Volume 21, Issue No. 4

ADAR 5773

MARCH 2013

A Quest for Questions, A Season for Stories

By Rabbi Annie Lewis

rowing up, whenever I would come home

from school, my mother would ask me the same question: "Did you ask any good questions today?" One of my favorite things about Judaism is the value we place on asking good questions. My mother's daily ritual of inquiry led me to feel at home in the world of Torah study. I am grateful for the gift of Torah, forever unfolding - an infinite web of questions and stories. I believe all of our voices and stories are part of the ongoing revelation of what it means to be human.

We are entering the prime season for questions and stories as Passover comes closer. According to the kabbalists, the name of the holiday, Pesach, can be read as two words, Peh Sach, which mean "a speaking mouth." The holiday invites us into dialogue with stories, those of our ancestors and those from our own lives. We place objects on our seder plate precisely so that the children will ask questions. We fill our mouths with matzah, known as lechem oni, commonly translated as the bread of poverty. In a play on words, the Talmud teaches that matzah is called lechem oni because "we need to (onim) answer many words over it" (Pesachim 36a). Finding our voice is an essential part of our story of liberation and it is through language that we fashion our identity as a free people.

On Rosh Chodesh Adar, I had the privilege of participating in an inter-

generational gathering of GJC women organized by Melissa Klein, Dena Lake and Anne Shlay. In a circle of chairs in Anne's living room, a group of women from different walks of life in our GJC community shared stories of our foremothers and the lessons they have taught us. I spoke about my grandmother, Ann, my namesake, recounting how she fought to go to college and how she was known in her yearbook as the Fanny Brice of the dorm. Listening to precious memories of women from our community, I was reminded of the power of stories to speak to the heart. In that circle, we experienced how stories invite laughter and tears and weave threads of empathy for the mystery and magic of human existence.

Marshall Ganz, a community organizer and Professor of Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School teaches that stories tap into our search for agency in our lives and in the world. He writes, "We are all infinitely curious in learning how to be agents of change, how to be people who make good choices under circumstances that are unexpected and unknown to us." The story we tell on Passover, our foundational story of the Exodus from Egypt, gives us a glimpse into how change happens. It offers us hope that like our ancestors, we, too, might have the courage to face the unknown, to come out of our most narrow places and to lead lives of dignity and depth.

This month, as we stock up on unleavened products and scrub the corners of our homes in preparation for Passover, I hope we will take some time to share our stories with one another. At Kid-

dush, at the Co-op or over coffee, I invite us to discover the common threads and the colorful differences that infuse our community with life. Below are four(ish) questions for starting a conversation with someone you know or someone you don't yet know in the GJC community.

- What experiences in your life led you to become part of the GJC community?
- What is a particularly meaningful moment you have experienced in the context of the GJC community?
- What are your hopes for our synagogue community and for our city in the next ten years?

continued on page 2

Program Highlights

Healthcare Justice, Part II:
"The Affordable Care Act and You"

March 3

Women's Shabbat & Scholar-in-Residence March 9

Kids Stuff Giveaway
March 10

"Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story" Film Screening March 13

> Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Men's Club March 17

Workmen's Circle Chorus Concert sponsored by Hazak March 17

Pre-Pesach Chinese Dinner *March 22*

President's Message



Connecting to what still needs to change

By Mitch Marcus, GJC President

n early November, soon after the High

Holidays and Sukkot, Minyan Dorshei Derekh invited the entire congregation to join it for a special Shabbat davening and afternoon program in memory of Stefan Presser z"l, as it has every year since his death in 2005. The Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat celebrates Stefan's passionate commitment to the struggle against social injustice; Stefan was the legal director of the Pennsylvania ACLU for 21 years and a long-time member of GIC

This year's focus was "Transgender Jews: Moving Toward the Blessing of Inclusiveness." The afternoon program drew well over 200 people from across GJC, leaving standing room only. Our speakers were Nurit Shein, the executive director of Mazzoni Center, a health center serving Philadelphia's LGBT community, and our own members Rabbi David Teutsch, Yoel Solis and Leiah Moser.

The first two presentations framed the larger issues. Nurit presented a primer to the transition process from male to female or vice versa, while David showed us that the rabbis of the Talmud presumed that gender was not binary, and often presented Halachic modifications for various gender categories.

But the heart of the presentation was the telling of the journeys, still ongoing, of Yoel and Leiah. The packed room was completely silent as Yoel and Leiah each told their remarkably moving and compelling stories of identity and change. The questions that followed were answered with open, powerful responses. Rather than review these journeys in limited space, you can find a portrait of Yoel and his partner

Matthew is January's Centre Call; Leiah's presentation can be found on Dorshei Derekh's blog.

Earlier, during the morning's D'var Torah, Rabbi Annie Lewis raised two questions that continue to echo within me during these intervening months. They are central questions for GJC.

Rabbi Lewis began with Isaac coming from Be'er Lechai Ro'i, "the Well of the Living One who sees me," named by Hagar after God showed her water there after Abraham sent her and Ishmael into the desert. Rabbi Lewis suggests that Isaac, almost sacrificed by his father, went to the same place Hagar did to reconnect with life at this place of seeing. And Rabbi Lewis asked "what can we do to make our 'community of communities' here at Germantown Jewish Centre best resemble Be'er Lechai Ro'i, an oasis of seeing and being seen?"

Rabbi Lewis asked us to wrestle with a question her teacher Merle Feld once asked her: "Are you more connected with what has changed already or with what still needs to change?" The context of her teacher's question was the struggle within the Jewish Theological Seminary as it began to admit LGBT students, and Rabbi Lewis's own commitment to struggling for change while a rabbinical student.

But Rabbi Lewis's question has power for the entire GJC community, given our proud history of being in the vanguard of change within the Conservative movement, on women's rights in the 40's and 50's, on support for a fully integrated community in the 60's and 70's, on support for multiple prayer services since the 70's, and most recently on full integration of lesbian and gay, and most recently transgender, Jews into our community.

Again and again, we have been challenged to move beyond the signif-

icant change already achieved as each generation at GJC has been challenged to even more change by the next. We are proud of the changes that we embraced long before they became the norm, for good reason. But we should be even prouder of our willingness since the founding of GJC to embrace continual growth and continual change. Remarkably, even now we remain firmly more connected to what needs to change than what has.

Unlike many other Conservative shuls, we continue to thrive. Core to our vitality is our commitment to change what needs to change, with each change laying the moral foundation for the next. May we continue to change, and may we continue to thrive!

(For Rabbi Lewis's D'var Torah as well as Leiah Moser's presentation, do an internet search for "Rabbi Lewis Leiah transgender." For the text of David Teutsch's presentation, search for "Teutsch mishna GJC transgender.")

Rabbi's Message

Continued from page 1

• What justice issues are you most passionate about? What stories from your life move you to action in the world around you?

In the spirit of generating new questions, what questions are on your mind this Pesach? I am eager to receive your questions at rabbilewis@germantownjewishcentre.org. I will compile them and send them out to the community to spark story-telling at our seder tables and in our synagogue halls.

This *Peh sach* season, as we speak our truths, ask our questions and share our stories, may we be blessed with a taste of redemption.

The Centre Call Germantown Jewish Centre



(December 2012-January 2013)

IN CELEBRATION...

Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, on her 96th birthday in May

Eric Brunner & Leah Weisman, on the naming ceremony of their daughter Anna

Evelyn Eskin & David Major, on their 50th wedding anniversary

Matti Hollo, on earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting

Barb & Dick Menin, on their 20th wedding anniversary

Amy Schrager & Craig Barkan, on the birth of their son, Joshua Lev Barkan

Charlie Noam Trey-Masters, son of Beulah Trey & Steve Masters, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Maxine Feldman, on her retirement from Abington Hospital's Hematology Lab

Chuck & Martha Schleifer, on the engagement of their son Marc

Frieda & Milton Sanders, on their special birthdays

IN MEMORIAM

David Perelman, father of Donald Perelman

Lois Cutler, mother of **Jane Greenspan** and grandfather of Kate & Emily

Stanley Elkman, father of Carol Schwartz of blessed memory, father-in-law of Elliot Schwartz, grandfather of Wendy Schwartz and great-grandfather of Isa, Cele & Judah

Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy

Beatrice Chazin, grandmother of Devorah Lissek

Marvin Flisser, father of Grace Flisser

Murray Janus, father of Beth Janus

Albert Falkove, uncle of Rachel Falkove



ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays at 10 AM \$5 per session

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



Shabbat Chai-Lites

March 1 & 2

- Carlebach Shabbat
 - Tot Shabbat
- Charry Service Mazel Tov to Jake Shapiro, son of Jessica & Mathieu, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
 - Kol D'mamah

March 8 & 9

Minyan Masorti home hospitality Shabbat Dinner Potlucks
 Women's Shabbat & Scholar-in-Residence

March 15 & 16

Kol HaNoar

 9:30 AM – Charry Service/Minyan Masorti – Mazel Tov to Gabriel Goldberg, son of Jacob & Dana, on becoming Bar Mitzvah & Mazel Tov to Matthew Bacine (son of Marcy & Dan Bacine) and Alyse Levy on their Aufruf

• Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

March 22 & 23

- Pre-Pesach Chinese Dinner
 - Kol Zimrah
 - Charry Service –

Mazel Tov to Esther Feingold on her adult Bat Mitzvah

March 29 & 30

Pesach

April 5 & 6

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Men's Club Shabbat
 - Kol D'mamah
 - Pirke Avot Study

April 13

- Ginat Shabbat/Tot Shabbat in the Charry Service
 - Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit
 - Pirke Avot Study

April 19 & 20

- Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Shabbat & Installation of Rabbi Lewis
 - Scholar-in-Residence

Professor Arnold M. Eisen, JTS Chancellor

- Kol Zimrah
- Pirke Avot Study

April 27

- Charry Service Mazel Tov to Anna Kilmer and Phill Goldberg on their Aufruf
 - Pirke Avot Study

Kabbalat Shabbat/Carlebach Shabbat/Kol Zimrah Fridays at 6 PM

Shabbat Morning

Torah Study at 9 AM
Services at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)
Kol D'mamah at 10 AM
Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit at 11 AM



Fish Family

avid and Marcy Fish, members of the Charry minyan, have developed strong ties to the Germantown Jewish Centre and have a deep appreciation for the value of community.

Raised in Woodbridge, CT, a New Haven suburb, Marcy is the youngest in her family. Her father was an attorney, her mother a hospital lab technician. She had three older brothers, one of whom died in 1977. She graduated from Duke University School of Nursing and worked for two years before getting a Masters in Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

After graduate school, Marcy decided she wanted to be closer to Connecticut, so she looked up and down the Atlantic seaboard and decided on Philadelphia, where she knew three people, that was three more than she knew in Boston, New York or Washington.

Her first job here in Philly was at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She also worked at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, where she met David. Marcy's last full time job was as a nurse at the breast care center at the now-shuttered MCP (Medical College of Pennsylvania). More recently, Marcy has worked as a nurse at Camp Ramah for the past eight summers.

David was born in Philadelphia and raised in Havertown. His late father, Richard, was in advertising design and a well established artist. His mother, Fran, is living at the Quadrangle in Haverford. He has two sisters, Aimee and Suzanne. He went to public school at Haverford High School

Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

and to the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelors and a Masters degree. David didn't decide to go to medical school until late in undergraduate school, so when he wasn't admitted the first time he applied, he decided to get a masters in human genetics. He then went to Temple University medical school, training in internal medicine and anesthesia at Temple as well.

David did a fellowship in critical care at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and returned to Temple where he ran the surgical intensive care unit from 1983-88. From 1988 to 2011, he was division chief of anesthesia at Fox Chase. Since November 2011, he has been at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, where he is section chief for critical care in the department of anesthesia. (Physicians will appreciate these carefully worded titles, David notes, smiling.) David has two children from his first marriage, Rachel, 31, who lives in Madison WI and Andrew, 34, who lives in Manhattan.

Marcy and David met at Fox Chase in the fall of 1991 when she was assigned to a study on a drug for breast cancer patients in the intensive care unit, a study on which David was a consultant. "One day there was a knock on my door and there she was. We met over a breast cancer study about a year after my marriage was breaking up." Marcy was 34. David was 40. They were married in the winter of 1994. Their daughter, Emily was born in the spring of 1997.

They settled in Wyncote and began looking for a synagogue. They looked at GJC because of Marcy's connection to the Arbel Chorale, a community-based choral ensemble, where she has sung for 29 years. Sheldon Levin, then cantor at GJC, was the conductor.

"We were synagogue shopping," David recalls. "GJC was not the synagogue model I was familiar with. We walk in, the Friday night service is not in the sanctuary, but in a small undecorated room. There was a man walking around the room talking, but no rabbi was standing in front of the congregation, so initially I was confused about who was leading the service. Turns out, the service was being led by a congregant and the person walking around was Leonard Gordon, now Rabbi Emeritus, who was greeting people. In three minutes," David says emphatically, "Rabbi Gordon's D'var connected with me, I was moved."

David grew up in a Conservative synagogue in Havertown, the Suburban Jewish Community Center, which closed its doors several years ago. Marcy's background was similar. Marcy's family belonged to a conservative synagogue and she attended United Synagogue Youth and Camp Ramah. "She could speak Hebrew and I couldn't," David says.

They joined GJC in 1994. Their connection to Rabbi Gordon is filled with affection. "We say that he's very connected to Emily because doing Emily's naming was one of his first lifecycle events at GJC and officiating at her bat mitzvah was his last," Marcy says.

Asked how she became involved at GJC, Marcy remembers helping with the decorations for the auction in 1998. It was the beginning of her connection to Women's Club. Now she's involved with the Purim Bash, she volunteers with the Little Shop and serves on the board of the Women's Club.

Their daughter, Emily, attended Perelman and Saligman Jewish Day Schools and is now at Cheltenham High School. She reads Torah on Yom Kippur in the Charry and regularly at Camp Ramah, and is in her fourth year with Rosh Hodesh, It's a Girl's Thing continued on page 5

Member Spotlight

Continued from page 4

with three other GJC girls, whose participation is partially funded by Women's Club. The program is operated by Moving Traditions.

David's involvement began in 2003, when he got a phone call asking him to organize a Red Cross blood drive at GJC. He now sends emails, postcards and makes phone calls to bring blood donors in three or four times a year and appreciates help in this from Justin Fink. He stays the entire time and contributes his iPod music mix to keep the atmosphere congenial. David is now serving his first term on GJC's Board of Directors. He's also a member of Men's Club, where he is a vice president and volunteers with their activities.

Both David and Marcy gradually came to their involvement in GJC and now that they are involved, they find their lives are intertwined with the synagogue. "It's something that's grown on me: the friendship, the inclusiveness of the people who are here. It's not something I necessarily recognized at the very beginning," David says. "I feel very much at home at Germantown. That's more important than anything else. I feel part of it. I'm very comfortable."

Marcy agrees and looks back to two periods in her life when she wasn't so connected and would have appreciated the community's support. "Before I was connected to the synagogue and Jewish day schools, I was put on bed rest for six weeks when I was pregnant with Emily. And, when Emily was a year and a half old, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had a mastectomy and breast reconstruction," she says. "My activity was restricted. I wish I'd had the community. We were members but we weren't well connected. Had the timing been different and had I already been involved, help would

have been overflowing. I have regrets. Not that I could change anything, but if the timing were different, it would have been a lot easier."

David and Marcy take different positions on what it takes to get people involved. "If you let yourself get involved, you find that there's a lot more there than you thought, but you have to get to that point," David reflects. "And that's a really tough barrier to break. People's lives are so busy between kids, jobs and other communal activities. The synagogue isn't a high priority for a lot of people. But if you can break through that, and allow yourself to become involved, the impact is extraordinarily satisfying. It worked that way for me.

Outreach is so important. I run the blood drive because I was asked to. Then I got a call inviting me to be nominated for the Board of Directors. I never thought of asking to be nominated. If the synagogue gets people involved, they'll stay with you. It's a matter of reaching out."

Marcy's perspective is that the barriers to involvement in synagogue life lay more with the individual than with the institution. "I don't think the barriers are created by the synagogue," she says. "Each person has his or her own personal barrier to break through to allow themselves to commit some time. That's probably the biggest thing. Show up."

Come to the Little Shop For all your Pesach Needs

We have everything from wine and haggadahs to seder and matzah plates



March Special: 10%off all seder plates*

Keep an eye out for the Pesach Flea Market Sunday, March 3rd 9:30 am April Special: 10%off off all challah boards, plates and knives*



Germantown Jewish Centre

The Little Shop

*Combine our monthly specials with the Early Bird Special for 20% off our already low, low prices.

Early Bird Special: 10% off

purchases made between 12 pm and 3 pm Tuesdays thru Friday.

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

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





Join our Rabbis for a family program followed by a Shabbat Dinner.

This celebration is geared toward kids in Grades K-2 and their families.

We will use Siddur Kol HaNoar (The Voice of Children) along with stories to help children learn the prayers and songs of the Shabbat service.

Parents and kids can then socialize over pizza dinner.

Kol HaNoar

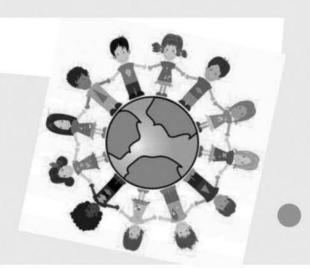
Friday, March 15 @ 6 PM

Additional dates may be added

\$5 per person

Please register by Tuesday of the week of the event. Contact info below. Advanced payment requested.





Early Childhood Program (ECP)





Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs, Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

ith March upon us, we are looking forward to spring and the return of our "snow birds." Please join us for Hazak's only fundraiser, a Yiddish Concert with the Philadelphia Workman's Circle Chorus on Sunday afternoon, March 17 at 2 PM. Our modest \$5 admission makes it a bargain family affair. Those who attended last year with their grandchildren and the whole mishpoche (family) will tell you what a fun, nostalgic afternoon it was. So mark your calendar, you don't want to miss it!

The next Hazak Book Club meets Wednesday, March 13 at 10 AM. We hope to squeeze a vintage Jewish film in between. A happy Pesach to all! 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.

Gan Katan, ECP's oldest students, celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees, in many ways this winter. They played with tree cookies, made a sustainable mezuzah out of tree bark and visited the Morris Arboretum!





GERMANTOWN JEWISH CENTRE AND FRIENDS OF THE IDF PENNSYLVANIA AND SOUTHERN NJ

> ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO A PRIVATE SCREENING OF

FOLLOW ME THE YONI NETANYAHU STORY

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

GERMANTOWN JEWISH CENTRE

400 West Ellet Street Philadelphia, PA 19119



R.S.V.P. REQUIRED Germantown Jewish Centre @ (215) 844-1507 ext 19 program@germantownjewishcentre.org

Tot Shabbat & Hollays

at Germantown Jewish Centre

2013 Remaining Events

Fri. Mar. 1

Tot Shabbat*

Sat. April 13 @ 11 AM Special Ginat Shabbat Our weekly pre-school program with Miss Amy Jo moves to the Charry Sanctuary this week. Followed by a special Kid's Kiddush sponsored by ECP.

Fri. May 10 Tot Shabbat*

Fri. July 19 Tot Shabbat*

n Jewish Centre

Germantown Jewish Centre

400 West Ellet Street Philadelphia, PA 19119 215-844-1507 www.germantownjewishcentre.org

19119 advanced registration wnjewishcentre.org & 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 program@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215.844.1507 X19 for more info or to RSVP

*Requires

DIVRAY CHINUCH

By Chana Dickter, Religious School Director

THE BUTTERFLY

poem by Pavel Friedman, while an inmate in the Terezin concentration camp, 1942

The last, the very last, So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow. Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing against a white stone....

Such, such a yellow
Is carried lightly 'way up high.
It went away I'm sure
because it wished
to kiss the world good-bye.
For seven weeks I've lived in here,
Penned up inside this ghetto.
But I have found what I love here.
The dandelions call to me
And the white chestnut branches in
the court.

Only I never saw another butterfly.

That butterfly was the last one. Butterflies don't live in here, in the ghetto.

About Pavel Friedman: Born in Prague on Jan. 7, 1921. Deported to the Terezin Concentration Camp on April 26, 1942. Died in Aushchwitz on Sept. 29, 1944

On January 30, student performers from the locally-based Wolfe Performing Arts Center (PAC) graced the bimah / stage in the Charry sanctuary with their interactive production of the play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." More than 15,000 children passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp (Theresienstadt concentration camp, also referred to as Theresienstadt Ghetto) in the Czech Republic during the Holocaust. Less than 100 of those children survived. Wolfe Performing Arts Center honors the memory of those children, and keeps their spirit



Actors & director of the Wolfe Performing Arts Center

and story alive, with the touring production of the play.

The short play provided us with a "snapshot" of the children and teens and some of their caretakers at Terezin. We learned that they studied in secret, produced a newsletter in secret, fell in love, supported each other through the fear, loneliness, cold and continuing transports. Beyond that story lies the power of art to heal and transform both the actors / artists and their audience. The interactive session with the remarkable group of teen actors and actresses, one of several Wolfe PAC groups performing this play, expanded our (the audience's) understanding of the story and showed us how art transforms both the actors and the audience together. We heard how the group of young actors and actors, by working together, grappled first with learning about the Holocaust and then with portraying characters who, in the end, would die. We learned how this group, by working together, deepened their understanding of human behavior and related to the hope and spirit of the characters they portrayed. The actors, many of whom are not Jewish, understood that the lessons of the Holocaust are universal, and are still being written, performed and learned.

Following the performance and discussion, we had the privilege of listening to Trudy Klein Gompers, a child survivor of the Holocaust. Her family's story, like so many others, was one of tragedy, hope and triumph. Her message to the students, in particular, was simple: you are all our witnesses. You are now the keepers of these stories. Take the lessons to heart, and work for peace and understanding and tolerance wherever you are.

Save the Date! Sunday, March 3 at 10 AM



Healthcare Justice, Part II: "The Affordable Care Act and You" featuring Dr. Walter Tsou, MD, along with members of the GJC congregation. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee.



Preparing for Pesach 5773 at Germantown Jewish Centre



Happening Now!		r Matching Would you enjoy hosting additional guests at		
		e you looking for a Seder to attend? Complete the enclosed		
		form and return to the Centre office by March 18 to be matched.		
	Sale of Chametz until Sunday, March 24 at 12 Noon, see separate form			
Sunday, March 17-	Annual Chametz Food Drive			
Friday, March 22	Please drop off all food by 2 PM on March 22			
Friday, March 22	5:30 PM	Pre-Pesach Chinese Shabbat Dinner Early Shift		
		Pre-registration & payment required.		
	6:00 pm	Kol Zimrah		
	7:00 pm	Pre-Pesach Chinese Shabbat Dinner Late Shift		
	- FeE	Pre-registration & payment required.		
Saturday, March 23	10:00 am	Shabbat HaGadol		
		Shabbat morning Torah study at 9 am		
		All minyanim meet at 10 am		
		Mazel tov to Esther Feingold, who will be celebrating her		
		adult Bat Mitzvah in the Charry Service		
Sunday, March 24	Sale of Chametz concludes at 12 Noon			
	Evening	Search for Leaven ("Bedikat Chametz")		
Monday, March 25	7:00 am	Morning Minyan & Siyyum		
	8:30 am	Breakfast		
	By 10:00 am	Removal of Leaven ("Biyur Chametz")		
	Evening	First Seder in your home		
Tuesday, March 26	10:00 am	Passover Day 1 Services		
		Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together		
		Dorshei Derekh		
	Evening	Second Seder in your home		
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 am	Passover Day 2		
		Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together		
Thursday, March 28	7:00 am	Morning Minyan		
Friday, March 29	6:00 pm	Erev Shabbat Service		
Saturday, March 30	10:00 am	Shabbat Services		
1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2		All minyanim meet separately for Shabbat		
Sunday, March 31	9:00 am	Morning Minyan		
Monday, April 1	10:00 am	Passover Day 7		
175000-176		Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together		
		Dorshei Derekh (including Yizkor)		
Tuesday, April 2	10:00 am	Passover Day 8		
(5597 18)		Charry Service (including Yizkor)		
		Minyan Masorti (including Yizkor)		



400 W. Ellet Street Philadelphia, PA 19119

215-844-1507 office@germantov

office@germantownjewishcentre.org www.germantownjewishcentre.org

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 Dena Lake at 215-233-1414 or email denareva@comcast.net.

March 12 What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank by Nathan Englander





April 9 Movie Night: Something on my Own: Gertrude Berg

and American Broadcasting



Join the
Ner Tamid
Society
by Making a
Planned Gift to
GJC

Please consider making a planned gift to the Germantown Jewish Centre's endowment fund. Planned gifts come in many forms, including for example – charitable gift annuities, life insurance, trusts, or even a bequest in your will.

For more information about how you can join the Ner Tamid Society please contact the office.

Adult Education 2013/5773

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
A MAGICAL MYSTERY Tour of Midrash	Ellen Frankel	Mondays 7-8:30 pm (Living Room Learning)	Feb 25; Mar 4, 11, 18	\$50/65
AS IF WE HAD COME OUT OF EGYPT: EXPLORING THE HAGADAH	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Rabbi Annie Lewis	Sundays 11 am– 12:30 pm	Mar 3, 10, 17	\$40/50
SPIRITUAL TREASURES OF EARLY HASIDIC LITERATURE	Rabbi Joshua Bolton	Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm	Apr 9, 16, 23, 30	\$50/65

Shavuot Memorial Plaque Dedication

hroughout the ages, Jews have responded to the loss of loved ones by committing themselves to remembering those who have died and to perpetuating their memories through devotion to the values that they held dear in life. Memory, that most insubstantial of experiences, is in fact the thing that stays with us the longest; it is truly our most lasting possession. The customs of mourning - including the recitation of the kaddish prayer, the observance of yahrtzeit on the yearly anniversary of a death, and the yizkor memorial service on holidays - are all intended to help us keep the memories of those whom we have loved and lost alive in our hearts and in our lives.

In medieval times, people began inscribing the names of those who had died on the walls of their synagogues so that they would be remembered by succeeding generations. This custom, which grew out of the losses of the Crusades and other hard times for the Jewpeople, finds its modern counterpart in the memorial plagues that hang on the walls of the Charry Sanctuary. The names on these plaques, dear to so many of us, serve as a reminder of those who have come before us and the many blessings they have passed on to us. The lights beside their names are lit on the week of the *yahrtzeit* and at the *yizkor* memorial service on holidays as a mark of love and respect.

Please consider adding the name of a loved one to those on our memorial plaques. We will hold a dedication ceremony for the new plaques on the second day of Shavuot (Thursday, May 16, 2013) when we remember the encounter of the people with God at Mt. Sinai. As we stretch our minds back to that moment, we encompass all of the generations that have lived between then and now, as we continue to uphold the values of their lives in our own time.

Y'hi zichronam livrachah – may the memory of our loved ones always be a source of blessing and strength in our lives.

You are welcome to order plaques at any time, however in order to guarantee that your plaque has arrived for dedication on Shavuot, please place your plaque order by Monday, March 11, 2013. Please contact the office for more information or you can find an order form on our website.

Women's Club News

By Barb Menin & Maxine Feldman, Co-presidents of Women's Club

hanks to Nan Daniel's and her wonderful committee for making the Purim Bash such a success! Rabbi Zeff and the Synagogue choir entertained us with a super Purim Spiel. Chuck and Martha Schleifer keep writing such great scripts. We love your talent and humor. Todah Rabah to all. A wonderful time was had by all, take a look at the photos.

See you next year at the Purim Bash!

A special thank you to Genie Ravital and her dedicated committee for making the Women's Club a benefactor of the Women's Clothing Give Away. People were delighted their "nearly new" items. Start gathering your clothes to "swap" for the 2014 Women's Clothing GiveAway.

The groundhog did not see his

shadow, so spring will be early this year. No excuses to miss our exciting spring programs.

March 9th Women's Shabbat/ Scholar in Residence (see additional information on page 13)

April 14th Rabbi Jon Cutler May 5th Torah Fund Brunch honoring Eve Pinkenson

Best Wishes for a happy Passover.

Purim Bash



The GJC Choir entertained us with their Purim Spiel, a spoof on "Oklahoma."



Even Taylor Lautner stopped by (ask any teenager if you're not sure who he is).



Thank you to our fearless organizer, Nan Daniels!



Our costume contest winners once again!



Welcome to the Wild Wild West.



Frank Krafchick and Centre Catering outdid themselves with the food.



Women's Shabbat & Scholar-in-Residence

At Germantown Jewish Centre Saturday, March 9, 2013

"Jewish Women: Doing It All in the Ancient World"

featuring

Dr. Ruth Sandberg

Leonard & Ethel Landau Professor of Rabbinics at Gratz College Director, Jewish-Christian Studies Program

Shabbat Morning Charry Service begins at 10:00 am

D'var torah by Dr. Ruth Sandberg

Community wide Kiddush following services

Study Session & Discussion following Kiddush at 1:30 PM:

"Jewish Women: Can We Do It ALL In A Modern, Post-Feminist World?"

Everyone Welcome

Free extended childcare available. RSVP by Thursday, March 7 to Elana Shaw at program@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215-844-1507 x19.

Sponsored by GJC Women's Club

Share Your Community Spirit & Order Your GJC Gear!



Car Magnets Just \$1 Backpacks 1 for \$12 Or 2 for \$20



A bit about order & payment options . . .

- * Orders will be taken on an ongoing basis while supplies last. Don't be left out, order now!
- * You may return this form to the GJC office along with a check payable to GJC or cash.
- * You may **order online through PayPal** please contact Elana at **program@germantownjewishcentre.org for the payment link** if you don't already have it.
 - If you order via mail or online, the office will contact you about picking up your merchandise.
 - You can purchase and receive your merchandise immediately on select Sundays and Wednesdays at GJC (check or cash only)

SUPPORT GJC!

	9	
_	0	_

--₩--

GJC SPIRIT GEAR ORDER FORM

Name		Emaii	
Phone	Address		

of Car Magnets: _____ x \$1 = ____ # of Single Bags: ____ x \$12 = ____

of Double Bags:_____ x \$20 = ____

TOTAL = ____

When ordering with this form your Payment Method Options are:

- Check made out to GJC
- Cash

See above for additional order and payment options

Questions? Contact Elana Shaw at program@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215.844.1507 X19



400 West Ellet Street Philadelphia, PA 19119 215.844.1507 www.germantownjewishcentre.org

The Centre Call Germantown Jewish Centre

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 of December, 2012 through January, 2013 *Todah Rabbah!*

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

FUND	BY	OCCASION
Adult Education Fund	Andrea Brockman & Vincent DiLorenzo	in memory of Lois Cutler, mother of Jane Greenspan
	Judah Labovitz	in memory of Rohama Siegel Lee, aunt
	Steven Peitzman	in memory of Manuel Peitzman, father
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in memory of Mildred Magil, a founding member of GJC
	Beth Stearman	in memory of Freda Denniberg, grandmother
Beck Scholar-in-Residence Fund	Elizabeth B. Beck	in memory of William Beck, father
	Joan Silver	in honor of Maxine Feldman, on her retirement from Abingdon Hospital Hematology Lab
Bess Schick Memorial Fund	Shelley Weber	in memory of Benjamin Marged, father
	Marcy & Dan Bacine	in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy
	Frances & Michael Baylson	in memory of Lois Cutler, mother of Jane Greenspan
	Michael Blackman	in memory of Susan Blackman Adelstein, sister
	Richard & Anne	in honor of Michael Blackman
	Berlin Blackman	
	Herbert Caplin	in memory of Freida Becker, mother
	Michael Robinson	in memory of Julius Robinson, father
	Joan Pitzele Sacks	in honor of Mindelle Goldstein, for her caring attention to our family
	Mariann E. Schick	in memory of Audrey Ellen Whitman, friend
	Thomas & Theresa Swallow	in honor of Audrey B. Fingerhood
Camp Scholarships Fund	Ellyn Phillips	in memory of Malvina Charlestein, mother
Dorshei Derekh	Jacob Staub	in memory of Frieda Staub Cohen, mother
Early Childhood Program Fund	Richard Bazelon	in memory of David Bazelon, father
	ECP Gan Katan Class	in memory of Murray Janus, father of Beth Janus, grandfather of Zekie
	Louie & Steve Asher	in honor of Dan & Debbie Werlin, on the birth of their daughter Nava Yael
		in honor of Leah & Norman Schwartz, on the birth of their new great-granddaughter
		in honor of Noah Friedman-Nathan, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
	Marcy & Dan Bacine	in memory of David Perelman, father of Donald Perelman
		in memory of Lois Cutler, mother of Jane Greenspan
		in memory of Stanley Elkman, father of Carol Schwartz (of blessed memory), father-in-law of Elliot Schwartz & grandfather of Wendy Schwartz
	Lynne and Art Ellis	in memory of Murray Janus, father of Beth Janus
	Marvin & Marilynn Goldman	in honor of Annalena Lattanzi
	Judd Levingston &	in honor of Melissa Schiffman & Tom McLaughlin, on the
	Hillary Kruger Levingston	birth of their son Adam Paul McLaughlin
		in honor of Dan & Debbie Werlin, on the birth of their daughter Nava Yael
	Betsy & Hershel Richman	in honor of Evelyn Eskin & David Major, on their 50th wedding anniversary
	Bev & Ira Somerson	in honor of Eric Brunner & Leah Weisman, on the naming ceremony of their daughter Anna
	Joyce Videlock	in memory of Matthew Wainer, father
	Jacob Fishher & Ronnie Rubin	in honor of Craig Barkan & Amy Schrager, on the birth of their son, Joshua Lev Barkan

Contributions Continued

Hazak Fund

Floral Fund Steve & Louie Asher in honor of Connie & Sam Katz, on the marriage of their son

Phil Katz to Leah Greenberg

in honor of Wendy Weingarten & Jerry Kutnick, on the

in memory of Claire Farber, mother of Barry Farber

marriage of their son Uri to Galil Porat

General Fund Connie & Mike Cohen

Marvin & Marilynn Goldman

Dena & Ed Lake

in memory of Albert Falkove, uncle of Rachel Falkove in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy

Sylvia Lifschitz in memory of Joseph Lifschitz, father

Jim & Sandy Meyer in memory of Lois Cutler, mother of Jane Greenspan

in honor of Evelyn Eskin & David Major, on their 50th

wedding anniversary

Ernest Mukamal in memory of Lynn Adelman

Maura Sostack in memory of Edward Sostack, father

Ellen Ufberg & Judah Labovitz in memory of Albert Falkove, uncle of Rachel Falkove Paul Rudick & Denise Wolf in memory of Beatrice Chazin, grandmother of Devorah Lissek

Mitchell Berk & Beth Stearman

Sonia Dishler in memory of Rose Feinberg, mother Helene Feinberg in memory of Anne Rosenberg, mother

Samuel & Helene Feinberg in honor of Ken Weiss, on being named Men's Club Man

of the Year

in memory of Norman Danoff, cousin

Cherie Goren in memory of Neil Goren, son

in memory of Joseph Goren, husband

Leah & Norman Schwartz in memory of Esther Abrams, mother of Rochelle Fellman

Lucille Weber in memory of Phillip Applebaum, father

Healing Service Fund

Abby Weinberg & Nathan Martin in honor of Rabbi Melissa Klein & family, for their wonderful

participation in Yehuda's Upshirin

Interfaith Hospitality Network Louie & Steve Asher in honor of David & Nahariyah Mosenkis, on the birth of their

new grandchild

David Picker in memory of Doris Picker, mother
Michael Rodin in memory of Sherwin A. Rodin, father
Frieda Sanders in memory of Ray Wasserberg, aunt
Milton Sanders in memory of Jack Sanders, father
Stephen Segal in memory of Arnold Segal, father
George Stern in memory of Edwin Stern, father
Geanne Zelkowitz in memory of Norma Kulberg, mother
Robert Zimring in memory of Katie Zimring, wife

in memory of Katie Zimring, wife in memory of Betty Zimring, mother

in memory of Celia & Jacob Pump, mother & father-in-law

in memory of Sam Pump, brother-in-law

in memory of the victims of the Sandy Creek Elementary

School tragedy

Israel Affairs Fund Carol Kaplan in memory of Samuel Pinn, father

Judy Schwartz & Jay Seitchik in honor of Marty Kaplan, on his special birthday

Leah & Norman Schwartz in honor of Raphael & Tanya Schwartz, on the birth of their

granddaughter Peninah Waitzberg

Bev & Ira Somerson in honor of Marty Kaplan, on his special birthday

in honor of Peninah & Albert Berdugo, on the engagement

of their daughter Michal

Israel Garden Fund Itzchak Kornfeld & in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy

Maria Barracca refuah shleimah to Michael Spear

Mollie & Seymour Tinkleman in memory of Elliot Kapstein, father of Carol Tinkleman

The Centre Call Germantown Jewish Centre

Contributions Continued

Continued Continued		
Kiddush Fund	Kathy & Saul Axelrod	in honor of Barbara & Dick Menin, on their 20th wedding anniversary
	Vincent DiLorenzo	in memory of Gabe DiLorenzo, father
	Bonnie Buyum	in memory of Barbara Buyum, aunt
	Ann & Martin Itzkowitz	in memory of Bertha Pepp, friend
	Rebecca Ladenheim & Judith Rossman	in memory of William R. Ladenheim, father
	Dena & Ed Lake	in memory of Claire Farber, mother of Barry Farber
	Judd Levingston &	refuah shleimah to Michael Spear
	Hillary Kruger Levingston	Speni
	Richard Menin	in memory of Benjamin Menin, uncle
	Nan Myers	in memory of Albert Myers, father
	Michael Rodin	in memory of Israel Akselrod, grandfather
	Marta Brand Sivitz	in memory of Clemens Brand, father
	Joan W. Stern	in memory of David Winderman, father
		in memory of Lillian Winderman, aunt
Kol Zimrah	Monica & Ramy Djerassi	in support of Kol Zimrah
Library Fund	Gloria Salmansohn	in memory of Eva Smilowitz, mother
Minyan Masorti	Louie & Steve Asher	in memory of Pearl Weissler, mother of Chava Weissler
Memorial Shabbat Fund	Marvin & Marilynn Goldman	
	Joan Pitzele Sacks	in honor of the members of Minyan Masorti, who have kept us
		in their prayers & been such help through my recuperation
		in honor of Aaron Kavesh, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
	Wendy Weingarten	in memory of Ernest Weingarten, father-in law
		in memory of Nancy Jacobs Traub, mother
Music Fund	Mitchell Berk & Beth Stearman	
	Michael Blackman	in memory of Norman Duffy, father
	Bonnie Buyum	in memory of Eda Kaufman, grandmother
	Lyn Davis	in honor of Ken Weiss, on being named Men's Club Man of the Year
	Michael & Helen Feinberg	refuah shleimah to Matti Hollo
	Dena & Ed Lake	in honor of Ken Weiss, on being named Men's Club Man of the Year
	Chuck Schleifer	in memory of Phillip Schleifer, father
	Martha Schleifer	in memory of John M. Furman, father
	Lucille & Aaron Weber	in honor of Ken Weiss, on being named Men's Club Man of the Year
	Abby Weinberg & Nathan Martin	in honor of Mikael Elsila & Dina Pinsky, for their wonderful participation in Yehuda's Upshirin
Playground Fund	Mindy & Gary Pitkofsky	in honor of Craig Barkan & Amy Shrager, on the birth of their son, Joshua Lev
Prayerbook & Ritual Items Fund	Dena & Ed Lake	in memory of Elliot Kapstein, father of Carol Tinkleman
	Deborah White & Dan, Rebecca, & Gabriel Piser	in memory of Milton White, father of Deborah
Program Fund	Louie & Steve Asher	in honor of Peninah & Albert Berdugo, on the engagement of their daughter Michal
		in honor of Marty Kaplan, on his special birthday
		in memory of David Perelman, father of Donald Perelman
	Daniel & Marcy Bacine	in memory of Lois Cutler, mother of Jane Greenspan
	Dena Lake	in memory of Michael Rosenman, brother
Rabbi Lewis's Discretionary Fund		in honor of Marty Kaplan, on his special birthday
Zez o z zocionary r unu	2	in honor of Ken Weiss, on being named Men's Club Man of the Year
	Barbara Menin	in memory of Ronald Lance, father
	Deborah Stern	in memory of Myron Schoen, father
	Rivkah Walton	in memory of Henry M. Walton, father

Contributions Continued

Rabbi	Zeff's	Discretionary	Fund
-------	--------	----------------------	------

Mitchell Berk in memory of Samuel Needleman, grandfather in memory of Hinda Brown, mother Shirley Brown

Marim Charry in memory of Dana Charry, brother

in memory of Rabbi Elias & Ruth Charry, parents

in memory of Marim Charry, grandfather in memory of Jordan Moshe Charry, son in memory of Lawrence Charry, uncle in memory of Harold Moss, father

Karen Glaser Rachel Falkove in memory of Albert Falkove, uncle Mindelle Goldstein in memory of Milton Goldstein, husband Edith Klausner in memory of Gilbert Klausner, husband

in honor of Craig Barkan & Amy Schrager, on the birth of Mark Kushner

their son, Joshua Lev Barkan

in memory of Dorothy Stern, mother Joyce Kutler (of blessed memory)

Frances Friedmann Neiman in memory of Bernice Friedmann, sister-in-law

> in memory of Sophy Goodrich, mother in memory of Jerome Rosner, father

Elizabeth Richman Hershel Richman in memory of Abraham Richman, father

Andrea & Ed Rock in memory of Evelyn Feldman

Joy, Jackie & Ava Shore in memory of George Shore, husband and father Michael Steinlauf in memory of Doris Wald Steinlauf, mother in memory of William Steinlauf, father

Norma Walton in memory of Henry M. Walton, husband Mary Weinstein in memory of Rachel Nadjar, mother Nan Daniels in memory of Timothy Daniels, husband

in memory of Albert Falkove, uncle of Rachel Falkove

Renee Levine

Jeffrey and Linda Needleman in memory of Alan Needleman, brother of Jeffrey

Ken & Susan Weiss in honor of Albert & Peninah Berdugo, on the engagement of

their daughter Michal

in honor of Chuck and Martha Schleifer, on the engagement of

their son Marc

in memory of David Perelman, father of Donald Perelman in honor of Frieda Sanders, on her special birthday in honor of Milton Sanders, on his special birthday

Religious School Fund

Lizanne Berger in memory of Eric Michael Berger, brother in memory of Joan Marcus Berger, mother

> in memory of Mildred Magil, a founding member of GJC in memory of the victims of the Sandy Creek Elementary

School tragedy

Debrah Cohen in memory of Lorelai Cohen, mother

Marvin & Marilynn Goldman in honor of Denis Lattanzi

Daniel Piser in memory of Leonore Piser, mother Alex Seldin in memory of Milton Seldin, father

in memory of Max Routtenberg, grandfather

in memory of George Cohen, father Amy Cohen

Amy Cohen & Mark Spiller in memory of Pearl Weissler, mother of Chava Weissler in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy

in memory of Israel Eisenberg, father of Ron Eisenberg

in memory of Cy Beer, father of Michael Beer

Samuel Furman Achievement Fund Alan Furman **Social Action Fund**

Lila Booth

in memory of John M. Furman, father in memory of Nathan Wolfman, father in memory of Newlin Booth, husband

Cheryl & John Frank in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy

Renee Levine

Billie Schnall in memory of Charles Schnall, father

The Centre Call Germantown Jewish Centre

Contributions Continued

Special Education Fund

Leah & Norman Schwartz

Abby Stamelman Hocky &

Eric Hocky Abby Weinberg & Nathan Martin Ellen Brown

Corri Gottesman

Torah Restoration Fund Bernadette Even Eve Pinkenson Ruth Rosenthal

Women's Club Bonnie Buyum Mindelle Goldstein

Nina Gordon & Lou Walinsky

Joan Pitzele Sacks

Young Families Retreat Fund

Youth Activities Fund

Myrna Snyder Ellen Ufberg Abby Weinberg

Nathan Martin Shellie Hol

Judd Levingston &

Hillary Kruger Levingston

Curt & Leslie Pontz

Leah & Norman Schwartz

Sidney Stein

in memory of Dr. Stanley C. Diamond, husband of

Beverly Diamond

in memory of Happy Fernandez in honor of Elaine Dushoff

in honor of Tamara Cohen & Gwynn Kessler, for their wonderful participation in Yehuda's Upshirin

in memory of Myra A. Sterns, mother in memory of Rina Goldberg, niece

in memory of Mildred Magil, a founding member of GJC

in memory of Ignaz Spitzer, grandfather in memory of Flora S. Mendelssohn, sister in memory of Sylvia Buyum, grandmother in memory of Ruth Meilachowitz, mother

in honor of Maxine & Maurice Feldman, on the Bar Mitzvah of

their grandson Adam Gregory Mermelstein

in memory of Esther Abrams, mother of Rochelle Fellman in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy in memory of Mildred Magil, a founding member of GJC in memory of Dr. Stanley C. Diamond, husband of

Beverly Diamond

in honor of the GJC Women's Club, for keeping me in their

thoughts & prayers

in memory of Eva Litten, mother

in memory of Emanuel Katz, significant other in memory of Ida Osherson, grandmother

in memory of George and Faye Berman, grandparents

in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah Class of 5773

in honor of Rebecca Zaslow & Tristin Lowe, on the

Bar Mitzvah of their son Guston

in honor of Matti Hollo, on becoming an Eagle Scout in memory of David Perelman, father of Donald Perelman in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy in honor of Aaron Kavesh, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

in honor of Josh Barash & Devorah Lissek, on the Bar Mitzvah

of their son Abe

in memory of Irving Stein, brother

Tutoring for Reading and Language Arts Wilson Reading System Certified



Ellen Reese

Tel: 610 668 9865 Cel: 267 971 7970 e-mail: emr@telegraphics.com

Members of GJC for over 25 years





People are our business Real Estațe is our service

www.NeilKugelmanTeam.com

Chestnut Hill 8039 Germantown Ave.

215, 431, 5095 215, 247, 3600 X228

Rittenhouse Square 2000 Pine St.

THE GERSHMAN Y PRESENTS

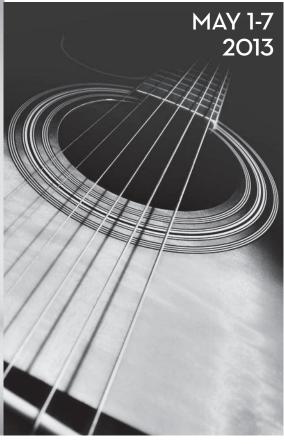
2ND ANNUAL

THE PHILADELPHIA **SEDER**

PHILADELPHIA
JEWISH

MUSIC





Y is this Seder different from all others?

A contemporary, arts & cultural spin on the traditional themes of Passover with music, dance, storytelling and more.

Now Hear This!

From an evening of Jewish Blues to cabaret legend Michael Feinstein, to a brand-new klezmer score performed by two of the world's most celebrated musicians, this Festival has an event for everyone.

visit **gershmany.org** or call **215.545.4400** for tickets + information

West Laurel Hill Cemetery Bringhurst Funeral Home

One Call To One Place - For Everything



Cemetery • Crematory • Funeral Services
Service & Reception Areas • Monuments • Jewish & Green Services



Introducing Chesed Shel Emet, West Laurel Hill's Jewish Cemetery, conceived to meet the needs of families who observe the traditional requirement of interment in an area dedicated to members of the Jewish faith.

WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

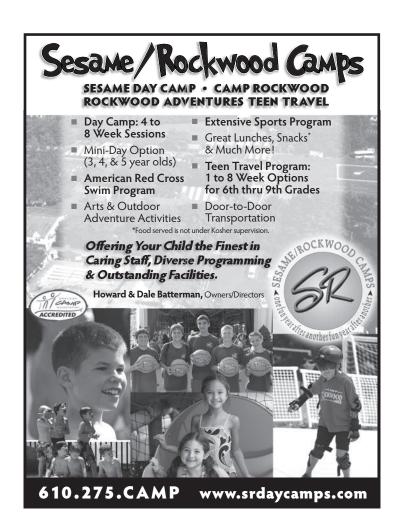
BRINGHURST FUNERAL HOME

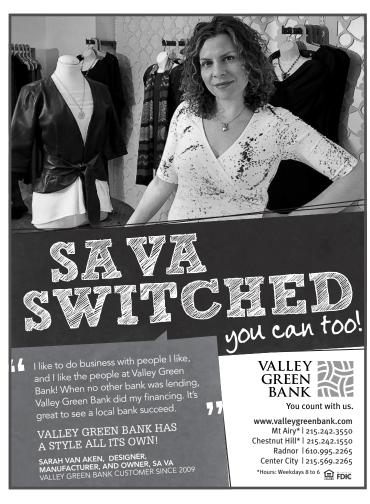
225 Belmont Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

610.664.1591

contactus@forever-care.com www.forever-care.com

William A. Sickel, F.D., Supervisor, R.R. Bringhurst & Co., Inc.







GJC has cemetery plots for sale at King David Cemetery in the Northeast.

Questions?Contact the Office.

MONTEFIORE CEMETERY COMPANY

Family-Owned and Operated for 103 years

Our Promise To You...

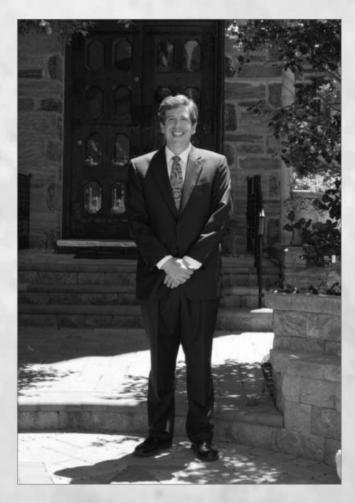
Mitchell Berk and our dedicated, professional staff will treat you with warmth, compassion, understanding and sensitivity.

Whether you want to talk with someone about pre-arangements or just need help finding a loved one, we at Montefiore are here to help.

Montefiore Cemetery is proud of upholding Jewish traditions ♣ The cemetery offers Jewish families a beautiful resting place with character and a wide variety of options.

And, as always...

- ❖ No vaults required.
- ♦ 0% Interest on all purchases (Interest-Free Financing offered, in accordance with Jewish Law)
- **★** 100% Interest in taking care of your family with dignity and respect.



Protect Your Family Through Pre-Planning



MONTEFIORE...

Serving the Jewish Community... Preserving Our Tradition

600 Church Road • Jenkintown, PA 19046 215-663-1250 Ext. 201 email: MitchellJBerk@yahoo.com



400 West Ellet Street Philadelphia, PA 19119



Inside Centre Call

(215) 844-1507 fax: (215) 844-8309 Web: www.GermantownJewishCentre.org

Mitchell P. Marcus

PRESIDENT

Adam Zeff

RABBI

Annie Lewis

ASSISTANT RABBI

Nina Peskin

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gloria Geissler

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Chana Dickter

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Mindy Pitkofsky

EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

Elana Shaw

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Leonard D. Gordon

RABBI EMERITUS

Rod Griffith

MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

Maxine Feldman & Barb Menin

Women's Club Co-Presidents

Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Please submit all articles via email to program@germantownjewishcentre.org.

Deadline for the May Issue is April 1.



Save the Dates

Men's Club Shabbat April 6

"Reconciling Lives" Yom HaShoah Commemoration April 7

Ginat Shabbat/Tot Shabbat in the Charry Service April 13

Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend & Installation of Rabbi Annie Lewis with Scholar-in-Residence Professor Arnold M. Eisen, JTS Chancellor April 19-20

> ECP FundRun April 28