



**HAR ZION**  
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# The Bulletin

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## NESHAMA CARLEBACH

with the  
Green Pastures  
Baptist Church Choir

## IN CONCERT

**A Community Experience  
To Uplift Your Soul**

**Saturday, November 7, 8:00 PM  
Har Zion Temple**

General Admission - \$25 each (\$30 at the door)  
Students - \$18 (ID required)

Reserved Seating - on sale until 11/3 only - \$50 each  
Limited Orchestra Seating - on sale until 11/3 only - \$150 each

[www.neshamasingsphilly.com](http://www.neshamasingsphilly.com) or 610-667-5000

## The Lifeline of Conservative Judaism

Message from  
*Rabbi Jay M. Stein*



Solomon Schechter, the first full-time Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTSA) and whose *yahrzeit* we observe this month, addressed the Biennial meeting of JTSA and said,

"In the days of yore, when Babylon formed the centre of Jewish civilization, and the eyes of the whole of Israel were turned toward the banks of the Euphrates and the Tigris for instruction and enlightenment, they had the goodly custom to meet twice a year in religious convention; once at the end of the winter, and again at the end of the summer. These conventions, which usually met at the great seats of learning, Sura and Pumbedita, were honored with the presence of the heads of the Academies, the chiefs of the Colleges, the Princes of the Captivity, and the Judges of the Gate. These men of light and leading, they and their disciples, and the disciples of their disciples, all flocked there with the purpose of fighting out the "Battle of the Torah," until every obscurity was made clear, and every law was fixed, citing proof from the Bible, the Mishnah, and the Talmud, thus removing every stumbling block from the path of Israel. The session extended over a

The Home and School Association of The Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education of Har Zion Temple is proud to present our

## HANUKKAH BAZAAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

Har Zion Temple, Gorson Auditorium

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**FREE ADMISSION**



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**On Veteran's Day 2009, Har Zion Temple salutes all of our Veterans  
in gratitude for their service to this country.**

# RELIGIOUSLY SPEAKING...

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

**Friday, November 6 – 20 Heshvan 5770**  
6:00 PM Evening Service

**Saturday, November 7 – 20 Heshvan**

9:00 AM Morning Service  
B'nai Mitzvah Perri Specter, daughter of  
Tracey & Shanin Specter  
Allison Yadgaroff, daughter of  
Jamie & David Yadgaroff  
10:00 AM Minyan in the Round

**Friday, November 13 – 27 Heshvan 5770**

6:00 PM Evening Service

**Saturday, November 14 – 27 Heshvan**

9:00 AM Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah Alexis Silow, daughter of  
Jodi & Leonard Silow

**Friday, November 20 – 4 Kislev 5770**

6:00 PM Evening Service

**Saturday, November 21 – 4 Kislev**

9:00 AM Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah Shelby Rosenberg, daughter of  
Iris & Larry Rosenberg  
10:00 AM Learners Minyanim

**Friday, November 27 – 11 Kislev 5770**

6:00 PM Evening Service

**Saturday, November 28 – 11 Kislev**

9:00 AM Morning Service  
Bat Mitzvah Alixandra Steerman, daughter of  
Rachel & David Steerman

## DAILY SERVICES

	Morning	Evening
Sunday	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Monday	6:50 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Wednesday	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	6:50 AM	6:00 PM
Friday	7:00 AM	6:00 PM

Exceptions: See calendar on page 15

### TISCH

**After Wednesday morning minyan.**  
Join Rabbi Stein and Rabbi Rozenwasser for  
breakfast and a brief study session.



### Friday Morning Holiness & Halakha

Come for morning minyan and then stay for a bite-size  
portion of Talmud along with your coffee and bagel.

## SHABBAT



### Junior Congregation

(For children grades K-6)

With Norman Einhorn

Every Shabbat, 10:30 AM, Dogole Chapel



### Kids' Congregation

(For children ages 2-5)

With Susan Yefet, Beverly Goldberg  
and Families

Every Shabbat, 11:15 AM,  
Benjamin B. Levin Room



### Shabbat Torah Study

Every Shabbat following services and kiddush  
join in an informal discussion  
of the day's Torah portion.



To read Torah or help  
lead services, contact  
David Shore, 610-896-9509.



### Shabbat Talmud Study

With Rabbi Gary Charlestein

Saturday afternoon, 1 hour before mincha

Spend an hour learning what issues  
mattered to the Sages.



### Late Shabbat Learning

Heschel Learning Group

With Rabbi Jay Stein

**Shabbat afternoons between mincha & maariv**

Abraham Joshua Heschel, the foremost poet/theologian of  
the 20th Century has offered us language for connecting  
with God and with our community. His writings provide  
a framework for implementing Judaism in the modern  
era. Together we will study some of his major works: *The  
Sabbath, Between Man and God*, and *Quest for God*. Please  
join us every week or whenever your schedule permits.  
Make this the first stop on your Saturday night out.

### HAR ZION TEMPLE

1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley, PA 19072-1195

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Jay M. Stein, Senior Rabbi

Eliseo D. Rozenwasser, Rabbi

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## **Rabbi Stein** *(continued from page 1)*

whole month, and the days on which they met were called the "Days of the Kallah.

But times have changed and we have changed with the times. We have grown too old and too sober for semi-annual honeymoons. Life is too strenuous, and the demands upon the time of our communal workers are too great to allow any hope of such protracted meetings of a month's duration..."

– March 20, 1904

It is in this vein that I bring to your attention a similar event that takes place today in our community. UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION – December 6-10, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey!

The theme of the convention is: What is a Jewish community? How do we build one? How do we maintain it?

How do we raise the funds for it? How do we welcome anyone? How do we relate to Israel? How do we relate to one another? What works for other congregations? What works for us? How do we find our leaders? How do we encourage our members? How does the Conservative Movement understand, live with, and reshape Jewish law? How do music, meditation, and storytelling enrich our prayer experience? How do we reinvigorate the Movement?

These are some of the questions that occur to committed Conservative Jews, and they are some of the questions that will be addressed, debated, and maybe even answered at the Biennial Convention. Join us as we also celebrate our Solomon Schechter Award winners. Registration and detailed information is available at [http://www.uscj.org/International\\_Bienni7052.html](http://www.uscj.org/International_Bienni7052.html).

As you may realize, a meeting of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) will take place during this Convention, and I invite you to attend. It is open to all. It is a rare opportunity to see the CJLS in action. This is the place where Jewish law is debated and formulated among the leading scholars of our Movement. It is where Jewish law is most alive for our Movement and you can witness it firsthand. And it is incredibly exciting.

We are all incredibly busy. The demands on our schedule are sometimes overwhelming. And it is precisely in these times that we need to make sure to recharge our battery. As Solomon Schechter aptly pointed out 95 years ago, each of us needs a "spiritual honeymoon." We need to come together with other like-minded people to talk about what is really important to us and how we sustain it. We need to gain strength from one another through fellowship and friendship. We need to be supported by toiling in the field of ideas and learning. And this is such an event. Attending the Biennial Convention of United Synagogue will do for you what Sabato Morias felt the Biennial Meeting of 1904 did for Rabbis. It "will nurture and raise spiritual physician, Rabbis skilled in the art of infusing into our religious body fresher and more vigorous powers."

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Please join us in welcoming the following new members and their families:*

- Julie & David Becher and their son Joshua
- Rebecca & David Bershad
- Charles Brownstein
- Adrienne & Josh Cantor and their children Dylan and Nina
- Clyde Cutner
- Jennie & Adam Friend
- Jennifer & Todd Goodbinder and their children Ella and Zoe
- Ellen & Donald Haupt
- Marcie & Dr. Daniel Landsburg
- Jamie & Todd Lasky and their children Alexandra and Taylor
- Natalie & Abraham Marciano and their children Jacob and Jonah
- Dr. Minna Ziskind & Gavi Miller and their children Ariadne, Sarah and Rebecca
- P'ninah & Marc Miller and their children Elle and Joslyn
- Lilach & Ethan Mollick and their daughter Miranda
- Judith & Ronald Nissenbaum
- Jodi & Mark Sandos and their children Andrew and Emily
- Naomi & Adam Shapiro and their children Rachel, Eliana and Sophie
- Patty & Ari Shechtman and their children Ellie and Drew
- Amy Shepherd
- Evelyn Sherman
- Nina & Gregory Spitzer and their children Jordan and Alexandra
- Michelle & Brett Strayer and their children Andrew, Sofia and Cody
- Ross Waxman

## A Good Deed – Helping Hands at Inglis House

A Yasher Koah to the following volunteers who graciously served a Rosh Hashanah meal to 40 residents of Inglis House: Michael Solomon, Phyllis Redelheim, Naomi Barsky, Florrie Silvers, Karen Harris, Sally Weinstock, Roni Feierstein, Susan Daniels, Emily Berkowitz, Deena Goldstein. And a special thank you to Peter Olster.

*With heartfelt thanks,  
Barbara Berkowitz and Gladys Shubin*

# ADULT JEWISH LEARNING...

## Fishman Institute Adult Ed Classes

### Understanding Prayer Book Hebrew Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

with *Barbara Block*

Prerequisite: An ability to read Hebrew

This program teaches basic Hebrew language structure using the vocabulary of the prayer book. Students learn to find the root syllable of important words, to recognize the prefixes and suffixes, tense markers and other parts of speech so that they can know what they are saying and can develop an understanding of the prayers.

### Introduction to Talmud

Tuesdays, November 10 and 17, 7:30 PM

with *Rabbi Robert Alpert*

Join Rabbi Robert Alpert and learn the origins and organization of the Talmud and become prepared to dive into the Sea of Talmud.

### Wednesday Evening Lecture Series

Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 PM

#### Project Home — Tikkun Olam

with *Rabbi Jay Stein and*

*Sister Mary Scullion of Project H.O.M.E.*

Together we will explore the meaning of being citizens of the world and learn how we can help end the cycle of homelessness in our community. In order to learn more about homelessness in our society, please read *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez in preparation for this evening.

### Responsa: Developments of the Law Committee

Wednesdays, December 16, February 3, 10, 17,  
7:30 PM

with *Rabbi Jay Stein*

## Awakening the Jewish Soul

*"And You Shall Be A Blessing: Jewish Yoga Training for an Awakened Life"*

Thursday, November 12

7:00-9:00 PM (once a month thru June)

with *Rabbi Myriam Klotz (IJS), Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser and Hazzan Eliot Vogel (HZZT)*

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS) and Har Zion Temple

Sign up for a series of eight sessions of Jewish Yoga embodying themes associated with cultivating qualities of the heart, Chanting, Meditation and Mussar text discussion. These sessions will take place in an inviting atmosphere conducive to self-awareness and understanding.

**Cost of the program: \$300** per participant (8 sessions)

To register or for more information please contact Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser [rozenwasser@harziontemple.org](mailto:rozenwasser@harziontemple.org) or 610-667-5000, x103



## Shabbat Learner's Services

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM  
(once a month through March)

with *Rabbi Jay Stein*

Have you ever wondered where the prayers came from? How they got to where they are? What they mean or why we sit sometimes and stand at other times? In this service Rabbi Stein explains the origins and structure of the service, what the individual prayers mean and how they make sense to us today. He will show you when to stand, when to sit, and how to have an *aliyah*.

## Sunday School for Parents

Sundays, November 1, December 13, 10:00 -11:30 AM  
(once a month through May)

### Unpacking the Secrets of the Sabbath Prayer Book

with *Rabbi Robert Alpert*

Have you forgotten more than you ever knew about Jewish Religious Practice? Did your Hebrew reading skills peak at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah? This class is an introduction to basic Jewish practice including home rituals for Shabbat and the holidays. Enrich your child's religious education by bringing Jewish living *b'bayit* and reawaken your own Jewish spirit. Rabbi Alpert will guide you in deepening your religious practice to enable you to reinforce your children's Jewish learning. Whether you are a novice or a maven, come and improve your skills. On **December 13 and March 21**, the senior staff of Har Zion will conduct a Hebrew Reading Marathon from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, which will include lunch. We will have reading classes at all levels at each of the two marathons.

## Lunch and Learn at Penn with Rabbi Stein

12:00 Noon, first Tuesday of the month  
Beginning November 3

16th Floor Conference Room of the Penn Tower  
For more information, please contact Josh Friedman  
at [joshfriedman@verizon.net](mailto:joshfriedman@verizon.net) or 610-896-8967.

## Rabbinical Assembly Lunch and Learn

The Rabbinical Assembly of Greater Philadelphia and United Synagogue invite you to join us weekly at noon for the study of Torah. A Rabbi and other like-minded individuals engage in exciting discussion of the weekly Torah portion. Bring a dairy lunch. Beverages are provided. Classes not held on major Jewish holidays.

**Tuesdays in Center City, 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Offices of Cozen and O'Conner, 1900 Market Street, Philadelphia (Philadelphia Stock Exchange Building)  
Rabbis Eliseo Rozenwasser, Robert Alpert and Gary Charlestein share in teaching these study sessions.  
For more info, call Rabbi Gary Charlestein, 610-239-6003.

## HAZAAC *Har Zion Active Adults Club*

### From Music To Words; "All Other Nights" In Review

By Gerald Spector, Co-chairman



Following last month's **Choral Arts Celebration** featuring the Fargenign Chorus, HAZAAC continues its year-long **Celebration of The Arts and Jews and/or Jews and The Arts with A Celebration of The Literary Arts and The Lincoln Bicentennial**. On **Wednesday, November 11**, **Rabbi Jay Stein & Missy Stein** will discuss and review **Dara Horn's** novel, "**All Other Nights**."

This historical novel about Jews in the Civil War is based on actual facts and events such as the burning of Richmond, and on real personalities such as Judah Benjamin, the Jewish Secretary of State of the Confederacy. "**All Other Nights**" is a tale of adventure that weaves the Jews of the North and the South together in a web of love, dignity and loss that drives men and women to the limits of loyalty and betrayal. It is also a parable of the lingering rift in America between those who value family and tradition first, and those dedicated, at any cost, to social and racial justice for all.

**Rabbi Stein's** review of **Ariel Sabar's** "**My Father's Paradise**," a highlight of HAZAAC's programs last year, was extremely informative and entertaining. His book review this year, with **Missy** joining him in the review and discussion of "**All Other Nights**," promises to be doubly so.

Everyone is invited to attend what will undoubtedly be an informative, stimulating and entertaining program. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM; the program will begin at 1:00 PM. As is the case for all HAZAAC meetings, the program and luncheon are free for dues-paying members of HAZAAC. HAZAAC annual membership dues are \$50.00 per person for members of Har Zion Temple and \$60.00 per person for non-members of Har Zion Temple. Guests are invited to attend individual meetings at **\$15.00 per person**. Membership dues and guest fees may be paid at the door.

**Reservations are required for lunch.** Please call **Suzy Levin** at (610) 667-5000, ext. 108, by **Thursday, November 5**, to make lunch reservations.

### Beyond Loss Support Group

**Tuesday, November 3, 4:30-5:45 PM** at Har Zion

This group is for widows/widowers who have experienced a loss within the past 12-18 months and have attended a previous grief support group. This group is sponsored by Joseph Levine and Sons, and facilitated by Pam Weinstein, Levine's Aftercare Counselor. Registration is necessary – contact Pam Weinstein at 215-942-4700 or 610-667-4233.

## NACHES, ETC...

### BIRTH

Welcome to this wonderful world to

**Leo Mitchell Ufberg**, son of **Lauren & Andrew Ufberg**.

Remember to call or email **Jane Fetscher Kontopodias**, 610-667-5000, ext 107 or [jfetscher@harziontemple.org](mailto:jfetscher@harziontemple.org), with all your happy news!



## TIKKUN OLAM

A big thank you to those who decorated the sukkot at Saunders House and Brith Sholom. The holidays were made that much happier because of the time you spent with the residents, and we appreciate your caring and hard work.

### Upcoming Events

**Shul Stitches** – Tuesday, October 13 and November 3 at 11:30 AM

**Cook for a Friend** – Sundays, November 8 and December 6 at 9:00 AM

**Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy**

• Drop off items in bins by the school entrance:

Hard candies (individually wrapped)

Tea bags

Bottles of seltzer

Canned goods for Thanksgiving (yams, veggies, cranberry sauce)

• To help put baskets together or to deliver, call **Andy** at 610-649-5294.

### Time to clean out the closets?

Please drop off the following collection items for charity in the bins by the school entrance:

**PLASTIC TOY DRIVE** – SECOND CHANCE TOYS for needy children

**CELL PHONES** – Benefiting victims of domestic violence and the Philadelphia Zoo

**DIAPERS, KITCHEN UTENSILS & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** – Benefiting the Nationality Service Center assisting new immigrants

**WOMENS' SEPARATES** (Tops and Bottoms – Jackets and Sweaters) and **GENTLY USED ACCESSORIES** (Shoes, handbags, jewelry, scarves, belts and new stockings/pantyhose) - for Career Wardrobe

**CHILDRENS' BOOKS** (Preschool through 8th grade) – for Philly Reads

**MENS' BUSINESS SUITS, white shirts on hangers and ties** – for Mens' Fit supporting men going back into the work force



# SISTERHOOD...

## Torah Fund Luncheon Features

### Rita Wertlieb, Women's League Chair

Rita Wertlieb, Women's League International Torah Fund Chair, will be the guest speaker for our Torah Fund Luncheon on Tuesday, November 17.

Rita is a trainer and consultant, as well as a member of the Torah Fund Cabinet for many years. She also served as Women's League Program/Music Chair prior to completing two terms as the Women's League Financial Secretary. From 2006-2008, Rita served as a Women's League Vice President. In 1997, Rita was one of five recipients of the Community Services Award, presented by Women's League and The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.



This year we will be honoring two very special women who continually show dedication to their synagogue, Sisterhood, and the Jewish community. The honorees are mother-daughter team, Shelby Ford and Nancy Ford

Grossman. In addition to serving as co-chair of Har Zion's 75th Gala Anniversary year, Shelby's charitable endeavors have been focused on Israel, JTS and the Abramson Center. She is actively involved in AIPAC, Federation's Women's Philanthropy and Women of Vision. A life member of Har Zion Temple, Nancy Ford Grossman married her husband Michael under the Sisterhood chuppah. She served as the first woman President of Golden Slipper Club and Charities after years of involvement. Together Nancy and Michael are past recipients of The Young Leadership Award of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Currently, she sits on the Boards of The Abramson Center For Jewish Life, Golden Slipper Center for Seniors, Har Zion Temple and the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple.

This year's Torah Fund project is the Total Fitness Center at the JTS. In the past, our contributions have supported student scholarship programs and the library. By providing the means for students to improve their physical and emotional well-being through exercise and activity they will become more well-rounded and able to cope with the challenges in their personal and professional lives.

Check your mail for your invitation. Any questions contact Norma Dworkin, [nldworkin@aol.com](mailto:nldworkin@aol.com).

### Floral Fund Donations In Honor/In Memory Cards Minimum contribution: \$10.00

Questions? Please contact Barbara Chapman at 610-664-4480 or [L.chapman2@comcast.net](mailto:L.chapman2@comcast.net).

## Sisterhood Adult Ed Classes

Tuesday mornings, 10:00 AM

### November 3 (third in a series)

with Rabbi Saul Grife

"All Israelis Responsible for One Another"

### December 1, 8 and 15

with Dr. Warren Hoffman

This class focuses on the music of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and other Jewish composers, also the Jazz Singer and *Fires in the Mirror*, the Crown Heights riots concerning blacks and ultra Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn.

These classes are sponsored by Sisterhood and open to the community. Please contact Sheila Schafer at 610-645-5461 or [lssch@comcast.net](mailto:lssch@comcast.net), with your questions.

## Sisterhood Update

Our Paid-up Membership Luncheon, featuring Risa Vetri Furman, as guest speaker, was a resounding success. It was a wonderful opportunity for Sisterhood women to reconnect with one another. We thank Rachel Steerman, Membership/Hospitality VP, for a job well done.



**Karen Cooke and Cindy Reisner decorating the Maurice Kendall Sukkah.**

Progressive Lunch. Debra Magerman and Melissa Paszaman arranged for great food, weather, our hosts and hostesses - the Cohens, Selarnicks, and Shaids, to ensure a warm and welcoming afternoon.

The Maurice Kendall Sukkah looked beautiful this year. Karen Cooke, Synagogue Services VP, along with volunteers Ruth Gleit, Cindy Reisner, Michelle Portnoff and Peggy Sterling, added an artistic touch to this Fall festival mitzvah. Young families shared in the holiday tradition of dining in the sukkah at the Z'havah Sukkah

## Women's Rosh Chodesh Group

The Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group integrates Judaism into women's spiritual, personal, professional, and community lives. Meetings are held in participants' homes. Discussion related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members.

Warm, interactive and challenging. For more information, please call Betsy Rentz, at 610-527-2269, or [August253@comcast.net](mailto:August253@comcast.net).

Thursday, November 19, 7:30 PM



## MEN'S CLUB...

### The Brisket and the Phone Call

Message From Roy Kardon



Har Zion Men's Club  
We've Got It Covered

In over 20 years of being a member of our beloved Shul, two experiences stand out. The first happened on the second day of Rosh Hashanah 5768-2007. My father of blessed memory had passed away a week and a half before the preceding Pesah. We hosted a dinner the second night

where everyone except me was having a joyous time. The only part I enjoyed was the brisket. I was still upset when I entered the Sanctuary the next morning. Upon entering I realized that I missed my father the night before. What was amazing to me is that for the first time since he had passed I missed him for the healthy and vibrant man I loved, not the sickly man he was for the last three years of his life. My recollection of him since has been the wonderful full of life man he was. In addition to this being the critical moment in my healing, I also believe it was a message from God that my father had merited Paradise in The World to Come.

The second experience involves my wife and soul mate, Gail. In February 2004, I received a phone call from Gail saying they found a lump in the back of her breast that was malignant. For three-four weeks we were on edge until it was discovered the cancer had not spread and was caught early. She has been cancer-free since, *Baruch Hashem*. A few days after the phone call (before I was to learn all would be OK) I went to my usual Friday morning minyan. Out of nowhere my body felt a warm soothing feeling. At the time I thought it was a message to me that no matter what happened to Gail I would be able to find strength and comfort praying at Har Zion.

While Har Zion is a large synagogue, as I can testify it is a place where one's Judaism can be fulfilled many times. A great Jewish saying is "life is with people." I have always loved feeling empathy for my fellow congregants. During every Mourners' Kaddish I pray for all those saying *yahrzeit* or in mourning that they will have the strength to get through this time. I ask God to take all those souls taken from this world to be cared for by God. On a happier note, I love to sing with joy *Mazel Tov* for every *simha* we celebrate as a community. When you wish someone well, it is a prayer. When congregants rise for someone sick, I pray for them and their loved one who is sick. After over 20 years and two amazing experiences described above, I have found it works.

A great way to feel a connection is to come to Friday morning minyan or a Men's Club meeting. The Men's Club sponsors breakfasts and an always-inspiring teaching by Rabbi Stein. Our Men's Club meetings on the first Thursday of the month in the evening always include a meaningful D'var Torah by either Rabbi Rozenwasser or Rabbi Alpert. Both are great ways to start the last day of the work week and prepare for *Shabbos*.

May you and your loved ones find inspiration and strength now and always in our beloved Shul.

## RUDOFKER LIBRARY...

### HOLIDAYS

Rosh Chodesh Kislev 17 and 18 of November

Rosh Chodesh - What is it and why is it important? Please stop by the library to find out!

November 11 - Veterans Day. The library has a number of interesting books about Jewish Vets.

November 25 - Thanksgiving

### NEW BOOK

*Journey From The Land of No* by **Roya Hakakian**

Hakakian recounts her past as a girl growing up in the second largest Jewish community in the Middle East - Tehran - during the takeover of the Ayatollah Khomeini. She paints pictures of a changing Iran, from a land that was immersed in the poetry of life and discovery to one that spoke of militaristic prayer and repression, where Jewish people were once again subject to anti-Semitism, and where women were stripped of many of their rights. Hakakian's story is that of an individual changing from innocent child into disillusioned, rebellious teenager.

### LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, 4:00 - 6:15 P.M.

Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Sunday, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Monday by appointment.

*These hours may change. Please check the Bulletin regularly for upcoming changes.*

### Men's Club Calendar

**Middle Atlantic Region of Men's Clubs Dinner**  
**Sunday, December 20**

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**Men's Club Shabbat, January 8 & 9**  
**Friday, January 8 - Shabbat Dinner**

**THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION  
FEDERATION OF JEWISH MENS' CLUBS**  
**Cordially invites you to join us for**  
**A Light Breakfast and Discussion on**

*Keruv*

"to bring close"

**Sunday, November 15, 10:00 AM • Har Zion Temple**  
**For more information contact Dave Shore,**  
**davidshore1@aol.com.**

### Be A Minyanaire

*Join Men's Club for minyan and a  
10-minute study session in Rabbi Stein's study*

*Every Friday, 7:00 AM*

*A great way to start your day and your weekend!*

# IN THE SCHOOL...

## “Thanksgiving”

Message from  
**Rabbi Nogah Marshall,**  
Educational Director



Last year for the first time in my life I did not spend Thanksgiving Day with my family in Syracuse, New York. My family, somewhat large (five children) is spread out throughout the United States and Europe, and with three rabbis in the family it is often rare to have the entire family together at one time especially during the Jewish holidays. So last year, as I picked up the phone to call my mother to share with her the news that I would not be joining the family for Thanksgiving Day, the response I received was somewhat unexpected. My mother, I quote, said, “So, I will make Thanksgiving Dinner when you do come home over the weekend.” That evening I thought about what my Mother had said and came to the realization that it is possible to have Thanksgiving dinner any and every night of the year.

In just a matter of weeks, America will be celebrating the national holiday of Thanksgiving, a holiday that many of us view as a religious one – possibly a holiday almost of equal importance to Yom Kippur, Passover, and Hanukkah. We all know the origin of Thanksgiving; a national holiday in the United States commemorating the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony in 1621 after a winter of starvation.

And so I ask you, why is it necessary to establish one specific day of the year to celebrate as a day of Thanksgiving? Are we too self-absorbed in our everyday lives that we actually need to schedule in our calendars a day to be thankful for what we have in our lives? Does this day infer that we do not need to be thankful every other day of the year?

Every day in all of our schools beginning with our youngest children we teach about appreciation and thanking God for all of the wonderful things we have been given. We teach our children that in Judaism every day of our lives is a day of thanksgiving. Our students from preschool to Midrasha learn that in the morning when we wake up we recite *Modeh Ani Lefanecha Melech Chai Vekayam, Shehechazarta Bi Nishmati Bechemla Rabah Emunatecha, I am grateful to You, living, enduring Kind, for restoring my soul to me in compassion. You are faithful beyond measure.* We also teach our students to recite the morning blessings thanking God for many things such as allowing us to distinguish between night and day and allowing us to open up our eyes. They learn that every day we Jews are expected to recite one hundred blessings giving thanks to God for everything that we do, from the

## Preschool



Register Your Child in  
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food we have been granted to seeing something for the very first time. For over two thousand years the Jewish people have celebrated Thanksgiving every day.

So this Thanksgiving as you gather with friends and family, I urge you to take a moment at dinner to truly reflect upon what you are thankful for and recite the *Shehechyanu*, the blessing that acknowledges God for allowing us to reach this point in our lives. And when Thanksgiving Day is over I urge you to not wait until the next Thanksgiving to reflect upon what you are thankful for. Rather, I urge you to try to incorporate ways within your children to be thankful every day, by reciting the *Shehechyanu* upon eating a new fruit, reciting the blessing before and after you eat, or even just saying the words thank you to one another.

As it says in Psalm 92: *Tov L'hodot Ladonai Ulizamer Leshimcha Elyon.* “It is good to acclaim Adonai, to sing Your praise, exalted God.” Let’s follow these words and give thanks every day of our lives.



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### Kids Congregation

Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21

Saturday, November 28 – No Kids' Congregation

### Junior Congregation

Saturday, November 7 – led by Zayin Class

Saturday, November 14 – led by All Classes

Saturday November 21 – led by Gan and Aleph Classes

Saturday November 28 – No Junior Congregation

### Mitzvah Mania

Elementary School Open House/Mitzvah Mania

9:45 AM-1:00 PM

Middle and High School Mitzvah Mania Off-Site Projects

Sunday, November 1

### No School – Election Day

Tuesday, November 3

### Youth Shabbaton

Grades 4-8

Saturday November 7 following services

### “Yom Pajama” – Pajama Day

Come to school in your PJs.

Sunday, November 8

### B'nai Mitzvah Program – 7th Grade

Sunday, November 15, 11:00 AM

### Teacher Conference – No School

Sunday, November 22

### Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

Wednesday & Sunday, November 25 & 29

## The Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education/HSA

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our wonderful Sukkot celebration. The dinner was delicious and prepared by our very own HSA parents!

We hope to see you at the following November events:

### No School – Teacher In-Service Day

Tuesday, November 3

### Mommy and Me/ Shalom Chai and Garinim (2's) Shabbat Dinner and Service

Friday, November 13, 5:30 PM

### HSA Night Meeting

Everyone welcome, please come out and join us and hear what we are planning for the upcoming year and get involved.

Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 PM,  
in Debbie Folz's office

### Hanukkah and Gift Bazaar

Get an early start on your Holiday gift shopping before the last minute rush. Tell your family and friends to come too! There is sure to be something for everyone.

Sunday, November 22, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday, November 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Thanksgiving Feasts

Wednesday, November 25

11:45 AM for Gan and 12:15 PM for Prachim (Pre-K)  
1:00 PM Dismissal

Your 2009-2010 HSA Board: Emily Schwartz, Cindy Reisner, Ali Feinberg, Leigh-Ann Maltz Dichter, Margie Wargon, Nicole Kramer, Melissa Glzman, Julia Engel, Linor Schmeidler, Erica Picker and Jodi Woodbury

## USY NEWS...

The HZTUSY Sukkah Hop was a huge success! Members gathered on Shabbat afternoon, October 3, to hang out, eat, and walk from sukkah to sukkah in Penn Valley. USYers hopped from the **Soloff** sukkah to the **Selarnick** sukkah to the **Grossman** sukkah and finally to the **Cohen** sukkah, enjoying delicious snacks along the way. Many thanks to the families for hosting us for this event.

For Simhat Torah, the USY had a party following services.



## USY and Youth Events

### USY Goes to the

### Neshama Carlebach Concert

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 PM

### USY Fall Convention

Friday-Sunday, November 13-15

### Garimin/Haverim/Kadima Event

### Sahara Sam's Oasis

Sunday, November 15

### Regional Turkey Trot Dance

Wednesday, November 25



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Every Wednesday  
Following  
Morning Minyan

**DAILY MINYAN**  
Sunday  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
**EXCEPT: 11/17, 18, 26** (see calendar)

**Morning (Shaharit)**  
9:00 AM  
6:50 AM  
7:00 AM  
7:00 AM  
6:00 AM  
6:00 AM  
6:00 AM

**Evening (Minha)**  
6:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
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6:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 14 heshvan MITSVAH MANIA 9:45 AM Religious School Open House 10:00 AM Sunday School for Parents Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>2</b> 15 heshvan 7:30 PM Prayer Book Hebrew w/Barbara Block	<b>3</b> 16 heshvan NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NCC CLOSED 10:00 AM Sisterhood Adult Ed 11:30 AM Shul Stitchers 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn at Penn 4:30 PM Levine's Grief Support Group	<b>4</b> 17 heshvan ACAJE Conference 7:30 PM Religious Committee Meeting	<b>5</b> 18 heshvan 6:50 AM Davening & Donuts w/Rabbi Stein 10:00 AM Parashat Hashavuah w/Rabbi Stein 7:00 PM Shul Stitchers 7:15 PM Men's Club Board Meeting 7:30 PM Job Networking Meeting	<b>6</b> 19 heshvan 7:00 AM Minyan & Study w/Rabbi Stein 4:36 PM Candle lighting	<b>7</b> 20 heshvan B'not Mitzvah: Perri Specter & Allison Yagdorff 10:00 AM Minyan in the Round 4:30 PM Heschel Study Group 8:00 PM Neshama Carlebach Concert VAYERA
<b>8</b> 21 heshvan 9:00 AM Cook for a Friend 10:00 AM ES "Yom Pajama"	<b>9</b> 22 heshvan 7:30 PM Prayer Book Hebrew w/Barbara Block	<b>10</b> 23 heshvan 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Fishman Inst/ Introduction to Talmud	<b>11</b> 24 heshvan 11:00 AM HAZAAC Luncheon & Program	<b>12</b> 25 heshvan 6:50 AM Davening & Donuts w/Rabbi Stein 10:00 AM Parashat Hashavuah w/Rabbi Stein 7:00 PM Awakening of the Soul 7:30 PM Job Networking Meeting 7:30 PM School Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 26 heshvan 7:00 AM Minyan & Study w/Rabbi Stein 5:30 PM NCC MM/Shalom Chai/Garimim Shabbat Service & Dinner 4:29 PM Candle lighting	<b>14</b> 27 heshvan Bat Mitzvah: Alexis Slow 1:30 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Shmooze 4:30 PM Heschel Study Group CHAYEI SARAH
<b>15</b> 28 heshvan 10:00 AM Men's Club Veteran's Day Event	<b>16</b> 29 heshvan 7:30 PM Prayer Book Hebrew w/Barbara Block	<b>17</b> 30 heshvan ROSH HODESH KISLEV 6:50 AM Morning Minyan	<b>18</b> 1 kislev 6:50 AM Morning Minyan	<b>19</b> 2 kislev 6:50 AM Davening & Donuts w/Rabbi Stein 10:00 AM Parashat Hashavuah w/Rabbi Stein 7:00 PM Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Job Networking Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh	<b>20</b> 3 kislev 7:00 AM Minyan & Study w/Rabbi Stein 4:23 PM Candle lighting	<b>21</b> 4 kislev Bat Mitzvah: Shelby Rosenberg 10:00 AM Learners Minyanim 4:20 PM Heschel Study Group TOLDOS
<b>22</b> 5 kislev NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HSA Hanukkah Bazaar 8:30 AM Tikun Olam preparing Thanksgiving baskets 6:00 PM Men's Club Football Night	<b>23</b> 6 kislev HSA Hanukkah Bazaar 7:30 PM Prayer Book Hebrew w/Barbara Block	<b>24</b> 7 kislev 11:00 AM NCC Multi-Cultural Madness 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting	<b>25</b> 8 kislev NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:45 AM NCC Gan Thanksgiving Feast 12:15 PM NCC Prachim Thanksgiving Feast 1:00 PM NCC Dismissal	<b>26</b> 9 kislev <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> OFFICE AND SCHOOL CLOSED 9:00 AM Morning Minyan and Davening & Donuts	<b>27</b> 10 kislev OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED 4:20 PM Candle lighting	<b>28</b> 11 kislev Bat Mitzvah: Alexandra Steerman 5:20 PM Heschel Study Group VAYETZEI
<b>29</b> 12 kislev NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	<b>30</b> 13 kislev 7:30 PM Prayer Book Hebrew w/Barbara Block	<p><b>SHABBAT SERVICES</b> Friday 6:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - Main Sanctuary 10:30 AM - Jr. Congregation - Dogole Chapel 11:15 AM - Kids Congregation - Benj. B. Levin Room Sunday 9:00 AM</p>		<p>11/7 4:35 PM Shabbat Ends 5:38 PM 11/14 4:30 PM 5:31 PM 11/21 4:25 PM 5:26 PM 11/28 4:20 PM 5:22 PM</p>		

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