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**A HANUKKAH CANDYLAND EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:30 - 7PM**

## *The Bedtime Shema*

Message from **Cantor Herman**

There is a simple, soothing, sacred Jewish ritual that I perform on a nightly basis – the Bedtime Shema. At some point after my head hits the pillow each night – sometimes immediately, sometimes after a little while – I recite the Shema. I may whisper it, or chant it very softly, or just think it. Often I will start to “breathe” it, slow my breath down, and imagine each syllable reverberating within me, with a mystical vibration echoing from ancient times....



I don't remember ever planning to do this, but just started doing it somewhere along the way. There is something about the closing out of the day, and transitioning into the mysterious, lovely experience of sleep.... Sleep is actually a profoundly vulnerable state; perhaps I find comfort in aligning myself with a force (real or imagined) that binds me to a people and a history – as I drift off into sweet, trusting defenselessness. Sleep forces you to temporarily let go of pursuits and concerns, to take time for your deeper self and wellbeing; the only way to get a satisfying, restful night's sleep is to accept your life, as it is, in that moment. The mystics believe that saying the Shema with intense mental focus can cleanse the soul....

The Shema is the oldest fixed daily prayer in Judaism. The Hebrew words have a beautiful sound, and have literally been recited every single day, somewhere on earth, throughout history since ancient times. The Shema implores us to listen, to really *hear*. And though we are a people scattered across the globe, extending through countless generations, we are referred to collectively, intimately, by an individual name: *Yisrael*. The mysterious name of a divine, eternal force is

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## *Thank You*

As a new Co-President, I got a whole new perspective from on the bimah and beyond as to what it takes to prepare and enjoy our High Holiday services. As the saying goes, “It take a village”, and there are a lot of people to thank.

Thank you to Rabbi Haaz, Cantor Herman, and Dr. Ely Levine for beautiful and uplifting services, as well as the joyous outdoor Shofar service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah that was enjoyed by everyone who was there. Thank you to Sandi Toben, Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani, and Norman Einhorn for meaningful preschool, family, and teen services and activities. Thank you to the Friedland family for the beautiful Yom Kippur bimah flowers and the Rosh Hashanah flowers donated by an anonymous donor. Thank you to our congregants who led parts of our services or read Torah or Haftorah. Thank you to all the congregants who accepted an honor including our Shofar blowers. Thank you to the Ritual Committee



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## Centennial Celebration

### Update

Andrea & Ron Robbins and Nancy & Michael Grossman are very busy planning the celebrations for the 100th birthday of Har Zion Temple. Collectively, we have spent most of our lives at Har Zion.

Andrea and Ron both grew up at Har Zion, attending Hebrew school, becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and were confirmands as well. Andrea has held many positions from PTA co-chair, Assistant Treasurer, VP Programming and Religious Affairs, and was the first woman to be elected President after 17 years. Andrea is currently the chair of the Trustees. Ron served on the Board of Directors, was elevated to the Trustees as well as being active in the Greater Philadelphia Jewish Theological Seminary and The Parkinson Foundation.

Nancy is active not only at Har Zion but also in the greater Jewish community having been elected as the first woman President of Golden Slipper. At Har Zion, Nancy served on the Board of Directors, was Chair of Programming, Patrons, and the Annual Dinner Dance. Michael held Board positions, was VP Religious Affairs, Adult Education and Programming, and was the chair of the Religious Committee and Day Camp. Our love and commitment to Har Zion is never-ending.

It is essential to remember the past, to understand and appreciate the present as we prepare for the future of Har Zion. In planning our events, we are forming a steering committee which consists of all subcommittee chairs and our Co-Presidents, utilizing the talents of our multi-generational congregation. Our events will appeal to members of all ages.

We are asking for volunteers to be part of each committee, to help in the planning and to carry out the events of the day. A sign-up flyer is online and we hope that you sign up for as many committees as you chose.

We thank our Co-Presidents, Lynne Landsburg and Elliot Rosen for this opportunity, to Gavi Miller, Emily Berton, and Jane Fetscher Kontopodias for all of their help.

We look forward to an exciting and memorable year of celebrations beginning with the Installation of Cantor Randy Herman in April 2024, a big Birthday Bash in November 2024, our Visiting Scholar weekend in February 2025, and the Ultimate Celebration in May 2025.

*B'shalom,*

Andrea & Ron Robbins and Nancy & Michael Grossman

### Cantor Herman (continued from page 1)

invoked, and a declaration of Oneness: *Adonai echad*.

It just feels so nice to say softly, or in my mind, or whispered out with my breath – Hebrew words I learned as a child, words my parents said, and their parents' parents.... If you've never said the Bedtime Shema, I lovingly recommend trying it out. Over time, the Bedtime Shema can bring amazing, regular comfort and warmth, and give a real sense of being connected to something eternal and beautiful. *Adonai echad – the Eternal is One*. Sleep well.

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members who made countless calls and sent numerous texts and emails offering congregants an honor. Thank you to the ushers who helped in so many ways.

Thank you to our maintenance staff who spent many long hours setting up the extended sanctuary. Thank you to Gavi Miller who worked along with maintenance and did everything and was everywhere making sure all ran smoothly. Thank you to the volunteers who labeled all the reserved and unreserved seats.

Thank you to Emily Berton and Jane Kontopodias for greeting us and handling any ticket issues. Thank you to Mike Whalen, Mike Gilbert, and Gene Ruth along with the Lower Merion Police who unfortunately needed to be here to keep us safe.

To all who had a part, large or small, in helping us celebrate wonderful High Holidays, THANK YOU.

– Lynne Landsburg

A flyer for the Centennial Celebration. It features a large '100th' in a banner, the Har Zion Temple logo, and the text 'Centennial Celebration April 2024 - May 2025'. Below this, it lists several events: April 12-14, 2024 Installation of Cantor Randy Herman; November 24, 2024 Birthday Bash; February 23, 2025 Special Guest Scholar; and May 18, 2025 Ultimate Celebration. The flyer also includes a photo of Cantor Randy Herman and contact information for the Co-Chairs.

**100th**  
HAR ZION  
TEMPLE

## Centennial Celebration

**April 2024 - May 2025**

**Plan to join us for these and many other special events to highlight Har Zion's first 100 years:**

 April 12-14, 2024  
Installation of  
Cantor Randy Herman

November 24, 2024  
Birthday Bash

February 23, 2025  
Special Guest Scholar

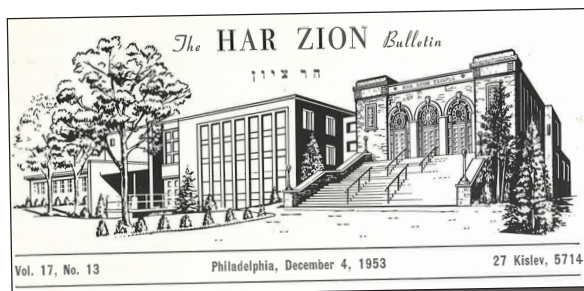
May 18, 2025  
Ultimate Celebration

**Let's Honor Our Past, Celebrate Our Present and Inspire Our Future**


Nancy & Dr. Michael Grossman, Andrea & Ron Robbins  
Co-Chairs

To get involved, please email us at  
[hzt100@harziontemple.org](mailto:hzt100@harziontemple.org)

*Honoring our strong traditions, it is with great pleasure to take a look back at our glorious past.*



**Har Zion Temple**  
30th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1953**

Pre-dinner Hour at 6:30 P.M. in the Temple Auditorium

Dinner at 7:30 P. M. in the Sylk Auditorium

**Hanukkah Candle Lighting Ceremony**

**BOBBY ROBERTS AND HIS ORCHESTRA**

No Fund Raising  
Family Tables

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LET US CELEBRATE  
HAR ZION'S BIRTHDAY TOGETHER  
**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY**

## SISTERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

### Sisterhood P.U.M. Luncheon Set for December 1

Mrs. Isadore Kirschner, Chairman, announces that December 1st is a day to mark down on our calendars. This is the day of the PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON. All of our women are urged to make sure their membership requirements have been completed.

The luncheon will be catered by Tankin, and the program arranged will present Mrs. Gertrude L. Friedman, who is an analyst of plays and lecturer on "The Theatre" will review "Outstanding Current Plays on Broadway."

Of equal interest and excitement will be the report from National Women's League Convention. Make sure that you are eligible—then, you can look forward to a fine luncheon and excellent program on Monday noon, December 1st.

group of the leaders who recently completed a course in specialized training at Scout Headquarters which qualifies them for their work.

The schedule of Scout meetings follows:  
**BROWNIES:** (Age 7 to 10)—Meet every Tuesday at 4:00 P.M.

**Leaders:** Mesdames Gladys Rubin, Gloria Dunoff, Bernice Follow.

**INTERMEDIATES:** (Age 10 to 14)—Meet every Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.

**Leaders:** Mesdames Marsha Fineman, Sylvia Stern, Sylvia Blumberg.

**SENIOR SCOUTS:** (Age 14 to 17)—Meet every Monday at 7:00 P.M.

**Leader:** Mrs. Shirley Pollock.  
**Skippers:** Virginia Kilne, Miss Goldie Samost, Miss Betty Forbes.

All groups have announced exciting plans and projects including participation in Community service. Mrs. Sylvia Rennick and her Leaders are to be congratulated.

### Girl Scout News

Mrs. Sylvia Rennick, Chairman of Girl Scouts, announced to the schedule of Girl Scout activities. The Scouts are led by a

### CHANUKAH ITEMS FEATURED AT GIFT SHOP

In an effort to anticipate our needs and serve us more effectively, Mrs. Selma Meyer and Mrs. Bunny Baum have gone on a buying spree! But they are shrewd and thrifty buyers and insist upon passing on to you great savings when you come in to make your purchases.

They are delighted to announce the availability of an excellent line of solid gold charms—at rock bottom prices! The variety and array of these tastefully chosen gold charms offer you, miniature

artistic pieces for every interest. Remember the "sweet sixteens" of your family and friends and delight them with a charm.

In time for Chanukah, there is a fine selection of religious and ceremonial objects. And as a most welcome and practical idea, we will soon have available GIFT CERTIFICATES. Call on our Gift Shop for real help in solving all of your gift problems.



Mrs. Bunny Baum, left, and Mrs. Selma Meyer inspect new line of gift items in Sisterhood Gift Shop.

# ADULT JEWISH LEARNING . . .

Please watch the weekly emails for more info and updates for these classes.

## **MONDAY**

**1 PM – NaKh: The Rest of the Bible with Dr. Ely Levine**  
**In-person and Zoom**

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 are looking at the end of King David's career and ready to move onto his successors.

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

Please call Gary (215-290-0405) if you need to pick up new text.

## **TUESDAY**

**10:30 AM – Experience the Joys of Yiddish**  
**with Gerry Spector**  
**Zoom only**

**November 21, December 5 and 19, January 9 and 23, February 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4**

These classes are aimed at all ages. Knowledge of Yiddish is not required. The emphasis is Yiddish culture, literature, theater and song. Language is taught using literary and musical examples.

**12 PM – Study of the Book of Samuel with**  
**Rabbi Gary Charlestein**  
**In-person and Zoom**  
1710 Romano Dr., Plymouth Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY**

**8:15 AM – TISCH with Rabbi Shawn**  
**In-person and Zoom**

Join Rabbi Shawn for inspirational learning. In this class we will engage in weekly Halakha (legal text) study from the Rambam's Mishneh Torah.

**Please note! This class is using a new Zoom link. Check your emails for the updated link.**

**11 AM – Current Events: Contemporary Israel and Jews in the News with Rabbi Shawn and Norman**  
**In-person only – at the home of Patty Grobman**  
RSVP to Patty: [pgrobman@comcast.net](mailto:pgrobman@comcast.net)  
**November 15, December 6, January 3, 17, 31, February 14, 28, March 13, 27, April 10, May 1, 22, June 5**

*Stay tuned for new classes coming up:*

**Three-part series taught by Cantor Randy Herman:**  
**Jewish Influence on the Music of...**

**Four-part series on American Jewish History with**  
**Dr. Michael Schatz and a tour**

Dates and times to be determined. Watch your emails for more information.

## **THURSDAY**

**10:30 AM – Commentaries on Exodus with Rabbi Ira Flax**  
**In-person and Zoom**

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!

**12:30 PM – Jewish Books in Christian Bibles**  
**with Dr. Ely Levine**  
**In-person and Zoom**

Ancient Jewish literature was quite varied. What Jews decided to preserve was just a small portion; Christians preserved many, many Jewish texts. Come read through some of these Jewish texts, including the Gospels, Jubilees, and Maccabees. See what other ideas Jews had that may not have been preserved in mainstream Judaism, other ideas that seemed to find a roundabout way into normative Judaism, and still other Jewish ideas that ended up being used against Jews.

## **FRIDAY**

**8:15 AM – Legally Speaking with Rabbi Shawn**  
**In-person and Zoom**

This class will read, analyze and discuss contemporary issues and how they are handled in Teshuvot/Legal Responsa of the Conservative movement. No prior legal knowledge necessary. Class will meet for 40 minutes following Friday morning minyan.

## **SATURDAY**

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

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

**Shabbat Talmud Class with Rabbi Gary Charlestein**  
**Saturday afternoon, one hour before Mincha**  
**In-person only in the Rudofker Library**

This class is in addition to his Monday evening class

**Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh – 4 PM**

**In-person and Zoom – check your emails for updates**  
**Tuesdays: November 14, January 9, February 6, March 5, April 9, May 7**

**Thursdays: December 14, June 6**

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).

## Adult Education 2023-24 at a Glance

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SHABBAT</b>
<b>NaKh: The Rest of the Bible</b> with Dr. Ely Levine In-person & Zoom 1 PM	<b>Joy's of Yiddish</b> with Gerry Spector Zoom only 10:30 AM	<b>TISCH</b> with Rabbi Shawn after Minyan 8:15 AM	<b>Commentaries on Exodus</b> with Rabbi Flax In-person & Zoom 10:30 AM	<b>Legally Speaking</b> with Rabbi Shawn In-person & Zoom 8:15 AM	<b>Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study</b> following morning services and/or Kiddush
<b>Talmud Study</b> with Rabbi Gary Charlestein Zoom only 8:30 PM	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> with Rabbi Gary Charlestein at his office In-person & Zoom Noon	<b>Current Events</b> with Rabbi Shawn and Norman hosted by Patty Grobman In-person only 11 AM	<b>Jewish Books in Christian Bibles</b> with Dr. Ely Levine In-person & Zoom Noon		<b>Shabbat Talmud Class with Rabbi Gary Charlestein</b> In-person only One hour before Minha
	<b>Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh</b> In-person & Zoom See page 4 for more info		<b>Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh</b> In-person & Zoom See page 4 for more info		
<b>Open a Book...Open Your Mind</b> <b>In-person</b> See page 9 for the full schedule			<b>Israel Education Class for Parents with Danny Stein</b> <b>Sundays at 10:30 AM – Zoom only</b> Check weekly emails for more info and to register		

## Opening Doors to Multifaith Inclusion: In the Sanctuary, in the Community, and in your Family

**Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM**

The Inclusivity Committee invites you to participate in an intimate conversation with Rabbi Seth Haaz and Rabbi Robyn Frisch of 18Doors about multifaith inclusion within Har Zion Temple and in our lives outside the walls of the synagogue. We will discuss what Har Zion does to engage multifaith families and how we can all be inclusive in our roles as congregants, parents, grandparents, and friends.



18Doors is an organization that seeks to empower people in multifaith relationships – individuals, couples, families, their children, and congregations – to engage in Jewish life. They offer a fellowship for rabbis and professional development for Jewish clergy, as well as resources and events for people in multifaith relationships.

Admission is free and the event is open to all ages.  
Light refreshments will be served.  
If you have any questions, please email [inclusivity@harziontemple.org](mailto:inclusivity@harziontemple.org)

# EDUCATION . . .

## Message from

### Dr. Michael Schatz, Principal, JFGRS

What a wonderful beginning of the 5784 school year we have had already in the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School! We were thrilled to welcome over 165 students back with an opening day fun fair. After meeting our teachers and new classmates, everyone enjoyed some Israeli dance, an art project creating tzedakah boxes, and some outdoor fun under the Sayer-Berkowitz Pavilion featuring basketball, an inflatable obstacle course and a bounce house. The morning ended with ice cream and popsicles for all. Through the Hagim our students enjoyed celebrating and davening with the special holiday prayers, and visited the Kendall Sukkah to bench Lulav and enjoy a Sukkot treat.



In the coming months, we are looking forward to our second cohort of Better Together, the funded intergenerational program that brings together JFGRS middle school students and two groups of empty-nester congregants for learning and camaraderie. Cohort II will get to know their fifth grade partners over a lovely brunch and visit the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History. In December, Cohort I will do some Hanukkah activities, while Cohort II has a discussion about Bar and Bat Mitzvah then and now. The children always look forward to learning about how their empty-nester friends celebrated this important milestone which is coming up for themselves in a few short years.

One of the ongoing programs of the religious school is our Mensch of the Month campaign. When students excel in academics, or in attendance, we are, of course, very pleased and proud of them. However, the students who are recognized each month, who receive a certificate in front of all the lower school, are those whose behavior exemplified the very best personal values, or *midot*, becoming a good citizen of our school community. Teachers nominate one child from their classroom to be "Mensch of the Month" – not necessarily the best student or best attended, but the one who did something above and beyond – who was an exceptional helper, a very good friend, a kind and considerate neighbor. We share their accomplishment, and award them with a special certificate. This certificate hangs on a door in the main level hallway for a month, and then goes home with each recipient. All of our children strive to be Mensches of the Month, and look forward to the presentations.

As we move into the fall months, we wish our families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah!

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Our pre-schoolers learning, exploring and just having fun!



**Message from Sandi Toben,  
Early Childhood Ed Director**

Our school is abuzz as our new school year is off to a great start! New and familiar faces fill the halls as our NCCECE community comes alive each school day. Our students have enjoyed singing with Cantor Herman at Kabbalat Shabbat. Our Friday mornings are so much fun with silly tunes and interactive prayers. The students were in awe learning about the High Holidays from Rabbi Shawn and Ely. The students were able to explore the Shofar and hear its blast. The NCCECE also spent a special Havdalah in our Sukkah. We also welcomed our newest and littlest learners in our Stay and Play program with Ms. Karen and Music with Ruark.

Thanks to our wonderful HSA, we enjoyed our first Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans in October. The Gan class helped Cantor Herman and Rabbi Haaz lead the service and everyone enjoyed a family dinner together. Shabbat Sha-Blue Jeans is a special time for the NCCECE community to come together. We have our Shopping Event on November 12 to look forward to as well as our yummy latke sale.

Each NCCECE classroom is creating a special space in their rooms for Israel. Our littlest learners are exploring through an interactive map, other classrooms have a Western Wall or Mitzvah Tree, and in Gan, the students are beginning to explore the Alef Bet. Our love for Israel is a central theme in all our classrooms.

The NCCECE is looking forward to continuing Fall and Winter activities. We will celebrate community in November with grade level feasts and invite all our NCCECE families to our school wide Hannukah party in December.

As always, my door is open to all of the Har Zion community. Please feel free to drop by and say hello. I look forward to seeing you!



**Upcoming NCCECE/HSA Events**

**November**

- 5 Daylight Savings Time – Move clocks back 1 hour
- 7 Teacher in-Service – No School
- 10 Friday 2:45 PM School Dismissal Begins
- 12 HSA Hanukkah Bazaar
- 18 Tot Shabbat
- 22 Thanksgiving Celebration – for students only – 12 PM Dismissal
- 23 Thanksgiving – No School
- 24 No School

**December**

- 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School
- 7 1st Night of Hanukkah
- 15 In-School Hanukkah Celebration – 10:30 AM-12 PM, Families invited – 12 PM Dismissal
- 16 Tot Shabbat
- 25-31 Winter Break – No School

**HSA/NCCECE  
HANUKKAH BAZAAR**

**Join us for bagels, mimosas and shopping!**

**Sunday, November 12  
11 AM - 2 PM**

Har Zion Temple



**All are welcome!**

**Tickets \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door  
Check your emails for a link to  
purchase tickets**

Want to register as a vendor or learn more?  
Contact us at [HarZionHSA@gmail.com](mailto:HarZionHSA@gmail.com)

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\*15% of our total event revenue will be donated to the  
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's  
Philly Stands with Israel Fund

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**Keep your eye out for ordering details for the  
NCCECE/HSA Annual Latke Sale in mid-November  
so you can have your delicious latkes  
in time for Hanukkah!**



# SISTERHOOD . . .

## *Sisterhood Update*

Message from **Michele Perlstein**, Sisterhood President

The Sisterhood calendar is in full swing and we are off to a fantastic start! We hit the ground running even before the High Holidays thanks to our New Year's Greetings, organized once again by Sheila Kliger, and to our holiday Babka and Challah sales and pick up, co-chaired by Sheila Schafer and Reisel Weinberger. We are so grateful to all of you who supported Sisterhood by sending greetings and purchasing challah and babkas.

Open a Book...Open Your Mind has already held three successful author events so far, with many more yet to come. A huge thank you goes to the Open a Book co-chairs Susan Kochman and Sheila Kliger for spearheading this program for the 11th year!

Once again, Sisterhood did a terrific job decorating the Maurice Kendall Sukkah, thanks to chair Jo Anne Deglin and to Reisel Weinberger who did a beautiful job arranging the flowers. Our Sukkah program on October 4 (see photo below) was a great success thanks to our VP of Programs, Sheila Schafer. We had a fantastic turnout to hear our featured speaker and singer Cantor Randy Herman who taught us about the origins of the word Sukkot. I learned that this word was actually the name of a village which was the first stop the Hebrews made after leaving Egypt during the Exodus. Then we learned a different tune for the song *V'samachta b'chagecha*.

Thank you to all the helpers who came out to decorate the Sukkah: Jean Clemons, Roni Feierstein, Susan Gross, Lynne Landsburg, Michael Perlstein, Ellen Pries, Maxine Rosen, Reisel Weinberger, Deborah Wolff, and Jo Anne's son Jon.

As I write this article, we are getting excited for our Opening Dinner on October 18 chaired by our VP of Membership Nina Greberman with the help of her mom and co-chair Terry Horowitz. I'd like to offer them many thanks for putting together what I know will be a fabulous night as we welcome Cantor Randy Herman and his wife Nicole to our community. We hope you will join us at all our upcoming events and programs as Sisterhood has many more planned.

Finally, don't forget to shop in our beautiful Landau Gift Box, which is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. There is also online shopping available at [harziontemple.org/giftshop](http://harziontemple.org/giftshop), and shopping by appointment on Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays by calling 610-667-5000, X126.

If you have any questions about our calendar, events, programs, etc., or need more information, please contact me by email at: [sisterhoodpresident@harziontemple.org](mailto:sisterhoodpresident@harziontemple.org)

### ***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.**

## *Sisterhood Calendar*

**Open a Book...Open Your Mind**  
See schedule on next page

**Sisterhood Book Club**  
**Wednesdays, November 8, 12:30 PM and**  
**December 13, 1 PM with OAB and other book clubs**

**Mid-Atlantic Region Torah Fund Event**  
**Congregation Beth Tikvah, Marlton, NJ**  
**Sunday, November 12, 11:30 AM**

**Rosh Hodesh Group**  
**Tuesday, November 14 (Zoom/In-person), 4 PM**  
**Thursday, December 14 (Zoom/In-person), 4 PM**

**Lunch Program – Noshing with the Word Mavens**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 11:30 AM**  
**RSVP requested**

**Torah Fund Brunch**  
**honoring Reisel Weinberger**  
**Sunday, December 10, 11 AM**  
**Look for your invitation in the mail!**

**Hanukkah Gift Exchange**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 7 PM**

**Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10 AM**

**Save the Date!**  
**Sisterhood Shabbat**  
**February 24-25**



**Cantor Herman's  
Sisterhood  
class in the  
Maurice Kendall  
Sukkah.**



*The Eleventh Annual*  
**Open a Book...Open Your Mind for 2023-24**

*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 or \$180 for the series**

All programs will be in-person – check your emails closer to the program date



**Wednesday, November 8**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Joseph Sassoon**  
*The Sassoons: The Great Global Merchants and the Making of an Empire*

**Wednesday, December 13**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Pam Jenoff**  
*Code Name Sapphire*

**Monday, December 18**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Cynthia Ehrenkrantz**  
*Seeking Shelter*

**Wednesday, January 10**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Gioia Diliberto**  
*Coco at the Ritz*

**Monday, January 15**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Peter Blauner**  
*Picture in the Sand*

**Monday, February 12**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Christopher Gorham**  
*The Confidante*

**Wednesday, February 28**  
**12:00 PM Lunch & Learn**  
**Sarah Birnbach**  
*A Daughter's Kaddish*

**Monday, March 18**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Debby Applegate**  
*Madam*

**Monday, April 8**  
**11:30 AM**  
**Sisterhood Luncheon**  
**B. A. Shapiro**  
**Metropolis: A Novel**

**Tuesday, April 9**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Judy Rakowsky**  
**Jews in the Garden**

**Wednesday, April 10**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Oren Schneider**  
**The Apprentice of Buchenwald**

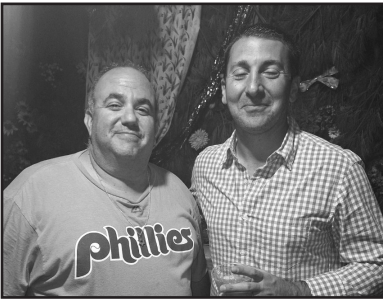
**For reservations, call 610-667-5000,  
 email us at [eberton@harziontemple.org](mailto:eberton@harziontemple.org)  
 or go to [harziontemple.ticketleap.com](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com).**

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**Sisterhood thanks those who helped decorate the Maurice Kendall Sukkah. From left, Susan Gross, Jo Anne Deglin (chair), Michele Perlstein and Jean Clemons. Missing from photo: Roni Feierstein, Lynne Landsburg, Michael Perlstein, Ellen Pries, Maxine Rosen, Reisel Weinberger, Deborah Wolff, and Jonathan Deglin.**

## MEN'S CLUB . . .



Everyone had a good time at the Men's Club Steak & Bourbon Opening Dinner on October 4 in the Kendall Sukkah.



### Watch Party: Eagles vs Kansas City Chiefs Monday, November 20, 8:15 PM

BYOB

For more info on Men's Club programs, please contact Jordan Landau at [jordan.landau@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.landau@gmail.com).

## NACHES, ETC . . .

### BIRTHS

Welcome to the world to

**Makai Leon Dworkin**, son of Ian & Misha Dworkin, brother of Rami Asher, grandson of Norma & Jerry Dworkin, nephew of Leah & Myles Dworkin, and Mara & Will Flynn. His name honors family members that have passed. Makai arrived August 18, 2023.



**Goldie Leigh Manheimer**, daughter of Becca & Jaime Manheimer, granddaughter of Joan & David Denenberg, Alan Manheimer and Gayle Fehr (z"l), great granddaughter of Barbara & Alan (z"l) Boroff, Marilyn & Simon (z"l) Denenberg, Sherry & Charles Fehr (z"l) and Jack & Sadie Manheimer (z"l), niece of Jesse Denenberg and Troy and Ian Manheimer. Goldie arrived September 5, 2023.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**Haley Samantha Selarnick** is engaged to **Jacob Harris Fuerst**. Haley is the daughter of Nancy & Stuart Selarnick, sister of John & Paige Selarnick, Alex & Dana Selarnick, Michael & Sydney Selarnick and Sam Selarnick, granddaughter of Esther Gilman & John L. Selarnick (z"l) and Anita H. Matusow (z"l) and Donald & Janine Hoffman (z"l), niece of Meredith & Jonathan Hoffman, and aunt to Mason, Blake, Cole, Olivia, and Jackson. Jacob is the son of Margie Siegel and Jeff Fuerst, brother of Alexa Fuerst and grandson of Joe and Julia Siegel and Joel and Peppy Fuerst. A November 2024 wedding is planned.

**Mauri Honickman** is engaged to Billy Grenis. Mauri is the daughter of Margie & Jeffrey Honickman, sister and aunt of Sara, Spencer & Theo Drotman, granddaughter of Lynne & Harold Honickman and Shelly & Stanley Kramer (z"l).

Billy is the son of Linda & Michael Grenis of Princeton, brother and uncle of Ricky, Bonnie, Simon and Caroline Grenis, grandson of Florence & Bert Grenis and Renee & Stuart Gothelf (z"l).

Do you have other good news to share? Just let us know: [jfetscher@harziontemple.org](mailto:jfetscher@harziontemple.org).

### *Har Zion Caring Connection*

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Also if you need a ride to Har Zion, or can provide an occasional ride, please let us know that as well.

# TIKKUN OLAM . . .

## Message from the Co-Chairs

### Melissa Sayer and Norma Dworkin

On Sunday, November 19 our committee will be delivering 60 Thanksgiving meals to families that are food insecure in the Lower Merion and Ardmore areas. If you wish to help with deliveries, please contact Jeff Handen at [jshanden@gmail.com](mailto:jshanden@gmail.com).

MLK Day is quickly approaching on Monday, January 15. So start cleaning out those closets! We can always find new homes for gently-used clothes, toys, books, and kitchen items that you no longer need. If you have any ideas for new charities that we could collect for please let us know. It is most helpful if they are able to pick up the items collected at the end of our drive. E-mail us: Norma Dworkin [nldworkin58@gmail.com](mailto:nldworkin58@gmail.com) or Melissa Sayer [msapirosayer@gmail.com](mailto:msapirosayer@gmail.com).

### Shul Stitchers

We have to brag about the quality of the stitching our Shul Stitchers do – each item is a work of art and made with such love. To boast a bit more, our group excels in terms of quantity in addition to quality. Here is the latest count of our beautiful, handmade items that are ready to go to those in need.

Large twin blankets	6
Youth Throw/blanket	5
Lap Blankets	11
Scarves	9
Adult Hats	4
Baby Hats	9
Baby Sweater	1
Baby Blanket	1

All these completed goodies, and our year has just begun!! Our baby hat donations will go to West Chester Hospital, in response to their plea for baby hats. The rest of our inventory's recipients will be decided upon by our stitchers themselves. Whoever receives, will be all the more cozy and warm this winter!!

Want to join in this mitzvah? Novice stitchers are welcome!! Come join us on ANY or ALL of the following **Tuesdays at 11:30 AM-1 PM: November 14, December 12, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11 AND Monday, January 15-MLK Day of Service, please join us at 1 PM.**

– Andy Coren and Connie Handen

### Save the Dates!

## Cook for a Friend

Sundays, November 19, December 17,  
February 11, March 17, April 7, May 19

9:30 AM (Prep to begin at 9 AM)

and MLK Day – Monday, January 15, 9:30 AM

For more info, contact us at  
[cookforafriend@harziontemple.org](mailto:cookforafriend@harziontemple.org)



**Celebrating Rosh Hashanah at Inglis House: Cantor Borsky (who led the service), Judy and Michael Solomon, Sheila Gerson, Maxine Waxman and Andy Coren.**

*Dear Har Zion Volunteers,*

*Thank you all so much for helping to assist residents in getting ready and getting to and from the Rosh Hashanah Service and luncheon. So grateful for all your assistance and participation. All present had a wonderful time and we are so grateful for our Har Zion volunteers who have so faithfully attended and served over the years.*

*You are an awesome blessing,  
Chaplain Nancy Selinger, M.A.M.S.  
Pastoral Care Coordinator, Inglis House*

## Save the Date!

**Monday, January 15**

**1:30-6:30 PM**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**



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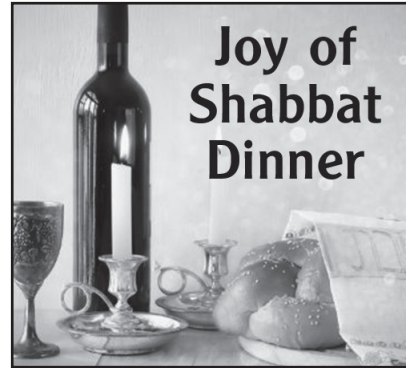
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