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By Rabbi Adam Zeff

Rabbi Hananyah ben Akashyah taught: The Holy Blessed One desired to benefit the people Israel; therefore, God gave them the Torah with an abundance of commandments, as it is written, "God was pleased, for the sake of divine righteousness, to make the Torah great and glorious" [Isaiah 62:21].

Mishna Makkot 3:16

We are in the period of preparation for receiving Torah, as we count the days leading up to the revelation of Torah on Mt. Sinai that we celebrate on Shavuot. During this period, we study *Pirkei Avot*, the Teachings of the Sages, a compendium of ancient rabbinic teachings, and the passage above from *Mishna Makkot* is traditionally read after studying each chapter of *Pirkei Avot*.

Some scholars believe that *Pirkei Avot* represents an ancient rabbinic marketing plan. In the aftermath of the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., there were many different groups of Jews trying to map out and gain support for a new vision of what Jewish life could be in the absence of a temple and its sacrificial cult. The early Jewish followers of Jesus were one such group, the ancient rabbis were another, and there were many others vying for supremacy in this period. The ancient rabbis needed to do something to explain themselves, to make their vision of Judaism both understandable and attractive to the Jews of their time. They put together *Pirkei Avot* to sketch out the essence of their teachings and to draw followers to them. As we know, ultimately they

The Blessing of Torah

were successful in making their version of Judaism one of the dominant visions of their age, and it is largely their teachings that shape our Jewish lives today, more than 2,000 years later.

At the center of the ancient rabbinic understanding of Judaism was the concept of Torah and of commandments. They rejected the view that Torah was simply an ancient (even then) historical document that preserved early traditions of the Jewish people, most of which (like the rituals of the sacrificial cult) no longer applied in their time. Instead, they saw in Torah a blueprint for living a life of holiness and meaning. By systematically interpreting its words, they abstracted from the Torah a set of commandments – *mitzvot* – that were to govern the many different spheres of human life, from interactions between spouses to business dealings, from celebration of Shabbat to caring for the ill and infirm. Following these commandments became the definition of living a Jewish life, and we embrace many of them today as we light our Shabbat candles, give tzedakah, and advocate for justice for the oppressed.

But the ancient rabbis also encountered opposition to the idea that commandments were central to Jewish life. Their opponents argued that this view of the commandments created an immense number of laws that were impossible to fulfill, far too heavy a burden to place on the people. They viewed the commandments as oppressive and wondered if God could really have freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt only to subject them to a new form of enslavement – to the commandments!

In this passage from *Mishna Makkot*, the ancient rabbis push back against their critics. No, God did not free the people from slavery in order to enslave them

again, but neither did God intend that the people would be "free" to simply do whatever they wanted. Instead, God gave Israel a goal and a purpose for their lives: to bring divine righteousness into the world. But to give them a goal and no way to bring it about would have been cruel. So God blessed the Jewish people by giving them a method to fulfill their purpose: the commandments. By studying the commandments and trying to bring them to life, the people would have signposts to guide them on their journey toward perfecting the world in which they live.

Of course, with the commandments there is always the danger that people will mistake the signposts for

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Program Highlights

**Hazak Shabbat featuring
Rabbi Yoav Ende of Kibbutz
Hannaton Educational Center**

May 4

**Women's Club Torah Fund Brunch
honoring Eve Pinkensone**

May 5

Family Retreat

May 10-12

**Confirmation Ceremony
(part of Chayr Service)**

May 11

**Preparing for Revelation: An Evening
of Chant with Shefa Gold & Friends**

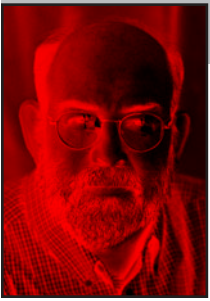
May 13

**Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
(including family-friendly activities
beginning at 6:30 PM)**

May 14

**Spring Concert honoring
Linda & Jake Kriger**

May 19



President's Message

Women of Valor – A Constant Source of Surprise

By Mitch Marcus, GJC President

Are you a long standing member of our Women's Club? If not, I bet you don't know how much the Women's Club contributes to GJC, both in time and in crucial financial support. To be honest, I keep being surprised by the wide range of activities within GJC that Women's Club currently supports, and how much this relatively small group of women accomplishes each year. Their contributions touch all aspects of GJC, but two central focuses of their support have been our building and our children.

Women's Club support affects every aspect of our programs for children from ECP-age toddlers to our college students. Many of these programs would be impossible without Women's Club's substantial financial support. Some examples: Women's Club heavily subsidizes child care for our ECP-age children on Shabbat morning and on the High Holidays. They also provide a major subsidy to GJC in support of our Kadima youth group for middle school age students, and for our USY program for high school students, which we intend to reactivate in the coming year. Another subsidy helps fund our several Rosh Hodesh groups for teen-age girls, which are part of Kolot's national project. The Women's Club also provides a financial subsidy to our religious school, and distributes gifts and treats at holidays to all our children here at home, from ECP through Religious School, and to our college students away at school.

The Women's Club Building Beautiful program goes back to the very early days of our current building, and has helped make our physical plant both more functional and more, well, beautiful. Some multi-year Building Beautiful projects over the years include the installation of the elevator

from the Charry Lobby up to the Silver Kiddush Lounge and the Marcus Auditorium and more recently the renovation of the Charry Lobby itself. Other smaller projects have also had significant impact, including quite recently the railings on either side of the Charry Sanctuary bimah that allow many of us to go up to open and close the ark safely.

How can we show our appreciation and help the Women's Club help GJC?

First of all, take advantage of another major service the Women's Club provides our community – become a frequent shopper at the Little Shop, where all profits go right back into subsidies for our youth programs. My own shopping at the Little Shop falls into three categories: for my 19-month old granddaughter, my three grown children, and for myself and Sue. For my granddaughter, the Little Shop has a remarkably wide selection of children's toys and books, ranging from Melissa and Doug-brand toys to such Jewish toys as her current favorites, a wonderful wooden Seder set (still) and a wooden Noah and the Ark set, complete with 2 each of a wide range of animals from pandas to lions, Noah, his wife and his children. Each of my children has a (real) seder plate from the Little Shop that they picked out from a set of about 15 snapshots emailed from my phone a couple of years ago; I was amazed at the wide range of styles. After my granddaughter arrived, my daughter-in-law wanted to put up mezuzot on every doorway in her house, and I had a field day picking out a handful in wonderful modern styles. And for Sue and me, books, a beautiful necklace for Sue last Hanukkah, and a bottle of wine every couple of weeks. (The last two bottles were a quite nice Barkan Classic cab from the Galil and the Weinstock Red – I'll buy both again.)

A second way to support Women's Club is to have fun at the variety of fund

raising events that the Women's Club makes happen throughout the year. The Purim Bash is the big annual fund raiser, and besides being a tremendous amount of fun, lets you extend the Purim celebration for at least a few days, since it never falls on Purim itself. (Google "GJC Purim Bash" to see some videos of many people having a very good time.) Other fund raisers include a craft show and a flea market, and an annual clothing swap that raises money for both GJC and different global charities benefitting women.

Third, join Women's Club and attend their amazing programs. Dues are only \$40 a year.

And finally, support the annual Building Beautiful fund raising campaign, held each year around the High Holidays.

And to the members of Women's Club themselves, I say simply – Thank you!

Rabbi's Message

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the destination, that they will turn the method into the goal and seek to fulfill the commandments as ends in themselves. But without commandments, there is a greater danger that we will make no progress on the road at all, that our good intentions will lead nowhere.

As we prepare to receive Torah again on Shavuot this year, it is worthwhile asking ourselves where we are on this continuum. Do we need to focus more on the method, on using the commandments to help us on our way? Or do we need to focus more on the goal, making sure that our fulfillment of the commandments is actually leading us in the right direction? May the answers we find push us all further down the path of bringing divine righteousness more fully into the world.



(February 2013 – March 2013)

IN CELEBRATION...

John & Elaine Frank on their 50th wedding anniversary

Amy & Sandy Wine on the birth of their son Asher Ethan

Joan W. Stern on the birth of her grandson Asher Ethan

the Torah Trope class & their teacher, Eve Pinkenson on their wonderful leyning during Shabbat services on February 9th

Reena & Aryeh Friedman on the birth of their granddaughter Gabriela

Elayne Blender & Itzik Lorant on the birth of their first grandchild, Ronen Samuel Constantin, son of Aviva & Paul Constantin

Melissa & Dan Livney on the birth of their son Ezra Tzvi

Milton & Frieda Sanders on their 69th wedding anniversary

Jake Shapiro on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Gabriel Goldberg on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Berel Sternthal on his 75th birthday & 62nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Elya Grauer Kaplan on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Esther Feingold on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Bradley Bridge & Dveera Segal on the engagement of their son Rami Bridge to Tessa Orbach

Josh Goldblum & Deborah Fishman on the engagement of their daughter Susannah

Lisa & Nick Pettinati on the birth of their granddaughter Julianna Elisabeth to parents Irene Levy-Clair & James Clair

Brian Rosen, grandson of Cyrilla Rosen & son of Sharon & Jordon Rosen on graduating from the University of Illinois with a Ph.D in biochemical engineering, receiving the Fulbright Scholarship, making aliyah to Israel with a position at Tel Aviv University and on his June wedding to Shiri Himmel of Israel

Corey & Ari Pontz on the birth of their daughter Tahlia Beth

Leslie & Curt Pontz on the birth of their granddaughter Tahlia Beth

Anna Kilmer & Phill Goldberg on their wedding

Rabbi Annie Lewis on her installation as Assistant Rabbi of Germantown Jewish Centre

Cyrilla Rosen on her special birthday

Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum on her special birthday

Grace Flisser & Stephen Jones on their wedding

IN MEMORIAM

David Perelman, father of **Donald Perelman**

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

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

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**

Lillian Frank, mother of **John Frank**

Joyce Kutler, wife of **Gordon Kutler**

Manila Grant Shaver, father of **Kathy Amrom**

Milton Marcus, step-father of **Rabbi Jeffrey Sultar** and grandfather of **Maya**

Marian Darmstadter, a long time member of GJC

Judith Hedrick, mother of **Ginny Hedrick**

William Klein, father of **Marilyn Klein**



Shabbat Chai-Lites

May 3 & 4

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Hazak Shabbat & special guest Rabbi Yoav Ende
- Kol D'mamah
- Pirke Avot

May 10-11

- Family Retreat (offsite)
- Confirmation in the Charry Service
- Pirke Avot

May 17 & 18

- Tot Shabbat
- 4th grade leads Ashrei & 5th grade reads Haftarah in the Charry Service
- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

May 31 & June 1

- Kol Zimrah
- Dorshei Derekh home hospitality dinners
- Charry Service – Mazel tov to Grace Laigaie, daughter of Brenda & David, on becoming Bat Mitzvah
- Kol D'mamah

June 7 & 8

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Kol HaNoar Youth Service
- Last Shabbat for Childcare and Children's Services before summer vacation

June 15

- Charry Service – Mazel tov to Eli Eisenstein, son of Ricki & Andrew, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

June 22

- Charry Service – Mazel tov to Lily Zukin, daughter of Susan Smith & Wayne Zukin, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

June 28

- Kol Zimrah

Kabbalat Shabbat/Carlebach Shabbat/Kol Zimrah

Fridays at 6 PM

Shabbat Morning

Torah Study at 9 AM (through the end of May)

Services at 10 AM

Kol D'mamah at 10 AM

Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit at 11 AM



- Ellie & Elliott Seif
- Gwynne Sigel

Germantown Jewish Centre

invites you to our annual Spring Concert & Fundraiser

Sunday, May 19, 2013

6:30 PM hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM concert



Honoring Jake & Linda Kriger

*The concert features
AVA (Academy of Vocal Arts)
musicians performing
Broadway Show Tunes*

\$3,600 pillar* \$2,500 benefactor* \$1,000 patron*

* includes 4 tickets, preferred seating, and special acknowledgment in the program (due by May 10)

\$500 sponsor \$250 donor** \$125 friend****

** includes 2 tickets, preferred seating, and special acknowledgment in the program (due by May 10)

Rosh Pinah members are recognized as sponsors in appreciation for their generous support

\$20 general admission

\$10 students, seniors and young adults 13-17

Kids 12 and under free

Contact the office to reserve your tickets or select your sponsorship level

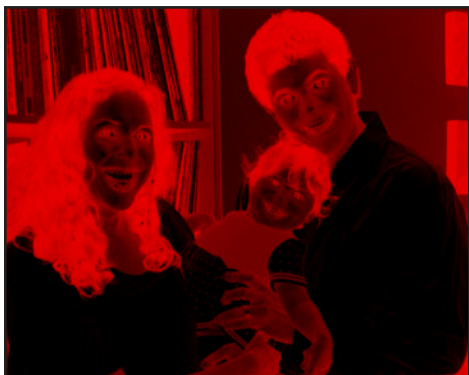
General admission tickets can be purchased in advance, or at the door



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The Peskin Family

Nina Peskin, Executive Director of GJC, was not exactly an enthusiastic participant in the decision to move to Philadelphia from Oakland/Berkeley, California in August 2008. Her then-fiancé, Josh, had gotten a management consulting job in Philadelphia and the choice was upon them whether to leave the area and the Jewish community where they had met and both lived.

Nina had never planned to leave the Bay Area, and knew very little about Philadelphia before moving here. But after living in Center City for a year and moving to Mt. Airy in 2010, Nina and Josh have grown to love the east coast, Philadelphia, the Mount Airy neighborhood, and the Germantown Jewish Centre, and are planting roots here.

Nina was born in New York City. Before she was college age, her family had moved to Cherry Hill, Houston, Virginia Beach, Denver and Orange County CA. Was her father in the military? "The Jewish military," Josh quipped. Nina's father worked as an assistant director and director of Jewish Community Centers in those areas.

"The longest I lived anywhere was six years," Nina says. "It was the reason why working in a synagogue has been a good fit, because I've had to reintroduce myself so many times, I'm comfortable meeting new people. It's good training."

Obviously, moving so many times while she was a student was "very hard," Nina says. After graduating from high school, she went on a Young Judea Year Course gap year program in Israel. By that time, her parents had

moved to California and many of her new friends were going to the University of California, Santa Cruz, so that's where she headed to college when she returned.

Santa Cruz was the right fit for Nina. "I found my place at that time. I'd grown up pretty free spirited in a lot of conservative areas," and now she found herself at a school with like-minded people.

After graduation, Nina moved to the Bay area and became an assistant teacher in a modern Orthodox Jewish day school. She realized that teaching was her calling and went back to school to get her teaching credential and Masters. She got a job teaching in a public school in Richmond, CA, a depressed city with one of the highest murder rates in the country.

Meanwhile, Josh, who was born in Tucson, Arizona, grew up in Akron, Ohio and graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, moved to California to pursue a doctorate in Religious Studies at Stanford. He studied Modern Jewish Thought with Arnold Eisen, now chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Josh demonstrated his free spirit by buying a sailboat, learning to sail, and living on it in various marinas around the Bay area for four years during the seven years it took to get a doctorate.

Under Eisen, Josh wrote a dissertation on Emmanuel Levinas, a French philosopher and Talmudic scholar. (Their dog is named Manny after Levinas.) "My dissertation was on the idea of translating between religion and philosophy, which I now use in my consulting practice as a kind of cross-cultural communication," Josh says regarding how his academic background undergirds his consulting work, which includes among other things teaching lawyers and foundations how to most effectively communicate with the media, clients, government and others.

Josh and Nina met before they really met. Josh met Nina in 2007, listening to her leading services in Berkeley at her synagogue, Chochmat Halev.

Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

"I had a cousin who invited me to check it out and my cousin introduced us," Josh says. "Nina doesn't remember that at all. Then we met on J-date. I told her we'd already met. She replied, 'If you say so.' I didn't care. She was going out with me."

Nina says she knew on their second date that she wanted to marry him. "I had never met anybody before who was so wonderful to be with and all the chemistry was there and he was clearly such a mensch. I didn't know chemistry and being a mensch could go together," she says, smiling.

Having finished his PhD, Josh decided to go to work for a consulting firm rather than pursuing a teaching career, like a number of his fellow graduate students. The firm he chose was in Philadelphia, which is where Nina was brought, unhappily, just before their wedding.

They moved to Center City in August 2008 and immediately flew back to California to get married. Nina decided she didn't want to teach anymore and looked for a new career in the Jewish community.

"My father worked in the Jewish community. I grew up at JCCs," Nina says. "Literally, I was on the Jewish Jobs website looking for jobs." The economy had just crashed. She found a part time job as membership director and volunteer coordinator at Beth Zion Beth Israel (BZBI) in Center City. Within six months, the synagogue had made her job full time.

"I'm an enthusiastic person and find a lot of satisfaction in connecting people to Jewish life," Nina says. "I liked Rabbi Stone and still feel very fortunate for the wonderful opportunity I had to serve that community. It changed my life and career path."

Josh now works with Identity Advisors and consults with advocacy organizations, foundations and think tanks, including those that deal with religion. He also works with other organizations such as hospitals, universities, and law

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Member Spotlight

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firms around crisis communications and media relations.

Friends on the West Coast thought Mt. Airy was an eastern equivalent of Berkeley. "It was recommended to us to soften our landing," Nina says.

Still, when they first arrived and checked out Mt. Airy, it wasn't immediately clear what the fuss was about. "We went to the High Point café and Weavers Way and went to the strip on Germantown Avenue," Josh recalls. But they knew no one here and the appeal didn't reveal itself.

So they settled in Fitler Square. Although they enjoyed the walkability and comfort of living in Center City, before long, they both wanted more of an intentional community feeling. By then they had met some people in Mt. Airy and Josh and Nina moved to the neighborhood in the spring of 2010.

Among the people Nina met was Rachel Gross, the longtime Executive Director of GJC. It came up in conversation that GJC had recently created a Membership Director position "and the opportunity to live and work in this community was too good to pass up," Nina says. Four months after she accepted the job, Nina was asked if she were interested in becoming the executive director of GJC. She began her new responsibilities on Nov. 1, 2010. She became pregnant with their daughter Maya a couple of weeks later. Maya was born on July 16, 2011.

Reflecting on why they like Mt. Airy, Nina observes that, "It's not really Berkeley in the East. It's Mt. Airy. I love running into people in the Coop and the woods. It's not Mt. Airy until you know a bunch of people you meet at the High Point."

Nina and Josh are also struck by how definitively Philadelphia is 'out of the closet' Jewishly.

"In California, no one is going to advertise a book called *Murder at the Mikveh* on the highways," Josh says. (When it's pointed out that the owner of the billboards is the author's father,

he laughs, "I knew there was a story there.")

"When the PECO building says 'Happy Rosh Hashanah,' we know that you'd never see that in the Bay area," he continues. "You wouldn't see a billboard advertising 'Direct Flights to Tel Aviv' on the way to the airport. We feel more at home in that way than we did in California."

Josh works with a boutique firm where he enjoys considerable latitude to spread his wings, including bringing in other consultants to bid for large projects. "About a year ago I started working with national clients as well as regional clients. I'm starting to build those relationships. That's been a neat opportunity."

At GJC, Josh has been an active volunteer. He is a member of the Social Action Committee for whom he moderated two panels on fracking. He taught a class last Shavuot on Emmanuel Levinas, the subject of his doctoral dissertation. He taught an adult education class on Hebrew calligraphy, was on the Adult Education Committee and was on the planning committee for the 75th anniversary campaign. Josh has also provided pro bono consultation for the GJC staff on development, marketing and public relations.

Nina is a highly visible presence all over the building and on Shabbat. She describes her job as "a lot of collaboration, community and tachlis." (Yiddish for brass tacks). She is continually amazed by the diversity and the depth of Jewish learning and knowledge at GJC, and values the relationships she's developed here.

Her mellifluous, soulful singing voice – a cross, one might say, between the Israeli singer Noa and Joan Baez – enhances the monthly Kol Zimrah Friday night services. She leads the chanting, meditative Kol D'Mamah service a couple of times a year. She also assists vocally in the High Holiday services in the Charry.

Her duties as Executive Director are endless and provide the glue that keeps the various and sundry parts of GJC running smoothly. She supervises the profes-

sional staff. She keeps the vision of the rabbinic and program departments, schools, lay leadership unified and moving forward.

She is collaborating with Rabbis Adam Zeff and Annie Lewis, Program Director Elana Shaw and the Program Committee to do themed programming for the next several years. Next year's theme will be Judaism in the Arts.

"That's one of the things I love about this job," she says. "I get to help vision things and if there is receptivity to the ideas, I get to see them through."

From the mystical to the mundane, Nina is ultimately in charge to make sure the facility is in good working order. She supervises budgeting. And she is a go-between among various constituency groups, to help coordinate people's wants and needs and to further them as much as possible.

She is also a community builder. She makes sure that when a new family comes into the community they have an invitation to Shabbat dinner at a longtime member's home. The purpose is "so that they meet people, and they're aware of the great community that exists here and find connection," Nina says.

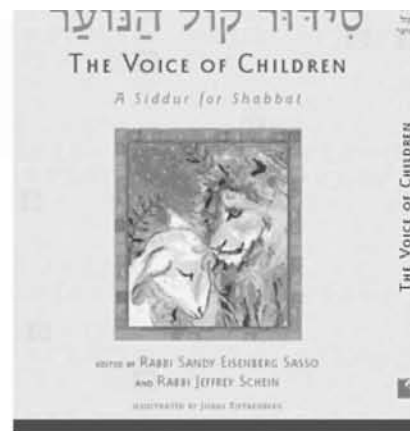
Nina is very taken with the Early Childhood Program, which her daughter Maya, almost 2, attends. "She's started to say Amen," Nina says. "I really agree with their play-based philosophy of education. It sounds like it's all about play but she can identify shapes. She can count to 10. We couldn't be more pleased. She picked up a stuffed Torah and hugged it and said Toi-ah."

Nina and Josh are indeed putting down roots in Mt. Airy and at GJC.

**Thank you to the
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of Greater Philadelphia
for providing scholarship
support for our
religious school through
the Keren Chinuch
Scholarship program.**

Kol HaNoar @ GJC

For Kids in Grades K-2
and their families



Join one of our rabbis for a family service followed by a Shabbat Dinner. Modeled after our highly successful Tot Shabbat program, 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 a simple yet delicious pizza dinner.

Kol HaNoar

Friday, June 7 @ 6 PM

\$5 per person

Please register by Tuesday of the week of the event.

Contact Elana at program@germantownjewishcentre.org or X19

Advanced payment requested.


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Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs,
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

Hazak sponsored "Not Just Your Grandmother's Yiddish Concert II" in March featuring the Philadelphia Workmen's Circle Chorus, directed by GJC member Cantor Naomi Hirsch. This was our second annual concert and we are interested in your feedback. **Please let us know if we should keep this on the calendar as an annual event!** In April we welcomed back Stanley Isenberg who shared more on Jewish Humor.

Please don't forget about our monthly book group either. The Hazak book group meets monthly on Wednesday mornings. Most recently we read *A Jew Among Romans* by Frederic Raphael. Please join us!

We are looking forward to **Hazak Shabbat on Saturday, May 4** featuring scholar-in-residence Rabbi Yoav Ende from Kibbutz Hannaton Education Center in the Galilee. The kibbutz is being revitalized by Masorti, the Conservative movement in Israel, with the goals of creating a pluralistic community animated by a concern for social justice, the environment and Jewish spirituality; to strengthen the ties of Jewish peoplehood between Israel and the Diaspora; and to help shape Israel's Jewish identity. Members of Hazak will help the lead the Shabbat morning service in the Charry Sanctuary. Rabbi Yoav Ende will teach and learn with us by leading Shabbat Morning Torah Study from 9-10 AM, giving the D'var Torah in the Charry Service and also speaking in the afternoon following Kidush. All are welcome!

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)



In March ECP students of all ages enjoyed learning the Passover story and tasting Passover foods.



Calling all GJC parents with babies between 0-6 months! A group of GJC parents and their infants have started meeting once a week for an informal playgroup. It's a chance to get out, have some adult conversation and give the kids a bit of social stimulation in a very child-friendly setting.

We would love to expand this group! If you have an infant under 6 months of age and are free on Monday mornings, please get in touch so that we can give you more details. Contact Amy Schrager for more details at amy.schrager@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

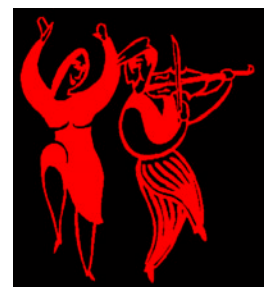
ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays at 10 AM through June 23

Wednesdays at 7 PM

July 24 – August 28

\$5 per session



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Tot Shabbat & Holidays

at Germantown Jewish Centre

2013 Remaining Events

Fri. May 17 Tot Shabbat*

Please note change of date!

Fri. July 19 Tot Shabbat*

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



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*Requires
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registration
& payment

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

It's your opportunity to celebrate and learn while allowing your kids to be kids! Join one or both of our rabbis 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 and/or Rabbi Annie. This interactive program is followed by a simple yet delicious catered meal that begins at 6:30 PM.

Purim Tzedakah Collective Update

Many thanks are in order for the wonderful results of our second annual synagogue-wide Purim Tzedakah Collective. We were able to distribute more than 100 Mishloach Manot baskets to attendees, members and guests alike, our maintenance staff, office staff, and faculty. That was a lot of baskets to assemble but our energetic crew got the job done in just over an hour!

We are pleased to report that in addition to providing Mishloach Manot treats to over 100 families, we collected enough money to donate over \$400 to each of the following organizations that help fight hunger locally and around the world - Hazon, Female Hebrew Benevolent Society, United SIKHS, Weavers Way Community Programs for Stenton Manor Garden. You can see some of their thank you letters in this issue.

Kudos to co-chairs, Betsy Teutsch and Elana Shaw and thanks to helpers Doug Lerner, Phill Goldberg, Nina Israel and all the assemblers, Barbara Bloom, Elayne Blender, Eleanor Brownstein, Sheila Erlbaum, Helen Feinberg, Danielle Stillman and Leila and Yasmine, and Devorah Lissek and Abe & Eitan. As well as to all of our donors . . .

Adina Abramowitz &

Naomi Klayman

Diane Ajl & Neil Kitrosser

Ina Asher

Alex & Sheila Avelin

Marcy & Dan Bacine

Joy Berenfield

Cheryl Bettigole & Adam Zeff

Meryl Bonderow & Togo Travalia

Sarah Braun & Shai Gluskin

Bobbi Breitman & Avruhm Addison

Eleanor Brownstein

Reba Carmel & Eric Franklin

Debrah Cohen

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FHBS

March 21, 2013

10 Nisan 5773

Dear Friends:

The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society is honored to have been chosen once again as a recipient of the Purim Tzedakah Collective at Germantown Jewish Centre. As in the past, this money was used to purchase supermarket gift cards for our neediest clients - eight women who live at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty level.

Cards were mailed in mid-March, enabling the women to buy food for Passover. Following are comments from two of the notes we received:

"Many thanks for your gift card. My sincere appreciation for all your help." Sara, age 83

"Your \$100 gift card was fortuitous. I was crying last night because I finished my last slice of bread, and I was still very hungry. God must of heard my cries for help because of your very generous gift. May you be blessed." Rose, age 49

FHBS prides itself on acting quickly and quietly, getting aid to those who need it while maintaining their privacy and dignity. Thank you for being our partners in this endeavor.

Best wishes for a *chag zissen v'kasher*.

Sincerely,



Eileen S. Sklaroff
President

Female Hebrew Benevolent Society
2125 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103-6511

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559 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA, 19119

March 20, 2013

Ms. Elana Shaw
Germantown Jewish Centre
400 W. Ellet Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Dear Ms. Shaw,

On behalf of the Board of Weavers Way Community Programs, and in particular all those we serve, my many thanks for Germantown Jewish Centre's generous gift of \$415 on March 11-2013. I'm touched that your members once again chose WWCP to be the recipient of the donations raised by the Purim Tzedakah Collective.

We are fortunate to be able to partner with community members such as GJC to fulfill our shared goals of helping the underserved members in our community by ensuring families have healthy, nutritious food.

Commitments such as this sustain our programs over time. WWCP programs at Mort Brooks Farm, Saul High School and Stenton Family Manor extend your own commitment to healthy, locally grown food to those who would otherwise not have that access. Your partnership with us makes our programs possible!

On behalf of the more than 3000 people who are touched by our programs each year, thank you.

Sincerely,

Jill C. Fink
Executive Director

Please extend my warmest thanks and regards to Betsy Teutsch as well!

Weavers Way Community Programs is a constituent of Mort Brooks Farm, a 501(c)(3) organization. In accordance with IRS regulations, no gifts or services are provided in exchange for your contribution.

www.weaversway.coop/wwcp 215.843.8289



Did you know that 100 percent of the profit from the sales at the Little Shop goes to support GJC and its many programs and community outreach efforts?

So why go anywhere else for the presents you need for the weddings, for that visit down the shore, teacher's gifts, Father's Day, and the graduations?



Our May special is 10% off all Kiddush cups.

June through August everything will be 10% off our already low prices (EXCEPT books, teffilin, mezuzah scrolls and wines)



Sunday: 9:30 - 12:30	Wed: 12:00 - 8:30
Mon: Closed	Thurs: 12:00- 5:00
Tues: 12:00- 5:00	Fri: 12:00 - 4:00

**Remember our Hours for July and August
Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00
Friday 12:00 - 6:00**

*Or by Appointment if you call or e-mail
Marcy Bacine, marcy49@me.com
or 215-247-8118*

Preparing for Revelation

with Rabbi Shefa Gold

And friends



Monday, May 13
At 7:30 PM at GJC

In counting the days of the Omer, we are preparing ourselves to become the vessels for God's Presence and messengers for the Divine Word. God instructs Moses to tell us to make ourselves holy for the Day of Revelation, to wash our garments and get ready!

We will joyfully prepare for revelation with this evening of Hebrew Chant. The Chant will help us connect with our longing for Truth, clear our minds, open our hearts and strengthen our commitment to receive Torah anew.



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\$18 per person
Pay in advance or at the door. Cash or check.
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Co-sponsored by:



Shavuot Night of Study: Harvesting Revelation

*at Germantown Jewish Centre in partnership with
Mishkan Shalom, Or Hadash, P'nai Or & RRC*

Tuesday, May 14



*Please bring a non-
perishable food item to
donate to the Mitzvah
Food Project*

6:30-7:30 PM

Family-Friendly Activities (adults welcome too!)

Israel Garden & Henna - drop in for all or part of the time

7:30-8:15 PM

Chanting & Ma'ariv (Evening) Service

or

Family Service & Activities

8:45-10:00 PM

Keynote panel & discussion:

Reaping the Fruits of Sinai

Featuring representatives from all sponsoring organizations

10:15 PM - 6 AM

All-Night Learning Sessions, Movement & Prayer & Beit Midrash (Study)

Join us for all or part of the time

*If you are partici-
pating beyond 10
PM, please bring
dairy or pareve
snacks to share*

There are opportunities for socializing and noshing throughout
the evening and overnight into the morning



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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.

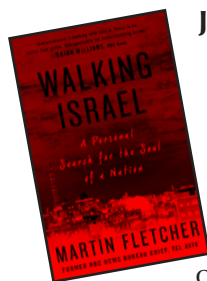
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May 21

In the Garden of Beasts

by Erik Larson

The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history.



June 11

Walking Israel

by Martin Fletcher

With its dense history of endless conflict and biblical events, Israel's coastline is by far the most interesting hundred miles in the world. As longtime chief of NBC's Tel Aviv news bureau, Martin Fletcher is in a unique position to interpret Israel, and he brings it off in a spectacular and novel manner, by strolling the entire coast.

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

BBMM JRA Project

In April students from GJC's BBMM (Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mechina or Preparation) class volunteered at the JRA (Jewish Relief Agency). JRA Executive Director, Amy Krulik, spoke to participants about issues of hunger in our city and the work JRA does to supply 3,100 households a month with nutritious food. The group worked hard packing boxes of food along with nearly a hundred other people in the JRA warehouse as we rocked out to upbeat music. Then we loaded our cars



with boxes and drove to a residence in Northeast Philadelphia that is home to many senior citizens who are immigrants from the Former Soviet Union who are coping with food insecurity. We shlepped boxes in and out of elevators and delivered packages to residents in their apartments. Many students were moved by the encounters they had with the residents. Many parents remarked on JRA's impressively organized operation.

Women's Club News

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

Greetings from Women's Club!

Thank you all for helping to make this past year successful for Women's Club.

We have had a variety of wonderful programs this year. The second inter-generational gathering sponsored by Women's Club was well received and will be continuing after the summer.

Our annual Purim Bash was a fun night and we are looking forward to it being bigger and better next year!

We are looking forward to our Craft Show in November. Please save your "nearly new" items for the White Elephant Sale. More information to follow.

Please continue shopping in our Little Shop. Our wonderful sales staff looks forward to helping you.

Don't forget about our annual Torah Fund Brunch on May 5, this year honoring Eve Pinkenson.

And then we have Women's Club &

Men's Club Installation of Officers on June 2.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy Summer!



Our Torah Fund Brunch is on the 5th of May

We honor our Eve with a brunch that's gourmet
Please come at 11 and don't be late
We have a lot to celebrate!

**Join us at
Kathy and George Amrom's house
8319 Seminole Street
Chestnut Hill**

Judy Schwartz:
judyschwartz38@gmail.com
Bev Somerson:
beverly@securityoffice.com

Contributions are welcomed at the door

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 February, 2013 through March, 2013

Todah Rabbah!

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

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	Bev & Ira Somerson	in honor of Barbara & Dick Menin, on their 20th wedding anniversary
	Joan W. Stern	refuah shleimah to Hilda Minkoff
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund	The Spear Family	in honor of Rabbi Judd Levingston, on his birthday
Beck Scholar-in-Residence Fund	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in memory of Marian Darmstadter, a long-time member of GJC
Bess Schick Memorial Fund	Rhena & Steven Kelsen	in memory of Mildred Magil, a founding member of GJC
Camp Scholarships Fund	Cathy Berg, Catherine Barone, Debbie Schultz, Debbie Bayges & Debbie DePero, Shoshanna & Micah Harrari, Elaine & Alan Schwartz, Barry & Kathy Faust, Eric & Tony Bradway, John Madrak, Anthony & Patricia Olivieri, Tony Southward & Chablis Wootten, Connie & Michael Ken, Trudy & Stan Berkowitz, Meme & Louis Holod, Martin & Patricia Kohn and Betty Dailey	in honor of Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, on her 96th birthday on May 2
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	Margie Toll & Gary Mamula, Carole & Dale Bridges, and Arlene, Arthur & Adam Loewy	in honor of Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, on her 96th birthday on May 2
	Phillip J. Berg & Carol Miller, Joan & Edwin Rubin, and Judith & Marvin Morris	in honor of Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, our mother, on her 96th birthday on May 2
	Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, Phillip J. Berg & Carol Miller	in honor of Rabbi Annie Lewis, on her installation as Assistant Rabbi of GJC
	Shelby & Dr. David Epstein, Jessica Miller & Bryan Barbieri, Seth Rubin & Ivy Wittenberg and Cheryl Rubin & Lori Finkel	in honor of Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, our grandmother, on her 96th birthday on May 2
	Sienna & Scarlett Epstein and Casey & Ryan Berg	in honor of Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum, our great-grandmother, on her 96th birthday on May 2
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in memory of Jeanette Bacine, mother
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in memory of Samuel Kobran, father
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in honor of Marcy & Dan Bacine, on the marriage of their son
Matthew to Alyse Levy
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in memory of Manila Grant Shaver, father of Kathy Amrom
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Matthew to Alyse Levy

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in honor of Joan W. Stern, on the birth of her grandson
Asher Ethan Wine
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Asher Ethan Wine

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GJC Women's Club

in honor of Reena & Aryeh Friedman, on the birth of their
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in honor of Evelyn Eskin & David Major, on their
50th wedding anniversary

in honor of Dan & Debbie Werlin, on the birth of their
daughter Nava Yael

in memory of Dr. Stanley C. Diamond, husband of
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in honor of Connie & Sam Katz, on the marriage of their son
Phil Katz to Leah Greenberg

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in honor of Peninah & Albert Berdugo, on the engagement of
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	in memory of Joyce Kutler, wife of Bud Kutler
	in memory of Lillian Frank, mother of John Frank
	in honor of Barbara & Dick Menin, on their 20th
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	in honor of Marcy & Dan Bacine, on the marriage of their son
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	Asher Ethan Wine
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	in memory of Gitel Feinberg, mother
	in memory of Leo Fleischman, father
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	in honor of Sonia Dishler, on the marriage of her daughter
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	in honor of Cherie Goren, for her lovely hospitality
	in memory of Estelle Admonit, mother
	in memory of Joyce Kutler, wife of Bud Kutler
	in honor of Marvin Sclan, on his special birthday
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	Lucille & Aaron Weber	in memory of Ida Weber, mother
		in honor of Mathieu & Jessica Shapiro, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jake
		in memory of Joyce Kutler, wife of Bud Kutler
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		in memory of Milton Marcus, step-father of Rabbi Jeffrey Sultar
	Richard Menin	in memory of Irvin Menin, uncle
	Ruth Rosenthal	in memory of Robert Rosenthal, son
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in memory of Manila Grant Shaver, father of Kathy Amrom
		in memory of Beatrice Chazin, grandmother of Devorah Lissek
	Joan Silver	refuah shleimah to Hilda Minkoff
	Bev & Ira Somerson	refuah shleimah to Hilda Minkoff
	Joan W. Stern	in memory of Frances Winderman, aunt
		in memory of Sarah Winderman, grandmother
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		in memory of Rose Weingarten, mother-in-law
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	Dena & Ed Lake	in honor of Marcy & Dan Bacine, on the marriage of their son Matthew to Alyse Levy
		in honor of Joan W. Stern, on the birth of her grandson Asher Ethan Wine

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	Dena & Ed Lake	in honor of Elayne Blender, on the birth of her grandchild
	Devorah Lissek & Josh Barash	in appreciation of the GJC music concert
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	Mitchell Berk & Beth Stearman	
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	Denise Wolf & Paul Rudick	in honor of Leah Corsover & Jon Rossos, on the birth of their son Cooper
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	Lynn & Bob Levy	in appreciation of Rabbi Zeff, for the beautiful aufruf ceremony for Matt Bacine & Alyse Levy
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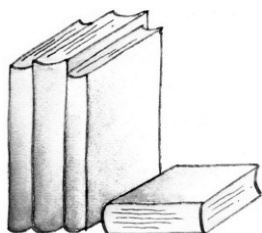
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in memory of Hannah Shaines, mother of Barbara Lissy
in honor of Maxine Margolies
in memory of Joyce Kutler, wife of Bud Kutler

in honor and appreciation of Rabbi Zeff, for Elya's Bat Mitzvah
in honor of Berel Sternthal, on his 75th birthday
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