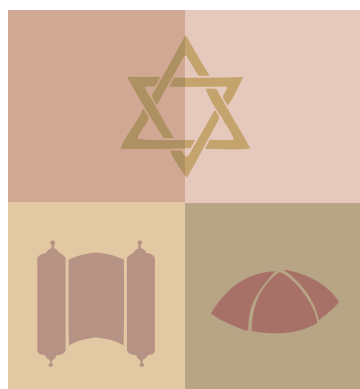




Germantown Jewish Centre



## BEIT MIDRASH

*A two month period (January and February) in which our building becomes a centre of Shabbat study and prayer*

**Beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### Regular Schedule:

- 9:00 am Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and of course.....a *nosh*
- 9:15 Shabbat Study for Adults begin, child care begins
- 9:30 Religious School Classes\* begin.....promptly
- 10:00 All *minyanim* begin services\*\*
- 11:00 Kid's Services Begin
- 12:15 pm Kid's Kiddush, all services (close to) ending



\*All GJC kids, 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, are welcome and encouraged to participate in the study between 9:30 and 11; **RSVP IS REQUIRED** for non-Religious School kids, to Rabbi Kevin Bernstein (X24) or Terry Smerling (X13)

\*\*Let us know if you would like to be hosted/introduced at any of our three *minyanim*.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADULT STUDY DETAILS



## **SCHEDULE FOR BEIT MIDRASH**

### **Pre-Tefilot Learning**

9:15 till 10:00 AM

#### **January 9 – Rabbi Judd Levingston**

"When Will They Ever Learn? How Families and Schools Can Nurture Positive Moral Choices In Adolescents and Young Children." We all want our young people to grow up to be responsible adults; is there one approach to parenting or to schooling that is most successful? Our own Rabbi Judd Kruger Levingston, Ph.D. will lead us in an interactive discussion with case studies and role-playing as he shares his findings about how we shape the moral education of young people.

Judd is the Director of Jewish Studies at Barrack Hebrew Academy; he also has taught at the Robert Saligman Middle School of the Perelman Jewish Day School in Elkins Park, and he is the author of *Sowing the Seeds of Character: The Moral Education of Adolescents in Public and Private Schools* (Praeger Publishers). He is an adjunct instructor in religion at Temple University. He and his family live in Mt. Airy and they have been active members of the Germantown Jewish Centre since they moved here in 2002.

#### **January 16 – Rabbi Daniel Swartz**

*"And Some Say to Swim: Talmudic Advice on Raising Healthy Children"* Rabbi Daniel Swartz has been the spiritual leader of Temple Hesed of Scranton since August 2006. Under his leadership, Temple Hesed reversed more than a decade of membership declines, and it is now a leading force in the area for connecting faith and the environment. He received his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College and also holds degrees from Brown University in Geological Sciences and Environmental Policy. He has held posts at the Children's Environmental Health Network and the Religious Action Center, the social justice lobbying arm of the Reform Movement. The most important thing in his life is his daughter, Alana.

#### **January 23 – Dr, Lori Lefkowitz**

GJC's own, Dr. Lori Lefkowitz will present on her newly published book, *In Scripture: The First Stories of Jewish Sexual Identities*. She will discuss how foundation stories influence our ideas about sex and ethnicity and how changing attitudes towards sexuality influence how we read the Bible's "origin stories." Lori is the Gottesman Professor of Gender and Judaism at RRC, where she directs Kolot, The Center for Jewish Women's and Gender Studies.

**Details For Future Sessions To Come .....Future Teachers Include.....**  
**Dr. Ellen Frankel                  Rabbi Leonard Gordon                  Rabbi Adam Zeff**