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By Rabbi Annie Lewis

Building a Heart of Many Rooms

Rain seeps through the roof of the synagogue sukkah as I chant the haftarah, cozy in the Canteen room. The text of the haftarah for the second day of Sukkot comes from the first book of Kings and describes the inauguration of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. As a sign that the building project has been met with Divine favor, God fills the holy space in the form of cloud covering. Solomon declares, "God will dwell in a thick, dark cloud" (I Kings 8:12). Just as God's presence had filled the Tabernacle in the wilderness upon its completion, God's glory will once again descend in layers of mist (Exodus 40, Numbers 9).

As our Jewish calendar shifts into the rainy season, I am drawn to this image of a God who shows up cloaked in fog, a maker of mystery, a deity of endless possibility. Once, I saw a bumper sticker declaring, "God is too big to fit inside one religion." The work of theology depends on a major margin of error. God in cloud form spans everything, yet cannot be comprehended in any one thing. Coming close to the cloudiness of religious truth calls for humility.

On the topic of religious pluralism, one of my teachers from seminary, Rabbi David Hoffman wrote, "It is in the space in between deep religious commitment and heartfelt humility from which we may make

spiritual room for those who express different notions of the truth than those of our own." As this community knows well, it is no simple task to make space for multiple truths and divergent religious beliefs and practices. Celebrating three months since arriving at GJC, I continue to be in awe of the multitude of opportunities for learning, connection and worship in the many pockets of our building and throughout the community.

Our sages acknowledge the spiritual challenge of living in a diverse community of practice, transmitting the question, "If some rule it is impure and others pure, if some forbid and others permit, why should I continue to learn Torah?" In response to this conundrum, we are reminded of the shared source of conflicting conclusions: "All the words were given by a single Shepherd, one God created them, one Provider gave them, the Blessed Ruler of all creation spoke them." The rabbis then advise, "Therefore make your heart into a many-chambered room, and bring into it both the words of the House of Shammai and the words of the House of Hillel, both the words of those who forbid and the words of those who permit." (Tosefta Sotah 7:12)

We are called to pay attention to the architecture of our hearts, to renovate them into rooms of many rooms. Where we do not agree, we are sent to seek understanding of dissenting opinions and to make a place for them in our storehouses of knowledge. We are to commit to a particular path of practice, and yet we are reminded that it is

possible to reach an opposite conclusion that stems from and leads back to the same Divine source.

A number of years ago, when I served as a counselor on a gap year program in Israel, my co-counselor, Jesse, and I had dissonant views when it came to politics. It was a source of tension at the beginning of our relationship and we did our best to avoid political topics. However, as we came to respect each other as fellow educators and friends, we found ourselves venturing into challenging and painful conversations. We were genuinely interested in understanding where the other was coming from and when debates got heated, we remembered the relationship in which they were rooted. There were moments of heartbreak, but we tried our best to create a positive model for the participants on our program by continuing to communicate with one another. Sometimes, when I am having a

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Program Highlights

Dorshei Derekh's Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat

"Transgender Jews: Moving Toward
the Blessing of Inclusion"

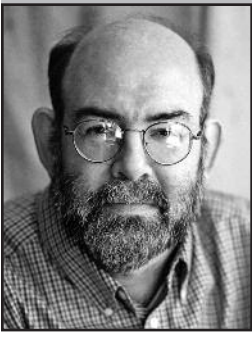
November 10

Tot Shabbat & Minyan Masorti Shabbat Potluck

November 16

"Jewish Feminists: Complex Identities and Activist Lives" Dorshei Derekh Author's Event with Dina Pinsky

November 27



President's Message

New essay contest: I'm proud to be a member of GJC because _____

By Mitch Marcus, GJC President

No, not really. But it wouldn't be a bad idea. Here's why:

There's a quiet consensus around GJC that this shul is doing a lot right, that this community is a very special place. Now that I'm GJC's president, people stop me on the street or at Weaver's Way and give me reactions to events at the shul, about the sermons over the High Holidays, about Kol Zimrah, about many things. These folks invariably talk with an enthusiasm that signals instantly how important this community is to them. We share this among ourselves, but how often do we share this with our friends and our colleagues? And there are good reasons that we should do so.

It's clear that we actually do have much to be proud of, and that among synagogues in the US right now, we're unusual. Our membership has remained remarkably steady for years now, which in and of itself is unusual. The majority of shuls in the Philadelphia region are shrinking. The membership of conservative synagogues in the US as a whole is down 14% in the last 10 years, and the

membership in our region is down by over 10%. Yet our stability isn't due to stagnation - about 40 households a year leave GJC, almost all because of moving out of the area. But an equal number join each year, and our new members are surprisingly distributed quite evenly across the age spectrum. We see this, of course, as a result of the strength of our community and of our values, that we remain committed as a community to diversity in more and more dimensions. Our diversity has also led to a richness of program that makes it hard to believe that we're not much larger.

But why not just keep our pride to ourselves? Quiet pride is a grand old Philadelphia tradition, after all. Why would I even think of an essay contest? Because getting the word out will slowly, over time, help to bring more people in our doors as people move into the area, or decide to affiliate with a shul, or just want to join our community. And this will be good for GJC in some important ways. GJC's membership sits at a slightly awkward size. Given our size, and the scope of our program, we need the extensive staff we have, and we're just large enough

to afford what we need. But a somewhat larger membership wouldn't entail more significant expenses, and at the current membership, there's absolutely no discretionary funds, no room to fund program opportunities that come up during the year that aren't in our annual budget. Another 20 or 30 families would give us a degree of flexibility that we haven't had for years.

And what might accomplish this? A really easy first step is just to let folks know that you're proud to be a member, and, more importantly, why. Simply tell people when the subject of shuls comes up - that's much of what it takes. Another easy first step is to buy one of the new \$1 car magnets from the GJC office and put it on your car. It discreetly lets people know that you're proud to belong, and they can ask if they want. For myself, I keep telling folks who might be interested about how wonderful the Kol Zimrah Kabbalat Shabbat service is. So you needn't write an essay, but try to think of what you most like about GJC and share it with friends and relatives. Small actions can often lead to big changes.

Rabbi's Message

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tough conversation about Israeli or American politics, I picture sitting with Jesse in the courtyard of our dorm building of many rooms, surrounded by Jerusalem stone.

There are words that make me cringe and I admit that I would rather not have to hear them. And yet, I am drawn to the words of our sages, who challenge us to make room in our hearts to seek the

grains of truth in the very words that break our hearts. For the sake of a world of multiple voices, colors and approaches, I strive to craft a heart that can hold contradiction. For love of the Jewish people, of this country and of Israel, humbled by a foggy God and by the multitudes we all contain, I feel a responsibility to engage with what is hard. I pray for a heart that is humble and soft enough to know the godliness in speakers and seekers on a plurality of paths to Truth.

For the Israelites in the desert, the clouds of glory provided guidance and protection on their journey. We, too, can look to this symbol of a cloud charged with divine presence for a way forward in uncertain times. In this election season, may we, our leaders and fellow citizens be granted the humility to listen across divides. May our synagogue with much heart and many rooms be a model of tikkun for this country in need of healing.



(August 15 – October 15, 2012)

IN CELEBRATION...

Wendy Weingarten & Jerry Kutnick, on the Aufruf and marriage of their son Uri Weingarten and Galil Porat
Sam & Connie Katz, on the Aufruf and marriage of their son Phil Katz and Leah Greenberg

Mindy Pitkofsky, our ECP Director, on the birth of her grandson, Evan Lawrence Pitkofsky

Joyce Norden, on the opening night of her art show, "Colors of the Seasons"

Rebecca Zaslow & Tristin Lowe, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Guston Zaslow-Lowe

Cy & Rennie Cohen, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Alex Goldring

David & Allyson Schwartz, on the Rosh Hashanah birth of their granddaughter, Arielle, to Daniel & Lauren Schwartz

Aaron & Lucille Weber, on their 64th wedding anniversary

Sidney August, on his 94th birthday

Bunny Stein, on her 90th birthday

Jeanette Dudnick, on her 91st birthday

Melissa Schiffman & Tom McLaughlin, on the birth of their son Adam Paul McLaughlin

Adam Gregory Mermelstein, son of Andrew & Ellen Mermelstein and grandson of Maurice & Maxine Feldman, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Emma Dudnick, daughter of Robert Dudnick & Anna Herman, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Max Seldin, son of Alex & Stefanie Seldin, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Nina Gordon & Lou Walinsky, on the birth of their granddaughter Reena King to Naomi Walinsky-King and Gary King

Mitchell Hirsch & Sylvia Lifschitz, on their 30th wedding anniversary

IN MEMORIAM

Rosanne R. Seitz, mother of **Christine Bamberger**

Jack Gluskin, father of **Rabbi Shai Gluskin**

Barbara Ann McCracken, mother of **Carol Robinson**

Fannie Bogom, mother of **Stuart Bogom**

Carol Schwartz, wife of **Elliot Schwartz** and mother of **Wendy Schwartz**

Dr. Stanley C. Diamond, husband of **Beverly Diamond**

NEW MEMBERS

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- Esther Feingold
- Claire Finkelstein & Family
- Jeremy Frank & Jennifer Zarro & Family
- Josh Gutoff
- Randi Hoffman & Family
- David Laver & Family
- Rachel Marcus & Eileen Carlin
- Steve Nadel & Numi Mansdorf & Family
- Lois Robbins
- Jay Seitchek
- Dan & Debbie Werlin & Family

WELCOME!

To the GJC Community - Your acts of support, concern and kindness during this most difficult time are appreciated and help to sustain us and honor George in every way.

Joy, Jackie and Ava Shore



Shabbat Chai-Lites

November 2 & 3

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Weekly Torah Study
- Mazel tov to Abe Barash, son of Devorah Lissek & Josh Barash, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
- Kol D'mamah

November 9 & 10

- Interfaithways Shabbat
- Youth Group Erev Shabbat Program
- Dorshei Derekh's Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat

November 16 & 17

- Tot Shabbat
- Minyan Masorti Shabbat Potluck
- Mazel tov to Aaron Kavesh, son of Bill Kavesh & Karen Levitt, on becoming Bar Mitzvah (CS/MM – 9:30 AM)

November 24 – Thanksgiving Weekend

- No Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- No children's services or childcare

December 1

- Mazel tov to Noah Friedman-Nathan, son of Marsha Friedman & Steve Nathan, on becoming Bar Mitzvah (CS/MM – 9:30 AM)
- Kol D'Mamah
- Shabbat Chuggim

December 7 & 8

- "Preparing for Hanukkah: Kiss and Make Up - Judaism, Reconciliation and the Secret of the 7th Candle"
- Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat with Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Gordon & Lori Lefkovitz, Ph.D
- Kol Zimrah

December 15

- Mazel tov to Logan Piatetsky, son of Randi Hoffman, Michael Piatetsky (of blessed memory) and Eli Yaron, on becoming Bar Mitzvah (CS/MM – 9:30 AM)
- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

December 22 & December 29

- No Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- No children's services or childcare

December 28

- Kol Zimrah

Kabbalat Shabbat/Carlebach Shabbat/Kol Zimrah

Fridays at 6 PM

Shabbat Morning

Torah Study at 9 AM

Services at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

Kol D'mamah & Parshat HaShavua at 11 AM



Mitchell Berk and Beth Stearman

Beth Stearman and Mitchell Berk lived a good part of their lives busy with work and although they attended various synagogues for holidays, they were unaffiliated with organized Jewish life. But in the past eight years as active members of GJC, they have found a spiritual and communal home.

Mitchell, 53, is a native Philadelphian who grew up in the Northeast, graduated from Northeast High School and Temple University. He was recruited by IBM as an accountant in his senior year at Temple and immediately moved to Connecticut after graduation where he married (not to Beth). He made his first career change in the late 80's when he transferred within IBM to Marketing as a Systems Engineer and he moved back to Philadelphia.

After five years at IBM, he joined the Reliance Insurance Company and worked there for 10 years until, he says ruefully, "mismanagement practically ran the company into the ground and created the biggest insurance company bankruptcy in Pennsylvania history."

As a result, Mitchell was looking for a job in 2000. Knowing that Philadelphia had many law firms, he decided to look there for his next job. He interviewed at White and Williams LLP for a technical support position and was instead asked if he would like a job as a Litigation Support Analyst. He asked, "What does a Litigation Support Analyst do?" When he was told it involved working directly with attorneys preparing for depositions, hearings and trials, he immediately accepted the position.

"I would be the person going into

court to set up audio/visual equipment to present the evidence to the witness, jury and judge. It's the hot-seat position: 15 pairs of eyes are looking at you. I used to call myself the jury entertainer. At one trial when the attorney, looking for feedback on the trial, asked the jury what they thought about Mr. Berk, they all applauded.

"My most fun trial was in Pittsburgh when we were the plaintiff," he continues. "I've never enjoyed working 14 to 16 hours a day so much. The plaintiff was an evangelical Christian woman from West Virginia whose husband had a tragic accident in Korea. When she found out I was Jewish, she was very excited to have me on her team and would greet me with "boker tov" in the morning. We got the largest plaintiff award in a county known for low awards." He worked at the firm for 10 years.

Mitchell was then recruited by a large Washington-based firm that had a small office in Philadelphia and wanted a local litigation support person. After six months, they decided to move the work back to DC and Mitchell was again looking for a job.

"Which leads me to my latest career," he says, smiling. "I was looking for a job in 2011 and after interviewing at many law firms, I realized that I was experiencing age discrimination.

"So I saw an ad in the Inquirer for Montefiore Cemetery. The ad said, 'Why not sell the one thing everybody needs?' And I thought, well, why not? At the law firms, I worked 24/7 as needed. One year, we were celebrating Rosh Hashanah with Beth's family in Maryland and at 6 a.m. on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, she's dropping me off at National Airport to fly to Bermuda for a hearing."

Mitchell had a good phone interview, went in the next day and was offered the job on the spot. He started working at Montefiore late last year. "They saw something in him," Beth says.

Mitchell meets "mostly with people who are making advanced plans. We hope not to have to meet too many people with immediate need," he says,

"when you're meeting them at the funeral home to make arrangements. If I've worked with a family, I work with them all the way through, to the point of helping them design their monument, to the unveiling." He also is the person who leads the funeral procession to the grave in the cemetery. He helps people find their loved ones when they visit the cemetery. Since Montefiore has been around for over 100 years, he also helps people doing genealogy research on their families.

With Montefiore delineating an area for GJC members, Mitchell observes that "a Jewish community is moving to its final resting place together." Mitchell notes that making arrangements in advance can be a challenging task because no one wants to discuss the finality of death. "People would rather do almost anything than discuss this topic," he notes. "Nobody wakes up on a beautiful day and says 'Let's go buy cemetery spaces.'" But he points out that couples and singles take care of arrangements in advance so that others in their lives don't have to take on the task on what Mitchell calls "the worst day of their lives." As for Mitchell, his new job is "a lifestyle shift. My calendar is much more focused on the Jewish calendar. My work week starts on many Sundays and ends in time to come home for Shabbat. So if I can make a living doing this, it's really great because it fits my life."

Beth, 50, was born in Washington, DC, grew up in its suburbs and attended the University of Maryland. At 26, she moved to New York City to work for Stuart Pharmaceuticals as what was then called a detail 'man' – now called sales representative – then worked in the training department for the company. She moved to Massachusetts for a promotion and lived there for five years.

She left her job and worked in the early days of MRI technology for a company that provided mobile MRI services throughout New England. She

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Member Spotlight

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moved to Philadelphia in 1993 to work for a company that was developing a clinical trials division working with pharmaceutical companies. While working there, she went to Temple part time in the late 1990's for a graduate degree in public health.

After becoming more interested in the research side of medicine, she finished her Master's in Public Health in 2001 and went to work at Fox Chase Cancer Center in cancer prevention research. She stayed for ten years as a research project manager. She ran federally funded clinical trials including one in which first-degree relatives of newly diagnosed breast cancer patients were encouraged to be screened. She also managed the Philadelphia site of a large nationwide breast cancer prevention program funded by the NIH.

Beth began working at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine in November, 2010. She manages a project funded by the federal stimulus program, which looks at helping people manage chronic diseases such as diabetes and obesity with the use of technology and various types of feedback and incentives. The project created a web-based platform that uses biomedical devices – such as electronic pill bottles and glucometers – that wirelessly transmit data to the website. Patients were encouraged to improve their adherence to various behaviors and treatments. In early November Beth moved to a new position at Penn: she will be administrative director of the Bassett Research Center for BRCA, a center focused solely on the prevention and treatment of cancers that are associated with heritable BRCA mutations.

Beth and Mitchell met in the 1990s. Both were married to others and the couples knew each other. After both were divorced, they remained friends and began dating. Their first date was at a Phillies game.

Mitchell had been a member of Keshet Israel in Center City, and would come to GJC to attend some holiday services in the 1990's and early 2000's.

"As long as there was an empty seat, GJC was open to guests and I always gave a donation," he recalls. "I really liked Lenny (Rabbi Leonard Gordon) and when Beth and I got together in 2004, we went to High Holiday services here."

Beth began coming to Germantown with Mitchell. "One of the things that's unique is how open GJC is to guests and visitors," she says. "That was a very nice door opener for us. And we liked Lenny and asked him to marry us. We decided that we would become more active if we were going to be members."

They were married by Rabbi Gordon at GJC on April 1, 2006 and true to their intentions, both Beth and Mitchell have become active in a number of different ways.

"I met Connie Katz very early in our time at Germantown," Beth says. "She told me, 'We'll get you involved in Women's Club.' So, I'm in my second term as recording secretary of Women's Club. The first year of the Craft Show, I volunteered at the White Elephant Table with Eve Pinkenson and we hit it off. We've taken on the white elephant sale at the Craft Show and Women's Club tables at the flea market for the past 3 years," she says.

"When we first started coming to

Germantown, Rachel Falkove was the president and spoke of the Hospitality Network. It struck me as something I would like to be involved in." So Beth has volunteered as an evening host for the Hospitality Network for the past few years. She also serves on the Program Committee and this past year was a member of the nominating committee.

Mitchell, for his part, is a member of the Men's Club and has begun serving a three-year term on the Board of Directors. He is learning to read Torah in a Torah trope class at GJC and is a regular at morning Minyan. "My life has shifted completely towards a Jewish community focus because of what I do and where I live and how they intermingle," he says. "My work allows me to be in the community, to attend Shabbat and holiday services. It gives me the time to learn new things about my religion and observance."

Beth agrees. "GJC has become a big part of our life together. It's been a special and important facet of our life as a couple, to be on this path together and settle in this neighborhood and synagogue. We've made many friends and I feel so fortunate to live in this community."

Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs, Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

Hazak's annual paid up membership brunch was a hit once again. Our popularity continues to grow; Hazak is a group that is recognized throughout the Centre. A special thanks goes out to Mitch Marcus for the plug he gave us Kol Nidre night.

We are planning great programs through out the coming year. We are always in need of volunteers – to help with food set ups, give us program ideas, and suggestions on how to improve, as well as to be in touch with people in need. We are also looking for volunteer photographers to record our events, please let us know if you'd like to do this.

We hope to see you at our next book club discussion, Wednesday, November 14 at 10 AM when we will discuss *The Arrogant Years* by Lucette

Lagnato. We are also looking forward to a program on Wednesday, December 5 at 1PM, more details to follow.

It's never too late to join Hazak. Dues are just \$10 for the year and permit you free entrance to all of our programs and book club discussions. Or you can always join us as a guest for \$5 per program. We hope to see you soon!

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.

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Richard Stern
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Lisa Pettinati
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Rabbi Zeff and the GJC Choir gratefully acknowledge the gift of new choir risers from Phill Goldberg in memory of his parents, Michael and Ellen Goldberg

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Ned Kripke
Nisa Raz

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Leah Weisman
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Save the Date for a special scholar-in-residence Shabbat featuring Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Gordon and his wife Lori Lefkovitz, Ph.D Friday-Saturday, December 7-8

*"Preparing for Hanukkah: Kiss and Make Up
Judaism, Reconciliation and the Secret of the 7th Candle"*

The confluence of the new moon (Rosh Hodesh) and the winter solstice (Hanukkah), when the moon and the sun are both most remote is the occasion for Chag Habanot, the Festival of Daughters, on which it was customary for quarrelling friends to kiss and make up. During this season, when we read about Joseph and his brothers and focus on growing the light, we will look at stories and regulations about reconciliation. We will compare repentance (teshuvah) with reconciliation. Is reconciliation a Jewish value? And what does it have to do with restoring the light of the moon and the warmth of the sun?



Rabbi Gordon and Lori will be with us throughout Shabbat. Friday night will feature our Kol Zimrah service and a teaching followed by a festive oneg. Our guests will also lead Shabbat morning Torah Study at 9 AM on Saturday. Rabbi Gordon will give the D'var Torah in the Charry Sanctuary at 11:45 AM (Dorshei Derekh and Minyan Masorti will end early so that the entire community can come together). And everyone is invited for Kiddush following the service. We are looking forward to this special Shabbat with the Gordon-Lefkovitz family!

**Special Thanks to the Wolfe Family
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DIVRAY CHINUCH

Teaching as if Every Word Matters and Teaching as if the Students Can't Read

By Chana Dickter, Religious School Director

Judaism and Jewish practice places a tremendous value on the printed word, and on literacy. How then do we teach prayer - the meaning of prayer, the ability to connect to the words and find personal meaning - to students who have not yet learned how to read, or who have difficulty learning how to read? After all, we are "the people of the Book"? How do we teach about prayer to each student, and teach to their capacity to learn and understand? How do we use our guidebook, the *siddur* (in its many possible forms and adaptations for students) if the printed word may be incomprehensible? How do we attempt to make prayer meaningful?

These are some of the questions, related to just one area of Jewish learning - spiritual life - that I have been asking myself as I grapple with the task of developing curriculum materials for our Religious School. A curriculum does not just list what the students should learn, eg - about the *chagim*/holidays, about Jewish history, about Jews around the world - but contains guidelines for each grade, including goals, outcomes, methods of assessment and ways to incorporate regular change and updates. For example: What should the second graders know about Hanukkah? The third graders? The fourth graders? Certainly not learn the same thing every year. How do we teach everything we want to accomplish in just five hours per week?

And then there is implementation: even the best curriculum is ineffective if the students are not taught in an engaging manner using active learning techniques and current best practices, all the while knowing that we meet at times of the day and week when they are tired. Ever try to teach a group of 6th grade girls who have all just walked into class together, pillows and bags in hand, announcing that they are tired because they had a sleepover and wish they were still in bed? What techniques/activities/pedagogical methods work best for different age groups, or for a group with different levels of ability?

Both efforts - the actual curriculum

development and implementation/teacher mentoring, happen together. The road map for our school's curriculum, developed last year by the Curriculum Committee, lays out both the areas of learning for our students, as well as pedagogical guidelines. The Core Values that will infuse every aspect of learning and provide the overarching themes of our curriculum are: *Kehillah/Community*, *B'tselem Elokim*/In G-d's Image: Pluralism & Diversity, *Shalom/Peace*, *Tzedek/Social Justice*, and *La'asok b'divrei Torah*/Engaging with Words of Torah (Jewish Learning): Questioning & Critical Thinking. Using these guidelines, I have developed a curricular scope and sequence: bullet points and key questions, for each grade level, for each area of learning, of what the students should be learning. The teachers now submit their lesson plans, and we have begun to work together to improve those plans and the classroom activities that will support their lesson goals. Work is also continuing on curricular materials: goals and outcomes/enduring understandings & essential questions, plus assessment methods, for each grade for each area of learning. It is an intense, ongoing process, and will continue throughout the year.

Back to the beginning - every word does matter. *B'reishit*/In the beginning, God created the world and everything that was in it - through the power of the spoken word and the letters of the Hebrew alphabet: "(these) Hebrew letters are not merely Hebrew letters. They are cosmic energy forces, with which God creates the world. There is nothing so powerful as the Hebrew word" (Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer, senior rabbi of Congregation Bene Shalom in Skokie, Illinois, URJ Ten Minutes of Torah, Oct. 8, 2012).

And if the students have difficulty with reading those words & letters - well, we can take pictures & look at pictures or short videos, we can teach & learn the melodies & songs that convey the same ideas, we can create prayer trains, we can actively listen, we can draw pictures, use a computer, play learning games...all so that we can learn "Shema is for Real" (Joel Lurie Grishaver - a talented Jewish educator, who has been writing about and teach-

ing about prayer and providing inspiration to Jewish educators for over 30 years).

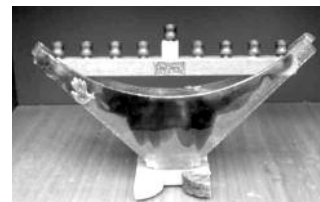


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Wednesday: 12:00 - 8:30
Thursday: 12:00- 5:00
Friday: 12:00 - 4:00

The best boutique you'll ever see is at your GJC
Look what we have brought in for you this fall



November Special
10% off all jewelry*



December Special
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Our Flea Market is
Sunday, November 18
And the first night of Hanukkah is
December 8 so come early
to purchase your holiday gifts

Early Bird Special
10% off purchases made between
12 pm and 3 pm Tuesdays thru Friday.

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

Come one, come all! Volunteer with our Chesed (Caring) Committee



By Lisa Pettinati &
Rabbi Fredi Cooper, Chesed Co-chairs

A huge thank you to Rabbi Lewis, Alanna Sklover, as well as all of the BBMM families who helped us cook in September!

Mark your calendars now for all of these opportunities to get involved in the mitzvah of caring for one another in our sacred community. Adults, teens and children welcome (we recommend that only kids 3 and older attend) to one or more of our cooking marathons. Help us bake challah and more for members of our community who have experienced a loss, are recovering from illness or surgery, or who are welcoming a new child into their family. We also need volunteers to help with other tasks at our cooking marathons, like creating greeting cards to go along with the meals, washing dishes and even doing some shopping and schlepping in advance. Join us for one or more of the following cooking marathons: **Sunday, December 2 from 12:30-4 PM; Sunday, March 3 from 12:30-4 PM; Wednesday, June 5 from 6-9 PM.**

Another way to get involved with Chesed volunteering is to provide company and connection to home or nursing home bound members on an ongoing basis. We help prepare volunteers for this work with training sessions on Shabbat mornings.

If you have any questions about chesed volunteering please contact Chesed Co-chair, Lisa Pettinati at lisapettinati@hotmail.com.

Thank you and we look forward to volunteering with you soon!

Early Childhood Program (ECP)



Our ECP students got a laugh (and some had to cover their ears) when Rabbis Adam and Annie demonstrated the blowing of the shofar for Rosh Hashanah



Tot Shabbat & Holidays at Germantown Jewish Centre

Remaining 2012-2013 Events

Fri. Nov. 16	Tot Shabbat*
Wed. Dec. 12	GJC Celebrates! Hanukkah
Fri. Jan. 18	Tot Shabbat*
Sat. Feb. 9	Tot Havdallah*
Join us for a craft project and musical Havdallah ceremony to separate Shabbat from the rest of the week. Followed by delicious dinner.	
Sun. Feb. 24	Purim Carnival
Fri. Mar. 1	Tot Shabbat*
Sat. April 13 @ 11 AM	Special Ginat Shabbat
Our weekly pre-school program with Miss Amy Jo moves to the Cherry Sanctuary this week. Followed by a special Kid's Kiddush sponsored by ECP.	
Fri. May 10	Tot Shabbat*
Fri. July 19	Tot Shabbat*

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

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

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

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

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


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Women's Club News

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

The chill of autumn is in the air as we turn from the summer and the holiday season to the rhythm of the school year. Women's Club, as usual has planned an array of activities.

Looking back, if you missed the Paid-Up Membership Brunch, you missed a great program. "The Modern Family and the Pursuit of Sanity" was funny, emotional and thought provoking. With Monica Malpass of 6ABC expertly moderating the panel of 3 high-powered and extraordinary women who shared their stories of juggling career and family, the audience engaged in a lively discussion about the many aspects of maintaining sanity (for everyone) in working families. The panel consisted of GJC's own Dina Pinsky, assistant professor of sociology and coordinator of gender and women's studies at Arcadia University, Morgen Cheshire, an attorney and founder of Morgen Cheshire, Esquire LLC, and Judith M. von Seldeneck, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Diversified Search, headquartered in Philadelphia. If you are interested in learning more about the panelists and/or the subject matter, a link to more information is included on the Women's Club page of the GJC website (www.GermantownJewishCentre.org).

This year Women's Club's **Building Beautiful** Project is the installation of a chairlift on the staircase by the synagogue office in the Religious School. This is a necessary and vital addition so that those folks who cannot climb the stairs have access to the 2nd floor of the building. At present there is no access if one cannot use the steps. This project should be completed within the next few months. Please send in your pledge if you haven't already. If you haven't pledged, please consider a donation of any size. Many people from all our communities will benefit from the chairlift.

Speaking of **Building Beautiful**... please stop and admire the gorgeous

new display cases at the top of the stairs in the Religious School building. They absolutely sparkle with the beautiful Judaica of the **Little Shop**. While you're in the area, stop in the Little Shop for gifts, Kosher wine, jewelry and all your Judaica needs, or just to browse.

Keep Saturday Night, **December 1st** open. Women's Club will be showing the movie "**A New Leaf**" starring Walter Matthau and Elaine May. Our own Susan Sternthal will introduce the film. This will be a hilarious night.

Keep **Wednesday, January 30th** open. Women's Club, along with the Religious School, is sponsoring the **The Butterfly Project**. The Wolf Performing Arts Center honors the memory of the

15,000 children who passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp during the Holocaust (less than 100 survived) with a touring production of the play, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti. The play is based on the book by the same name and contains artwork and poetry by the children of Terezin. Look for more information as the time nears. This program is free of charge. There is more information about the play and the Wolf Performing Arts Center on the website at wolfperformingartscenter.org.

Women's Club wishes everyone a wonderful, productive and fulfilling 5773.

Dorshei Derekh's Annual Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat "Transgender Jews: Moving Toward the Blessing of Inclusion"

Saturday, November 10

This year will mark the seventh Yahrzeit of Stefan Presser which Dorshei Derekh observes by hosting a program devoted to Social Justice. Stefan was a fierce protector of civil liberties and human rights through his leadership at the ACLU and in many other venues.

This year's program, "Transgender Jews: Moving Toward the Blessing of Inclusion" will take place on Saturday, November 10, in the Canteen Room. Services will be at 10:00 followed by Kiddush and a panel discussion at 1:00 PM. All are invited.



We welcome Nurit Shein back to our community which she often attended when living in East Mount Airy. Nurit heads the renowned Mazonni Center, a pioneer in LGBT outreach and health services. She has helped to grow and shape the twelve-year-old Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference, an internationally renowned and ever-growing annual event, a project of the Mazonni Center.



David Teutsch, member of GJC for 27 years, has written widely about issues of gender and sexual identity from a Jewish perspective through his work as head of the RRC Center for Jewish Ethics. David's recent book, *Volume I, the Guide to Jewish Practice: Every Day Living*, was the recipient of a National Jewish Book Award.



Yoel is a member of Minyan Masorti, a workforce readiness instructor and curriculum designer, and an activist for transgender rights and a wider rethinking of gender, primarily through his work on the local planning committee of the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference. Over the course of 2011 he transitioned gender on the job, in his community, his extended family, and at GJC. Of all the roles in his life, the most important are husband to Matthew and abba to Erica, Colin, and Phillip.



Leiah Moser is a student in her second year at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. When not busy studying, she regularly writes on the subjects of Judaism, gender and identity on her blog at www.daggadol.wordpress.com. She and her partner Emily attend services at the various minyanim at GJC where Leiah leads torah and leads services.

Contact Donald Joseph, event chair, for additional information: donaldkjoseph@gmail.com

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

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

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

Tuesday, November 13

Start Up Nation

by Dan Senor & Saul Singer



Tuesday, December 11
Burnt Bread and Chutney
by Carmit Delman



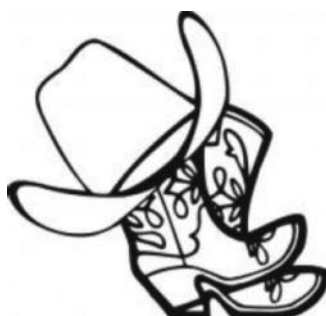
Join the
Ner Tamid Society
by Making a
Planned Gift to
GJC

Please consider making a planned gift to the Germantown Jewish Centre's endowment fund. Planned gifts come in many forms, including for example – charitable gift annuities, life insurance, trusts, or even a bequest in your will. For more information about how you can join the Ner Tamid Society please contact the office.

Adult Education 2012-2013/5773

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

TITLE	INSTRUCTOR(S)	TIMING	DATES	COST MEMBERS/ NON MEMBERS
CENTER CITY LUNCH & LEARN: LAW AS RELIGION, RELIGION AS LAW	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Wednesdays 12:15-1:30 pm	Monthly—Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6	\$150/200 (CLE credit can be obtained for additional fees)
LEARN TO READ TORAH TROPE	Eve Pinkenson	Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm	Oct 17, 24, 31; Nov 7, 14, 28; Dec 5, 19; Jan 2, 9	\$125/150
CALLING ALL GOLEMS	Ellen Frankel	Mondays 7-9 pm (Living Room Learning)	Oct 22, 29; Nov 5, 12	\$60/80
MORE TOUGH SOCIAL ISSUES IN ISRAEL	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Rabbi Annie Lewis	Sundays 10 am—12 Noon	Oct 28; Nov 4, 11, 18	\$60/80
RACE THROUGH THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Rabbi Annie Lewis	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Jan 6, 13, 20, 27	\$50/65
WITH AN EAR TO THE EAST: THE ROLE OF "EASTERN" MUSICAL INFLUENCES ON ISRAELI CULTURE	Yosef Goldman	Sundays 10:30 am—12 noon	Feb 3, 10, 17; Mar 3	\$50/65
LET MY PEOPLE KNOW . . . LEARN TO READ HEBREW BY PASSOVER	Hazzan (Cantor) Naomi Hirsch	Sundays 9:30-11 am	Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 10, 17	\$100/125
A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR OF MIDRASH	Ellen Frankel	Mondays 7-8:30 pm (Living Room Learning)	Feb 25; Mar 4, 11, 18	\$50/65
AS IF WE HAD COME OUT OF EGYPT: EXPLORING THE HAGADAH	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Rabbi Annie Lewis	Sundays 11 am—12:30 pm	Mar 3, 10, 17	\$40/50
SPIRITUAL TREASURES OF EARLY HASIDIC LITERATURE	Rabbi Joshua Bolton	Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm	Apr 9, 16, 23, 30	\$50/65



"THE WILD WEST"

Women's Club Purim Bash!

Save the Date

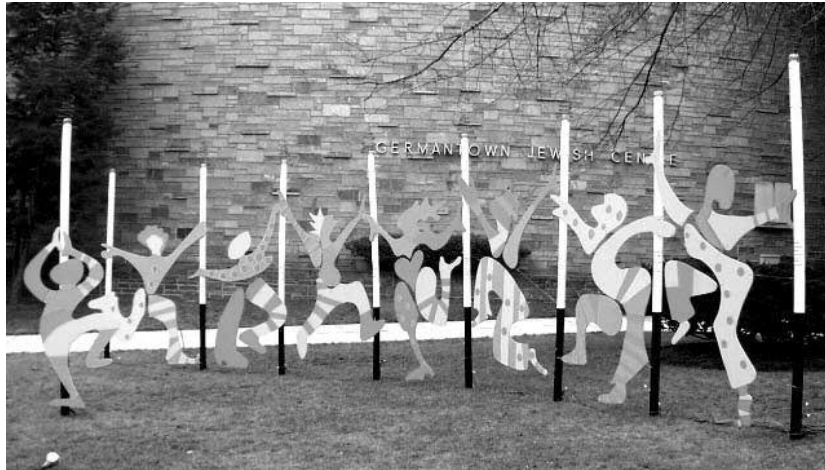
Saturday, February 16th

7:30 PM -11:30 PM

Dancing, Costume Contest, Purim Spiel, Live Auction - Fun for All!

GJC Celebrates! Hanukkah

Generously sponsored by Men's Club



Wednesday, December 12th @ 6 PM

Join us for a fun-filled night of
Latkes! Laughter! and Learning!

(ECP Potluck & Class Events begin at 5:30 PM, ECP families welcome to join in Candle Lighting & Dessert)

6:00PM Latke Dinner, Dreidel-off and Games

7:00PM Candle Lighting & Singing with GJC Choir

7:15PM Hot Cocoa & Sufganiyot (jelly donuts)

7:30PM FREE classes (geared for ADULTS) offered in:



Yoga



Israeli Dancing



"The Jewish Warrior Queen" with Author
Judy Petsonk

Dinner is \$5/person or \$25/family maximum.

RSVP by December 7 to

Elana Shaw program@germantownjewishcentre.org
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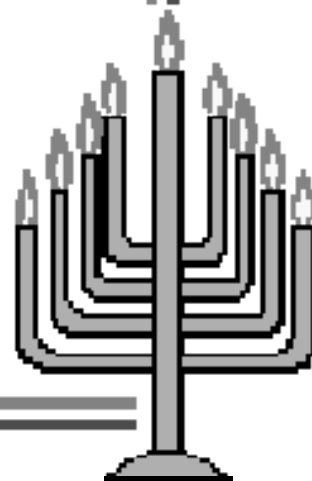
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Hanukkiyah 2012

Hanukkah is just around the corner and the lawn in front of GJC will once again be home to the Dancing Children Hanukkiyah. Synagogue members and unaffiliated neighbors have come to look at this menorah as an integral part of Mt. Airy at holiday time. Join the Men's Club in bringing light to the holiday.

Please join us by sponsoring a candle in honor or memory of someone special in your life. Each night at the lighting the names of those honored will be read. Lightings at 7 PM, Dec. 8-15, except Fri. Dec. 14 at 4 PM.

To sponsor a candle please fill out the form below and send a check for \$36, per candle, to the GJC Men's Club.



Hanukkiyah 2012

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Honoree(s): _____

Name(s) and address(es) of people to notify: _____

Preferred Night to Sponsor: Dec. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Lightings at 7 PM, except Fri. Dec. 14 at 4 PM

Amount Enclosed (\$36 per honoree): _____



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Contributions For the period of August 15, 2012 through October 15, 2012

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

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	Richard Rosenbaum	in memory of Benjamin Schwartzman, father of Mitchell Schwartzman
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	Marilyn Silberstein	in memory of Edith Ruth Jacobs, mother
	Susan & Berel Sternthal	in honor of Carol & Michael Robinson, on their new home
Library Fund	Lucille & Aaron Weber	in honor of Phill Goldberg & Anna Kilmer, on their engagement
		in honor of Wendy Weingarten & Jerry Kutnick, on the marriage of their son Uri to Galil Porat
Minyan Masorti Memorial Shabbat Fund	Lynn & Art Ellis	in appreciation of Germantown Jewish Centre, Minyan Masorti and the important activities they do
	Henry L. Molot	in honor of Wendy Weingarten & Jerry Kutnick, on the marriage of their son Uri to Galil Porat
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in memory of Martin Weingarten, husband
	Wendy Weingarten	in memory of Freda Brownstein, mother
Music Fund	Eleanor Brownstein	in honor of Sheldon & Nita Levin, on the birth of their first grandchild, Dahlia Melody Rajs
	Tamar & Sam Magdovitz	in memory of Jay Furman, a founding member of GJC
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	Stephen Schwartz	in honor of Gabriella & Ken Lande, for their kindnesses during Rosh Hashanah services
	Susan Sternthal	in honor of Phill Goldberg & Anna Kilmer, on their engagement
	Susan & Berel Sternthal	in memory of Rubin Salmansohn, husband
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