



## Adult Education Schedule

### ***Har Zion After Dark***

Each Wednesday night this year HZT is the place to be for Jewish learning. We will offer authors presenting their books as part of the “Open a Book Open Your Mind” series, speakers and mini-classes. We will begin classes each week at 6:30 PM – the “Open a Book” authors will begin at 7 PM. Light refreshment will be provided.

#### **Wednesday, October 3, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Angela Himsel, “A River Could Be a Tree”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

#### **Wednesdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31**

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

**Dr. Michael Schatz**

##### ***Jewish Philadelphia***

Philadelphia has been a thriving Jewish community for 270 years. Who were the characters, where did we live, where did we meet, shop, learn, pray and play? Let’s play local Jewish geography and learn about this rich and vibrant community! In this 4-week session we will cover the period from the founding of the community in 1740, through the Russian Jewish immigration in about 1920. Stay tuned for Part II when we will delve into the Jewish neighborhoods of the twentieth century, the suburbanization of the Jews in the last 50 years, and current trends and predictions. We will also do one session devoted to the history of Jewish education in Philadelphia.

**October 10:** Origins/ The Colonial City/ Sephardic Jews/ Mikveh Israel

**October 17:** German Jews/ 19th Century/ North Broad Street (incl. The Philadelphia Group)

**October 24:** Russian Jewish immigrants and their neighborhoods - Jewish Quarter, Northern Liberties, Jewtown and Excerpts from the film: “Echoes of a Ghost Minyan”

**October 31:** Russian Jewish immigrants Part II

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

**Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani**

##### ***Israeli Foods***

Following our great experience of Spring 2018 we will continue our “Israeli Foods Class” while enjoying each other’s company.

In these four sessions we will continue our exploration of the Israeli Kitchen as we take the Israeli weekend as our theme. We will start with Friday morning at the Shuk, preparing the triade of Chummus/Chips/Salad; then we will continue to envision Friday lunch time in many traditional Mizrachi households with Couscous or Kubbeh. Shabbat is almost around the corner, so we will prepare staple Israeli Krantz cakes and rugalach. We will conclude with Shabbat morning working on traditional food that sat on the hotplate for hours, such as Jerusalem Kugel and Jachnun.

Time permitting, we will watch the documentary *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* and discuss what make certain foods an Israeli staple. These sessions are longer than the usual adult education sessions.

### **Wednesday, November 7, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Tammy Bottner, “Among the Reeds”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

### **Wednesday, November 14, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Ira Stone**

***Ethics and Spirituality: Where Mussar and Kabbalah Meet***

Rabbi Stone will also be teaching on November 9 following 6 PM services, “Why Is It So Hard to Be Good?”

### **Wednesday, November 28, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani**

***Hanukkah Prep***

Get ready for Hanukkah with Rabbi Shawn - what do presents have to do with publicizing miracles? If Hanukkah happened in our era - would you side with the Greeks or the Macabees? these and other questions will be asked and answered.

### **Wednesday, December 5, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Stephen Flatow, “A Father’s Story”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

### **Wednesday, December 12, 6:30-8 PM**

**Norman Einhorn**

***Talking Across the Political Divide: Skills for Difficult Conversations***

“Let’s talk about anything *except* politics and religion.” Ever hear that?

Relationships have been ruined .... Families have been torn apart ...

Norman is a trained and certified moderator in this workshop developed by Better Angels, whose goal is the depolarization of America.

**Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-8:00 PM**

**Norman Einhorn**

***Israel - Bridging the Left / Right Divide (and everything in between)***

“Two Jews, three opinions.” Using the composition of Israel’s Knesset as our guide, we will explore the many viewpoints and political perspectives that make up Israel’s delicate democracy.

**Wednesday, January 2, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Ariel Berger, “Witness”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

**Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30**

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

**Dr. Ely Levine**

***The Bible Talks to Itself***

**January 9:** The flood stories as undoing of creation

**January 16:** Creation as prefigurement of the building of the Tabernacle

**January 23:** Chronicles rereads Kings

**January 30:** Sennacherib's invasion in II Kings, Isaiah and II Chronicles - and archaeology and Assyrian sources

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

**Ariela Barlas**

**TBD**

**Wednesday, February 6, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Dick Bergman, “The Malchalniks”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

**Wednesdays, February 13, 20, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Seth Haaz**

**TBD**

**Wednesday, March 6, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Matt Goldman, “Gone to Dust”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

**Wednesday, March 13, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani**

***Purim Prep***

**Wednesday, March 27, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani**

*Purim Follow-Up*

**Wednesday, April 3, 7 PM**

**Open A Book, Open Your Mind author Tova Mirvis, “The Book of Separation”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood*

**Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-8 PM**

**Noam Zion**

*Passover Prep*

**Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8 PM**

**Rabbi Shawn SimonHazani**

*Passover Prep*

**Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 29**

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

**Ben Rotenberg**

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

**Rabbi Ira Flax**

## ***New Learning Opportunities***

### ***Mussar – Two Opportunities to Study with Rabbi Ira Stone***

An introduction to Mussar, its history and its contemporary practice

*Mussar is a Jewish ethical, educational and cultural approach to Jewish living that developed in 19th century Lithuania. The Hebrew term Musar (מוסר), is from the book of Proverbs 1:2 meaning moral conduct, instruction or discipline. The term was used by the Musar movement to refer to efforts to further ethical and spiritual discipline.*

- **Friday, November 9 following Services and Joy of Shabbat Dinner - 8 PM**  
***“Why Is It So Hard to Be Good?”***
- **Wednesday, November 14, 6:30-8 PM**  
***Ethics and Spirituality: Where Mussar and Kabbalah Meet***

## ***Learners Minyan with Rabbis Shawn and Moriah SimonHazani***

**Saturday mornings, 9:30-10:30 AM - once a month**

Relaxed, Intimate, Responsive – If these are words you want to associate with a prayer service but are not able to yet, come and try the new Learners Minyan at Har Zion Temple. Join Rabbis Shawn and Moriah as we explore the service, the siddur and ourselves to make prayer more meaningful.

## ***Talmud with Sarra Lev***

**Mondays, 10:30 AM, 9/17 and regular class begins 10/8**

*“One who shames another in public – it is as if he or she has spilled blood.”*

*“Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai says: It is better for a person to throw themselves into a burning oven than to publicly shame another.”*

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## ***Coffee Talk with Ben Rotenberg***

**Every Tuesday beginning October 9**

**8:45 AM after countdown in the Rudofker Library**

NCCECE parents - Jump start your Tuesday mornings with a cup of coffee a good conversation. We'll discuss the rituals, beliefs, and dilemmas that have shaped Judaism into what it is today. We'll consider six different debates throughout Jewish history and work in teams to give our own answers. Our first question will be, "Is Judaism a people, or is it a tradition of faith?"

## ***The After Party***

***Ani L'dodi v'Dodi Li (I Am My Beloved and My Beloved Is Mine)***

**Eight Wednesday nights, 8:30-9:45 PM**

**10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1**

Join Rabbis Shawn & Moriah SimonHazani as we study Rabbinic Family Life and Relationships from the lore of the Talmud. Classes will be conducted in a congregant's home. Sometimes we will study together and sometimes we will divide the sexes for independent study.

## ***Shabbat Learning***

### ***Joy of Shabbat Speaker Series***

**Friday, October 12, 8 PM**

***Jewish Life in North Africa During WWII***

**Alma Heckman Ph.D.**

University of California, Santa Cruz

Neufeld-Levin Chair of Holocaust Studies

**Friday, November 9, 8:15 PM**

**Rabbi Ira Stone**

**Friday, March 8**

**Annie Greene (Katz Center)**

### ***Teen Dessert and Discussion with Rabbi Shawn***

**Friday evening, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 5/31**

**8-9:30 PM**

**For our Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students**

Join us for stimulating conversation and delicious desserts. Held in a congregant's home.

Please contact the school office, [jfgrs@harziontemple.org](mailto:jfgrs@harziontemple.org), for the address. Refreshments provided.

If you would like to host this program, please contact Rabbi Shawn, [rabbishawn@harziontemple.org](mailto:rabbishawn@harziontemple.org).

### ***Learners Minyan with Rabbis Shawn and Moriah***

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**9:30-10:30 AM**

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### ***Parashat Hashavuah***

**Saturday morning, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1**

**9:30-10:30 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.

## ***Nosh with Norman***

**Saturday morning, 9/15, 10/13, 11/17, 12/15, 1/12, 2/23, 3/16, 4/13, 5/18**

**11 AM-12 PM**

Teens and Torah is a perfect combination of "Norman and Nosh." In a relaxed, casual atmosphere, we will not only pick apart the challah in front of us, but also pick apart the Jewish headlines and current events of the day. And, along with pulling apart the layers of our oreos, we will dissect the layers of the weekly Torah portion and "get into it."

Join us for Kiddush and games on the basketball court afterwards.

## ***Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study and the Rosh Hodesh Lecture***

**Saturdays at 1 PM**

This participant-led and organized study group wrestles with the meaning of the weekly portion. On the Shabbat of Rosh Hodesh it is led by Rabbi Shawn.

## ***Parents and Kids Together***

**Once a month, one hour before Mincha**

**9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1**

**For 5th Graders and Above**

Are your children looking for a way to do Shabbat but sleep in on Saturday morning? This new Shabbat afternoon program is for parents and children to learn together. We will gather to sit around a table to eat a light Seudah Shlishit (late Shabbat meal), read and discuss some wisdom from rabbinic narrative sources, and enjoy each other's company. We will then join the congregation for Mincha through Havdalah. All are welcome!

## ***Talmud Study with Rabbi Gary Charlestein***

**Every Shabbat, one hour before Mincha**

## ***Post-Minyan Study***

### ***Tuesday after 7 AM Services***

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. Congregants are invited to continue our exploration of this subject over breakfast in the Rudofker Library.

### ***Wednesday after 7 AM Services***

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.

### **Friday after 7 AM Services**

Men's Club-sponsored study with Rabbi Haaz in his study. Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi's interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning.

## **Mid-Day Adult Ed - Learning through the week**

### **Monday**

#### ***Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD***

**10:30 AM, Monday, September 17**

**Regular classes begin October 8**

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*Sarra Lev is an associate professor of rabbinic texts (Talmud and Midrash) at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She has taught adult education in many contexts including synagogues, Jewish Alive & American, the Feminist Center of the American Jewish Congress, Me'ah, and Bat Kol: A Feminist House of Study, which she co-founded.*

#### ***Rabbi Shawn and the Search for God***

**12 - 1 PM, beginning 10/8**

Following up on last year's adventures with philosophy we welcome you to join Rabbi Shawn and his intrepid group of explorers on this year's journey into modern theology. Together we will wrestle with meaning and religious concepts that affect us as individuals and as a people.

### **Tuesday**

#### ***Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector***

**10 AM and 5 PM**

**10/9, 23; 11/6, 27; 12/18; 1/8, 22; 2/5, 19; 3/5, 19; 4/2, 16, 30; 5/14, 28; 6/11**

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. This fall the focus will be on the works of Yiddish poet and songwriter, Mordkhe Gebirtig.





## Wednesday

### ***Parashat Hashavuah for the Sandwich Generation with Rabbi Shawn***

**11 AM**

Rabbi Shawn will briefly summarize the parasha. He will then bring one or more contemporary interpretation of the text for us to study and discuss. This class is designed for the “Sandwich Generation” student.

The Sandwich Generation typically refers to those that are sandwiched between the needs of their children and those of their aging parents. However, this group is not limited to these issues. If you are between the ages of 45ish and 65ish, we will focus on topics that are relevant today. Are you dealing with, aging parents, the loss of your parents, family illness, and their health, adult children, and dating just to name a few? What does the Torah teach us about our responsibilities in these areas?

If you want to be a part of a study group to discuss contemporary issues, please join us! We will vary between meeting in the evenings, mornings and in the afternoons. At times, we will have a guest speaker and at other times meetings will be lay-led. If you would like to receive information about upcoming programs, please email Patty Grobman - [pgrobman@harzientemple.org](mailto:pgrobman@harzientemple.org).

### ***Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen***

**11 AM**

**11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 11 AM**

A comprehensive study of our liturgy, using the Siddur (Jewish prayer book), as our text. We will explore the history, origins, authors, structures and meaning of our prayers from Biblical times to the present. This “virtual tour of Judaism” will enlighten us, enable us to relate more fully to our prayers and make our attendance at worship services more meaningful and enjoyable.

## Thursday

### ***Popular Commentaries of Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax***

**10 - 11 AM in the 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***

**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Bailis Room**

**10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 5/16**

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. Past classes have dealt with BDS, Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Anti-Semitism, Immigration, US Elections, Israeli Advocacy and the future of American Synagogues. All opinions are welcome, total respect is required.

## Friday

***Friday Lunch Bunch with Norman Einhorn***

**Noon - 1 PM in the Bailis Room**

**10/12, 10/26, 11/30, 12/14, 1/18, 2/1, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 4/12**

BYO dairy lunch

A Discussion of the *New York Times* Bestseller:

“Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor”

by Yossi Klein Halevi

