover to make sure that our children would all get the chance to experience Israel. Many of the women bought Shabbat candles and were planning on lighting them at home with their children on Friday nights and starting a regular Shabbat candle lighting practice. As for me, even though I was there only a few months ago, I'm already trying to figure out when I'll be able to return. As you can probably tell from this article, I can't wait to go back!



Remaining Authors for the Ninth Annual  
**Open a Book...Open Your Mind 2021-22**

The Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the Department of Lifelong Learning proudly present "Open a Book...Open Your Mind."

**Admission is \$18 per author**

Until further notice, all programs are virtual – check your emails closer to the program date.

**For reservations, email us at [openabook@harziontemple.org](mailto:openabook@harziontemple.org) or go to [www.harziontemple.org](http://www.harziontemple.org).**



**Thursday, January 6, 7:00 PM**  
**Sam Apple**  
*Ravenous*

**Wednesday, March 9, 4:00 PM**  
**Annelise Heintz**  
*Mahjong*

**Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 PM**  
**Jean Hanff Korelitz**  
*The Plot*

**Wednesday, January 12, 4:00 PM**  
**Meg Waite Clayton**  
*The Postmistress of Paris*

**Sunday, April 3, 7:00 PM**  
**Ira Rosen**  
*Ticking Clock*

**Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM**  
**Tracy Walder**  
*The Unexpected Spy*

**Thursday, February 3, 7:00 PM**  
**Joshua M. Greene**  
*Unstoppable*

**Monday, April 4, 11:30 AM**  
**Annabelle Gurwich**  
*You're Leaving When?*

**Thursday, March 3, 7:00 PM**  
**Mark Gerson**  
*The Telling*

**Tuesday, April 5, 11:30 AM**  
**Linda Kaufman**  
*Mishugas*



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## SISTERHOOD CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Dates and times may change – watch your emails for more information on upcoming programs.

### Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday-Saturday, February 11-12

Join us! Challenge yourself with a part.

Please contact Andrea Robbins, [arrelst8@gmail.com](mailto:arrelst8@gmail.com)

### Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh

Tuesdays at 4 PM – January 4, February 1

### Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM – January 5, February 9

Open a Book...Open Your Mind Authors Programs  
See page 7 for full schedule

### Sisterhood Program

Wednesday, January 19, 7 PM

Author **Myra Gutin** will discuss Eleanor Roosevelt

### Wednesday, February 23, 7 PM

Panel Discussion on Organ Donation

### Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 10 AM

All programs are currently scheduled to be on Zoom including Sisterhood Shabbat. Please note, our Torah Fund event honoring Hazzan Eliot & Karen Vogel, was originally scheduled for January and a new date is still being determined.

### Floral Fund Donation Cards

Minimum contribution: **\$10 / Four for \$30**

Questions? Please contact Janice Katz,

610-525-1101 or [rhk101@hotmail.com](mailto:rhk101@hotmail.com).

See contributions page for Floral Fund donations.

## NACHES, ETC . . .

### BIRTHS

Welcome to the world!

**Lior Eliezer Fertig**, son of Elysa & Nir Fertig, brother of Mia Dream, grandson of Laya & Rabbi Gary Charlestein and Ritasue Charlestein, great-grandson of Malvina & Morton Charlestein (z"l), and Ruth & Dr. Seymour Birnbach (z"l). Lior was named in part, in loving memory of Morton Charlestein. Lior arrived on October 13.



**Miles Logan Corwin**, son of Lindsey & Jonathan Corwin, brother of Chase, grandson of Gary & Debra Corwin and Ralph & Cindy Yaffe. Miles arrived on November 3.

**Madrona Kofi Sol Barlas Moore McPherson**, daughter of Shira Barlas and Malik McPherson, sister of Rhythm River Forrest, granddaughter of Ariela & Ned Barlas and Dianna Moore, and great-granddaughter of Patricia Schneider. Madrona arrived on November 5.

**Sadie Jane Klein**, daughter of Nicole & Jason Klein, sister of Scott. Sadie arrived November 18.

**Eden Chavah Prine**, daughter of Amanda & Dr. Marc Prine, sister of Golda Bea, granddaughter of Drs. Meryl & Gary Littman and Alice & Richie Prine, and great-granddaughter of Bernice (z"l) & Bernard Littman, Bertha (z"l) & Sidney Prine, Edith & Albert Podolsky (z"l) and Grace & Norman Rosiner (z"l). She is named in loving memory of her great-grandmother Edith Podolsky and great-great-grandmother Celia Lent. Eden Chavah arrived July 1.

**Wallis Harper Kitchen**, daughter of Debbie & Samuel Kitchen, granddaughter of Vicki & Rabbi Ira Flax, great granddaughter of Enid & Wallace (z"l) Flax and Harriet & Harold (z"l) Loigman, and niece of Benjamin Flax. Wallis arrived August 25.

**Ethan Meir Fetterman**, son of Jennifer & Ben Fetterman, grandson of Nancy & Morris Kurtzman, nephew of Erica & Aaron Bloch. Ethan arrived August 26.

**Riley Michelle Goldstein**, daughter of Jessica & Akiva Goldstein, granddaughter of Rachel & David Steerman and David & Pearl Graub Goldstein; great-granddaughter of Phyllis & Morton

(z"l) Weinstock, Louise & William (z"l) Steerman, Dr. Milton & Evelyn Birenbaum Graub (z"l), and Gloria & Bernard Goldstein (z"l); niece of Alix Steerman, Ariel & Gabe Amzallag, and Max & Andrea Goldstein; and cousin of Ava, Maya, Isaac, Ayal and Sophia. Riley arrived on August 28.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to

**Joshua Barrett** is engaged to Alexander Rodney. Joshua is the son of Robyn & Michael Barrett; brother of Scott & Leah Barrett; and grandson of Barbara & Edmund (z"l) Barrett and Susan & Morton Lerner (z"l). Alex is the son of Susie & David Rodney of London, England; brother of Simon & Sheli, Daniel & Victoria, Robert and Jamie; and grandson of Marie & Cyril Rodney (z"l) and Frances & Montague Samuels. A summer 2022 wedding is planned.

**Ian Henry Packman** is engaged to Ellen (Elle) Elizabeth Carlson. Ian is the son of Nanci Goldman & Steve Bergstein and Barry Packman, brother of Betti Packman & Phil Zakahi, grandson of Elias & Jane (z"l) Packman and Biena & Raphael T. Goldman (z"l), uncle of Jacqueline Ray (Jax) Zakahi-Packman, and nephew of Faye Goldman & Leonard Kolins. Elle is the daughter of Renee & Ken Carlson, sister of Emily Carlson, Jayne & Austin Miller, John Carlson, and Samuel Carlson, granddaughter of Jan & Roy Carlson and Betsy (z"l) & Paul Bernier, and aunt of Milena Miller. An August 2022 wedding is planned.

### WEDDING

Hope and Lee Kirschner are thrilled to announce the wedding of their daughter, **Brittany Jill Kirschner** to Blake Henry Rosen on November 13. Brittany is the sister of Bryan Kirschner (Danielle Assour).

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Sharon Tobin Kestenbaum** has been named as co-chair of the National Museum of American Jewish History's board of trustees.

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# TIKKUN OLAM . . .

Message from **Melissa Sayer and Norma Dworkin**, Co-chairs

## Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Thanksgiving refocused our attention on our less fortunate neighbors. Though many government and private aid initiatives addressed food insecurity during the pandemic, the need unfortunately still exists both regionally and across the country. The community at Har Zion raised enough funds to send 45 households grocery cards to purchase whatever they needed for the holiday. Cheerful greetings handmade by our children and centerpieces by Nancy Gorelick accompanied the grocery cards bringing true love and care from Har Zion.

Our footprint may be small but the gesture is huge. Thank you to all who donated to this beautiful event. May we endeavor to do this kind of work year after year and look for more ways to make a difference.

## MLK Day of Service

Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 17) is quickly approaching! We are collecting from **January 3 through 17**. Please start to collect items and clean out your closets! We are always looking for clothing of all sizes for men, women and children, winter wear, accessories, baby items, household items, glasses, old cell phones, pet shelter items, books, etc. Please see the front page for a list of items we're collecting and activities for the day.

## Shul Stitches

### Operation Gratitude Was a Huge Success

Many thanks to all of our Stitches who helped make the Red Hat / Red Scarf Campaign a huge success. On behalf of Operation Gratitude, our deployed soldiers will greatly appreciate receiving a care package from the U.S. enclosed with goodies and hat or scarf. Our Stitches lovingly stitched 15 hats and 49 scarves. Each item was packaged for the soldier with a poem beautifully written by our own Janice Katz.



## Shul Stitches – Bringing Smiles

While 2020 was a year of chaos in the world, 2021 became a year of giving and kindness. Shul Stitches kept busy stitching and blanketed the community with warmth and hopefully made someone's day a little brighter.

We are grateful to our Stitches who have stitched 99 blankets, 86 hats, and 121 scarves/shawls which were then individually wrapped and delivered to several area shelters, nursing homes, Hospice, and U.S. Soldiers. A special thanks also goes to our friends who have collected yarn donations, sold unusable yarn, written special poems, and organized our yarn stash.

Our mission is to find a home for everything that our Stitches create, and our greatest hope is that we are the reason someone smiles today.

Whether you can stitch or not, we can use your help. Please consider joining us at one of our monthly meetings or contact Connie Handen ([cnhanden@gmail.com](mailto:cnhanden@gmail.com)) or Andy Coren ([andreajoy.coren@gmail.com](mailto:andreajoy.coren@gmail.com)).

## Cook for a Friend

Join us on our MLK Day of Service, January 17 at 10 AM in the main kitchen. The remaining schedule is on Sundays at 9:30 AM on February 13, March 27, April 10, May 15 and June 12. For more information or to volunteer, please email [CookForAFriendHZT@gmail.com](mailto:CookForAFriendHZT@gmail.com).

If you would like to participate in these or other activities we're offering, don't hesitate to contact us – Melissa Sayer at [msapirosayer@gmail.com](mailto:msapirosayer@gmail.com) or Norma Dworkin at [nldworkin58@aol.com](mailto:nldworkin58@aol.com). Continue to stay well!

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Please let us know if we can help or just say "Hi." Do not hesitate to call the office and leave a message, or email us at [caring@harziontemple.org](mailto:caring@harziontemple.org). We are here to support our Har Zion Family.



*Our Hanukkah Street Fair held on November 30 was an amazing success with over 450 happy people in attendance! We warmed up with sufganiyot, hot chocolate and just sheer energy from having a great time. Thank you to our staff and volunteers and our generous sponsors!!*



# MEN'S CLUB . . .

Message from **Jordan Landau**, MC President

## **HZ Men's Basketball**

What an incredible way to end the season. It was clear that it was no fluke that the Blue and Orange teams were in the championship. Both teams deserved to be there and play for the title.

In a very tight first half, Blue was up 27-23 heading into halftime. Blue then came out on fire to start the second half and before we knew it they were up by 13. I am pretty sure everyone except for Orange thought the game was over at that point. Orange then turned up the heat on both offense and defense. With some well-timed steals and three pointers, Orange was able to tie the game 51 to 51 and force a 5-minute overtime. Blue scored early in OT and pulled out the one point victory.

Thank you guys for another successful season! I sent out a survey in December to get a head count to determine how many spots we have available to fill. I am anticipating a mid-January start.

**FINAL SCORE: Blue 56 - Orange 55**

**Blue Team Champions!**



Left to right: Adam Brown, Rob Hoffman, Jordan Landau, Noah Chesborough, Zach Furman, Courcy Magnus

## ***Save the Date!***

**Special MC Presentation co-sponsored by the JFGRS  
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Tuesday, January 4, 4:30-6 PM**

**Men's Club Shabbat  
Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22  
Zoom/Friday evening – In-person/Saturday morning**

For more info, please contact  
Howard Herzberg, [hherzberg@hpcpa.com](mailto:hherzberg@hpcpa.com)

**Trap Shooting in West Chester  
TBD for March**

**Men's Club Poker Night  
to benefit Project H.O.P.E.  
Sunday, March 20**

Please check your emails for up-to-date info on these events and more, or contact Jordan Landau, [jordan.landau@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.landau@gmail.com).





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