



# The Centre Call

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By Rabbi Annie Lewis

## The Happy Heart of Adar

It is a Monday morning in a February that seems endless. I am driving over gray layers of snow listening to WXPN. I pull my sleeves over my hands to buffer them from the chill of the steering wheel, and I have a moment of envy for those living in sun-soaked San Diego. A song comes on the radio and before long, I tune out the crunch of my tires on Mt. Pleasant Street. I find myself bobbing my head to the voice of Pharrell Williams and singing along, "Because I'm happy. Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof. Because I'm happy. Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth. Because I'm happy. Clap along if you know what happiness is to you. Because I'm happy. Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do."

Adar is here. It is the month that the ancient rabbis teach is set aside for *simcha*, happiness. Because we find ourselves in a leap year in the Hebrew calendar, the month of Adar is doubled and our season of joy is expanded. We will celebrate the holiday of Purim in the second month of Adar, putting on costumes, getting silly and telling the story of how the Jewish people survived persecution in Persia. Leading up to our GJC Purim Bash and the reading of the Megillah, we are gifted with extra time to tap into a spirit of *simcha*. What is the source of Adar's heightened happiness? How might we connect to it when the ice hangs heavy on the trees or when our hearts are hurting?

We can gain insight from the cycle

of our Torah and the personality of its priestly protagonist. We are now entering the book of Leviticus, known as *Torat Kohanim*, the priestly manual. Aaron, the brother of Moses, has been appointed as High Priest, to supervise the realm of the holy. The Torah relays instructions to the priests and the people for bringing offerings to God's altar, for staying in touch with the Divine in moments of abundance, anxiety and regret. Midrash suggests that Aaron is uniquely suited for this responsibility because of his relationship with his brother, Moses:

*"All brothers hated each other until Moses and Aaron. . . When Moses received the kingship and Aaron, the priesthood, each was happy in the achievement of the other. When Moses hesitated to accept his mission, it was because he did not want Aaron to be hurt. . . Said the Holy One to Moses, "Not only will he not be hurt, he will be happy. And not only externally happy, but he will see you and rejoice in his heart!"*

(Midrash Tanchuma Shemot 27, translated by Matis Weinberg)

Our work in the season of Adar is to model our hearts after the heart of Aaron. We have an opportunity to cultivate our ability to rejoice in the successes of our brothers and sisters and all those around us. We also have an opening to explore the obstacles that prevent us from being truly happy for others.

In our day, we no longer bring the finest of our fruits and flocks to sacrifice in the Tabernacle in honor of major moments in our lives. Instead, some of us post about these life events on Facebook. A number of articles have been written recently about "Facebook Envy." Time spent scrolling through the Facebook

News Feed has been linked to increased anxiety and decreased self esteem among teens and adults alike. As we view photos of fancy vacations and read updates about the accomplishments of others, we may become stuck in a pattern of comparing ourselves with those around us. As an antidote to feelings of inadequacy, I am reminded of the wisdom of my teacher Rabbi Eliezer Diamond. During our tumult-

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### Program Highlights

- Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Men's Club
- Heartbeat Israeli-Palestinian Youth Concert (offsite) March 2
- Arava Institute Event with Gershon Baskin (at GJC)
- "Is Israeli Palestinian Peace Possible? Challenges, Obstacles & Hopes" March 6
- Women's Club Purim Bash Fundraiser March 8
- Polish Jews Then & Now (Hazak)
  - Electronics Recycling March 9
- Purim**
- Dorshei Derekh & Minyan Masorti Festivities March 15
- GJC Celebrates! Purim & Purim Carnival March 16
- Men's Club Shabbat March 22
- Kid's Stuff Exchange March 23
- Little Shop Flea Market March 30

## What's New in the Mishpoche?

(December 2013-January 2014)

### IN CELEBRATION...

**Stefanie & Alex Seldin** on their wedding anniversary

**Carol & Marty Kaplan** on the birth of their 6th great grandson, Snir David Boutavia

**Barry Farber** on his 70th birthday

**Joyce & Sheldon Eveloff** on their 50th anniversary

**Rachel Marcus & Eileen Carlin** on the birth of their daughter, Marguerite Leora Marcus-Carlin, granddaughter of Mitch & Sue Marcus

### IN MEMORIAM

**Eva Katz**, mother of **Myra Kranzel**

**Milton Sanders**, husband of **Frieda Sanders** & father of **Susan Weiss**

**Florence Mahon**, sister of **Rose Beck**

**Beatrice Needleman**, mother of **Jeffrey Needleman**

**Samuel L. Pinkenson**, parent of **Linda Dzuba**

**Polly Hoben Greenberg**, mother of **Rabbi Julie Greenberg**

**Anne Kalcheim Zaslow**, mother of **Rebecca Zaslow** & grandmother of **Guston & Zoey**

**Polly Wright**, mother of **Patty Wright Finestone**

**Natalie Levine**, mother of **Herb Levine**

**Hyman Oliver Schneier**, father of **Joel Schneier**

**Seymour Meyers**, partner of **Marilyn Silberstein**



## Shabbat Chai-Lites

### February 28 & March 1

- Kol Zimrah • Kol D'mamah
- Torah Yoga for Kids
- Musical Marching Minyan

- Mazal tov to Isadora Barnett, daughter of Wendy Schwartz & Benjamin Barnett and granddaughter of Elliot Schwartz, on becoming Bat Mitzvah (Minha Bat Mitzvah at 5 PM)

### March 7 & 8

- Carlebach Shabbat • Torah Yoga for Kids
- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit
- Social Justice Text Study (offsite)

### March 15

- Chary Service – Mazal tov to Caleb Rudick, son of Denise Wolf & Paul Rudick, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
- Torah Yoga for Kids
- Dorshei Derekh & Minyan Masorti Purim Festivities

### March 22

- Men's Club Shabbat • Torah Yoga for Kids

### March 28 & 29

- Kol Zimrah
- Minyan Masorti Seudah Shlishit (offsite)

### April 4 & 5

- Carlebach Shabbat • Women's Shabbat
- Kol D'mamah • Musical Marching Minyan

### April 11 & 12

- Tot Shabbat
- Pre-Pesach Community Dinner
- Chary Service – Mazal tov to Naomi Laver, daughter of David Laver & Adina Laver, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

### April 18 & 19

- Pesach

### April 25 & 26

- Kol Zimrah
- Pirke Avot Study (offsite)

### 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.



## ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays at 10 AM

\$5 per session

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Mark Spiller, Amy Cohen and family.

Mark Spiller and Amy Cohen are longtime teachers in the Philadelphia public schools and established members of Minyan Masorti. You can recognize Mark by the basketball kippah he always wears to shul (“Basketball is another religion,” he says) and Amy by her warm smile and knockout handcrafted earrings.

Born in Harrisburg, Amy, 56, attended Yeshiva Academy (now the Rabbi David Silver Academy) through ninth grade, and then went to Harrisburg High School. Many of her classmates moved over the city line and Amy was a minority in her inner city school, but was glad to be out of her insular community. At Penn State, Amy trained to be a teacher of the Deaf, the profession she has practiced for 33 years. Amy earned a masters degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from Temple University and is certified as a social studies teacher.

For most of her career, Amy has taught history in the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students at Abraham Lincoln High School, a large neighborhood school in Northeast Philadelphia. Many of her students are immigrants from the Middle East, Asia and Latin America. She observes that the problem with deafness isn't just that you can't hear. The problem is the lack of access to language if you have hearing parents.

“If you're Deaf and have Deaf parents and you have real communication which enables you to develop language skills before you're five or six

## Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

years old, you are likely to have success in school,” she says.

The problem resides mostly with Deaf students of hearing parents who don't know how to communicate with them. Learning sign language is a difficult task for adults. It's like learning a foreign language.

This is how Amy explains the issue: “It's as if someone hands you a baby and says, ‘Here's your Mandarin baby, so go take some Mandarin classes along with your husband and all the siblings and grandparents. All of you have to study Mandarin so you can communicate with your child,’ which is difficult in the best situation.”

Thus, many of Amy's students have difficulty using English and she sees her role not just to present social studies, but also to enhance their abilities to use English. Amy finds “the whole question of language and language development so interesting. What happens if you don't have language and you have to learn American history, English, words and grammar all at the same time?” she asks. If that sounds like a major challenge, Amy makes it clear that it is a challenge she's taken on because she enjoys her work.

Mark's parents were founding members of the Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center, which has since been absorbed by Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park. Born in Northeast Philadelphia, he graduated from Northeast High School and started at Temple University, but transferred after freshman year to the College of Emporia in Kansas. He got his Masters of Education at Antioch College, Philadelphia branch.

Mark, 65, was substituting in the Philadelphia public schools when he found out about an intensive program in special education training at Cheyney State (now Cheyney University). Earning a certificate from that program opened doors for Mark, enabling him to spend his career teaching special education at Olney High School, where he began teaching in 1973 and retired in 2008.

After two years as a classroom teacher, Mark saw a need for his stu-

dents to gain job skills. He submitted a proposal for a vocational training program enabling students to volunteer in the mornings and go to school for academics in the afternoons. Einstein Hospital's Volunteer Department agreed to be the host. Mark has coordinated the Ancillary Hospital Services Program since 1975 and it became a model throughout Philadelphia. As soon as Mark retired from the school district, Einstein hired him part time to continue coordinating the program. “A significant number of students go on using the skills they've acquired and I take my greatest sense of accomplishment at seeing former students become valued employees at Einstein,” Mark says proudly.

Amy and Mark met on a street corner near the now-demolished Civic Center after leaving a meeting of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers to vote for strike authorization in June 1982. (Thankfully, the strike wasn't necessary). “I didn't drive a car and was waiting for the D bus at the end of the meeting,” Amy recalls. “I had borrowed my roommate's dress. I was ready to be social.”

Mark noticed her. “I saw this vision walking across the street,” he says. He approached her and started a conversation. “I suggested that we go somewhere and continue the conversation, but due to her correct Harrisburg upbringing, she told me, ‘I'm not going to get in your car. I don't know you.’ I suggested we could walk to a restaurant. We talked for three hours,” he says. “I think it was four hours,” Amy adds. She let him drive her home.

But Amy had a boyfriend “and I should have immediately broken up with him” but didn't. (“Procrastination is something of a trait here,” Mark says wryly.) After meeting her, Mark called his mother and told her he'd met the woman he would marry. “I was on a mission,” he says. During the next two years, they would accidentally run into each other (usually orchestrated by Mark). Given that they were work-

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## Member Spotlight

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ing in the same school, Mark says, "I was able to continue my pursuit after school hours. I would stop by her classroom and make sure I ran into her in the office. I was persistent."

Amy finally saw the light and they married at the end of 1985. Amy knew he was the right person for her and regrets the time she wasted by not getting together with him sooner. "All's well that ends well," says Mark. "We've been married 28 years."

During their early days at GJC, Amy and Mark were what Amy calls "interlopers" with their friends Yona and Howard Dansky, who were members. They would come to synagogue with the Dansky's but go to Amy's family in Harrisburg for the High Holidays.

When their children, Gabe and Lucy, were born, their involvement deepened. They joined GJC and their kids attended ECP, and later the religious school became important to them. Amy served for many years as

co-chair of the Religious School Committee, working with Josh Goldblum and Linda Feder. Mark became an official member of the "playground minyan." They took Lucy and Gabe to the children's service first run by Lyndall Miller. Both Gabe and Lucy went on to volunteer in the ECP, to work as teacher's aides in the Religious School and to serve as High Holiday Torah readers in the Charry Sanctuary. Gabe and Lucy, who attended Philadelphia public schools, are both students at Temple. Gabe will graduate this spring and Lucy is a freshman.

Now Amy is co-vice president with Ilene Poses of the Youth Outreach Committee of the Women's Club, sending holiday gifts to children of all GJC families, from ECP toddlers to far flung college students. She is also a regular member of the Sunday morning minyan. Coming as she does from an Orthodox upbringing, Amy is proud of her participation in the Masorti service.

"The most feminist thing I ever did at the Yeshiva Academy," she recalls, "happened when the teacher said, 'This is

just for the boys. The girls can go in the back and talk' and proceeded to teach boys Torah trope (cantillation marks). I was listening." She started to read Torah when her children were young and later studied haftarah trope with Eve Pinkenson. Amy continues to read Torah in Masorti and occasionally haftarah. She has also availed herself of adult education classes at GJC, which she clearly relishes. "Rabbi Yosef Goldman taught this great class on the musical heritage of the Mizrahi Jewish community and I took Rabbi Zeff's class on social challenges in Israel," she says. "There are wonderful opportunities to learn." And Mark? "I am married to the high priestess of hamishness," he says, smiling.

## Rabbi's Message

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tuous first months of rabbinical school, Rabbi Diamond advised our cohort, "We are always comparing our insides with other people's outsides."

The month of Adar challenges us to look honestly at our insides, at the all-too-human feelings of jealousy that may arise when we hear of the achievements of others. It calls us to approach those around us with curiosity and awe for the mystery of what is happening in their lives beneath the surface. Adar then invites us to seek out the space in our hearts to rejoice along with others.

We are taught that both Moses and Aaron had a deep appreciation for the uniqueness of each human being. In our multigenerational, pluralistic community of communities, we have many opportunities to marvel at the differences between us, at the range of emotions and experiences unfolding within our Germantown Jewish Centre family at any given time. Just as we are called to be present with those in mourning, we are called to amplify the joy of those in celebration. In this super-sized Adar, may we connect to what happiness means for each one of us, and may our hearts grow wider as we embrace the joy of others.

### Come to the Little Shop

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(except Wine, Books, Mezuzah Scrolls, Tefillin and Sale Items.)

**March Special:**  
**10% off**

Seder plates and  
matzah plates and  
matzah covers\*

Keep an eye  
out for the  
Pesach Flea Market  
Sunday, March 30th  
9:30 am

**Early Bird Special:**  
**10% off**

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

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
(Extended Friday hours until 5:00 pm begin March 10)	



# IS COMING!

IT'S ALMOST ADAR !

GJC Celebrates! Purim

This year on Sunday, Purim Day!!!!  
SUNDAY, MARCH 16th at 9:30 am

**PROGRAM ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!**

Creative, fun Megillat Esther reading  
Purim spiels  
Costume parade  
Come in costume and ready to have fun!

Enjoy hamentaschen for all sponsored by the GJC Womens Club.



...and the fun continues at the

## Purim Carnival

Sunday, MARCH 16th

11:00 am-1:00 pm

For children of all ages - bring your friends!

Moon bounce, shoot the hoops, games, prizes, food & fun

Tickets available at the door

And let's not forget about our

Minyan Purim Festivities

Saturday, March 15th

Dorshei Derekh at 8:00 pm

Minyan Masorti at 8:30 pm



## We Need Israel

By Steve Masters

In his rousing sermon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Zeff spoke deeply and passionately about Israel and ended with this charge:

*We need Israel – as dream, as spiritual state, as messianic vision, as political entity, and more. We need it now just as we have needed it all times in Jewish history, in all of its fullness and multiplicity of meaning. And Israel needs us. It needs our engagement, our perspectives, our connections, our questioning, and our searching for answers. Together, we can provide for the Jewish community and for our young people a model for connecting with Israel that is not about uniformity of belief or opinion but about respectful engagement with each other, a mahloket l'shem shamayim that enriches us all. The time for silence is past. The time for engagement is now.*

To lead that engagement, Rabbi Zeff announced the creation of an Israel Programming Group “whose charge is to create programming that helps us to engage substantively with the issues surrounding Israel. This group will take pains to shape programs in ways that both acknowledge the diversity of our community’s visions of Israel and encourage us to engage with each other in the spirit of *mahloket l'shem shamayim*, focusing on learning, mutual respect, openness to each other, and deep listening.”

Our diverse committee of five has been meeting since the Fall and is committed to engage the Germantown Jewish Centre community with many diverse programs in the months and years ahead.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in our two inaugural programs:

**Screenings of the Israeli TV hit series *Hatufim*, the inspiration for the American TV series *Homeland*, beginning on March 12 at 7:30 pm.** Join us on the second and fourth Wednesday’s starting in March, to watch and

discuss the hit Israeli TV series *Hatufim*, which won an Israeli Academy award for best drama series. Refreshments will be provided.

The series, set in 2008, depicts three Israeli soldiers who were captured seventeen years ago while on a

secret mission with their unit in Lebanon. The story begins with the soldiers’ return home after years of negotiations for their freedom. Nimrod Klein and Uri Zach return alive, along with the remains of Amiel Ben-

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We need Israel

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Horin. The series explores the reintegration of Nimrod and Uri into a society which has made them national icons, and into an interrupted family life, while working through the trauma of being held captive and tortured. On a personal level they have to deal with partners who waited or moved on, children who have grown up without them, and parents who have died.

Israel Speed Sharing – Sunday, April 6, 4 to 6 pm

Part poetry slam. Part speed storytelling. Part show-and-tell. Spend an

afternoon sharing about your relationship to Israel with the GJC community. Before an open microphone, participants each will have 90 seconds to describe an experience, share a photo or object, sing a song or play music, recite a poem, dance, mime, shout, or any other means of communications that suits you -- to share something meaningful to you about Israel.

Together, we will weave a mosaic of meaning for how we individually and together connect to Israel. Of course, there will be food and drinks! Perhaps an arts and craft table for the young ones. And maybe a surprise or two. If you would like to assist in the planning

for this event, please inform Elana or any of us listed below. We expect a full house, so please keep an eye out for the sign-up list to assure your turn at the microphone!

In the coming months, you will see more announcements about Israel programming at GJC and in our community. If you have ideas for programs, please let us know.

- GJC's Israel Programming Committee
- Joel Sweet, co-chair
- Josh Peskin, co-chair
- Denise Wolf
- Cyrilla Rosen
- Steve Masters

Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs, Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

What a long, cold winter we are having. We understand if you are staying close to home, better to be safe than sorry, although we do hope to see you soon. Hopefully the snow will be a distant memory by Sunday, March 9, when we have rescheduled the program on Poland: Then & Now, featuring Michael Steinlauf. We are looking forward to learning and discussion with Michael, who is a GJC member, professor at Gratz College and an expert on the Jews of Poland. Our Book Group meets on March 12 and April 9, and please save the date for our annual Hazak Shabbat in the Chary Service on May 3. Let us know if you would like to participate in the service by reading Torah or Haftarah, having an aliyah or some other honor. And of course, the Kiddush is not to be missed!

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.

Early Childhood Program (ECP)

By Jodi Gordon, Interim ECP Director



Mark Fallon, an ECP parent and Senior Naturalist at Briar Bush Nature Center visited the ECP for Tu bi'Sh'vat. Mark captivated the children with his hands on activities including following a tree through the seasons and a very special visit from Henry the Opossum who likes to climb trees!



# Tot Shabbat & Holidays

## at Germantown Jewish Centre

2013-2014

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

\*Requires advanced registration & payment



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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](mailto:program@germantownjewishcentre.org)  
or 215.844.1507 X19  
for more info or to RSVP

## Women's Club News

### Neither Snow Nor Ice Nor Frigid Temperatures Will Stop Women's Club!

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

It was a cold and dark Saturday night in early January, but everyone was laughing at Goldie Hawn's antics in Private Benjamin for our Second Annual Movie Night. Sandy Meyer set the stage with stories about the movie, the producer and the GJC connection. It seems that Susan Weiss's mother was a good friend of Goldie Hawn's mother.

After having been postponed due to bitter cold and snow, The Stained Glass Project: Windows That Open Doors finally took place on Feb. 2nd. Glass sculptor, Paula Mandel, and digital painter, Joan Myerson Schragger discussed their work teaching local high school students how to create stained glass art projects for their community and in the process,

they learned lessons in tolerance, cooperation and responsibility. Thank you to Men's Club and Social Action for co-sponsoring this event.

The Women's Clothing GiveAway was on February 23. This year's international women's cause is Dining For Women, a global giving circle dedicated to helping women and girls in the developing world achieve their potential, gain equality in their countries and cultures, and overcome economic limitations and social bias.

Mark your calendars for our annual **Purim Bash: Under the Boardwalk, March 8th from 7:30 to 11:30 PM.** Enjoy this year's original Purim Spiel, dine on "Boardwalk fare" and dance to the music of Michael Lazar. There will be a variety of local restaurants to tempt

your palates for the silent auction. In addition there will be some one-of-a-kind vacations (Fighter Pilot for a Day!) offered during the silent and live auctions.

**Advance registration for the Purim Bash is absolutely necessary.** Please RSVP to Judy Schwartz at [Judyschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:Judyschwartz@gmail.com).

Join us on **Saturday, April 5th, for Women's Shabbat.** In keeping with GJC's theme of the Judaism & the Arts, we are planning a scholar-in-residence Shabbat with Theatre Ariel, Pennsylvania's only professional theatre dedicated to illuminating the social, cultural and spiritual heritage of the Jewish people. Adena Potok, President of Theatre Ariel's board, will facilitate this creative women's Shabbat.

### It's time to start collecting your kids' stuff!

Germantown Jewish Centre will hold our 5th annual Kids' Stuff Exchange on Sunday, March 23rd from 11 am – 2 pm. This WIN-WIN event allows families to donate kids' clothing, toys and equipment that their children have outgrown and take home whatever they can use for the next phase of family life. With a suggested \$20 donation, families take home up to 3 bags of "new-to-you" kids' stuff and one larger item. Donations will once again benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northeast/west Philadelphia.

The Kids' Stuff Exchange accepts clothing (infant to teenage sizes), shoes, books, maternity clothes, toys, games, high chairs, strollers and other equipment. Items can be dropped off at GJC, from Sunday, March 16th through Friday, March 21st. Collection bins are located in the Chapel Lobby and outside the Charry Lobby doors (easily accessible from the parking lot, if you have lots of stuff!). Please bring items in bags or boxes. Items should not be broken, stained or torn. Thanks!

We could still use a few more vol-

unteers to help sort the items on Saturday evening, March 22nd and to help with the event on Sunday, March 23rd. If you are available, please contact Amy Schragger at [kidsstuffexchange@gmail.com](mailto:kidsstuffexchange@gmail.com).

The Kids' Stuff Exchange is a great opportunity to keep kids' stuff circulating and out of landfills, all while supporting local families! Be sure to join us for this fun and worthwhile event.



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

# Win A Trip To Israel! Support Israel and GJC!

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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**Please complete the form below and mail to the Germantown Jewish  
Centre, Men's Club, 400 W. Ellet Street, Phila., PA 19119 with payment  
of \$30 per Passport. We will send you a numbered Passport receipt,  
your chance to win a trip to Israel or \$4,000 in State of Israel bonds!**



**Please print:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Passports:** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$30 each Passport = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form with payment (\$30 per Passport) to: Germantown Jewish Centre,  
Men's Club, 400 W. Ellet St., Phila., PA 19119. Make checks payable to GJC Men's Club.**

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.

March 11  
*Spies of the Balkans*  
by Alan Furst



April 8  
*Mornings in Jenin*  
by Susan Abulhawa

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
 <b>Improvisational Painting: Unleash Your Inner Artist</b>	Dina Pinsky & Mikael Elsilá	Sunday 10 am–12 Noon	Mar 2	\$10/15
 <b>Seeing is Believing: Collage Cut &amp; Paste</b>	Meri Adelman	Mondays 3-4 pm or Tuesdays 7-8 pm	Mar 17, 24, 31 or Mar 18, 25; Apr 1	\$50/60
 <b>Preparing New Vegetarian Passover Delights</b>	Burgandy Holiday	Sundays 10 am-12 Noon	Mar 23 and/or 30	\$18/25 (per session – you may register for one or both)
 <b>Shabbat in Community: Papercut Mural</b>	Mindy Shapiro	Tuesdays 7-9 PM  NEW DATES & TIMES	May 20 and/or May 27  NEW DATES & TIMES	\$18/25 (per session— you may register for one or both)

Religious School

Gaining Inspiration from Tefillin-gate

By Rabbi Alanna Sklover

In early December, the principal of Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy, an Orthodox day school in Riverdale, NY, granted permission to two female students who asked to be allowed to put on *tallit* and *tefillin* at the school's daily women's minyan. Within weeks, Ramaz, another prominent New York Orthodox day school, announced a shift in its own policy allowing women to lay *tefillin*. In the months since the schools' decisions went public, Jewish and non-Jewish newspapers and other media outlets have been abuzz with news and commentary about this incident, now dubbed (by Ha'aretz and others) as "Tefillin-gate." Buried within all of the articles, blog-posts, and editorials from both supporters and critics, is the kernel of a growing conversation both within Orthodoxy and across denom-

inational lines about the role of women in *halakhah*.

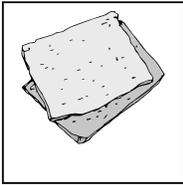
In addition to my own personal fascination with the topic of gender in Judaism, the piece that has been most interesting to me as an educator is the way in which the voices of students – whether the girls whose request set all of this into motion or their peers across the country – have punctuated this dialogue. As they respond to critiques of their Jewish identities, and dismissals of their motivations as "attention-seeking" and inauthentic (all of these from *adults* in the Jewish community), their passion, bravery, and intelligence shines through – because they are writing from their experience. These Jewish teens, raised in a world in which egalitarianism and inclusivity are held up in secular society as values to fight for,



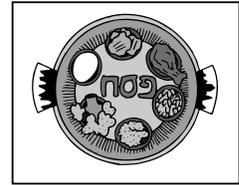
are speaking out and raising their voices to tell us the story of how they strive to live-out these values in *their* Judaism.

My hope, my prayer, and **my challenge** for our kids and teens at GJC is that they stand up and feel empowered do the same! One of my deepest passions as an educator is to create authentic and engaging Jewish spaces in which tradition and ritual become playgrounds for experimentation and springboards for adult Jewish living in the future. So do it... Maybe you could call it a *spiritual cleanse*, and do it for a week, or a month! Try out laying *tefillin* every morning, experiment with a more traditional *kashrut* observance, see what happens if you give thanks for your food at the end of every meal – and then *report back!* I can't wait to hear how it goes!





**Preparing for Pesach 5774  
at  
Germantown Jewish Centre**



Happening Now!	<b>Passover Seder Matching</b> ... Would you enjoy hosting additional guests at your Seder? Are you looking for a Seder to attend? Complete separate form and return to the Centre office by <b>April 17</b> to be matched.	
	<b>Sale of Chametz until Sunday, April 13 at 12 Noon</b> , see separate form	
Sunday, April 6- Friday, April 11	<b>Annual Chametz Food Drive</b> <b>Please drop off all food by 2 PM on April 11</b>	
Friday, April 11	6:00 PM	<b>Tot Shabbat</b> Pre-registration & payment required.
	6:00 pm	<b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>
	7:15 pm	<b>Pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner</b> Pre-registration & payment required.
Saturday, April 12	10:00 am	<b>Shabbat HaGadol</b> All minyanim meet at 10 am Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit at 11 am <i>Mazal tov to Naomi Laver, daughter of David Laver and Adina Laver, on becoming Bat Mitzvah (Charry Service)</i>
Sunday, April 13	<b>Sale of Chametz concludes at 12 Noon</b>	
	Evening	<b>Search for Leaven ("Bedikat Chametz")</b>
Monday, April 14	7:00 am	<b>Morning Minyan &amp; Siyyum</b>
	8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
	By 10:00 am	<b>Removal of Leaven ("Biyur Chametz")</b>
	Evening	<b>First Seder</b> in your home
Tuesday, April 15	10:00 am	<b>Passover Day 1 Services</b> Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together Dorshei Derekh
	Evening	<b>Second Seder</b> in your home
Wednesday, April 16	10:00 am	<b>Passover Day 2</b> Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together
Thursday, April 17	7:00 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b>
Friday, April 18	6:00 pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Service</b>
Saturday, April 19	10:00 am	<b>Shabbat Services</b> All minyanim meet separately for Shabbat
Sunday, April 20	9:00 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b>
Monday, April 21	10:00 am	<b>Passover Day 7</b> Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together Dorshei Derekh (including Yizkor)
Tuesday, April 22	10:00 am	<b>Passover Day 8</b> Charry Service (including Yizkor) Minyan Masorti (including Yizkor)



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## Social Action Update

### Education Crisis Topic of Granger Panel

By Renee S. Levine

An estimated 250 people gathered to learn about the origins and solutions of the current crisis in Philadelphia schools from a distinguished panel of speakers at the annual Ralph Granger Memorial Support on January 18. Speakers for the program, "Public Schools in crisis: Striving for Educational Justice," included Donna Cooper, executive director of Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY), GJC member, Dalya Hahn, a senior at Central High School, where she is president of the Jewish Student Union, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper and Central's elected Citywide Student Government Representative. Rhonda Brownstein, executive director of the Education Law Center and the Rev. W. Jarrett Kerbel, rector of the Church of St. Martin-in-the Fields in Chestnut Hill and co-chair of the board of POWER, an interfaith coalition of congregations from across Philadelphia. The program was moderated by GJC social action committee members Elliott Seif and Andrea Moselle and included reflections on Ralph Granger by long-time centre member and benefactor, Paul Minkoff. Paul and his wife, Hilda, have created a fund to ensure that GJC continues to provide an annual forum in Ralph's memory to reflect on urban issues, including differences and inequalities in our community.

The panel discussion addressed the need for a fair and fully funded formula for Pennsylvania's Schools. PCCY's Donna Cooper provided an overview of the problem, noting that Pennsylvania is one of only three states in the nation that does not have a funding formula for education. Philadelphia is not alone in this - when \$1 billion in cuts were made to the education budget in 2011, they were not made fairly across the state and the largest cuts were made in the

poorest districts. Cooper pointed out that had state funding been adequate, the School District of Philadelphia would not have been forced to lay off hundreds of teachers, counselors and other staff. Dalya Hahn shared examples of what the impact of these kinds of cuts have been at Central High School. Perhaps the most striking is the reduction in the number of school counselors and the impact that has had on students trying to submit college applications in the academic college preparatory school. She explained that

there are currently only 2 counselors for the more than 2300 students attending Central, resulting in a huge backlog of students waiting to get the required counselor's letter to submit with their applications.

Rhonda Brownstein of the Education Law Center talked about the importance of the funding formula in providing a "rational way" to distribute funds to school districts. She emphasized the need for the state to have a fair funding formula that takes into

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Nature knows no borders.

The Friends of the Arava Institute Present:  
Gershon Baskin, the Israeli negotiator who freed Gilad Shalit  
"Is Israeli Palestinian Peace Possible? Challenges, Obstacles and Hopes"



Dr. Baskin is well known for negotiating the freeing of Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit.

He is a leading Israeli scholar and peace activist, who serves as an advisor for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Dr. Baskin will be discussing his views on the possibility of peace and his new book "The Negotiator: Freeing Gilad Shalit from Hamas."

Dr. Baskin will be available prior to the discussion for a book signing. \*

**Event Details:**

**When:** Thursday  
March 6th, 2014 7:00pm

**Where:** Germantown  
Jewish Centre  
400 W Ellet St,  
Philadelphia, PA 19119

**Tickets:** \$20 in advance please visit (link).  
Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$25.  
\*Combined admission to the book signing and discussion costs \$50 and includes a signed copy of Dr. Baskin's new book

Proceeds from the evening will support the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies. To learn more about the Arava Institute please visit:  
[www.arava.org](http://www.arava.org)

## Education Crisis

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account variations in communities and student bodies across districts such as poverty rate, the number of English language learners and special education students, and the ability of the community to raise local funds.

Reverend Jarrett Kerbel, as co-chair of POWER, a coalition of congregations from neighborhoods across the city who represent members from all faiths who are diverse racially and economically, talked about the group's strategy for reaching out to educate and engage citizens around the

need for a fair and fully funded formula. They will be reaching out to suburban Philadelphia as well and are working with other interfaith groups across the state. He emphasized the importance of a reliable source of funding.

Speakers suggested several ways to stay informed and get involved, including:

- To sign up for PCCY's weekly newsletter, visit their web site at [www.pccy.org](http://www.pccy.org)
- The Education Law Center also has a periodic newsletter and excellent information on the Pennsylvania school funding crisis. Visit their web site at [elc-pa.org](http://elc-pa.org)

• Another good resource is the Philadelphia Public School Notebook at [www.thenotebook.org](http://www.thenotebook.org)

• To find out more about GJC's relationship with POWER, contact David Mosenkis at [dmosenkis@gmail.com](mailto:dmosenkis@gmail.com) or Andrea Moselle at [amoselle@comcast.net](mailto:amoselle@comcast.net)

Members of the Social Action committee are working on this issue and will be reaching out to GJC members to join them in getting involved in the coming weeks.

Thanks to Sue Ann Rybak of the Chestnut Hill local, whose coverage of this event provided additional source material for this article.

## Community Tutors at Houston School

By Barbara A. Bloom

Every Thursday when school is open, a group of us who had almost forgotten what it was like to be seven or eight, walk through the halls of Henry H. Houston School on Allens Lane, past the art work hanging on the walls (this month it's "no bullying" posters) between the classrooms, through the building to the library. We wait there until the child we have been seeing week after week comes in, eager to see the friendly face of their tutor or "coach." It's Reading Club time for one of the groups of Community Volunteers at Houston.

Community Volunteers has been operating at Houston for ten years or so. Inspired by research showing that the more kids read the more they will read, we began to help improve literacy skills. Students choose books from selected baskets and read them to their special coach who gets to think about how to encourage his or her charge to read better and more; when it works at its best, the tutor and child are together the entire year, the child launches securely into the next grade and we get to witness a student gaining mastery and enjoyment of reading. We come as a group so that class size is smaller (so the classroom teacher can work better with the kids he or she has) while kids who need it get individual attention. Being a

group has the added benefit of letting us adults learn from each other about how to improve our coaching skills.

Three years ago, Elayne Blender joined Barbara Bloom in leadership of the Thursday literacy group. She also started working with math tutors on Wednesday afternoons. What we used to call Thursday Tutors has become Community Tutors. And, this year, Elayne has assumed a new responsibility, that of coordinating use of the library. Like many Philadelphia Public Schools, Houston lacked a librarian for many years. A group of dedicated vol-

unteers has cleaned up the library, put check-out pockets and call numbers on books and put them in place on the shelves. Elayne and others are now helping staff the library so that kids can use the room and check out books to take home.

While the Thursday section may have all the tutors we can use at one time, Math on Wednesdays and the Library, open certain hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, welcomes additional help. Contact Elayne Blender to volunteer and for more information: 215-248-0413.

## A Tribute to Gisha Berkowitz for all she has done to advance the vision of social justice at GJC

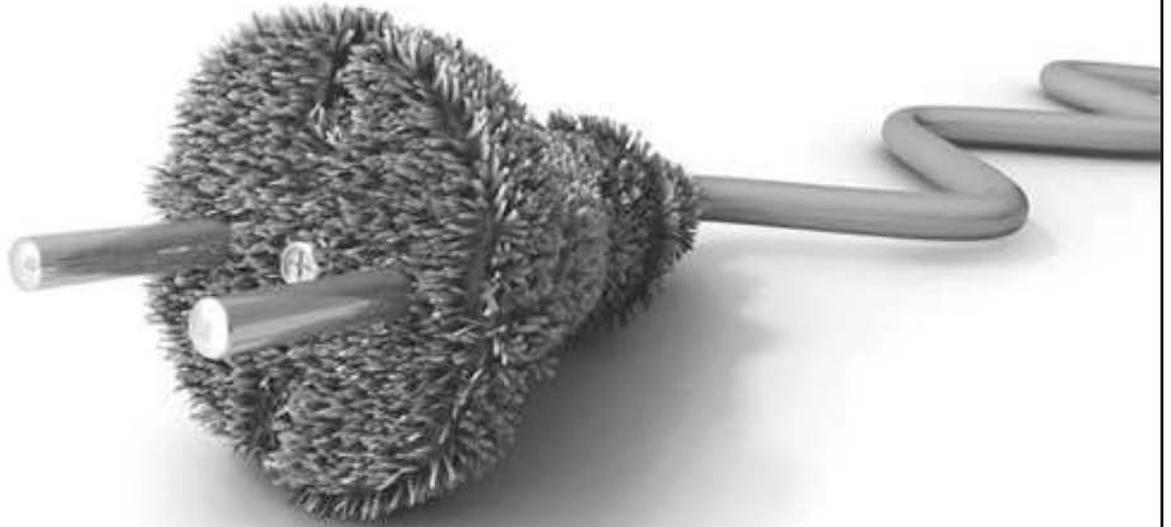
On Saturday, December 7, 2013 members of the Social Action Committee and the larger GJC community sent Gisha Berkowitz off in style! Gisha moved to Durham, North Carolina, just a few days later. She had made the very difficult decision to move closer to her children, which meant leaving the community she loved, and the community that loved and valued her. Gisha had done so much to advance the vision of social justice at GJC, the broader northwest community, and the city of Philadelphia. Mindy Shapiro offered

her artistry, to help us honor and thank Gisha for her life of action and vision towards a more just society.

Ilene Poses, Rachel Falkove, Coleman Poses, Elliot Seif, and Maxine Margolies hand-delivered the beautiful Chamsa paper cut created by Mindy. Gisha was so pleased that a member of GJC was the artist. We brought sweets from the Night Kitchen, and visited and talked with Gisha for three-hours. We spent a wonderful, warm, and meaningful afternoon, of friendship and connection, what GJC is all about, after all.

# Recycling Day

## Anything with a Plug™



**March 9, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Germantown Jewish Centre  
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This convenient service is available to all residents and small business with fewer than 50 employees.

Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR LARGE APPLIANCES OR PROJECTION TVs will be accepted.

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donation for all items.  
Donations will benefit  
GJC's Social Action  
Committee.**

\$20 to accept  
glass (tube) TVs  
and glass (tube)  
computer monitors



*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, 2013 through January, 2014

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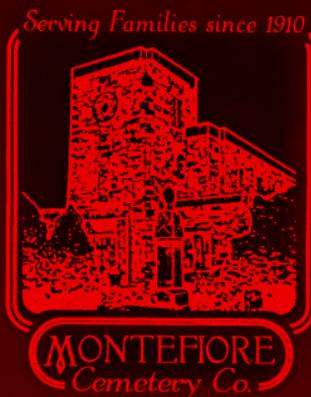
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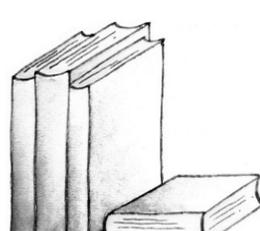
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