



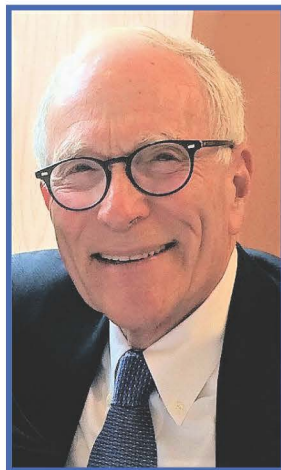
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# Calendar

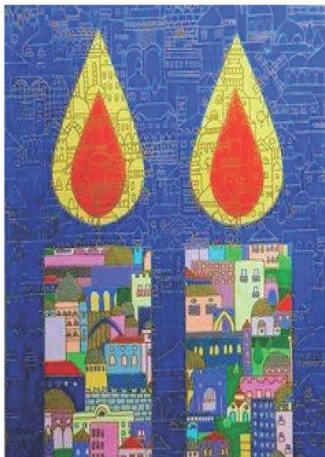
## SPRING 2024:

### CLERGY

Rabbi Richard A.  
ZIONTS, Ph.D.



Cantor Joseph  
GOLE, D. Mus (Hon)



## Shabbat Services

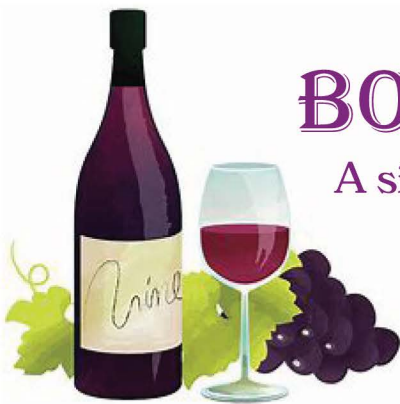
Zoom Friday Shabbat Services 5:00 P.M.

ZOOM Torah Study

SATURDAYS 11:00 A.M. led by Rabbi Zionts.

Summer schedule begins June.

To attend any or all services and events email:  
[harelurjpd@gmail.com](mailto:harelurjpd@gmail.com)



# BOOKS AND BORDEAUX

A sip here a word there and the comments flow.....

A season highlight. Join us in a toast and book reviews and looking ahead.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 PM

Rosa Weinstein will review a book published in 2024 that received rave reviews in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and by the Jewish Book Council.

The book is "The Counterfeit Countess" by Elizabeth B. White and Joanna Silwa. This is an astonishing story which centers on Dr. Josephine Janina Mehlberg, a Jewish mathematician who saved thousands of lives in Nazi-occupied Poland by masquerading as a Polish countess.

For address and gate code please RSVP to [mtziontspd@aol.com](mailto:mtziontspd@aol.com).

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00 PM

Joan Moyer will review "The Little Liar," a New York Times best seller published in 2023. The book is by Mitch Albom, the renown author of "Tuesdays with Morrie." "The Little Liar," is a powerful and gripping novel of hope and forgiveness, inspired by true events that occurred during the Holocaust in the Greek coastal city of Salonika.

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At both reviews seating is limited. Non-members are welcome if space is available.



## ***Second Har-El Event - Saturday, March 9, 2024***

**Private Home Hospitality Mixed with Presentations  
by Internationally Acclaimed Scholars,  
Topics of Contemporary Concern  
and Har-El Members Discussing the Presentations  
with the Scholars.**

**PARTICIPATION OPEN TO HAR-EL MEMBERS ~ SEATING LIMITED.**  
Registration required. Respond by email: harelurjpd@gmail.com

### **● HAR-EL BORNS LECTURE SERIES SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024.**

**11:00 A.M. SHABBATON WITH BRIEF SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE, FOLLOWED  
BY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION. RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW.**

**HOSTED BY SANDRA BORNS, EMILY BORNS, Har-El Vice President/Lifelong Learning,  
and BETSY BORNS SHAPIRO, Chair of the Board, Indiana Jewish Studies Program.**

**Address and gate code will be sent with confirmation of registration.**

### **“WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF TODAY’S ANTISEMITISM? WHAT CAN WE DO TO COMBAT THIS CHALLENGE ?”**



**DR. ALVIN ROSENFELD** is the Director of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and the founder of the well-regarded Borns Jewish Studies program at Indiana University. We congratulate Dr. Rosenfeld on being named in 2023 to the Algemeiner List of 100 people positively impacting Jewish life and Israel, and is listed as number 2 out of the 100.

Dr. Rosenfeld has been honored with the Indiana University Distinguished Service Award, as well as the President’s medal “in recognition of sustained Academic Excellence, Vision and Leadership resulting in lasting and widespread impact.”

Professor Rosenfeld is the author of numerous books and articles dealing with the Holocaust. His most recent work is “Contending with Antisemitism in a Rapidly Changing Political Climate.” Professor Rosenfeld serves as a board member and

scholarly consultant to the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee.

In May 2007, Professor Rosenfeld was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He has lectured on the Holocaust and Antisemitism in North America, Europe, Asia and Israel.

Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld has served as a guest lecturer for Har-El in person and on Zoom. We welcome him again and are honored to have the opportunity to be updated on the current situation of antisemitism in the United States and worldwide. His presentation and the discussion that will follow should not be missed.



**Saturday, March 23, 2024 ... 10:30 A.M.  
Jay's Deli Party Room**

**OPEN MENU: ORDER ANYTHING .... NO HOST**

**THE RECIPE FOR THE EVENT IS NOT ONLY FOOD....**



**IT ALSO CONTAINS:**

**LIVELY DISCUSSION**

**LEARNING**

**SOCIALIZING**



**YOU MUST BE PART OF THE MIX!**

**YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT.**

**WE MUST NOT LEAVE YOU OUT.....**



**SAY YES TODAY AND RSVP TO:  
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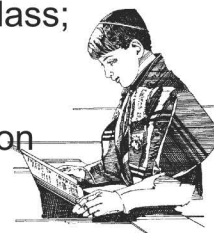
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Join us on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for  
**HAR-EL AFTERNOON STEPPING  
 OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY**  
 with a trip to the Aqua Caliente  
 Cultural Center, Palm Springs,  
 followed by no-host "Early Dinner"  
 at Sherman's across the street.  
 Entrance cost for seniors: \$5.  
 Park your car once!  
 Email [harelurjpd@gmail.com](mailto:harelurjpd@gmail.com)

**Har-El** offers three classes with **Rabbi Richard Zionts** on Zoom on Mondays for residents and non-residents: 10:30 AM—Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class; 1:00 PM—Conversion to Judaism; 4:00 PM—Youth Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation. Individual Zoom Sessions will be offered for beginning students who require extra preparation for group study. For registration and additional information, email: [harelurjpd@gmail.com](mailto:harelurjpd@gmail.com) or call Rabbi Zionts at (760) 668-9943.



## Har-El Discusses Current Jewish Concerns

Congregation Har-El members and Community Leaders met Sunday, February 18th in the home of Diane Rubin and Lenny Eber.

The topic (Current Jewish Concerns) was the motivation for over 35 people to register. Those attending discussed what circumstances have led to the rise in antisemitism.

The Galen Series includes current discussions, Books and Bordeaux classes, the Summer "Book to Film" Series and courses throughout the year.

After the presentation by Rabbi Richard Zionts, presiding Har-El rabbi, the group had an opportunity to enjoy lunch on the patio and discuss the topic further in smaller groups.

Non-Members of Har-El are always welcome on a space-available basis. For information, email [harelurjpd@gmail.com](mailto:harelurjpd@gmail.com).

From the March 2024 Jewish Community News

# Har-El Congregational Passover Seder

First Night of Passover • Monday, April 22, 2024 • 6:00 PM

*"Let all who wish, come and celebrate the Passover with us"*

**Location: CHEZ PIERRE BISTRO**  
Hwy. 111 & Portola, Palm Desert

Adults \$89  
Children 14 & under \$60

This is a catered event • SEATING LIMITED  
Let us know if you need a vegetarian meal.

Reservations required by April 15<sup>th</sup>



## Menu

Chopped Liver and  
Traditional Gefilte Fish with Beet Horseradish  
Choice of Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce or  
Braised Organic Chicken in Red Wine (Coq au Vin)

*A special entree can be requested*

Entrees served with potato kugel and spring vegetables

Dessert: Baked Granny Apple stuffed with raisins & walnuts and homemade caramel sauce



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## PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATION:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$89 \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Children 14 & under \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have added an additional amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Passover meal for those less fortunate.

☐ Enclosed is a check of \$ \_\_\_\_\_;

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Har-El c/o L. Zionts, 106 Piazza Perrone, Palm Desert, CA 92260





# Goes to the Movies

## *Flash!*

There is music in the air and it brings with it a glimpse into Jewish and World History. The melodies carry us from joy to sadness and back to joy again. Like a weed, we see growth and strength of friendship and love.

Join Har-El for the Spring/Summer Film Series and then stay for discussion led by Rabbi Richard Zionts, PhD and Cantor Joseph Gole, D. Mus., of the films that are or have been Broadway musicals.

Let us pause in between the two musicals and sing “Hallelujah” as the world sings along in the documentary on Leonard Cohen.

**When? WEDNESDAYS ...**

- May 15 Comedian Harmonists (now a musical on Broadway “Harmony”)
- June 12 Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, a Journey, a Song
- July 10 Cabaret (based on the book “Goodbye Berlin” and the play “I Am a Camera”)

Email [harelurjpd@gmail.com](mailto:harelurjpd@gmail.com). You will receive up to date information on all intellectual pursuits and details of the Har-El Spring/Summer Film Series.

