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# CONGREGATION HAR-EL CALENDAR

**FALL-WINTER  
2023-24**

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Friday Night Services Offered On Zoom—All Welcome—Email harelurjpd@gmail.com For a Zoom Invite.

## Har-El Welcomes 5784 With Activities available Live Streaming and Zoom.



**RABBI ZIONS OFFERS ADULT AND YOUTH CLASSES IN  
LITURGY AND HEBREW** Adults: 1:00 pm — Youth: 4:00 pm MONDAYS

Register today: email harelurjpd@gmail.com  
Members No Charge Non-Members \$80



Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D.

## FALL AND WINTER INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS

Cantor Joseph Gole, D.Mus.

### GALEN STEPPING OUT COURSES



This popular series of classes begins again. The tours are of general and Jewish interest.

#### Past tours included:

- The Palm Springs Art Museum
- The Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert – The Galen
- The Arthur Szyk Political Cartoons, Palm Springs Air Museum
- Interfaith visits to churches
- Visit to Islamic Center, Coachella
- Live performances.

#### NEW 2023-2024 • Docent Guided

- Palm Springs Art Museum
- Temple Isaiah - historical site: Palm Springs

Register: Email harelurjpd@gmail.com

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

### SOCIAL ACTION & INTERFAITH

We are in the community. We coordinate our efforts to support collecting food and clothing for the less fortunate.



Each Passover (excluding COVID years) we hold an Interfaith Seder and invite other denominations to join with us in preparing the Seder and the service.

We answered the Hawaiian call and are sending 18% of

the funds of this year's High Holy Day appeal to the Maui Jewish Congregation for recovery.

Be in the community. Be with us.



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**Har-El Goes to the Movies**

MOVIE  
DISCUSSION  
TREATS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 12:30 PM**

No host lunch available in the Villa Portofino Bistro at 11:00 AM prior to the 12:15 PM seating for the 12:30 PM movie.

Screening of the 2011 Israeli Film  
(nominated for Academy Award ~ Best Foreign Film, 2011)

**FOOTNOTE**

"Footnote" is a 2011 Israeli drama film. The plot centers on the troubled relationship between a father and his son who are both professors in the Talmud Department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The film won the Best Screenplay Award at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for an Academy Award in the category of Best Foreign Language film. It was also previewed in the Palm Springs International Film Festival in Winter 2011.

Background and presentation will follow movie.  
Presenter and Discussion Leader: Rabbi Richard Zions

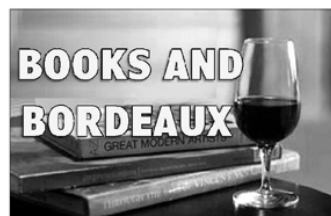
Comment from Rabbi Zions: "The story line of the film presents us with a modern-day ethical dilemma. The discussion of this film will stay with us on both a personal and intellectual level. Not to be missed."

Chair: Judy Wallis. Committee: Sherry Schor & Rosa Weinstein.

**VILLA PORTOFINO CLUBHOUSE**  
4001 Via Portofino, Palm Desert (off Country Club Drive)  
Suggested donation, including concession treats: \$10 per person

Reservations required. Deadline: **OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Email harelurjpd@gmail.com.  
Please include names of all attendees. Gate code will be given before event.

New! New! New! New! New! New!



### CALLING ALL MEN AND WOMEN!

Come join us for wine and appetizers ... but first the book review at 3:30 pm!

All books reviewed by professionals.

Each Wednesday, November - March  
Book titles TBA.

**HAR-EL** Har-El Zoom Book Review  
Member, Union for Reform Judaism

**"The Letters Project"**  
By Eleanor Reissa

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 - 3:30 PM**

The book explores a daughter's journey through the discovery and translation of her father's letters written to her mother in 1949. The unforeseen revelations that she encounters about her parents and events weave a fascinating story for the reader.

To receive a Zoom invite and participate in this unique discussion, email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

All are welcome. NO FEE.

Reviewed by **JOAN MOYER**, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). She is a certified therapist in EDMR, specializing in trauma therapy, working primarily with adults.

Educational Programs are supported in part by the Galen Foundation and the Jewish Federation of the Desert.



# Celebrate Har-El's 20<sup>th</sup> Year!

## Women's Circle Retreat

The Annual Women's Circle Retreat will be held Sunday, January 14, 2024. Underwritten by Marylynn and Andy Gladstein each year, this event attracts over 60 women from the Desert who come together in celebration.

Each retreat begins with a coffee social, followed by a presentation and seated luncheon. Please join the conversation and come to the table. We have a place for you!



## HAR-EL SCHOLARS



Quality scholars of the highest credentials are invited to present at Har-El. The Borns Family endow speakers that address contemporary issues and concerns of American Jews. They connect the insights and experiences of Jewish history with the challenges of today.

Barry Messinger, President

Emily Borna, Vice President of Lifelong Learning

Steve Moyer, Vice President of Membership

Fran Kaufman, Treasurer

Molly Thorpe, Secretary

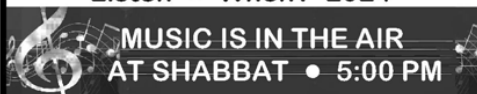
Sherry Schor, Immediate Past President

Board:

Andy Gladstein, Jeff Molever, Samuel Trussell,  
Judy Wallis, Rosa Weinstein & Helene Galen (Hon.)



Listen • When? 2024



***Shabbat Is Music to Our Ears  
and Fills Our Hearts with Joy!***

What makes Shabbat at Har-El so special?  
Rabbi Richard Zions and world-renown  
Cantor Joseph Gole lead us in a warm,  
welcoming experience.

**ONE FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
HAR-EL HAS MUSIC SHABBAT**

which is enhanced by Philip Smith, M. Mus.,  
who served as Organ Conservator of the  
Los Angeles Philharmonic.

**Note this on your calendar.  
Come and be part of the Har-El community.**



## HOLIDAYS CREATE COMMUNITY

They are nostalgic of past family  
celebrations. We share, laugh and  
sometimes bring tears to our eyes. We  
also have great food. Come participate.

## HAR-EL

The name "Har-El" is Hebrew for "Mountain of God."

As one ascends a mountain, so do the members of Har-El strive to ascend to the high point of Jewish learning through Har-El's strong emphasis on study and learning.

We also seek to ascend to spiritual heights through our worship with inspirational music from our Cantor Joseph Gole, D.Mus. and our Organist, Philip Smith, M.Mus.

Through the creation of community, Har-El members reach out to one another and to the Jewish and general communities as we promote fellowship and friendship among our members.

All in all, we believe that we have an exciting program that will make a true difference in the lives of those who affiliate with us.

We look forward to seeing you soon, at worship on Friday evenings, at courses on Wednesdays and at all our exciting and interesting programs.

Warmly and With Shalom,

Rabbi Richard A. Zions, Ph.D.

Spiritual Leader and Founding Rabbi of Har-El

Har-El, established 2004, is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, offering year-round services with a summer schedule and programs. Our office is located on the ground level of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert. Har-El offers Galen Courses of Intellectual Pursuit and celebrations of occasions and holidays.

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## SEPTEMBER - HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES OFFERED IN PERSON & STREAMING

Friday, September 15 7:30 PM - Eve of Rosh HaShanah Services

Saturday, September 16 - 10:00 AM - Rosh HaShanah Morning Service

Monday, September 18 - Fall classes begin for Adults and Youth

Friday, September 22 - 5:00 PM Shabbat Shuvah Service on Zoom

Sunday, September 24 - 7:30 PM Yom Kippur Eve - Kol Nidrei

Monday, September 25 - 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service

3:30 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, followed by Yizkor and Concluding Service.

Friday, September 29 - 5:00 PM Succot Service and  
Reception under Tent behind Karns Hall, St. Margaret's.

In person only.