



# The Centre Call

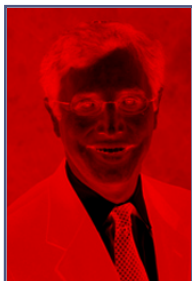
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By Rabbi Adam Zeff

## Leadership

***Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai taught: If you have a sapling in your hand, and someone says to you that the Messiah has come, stay and complete the planting, and then go to greet the Messiah. (Avot d'Rabbi Natan 31b)***

In November, Executive Director Nina Peskin and I spent five days in Evanston, Illinois as part of the 2010 Class of the Kellogg Management Education for Jewish Leaders (KJL) Program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. The program brought together 79 Jewish leaders, including 50 rabbis and 26 synagogue executive directors. Participants came from the Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox movements, and they lead Jewish organizations in 19 states, Canada and the United Kingdom.

All of these busy people came to the Evanston campus to learn state-of-the-art professional leadership and management skills, taught by senior members of the Kellogg School faculty. Of course, the learning didn't stop at the doors of the classroom. Spending those days together with other Jewish leaders from other parts of the Jewish world – from Federations to Chabad Houses – gave us the opportunity to learn from each other, seeing how much we share in the challenges we face and the strategies we can use to meet them. Nina and I hope to put much of that learning into practice in our work at GJC in the months ahead.

For now, I wanted to share one piece of learning that made a particular impression on me, something I connect to the teaching above from Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai. Our teachers at KJL taught us that in all of the challenges that we face, both as individuals and as leaders, our central task is to stay focused on our mission. Why are we doing what we are doing? What are our core values? How can we embody those values in our actions, now and in the future?

For ben Zakkai, the mission is clear, and he stays focused. As a teacher, he is planting saplings, nourishing students whose growth and development will change the world and bring it closer to God. Messianic talk promises an end run around that process, a short-cut to redeeming the world. But ben Zakkai knows there are no short-cuts. The world will not be redeemed in an instant, as if by magic, but only by doing the hard work of planting for the future.

In the transition process that we are now going through at GJC, we are doing some of that hard work, planting for the future. We are asking the same questions: Why do we do what we do? What are GJC's core values? How do we shape our institution so as to embody those values, now and in the years to come? As ben Zakkai teaches us, there are no short-cuts. I encourage each of us to roll up our sleeves and engage in this work together, planting the seeds of growth that will nourish us all.

## Program Highlights

**Granger Memorial Shabbat**  
January 15

**An Awakening the Dreamer,  
Changing the Dream Symposium**  
January 23

**Women's Clothing GiveAway**  
February 6

**The Word Mavens**  
February 13

## Staff Introductions

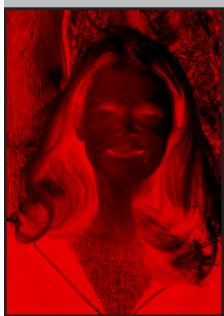
If you have called or visited the GJC front office since November 1st then you have already met the new cast of characters who inhabit this space, but for those of you who have not yet had this opportunity, we would like to introduce ourselves to you.



Sitting at the front desk is **Kate Lawn** who, with her warm smile and calm, reassuring voice, makes all who enter GJC feel instantly welcome. Educated in Theatre and

Russian Literature, Kate has ten years of administrative experience, and we are already benefitting from her boundless enthusiasm and creativity. In her first few months on the job, Kate has already redecorated and reorganized the office, redesigned the weekly email, and introduced new elements such as the "mitzvah corner" to publicize volunteer opportunities at GJC and within the community. She keeps the office humming maintaining all of the supplies and equipment, but her primary responsibility is to provide frontline communication between the synagogue, its congregants, and the public. Kate lives in Mt. Airy with her husband, Fran, and her two adorable sons, Cedar McGee and Baby Wyatt, who attends our ECP. If you have any questions at all pertaining to GJC, ask Kate, and if she doesn't know the answer herself, she will direct you to the person who does. Kate can be reached at ex.10 or [office@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:office@germantownjewishcentre.org)

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## President's Message

### "A community of communities"

By Chris Levin, GJC President

This is not just a slogan. It is how many of us perceive our congregation, and it appears to be how many on the outside perceive us as a group. We pride ourselves on our diversity, but diversity can be a double-edged sword. Our "community of communities" can be our greatest strength or it can become a wedge that divides us. While I think we have long been moving in the right direction, we should not just take it—and each other—for granted. We must consider how best to capitalize on our diversity to make it an asset, not a liability, to the larger GJC community.

The strength which our "community of communities" brings to us is enormous. It enables us to provide many pathways to membership -- through ECP, Hazak, Men's and Women's Clubs, Social Action or our diverse prayer services for starters. It allows all of us to experience new and different ways of doing things,

which we can adopt permanently, adapt, or just try once before returning to our own comfort zones. Diversity challenges us to provide varied programming in which we genuinely engage with and learn from each other rather than simply hearing our own viewpoints reiterated. It provides individuals with the opportunity to move from sub-community to sub-community as their own needs change throughout their lives. But we must never lose sight of the fact that we are one – a single, unified community, not just a collection of disconnected groups. Our diversity becomes a weakness when we forget this fundamental point--when we become "silos" or, worse yet, competitors. It is important to celebrate and embrace the uniqueness of our individual communities, but we must also remember that we are all part of a larger single community.

Where does this all take us? The lay leadership at GJC is considering how best to incorporate the positives

of our "community of communities" into all that we do. For example, the Program Committee now consists of representatives from many of our sub-communities to encourage cross-pollination of ideas and co-sponsorships of programs. Our new Chesed Committee is working on a cross-generational, cross-community group cooking project to provide meals for any GJC member who has suffered a loss, is enduring an illness or has welcomed a new member to the family. We are also in the process of discussing how to approach Israel programming in a way that acknowledges multiple points of view and reflects the heterogeneous congregation that we are.

Being part of a diverse community clearly has the potential to enrich our lives. I hope we will all take some time to reflect on the concept of a "community of communities" and how we can each contribute to making it the strength that we know it can be.



### Kesher Program Builds Bridges

By Student Rabbi Jill Levy

The Germantown Jewish Centre is excited to announce that we are starting a new Chesed Committee program called "Kesher." The goal of Kesher is to provide support for GJC families in times of need due to a new birth, illness, or grief. Our first project is to cook and store food so that there are meals available for delivery to our community. In addition to providing assistance, Kesher will, we hope, strengthen the bonds between groups within GJC through volunteer cooking and meal delivery.

Our first cooking event is scheduled for January 5th and meals will be available for delivery after that date. Right now, we are compiling a list of volunteers willing

to deliver meals to those in need. If you are interested in volunteering for this important mitzvah please contact Margie/Elana in the office at [program@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:program@germantownjewishcentre.org).

For me personally, Kesher is an opportunity to give back some of the kindness that I received when I needed it. When our daughter, Nava, was born, my family was fortunate to have a number of friends bring us meals while we were adjusting to parenthood. I hope that you will join with me in supporting this important project.

Please feel free to contact me, Jill Levy, at [studentrabbi@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:studentrabbi@germantownjewishcentre.org) or at 215-844-1507 ext 16 with any questions.



Oct. 18 - Dec. 18, 2010

## IN CELEBRATION...

**Allyson & David Schwartz** on the marriage of their son, Daniel to Lauren Ende

**Marcy Rost** on being named Chief Operating Officer for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

**Marilyn and David Kraut** on the birth of their grandson, Eli Kraut, son of Rebecca & Brian Cooke

**Louie and Steve Asher** welcome Jacob Asher home from his 2-year Peace Corps service in Mali, West Africa

**Linda Cherkas** on the engagement of her son, Bension Dworkin, to Gwen Gordon

**Jim and Sandy Meyer** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lily Stone Ruthrauff

**Chris and Sally Lane** on the birth of their grandson, Zachary William Moeller

**Patty and Stephen Segal** on the birth of their grandson, Asa Max Shapiro

**Elana and Brian Shaw** on the birth of their daughter, Gavriela Rachel

**George & Debbie Stern** on the birth of their granddaughter, Gavriela Rachel Shaw

**Rebecca Spivack** on her Bat Mitzvah

**Samuel Falkowitz** on his Bar Mitzvah

**Nita Rome** on her Bat Mitzvah

**Bunny & Sidney Stein** on their 65th wedding anniversary

**Nina Israel** on the marriage of her son, Yoel Israel to Dara Levine. They will make Aliya on December 28 and plan on settling in Jerusalem.

**William Epstein** on his Bar Mitzvah

**Max Mines** on his Bar Mitzvah

**Ari Shalom Trey-Masters** on his Bar Mitzvah

**David Treatman** on his Bar Mitzvah

**Abby Horn and Maria Pulzetti** on the birth of their daughter, Risa Horn Pulzetti

**Joan and Burton Horn** on the birth of their granddaughter Risa Horn Pulzetti

**Sheila and Dick Brumberg** on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca to Benjamin Frimmer, son of Andi Frimmer and Rick Frimmer

## ISRAELI DANCING



Sundays at 10 AM

\$5 per session

For more info call Tamar Magdovitz at 215-247-9614



## Shabbat Chai-Lites

### January 7-8

- Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat
- Mazel Tov to Gabriel Gluskin-Braun on his Bar Mitzvah (Minyan Masorti/Charry Service @ 9:30am)
- Beit Midrash program begins

### January 15

- Granger Memorial Shabbat (Joint Kiddush @ 12:30pm and Guest Speakers @ 1pm)

### January 21-22

- Tot Shabbat & Tu B'Shevat @ 6:00pm
- Mazel Tov to Alexandra Frazier on her Bat Mitzvah (Charry Service)
- Bar Bat Mitzvah Mehina Shabbat

### January 28-29

- Kol Zimrah Service @ 7:30pm
- Mazel Tov to Shigeo Rosenzweig on his Bar Mitzvah (Minyan Masorti/Charry Service @ 9:30am)

### February 4-5

- Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat
- Tot Shabbat/Ginat Shabbat @ 11am (Charry Service) followed by Tot Kiddush
- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit @ 11am

### February 12

- Mazel Tov to Noah Boyer on his Bar Mitzvah (Dorshei Derekh/Charry Service @ 9:30am)

### February 19

- Teen Retreat

### February 25-26

- Kol Zimrah Service @ 7:30pm
- Tanakh Ceremony @ 10am

### Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6 PM (unless otherwise noted above)

### Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

### Kol Zimrah

We thank Kingdom Importers, LLC, for its donation of kosher Israeli Tabor wine for after the service.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jeannette Goldenberg**, sister of **Frieda Sanders** & aunt of **Susan Weiss**

**Violet West**, mother of **Bill Moody**

**Rossi Reibman**, sister of **Myra Kranzel**

**Steven Halbert**, brother-in-law of **David Ferleger**

**Edward Frishman**, partner of **Charlotte Adler**

**George Gordon**, father of **Nina Gordon**

**Gail Davis**, mother of **Amy Davis**

**Minnie Greenspan**, mother of **Allan Greenspan**

**Stanley M. Sapon**, father of **Daniel Sapon**





## Tot Shabbat & Holidays

### Friday, January 21 – Tot Shabbat

Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Adam Zeff in a celebration specially geared for toddlers, preschoolers and their families!

#### *Does your child like to....*

Sing, clap hands and play bells?  
Dance around?

Listen to puppet stories?

#### *Do you like to...*

Welcome Shabbat with other young families?

Not have to worry about kids being kids?

Join us at 6 pm for a program & celebration followed by a simple yet delicious catered dinner (around 6:30 pm)

Cost is \$5 per person (adults & children)

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION  
& PAYMENT NECESSARY**

#### **Save the Dates!**

**1/21 – Tot Shabbat**

**2/5 – Tot Shabbat/Ginat Shabbat in the Charry Service (Saturday morning)**

**2/12 – Tot Havdallah (Saturday night)**

**4/1 – Tot Shabbat**

**5/20 – Tot Shabbat**

**6/17 – Tot Shabbat**

**The GJC Family Chavurah** is a relaxed and friendly gathering for families with children of all ages. We get together throughout the year at members' homes for meals and socializing.

The Family Chavurah will be on break during January and February, but please save the date for our next potluck dinner on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 4:30 PM.

To join the list serve and receive regular announcements and invitations from the

Family Chavurah, please email Amy Schrager at amy.schrager@gmail.com. Please also email Amy if you are interested in hosting a Family Chavurah event in your home.

## Early Childhood Program (ECP)



ECP learns about fire safety from the Philadelphia Fire Department



**ECP REGISTRATION IS UNDER WAY!**

ECP (GJC's Early Childhood Program) is now accepting enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year. We accept infants beginning at 6 months of age and continue through pre-K.

For further information and a tour call or e-mail ECP Director, Mindy Pitkofsky, at 215-844-1510 or [ecp@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:ecp@germantownjewishcentre.org)

**Thank you to Langer, Grogan & Diver P.C.  
for their generous scholarship to  
support students in ECP**



**Jill Levy, Matthew Silverman and daughter Nava hanging out on the beach in Tel Aviv during their recent trip to Israel.**

Jill Levy and Matt Silverman, who married in 2007, have grown into their Judaism. Jill, 35, is the student rabbi at GJC and is in her last year at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Matt, 31, is a third year student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Jill was born in Plainfield, NJ but moved to Houston at age two and has always identified as a Texan. Her father grew up in the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood of Philadelphia, but said he always wanted to live in Texas.

"My parents have always been strongly identified as Jews and have very few friends who aren't Jewish, but we were the quintessential twice-a-year Jews," Jill says. They didn't have a Friday night meal, but occasionally went to her aunt and uncle's house for Shabbat dinner. "It wasn't until I went to college at the University of Washington in Seattle and got engaged with Hillel that I really began to explore my Jewish identity and Jewish practice," she recalls.

In college, Jill majored in biology. After college, she went back to Texas for a year, then spent two years in Israel studying at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. When she came home she earned her MPA (Master of Public Administration) degree with a concentration in environmental policy from Columbia University. She initially worked as an environmental consultant helping to develop properties, but she didn't feel fulfilled. She felt more satisfaction in volunteering for the havurah she attended and realized that she wanted to work in the Jewish community.

## Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

Initially, Jill moved to Atlanta to work for Birthright Israel, which provides first-time trips to Israel for young adults. Her job was "to find Birthright alums and get them involved in the local Jewish community," she recalls. "It was great, really exciting." She chose Atlanta where a community of people from Pardes had settled. "I wanted to get out of New York. I had a really, really tiny apartment that I paid a million dollars for. In Atlanta I had 5 closets." Jill moved to Atlanta and took a job "that made me feel – that made me know - I wanted to be a rabbi."

Atlanta was where Jill and Matt met, while both were working for Hillel. They now have a daughter, Nava, who is 17 months old.

Matt was born in Fairfax County, Northern Virginia, and grew up there. He attended James Madison University, majoring in economics and religion. He then enrolled at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where he was the only identified Jew studying for a Masters of Theological Studies among 600 students, mostly Protestants, studying for divinity degrees.

"I wasn't so connected to the Jewish community," he recalls. "I had a typical Reform upbringing. I went to Hebrew School, had a bar mitzvah, and even did a year of Hebrew School after my bar mitzvah. My mom taught second grade in Hebrew School, so we were somewhat connected. I couldn't eat bread on Passover." He laughs.

"I think I had one Jewish friend growing up," he says. "And in graduate school, all my friends were becoming ministers. I was living entirely in secular society. I wasn't connected with Hillel or the larger Jewish community while I was there."

Matt graduated from Candler in 2003. "It was a hard time to find a job. What do you do with a Masters in Theological Studies?" he says. "I used Judaism as a niche and worked with Jewish Family and Career Services while searching for a job. I found out about the Hillel position [and worked there] as an office manager. Then Jill applied to JTS, and I applied to Fordham. We were in New York for one year. Then we went to Israel for the year for JTS, and when we came back, I started at RRC."

"I remember thinking when I was in college that I couldn't study Judaism for four years in rabbinical school – I didn't know it was five or six years. But as I learned more about Judaism and studied the texts and the pastoral aspects, I thought, there's so much more to learn."

Jill and Matt moved to Philadelphia in 2008, so Matt could spend his first year in the Mechina program – getting his modern and biblical Hebrew up to speed – and taking general classes on Jewish studies. Now Matt is in his third year of a six year rabbinical school program.

Jill's role as GJC's student rabbi is varied. "I get to do a lot of great things," she says. "A big part of what I do is pastoral work, visiting people who are sick or homebound or calling people who have loved ones on the mishaberach list and checking in with them." Then there are the more visible things, mostly in the Chavrusa. She delivers a commentary on the Torah portion, leads the Sunday morning minyan, "one of the spaces where people come together from all the minyanim," she observes. She also is helping to get the Keshet program started to bring aid and comfort to GJC families in need. Jill also leads classes in Adult Education and will teach a text based course in January called "Mishnah Megillah," which fits in with the synagogue's broad theme for the year: text study. "Last fall I taught a class on the Akedah. I assist Adam, go to different committee meetings, all sorts of different synagogue things."

Whew.

"Because Jill is working so much more, I'm taking care of Nava," Matt says. "She's moving around a lot more now. The first year you could just put her in a swing and read for classes. This year she wants to get into the kitchen. She wants to go up the stairs. She wants to sit in my lap and play games. Jill adds, "He's taking double the number of classes I am. I'm down to three classes a semester. Matt is taking six."

Jill sums up her experience at GJC: "It's been nice for me to get to know the

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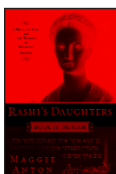
## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

*GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group*

We meet at 7:15pm at Germantown Jewish Centre in the Quitman Library the SECOND Tuesday of the month. We read fiction and nonfiction books of Jewish interest written mostly, but not solely, by Jewish writers and chosen by the group. Volunteer group members lead the discussion.

For more information, contact Dena Lake at denareva@comcast.net or 215-233-1414.

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
*Rashi's Daughters: Miriam*  
by Maggie Anton



**Tuesday, February 8th**  
*The Prophet's Wife*  
by Milton Steinberg

## Member Spotlight

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community. We were members for a couple of years, went to Dorshei, but now I have a broader reach across the synagogue. It's really nice to get to know the shul in so many ways."

## Adult Education 2011/5771

Title	Instructor(s)	Timing	Dates	Cost GJC Members/ Non Members
<b>Center City Lunch &amp; Learn</b> The Book of the Covenant: Interpreting the Earliest Biblical Code of Law	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Wednesdays 12:15-1:30 pm	Jan 5 Feb 2 Mar 2	\$150/200 (CLE Credits available for add'l fee paid directly to Penn)
<b>Mishnah Megillah</b>	Student Rabbi Jill Levy	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Jan 23, 30 Feb 6, 13, 20	\$50/75
<b>The land of Israel in Kabbalistic Literature</b>	<b>Guest Teacher</b> Rabbi Mira Regav	Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm	Feb 22 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$80/100
<b>From Birth to Death: The Cycle of Jewish Life in Text &amp; Practice</b>	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Feb 27 Mar 6, 13, 27 Apr 10 + TBA	\$75/100
<b>Feeding the Soul: Making, Tasting &amp; Studying Holiday Favorites</b>	Rabbi Fredi Cooper	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	Mar 29 Apr 5 May 17, 24	\$80/100 (2 holidays) \$50/60 (1 holiday)

Complete details can be found on our website or in our printed brochure. Advanced registration is requested for all courses. Contact the office to register.

**Special Thanks to the Wolfe Family Foundation for generously supporting programming at GJC.**

## Men's Club News



**Idolatry on the GJC lawn?** No, it's Men's Club volunteers putting the finishing touches on our beloved Hanukkiyah. The 8 electrifying evenings ended with a family celebration, holiday dinner subsidized by the Men's Club, and al fresco musical treats from the GJC Choir led by Rabbi Zeff.

By Ken Weiss & Rod Griffith,  
Men's Club Co-Presidents



**SAY AH!** The Men's Club chorus performs Chuck Schleifer's song parody, "Volunteering," in preparation for the Man of the Year event.

## Men's Club "Man of the Year" Dinner

The Middle Atlantic Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs held its Man of the Year awards dinner at Har Zion on December 5. Ten Men's Clubs honored awardees, including GJC's Chuck Schleifer. About 30 people from GJC attended the fun-filled ceremony. This year, as an alternative to the standard speech, clubs were invited to submit videos reflecting an aspect of their honoree. GJC presented a video of several club members accompanying Chuck in his song parody, "Volunteering," to the tune of "Sunrise, Sunset." You can view the 3-minute video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJtw627fJlc>.



## Women's Club News



By Judy Schwartz and Bev Somerson  
Co-presidents of Women's Club

### Yum! Yum! Yum! And More...Women's Club is on a roll.



Women's and Men's Club had such an enjoyable morning on Sunday, Oct. 17, at our joint Paid Up Membership Brunch. If you weren't there, you missed a delicious meal, a delightful and entertaining a capella group called MIRAJ, and, most of all, you missed the opportunity to chat and chew with old and new friends. Bev and I keep telling you that you need to come to our programs so that you can become a part of a vibrant and caring group of women.

Our next great happening was The Craft Fair on Sunday, Oct. 24, led by the "Queen of Crafts," Phyllis Kaufman, and her amazing crew of workers. The show included vendors of jewelry, clothing for all ages and stages, photography, quilts, and many, many more items. We all shopped, talked, ate, and just had a great time. There was no admission

charge, so you could come and go whenever you wanted to. Kudos to Phyllis and the whole Craft Show team.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, we joined forces with Hazak and Social Action to bring you another brunch program, this one featuring a dynamic and inspiring speaker, Marjorie Margolies. We all left the event feeling well-fed and motivated to "make a difference." Stay tuned for additional information on how you can help to change the lives of women, particularly in third world countries.



Is there a program or activity that you would particularly like us to host or is there something special that you would like to be involved in? Please don't hesitate to ask or to tell us. If you meet us part way, we'll be delighted to go the extra mile in order to engage you.

To all the women who have joined Women's Club, we say "Let's do it...let's make this the best year ever."



Children of all ages enjoyed pressing olive oil and making Maccabee oil lamps at this Hands-on Hanukkah event sponsored by the Women's Club.

Special thanks to the Treatman Family for planning this event.

## Hazak

### Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs,  
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

On November 17, we had another meaningful program, a screening of "The Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe." This award-winning documentary film narrated by Theodore Bickel was very emotional for some of us to watch. Hazak owns the film and it is available to other groups. On Wednesday, **January 26 @ 1pm**, Rabbi Zeff will be with us. I haven't asked him what he will talk about, but I assure you he will be as wonderful as always. We appreciate his making time for us. On Sunday, **February 13 @ 10am** we will have a joint program with Women's Club featuring "The Word Mavens," two local ladies who know the difference between a dreidel and a draykop. Ellen Scolnic and Joyce Eisenberg, authors of the *Dictionary of Jewish Words*, promise to keep us laughing with fun facts and stories about Jewish words—their history and current usage. We will continue to keep you informed about other upcoming programs.

Some of you have still not paid your dues. They are so small (\$10), they are easily overlooked, but they help us to provide you with interesting programs.

Some of our members are Snow Birds. We will miss you. Have a great winter, and we look forward to seeing you when you return.

## Women's Club Craft Fair



## Education Department

### ...a few words from the GJC Education Department

*Generously supported by the GJC Women's Club*

As we enter 2011, we are all looking forward to this year's Beit Midrash. Beit Midrash is designed to make our synagogue the place to be on Shabbat morning, whether we are looking for social contact, spirituality, education or all of the above. We hope to create an environment that will bring more of the community together in one place, at one time, facilitating greater interaction among all of us. We offer opportunities for those who choose to pray at any of our three minyanim to study together, even though they may pray separately. We offer opportunities for those who attend day school or supplementary religious school to learn and pray together, even though they may study in separate places during the week. We offer opportunities for members to meet and socialize with individuals from different "sub-communities," even though much of their activity in our building often places them in different locations because their lives may be at differ-

ent parental stages. In short, we hope that this Beit Midrash becomes a strong center for community building and we urge all of you take full advantage of it.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce another (what I hope to be regular) entry in the Centre Call. GJC is proud to be the home for youth who spend significant parts of their lives in Israel. This year, several GJC young adults are in Israel for the year, and we will hear from them in the future. Last month, four of our teen members returned from a semester in Israel, three of them on the semester Israel program of the junior year at Barrack Hebrew Academy (High School). Please take time to read the article from Rachel Sacks, inaugurating the "Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent" column.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in the building,

Rabbi Kevin

### IMPORTANT FUTURE PROGRAM DATES

#### Beit Midrash

- Each Shabbat in January and February, from 9:30am till 12:15pm
- Adult Study sessions, 9:30am - 10am, following a Shabbat "breakfast" for early arrivers
- Classes for youth, grades K-5, from 9:30am till 11am
  - Youth services, K-5 from 11am till 12:15pm (with Kiddush following)
- BBMM (Bar and Bat Mitzvah Mehina) each Shabbat from 10am till 12:30pm

#### BBMM (Bar Bat Mitzvah Mehina)

- Shabbat Sessions every Shabbat in January and February
- Sunday, February 13th, for Parents and Students, 11am-12:30pm

#### KADIMA (Youth Group for 4th and 5th graders)

- February 6th, Laser Tag

## Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent

**Rachel Sacks**, a high school junior at Barrack Hebrew Academy, recently returned from a fall semester in Israel. She is our Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent providing this inaugural offering – *Todah Rabba, Rachel!!!!*

"You'll need your hat, 1.5 liters of water, and your study materials!"

It's time for class, but there is no classroom or desks or chairs. Instead the sun is shining, the view is incredible, and it's time for another tiyul (trip) in Eretz Yisrael.

This is a typical day on the Alexander Muss Program. The Core class—the Israel curriculum—is no ordinary class, rather the classroom is all over the country, the notes are facts dear to your heart, and the

teachers are like your family. The curriculum covers the land of Israel and Judaism from the Biblical period through modern day. We learned in Jerusalem, hiked the Gilboa, played in sand dunes in the Negev, climbed on tanks from the War of Independence at Latrun, interviewed Israelis on the streets in Tel-Aviv, went to the most northern kibbutz in Israel that overlooks Lebanon, and had class in so many locations that it didn't really seem like a class at all—but the experience of our lives.

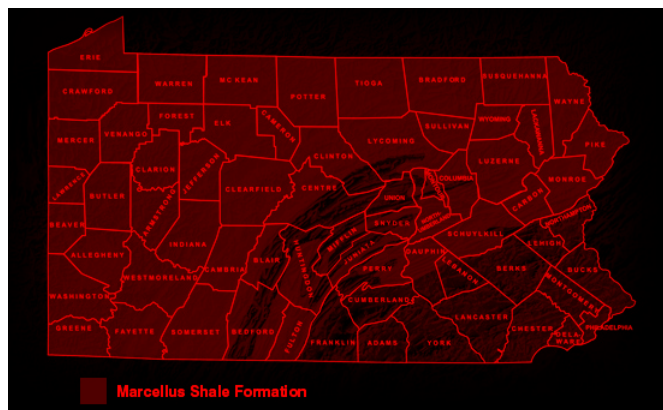
Muss wasn't only class though. One of the most challenging and rewarding experiences was Yam Le Yam—a four day hike across Israel from the Mediterranean Sea to the

Kinneret. We learned that in order to accomplish our goals we needed to help one another—such as holding someone's hand as we rock climbed down a mountain, grabbing someone as they teetered towards the edge of a cliff, and providing moral support for each other, even in the most trying circumstances. The latter was most definitely the most important part—the part that enabled all forty-three of us to finish the hike. We learned that helping each other and trusting each other would not only be vital to finishing the hike, but for the entirety of the Muss experience as well. We would go through the best times of our lives and sometimes the toughest times, and we would need the sup-

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## Social Action Update



### GJC Social Action Committee Addresses the Marcellus Shale

Many of you have already heard about the Marcellus Shale, which spans two thirds of our state and is considered to be the Saudi Arabia of natural gas. Much of the PA State Legislature has staked the economic future of the State on the successful extraction of the natural gas, which until recently was not an economically viable undertaking. Drilling advancements in the process known as "fracking" have made accessing the natural gas much easier, and now, we are in the midst of a modern-day gold rush across the State with the exception of the southwestern area that includes Philadelphia. As with the California gold rush, there have been numerous accusations that some mining companies are not paying sufficient attention to safety and environmental integrity. Simultaneously, local governments and State agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection have been criticized for not doing everything they can to ensure safety and environmental protection. Also in question is the future safety of our drinking water if drilling around the Delaware River Basin adversely affects the water supply of 17 million people in Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey.

The extraction of natural gas from

the Marcellus Shale is an important issue to all of us, and if handled badly – without careful deliberation and attention to safety and the environment – could become one of the key environmental problems for Pennsylvanians over the next decade. The GJC Social Action Committee, therefore,

has decided to look carefully into what is going on in the Marcellus Shale and do what we can to encourage transparency, accountability and environmental protection. Some of our partner Neighborhood Interfaith Movement congregations have also expressed interest in this effort, and we have reached out to the Damascus Citizens for Sustainability as a potential partner.

We have only just begun our involvement but wanted to bring to everyone's attention what is going on and what is at stake. We begin with several questions.

- What is the estimated economic gain to PA from the Marcellus Shale over the next 10 years?
- How long can the shale sustain this rate of extraction before the supply is depleted?
- What do Pennsylvania residents stand to gain?
- What is the estimated cost to the environment over the next 10 years?
- What are other risks involved?
- What problems have already arisen and how have state agencies such as the DEP responded?
- How have companies responded to unexpected problems?
- Have water supplies been affected by fracking?

To stay informed about our advocacy efforts and upcoming events, we encourage you to sign up for the SAC list serve by sending an e-mail to [gjcsocactionssubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:gjcsocactionssubscribe@yahoogroups.com).



### An Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium at GJC

Are you deeply concerned about the state of planet that we are leaving to our children's generation? Do you want to make a difference? Do you want an achievable game plan?

Plan to attend GJC's Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium on Sunday, January 23, 2011, from 9:45 am to 12:30 pm. Spend the morning with other GJC members who care about social justice and environmental issues and are seeking to reclaim our future with an informed, grounded and focused optimism. The symposium will support us in helping to create an "environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just" human presence on this planet.

Using videos featuring some of the world's leading experts, up-to-the-minute facts, personal reflection, and group discussion, the group will consider the challenges – and possibilities – of creating a sustainable future. By delving into the inter-connected roots of the problems we face, we can shift to a whole new frame of reference – and see new solutions. It's a transformative process that provides hope for the future.

Symposiums are being presented across the globe, and have already been offered through Mishkan

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## SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

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Shalom, Weavers Way and FUMCOG – now the GJC community has an opportunity to take part in this informative and inspiring educational program. We will consider together how we can become more effective change agents in our community by exploring our unique interests and concerns, sharing our ideas, and pooling our knowledge, time, and energy. Through this program, each of us can create a personal game plan for achieving a healthier world.

This Awakening the Dreamer Symposium is sponsored by the GJC Social Action Committee, in cooperation with The Pachamama Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to a new global vision of equity and sustainability for all. To view a short video about the symposium, go to <http://awakeningthedreamer.org/content/view/115/135/>.

Please take three minutes to register in advance at <http://awakeningthedreamer.org/symposium/1982/> or by calling Margie Sokoloff at GJC, 215-844-1507 ext. 19, so that we can plan seating and refreshments.

Mark your calendar to arrive at 9:30 am to check in, and bring a re-usable cup for your drinks. A voluntary donation of \$10 (cash or check, please) is requested at the door to cover production costs and refreshments, but no one will be turned away.

For more information, contact volunteer symposium leaders Lynne Iser at [lpiser@aol.com](mailto:lpiser@aol.com) or 215.843.4933; or Mordechai Liebling at [lieblingm@gmail.com](mailto:lieblingm@gmail.com).

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With a background in photography and nonprofit development, **Shoshanna Wiesner** returns to GJC after 7 years with a new title and responsibilities. As Project

Manager and Religious Coordinator, Shoshanna brings “techy” expertise and the eye of an artist to this wide-ranging position that includes overseeing building projects as well as providing administrative support to Rabbi Zeff. Shoshanna is astonishingly unflappable as she ponders large-scale innovations and renovations such as installing a new sound system in the Charry Sanctuary and redesigning the GJC website. She also coordinates the honors for the Charry Service and is here to make sure that the logistics of the b’nai mitzvah go off without a hitch. Shoshanna’s family is active in the Dorshei Derekh Minyan and her nieces, Mikaela and Liora, attend the ECP. She can be reached at ex.14 or [projects@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:projects@germantownjewishcentre.org)



**Margie Sokoloff**, sitting at the third desk tucked in the back of the office, is filling in as Program Director while Elana Shaw is on maternity leave. Enjoying her second one-year stint in Mt. Airy, Margie has been one of GJC’s greatest advocates in South Florida (where she usually lives) and around the country since she first started davening here in 1999-2000. Margie, her husband Jeffrey and three children (Sophia, Oliver and Emily) are regulars at the Minyan Masorti. With a background in English Literature and Trauma Studies, Margie has excellent organization and communication skills and is enjoying using these talents to facilitate and promote the multitude of programs currently on the GJC calendar. If you have an idea for a new program or need help coordinating an event, contact Margie at ex.19 or [program@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:program@germantownjewishcentre.org). Elana plans to return in February.

Kate, Shoshanna and Margie are all delighted to be working in such a warm, vibrant and supportive environment, and we are enjoying getting to know the Germantown Jewish Centre congregation better. Please stop by the office and introduce yourselves.

## Young Adult GJC Israel

### Correspondent

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port of each other to get through it.

Another challenging experience was Gadna. Gadna was our chance to truly sample what it might be like to be in the Israeli army (Tzahal). We dressed in uniform, lived in tents, and obeyed the demands of our commanders, such as “10 seconds to run to that tree” or “fifteen seconds to stand in two lines in front of the Cheder Ochel. Move!” We learned the importance of being on time and following orders, but mostly we learned about the army. During one class session there, we learned about the various units of Tzahal, and we had many sessions on how to properly shoot a rifle, which we did on the final day of Gadna.

Muss also gave us the opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with family and friends in Israel. We Barrack students shared the campus with Israelis, but also with kids from the Gann School in Boston, AHA (American Hebrew Academy) of North Carolina, and eventually with Australians who all were on the Muss Program as well. A small group of us who are part of the youth movement Habonim Dror attended a ken (gathering) of Israeli teens who belong to Habonim Dror’s sister movement in Israel, Hanoar Haoved. Finally, while the Muss kids were usually all together on the weekends, there were a few weekends that we could spend at the place of our choosing. During those weekends, many of us reconnected with our families, relatives whom we only rarely get to see.

I think all forty-three of us can agree that Muss was an incredible experience. I, personally, have never felt so informed about our homeland, and the bonds we formed with each other are sure to continue growing stronger throughout the rest of high school.

## Finance

By Chris Levin, GJC President

### The Building Fund

*This is the first in a series of columns designed to help GJC members better understand shul finances. I hope that greater transparency will make members see the need for contributions above and beyond dues and feel good about how their money is being spent. Finances should not be a "black box."*

This month I will begin with the Building Fund. The Building Fund is separate and apart from the Women's Club Building Beautiful Fund. Household members are billed \$360 for the Building Fund. Individual members are billed \$180 and associate individual members are billed \$90. Those on adjusted dues are not billed for the Building Fund at all, although we welcome contributions to it. The Building Fund was created around 2001. At that time, we found that approximately \$300,000 to \$500,000 in improvements to the School build-

ing were necessary above and beyond the funds raised by the 60th anniversary capital campaign. Those improvements were covered in large part by a loan from The Reinvestment Fund. This loan has a balloon payment of approximately \$241,937 in 2013, and we are currently exploring possibilities about how to handle it.

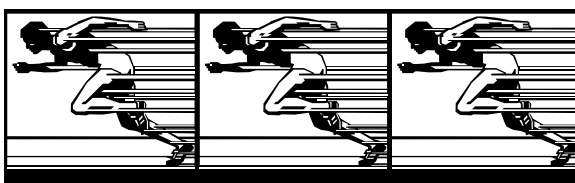
The Building Fund was envisioned to raise the funds necessary to pay down this debt. At the same time, we recognized that many, if not most, synagogues have a building fund to cover extraordinary capital expenditures that cannot be covered or anticipated in an annual budget—just as you may set aside (or hope to set aside!) funds in case your furnace goes kaput or you need a new roof. Today we raise approximately \$75,000 a year through the Building Fund. We use approximately one-half of it to retire the TRF debt acquired in 2001. We accumulate the balance towards "big ticket" expenditures. In recent years we have

used this fund to replace the chiller (\$102,000), to replace an oil tank (\$15,700) and for facade repairs and stabilization (\$44,000). Upcoming likely expenditures include replacing the flat roof over the Charry Sanctuary with a roof that has a pitch to it.

Many people believe the Building Fund is "voluntary." It is not, just as replacing the roof is neither "optional" nor cost-free. It is, of course, our policy not to turn away members who cannot shoulder the full financial commitment we request. Thus, not all members contribute to this Fund. I hope that with this additional explanation you will see the critical need for a Building Fund to maintain our physical plant and will contribute to it to the extent your finances permit.

### GJC's New Trees

Seven new trees beautify the GJC Sandscape adjacent to the preschool playground thanks to volunteers from the Centre and the West Mount Airy Neighbors Streetscape Committee. On Sunday November 21st the group gathered to plant 3 bald cypresses, 3 red maples, and one flowering cherry selected and provided free of charge by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Tree Vitalize program.



Run, Run, Run (Don't Walk, RUN) to the Little Shop

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**EVERYTHING IN THE SHOP WILL BE 30% OFF**

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**In February the Monthly Special will be  
Bowls and Platters at 10% off  
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#### Hours

Sunday	9:30 – 12:30
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12:00- 5:00
Wednesday	12:00 – 8:30
Thursday	12:00- 6:00
Friday	12:00 – 4:00





## The Great 2011 Clothing GiveAway - Swap Til You Drop

By Betsy Teutsch

If your closet is neat and orderly – no cascading piles of clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, or jewelry to be seen – just skip this column. For the rest of us, Ladies, it's time to get ready for the 6th Annual Clothing GiveAway, on **Sunday, February 6, from 11-3 at GJC**, co-sponsored by Women's Club and the Social Action Committee. It's a trifecta of virtue: cleaning your closets and donating the surplus, an eco-friendly shopping spree, which gives gently used clothing a new life, and aiding Darfur. And it's loads of fun!

This year the Clothing Swap has been renamed the **Women's Clothing GiveAway** to more accurately describe this beloved event. While we suggest a \$20 donation to Darfur Alert Coalition (unless you are only donating clothing), we give everything we've collected away. Attendees are encouraged to take home as much as they want. All for free! And we're adding Electronics Recycling on site, along with a kiosk to switch to 100% renewable energy.



How do the clothes, shoes, and accessories wind up at the GiveAway, you might wonder? Most of us wear about 20% of our wardrobe 80% of the time; consequently, a large volume of our possessions sit there wasting space, making us feel bad. (In my case, I am proud to report that a good many items picked up at previous GiveAways have made it to my top 20%!). Here are some typical back stories for items you might find neatly offered on our tables:

- 1) The item is now way too big, since its previous owner won the Battle of the Bulge.
- 2) The garment was just a **\*\*\*little\*\*\*** tight, since #1 did NOT happen.
- 3) It was a gift: she finally got up the courage to unload it.
- 4) She bought it online and *meant* to return it ... WHOOPS.
- 5) It was a **great deal**, except that it didn't fit or match anything else she owned ... WHOOPS again.
- 6) It was expensive but unflattering - so it hung there until she admitted this nasty combination of facts. Big WHOOPS.... We've all been there, haven't we?
- 7) It doesn't fit her present lifestyle – it's a business suit and now she works at home in sweats, or she moved from a different climate, or it's a skirt and now she only wears black pants, or it's silk and she's a nurs-

ing mother.... "But I love it!" Time to send it on for a new life.

8) She liked it just fine until her mother-in-law (or fill-in-the-blank) showed up wearing the same thing.

9) Since her closet was crammed too tight to find anything, she lost track of it and now any of #'s 1-8 have transpired!

Each of us could add our own specialized crazy reasons for keeping things we never wear, but the bottom line is, we derive no benefit from them, nor does anyone else, if they're just taking up space. Many of us feel vaguely guilty knowing they're hanging there; we avert our glance to avoid looking at all these clothes we own and ought to like but really don't. Hence women come to our Clothing Giveaway with garbage bags full of clothes to donate, feeling much lighter and happier. Their reward is to walk out with just a shopping bag or two full of items they do like, all free.

Genie Bud Ravital, the Clothing Giveaway's intrepid organizer, has this event down to an art form, nimbly coordinating our many volunteers who sort, display, and



replenish the banquet tables heaped with clothing. All leftover items are packed and donated to the Germantown Whosoever Gospel Mission. This year we are encouraging more donations of

jewelry and accessories – who doesn't enjoy a new scarf or a pair of earrings? And who doesn't have scarves and earrings that we never wear?

We are continuing to use the funds raised to support Darfur Alert Coalition, a local organization of Darfuri activists and like-minded supporters. They have worked tirelessly to protect the Darfuri people, to publicize the atrocities and genocide, which has been systematically perpetrated on this population in southern Sudan, and to promote a peaceful resolution.

The more people who attend, the more \$\$\$ we raise, and the less there is to pack up at the end, so please come and bring along anyone who enjoys free clothes, fun, and camaraderie. This year we're adding live music and a café. You might mistake us for Nordstroms, except for the **everything-is-free** part! Look for our snazzy new sign on Lincoln Drive!

To volunteer, contact Genie – [geniebud@gmail.com](mailto:geniebud@gmail.com). To donate clothing, bring it with you when you attend, or drop it off at GJC starting a week in advance. More information is available at our website, [www.womensclothinggiveaway.com](http://www.womensclothinggiveaway.com)

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### **The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Ralph Granger Memorial Shabbat SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011**



### **The Successes and Challenges of Racial Integration in Mt. Airy**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Charry Service in Charry Sanctuary</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Dorshei Derekh in Maslow Auditorium</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Minyan Masorti in Temin Canteen Room</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Light Kiddush Lunch in Charry Lobby</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Guest Speakers and Discussion</b>
	<i>(Extended childcare provided)</i>

Mt. Airy is one of the 10 most integrated neighborhoods in the USA today. This year for the Granger Shabbat, we will be hosting a diverse panel of Mt. Airy residents, including members of WMAN and GJC, who will discuss the impact of living in an integrated neighborhood on their lives. Then we will invite people to reflect on how to build upon the successes and overcome the challenges of racial integration in our community.



This event honors Ralph Granger, a well-loved and respected former custodian at the Germantown Jewish Centre. Ralph was a Christian African American who was known for his dignity and love for the synagogue. During his life he served as a role model to our community for valuing and respecting differences in others. The Granger Memorial Shabbat continues to pay tribute to his memory, while focusing on current social issues pertinent to the larger community in which we live.

Many thanks to Charry Service, Minyan Masorti, Dorshei Derekh, Women's Club, Men's Club, and Social Action Committee for co-sponsoring this event.



Germantown Jewish Centre

## News from JTS



### **"Judaism and Islam in America Today" The Jewish Theological Seminary, Islamic Society of North America, and Hartford Seminary Host Landmark Roundtable at JTS**

"The moderates of all faiths," says Arnold M. Eisen, chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, "have to talk often and well, lest the extremists carry the day. The stakes of not doing so are simply too high to countenance." And so this year's Jack and Lewis Rudin Lecture—"Judaism and Islam in America Today: Assimilation and Authenticity"—became yet another groundbreaking JTS event, and you can share in the experience by watching it on the JTS website.

Participants in the October 25 roundtable included (left to right) moderator Ingrid Mattson, director of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary; Sherman Jackson, professor of Islam at the University of Michigan; Chancellor Eisen; and Serene Jones, president of

Union Theological Seminary. The panel discussed the shared challenges faced by Jews and Muslims who live in this country, and explored ways in which American Jews and Muslims, with all that they share, can work toward better cooperation. The Jack and Lewis Rudin Lectures provide the opportunity for eminent academics, religious leaders, intellectuals, and public figures to discuss topics of interest with the JTS community and the public at large. This event was made possible by the generous support of the Carnegie Corporation, the Center for Interfaith Understanding, and the Heschel Society.

For more information about this year's dynamic Rudin Lecture roundtable, or to support JTS, please contact Rickey Goodman at (215) 376-0474 or [rigooodman@jtsa.edu](mailto:rigooodman@jtsa.edu).

**"THE THOMASHEFSKYS"**  
an elaborate multi-media extravaganza  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011**  
[jewishphilly.org/thomashefsky](http://jewishphilly.org/thomashefsky)

On Tuesday, February 15, 2011, Federation will present, "The Thomashefskys," a multi-media musical extravaganza which salutes the giants of the Yiddish theatre experience in America, Bessie and Boris Thomashefsky. This critically acclaimed concert will be performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra, under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas, at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. This is the Philadelphia debut of a tour de force which has played to sold out audiences across the country. Don't miss out on this memorable evening, which pays special tribute to Jewish communal leaders, Connie and Joe Smukler.

For individual and group sales contact the Kimmel Center Ticket Office, 215-893-1999. Groups of ten or more can purchase tickets by calling 215-875-7695 or emailing [groupsales@philorch.org](mailto:groupsales@philorch.org) to save on processing fees.

Questions: Please call Betsy at 215-832-0529.

### **Countdown to Super Sunday – January 30, 2011**

#### **One People. One Community. One Campaign.**

On January 30, 2011, **Federation will once again bring together the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy on the Schwartz Campus of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia in Bryn Mawr from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** to make and take calls that raise vital funds for Federation's Annual Campaign – the largest local campaign providing critical funds to Jews in need here in our community, and in Israel and the Former Soviet Union.

GJC is asking our members to **join with Super Sunday 2011 co-chairs Michele and Robert Levin and Bryna and Fred Berman** and other dedicated community members for this important community effort. Super Sunday is a unique experience: a full day of philanthropy and fun for the entire family, including children's programming, LimmudPhilly learning sessions and an agency fair.

For more information on Super Sunday, visit [jewishphilly.org](http://jewishphilly.org) or call the Super Sunday hotline – 215.832.0630.

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*The fastest way for your contribution to be processed is for you to fill out a Contribution Form (available in the office or on our website) and return it to the office along with a check. Or just send in a check with a note.*

## Contributions For the period ending December 10, 2010

### *Todah Rabbah!*

Sincere thanks and appreciation to those who remember to honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

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		in honor of George & Debbie Stern, on the birth of their new grand daughter
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		in memory of George Gordon, father of Nina Gordon
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	Cyrilla Rosen	in memory of Warren Lane, father
		in memory of Hannah Drucker, mother of Nina Seckel Israel & my dear friend
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		in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the birth of their great grand son, Elisha
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		in honor of Adina & Norman Newberg, on the birth of their grandson, Lev Shimon
	Hershel & Elizabeth Richman	in honor of Sandy & Jim Meyer, on the birth of their granddaughter
	Joan Silver	in honor of Elana and Brian Shaw, on the birth of their daughter, Gavriela Rachel
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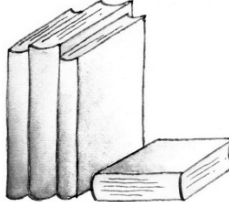
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