

## UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Building Our Spiritual Community*

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 – 3 IYAR

6 PM - Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv

7 PM - *Open a Book...Open Your Mind* Shabbat Dinner with  
Authors Senator & Rabbi Foster (By Reservation Only)

7:35 PM - Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 – 3 IYAR

9 AM - *Kol Tefilah* – Morning Service

9:45 AM - *Parasha & Pop'ems* – Grades 3-7

10:30 AM - *Beit Midrash* (Study Session) with Dr. Melila Hellner-Eshed

11 AM - Junior Congregation – Grades 3-7

7:35 PM - Minha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv/Havdalah

8:39 PM - Shabbat Ends

### *Engaging Jerusalem*

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem..."

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, Har Zion will engage our *kehillah* in a celebration of the city of our eternal city of hope. Through August, we will explore the diverse role Jerusalem has played for us as a people, from biblical times to present day.

### **April is Telling Jerusalem**

"Jerusalem is a Port City on the shores of eternity" (Yehudah Amichai)

As we all recognize Jerusalem is a land-locked city so what kind of a port can it be? It is a metaphysical one that conveys the story of each traveler that visits its shores. Each journey's narrative is stored and awaits another pilgrim to carry it on to the next destination. In the month of April, we are asking you to share your Jerusalem Stories with us. Invite us into your journey and benefit from the adventures of others.



All programs labeled with this icon will include *Engaging Jerusalem* content.



### **Jerusalem in the Mystical Tradition**

Scholar in Residence Dr. Melila Hellner-Eshed

**Saturday, April 29, 9 AM (PLEASE NOTE change in service time)**

Dr. Melila Hellner-Eshed will deliver the D'var Torah during Shabbat morning and present a lecture *Beit Midrash* (Study Hall) style.

Hellner-Eshed lectures on the Zohar and Jewish mysticism in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Department of Jewish Thought and teaches in the Revivim Honors Teacher-Training Program in Jewish Studies in the University's Faculty of Humanities. She is also a research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Dr. Hellner-Eshed will also speak at Congregation Beth Am Israel on Friday evening, April 28.



## **OPEN A BOOK...OPEN YOUR MIND**

**Friday, April 28 – dinner following 6 PM Services**

***"The Rabbi and Senator Sleep Together – Marrying Religion and Politics"***

by Senator Joyce & Rabbi Steven Foster

**Reservations closed for this program**

**Sunday, April 30 – 10 AM**

***"The Nazi Titanic – The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II"***

by Robert P. Watson

**\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event**

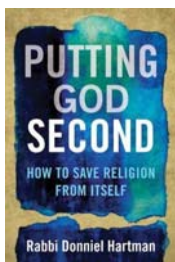
**Sunday, April 30 – 7 PM**

***"The Bible Doesn't Say That – 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings"***

by Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

**\$18 in advance/\$25 day of event**

**To register: <http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com>, call 610-667-5000, or email us at [openabook@harziontemple.org](mailto:openabook@harziontemple.org).**



**Adult Ed Book Discussion – Monday, May 1, 5 PM**

***Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself* by Rabbi Donniel Hartman**

Please join Rabbi Alpert as we examine both the major themes of *"Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself"* and the Biblical and Rabbinic sources that inform this book. We will explore religion's moral failure – its "autoimmune disease" – or how religions undermine their own deepest values. We will begin with a focus on the critical importance of not being indifferent to the needs of others and discuss both the "disease" as well as how to recover from the twin problems of "God intoxication" and "God manipulation" that is so prevalent in religious life today.

**You will need to purchase the book for discussion purposes.**

**You are still welcome if you missed the previous sessions. Due to popularity, this class may be extended.**

For questions, please email Patty Grobman, [pgrobman@harziontemple.org](mailto:pgrobman@harziontemple.org)

**Annual Congregational Meeting – Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 PM**

**Make Har Zion's Business Your Business!**

**Cook for a Friend – Sunday, May 7, 9:00 AM**

Do a Mitzvah! Come to the large kitchen to help prepare meals for those in need. For more information, please contact Elaine Stewart, [estew23@verizon.net](mailto:estew23@verizon.net).



**SAVE THE DATE! PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE! HAR ZION EXCLUSIVE!  
WRESTLING JERUSALEM – SUNDAY, MAY 7, 5:30 PM**

This film will be presented in-person by actor, author and producer Aaron Davidman. Writer-Actor Aaron Davidman embodies 17 different characters in and around the sacred city of Jerusalem as he takes us on an eye-opening journey into the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian story. This film dares the audience to leave the theater with their pre-existing ideas about its subject matter intact.

Post-film conversation will be moderated by Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, President, CLAL, dessert reception to follow the movie screening and discussion

**\$36/Adults, \$18/Students with ID**

**Funded in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia**

**To RSVP, visit [harziontemple.ticketleap.com/](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com/), drop a check off with Harriet, or email**

**[hzt@harziontemple.org](mailto:hzt@harziontemple.org). Please note, a small service fee will be charged for online reservations.**



## 2017 PATRONS EVENT – TUESDAY, MAY 16

### NOA - International Singer/Songwriter

6:15 PM – Patrons Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM – Concert followed by Community Dessert Reception

**Sponsorship levels available.**

**General admission: \$54 adult/\$18 student**

**To purchase tickets online: [harziontemple.ticketleap.com/noa](http://harziontemple.ticketleap.com/noa)**

**For more information, call 610-667-5000.**



## Experience the Joys of Yiddish – Tuesdays, May 9 and 23, 10 AM and 5 PM

Do you love Yiddish language, literature, poetry, song, theater, or cinema? Then this is the class for you! Led by Gerry Spector.

## Sisterhood Meeting – Interactive Yom Ha'atzmaut Seder – Wednesday, May 10, 7:30-9 PM

Free for Sisterhood members – \$10 for non-members

**Reservations are a MUST by Friday, May 5**

**RSVP: Sheila Schafer, [lsch@comcast.net](mailto:lsch@comcast.net) or 610-645-5461**

## Third Annual Men's Club Spring Pub Night – Thursday, May 11, 7-9 PM

Dairy Express' Wine and Beer Bar

370 Montgomery Ave, Merion Station (a few doors down from Hymie's Deli)

Come and shmooze with your buddies – All men are welcome!

Food - Beer – Wine

RSVP: Jack Marine, [recyclejack@aol.com](mailto:recyclejack@aol.com)

## TOILETRY DRIVE FOR GOLDEN SLIPPER – NOW!

The Tikkun Olam Committee is starting its annual collection for personal care items for Golden Slipper Senior Club. We prepare packages for their Mother's Day and Father's Day luncheons that are given away to attendees. We will be giving full-size products only. So we are asking for your kind generosity in donating what you can of the listed items, but please – **FULL SIZES ONLY.**

**Items being collected: disposable razors, shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, body lotions, tissues (pocket size)**



**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 (\$10 each)** – To purchase your donation cards, please contact Michelle Strayer, 610-992-9371 or [moibas83@hotmail.com](mailto:moibas83@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. Why not support Sisterhood while planning your shopping days? Order your Scrip cards and be prepared whenever you shop! Please contact Michele Perlstein, [mshoueka@hotmail.com](mailto:mshoueka@hotmail.com) – 610-519-1211 for more information.



## INNOVATION UPDATE FROM ISRAEL IDEAS

### *If The Shoe Fits, Consumers Will Buy More*

Invertex, a Tel Aviv-based startup, is seeking to change the way people buy shoes. The company wants to digitize the process, using artificial intelligence and 3-D imaging technology to analyze users' feet in stores and to suggest models and sizes that would fit best. The software can also help with online shopping, enabling smartphones to scan feet via an app and making suggestions about what would be the best buy.

"Today very few people buy their shoes online and the shoe return rates are crazy," said Invertex CEO David Bleicher. Shoe manufacturers and retailers Nike, Foot Locker and DSW for example, see on average one-third of their shoes shipped back, at their expense, he said. "We focus on a technology to help companies better match their products to their customer needs. This problem exists in eyewear and fashion in general," he said. "But the hardest problem is in footwear, and that is where we are focused today." 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, [NanciG22@aol.com](mailto:NanciG22@aol.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 Program and Events Coordinator Shonnie Lebovitz, ext 106 or [slebovitz@harziontemple.org](mailto:slebovitz@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.

#### **SHOP THE GIFT BOX FOR ALL GIFT-GIVING NEEDS!**

##### **Regular hours:**

**Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Sunday, 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM (when school is in session)**

**Additional hours by appointment.**

**For info, please call 610-667-2698, or email [giftbox@harziontemple.org](mailto:giftbox@harziontemple.org).**

#### **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.

***An active member of our local Jewish community desperately needs a kidney – blood type B or O***

**To learn how you can save a life or for more information about kidney donation, please call, (718) 431-9831 or email, [R718@renewal.org](mailto:R718@renewal.org). Visit [WWW.RENEWAL.ORG](http://WWW.RENEWAL.ORG)**