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By Rabbi Adam Zeff

Living in Two Places

We are approaching a strange time of year. In the Jewish calendar, we are in the month of Sh'vat, and in the middle of that month comes Tu BiSh'vat, the "New Year for the trees," when we celebrate the sap rising in the forests, the flowering of the almond tree, and the tilting of the world away from winter and toward spring and rebirth. Yet in Philadelphia, we are still in the middle of the cold and snow and ice of winter. We see no almond blossoms, and the trees around us seem to be deeply asleep in the woods. So where are we "seeing" this rebirth for trees? Only with the part of us that is looking toward the Land of Israel, where Tu BiSh'vat does signal the beginning of the end of winter and the move toward spring.

Perhaps it should not seem so strange to us that our celebration of Tu BiSh'vat keys us to the cycle of the seasons in the Land of Israel. After all, in our prayers, we acknowledge this every day. In each prayer service, when we recite the second blessing of the Amidah concerning God's power as manifest in the world, we add one of two phrases. At this time of year, between Sh'mini Atzeret and Pesah, we add the phrase *mashiv ha-ru-ah u'morid ha-gashem* ("the One who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall"). But between Pesah and Hoshana Raba, we add the phrase *morid ha-tal* ("the One who causes the dew to fall"). Does no rain fall on us in Philadelphia in the spring and summer? Does rain only fall on us between Sh'mini Atzeret and Pesah?! Of

course, the answer is no. This prayer, too, which we recite each day, turns our thoughts toward the Land of Israel and the progress of the rainy and wet seasons there.

No matter where Jewish communities are in the world – whether in the southern hemisphere or the northern, whether in the east or the west – all of us mark both our own seasons and those of the Land of Israel through the liturgical calendar of our days and months and years. With our physical eyes we look at the world that surrounds us, and with our mind's eye we gaze at the land that we identify with our spiritual ancestors and with the millions of Jewish people who live there today. Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan wrote of living in two civilizations. Jewish tradition asks us to live in two places, two physical locations, as well.

There is joy in living in two places: feeling equally at home in the forests of Pennsylvania and in the hills of the Galilee, treasuring friends in Philadelphia and in Jerusalem, tasting the exquisite beauty of Shabbat in Mt. Airy and in Tz'fat. And it is not always easy to live in two places: seeing the immense challenges facing the U.S. and the State of Israel, working for progress and for change for Americans and for Israelis, and seeing the pain on the faces of people who are suffering around us and half a world away. In being part of the Jewish people, we take both the privileges and the responsibilities of living in both of these very different places into our hearts.

In a year from now, we all have a chance to create a little more room in our hearts for Israel. I will be leading a GJC congregational trip to Israel with the theme of "Social Challenges and Achievements in Israel" that will run from

December 23, 2014 through January 1, 2015. This trip will be appropriate both for those with experience in Israel and for those visiting for the first time, and there will also be parallel activities for children when appropriate. I encourage you to start planning now to come with us! You can see details of the trip and register on the trip website at: <http://www.daatravel.com/germantown-jewish-centre-israel-2014.aspx>

Also, if you have additional questions – including inquiries about special arrangements, add-on's, and airfare options – you can be in touch with our trip organizer, Da'at Educational Expeditions, at 1-888-811-2812. You can also register by phone at that number. And of course, you can be in touch with me as well with questions.

I look forward to advancing our knowledge of and connection to Israel through this trip and in other ways over the coming years. May we all be blessed to open our hearts ever wider to the task of living in two places at once!

Program Highlights

Beit Midrash Shabbat Learning for the Community

Saturdays in January & February

Red Cross Blood Drive

January 5

Henna Workshop

January 12

Ralph Granger Memorial Shabbat

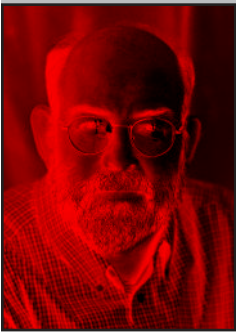
January 18

Interfaith MLK Celebration

January 19

MLK Day of Service Program

January 20



President's Message

Discovering our Shared Concerns

By Mitch Marcus, GJC President

Many of us at GJC are deeply concerned about the intertwined issues of social justice and the health of our surrounding community. Many of us make significant commitments of our time and energy to advance one or another of these issues. While some of this energy goes into efforts organized within GJC by the Social Action Committee (SAC) and other groups, much of our individual involvement goes into efforts organized in the surrounding community. Is there a possibility of finding an issue of substantial concern to so many of us within GJC that we can come together as a multi-generational community to help improve our neighborhood, region, and perhaps even our society, and in the process both help advance

the cause of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, and strengthen our ties to each other within the GJC community?

Thanks to a recent effort by GJC's Social Action Committee, we now have just such a picture of our shared concerns. One central discovery: while we individually have many different concerns about our community and society, the deepest concern of fully two-thirds of those interviewed focused on one particular issue: education and the public schools. Perhaps this is not surprising, given that the state of public schools in Philadelphia now begins to pose an existential threat to our surrounding community.

This fall, volunteers from GJC's Social Action Committee conducted one-to-one conversations with a diverse group of 45 fellow members to find out what issues matter most to them and how interested

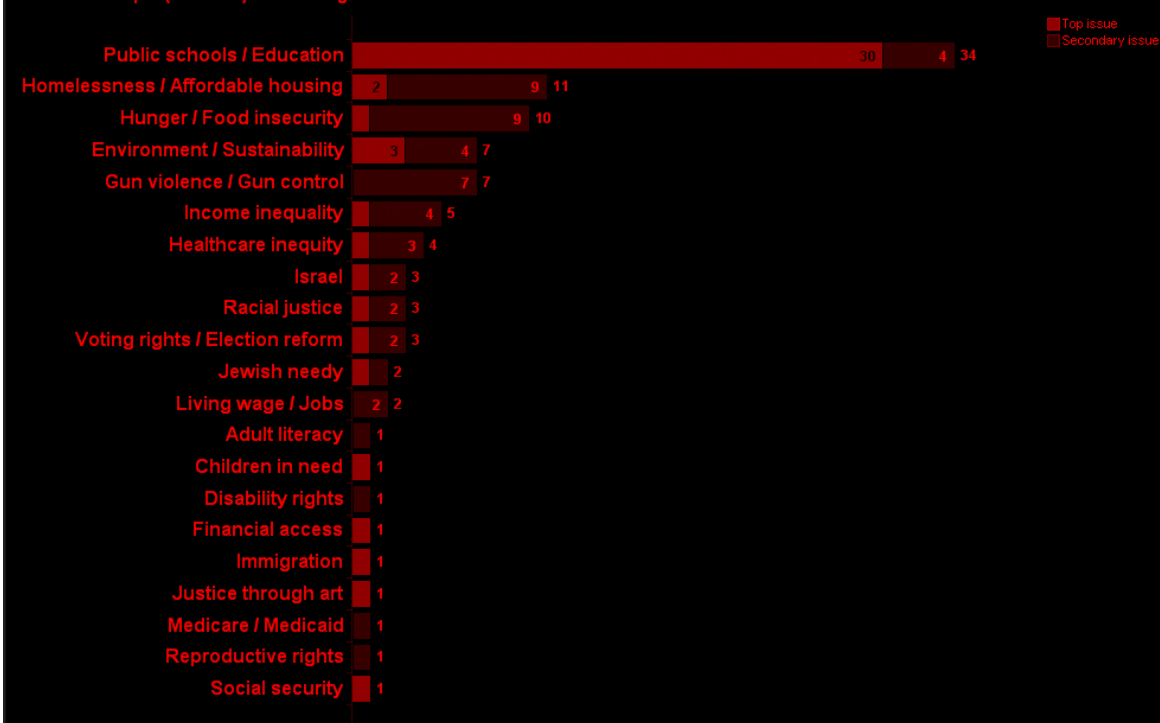
they might be in working on those issues through GJC. Participants were also queried about their interest in GJC collaborating with nearby congregations of other faiths on social action work. The campaign was part of the group's efforts to energize justice work at GJC and plan for the future. This one-on-one process is one of the main organizing tools utilized by community organizing groups such as POWER, who helped train the SAC volunteers; this was a first effort to try out this method within our congregation.

Here's a summary of what the SAC volunteers learned: Education and public schools was cited by 75% of those interviewed, with 66% citing it as their top issue. Other issues mentioned include gun violence, homelessness and food insecurity and the environ-

ment, although as the graph on the left indicates, these trailed education by a large margin. The committee was also pleased to learn that a large percentage of those interviewed are interested in getting involved in social justice work and in working with members of other congregations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, within our area.

Next steps? SAC members are using the information learned from the interviews to aid planning for 2014. The lay and professional leadership are also beginning to discuss whether it is possible to organize energies within GJC to help us pull together on our common shared concern. Stay tuned.....

Number of People (out of 45) Mentioning Each Issue



Number of People Interested In . . .





(October 2013 – November 2013)

IN CELEBRATION...

Carol Kaplan on her 80th birthday

Marty Kaplan on his 84th birthday

Naomi Klayman & Adina Abramowitz
on the birth of their granddaughter
Mirabella Ayan Wiesner

Josh Goldblum & Deborah Fishman on the birth of their grandson

Josh Goldblum & Deborah Fishman on the marriage of their
daughter Susannah Fishman to Matthew Breuninger

Michael Blackman on his retirement after over 38 years of service
with the federal government

Dena & Ed Lake on the engagement of their daughter

David Kanthor & Burgandy Holiday on the birth of their daughter
Florenzia Mildred

Josh & Erika Bauml on the birth of their son Max George

Leah & Norman Schwartz on the birth of their granddaughter,
Yehudis Meira Schwartz, daughter of Joel & Sydney Schwartz,
in Jerusalem.

David Picker & Ann Trail on their wedding

Lizanne Berger on her 50th birthday

Numi Mansdorf & Steven Nadel on the birth of their daughter, Maya

Addie Lewis Klein & Craig Klein on the birth of their son, Isaac

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Actor, father of **Neil Actor** and grandfather of **Rosie, Hannah,
& Eliana**

Frances "Frumel" M. Barr, mother of **Arnold Barr**

Dorothy Snellenburg, sister of **Marcia Landesberg**

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Shabbat Chai-Lites

January 3 & 4

- Carlebach Shabbat • Beit Midrash • Kol D'mamah
- Musical Marching Minyan • Family Service

January 10 & 11

- Tot Shabbat • Beit Midrash
- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit
- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Nayan Klur, son of Joshua Klur & Nilmini Klur, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

January 18

- Ralph Granger Memorial Shabbat • Beit Midrash

January 24 & 25

- Kol Zimrah • Beit Midrash

February 1

- Beit Midrash • Kol D'mamah
- Musical Marching Minyan
- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Tillie Donover, daughter of Sandra & Scott Donover, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

February 7 & 8

- Carlebach Shabbat • Beit Midrash
- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit
- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Charlie Gandleman & Alexis Braverman, daughter of Rona Pietrzak & Amiel Braverman, on their aufruf
- Tot Havdallah

February 15

- Beit Midrash
- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Rebecca Rome, daughter of Jonathan & Susan Rome, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

February 22

- Beit Midrash

February 28 & March 1

- Kol Zimrah • Beit Midrash
- Kol D'mamah • Musical Marching Minyan
- Minha/Havdallah – Mazal tov to Isadora Barnett, daughter of Benjamin Barnett & Wendy Schwartz, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Kabbalat Shabbat/Carlebach Shabbat/Kol Zimrah

Fridays at 6 PM

Shabbat Morning

Services at 10 AM

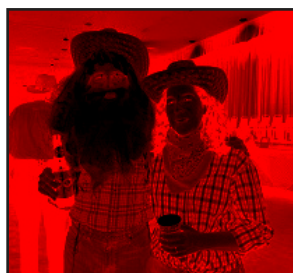
Kol D'mamah at 10 AM

Musical Marching Minyan at 10:15 AM

Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit at 11 AM

Shabbat Morning Kids Space - Room 305

Kids are welcome to play Shabbat-friendly games in Room 305 - bring your own and some will be provided. Please respect the space, clean up after yourselves and put all games away after use.



Last year's Purim Bash was a blast - don't miss this one!

Germantown Jewish Centre

unites as a community to support and present

Public Schools in Crisis: Striving for Educational Justice SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014

The 30th Annual Ralph
Granger Memorial
Shabbat



9:45 AM Minyan Masorti in Temin Canteen Room
10:00 AM Charry Service in Charry Sanctuary
10:00 AM Dorshei Derekh in Maslow Auditorium
12:15 PM Light Kiddush Lunch in Marcus Auditorium
1:15 PM Speakers and Discussion
(*Extended childcare provided*)

How did the current Philadelphia public schools crisis come about? What is full and fair funding and why is it crucial for Philadelphia and entire state? How does a strong public school system effect our neighborhood? How do budget cuts effect the every day lives of students? And what can we do to help?

We will discuss these questions and more with our panelists including:

Donna Cooper, Executive Director of PCCY (Public Citizens for Children & Youth); Dalya Hahn, GJC Member and Central High School Student; and Rhonda Weinstein, Executive Director of the Education Law Center. The program will be moderated by GJC Members Andi Moselle and Elliott Seif

Granger Memorial Shabbat is generously supported by the
Paul and Hilda Minkoff Ralph Granger Memorial Endowment



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 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, Social Action Committee and Hazak for co-sponsoring this event.



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Barb & Dick Menin love to travel, here they are on the Scottish Island of (Mainland) Orkney at the Ringer of Brodgar (Neolithic stones that may be older than Stonehenge)

Barbara and Dick Menin are Shabbat regulars in the Charry Service and are active in the Women's Club and Men's Club respectively, but in addition to their communal activities, it is notable how serious they are about exploring the rich substance in Jewish texts and prayer. They engage in Jewish study and come to the Saturday morning service with appreciation and continuous curiosity.

Dick, 68, a Gastroenterologist, was raised in the Cedarbrook neighborhood of Philadelphia. He attended Central High, Temple University and Temple Medical School. During his medical training, Dick was attracted to a new technology just then becoming available to physicians: endoscopic equipment, used extensively by gastroenterologists to view the inside of the digestive tract.

"It transformed the field from something based on information generated by medical histories, which aren't always terribly accurate, to something where we can see what's going on inside and ultimately do something about it," he says. The excitement over the new technology went viral. Of the 24 doctors in training with Dick, 16 went into gastroenterology.

Dick was in private practice for about 20 years but, he says, when "malpractice insurance got too obscene and a lot of practices were bought out by hospitals, I became an employee of Einstein hospital."

Dick comes from Orthodox roots, which in the next generation were

Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

characterized by disengagement from Judaism. "My mother's family was kind of Orthodox," he says. "They lived in Overbrook Park and went to a shul roughly the size of the first floor of our home. I couldn't relate to it at all."

His paternal grandfather was sent to a yeshiva in Czarist Russia and "was completely disillusioned by the hypocrisy of the students, studying great works and great rabbis during the day but treating each other shabbily otherwise." Dick's grandfather became a Communist and spent time in Czarist jails. On the day of Dick's uncle's brit in 1905, there was a pogrom. Like many other American Jews, Dick thanks the Czar for his family immigrating to America.

"My father considered himself Jewish but had no Jewish education," he says. "When my parents had an aliyah at my bar mitzvah, my father had to learn the prayer in transliteration. It was the first and last Hebrew I think he spoke. But he felt as Jewish as anybody else, despite the fact that he was not an observant person."

Dick's mother sent him to the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center. "Two or three boys were bar mitzvahed every Saturday," he recalls. His own bar mitzvah was devoid of content. "It wasn't seen as something I would learn from," he says. "It was something I had to do. The school was not geared toward giving you a great Jewish experience. It was not intellectual at all. We gave no speeches. We each did a third of the haftarah and no Torah reading. The night before my bar mitzvah, I was told to read the second paragraph of the Aleinu in English. The rabbi's only major advice was, when it says 'all idolaters shall be abolished, don't say adulterers.'"

"It never occurred to him that he would say 'adultery,'" Barb interjects. "He was 13 years old." Nevertheless, right before his big day, Dick was most worried about not making the gaffe.

Given that his Jewish experience wasn't positive or joyful, Dick decided that unless he was going to a wedding or a bar mitzvah, he would never again

walk into another synagogue.

Divorced from his first wife, with a son, Scott, Dick was introduced to Barb on a blind date through his partner, whose wife was a colleague of hers at Hahnemann Hospital.

"Give her a call," he told me. I did. At the time, what did I know from dating? I'd been married for 19 years, and dated my wife for a couple of years before that," he says. "I told Barb I'd pick her up, not realizing that on a blind date, you usually just meet someplace. But I did pick her up the old fashioned way." They married four years later in the living room of their home in Meadowbrook, near Jenkintown, where they live today.

Dick and his first wife had affiliated with Rodeph Sholom, a Reform synagogue "which I chose because they spoke English and I wasn't attracted to Hebrew," Dick says. "I wanted to understand what was going on." Scott attended a college in central Pennsylvania with a large non-Jewish population and became interested in Christianity.

Scott lived with Barb and Dick on college vacations and around the time they were to be married, Barb decided she wanted to learn more about Judaism, to "counterbalance Scott's interest in Christianity," she says. "The only way you could study Judaism almost 20 years ago was to take conversion classes, so I did that with the idea maybe I would convert, maybe not."

The program lasted a year and at the end of it, Barb decided to convert. "We koshered our kitchen," she says. "I wanted Scott to think, every time he took something out of the refrigerator, that he was Jewish and this was part of it. I don't know if it was the right thing to do. It had no effect whatsoever."

Dick's family is, as he puts it, a religiously blended one. He and Barb follow in the footsteps of his uncle, who married a Catholic who "always had Christmas Eve and Christmas Day parties and celebrated Passover. That's what we still do," Barb says. "One of

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Dick's cousins has a huge family Christmas party and Dick and I share the Passover seder with Dick's sister."

Barb, 62, grew up on the Cheltenham side of Glenside and was a Presbyterian. "My grandmother lived with us and was very religious," she says. "My mother was a Sunday school teacher and my father couldn't stand church. My brother and I were made to go to church until we were in high school when we both said we were done with it.

"I never felt a connection," Barb says. "Church was cold. It didn't do anything for kids. I didn't make a lot of friends. When I told my parents I was converting, neither one was fazed." Her mother's response was, 'You were always interested in Judaism.' Nothing more was said. "They came to my conversion ceremony. They were more surprised I found any religion."

Barb went to nursing school on the fast track after her father told her she could do anything she wanted to do as long as she would pay for it. "I became an RN at 20, started working and moved out of the house." Barb had an itch to experience another part of the world. She learned about a Neurology/Neurosurgery post-graduate program for nurses in London and in September, 1976 she left the United States. After a month, she realized she loved London and wanted to stay. She lived there for seven years, until 1983.

"Then I wanted to come back," she says. "I certainly was not British. But I didn't feel all that American anymore, either. I decided maybe I would go to Canada. There's a famous neurological institute in Montreal, so I started taking French lessons in England. I planned this a year ahead. My last month abroad, I went to the south of France and spent a month in an intensive French language class. I spent three weeks with a French family who didn't speak any English. It was a fabulous experience."

When she came home, she realized she needed a job until she regrouped. "I was home on Sunday and

had a job by Wednesday. I became entrenched in the American way of life," she says. "It takes a lot of energy to live in another country. I was 30- something at that point and I didn't want to have to find new friends all over again. I liked what I was doing. I got my bachelors degree at night and worked in critical care and was a flight nurse for a year on a University MedEvac, the helicopter and flight program for Hahnemann.

One of her most vivid memories from that time was flying to the Lehigh Valley to rescue people from a serious car accident. The helicopter circled, looking for a clearing and Barb could see traffic stopped in both directions, waiting for their helicopter to land. "Only a nurse could think that was really cool," she says, smiling. After a year, Barb realized she kept getting airsick and decided it was time for a change.

"Then I met Dick. I was working from 3 to 11 pm in the trauma unit at Hahnemann and when we got more serious, I got a day job," she says. Barb became a critical care educator and received a master's degree at Penn as a Nurse Practitioner. For many years, she worked in a family practice and is now on the adjunct faculty at Drexel University in their College of Nursing and Health Professions. "I teach online courses to RNs who are pursuing a Bachelors Degree and I also teach in the clinical area, mostly in Geriatrics," she says.

After Barb and Dick married, they went shul shopping. As Dick puts it, "Now that you've converted, you don't go home and do nothing. Judaism is about community, not the individual. If we're going to do this we should get involved and be part of a synagogue and make it meaningful.

When they arrived at GJC for a Friday night service, Barb was still in her conversion class and yet she was confronted with a service virtually all in Hebrew. "I didn't speak any Hebrew," she recalls, "but I loved the spirit of it, what I've since come to know now as *ruach*." They joined GJC in 1995.

"GJC is a part of our life," Barb says. "I learned Hebrew. I don't know a lot of words, but I can read it. I read Torah and Haftarah" after studying with Eve

Pinkenson, a "wonderful teacher," she says. Barb and Dick took the Hebrew course for beginners and went on to a course in Biblical Hebrew.

Barb was asked to join the Women's Club Board shortly after she joined. In 2000-1, she and Susan Sternthal became co-presidents. Last year, she was co-president with Maxine Feldman. Today, she is again co-president with Dena Lake. Dick was president of the Men's Club, from 2000-3. It was his idea to install a large Hanukiah on the front lawn.

Barb's involvement at GJC has intensified: She was a Charry representative on the committee to find an assistant rabbi. She was recording secretary on the GJC board. And, for the past two years, she has been a member of a Women's study group, which studies Jewish texts monthly.

"Last year," she says, "we studied the Cairo Geniza (a collection of some 300,000 medieval Jewish manuscript fragments found in the storeroom of a Cairo synagogue) from the women's point of view."

Dick's interest in Judaism is rooted in the questioning it honors. He has studied Talmud, Kabbalah (Jewish mystical texts), and Mussar, a character building Jewish practice. "These are important things for you to know if you call yourself a learned Jew," he says. "In the crowd I work with, I'm the rabbi. In the crowd I learn with at GJC, I'm the gentile.

"Why is Shabbat such a big thing in Judaism? Why can't I do x, y and z?" he continues, warming to the subject. "To me, there's a lot we do in life that you have to do: make a living, fix the door when it's broken etc. Then there should be a time when you ask yourself the question 'what's it all about.' The answer will be different every week. You slowly change your life a little bit to make sure your life is going in the direction you want it to go."

Sitting in the sunroom of their house, overlooking a lush wood, Dick and Barb seem to be two people who have moved their lives in the direction they want to go.

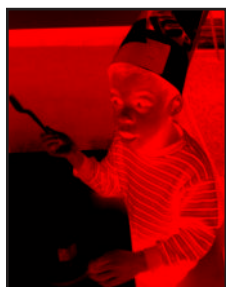
Early Childhood Program (ECP)

By Jodi Gordon, Interim ECP Director



During the fall, with the season's vibrant beauty all around, the children were busy exploring the wonders of autumn. They examined the fabulous colors, cool wind, falling leaves, growing pumpkins and more. You can see some of our children's masterpieces hanging throughout the ECP hallways. Come check it out!

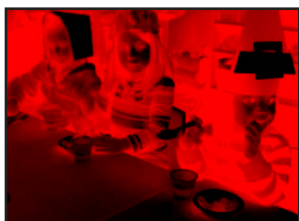
With the conflation of Thanksgiving



Our Pre-K Thanksgiving Celebration

and Hanukah the children had the opportunity to explore two very special Holidays. The Infant and Toddlers came together for a fabulous feast including some home made muffins made by our Dubonim class. They were enjoyed by all! Our pre-school Gesher, Bonim and Gan Katan classes came together for a wonderful feast full of songs, poetry and a scrumptious menu including pumpkin bread, sweet potato pie and apple/cranberry crisp.

We emphasized the importance of being thankful for both the holidays of Thanksgiving and Hanukah and discussed the similarities and differences between them and what we were thankful for. It was a wonderful teaching moment and some of our classes even made Tzedakah boxes as a culminating project.



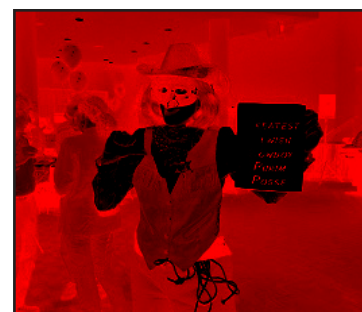
Our Pre-K students dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans

We also celebrated Hanukah with a very festive ECP Family Hanukah Celebration on December 4th. We sang, danced and enjoyed latkes and laughter together as a community. It was a wonderful evening had by all!



Thanksgiving feast for our infants and toddlers

Please come to see us! Volunteer your time to read a story, or assist during an



**Join us at this year's
Purim Bash on
Saturday, March 8!**

art, science or construction project. Join us for Tot Shabbat Tu bi'Sh'vat on Friday, January 10 at 6PM.

Happy New Year!

Tot Shabbat & Holidays

at Germantown Jewish Centre

2013-2014

Fri. Jan. 10	Tot Shabbat*
Sat. Feb. 8	Tot Havdallah*
Sun. Mar. 16	GJC Celebrates! Purim & Carnival (9:30 am)
Fri. Apr. 11	Tot Shabbat*
Fri. May 9	Tot Shabbat*
Fri. July 11	Tot Shabbat*

*Requires advanced registration & payment

Tot Shabbat & Holiday programs are especially geared towards toddlers and pre-schoolers and their families.

It's your opportunity to celebrate and learn while allowing your kids to be kids! Join Rabbi Adam Zeff for food, fun, and learning!

Unless otherwise noted we begin at 6 PM in the Marcus Auditorium with singing, marching and a puppet show led by Rabbi Adam. This interactive program is followed by a simple yet delicious catered meal that begins at 6:30 PM.

Cost is \$5 per person (adult & child alike) and reservations are required.

Contact Elana Shaw at elana@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215.844.1507 X19 for more info or to RSVP



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Women's Club News

Building Beautiful

Barb Menin and Dena Lake, co-presidents of Women's Club

Plans are moving ahead for the installation of the Platform Lift in the Religious School. A huge thank you to all our donors for helping us to make our building more accessible. Stay tuned for updates!

A quick review: In October Dr. David Fish, an anesthesiologist and co-president of GJC's Men's Club, shared with Men's and Women's Club about his trip to Rwanda on a medical mission...a major mitzvah. He spent 2 weeks providing anesthesia to women who required surgery not otherwise available to them. He was able to take a day off and travel into the interior to "meet" and observe the gorillas. His experience of both the mission and the gorillas was fascinating and he mesmerized us with his slides and stories.

In November Bev Rosen reviewed 2 books about Marc Chagall, a biography by Jonathan Wilson called *Marc Chagall (Jewish Encounter)* and *My Life* his autobiography. Bev wove Chagall's extraordinary story with her trademark wit and story-telling ability along with solid research. It was a fascinating morning discussing this artist who experienced the Russian Revolution, 2 world wars, and an escape from the Nazis, while never forgetting his shtetl roots, painting and creating throughout his 95 years.

Join us for Movie Night with our own Susan Sternthal - January 11th @ 7 PM

Join us for an evening that takes us back to the great Hollywood era of the 1950s as we watch *Indiscreet* starring the debonair Cary Grant and the beautiful Ingrid Bergman.

Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

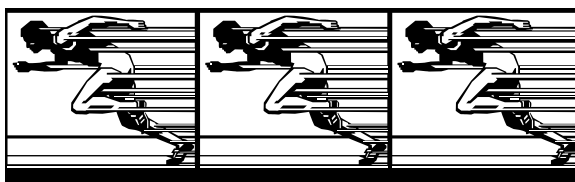
By Hazak Co-Chairs,
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

There was too much else to participate in and celebrate in December, Hazak took the month off, but we will make up for it in January! Please join us on Sunday, January 26 at 10 AM as we welcome GJC member and Professor Michael Steinlauf speaking on "The Polish Jew: Then and Now." Those of you who have taken his course at Gratz know what a superb speaker he is. But whether you've heard him before or not, please join us on January 26.

We already have 59 paid up members, but we know there are more of you out there that want to support and be involved with Hazak! Our modest \$10 dues provide you with access to 6 or more programs throughout the year as well as our monthly book group. Our programs always include a nosh, as well as great company and compelling conversations. Please join us!

We wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Hazak is the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's organization for Jewish men and women, 55 years and older. The name HAZAK is an acronym. The het stands for Hokhma (wisdom), that zayan for Ziknah (maturity) and the kuph for Kadima (looking ahead). The Rhea Shils Chapter of Hazak at Germantown Jewish Centre has offered programs that appeal to a wide audience since 2003.



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

IN JANUARY

EVERYTHING IN THE SHOP* WILL BE 20% OFF

And if you take advantage of the Early Bird Special in January, Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 3, everything will be 30% off*

**In February Monthly Special is 10% off
All Jewelry and Ahava products**

(The Monthly Special discount in February can be combined with the Early Bird for a 20% discount.)

**And on Sundays in February
everything in the shop* will be 20% OFF**

Here are our NEW hours

Sunday	9:30 – 12:30	Wednesday	12:00 – 7:30
Monday	Closed	Thursday	12:00 – 5:00
Tuesday	12:00 – 7:30	Friday	12:00 – 4:00

***except Wine, Books, Mezuzah Scrolls, Tefillin and Sale Items**



Come dress up for the Purim Bash!



Women's Clothing Giveaway VIII February 23, 2014

The annual GJC Women's Clothing Giveaway has become a beloved event on the neighborhood calendar. In 2012, Dr. Anne Shlay, our in-house sociologist, interviewed attendees. Here is what she learned:

- Respondents were very enthusiastic about the Giveaway. When asked their primary reason for attending, fully 36% reported that it was fun and another 18% liked socializing with their friends and meeting people. **The social aspect comprised 54% of all responses.**

- People were also socially conscious and liked being part of a do-good event. About one-fifth (20%) liked raising money for a good cause. The environmental aspect of the event (reusing of clothes) was a turn-on for about 5%, **so for over a quarter of the attendees, eco-social benefits were a primary motivation.**

- Of course, people liked getting new clothes, getting rid of old ones and not having to pay for what they got, even if that was not their primary

motivation for attending. **For 15%, getting rid of old clothes was key; acquiring new clothes (15%) and shopping for clothes for free (23%) were also important.**

- People also reported that they liked **building community** and commented on how the attendees and the volunteers were friendly and nice. One said she "liked the vibe." Another characterized the event as a "**win-win.**" A few commented on how well run it is and fun for kids as well (that is, for very young daughters).

Based on Anne's research, we are delighted to know we have indeed created a fun, win-win event. Under the leadership of Genie Ravital, who commands a legion of annual volunteers, the Giveaway continues to delight. We will repeat last year's experiment, sorting the clothing the night before. This **Erev Clothing Giveaway** session was great fun, and lightens the morning pressure to be ready for shoppers at 11:00 AM.

Proceeds from this year will go to

Dining For Women, an international giving circle which supports grassroots women's empowerment initiatives in low resource communities. Many



Photo Credit: Shoshanna Wiesner

Shoppers of all ages enjoy the Clothing GiveAway!

GJC women belong to one of the three local Weavers Way Dining For Women chapters. Partnering with DFW will add a new stream of clothing donors, volunteers, and attendees, yet another win-win. There is a fourth Mt. Airy DFW chapter comprised of mothers and their 11-year-old daughters, so look for a 'tween crowd, too!

To volunteer, contact GenieBud@gmail.com. For more information, head to www.womensclothinggiveaway.com

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Proceeds benefit GJC (including General Fund & Youth Activities), community programs & the State of Israel. Thank you!

**The Annual Passport to Israel Purim fundraiser drawing
will be held at GJC's Purim carnival
on Sunday, March 16, 2014.**

First prize is a trip for two to Israel — a \$4,000 value — or \$4,000 in State of Israel bonds. Second prize - \$360; third prize - \$180.

Ticket sales are limited to 500. No cash prize in lieu of first prize of Israel trip or Israel bonds. Sponsored by GJC Men's Club. You need not be present at drawing to win. Winning ticket valid for one year.

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Pinat Hinuch – Education Corner

Reflections on Generosity

By Rabbi Educator Alanna Sklover

Before the new year, the students in the GJC Religious School began taking a 360 degree look at the idea of *Tikkun Olam*, the Jewish imperative to repair the world. From being members of a Mitzvah Squad, to planning a fundraiser for the Jaffa Institute (an organization serving at-risk youth in Tel Aviv), to making reusable shopping bags from old tee-shirts, to exploring Jewish justice values through improv drama games, our 2nd-6th grade *breirot* (electives) invited our students to envision ways in which they can make a difference in the world around them, and discover how these acts can be tied to their Jewish identities.

In the *Talmud Bavli* (Sanhedrin 17b) we learn that a *talmid haham* (scholar) should not reside within a city unless ten specific conditions are

met: A court of justice, a charity fund collected by two and distributed by three, a synagogue, a bathhouse, a public restroom, a *mohel*, a surgeon, a notary, a kosher butcher, and a school-master. For the rabbis of the *Talmud*, just as it for us today, upholding human dignity is at the core of what it ought to mean to be a part of a community, and it is in this goal, above all, that we should invest our time, our finances, and our mental prowess. Our traditions; reinforcing *halacha*, worship, observing circumcision and *kashrut*, engaging in Jewish learning, are only one piece of the puzzle. We must also collect and distribute charity funds, safeguard public health, and insure accessibility to legal and educational services for all.

As our students engage in their

studies of *Tikkun Olam*, we are also raising money to support other students in the Philadelphia Public Schools. The class that raises the most money will select a classroom to support through the website www.DonorsChoose.org, connecting their classrooms to those of their peers across our wider community.

I want to invite you, as our semester and year continues, to join us in our learning and living out of the Jewish value of envisioning and building a just world – whether through engaging your children in conversation about their *breira*, making a donation to the Religious School general fund, or by joining us on Monday, January 20th as we volunteer as a GJC community for MLK Day of Service (more details to follow).

Social Action Update

Henry School Library Program *Still* Going Strong!

By Renee S. Levine

Started as a project of GJC's Social Action Committee, the Introduction to the Library Story Hour has been operating at the C.W. Henry School since February 2009. The program began by serving eight classes, ranging from Kindergarten through third grade. The story telling originally took place in the school library, which was also revitalized by volunteers from GJC. Now, the Story Hour volunteers are welcomed to classrooms instead.

Volunteers who read to the children range from parents of Henry students, as well as GJC and other neighborhood volunteers. Volunteer story readers have found the experience very rewarding and several have reported students spotting them around the neighborhood and saying

hello, and "Didn't you read to my class in kindergarten?" Clearly, we have made an impression.

Along with the Story Hour, we were fortunate to connect with Eugene Okamoto of the Harvest Book Company. He is an alumna of the C.W. Henry School and graciously donated books that we distributed to the classes in our program. These books were donated for students to keep and take home to read! The first distribution occurred at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Some years we increased the book distribution to three times a year. The students very much appreciate being able to take books home.

Thank you so much to the volunteers who made the Story Hour a success last year: Sandy Meyer, Leah

Corsover, Ellen Frankel, Jeanne Allen, Rona Pietrzak, and Barbara Jaffe. Barbara Jaffe coordinated our volunteers, and Dena Lake facilitated the distribution of the books donated by Eugene Okamoto, Harvest Books.

We have now begun the 2013 – 2014 school year with a wonderful group of old and new volunteers: Leah Corsover, Mindelle Goldstein, Ellen Frankel, Jean Allen, Nina Gordon, Sandi Cohen, Pesha Leichter, Helen Feinberg and Sandy Meyer. Thank you to Sandy Meyer who is organizing our volunteers and helping with distributing the books to students, donated by Harvest Book Company. Thank you to Dena Lake for her ongoing support, and to Renee Levine for making sure the Story Hour is up and running again this year!!

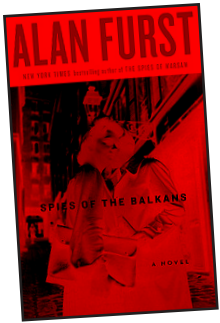
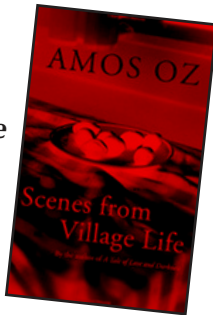
PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet at Germantown Jewish Centre in the Quitman Library. 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 Vilma Lieberman at vilmablue@yahoo.com or 215-885-5753.

January 14
Scenes from Village Life
by Amos Oz



February 11
Spies of the Balkans
by Alan Furst

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Adult Education 2014/5774

Please review the chart below for our courses at a glance. Advanced registration is requested for all courses. Contact the office to register.

Title	Instructor(s)	Timing	Dates	Cost Members/ Non Members
Center City Lunch & Learn: Lawyers & Ethics in Films	Rabbi Zeff & Others	Wednesdays 12:15-1:30 pm	Monthly—Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5	\$150/200 (CLE credit can be obtained for additional fees)
Davening (Prayer) 101	Rabbi Zeff & Rabbi Lewis	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar 4	\$100/125
Jewish Practices in Death & Mourning	Rabbi Lewis & Rabbi Zeff	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	\$50/65
Improvise Painting: Unleash Your Inner Artist	Dina Pinsky & Mikael Elsilá	Sundays 10 am—12 Noon	Feb 9 and/or Mar 2	\$10/15 (per session—you may register for one or both)
Seeing is Believing: Collage Cut & Paste	Meri Adelman	Mondays 3-4 pm or Tuesdays 7-8 pm	Mar 17, 24, 31 or Mar 18, 25; Apr 1	\$50/60
Shabbat in Community: Papercut Mural	Mindy Shapiro	Sundays 10 am—12 Noon	Mar 2 and/or 9	\$18/25 (per session—you may register for one or both)



Save the Date!



It's up to you and it's up to me to create a vibrant and thriving Jewish community here in Greater Philadelphia, in Israel and in the Former Soviet Union. Together, we can kick off Federation's 2014 Campaign and have an extraordinary impact on the lives of our people who need our support.

Please plan on being a part of Federation's Super Sunday phon-a-thon on Sunday, February 9, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr. Working together, we will make the calls that make the difference – enlisting our friends 'and families' involvement in a true mitzvah!

Super Sunday Co-Chairs Sheree and Wayne Bloch and Robin and Greg Zappin urge you to sign up for the morning, afternoon or evening shifts today by calling 215.832.0630 or emailing supersunday@jfgp.org.

Melevah Malkah Concert



We invite you to a fundraiser concert to benefit Germantown Jewish Centre featuring our members, clergy and staff! We will begin with a participatory Havdallah and then move right into a musical extravaganza allowing us to hold on to the spiritual high of Shabbat. We will bring in the new week “Kol Zimrah style” with joyful Jewish music from around the world. The concert features vocalists Rabbi Zeff, Rabbi Lewis & Nina Peskin as well as Mikael Elsila (piano), Jonathan Singer & Yosef Goldman (percussion), Cheryl Bettigole (clarinet) and Elliott Seif (accordion)!

Saturday, February 1 from 7-9 pm

It's a fundraiser for GJC! Suggested donation is \$10 per person and up (the sky is the limit), but no one will be turned away for lack of funds*

Advanced registration not necessary, but if you want to let us know you're coming or if you have questions please contact Elana Shaw at 215.844.1507 X19 or program@germantownjewishcentre.org

*Limited number of volunteer opportunities available in lieu of payment. Contact Elana Shaw for details.



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Contributions For the period of October through November, 2013

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In advance of Tu bi'Sh'vat Gina will concentrate on teaching some floral designs too.

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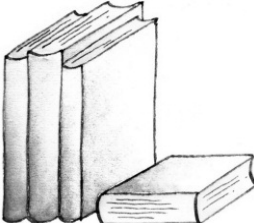
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