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The Bulletin

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Clergy Boys Are Coming To Har Zion Temple! ***Thursday, November 6 | 7:00PM***

A not-to-be-missed, extraordinary event! Clergy Boys is a Broadway-style show featuring four wildly talented, world-class cantors (including our very own Cantor Herman), each sharing their journey from boyhood to bimah through song, story, photos, and video. Definitely not your typical cantorial concert, this is a full-blown theatrical production beloved by audiences across the country.

SAVE THE DATE AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO

The Holiness of a Greeting

Message from

Rabbi Seth Haaz



After organizing and leading Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for twenty years, I am sensitive to moments that evoke holiness. I have learned to appreciate the inspiration of a heartfelt sermon, the emotional uplift of a skilled cantor, and the wisdom and beauty of inherited rituals and prayers. These components of the holiday services are all there, waiting for us, when we arrive in the sanctuary. However, you should not enter our magnificent Har Zion Sanctuary as a consumer but as a contributor. Your presence and your prayers elevate our community. Your focus and intention elevate our community. And, your contributions to the sanctity of the Days of Awe are not only found in and on the pages of the Mahzor. The full holiness of the days is incomplete without the greetings and conversations that erupt at the entryways of the sanctuary and in the isles. The many thousands of utterances of "Shanah Tovah" and the shared smiles, tears, laughter, and hugs are as sacred as anything else that happens on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Your heartfelt greetings augment the holiness in our Har Zion Sanctuary.

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A Message from the President

It is my honor to serve as the new President of Har Zion Temple, and I am very grateful for this opportunity. I follow in the very large footsteps of Lynne Landsburg and Elliot Rosen who have led us so capably over the last two years, which featured all the joyous celebrations of Har Zion's centennial. As we start our next 100 years, we will build on our strengths and evolve in other areas to successfully meet the needs of our membership.

In these historically challenging times for the Jewish community and the State of Israel, Har Zion offers a safe harbor for all of us. This is something I felt to my core after the tragedies of Tree of Life and October 7. We are truly a vibrant community where we celebrate life cycle events together, comfort each other in times of need, pray together, study, expand friendships and share meals together. We have a rich palette of offerings that I hope you can take advantage of. There are so many talented members of the Har Zion, and I sincerely hope you look for opportunities to get involved in our community. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your ideas or concerns at president@harziontemple.org.

Lynn and I wish you and your families a sweet and, most importantly, a healthy new year. *Shanah tovah u'metuka*.

Gary W. Falk

High Holy Day Service Schedule 2025 / 5786

(Including Youth and Family Activities)

- All High Holy Day services, programs and classes will be in-person in the Har Zion Sanctuary and Livestreamed, unless otherwise noted.
- *All Family and Youth services and programs will be in-person only and indicated below in italics.*
- All outdoor services and programming are dependent on weather.

SELIHOT

Saturday, September 13

8:00 PM – Community Selihot with Kehillah of Lower Merion at Beth David Reform Congregation
9:00 PM – Service available online - <http://bdavid.org/livestream>

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 22

6:00 PM – Evening Service

ROSH HASHANAH – FIRST DAY

Tuesday, September 23

8:30-9:30 AM – Morning Service

9:30-10:45 AM – Torah Service

9:00-10:00 AM – Preschool-age Students and Families Service (Berkowitz Aud)

9:30-11:00 AM – 1st-6th Grade Students and Parents Service (Dogole Chapel) (* Participants will join for the Shofar Service in the Main Sanctuary at 10:45 AM)*

11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Youth Activities – 1st-6th Grades (JFGRS Hallway)

9:00 AM-12:30 PM – Babysitting (Rms 108 and 109)

11:15 AM-12:15 PM – Link Teen Activity – 7th-12th Grades (Room 215)

10:45 AM-12:30 PM – Community Moment: Hear the Call. Stand Together.

- Shofar Service and Sermon
- The Essence of the Holy Days with Cantor Herman

12:30-1:00 PM – Conclusion of Musaf

4:30 PM – Tashlikh

- Depart HZT to walk to river (or meet at the river at 5 PM)
- Depart HZT and hike to Mill Creek with Rabbi Haaz (moderate difficulty, dress comfortably. No pets please.)

6:00 PM – Evening Service

ROSH HASHANAH – SECOND DAY

Wednesday, September 24

8:30-10:30 AM – Morning Service and Torah Service

9:30 AM-1:00 PM – Youth Activities and Services – 1st-6th Graders (JFGRS Hallway)

9:30 AM-1:00 PM – Babysitting (Rms 108 and 109)

10:30-11:15 AM – Shofar Service and Sermon

11:15 AM-12:45 PM – Musaf

1:00-1:20 PM – Community Moment: Shofar Celebration and Lunch (come as you are)

- Shofar Service in Sayer-Berkowitz Pavilion (in-person only)
- Kiddush lunch following the Shofar Service is sponsored in loving memory of Don Rosen by Roni Rosen.

7:00 PM – Evening Service

KOL NIDRE

Wednesday, October 1

5:45-5:55 PM – Schmooze and Reconnect

5:55-6 PM – Welcome and Torah Procession

6 PM – Community Moment: Kol Nidre

- Tuning In: Cantor Herman at the Piano
- Kol Nidre Prayer

6:00 PM – All Children and Youth invited with families to Main Service for Kol Nidre and Rabbinic Folk Tale

6:45-7:45 PM – 1st-6th Grade Student Activities (JFGRS Hallway)

6:45-7:45 PM – Link Teen Activity – 7th-12th Grades (Rm 215)

7:00 PM – Message from the President

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, October 2

9:00-11:30 AM – Morning Service and Torah Service

9:00-10:00 AM – Preschool-age Students and Families Service (Berkowitz Aud)

9:30-11:00 AM – 1st-6th Grade Students and Parents Service (Dogole Chapel)

10:00 AM-1:30 PM – Babysitting (Rms 108 and 109)

11:00 AM-1:30 PM – Youth Activities – 1st-6th Grades (JFGRS Hallway)

12:00 PM-1:00 PM – Link Teen Activity – 7th-12th Grades (Rm 215)

11:30 AM-12:15 PM – Community Moment: Hope and Healing

- The Perseverance of Our People – Past, Present and Future

- Torah Procession and Prayer for Healing

12:15-1:15 PM – Sermon and Yizkor

1:15-3:00 PM – Musaf

3:15-4:15 PM – Adult Education Class – Dr. Ely Levine and Rabbi Shawn

4:45 PM – Minha and Neilah

6:45 PM - 5785 Gesher Graduate Activity

7:20 PM – Ma'ariv

7:30-7:40 PM – Community Moment: Shofar/Yom Kippur Finale

Please watch your emails for Sukkot Service times and Activities.



Denotes Community Moment

Rabbi Haaz (continued from page 1)

We experience this most through the energy and conversations during each Torah procession. The Torah is out, walking among the congregation, and everyone is out of their seats to greet the Torah as well as their loved ones and friends. While many clergy members view this as a disruption of the holiness in the sanctuary, I see it as an amplification. God gave us the Torah to bring us together and to further sanctify our relationships. The Torah processions are opportunities for each of us to add holiness into the Har Zion Sanctuary. I, too, treasure these opportunities to connect as I follow the Torah through the congregation, and I am consistently "late" arriving back to the bimah, causing havoc to our carefully scheduled choreography.

Holiness is all around us in the Sanctuary. It is not only in the pages in front of us but in the people around us. Please place additional focus this year on the people in the room and offer your warmest and most sincere "Shanah Tovah" at every opportunity.

From my family to yours, *Shanah Tovah*.

The Clergy Boys Are Coming to Har Zion!

Message from **Cantor Randy Herman**

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, November 6, 7 PM – The CLERGY BOYS are coming to Har Zion Temple, and trust me you don't want to miss it! 'Oh What a Night' it will be indeed.

The Clergy Boys, who have performed throughout the United States for a decade, consists of four amazing cantors – David Propis, Detroit; Steve Stoehr, Chicago; Mike Stein, LA – and (ahem) Yours Truly, Philly. It's a very special, very unique show, an evening of Jewish theater and music unlike any other. Everywhere we've performed, people love, love, LOVE this show, always. It touches the soul, it inspires and uplifts, and fills audiences with pride – it's the show we all truly need right now in our lives.

The four performers each tell their own very different personal stories of becoming a cantor, with all of the life-journey twists and turns (David's father was a celebrated Hazzan; Mike was in the original Broadway cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at age 18...). The moving stories are interspersed with Frankie Valli songs, complete with choreography and wonderful new Jewish lyrics. You'll laugh (for real), you'll cry (for real), you'll tap your feet and cheer (yep) – friends, don't miss this show! I am thrilled to be bringing it to Har Zion; it's a musical/theatrical performance you'll never forget. That's a promise.

Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7 PM – SAVE THE DATE! Tickets are required – stay tuned for info!



Experience Musical Shabbat

Friday evening, September 5 at 6 PM

Led by Cantor Randy Herman and a wonderful instrumental ensemble, this intimate and uplifting service will fill the room with music and the true spirit of Shabbat.

Prefer a more traditional service?

Our regular Shabbat service will also take place at 6 PM in the Dogole Chapel.

KLM SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday
September 13



Hosted by
Beth David Reform Congregation
1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne, PA 19035

8:00

Schmooze & Nosh

8:15

Havdalah

8:20

Hillel and Shammai:

What We Can Learn from Different Points of View -
Discord and Unity in Jewish Texts

Start 5786 off with some thoughtful examination and discussion of Jewish texts that teach us how we can listen, challenge and connect with one another and be mindful, compassionate and generous in the year ahead.

9:00

Selichot Service

Join us for a collaborative Selichot service to hear the musical and liturgical highlights of the holiday season and set our intentions for the weeks ahead.

The service will also be available online - <http://bdaid.org/livestream>

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BETH DAVID
REFORM CONGREGATION



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia
Lower Merion Kehillah

Shake a Lulav

Blessing the Lulav and Etrog is the Jewish way of thanking God for the blessings of the earth on the holiday of Sukkot.



Your order needs to be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 10. To purchase a Lulav and Etrog (\$53), call Dr. Ely Levine, 610-667-5001, or email him at elevine@harziontemple.org.

We Need You!

Interested in serving as a High Holiday usher?

Please contact Alan Workman

at ajworkman@aol.com.

DO A MITZVAH!

Please join us in helping to host a Rosh Hashanah service and luncheon for residents and their family members at Saunders and Inglis Houses.

Interested? Contact Andy Coren, 610-585-1866

or andreaajoy.coren@gmail.com.



The High Holiday Grocery Gift Card Drive is our Jewish community's largest and most coordinated food collection effort of the year.

This year there are two simple ways you can help nourish families in need:

Purchase **grocery store gift cards** to be distributed directly to clients of the Mitzvah Food Program so they can purchase items they need from their local grocery store – ShopRite, Acme and Giant – as these are the stores most easily accessible to our clients. Gift card values up to \$50 are the most helpful. The cards can be dropped off at Har Zion's receptionist desk.

****You can purchase these gift cards from Sisterhood as part of their Scrip program****

Not only will this benefit those in need in our community but will also help Sisterhood with the outstanding work they do for Har Zion. Please contact Susan Kochman at 215-272-0475 or sbkochman@aol.com, and she will pass them along to Har Zion for the Food Pantry.

Or

You can purchase through the Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List so that products are shipped directly to the Pantry.

Did you know...



23,000+ Jewish families in our community live with food insecurity



2,770 families are nourished by your donations



20% of our region's population falls under the poverty line



Food costs are at a 40 year high and SNAP benefits are estimated to only cover **\$5.36/day**

Questions about the High Holiday Grocery Gift Card Drive?
Email mitzvahfoodprogram@jewishphilly.org



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia
Mitzvah Food Program

NCCECE/HSA BINGO Night

SAVE THE DATE
11/13/2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
BINGO BEGINS AT 7:00 PM



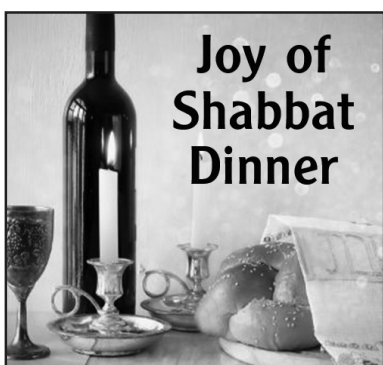
JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING FEATURING:

- Exciting Bingo Games
- Fabulous Prizes
- Raffle Drawings
- Delicious Desserts
- Coffee, Tea & Water

Bring Your Own Kosher Food & Beverages (BYOB)

*** Must be 21 or older to attend**

All proceeds support the Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education at Har Zion Temple.
Everyone is welcome — come out for a great cause and a great time!



**Joy of
Shabbat
Dinner**

Please join us!

Fridays, 7 PM

**September 5, November 14, December 5,
January 9, February 6, March 13, June 5**

Watch your emails to RSVP

The Joy of Shabbat Dinners Need Your Support **BE A CONTRIBUTOR!**

In order to assure the continuity and viability of our low-cost Joy of Shabbat program, we need contributors. A contribution of \$360.00 will help maintain the low per-person cost as well as help cover the increasing costs of food, supplies and labor.

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 – Starting September 8

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 reading now about Solomon and his reign in the book of Kings.

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

8:15 AM – TISCH with Rabbi Shawn * NOTE NEW DAY
In-person and Zoom – Starting September 2

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

12 PM – Study of the Book of Isaiah with
Rabbi Gary Charlestein
In-person and Zoom
212 Tower Lane, Penn Valley

WEDNESDAY

10-11 AM – Current Events with Norman Einhorn
Starting September 10 (Please note new starting time)
Oct 22, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3, 17, Jan 7, 21, Feb 4,
18, Mar 4, 18, Apr 15, 29, May 13

This class dives into the ever-changing Jewish/Israel headlines of the day in a way that fosters healthy dialogue and historical perspective. We take into account multiple political viewpoints and multiple angles of media coverage. Asking the question “why?” always helps us gain a deeper understanding into the complicated and multi-layered events that are shaping our world.

In-person only – at the home of Patty Grobman

Email Patty to RSVP and join the email list for this class:

pgrobman@comcast.net.



THURSDAY

10:30 AM – Commentaries on Exodus with Rabbi Ira Flax
In-person and Zoom – Starting September 4

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 PM – Jewish Books in Christian Bibles with Dr. Ely Levine
In-person and Zoom – Starting September 4

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 – Starting September 5

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.

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

In-person and Zoom – check your emails for updates

Warm, interactive, and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members. For more information, please contact Debbie Golden, goldendagg@gmail.com or Janice Katz, rhk101@hotmail.com.

New On-Line Learning Opportunity

Women Rabbis as Change Agents | The Rabbinical Assembly

Wednesdays, September 3, November 5, December 3 – 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for a 3-part series that celebrates the 40-year anniversary of women in our RA hosted by the Rabbinical Assembly, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Speakers include JTS Chancellor Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, representatives of women rabbis marking “firsts” of many kinds, and members of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

Open to the community

For more info and to register: <https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/>

EDUCATION . . .

Message from Dr. Michael Schatz, Principal, JFGRS

The Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School is looking forward to an exciting new school year! We will be welcoming nearly 160 children for a year of learning, creating, and sharing love of Judaism.

We are excited to continue many of our signature programs, like Better Together for fifth and sixth graders and their Empty Nester friends, the Abiri-Jean Family Fund sponsored art series, and the special family programs that often involve gifted books to create Jewish libraries. We welcome our second team of Shinshinim, Israeli post-high school young adults to enhance our learning and love of Israel. There will be trips, holiday celebrations, Israel programs, and of course lots of creative and active Jewish learning.

The JFGRS will be introducing a new Torah curriculum in third and fourth grade, Being Torah. This program has been recently re-designed with today's learners in mind, and through learning Torah stories our students will be exposed to *parshanut*, or interpretations, and will also create their own interpretations.

Our Har Zion community is also bringing back children's Shabbat morning programming, with scheduled Junior Congregation services (for K-3rd graders) and Parsha and Popems (for 4th-6th graders) throughout the year.



Upcoming JFGRS Events

Sunday, September 7	First Day of School
Tuesday, September 9	First Tuesday
Tuesday, September 23	Rosh Hashanah – No School
Sunday, October 5	Special basketball tournament in the afternoon
Tuesday, October 7	Family Friendly Sukkot Dinner
Tuesday, October 14	Shemini Atzeret – No School

Upcoming NCCECE/HSA Events

September

- 3 – Meet and Greet/ HSA Welcome Back 9AM- 12 PM
- 4 – First Day of School!
- 12 – Shabbat Sha Blue Jeans featuring Prachim
- 16 – Back to School Night
- 22, 23, 24 – Rosh Hashanah – NCCECE Closed

October

- 1 – Erev Yom Kippur – NCCECE Closed
- 2 – Yom Kippur – NCCECE Closed
- 7 – Sukkot Day 1 – NCCECE Closed – Yom Kef Day
- 8 – Sukkot Day 2 – NCCECE Closed
- 14 – Shemini Atzeret – NCCECE Closed
- 15 – Simhat Torah – NCCECE Closed – Yom Kef Day
- 25 – Tot Shabbat

Day Camp – Fun, Friendships, Memories!

We had a truly wonderful summer at camp, filled with laughter, friendships, and unforgettable memories. The campers loved every minute of the action-packed days, from creative art projects to exciting theme events, but the pool was definitely a favorite — a perfect way to cool off and have fun in the sun. Sports were another big highlight, with kids enthusiastically participating in everything from soccer to boot camp, showing great team spirit and energy. It was a joy to watch them grow, play, and enjoy the magic of summer together! Looking forward to seeing everyone again next summer!



MEN'S CLUB . . .

Steak & Bourbon Opening Dinner

Monday, September 8, 7 PM

Kick off the Men's Club year in style! Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring premium steak and a carefully chosen selection of fine bourbons. Enjoy meaningful conversation and warm fellowship as we gather to celebrate. Stick around afterward and settle in for Monday Night Football – with great food, great drinks, and great company, it doesn't get any better.

Cost: \$36/per person

Reservations close September 1 – space is limited!

Save the Dates!

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, October 26, 9:15 AM

Drop the kids at JFGRS and swing by for a laid-back Men's Club brunch. We'll have shakshuka, bagels, champagne and mimosas. Spouses and significant others are welcome! Free to attend. A special guest speaker may be joining us – stay tuned!



Eagles Watch Party

Monday, November 10, 7:30 PM

It's Monday Night Football with the Men's Club! Come watch the Eagles take on the Packers. We'll be grilling up kosher wings and it's BYO kosher beer and seltzer. Game starts at 7:30 PM – come hungry and ready to cheer on the Fightins'!

**Watch your emails for more information.
For questions, please contact Elan Elkaim,
mensclub@harziontemple.org**



Do You Need a Ride?

*Do you need a ride to attend
services, meetings or programs?*

*Just drop us an email at
caring@harziontemple.org.*

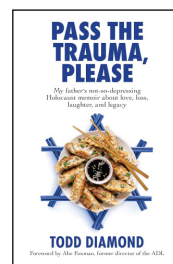
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The Thirteenth Annual Open a Book...Open Your Mind for 2025-26

Proudly presented by the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and
the Department of Lifelong Learning

Admission is \$18 per author

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



**Wednesday, September 17
7 PM**

**Jane Eisner
Carole King: She Made the
Earth Move**

**Monday, February 2
7 PM**

**Christine Kuehn
Family of Spies**

**Wednesday, October 22
12 PM
Pam Jenoff**

Last Twilight in Paris

**Wednesday, February 25
12 PM Lunch and Learn
Shaul Kelter
A Cold War Exodus**

**Monday, November 3
7 PM**

**Todd Diamond
Pass the Trauma, Please**

**Monday, March 9
7 PM**

**Rachel Cockerell
Melting Point**

**Tuesday, November 11
12 PM
Talia Carner**

The Boy with the Star Tatoo

**Tuesday, March 17
12 PM (virtual from Israel)
Jaacov Katz
While Israel Slept**

**Monday, December 1
7 PM**

**Christopher C. Gorham
Matisse at War**

**Wednesday, April 15
1 PM
Judith Viorst
Making the Best of What's Left**

**Monday, January 5
7 PM**

**Ann Berman
Louis Graveraet Kaufman**

**Monday, April 20
7 PM
Jack Fairweather
The Prosecutor**

**Wednesday, January 21
12 PM
Tim Brady**

A Light in the Northern Sea

**Wednesday, April 29
7 PM (at the JCC)
Maya Arad
Happy New Years**

**For reservations, go to harziontemple.org/open-a-book
or email us at openabook@harziontemple.org.**

*This program is brought to Har Zion Temple
in collaboration with the
Jewish Book Council.*



SISTERHOOD . . .

Summertime in Sisterhood!

Message from

Meryl Littman, Sisterhood President

Our summer Sisterhood trip on Thursday, July 10, was fabulous! I know I speak for all of us when I say THANK YOU, DEBBIE GOLDEN, for a wonderful day in NY at the Jewish Museum, learning about "The Book of Esther in the Time of Rembrandt" from you! And Debbie taught us so much more, e.g., about Jewish migration to Amsterdam, and Renaissance vs. Baroque artistic differences. She gave us a detailed talk with maps and 40 slides of art during our time travelling by small bus (we had an excellent driver, Anna), and then gave us a personal tour chock-full of information at the museum in front of the works of art. We also had time to see the Ben Shahn exhibit there, which was powerful. Lunch at the museum was delicious; we got to bond with other HZT sisters, shop at their beautiful gift shop, and support this wonderful museum. THANK YOU, DEBBIE, for your wisdom, kindness, water, snacks, and for planning such a perfect day for us, from inspired inception to finalement! Ladies, if you don't know her yet, Debbie organizes our Rosh Chodesh meetings and budget. She was a past President of HZT Sisterhood and a Torah Fund honoree years ago. She's our resident art historian, lawyer, rights activist, interfaith mediator, healer, wise teacher, and lively learner. We are so lucky to have Debbie in our HZT community!

And now, for your summertime/fall enjoyment, I offer this poem (at right) that Rabbi Lisa Goldstein shared with my group at an IJS retreat. It opened my eyes and I think you may like it, too, especially when we may be travelling and meeting strangers at airports.

I hope you had a wonderful summertime! May we be happy. May we be healthy. May we be safe. May we live with ease. See you at shul!



Pictured here are Sisterhood members who had a wonderful day in New York City at the Jewish Museum.

Sisterhood Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tue, Sep 9, 11 AM – Shul Stitchers
Wed, Sep 10, 7 PM – Sisterhood Trivia Night
Sun, Sep 14, 10:30 AM – Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wed, Sep 17, 7 PM – Open a Book, Open Your Mind
Thu, Sep 18, 11 AM-1:30 PM – Challahs/Babkas Pick-up
TBD - Chaplaincy dates at Inglis House and Saunders

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Sun, Oct 5, 10 AM – Sukkah Decorating
Thu, Oct 9, 1 PM – Sukkot Program with Dr. Ely Levine
Tue, Oct 21, 11 AM – Shul Stitchers
Tue, Oct 21, 7 PM – Rosh Chodesh Group Meeting
Wed, Oct 22, 12 N – Open a Book, Open Your Mind

The Cookie Thief by Valerie Cox

*A woman was waiting at the airport one night,
With several long hours before her flight.
She hunted for a book in the airport shop,
Bought a bag of cookies and found a place to drop.*

*She was engrossed in her book, but happened to see,
That the man beside her, as bold as could be,
Grabbed a cookie or two from the bag in between,
Which she tried to ignore to avoid a scene.*

*She read, munched cookies, and watched the clock,
As the gutsy cookie thief diminished her stock
She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by,
Thinking, "If I wasn't so nice, I'd blacken his eye!"*

*With each cookie she took, he took one too.
When only one was left, she wondered what he'd do.
With a smile on his face and a nervous laugh,
He took the last cookie and broke it in half.*

*He offered her half, and he ate the other.
She snatched it from him and thought, "Oh brother,
This guy has some nerve, and he's also so rude,
Why, he didn't even show any gratitude!"*

*She had never known when she had been so galled,
And sighed with relief when her flight was called.
She gathered her belongings and headed for the gate,
Refusing to look back at the thieving ingrate.*

*She boarded the plane and sank in her seat,
Then sought her book, which was almost complete.
As she reached in her baggage, she gasped with surprise.
There was her bag of cookies, in front of her eyes!*

*"If mine are here," she moaned with despair,
"Then the others were his, and he tried to share!"
Too late to apologize, she realized with grief,
That she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief!*

Floral Fund Donation Cards

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

Questions? Please contact Janice Katz,
610-525-1101 or rhk101@hotmail.com.

See contribution page for Floral Fund donations.

TIKKUN OLAM . . .

Hi Stitchers!

Here was the list of summer projects that you participated in:
Birthday Stitch Squares

Meryl graciously allowed us to use her stitch-a-day calendar to snap pictures of our birthday stitch. We are knitting 7 x 9 inch squares in pinks and grays. When we gather in September, we will arrange the squares into a birthday blanket. If you find that the stitch is more complicated than you wish to tackle, please feel free to knit (or crochet) your favorite stitch. This is only meant to be a fun project!

Operation Gratitude

We are participating again this year in the red hat and red scarf challenge. RED (Remembering Everyone Deployed) sends out care packages to US soldiers and includes hats and scarves. Please contact Connie for the link for sizing.



Blankets going to Grands Stepping Up. THANK YOU for all your beautiful stitches that will go towards the comfort of the children supported by this organization.

Grands Stepping Up

This is a new group for us. Grands Stepping Up supports children being raised by grandparents or other kin families. They help provide to the children (ages birth to 21) food, clothing, holiday toys, back-to-school items, legal assistance, therapeutic assistance, etc. We donated seven of our medium blankets and three baby blankets now and will add hats and scarves later in the year. If you would like to make kids hats in fun colors, we will add them to our donation in the fall.

And lastly, during our October meeting, we'll host a Teach Day. Please bring a friend to the meeting who wants to learn how to knit or crochet. We have lots of knitting needles, crochet hooks, yarn, and knowledge to share!

We hope your summer was full of peace and relaxation enjoyed with family and friends. Should you need anything, please feel free to contact Connie at cnhanden@gmail.com or Andy at andreajoy.coren@gmail.com.

2025 - 2026 Calendar

All dates are on Tuesdays at 11 AM, with the exception of January 19 which is MLK Day:

**Sept. 9, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Feb. 17, Mar. 10,
Apr. 14, May 12, Jun. 9**

NACHES, ETC . . .

BIRTHS

Mazel tov and welcome to

Sophie Noa Szeftel, daughter of Leah Szeftel, adored granddaughter of Etta & Ivan Szeftel, niece of Jarrett & Julia Szeftel, cousin of Harry and Sammy Szeftel. She is named for her maternal great grandmother, Sophie Rovin. Sophie arrived on March 18.



Tehila Shiri (Tili) Shapiro, daughter of Maya & Ron Shapiro, sister of Hadar and Amiad, and granddaughter of Susan Shapiro. Tili arrived on May 22.

Elle Harper Selarnick, daughter of Dana & Alex Selarnick, sister of Olivia James and Luna (the family dog), granddaughter of Nancy & Stuart Selarnick and Marla & Ken Bezozo, great granddaughter of Esther Gilman (z"l) & John Selarnick (z"l), Anita Matusow (z"l), Donald Hoffman (z"l), Otto & Jacqueline Kaufman (z"l), and Joseph (z"l) & Harriet Bezozo (z"l), niece of Paige & John Selarnick, Michael & Sydney Selarnick, Haley & Jake Fuerst, Sam Selarnick, Jamie & Josh Diamond, and Mehdi & Jessica Benziane, cousin of Mason, Blake, Cole, Jackson, Brooks, Blake (x2), Luke, and Abey, and great niece of Meredith & Jonathan Hoffman. Elle arrived on June 3.

Colin Matthew Faroni, son of Hannah & Nicholas Faroni. Colin is the grandson of Dr. Stephen & Dorene Karasick and the late Abe & Marianne Faroni, of blessed memory. Colin Matthew arrived on June 30.

MAZEL TOV!

Hannah Bookbinder, wife of Mark Bookbinder, and mother of Evan and Zachary, has published her first book, *Unlock Your Inner Superhero: Conquering the Challenges of ADHD*. This book is written for high school and college students, and gives validation to the very real experiences these students face every day while simultaneously providing real-life examples of students who have already walked a mile in their shoes and are now leading successful lives. Hannah has included her clinically-proven strategies developed over the past 25 years and use with her clients in her ADHD coaching practice. For more info, visit her website: www.mytoadapp.com.

Do you have other good news to share? Just let us know: jfetscher@harziontemple.org.

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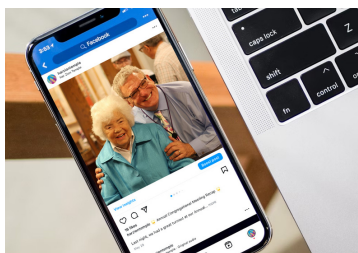
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While the security fee covers security staff, it does not cover the infrastructure that keeps us protected: surveillance systems, software, maintenance, upgrades, and emergency planning. Government funding going forward is uncertain, and we rely on our community to cover these additional expenses and ensure 24/7 protection. Your support keeps us safe.



MARKETING - \$100,000

Over the past year, we strengthened our communications by hiring a Marketing Director and building a solid digital foundation, leading to record event turnout, stronger recruitment, and a growing social media presence. We recently launched a new website and event portal, and we are eager to fully activate our marketing strategy—supporting photography and videography, paid internships, advertising, event promotion, and new tools to expand our reach and streamline communications.



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Har Zion is proud to have one of the largest and most vibrant synagogue facilities in the region. Our spiritual home has served us for nearly fifty years, and it requires—and deserves—our continued care. Each year, we must invest in essential maintenance of our HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems to ensure our campus remains safe, functional, and welcoming. Our kitchen, which supports nearly every event we host, also requires ongoing maintenance and repairs to keep things running smoothly.

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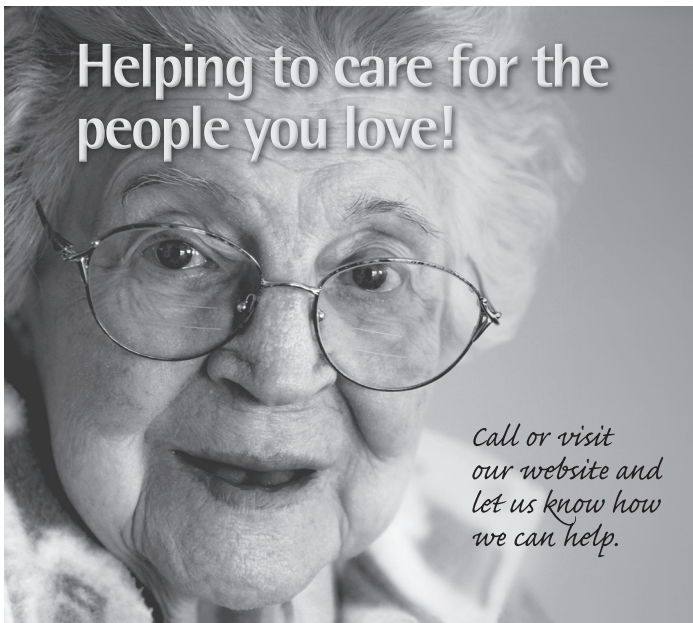
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