



Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D.

HAR-EL
An Institute for Study and Worship in the Reform Tradition

Member, Union for Reform Judaism
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Mission Statement: Study, Worship and Creating Community



Cantor Joseph Gole, D.Mus (Hon)

WEEKLY SHABBAT SERVICES

Rabbi Richard Zions & Cantor Joseph Gole conduct Shabbat Services on Zoom at 5:00 PM. Non-members may request to receive Zoom invites for Services, Torah Study and events by emailing Har-El Rabbi Zions offers weekly Zoom Torah study on Saturdays at 11:00 AM.

CALENDAR FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2025

To register for any or all of the following,
email mtzionspd@aol.com

GALEN POP-UP COURSE

Saturday, March 15 - SHUSHAN PURIM.

11:00 AM Optional no-host Lunch
12:15 PM D'var Torah: Rabbi Richard Zions
12:30 PM Presentation by Canadian Citizen

NAOMI Z. LEVINE

B.A., M.A., LL.B., LL.D. (Hon.)

"THE EMERGENCE OF ANTISEMITISM IN CANADA"

Followed by discussion & a sweet hamantashen.

NO FEE. Location will be sent with confirmation of registration.

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Thursday, April 3: **INTERFAITH DEMONSTRATION SEDER** for all denominations, coordinated by Har-El and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Come & bring a non-Jewish friend. Conducted by Jewish Clergy & Clergy of different faiths. **SEATING IS LIMITED.** Location & directions given at time of **REQUIRED** registration. Program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Desert.

Saturday, April 12: **FIRST NIGHT PASSOVER SEDER** conducted by Rabbi Richard Zions. Location and directions provided with confirmation of reservations.

Couvert: \$59; Children under ten: \$40. Non-members welcome.

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4TH ANNUAL GALEN SUMMER FILM SERIES

"Galen Books to Movies"

DATES: MAY 14 • JUNE 11 • JULY 9

Academy Award-nominated and Award-winning films.

Watch for the selections.

Come for lunch (No-Host), followed by film and discussion concluding with ice cream. All Welcome. LOCATION WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH REGISTRATION.

No Fee for Summer Film Presentations.

\$10.00 Contribution appreciated. EMAIL: mtzionspd@aol.com



HAR-EL GALEN BOOKS & BORDEAUX SERIES SPRING 2025

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 - 3 PM



Presenter: Prof. Samuel Trussell, J.D.; **Chair:** Har-El Trimester Adviser

COMPLETED

Book: "Israel/Palestine in World Religions: Whose Promised Land?" by S. Ilan Troen



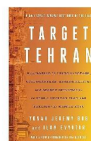
S. Ilan Troen is a Professor of Modern History Emeritus at Ben-Gurion University, Israel and Professor in Israel Studies Emeritus at Brandeis University, and founding director of the Israel Studies Centers at both institutions. ■ The book explores the century-long tangle of secular and theological debates about Israel's legitimacy, providing a better-informed understanding of this persistent issue.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th, 2025 - 3 PM



Presenter: Professor Steve Moyer, J.D. Vice President of Membership of Har-El

Book: "Target Tehran" by Yonah Jeremy Bob and Ilan Evyatar



Yonah Jeremy Bob is a senior military and intelligence analyst for The Jerusalem Post, and Ilan Evyatar is the former editor-in-chief of the award-winning magazine 'The Jerusalem Report.' ■ The book describes how Israel uses sabotage, assassination, cyberwar as well as diplomacy to oppose and undermine Iran's development of nuclear weapons with hopes of creating a new Middle East.

Yonah Jeremy Bob spoke at the Jewish Federation on Zoom from Israel in November, 2024. If you attended, please plan to add to the discussion.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 - 3 PM



Presenter: Rosa Weinstein Anthropologist

Book: "The Forbidden Garden: The Botanists of Leningrad and Their Impossible Choice" by Simon Parkin, Award-winning British journalist and author.



During the dark times of Stalin's reign of terror and the Nazi bombardment of Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), world-renowned botanist Nikolai Vavilov and his colleagues fought bombs, scavengers and their own terrible hunger in order to save the world's largest collection of seeds, designated to change the future of world food production. Their sacrifice to insure freedom from enslavement and the betterment of human life foreshadows the message of the upcoming festival of Passover.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th, 2025 - 3 PM

Presenter: Robert Schneeweiss, Past Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development at Central Connecticut State University. "The Life and Work of Ernest Hemingway." Bob will also share highlights of his recent trip to Cuba. Rabbi Richard Zions will make comments that will connect Bob's presentation to Judaism. In preparation, an option is to watch Ken Burns' new three-part documentary, *Behind the Scenes: Making Hemingway*, which aired in January, 2025 & can be obtained with a PBS App.

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