

THE JERUSALEM POST

*** **GIL HOFFMAN** ***

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for The Jerusalem Post*



Mt. Zion Temple

14th St. and Duluth Ave.

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 7 pm

Gil Hoffman has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum, has been interviewed by top media on six continents and is a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets.

View Gil's website at www.gilhoffman.com



from Student Rabbi Kaye...

The three pilgrimage festivals of the Torah are the oldest religious observance we have within Judaism. They are: Pesach/Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot. In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem the people of Israel would gather in Jerusalem to give up their various offerings.

The Rabbis of the Talmud said that for each of these Shlosha Regalim (Pilgrimage Festivals) there was a Rabbinic festival of equal standing. For Sukkot there is Hanukkah, and for Shavuot there is Purim. Sukkot and Hanukkah are linked in that they are long festivals, lasting a week or longer. One Rabbi links the need to be set “out of our homes” and to live in temporary structures as equivalent to the Greek desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem, the resulting resistance, and the struggle to return to it and rededicate it.

On Shavuot the Torah is given and the Jews accept it. There is a famous midrash from the Talmud that states God held the mountain, Sinai, over the heads of the people Israel and threatened should they fail to accept the Torah then the mountain would be their grave. Other Talmudists found this problematic, so while this could have happened, they argue, the actions of Queen Esther made the laws of Torah permanent for the Jewish people. How? At the end of the book of Esther the Jews all acclaim that will do and remember, for them and their children, forever: and the Rabbi’s say that this means not only the practice of Purim, but all of the Torah. Thus the link between Shavuot and Purim.

So what holiday is linked to Passover? The Rabbis say that such a holiday has not yet been created, but perhaps one day when peace reigns throughout the world and all people are free: then that Holiday will be the mirror of Passover.

I respectfully disagree with the Rabbis on this notion. For me the holiday which mirrors Pesach already exists, and it is in fact three holidays. YomHaShoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut: Holocaust Memorial Day, Israeli Veterans Memorial Day, and Israeli Independence Day. These holidays, which all fall this May, represent for me the journey from slavery to freedom, and from darkness into light.

It is my sincere hope that at some point you will all get to experience these “Israeli National Holidays”, or as they are also known the “Secular High Holidays”, first hand. That you will hear the final survivors of the Holocaust speak of their terrible experiences, and draw strength and resolve from their memories. That you will see the crushing pain of Veterans Day, as a people acknowledge the sacrifice of their brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters- and then watch it transform into the joyous celebration of Israeli Independence Day.

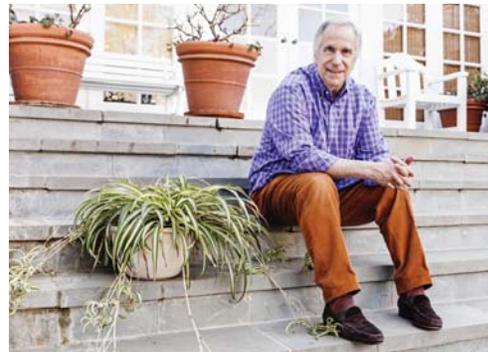
The transformation of Darkness to Light lies at the core of our Passover experience, and it also lies at the heart of our modern story. Each year we go from slavery to freedom, and so too do we go annually go from a people nearly destroyed to a nation in charge of its own destiny for the first time in 2000 years.



from the Congregation President...

How the Fonz takes care of a plant smuggled out of Nazi Germany

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/how-the-fonz-takes-care-of-a-plant-smuggled-out-of-nazi-germany/2016/03/11/2f77f9a0-db06-11e5-925f-1d10062cc82d_story.html



Actor Henry Winkler poses for a portrait with his spider plant at his home on Feb. 8, 2016. This plant was smuggled out of Nazi Europe in 1939 when his family escaped. He cut a spring of that plant and has kept it with him, nurturing it and now preparing to give sprigs to his kids. (Emily Berl)

LOS ANGELES — “Everybody got a cutting.”

Henry Winkler is jumping back to West 78th Street now, telling the story of a plant. It’s not just the story of a plant, it’s likely the only story of a plant that includes an escape from Nazi Germany, the sitcom hero named the Fonz and the acclaimed Amazon series “Transparent.”

But let’s get back to the story.

“I grew up with a woman, Tanta Erma,” Winkler explains.

Erma wasn’t a blood relative. Almost all of Winkler’s extended family died during World War II. Harry and Ilse, his parents, somehow managed to escape. That was 1939. How close a call was it? Harry’s brother, who decided to wait an extra day to get his dinner jacket back from the cleaners, did not get out.

In New York, a community of German exiles formed a kind of family. They were joined, a few years later, by Tanta Erma. She was older and became part of Winkler’s extended family, the neighborhood of German immigrants who helped found Congregation Habonim.

Erma had been smuggled out of Germany in a coffin.

“And at her feet was this plant,” Winkler says.

Henry Winkler is 70 now, with gray hair and grandchildren. But he still looks like he could throw on his leather jacket, pound the juke box and deliver a double-thumbed “correctamundo!”

On “Happy Days,” the smash sitcom that ran from 1974 to 1984, Winkler first met lifelong friend Ron Howard, who played Richie Cunningham, and introduced the world to the expression “jump the shark,” a reference to the 1977 story line during which his character literally did just that.

Winkler’s post-Fonzie career has been diverse, from executive producing “MacGyver” to a slew of small but memorable roles in “The Waterboy” and “Scream” and his turn as attorney Barry Zuckerkorn in “Arrested Development.”

And through the decades, from that boyhood apartment on West 78th Street in New York to his current home in Hollywood, Winkler has

CZECH TORAH UPDATE



In March, we worked with Jeffrey Ohrenstein of the Memorial Scrolls Trust (London, England) - the organization from whom the Czech Torah is on loan to us - to update/revise/correct our web page re: the Czech Torah. Look at our website for more info on the Czech Torah in Sioux Falls (<http://www.mtzionsf.com/czech-torah.php>) Here is a copy of his most recent correspondence to us:

Dear Mount Zion Congregation,

I have just spotted your new page via GigaAlert. On behalf of the Memorial Scrolls Trust I thank you and all your community for honouring this special Torah and ensuring it is recognised and its legacy will be continued to future generations Dor V'dor.

You will be pleased to know that I have reciprocated the link on our website under the tab MST Friends www.memorialscrollstrust.org/scroll-holders/

Our project is progressing slowly but surely and with yours, we have now made 98 reciprocal links.

My thanks again to everyone at Mount Zion for your interest and support.

בוט לכ
Jeffrey Ohrenstein
Trustee (Chairman)

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TIDINGS DEADLINE:
MAY 10th

Remember to submit articles appropriate for the Summer (June, July, August) *Tidings*.

To submit articles, email them to: carol@theprintersinc.com



Mount Zion to Host Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent Gil Hoffman

**Tuesday Evening, May 3rd
7:00 pm in the Temple Social Hall**

Gil Hoffman is the Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst for *The Jerusalem Post*. Well-connected to Israeli and Palestinian leaders, he has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum, has been interviewed by top media on six continents and is a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets. Called “The most optimistic man in Israel” by Israel television, Hoffman provides a behind the scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena. He was raised in Chicago, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University’s School of Journalism, and wrote for the Miami Herald and Arizona Republic before moving to Israel. A reserve soldier in the IDF Spokesman’s Unit, he has lectured in every major English-speaking country in the world, half the Canadian provinces, and as of May 5th, all 48 contiguous US states. He lives with his family in Jerusalem.




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In memory of Roz Bryner from Carol & Stephen Rosenthal

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Join Us at the Table!

Our potluck dinners have been a HUGE success. Everyone who comes says they are great and it’s really wonderful to get together and share a Shabbat meal. **The next Shabbat potluck dinner is May 6th at 6:00 pm. Save June 3rd for the one after this month’s.** We hope to see even more of our community there. Just bring a dish and join us.

This dinner is open to all families of the congregation. This dinner will occur every first Friday of the month whether the Student Rabbi is in town or not. The dinner will conclude before services. Attendees are not required to go to services following the dinner but are certainly welcome to do so. Please put this on your calendar and join us.

For more information, contact Stephen Rosenthal at rosenthal.stephen@gmail.com or call 376-5189.

STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE'S SCHEDULE 2016

May 13 - 15
(Last visit of the year)

Visiting Groups to the Temple

Our congregation is served by a Student Rabbi who is available a limited number of weekends from September through May. We encourage your scheduling your Friday evening worship services visit only when the Student Rabbi is in residence. For Friday evening visits and/or in cases where other scheduling arrangements are needed, please call or email the President of the congregation who will assist you with scheduling.

RITUAL NOTES

Following are members of the Ritual Committee who will be responsible for the Friday night services in the following months:

May – David Aronson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do a mitzvah for the community - Be part of the solution

Please note that we are in need of leaders for Friday night Shabbat Services when there is no Student Rabbi in town. There are several community members who are happy to assist you with preparing and/or leading the services.

Prayers/readings/songs may be led in English or Hebrew at the service leader's prerogative. There are still openings in May and this summer (see schedule below). Please contact Jan Forstein, Ritual Committee to volunteer at bityah01@aol.com or leave her a message at 332-3354.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Summer service schedule, every other Friday, will start on June 3rd, the same Friday as the Shabbat Potluck:

June 3rd

June 17th

July 1st

July 15th

July 29th

August will change a little since having a service the same time as the Shabbat Potluck makes more sense:

August 5th

August 19th



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Remember to shop at the Sisterhood Gift Shop!

*Matilda Oppenheimer (332-8404)
and Judy Lampert (339-3170)*

SISTERHOOD

On Friday May 6th, we will be visited by Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood members from Minneapolis-St Paul. Beth Ettinger, Marcie Frost, Naomi Shapiro and Gayle Gendler will join us for the Potluck Dinner and services on Friday evening. They will also join the Torah Study discussion on Saturday morning, May 7th.

Mount Zion Temple Sisterhood Members, please let me know how you will participate in welcoming our guests this weekend!! Will you join us for the Potluck Supper? Please bring a salad/side dish/main dish or dessert to share!

Will you join us for services? Would you participate in services? We need a service leader...we also welcome volunteers to do readings during the services. Candle lighting/challah blessing and Kiddush will take place during the dinner.

On Saturday May 7th, Beth, Marcie, Naomi and Gayle will join us for the Torah Study discussion. Are you able to attend Torah Study? If you have never participated before, it is an easy group to join. Torah reading is in English. Discussion is in English and free-flowing. Please let us know if you plan to attend...coffee and bagels are served. You may feel free to bring an extra "nosh" to share, as well!!!

Following Torah Study, any one is welcome to meet us at Temple at 12 noon and join us in giving our guests a quick tour of Sioux Falls. Weather and time permitting, we will take them to Falls Park, 8th & Railroad Center and the Washington Pavilion. We might get a quick lunch with them. They want to be on the road and returning to the Twin Cities by 2 pm. Please let me know if you are available to "caravan" with us!!!

It should be a fun couple of days!!!

Matilda, 332-8404

Street in New York to his current home in Hollywood, Winkler has kept his precious spider plant. Today, it hangs outside the kitchen door in a thicket of bamboo.

The green-and-white leaves flow out of a small, brown pot. He feeds it unceremoniously with a thrust of the metal bowl he keeps on the narrow porch that hangs over the yard where his dogs roam.

Back in the mid-'70s, after Winkler had found success, he headed back to New York for a few possessions. He grabbed a plastic pistol and holster he got in sixth grade and a pair of wooden, carved beavers from a trip to Switzerland as a teenager. Then he sliced off a sprig of the spider plant.

"It was only instinctual, not intellectual," he says. "I grew up with it, I heard the story, and I thought maybe it's my responsibility to make sure it lives."

Years later, Jill Soloway, the creator of "Transparent," the transgender comedy starring Jeffrey Tambor, heard Winkler reference the spider plant during an interview on the "WTF With Marc Maron" podcast. She invited him to visit the show's set. Winkler brought a clipping from the spider plant.

"We didn't totally understand what he meant when he told the story," Soloway says now. "The person in the casket with it. Was the person dead? No, the person was in the casket pretending to be dead. We asked him about his dad, his family, the personalities of his parents."

Winkler talked of it all. He told them how his father managed to smuggle the family's jewelry into the States. Harry melted chocolate over the precious items and didn't flinch when asked by the Nazis if he had any valuables. No. And then Harry proceeded to leave with the box of chocolates under his arm.

During its second season, Soloway wrote this into "Transparent" — with Winkler's permission — as the show flashed back to 1930s Berlin.

And the plant? It didn't end up on the screen. But Soloway kept it as a symbol, watering it and keeping it in the writers' room for inspiration.

"It's kind of crazy we have it here," she says. "It's a beautiful story."

For Winkler, the plant is a symbol of grit and perseverance. It also links him to a difficult past.

He was born in 1945, six years after his parents escaped. And what he learned most from Harry and Ilse, he says, was how not to parent. As a boy, Winkler struggled in school and, at one point, his father gave him the nickname, "dummer hund," or dumb dog. As a teenager, Winkler would go to summer school — every summer — to try to pass the same introductory geometry class. Finally, the summer after his class graduated, Winkler eked out a D-minus. He got his diploma in the mail.

It would be years before he would be diagnosed with dyslexia, a reading disorder.

Fifty-three years later, Winkler still gets angry about his struggle.

"Here we are and after all this time, not one human being has ever said the word hypotenuse," he says. "What were they thinking? Why did I have to be humiliated, worried, work so hard, feel so horrible and feel humiliated that I didn't walk with my class?"

The answer, for Winkler, came in the mid-1970s. That's when he was diagnosed.

"It was like a miracle," recalls Howard, now a film director. "Finally, an answer. It was such a relief to him, to actually understand this thing. That he'd been struggling with his whole life. He was the first one who explained dyslexia to me."

None of this — the poor grades, the stumbling over scripts — had been his fault. Recognizing, though, does not mean forgiving. Winkler had tried to make peace with his father in his early 20s. Today, sitting in his living room nearly a half-century later, he slips into a thick, German accent.

"Yeah, I'm a terrible father," he says, recounting his father's response. "I gave you all this."

Howard, who still remembers Winkler entertaining his co-stars with that accent, knows that the comedy only masked the sadness. Now, when Howard considers his friend and the plant he has maintained for all these years, he imagines a deeper theme at play.

"Those are the lost roots," Howard says. "He's a family man, and that's a

significant vacuum in his mind and in his heart."

When he speaks at events on dyslexia, Winkler will share this frustration. He shows a photograph, taken on Feb. 13, 1980, at his commercial peak. In the frame, he is at the Smithsonian during a packed news conference to donate his "Happy Days" leather jacket.

In the photo, watching proudly, are his parents.

"I will say, 'The short Germans are behind me,'" Winkler says, "and it gets a big laugh. And here I get serious. I say, 'I didn't need them to be proud then. I needed them to be there when I could not figure anything out.'"

His parents died in the 1990s, but that hasn't dulled his emotions.

"You know what I mourn," he says. "I mourn when I hear other people say, 'My parents were my best friends. I'm so grateful my parents are still alive.' I think, 'I don't have the slightest idea how you can have that thought.'"

With the childhood wounds still raw, Winkler chose a path once thought unlikely for a man who used to stumble over his scripts. He decided to become a writer.

He has a partner, Lin Oliver, who works to flesh out the adventures of Hank Zipzer, the "world's best underachiever." Since 2003, the pair have published six of the books, which are aimed for children ages 8 to 12. The seventh, "You Can't Drink a Meatball Through a Straw," is out this month.

"The theme of my life, the theme of what I say to every child is, 'No matter how difficult it is for you to learn, it has nothing to do with how brilliant you are.' And that's Hank. And the emotion is real. When he is really scared and can't figure it out and he hates his brain, I go back to being 8, to being in my room."

The difference here is that Hank embraces what makes him different. If he can't do it the "right" way, he simply does it his way. And because Winkler is pulling the strings, he can create a happy ending.

He is asked what that spider plant, which he clipped without much thought so long ago, means to him. This time, Winkler doesn't hesitate.

"Life, tenacity and will."



Potluck Dinner

Friday, May 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, June 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, July 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, August 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm



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Mt. Zion Congregation - May 2016

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8 Religious School 10 am Mark Oppenheimer Bday	9 Rosh Chodesh Iyar	10 TIDINGS DEADLINE Shelly Rosenberg Bday	11 Yom Ha'Zikaron (Israel Memorial Day)	12 Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)	13 (Iyar 6) 8:25 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Student Rabbi Sam Kaye Torah: K'doshim Lev 19:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15	14 10 am Book of Joshua 6:30 pm Havdalah and Adult Ed with Student Rabbi Kaye
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Yahrzeits

All Yahrzeits that are observed Sunday through Saturday are read the Friday of that same week. If a Yahrzeit is not listed or you need information concerning Yahrzeits, please call Jan Forstein at

332-3354. A Yahrzeit card and envelope will be sent to you to notify you of upcoming Yahrzeits. (If you do not receive your notification, please contact Jan.) Also included with the notification card is a donor envelope if you wish to make a donation to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

May 6th

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June 3rd

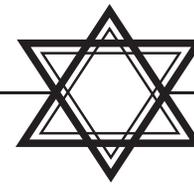
Louis Luskey
Max Stein
Louis Cohen
Uryon Davidsohn
John Agrant

May 13th

Margaret Harris
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Marvin Davis
Etta Margulies
Nathan Koplou
Beatrice Rosenberg
Anna Horwitz
Louis A Horwitz
Sam Robinson
Enid Gail Magidson
Edna Hiatt
Richard L. Storm

May 20th

Hans Jacoby
Louis R. "Duke" Hurwitz
William Shapiro
Albert Haney
Max Swedelson
Arthur Greenbaum



Mt. Zion Congregation ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 15th
7:00 pm
Temple Social Hall

All members are encouraged to attend

*Officers and Board of Directors will be elected!
Annual reports will be given!
2016 - 2017 budget to be presented!*