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Live More with Less

Finding joy and freedom in smaller spaces

or townhome.





stuff and more living?





or Tel Hai resident
Tom Hinkle, "My
cottage is the perfect
size. I don't need
any more space
than what I have... it's more
than enough."

Moving to Tel Hai in 2021, Tom rightsized from his 2,000-sq.-ft., four-bedroom home in Downingtown, where he and his wife Diane raised their son, Tim, prior to her passing in 2017.

A mechanical engineer by trade, Tom knows the value of wellutilized spaces and had a vision for what his future retirement home would become in his 965-sq.-ft. standard Maple Knoll Cottage.

He joined the Ready-Set-Go Program in 2020 and when offered another, larger cottage, "I turned it down. It was just too big." A few months later, Tom toured a smaller cottage that could be renovated to feature a more open floor plan.





"When I met with Karen Cochran (Moving Resources Manager), she shared with me all the things we could do to the cottage within the existing footprint. We combined two bedrooms into one large, primary suite with a large closet and spacious bathroom," he shared. That large suite now serves as Tom's private retreat including his bedroom, office and den.

"We added a guest bathroom, expanded the windows in the dining room to allow more natural light, removed the wall between the living room and kitchen, and completely reworked the kitchen cabinetry," Tom shared. And for storage, the oversized garage offers "Plenty of clearance on both sides of my car for my custom storage shelves. We thought of everything!"







Reflecting on his time at Tel Hai, Tom added, "It's been a great experience. The people are very nice and it's home now."

With just one visit to our campus, you'll see residents like Tom finding freedom in smaller spaces while enjoying all the benefits of living "in-community." Will you join them?

Tips for Rightsizing

At Tel Hai, we don't say downsizing, which can be hard and emotional. We prefer "rightsizing," which is the process of choosing your favorite possessions—those you need and those you want. It's about keeping items that warm your soul, enrich your life, and bring you joy.

No matter where you are on your retirement journey, start implementing these tips and you'll be on track to *rightsize* and ready to move to Tel Hai when the opportunity arises.

- Create a "Must-Have List"
 Before you start moving boxes down from the attic and purge that basement closet, stop. Grab a pen, paper, and clipboard and take a walk around your home. Compile a list of the items you value above all others and can't part with. This becomes the basis for all other decisions.
- Bless with Excess
 Bring your children,
 grandchildren and loved ones
 into the decision-making
 process. Perhaps your greatniece has always admired
 a picture, or your grandson
 could use Grandpa's lathe.
 It's time to discuss openly
 and honestly what your loved
 ones like and desire.

• Keep the Best, Let Go of the Rest

From decades of collected Christmas decorations to glassware that somehow multiplied like rabbits, start small and sort through it all. Keep the best—or your favorite—and let go of the rest. Help banish the clutter by keeping a donation box in each room. When the box is full, donate to charity.

Trash It

If it's broken beyond repair, soiled, torn, chipped, or generally unusable, it should be discarded. Discard large items by taking advantage of bulk trash collection services or contact a local scrap-metal recycler to realize potential earnings.

Don't be deterred by the task of rightsizing prior to a move to Tel Hai. After joining the Future Resident List, you'll have access to our Moving Resources Program, which features an impressive catalogue of vetted and trusted partners and helpful resources aimed to make your move organized and convenient.

Get started at telhai.org/visit

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residential living neighborhoods in the community. Featuring 88 solidly built cottages, the charming brick exteriors offer a unique visual balance and blend seamlessly with the evergreen trees and seasonal foliage surrounding the homes.

Ranging in size from 936 sq. ft. to 1,700 sq. ft., Maple Knoll offers three categories of accommodations including standard, large and deluxe. This diverse range meets the needs of many who are seeking to rightsize, yet not compromise on requiring storage space and room to entertain family and friends.

Testled among mature, tree-lined streets, Maple Knoll is one of Tel Hai's first al living neighborhoods Cottages at Tel Hai

As cottages are renovated, many future residents are choosing to rework cottage interiors to suit their needs and tastes. Since they were originally built, design trends have changed and with them, we have too.

"We're capable of transforming interiors of spaces, just like a Maple Knoll Cottage, to meet the expectations of what people want today. Like open kitchens with room to cook and host, and adjustments to the floor plans to enhance their lifestyle, not restrict it," shared Karen Cochran, Moving Resources Manager.

"We just love it," commented resident Linda Rowe, who moved to Tel Hai last July with her husband Kent. "Karen assured us that our home would look like new, and it does. It's exactly what we wanted."

And when paired with highquality products like luxury vinyl planking, durable quartz countertops and Wi-Fi-enabled space-saving appliances, these "like-new" homes offer the best of both worlds, mature vet modern.

THE MAGIC MAKER | Custom Design Center

ur Custom Design Center is really where the magic happens!" shared Karen. "We partner with you to create the retirement home of your dreams but within your budget."

From custom closets to functional and well-planned kitchen layouts, Karen specializes in combining

cabinetry, flooring and finishing touches that complement the style and needs of the future resident.

"We join with several teams of talented and trusted craftsmen and installers to customize your home. With all of our selections and upgrade options, the combinations are endless," she shared.

As an extension of our Moving Resources Program, the Custom Design Center is for households that have joined our Future Resident List and have committed to an accommodation at the Hill of Life!

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Tel Hai is uniquely positioned to engage residents through an extensive array of established clubs and interest groups.

o what do you get when you combine a passionate Train Club and a joyful, on-campus professional artist? A brilliantly colorful, 30-ft. custom wall mural that adds the local Chester County landscape to a train room tablescape!

Located on the first floor of the StoneCroft's Brownstone building, the 813-sq.-ft. train room features HO, S, G, N and O-gauge tracks, surrounded by expansive miniature railroad villages. With every detail perfectly cultivated, the extensive and intricate scenes are immense and include a Reading anthracite coal depot and oil refinery, and even an Amish farm with cattle and gardening scenes.

Since 2018, the members of the Train Club spent countless hours building and adding to the room's displays. "I visited other train clubs, and others had

background walls with painted scenery," commented Bob Stevens, a member of the Train Club.
"I contacted Loretta Gable
Englerth—and with her talents and involvement in our on-campus
Arts Suite—and shared our vision for a partnership."

"After Bob and I talked, the excitement of a mural came alive. I began to sketch the rolling hills, farmland, rooftops developed into a more realistic view and fields scattered with animals found around Tel Hai," shared Loretta. "Working with the Train Club has been a fantastic

experience, and they are absolutely wonderful to work with."

After months of sketching with graphite, transferring, applying in permanent marker and topping with acrylic paints, Loretta's mural has taken more than 485 hours to complete. "One of my life challenges was to paint a mural," Loretta said. "And working in the train room made me think of my father—Wilbert Gable—and the time I spent with him painting his train display."

"This mural is a result of collaboration. New friendships

between two groups coming together to support each other," shared Loretta, who has taught watercolor classes at Tel Hai even prior to moving to the community in 2016. Bob echoed, "Her work enhances our train room, and our clubs are now friends!"

Read more about the Train Club, Loretta's inspiration and upcoming dates to visit at the next public Train Room Open House at **telhai.org/trains**



Gayle Roper Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award American Christian Fiction Writers

Tel Hai resident and award-winning author Gayle Roper was honored in September at the American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW) annual Christian Fiction and Industry Awards with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Writing fiction for more than 52 years, Gayle was first published in 1970 and has authored more than 60 books. As a freelance writer, speaker, and teacher of writing, she's been involved with Christian writers' conferences since 1971.

"I'm so honored to be recognized by my peers," shared Gayle. "I enjoy the mentorship, connection and sharing within the Christian fiction writer community. It's fun!"

Over the course of her career, she's garnered honors including Career Achievement Award from Romantic Times Book Review, Golden Scroll Nonfiction Book of the Year, RITA Award, Carol Award, Holt Medallion awards, Inspirational Readers' Choice awards, Reviewer's Choice Awards, and three of her books were Christy finalists.

Since moving to Tel Hai in 2012, Gayle has also shared her gifts with the resident community through teaching writing clinics, classes and keynoting speaking events. Gayle loves sharing the powerful truths of Scripture with humor and practicality.

The ACFW (American Christian Fiction Writers) is a professional organization devoted to the craft of Christian Fiction. Its mission is to "help you tell your stories by inspiring you to partner with God in the creative process, learn the craft, and find your audience."

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NEW Online Interactive Customizable Floor Plans

Explore Living at Tel Hai

Start planning your move to Tel Hai using our Interactive Floor Plan tool, a great NEW feature on the Tel Hai website. From the comfort of your couch, it's easier than ever to discover what makes Tel Hai such a special place.



Mith this new *Interactive* Floor Plan feature, you can "play" with the layouts of 6 select accommodations, including cottages and apartments ranging from 790 sq. ft. to 1,890 sq. ft.

This easy-to-use online tool allows you to quickly and easily drag and drop your furniture into your preferred floor plan. Not sure if your dining room table with two leaves will fit? Or perhaps you're looking for the perfect home for your grandmother's dry sink.

Grab your tape measure and get started creating your new home. Our wide selection of homes features stylish details and distinctively unique floor plans that come to life with this immersive experience.

Best yet, you can save your floor plan so you can come back later to play some more, or finalize your plan prior to a move.

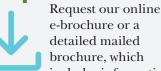
To explore our Interactive Floor Plan tool, visit our website to receive access to this signature online feature. We hope you'll enjoy what you see, and discover why the "Hill of Life" is for you!

And don't forget, we have an expansive online library of virtual tours—including cottages and apartments—so you can experience a preview of the campus and get a sneak peek of our community.

telhai.org/interactive

Start your journey to Tel Hai now!

t's easy to get started today. In three easy steps, you can be well on your way to creating the retirement future you've always dreamed of.



includes information about the Tel Hai lifestyle, services, amenities and pricing. telhai.org/information



We encourage future residents and their families to visit our community. We'll discuss what life is

like at Tel Hai and tour the spaces and places that interest you. telhai.org/visit



Prior to your visit. "go virtual" and tour the spaces and places that interest you.

Our videos give you a great insight into the homes of residents who are loving life at Tel Hai!

telhai.org/virtual-tours



WINTER & SPRING 2023

EVENTS. ENTERTAINMENT. ENGAGEMENT.

Life at Tel Hai is enriching and rewarding! Our calendars are jam-packed with life-enhancing events that will keep your mind engaged, your body energized, and your spirit lifted. We welcome you to attend any of our dynamic events, including educational lectures, entertaining concerts and enrichment opportunities.

Red Satins

Friday, January 27, 7:30 PM

Prepare to be transported back in time to the '50s and '60s as you listen to songs you love and know by heart from Frankie Avalon, The Drifters, The Temptations and more! The six members are all in their 60s and 70s. live in the Downingtown-Coatesville area and are members of the parish choir at St. Joseph Catholic Church.*



The Invisible Presence

Monday, February 6, 2:30 PM

The Invisible Presence has its inception from Dr. Eleanor Isaacson's top-selling personal survival story Dancing from Darkness. Abandoned as a toddler in Nazi Germany, American-born Eleanor survived bombings, starvation, Russian occupation, and a stint as a child smuggler all before reaching her teens. Throughout, it was the Invisible Presence who made Himself known to her that kept a lost child sane. A Presence she would eventually come to know by other names—heavenly Father, loving God. Prince of Peace.**



INVISIBLE

PRESENCE

ELEANOR ISAACSON

A Celebration of **Broadway: Jeffrey Uhlig & Jenn Furman** Friday, February 10, 7:30 PM

Vocalist Jenn Furman is joined by Tel Hai favorite Jeffrey Uhlig on piano. Trained in musical theatre at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City, Jenn's former roles include Miss Hannigan in Annie, Eva Peron in Evita, Mama Morton in Chicago, and Fanny Brice in Funny Girl.*

Visit telhai.org/events for additional programming highlights. QUESTIONS? Contact Judy Schweitzer, Community Life Coordinator, at jschweitzer@telhai.org or (610) 273-9333, ext. 2154.



Getting Old is a Blessing Monday, February 13, 2:30 PM

Is anyone out there aging? Are you, like me, part of the secret society of older adults? You go from Baby Boomer to Medicare Mama in a blink of an eye. This presentation will be looking at and discussing the different aspects of the aging process in a fun and creative way. We'll learn, laugh and share how to make the golden years a 24-karat experience! Tel Hai Resident Deborah Massey is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who integrates the psychological and spiritual dimensions in her Psychotherapy practice.**

Canine Partners for Life Monday, February 20, 2:30 PM

Canine Partners for Life, from Cochranville, is a non-profit organization dedicated to training service dogs to assist individuals who have a wide variety of physical and cognitive disabilities. They will bring a service dog to demonstrate some of the ways these animals assist people with disabilities like seizures, diabetes, and cardiac issues as well as mobility assistance.**

Pianist Jim Correnti Friday, February 24, 7:30 PM

Pianist Jim Correnti studied at New York City's Juilliard School and has been a soloist with the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra and the Plainfield Symphony, New Jersey. He is presently Director of Keyboard Activities at Eastern University and also teaches piano at Philadelphia Biblical University.*

WWII: Dachau Monday, March 6, 2:30 PM

Speaker Jim Ortoleva

will share his father's experiences at Dachau concentration camp in the spring of 1945. His father was in charge of Medical Supply in the 116th **Evacuation Hospital** U.S.A., and a few days before WWII ended, his unit was assigned to Dachau to care for the prisoners.**

Manor Winds

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 PM The Lancaster-based ensemble, Manor Winds, is composed of five musicians who share their love of music and collaboration performing throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. Providing an unforgettable evening of quality chamber music, their performance will include standard and modern wind quintet

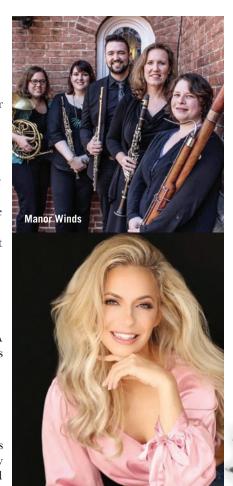
GRIT: With Brianne Houck Monday, March 20, 2:30 PM

repertoire.*

Join Brianne Houck, USOA Ms. Pennsylvania 2022, as she talks about her colorful life and professional experience. A Birdsboro native, she attended the **United States Military** Academy at West Point, was in active duty in the Army for three years, and earned a BS in Science from Penn State and an MBA from Tufts University. She's an entrepreneur and created her own nonprofit organization.**

Dr. Jester & the Kings of Swing

Friday, March 31, 7:30 PM As a disciplined and creative musician, Jennifer Jester incorporates a rich musical background with many experiences in multiple genres. Her music is an extension of self that is sometimes fun, whimsical and alluring. The music lives up to Jennifer's last name, and is entertaining, playful and diverse.*





Pianist Jeffrey Uhlig & **Violinist David Kim** Saturday, April 1, 1 PM

Pianist Jeffrey Uhlig returns to Tel Hai for a captivating afternoon of entertainment with violinist David Kim. A regular performer with members from the Philadelphia Orchestra Uhlig is an in-demand chamber music player, vocal coach and accompanist. Kim is a Philadelphia Orchestra Concertmaster and an acclaimed soloist.*

Ryan & Friends Monday, April 24, 2:30 PM

As a busy comedian performing throughout North America, ventriloquist Ryan will deliver a flawlessly clean show and sidesplitting comedy! Meet all his friends like Harold and Irenewho are hilarious "old folks" with way more opinions on life than your average grandparents!**

Wheatland Chorale

Saturday, April 29, 7 PM

Escape from the ordinary with a performance by The Wheatland Chorale, known throughout the region for its "shimmering" sound. The singers of the chorale create a huge variety of color and texture, from thundering fortissimos to whisperquiet pianissimos, with their thick, tight harmonies of modern choral textures.*

Mainliners

Friday, May 19, 7:30 PM

The Delaware Valley's premier men's chorus— The Mainliners—are back to perform a variety of songs in four-part a cappella style. The group's musical style includes enthusiastic renditions of sentimental ballads, snappy rhythm tunes and rousing patriotic numbers.*







The Tel Hai Resale Shop features a vast array of donated items available for resale to the public. Extremely affordable—and many times "one-ofa-kind"—items featured in the shop include jewelry, china, pottery, glassware, collectibles and endless treasures. Located in the Hertzler Apartment Building, all sales support residents who outlive their ability to pay for the care they require. Visit telhai.org/resale for details.

9 AM - 1 PM

Friday, February 17 Friday, March 17 Friday, April 21 Friday, May 19

Friday, January 20

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Unless otherwise noted, all events held in The StoneCroft Center for Worship & Performing Arts located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook.

Indicates a Tel Hai Performing Arts Series event. ** Indicates a Life Enrichment Committee event.

ARTSCAPES In the Gallery

Tel Hai boasts an impressive array of professional and in-house ▲ resident artists' work on display in the Clark Gallery, located within StoneCroft Commons. The resident-led Art Task Force welcomes the public to enjoy the gallery and discover more about the featured artist, their technique and each curated collection.

January 2023: Featuring Diana Dill Kornet

Diana began her creative path of self-development and growth in 2008 and finds joy in dabbling in various mediums, including oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, alcoholic inks, mixed media, mural art and the wire wrapping of sea glass. In addition to being an artist, Diana is a dental hygienist, yoga instructor, wife, mother of two sons and daughter to Tel Hai resident Cy Dill! Meet Diana on Friday, Jan. 27 from 1-3 PM in the gallery.



February & March 2023: Featuring Patricia Danzon

Patricia's passion for fine art photography was originally inspired by the beauty of black-and-white prints and the challenges of darkroom printing. She's drawn to nature, landscapes and cityscapes, realism

and abstractions, while her style and subjects are eclectic, both local and global. The common theme is use of light, line, texture, color and mood to show the beauty and the wonder in our world. She's a member of the Media Arts Council (MAC) Gallery and the Haverford Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and has juried fine arts shows in the Delaware Valley. Meet Patricia on Friday, March 31 from 1-3 PM in the gallery.



April & May 2023: Featuring James Evangelista

James creates images that celebrate the spirit and beauty of the American landscape, and like his father, photography is his passion and career. In the world of solidity and structure, the silence of

the desert, the play of light and shadow, and the forces of wind and water resound with images that are stirring, touching, and profound. He finds photography restorative, and when travelling, is reminded that there are still places where priorities—nature and traditions that respect and preserve the land, vocations that produce good and useful things—all seem sensible, humane and in balance. Meet James on Friday, May 26 from 1-3 PM in the gallery.

The Clark Gallery is located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook. Parking is available adjacent to the entrance of StoneCroft Commons.



Worship

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22, 7 PM StoneCroft Center for Worship & Performing Arts

Music by the Tel Hai Choir and Tel Hai Chime Choir

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 7, 2 PM StoneCroft Center for Worship & Performing Arts

Music by the Tel Hai Choir and Tel Hai Chime Choir

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 9, 6:30 AM The Hillside Amenities of Tel Hai: Outdoor Amphitheater* (Weather Permitting)

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4, 7 PM StoneCroft Center for Worship & Performing Arts

Music by the Tel Hai Choir and Tel Hai Chime Choir

Our interdenominational services and programming welcome individuals of all faiths.

The StoneCroft Center for Worship & Performing Arts is located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook. The Hillside Amenities of Tel Hai is located at 1301 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook.



Winter Open House

featuring Hillcrest Apartments THURSDAY, JANUARY 26: 1-3 PM

Tillcrest features exceptionally designed studio, oneand two-bedroom accommodations perfect for those wanting a carefree lifestyle with access to dining venues and campus amenities.

Floor plans range from 548 sq. ft. to 1,508 sq. ft. and each home features personal emergency monitoring and response system for safety.



Event registration begins at Garrett Community Center at 1200 Tel Hai Circle, Honey Brook. RSVP required by Jan. 23. telhai.org/HillcrestOpenHouse



Making \$ense of Retirement

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 StoneCroft Center for Worship & Performing Arts 12:30 PM Registration 1 PM Lunch & Lifestyle Presentation

↑ s a Life Plan Community, the value of Tel Hai lies in our \$ensible entrance fee and refund options. Retirement living at Tel Hai is more affordable and flexible than you may think.

During this interactive luncheon, Tracy Weaver— Tel Hai's Residential Living Counselor—will share how moving to Tel Hai makes financial \$ense! You'll be provided a complimentary cost and lifestyle comparison worksheet to help discover how to make \$ense of retirement living.

Best yet, you'll hear from residents who live here and why they love the "Hill of Life."

Event begins at StoneCroft Commons located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook. We are only 3 short miles east of Route 10 off Beaver Dam Road. Follow Beaver Dam Road to the campus of Tel Hai, then turn onto Tree Line Drive and follow signs to StoneCroft. Parking is available adjacent to the entrance.



Seating is limited. RSVP required by March 17. Call Marketing at (484) 796-4262 or register online at telhai.org/MakingSense





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During this interactive luncheon, we'll share how moving to Tel Hai makes financial \$ense! You'll be provided a complimentary cost & lifestyle comparison worksheet and learn about the "Hill of Life!"

Seating is limited. RSVP required by March 17. telhai.org/MakingSense



Saturday, May 6, 2023

Embrace the springtime and explore Tel Hai's full range of expansive services, amenities and residential living accommodations.

 $RSVP \ early$. | telhai.org/DIC

"Taste of Tel Hai" Luncheons

oin us for a delicious meal where you'll learn about residential living options and hear from the residents who live here.



BRUNCH

Tuesday, February 21, 10:00 AM RSVP by February 10

LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 16, 11:00 AM Tuesday, April 18, 11:00 AM Thursday, May 4, 11:00 AM RSVP by March 6 RSVP by April 7 RSVP by April 24

Seating is limited. RSVP required.

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