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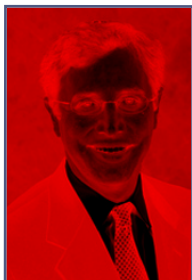
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By Rabbi Adam Zeff

The New Becomes Holy

The old becomes new, and the new becomes holy.

(Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook)

HaRav Kook teaches us that one of our tasks as Jews in community is to transform what is old – the traditions, texts, and rituals that have been passed down to us – into something new, something that has relevance to us here and now. Engaging in this process of transformation has always been at the heart of the life of Germantown Jewish Centre since its earliest days, and we continue that process today in our services, classes, and activities. But Rav Kook doesn't stop there. He also teaches us that it is not only what is old and venerated that can guide us to holiness. The new has just as much potential for becoming holy. So we are also tasked with innovating in ways that can lead us to holiness in our own lives and in the life of our community.

As we turn toward the new year, there is much that remains the same here at GJC, but there is also much that is new. We have welcomed a new rabbinic leader, Rabbi Annie Lewis, as our Assistant Rabbi, and a new educator, Chana Dickter, as our Religious School Director. Along with our new staff come new programs and opportunities to learn, from a new gathering of our Center City members to new teen programs to StorahTelling (more on that in coming issues), that will enrich our community. Rabbi Lewis will be a new face at our High Holiday services, serving as the rabbi for shacharit and mincha services as well as teaching at various points during the holidays.

We look forward to all of the ways she will help us to learn and to change during the years ahead.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of our newest offerings on the High Holidays and to encourage you to take advantage of them as they are of interest and use to you in your journey into the New Year.

New High Holiday programs for children & adults

With the success of our Tot Rosh Hashanah service and dinner on Erev Rosh Hashanah for families with young children, we are opening the dinner that evening to all at 6:30 PM (advance registration is necessary). The Erev Rosh Hashanah service that follows at 7:30 PM will also be transformed into a new service called Kol T'ru'ah – "Sound of the Shofar" – led by myself, Rabbi Lewis, and Nina Peskin. This innovative, participatory service will bring us together to welcome the New Year with singing, prayer, and poetry. Whether you take part in the dinner at GJC or eat at home, I encourage you to make Kol T'ru'ah a new tradition for you and your family and friends.

Once again our teen discussions will meet on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and we offer a range of services to provide age-appropriate experiences for our children, from toddlers to pre-teens. We will also once again be offering an inclusive High Holiday service called Kol Reena, especially for those with special needs, led by Rabbi Michelle Greenfield, on the morning of the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Once again, on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will be

offering multiple options for adults to engage in the holidays in different ways, including Torah-centered Yoga classes and intensive text study on the themes of the holidays. In addition, the Kol D'mamah Contemplative Service will offer opportunities for guided and independent meditation, chanting, and contemplation throughout the holidays. Of course, we will also have all of our traditional High Holiday offerings: age-appropriate services for children from toddlers to pre-teens; teen activity groups; childcare for our youngest members; the Charry Sanctuary, Minyan Masorti, and Dorshei Derekh services for adults; an exciting Bregman program on Health Justice on Yom Kippur afternoon; and more! Please come and explore it all, and bring along those who are interested in GJC to see all that we offer!

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Program Highlights

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September 8

New Member Meet & Greet

September 9

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Tot Shabbat,

Community-wide dinner,

Kol T'ru'ah Service

September 16

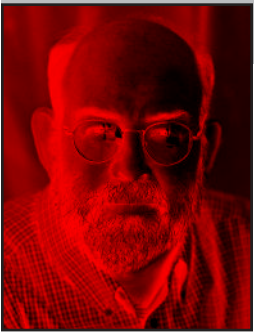
Community Yom Kippur

Break-the-Fast

September 26

Kol Zimrah

September 28



President's Message

A New Year, A New Beginning

By Mitch Marcus, GJC President

We learn from the Mishnah's discussion of Rosh Hashanah that there are actually 4 different new years each year. The best known of these are Rosh Hashanah, traditionally the birthday of the world itself, and Tu B'Shvat, the new year of the trees. Each of these four new years marks the beginning of an annual cycle of a different aspect of our lives. But even Rosh Hashanah, it seems, marks a different beginning each year in that different aspects of our lives seem to be changing come the High Holidays each year. This is true in my own life, and it also seems to be true for our community here at GJC.

Last fall as the High Holidays approached, we were preparing for the installation of Rabbi Zeff as our Rabbi. This past year was also a year of searches, as our now-past president Chris Levin convened a search committee to find a new assistant

rabbi, chaired by Linda Kriger, and a committee to find a new religious school director, chaired by Seth Lieberman.

As the High Holidays approach this year, our new assistant rabbi, Rabbi Annie Lewis, and Yosef Goldman, her husband, have now joined our community. Many of us have had the pleasure during the summer of experiencing Rabbi Lewis's teaching and davening, and have experienced her warm personality. Rabbi Lewis is a wonderful fit for our community, with a deep interest in social justice, and experience in faith-based community organizing.

We have also been joined by Chana Dickter, our new religious school director. This year will see the beginning of implementation of a new religious school curriculum under her direction, in collaboration with the religious school parents. Last year, a committee of religious school parents convened by Stefanie Seldin did a careful study of what our priorities were for education, and laid out a thoughtful plan for a more structured curriculum than we have had for a number of years. The next step is to develop selected aspects of this curriculum in detail, and we expect to see

some aspects of this new curriculum implemented this year.

Now that we have renewed our professional staff, the executive committee this year is looking forward to renewing the lay structures of our congregation. We hope to begin an ongoing planning process in connection with our budget process, so that GJC's lay and professional staff together are looking out several years in our goals and have some understanding through a multi-year budgeting process of how we can better align our goals with our fiscal realities so that we have the resources we need not just to sustain our community, but to move it forward. We also hope to look at our committee structures and ask how to make them more effective. These structures reflect a model that doesn't quite take into account the increasing time pressures on our younger members where active careers conflict with family responsibilities that are increasingly shared.

The coming months will also find us with a renewed building. The roof over the Charry sanctuary has been replaced, fully funded by our annual Building Fund assessments of

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Rabbi's Message

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Open yourself to the new

As we enter the New Year, I encourage you to try something new, to open yourself up to ideas and activities that you may not have encountered before, to stretch and grow in new ways that you may not have previously imagined. The year stretches out before us like a blank canvas, waiting for us to fill it with learning, growing, and engaging with Jewish tradition and with each other, enhancing the meaning of our lives in new and exciting ways.

My wife Cheryl and our sons, Zeke, Avi, & Mati, join me in wishing you a new year full of the blessings of health, happiness, joy, and peace. L'shanah tovah!



And, of course, lots of new items for the fall
Our monthly specials continue:
Save 10% on talitot in September and
10% on tzedakah boxes in October

We want to wish everyone a Sweet New Year

This year the Little Shop wants to contribute more money than ever before to GJC

Resolve to shop more often to help us reach our goal!

And as always 10% off purchases made between 12 and 3 Tuesdays thru Friday.

And should you need a reminder: The New Year's Holidays are almost here. We have everything you might need: prayer books, greeting cards from the Jewish Museum, terrific wines, soft torahs, children's rosh hashana sets, etrog boxes.

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



(June 2012 & July 2012)

Julie Greenberg, on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Mozi Greenberg

Dove, on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Mozi Greenberg

Peter & Peshe Kuriloff, on the birth of their new grandson

Jeff & Linda Needleman, on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Nathaniel & Sarah

Anna Kilmer & Phill Goldberg, on their engagement

Robert Tabak & Ruth Loew, on the aufruf of their son Gabe Tabak and Ruthie Brown

Ed & Andrea Rock, on the aufruf of their son Aaron Rock and Cara Singer

Leslie Pontz, on being the featured artist in the National Basketry Organization's Summer *Quarterly Review*

IN MEMORIAM

Simon Bonderow, father of Meryl Bonderow

Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke

Leiser Brown, father of Mindy Brown, Shirley Brown and Ruth Heiges

Evelyn Naomi Abraham Shamash, mother of Jessica Shamash

Helene Bernat, sister of Nan Daniels

Israel Eisenberg, father of Ron Eisenberg

Myer ("Mike") Jacobs, a long-time member of Germantown Jewish Centre

Jay Furman, a founding member of Germantown Jewish Centre, at the age of 100

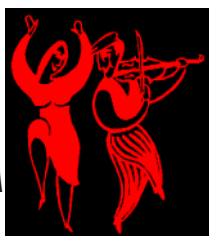


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Shabbat Chai-Lites

September 7 & 8

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Weekly Torah Study & Chesed Training
- Mazel tov to Guston Zaslow-Lowe, son of Rebecca Zaslow & Tristin Lowe, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
- Childcare and Children's Services resume after summer vacation
- Kol D'mamah

September 15

- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

October 6

- Kol D'mamah
- Sukkah Walk

October 13

- Weekly Torah Study & Chesed Training
- Mazel tov to Adam Mermelstein, son of Andrew & Ellen Mermelstein and grandson of Maxine & Maurice Feldman, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

October 19 & 20

- Kol HaNoar
- Mazel tov to Emma Dudnick, daughter of Anna Herman & Robert Dudnick and granddaughter of Jeanette Dudnick, on becoming Bat Mitzvah (Dorshei Derekh/Charry Service – 9:30 AM)

October 26 & 27

- Kol Zimrah
- Mazel tov to Max Seldin, son of Stefanie & Alex Seldin, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

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



Rabbi Annie Lewis and Yosef Goldman

Rabbi Annie Lewis brings enthusiasm and passion to her new role as assistant rabbi at GJC. Upon assuming the post on July 1, she immediately stepped into her job by conducting services, officiating at shiva minyanim and presiding over morning minyan while Rabbi Zeff was away. She also has begun the prodigious task of meeting congregants in the many diverse parts of GJC.

Rabbi Lewis brings an impressive resume to her work here. Born in Plainsboro NJ, she attended public schools. Her father is a medicinal chemist and the deputy mayor of Plainsboro. Her mother is a Jewish communal professional who worked as executive director of a synagogue and for Jewish Federation. She now works as the administrator for the Amy Adina Schulman foundation. She has one brother, Adam, 26, who teaches science and special education at a public middle school in Washington Heights in New York City.

Rabbi Lewis, 28, earned her B.A. from Brown University in 2005 in linguistic anthropology, the study of how language influences social life. She took her junior semester abroad at the University of Cape Town, where she studied the politics of language as it relates to social change, education and race in South Africa. That experience has seeped into every aspect of her rabbinate, particularly in her interest in language and stories and the way they influence and illuminate how people express their Jewish identity. While in South Africa, she studied the Jewish community in relation to apartheid

and its abolition, which inform her interest in Judaism and social justice. Another influence in this area was her experience as a teenager at Camp Ramah where she spent many summers. When she was 15, "We would go to Scranton each week to do service projects. It was a powerful experience at that age to develop a sense of obligation to the community among a group of peers. It was an incredibly effective way to teach Jewish values and to get teens to bond with each other. Our contributions to the local community were rooted in a Jewish understanding of what it means to be co-partners with God in repairing the world." She is hoping to create similar programming for teens at GJC.

For someone so young, it seems as if Rabbi Lewis has been everywhere and done everything. After graduating college in 2005, she worked for a year at the New Israel Fund/Shatil Social Justice Fellowship in Israel. For the Fellowship, she interned at Kol Halsha, a multicultural women's center in Jerusalem. In addition, she worked at the Yedid community center in Ashkelon, coordinating an after-school program for teens whose parents were immigrants from Ethiopia and the Former Soviet Union.

The following year, she served as a madricha (group leader) for Nativ, the Conservative Movement's gap year program in Israel and studied at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. She lived with her group from Nativ at an Absorption Center in Be'er Sheva and volunteered at Shatil's Be'er Sheva office, doing grant writing for social justice organizations in the South of Israel. As if all that didn't fill her days and nights, Rabbi Lewis found time to travel to Jordan, Egypt and Europe.

From her days at Ramah as a camper and as a leader and from her college and post college experience, Rabbi Lewis has many friends from Mt. Airy, including Zach Teutsch, whom she met at Brown. In fact, in the summer of 2009, Rabbi Lewis met his father, Rabbi David Teutsch, on a trip with the

American Jewish World Service to Senegal, where he was scholar in residence. "It was a soul-shaking experience," she recalls. "We volunteered with a community-based development organization called Tostan in the city of Thies. We met many people dedicated to making their villages better, safer and healthier and improving conditions for women."

When she entered rabbinical school, she met her husband almost immediately. Yosef Goldman, born and bred in Manhattan, is a cantorial and rabbinical student at JTS. He was raised in a Modern Orthodox home and attended Modern Orthodox schools, including Ramaz High School, but he gradually moved away from Orthodox theology and practice. He has become immersed in issues of sexual, theological and cultural diversity.

This factored into Rabbi Lewis' and Yosef's efforts to move the institution where JTS students studied in Jerusalem to begin accepting gay students for ordination. Although JTS had recently admitted openly gay students, Machon Schechter, the yeshiva where JTS students matriculated in Israel, would not grant smicha (rabbinic ordination) to gay students, even though it allowed visiting students to study there. This prompted a controversy in which Rabbi Lewis, Yosef, Aaron Weininger, the first openly gay JTS student, and two other JTS students ultimately decided to study elsewhere in Israel.

"The next year, one student refused to study at Machon Schechter" Rabbi Lewis says. "The following year, all the JTS students studied at Schechter. But this year, 15 out of 20 JTS students who are headed to Israel in the fall signed a petition saying they wouldn't study there if Machon Schechter maintained its policy of not ordaining openly gay students. Additionally, there was strong leadership from Masorti communities in Israel pushing for change, as well as movement

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within the Schechter administration. All of these things aligned and this past May, Schechter changed its policy so that openly gay students can be ordained as Masorti rabbis in Israel. "My decision to leave Machon Schechter is the moment I'm most proud of from my time at JTS – I am grateful that we stood up for what we believed in and took a risk in the name of Jewish values and a commitment to justice. I am proud that I was able to be involved in the work of culture change at JTS and in the Conservative/Masorti movements towards inclusion and celebration of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. There is still more work to be done and I am in it for the long haul."

During rabbinical school, Rabbi Lewis received a Wexner Graduate Fellowship and was part of a cohort of twenty graduate students from different denominations pursuing careers in Jewish communal service and Jewish Studies. For four years, they met twice a year for conferences where they trained in leadership development and worked to build a pluralistic community.

Rabbi Lewis recently finished her term as student rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Gulfport, Mississippi. Earlier, she had internships in Hoboken NJ and Marin County CA.

In Marin County, Rabbi Lewis served as a community organizer with teens at a Reform congregation involved in a group of faith-based organizations working together for justice in Marin County. It is the kind of work she's contemplating doing here at GJC.

"The second year I ran the program, teens from the Conservative synagogue joined. The teens got to know each other. They met people in various justice organizations in the community and learned about different issues. We started each session with prayer and text study, using the tradition to support what we were doing. We talked a lot about Jewish identity and what it meant to be Jewish."

The teens became exposed to a range of social issues. One was public transportation. The teens also met with a group in a retirement community called Mill Valley Seniors for Peace that has existed since the beginning of the Iraq war in 2003. Their average age was around 84. "Someone had created a documentary about them and the teens and seniors watched it together and then had conversations with each other, one on one," Rabbi Lewis recalls. "The teens also met with a group of Latino teens whose families were recent immigrants."

From her background in community organizing, Rabbi Lewis' orientation is getting "people from different walks of life to talk to each other – people with

different personalities and interests. What would it look like to cross some of those divides and just know each other?"

"When I was interning in a synagogue in Hoboken," she continues, "I established a listening campaign, setting up one-to-one meetings between people who might have something in common and who were willing to form a team that would meet with members of the synagogue. The aim was to get to know them, to hear about their hopes for the congregation and the city and to identify potential issues around which people could take action together. One-to-one meetings are a simple and pro-

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SELICHOT:

Preparing for the New Year

Saturday evening

September 8, 2012

8:00 pm

Singing Before the Gates: Devotional Music & Study

**With Rabbi Adam Zeff, Rabbi Annie Lewis,
Nina Peskin, Mikael Elsilä & Jonathan Singer**

Program & Service at 8:00 pm

Refreshments at 10:00 pm

The renewal our High Holidays offer us—the opportunity to take stock, let go of grudges, and commit to grow in the coming year—is a sacred yet challenging gift of the Jewish tradition. The month of *Elul* (the Hebrew month before the High Holidays) is traditionally a time to prepare ourselves for the spiritual work of *teshuvah* (repentance). As *Elul* comes to a close, Selichot gives us the opportunity to return to ourselves and awaken our spirits. This year we do so through devotional music and spiritual *kavanot* (intentions). Our rabbis and musicians will teach the melodies of the selichot (penitential) prayers throughout the service. We will create a comfortable space to learn, and enjoy time to worship and prepare for the High Holy Days in the warmth of our community.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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the past several years. We have also shifted our heating system from oil-only to a dual oil-natural gas system, giving us flexibility to significantly lower our heating costs and protect ourselves from swings in heating costs. You will see the new landscaping we are adding outside the sanctuary to shield the necessary new gas line entering the building. This change was done after careful consultation with the House & Design, Finance and Social Action Committees before it was discussed by the Executive Committee and the Board. This coming year will also see a new security system in place with much better video monitoring of our entrances in our office, the result of a Homeland Security grant that was submitted over a year ago and has just recently been funded.

And finally, this year is my first year of president of GJC. After 25 years of being nurtured by the communities of GJC, it is a real honor as well as a somewhat daunting responsibility to be asked to serve in so significant a role. Susie and I moved to Mt. Airy in large measure because of minyan Dorshei Derekh, and initially I viewed myself as a member of that community first and a member of GJC second. But then I began to attend the newly strengthened Kabbalat Shabbat minyan during Rabbi Sandy Hahn's last years here, and continued to participate every week as that minyan grew upon Rabbi Gordon's arrival. I joined the religious committee, and got to know a much extended group of folks from every subcommunity at GJC. I realized this: Being a member of a community of communities at its best means that each of us can belong to many of these communities, and that each community we join enriches us. And so this is the change I wish for each of us as members of GJC in the coming year: may we each increase our involvement with the many communities here, and find ourselves enriched in the relationships that will surely follow. L'shana tova!

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found tool for helping people to feel seen and known in community."

Another way Rabbi Lewis expresses her love for Judaism is through storytelling – specifically Storahtelling, a technique in which the themes of the weekly parsha are illuminated through live, interpretive translation. Our Torah stories, she says, "are so rich, juicy and dramatic and sometimes they get lost in the service. With Storahtelling, we bring midrash to life, build a play around the reading of the Torah and facilitate discussion. It's a way to get the congregation involved, to enter the story and to link it to our lives." We are

planning to introduce Storahtelling to the Charry Service on a regular basis, although not every week.

Asked how she views her role as assistant rabbi she says, "I think my role is to work with Rabbi Zeff, the professional staff and lay leaders to advance the vision of our 'community of communities.' There are so many incredible voices and individuals in this community. I hope to bring things to this congregation that will enhance the wealth of learning, action, energy and devotion that is already flowing here."

High Holidays 2012/5773 Special Programs for Adults

In addition to our Charry, Dorshei Derekh & Minyan Masorti services, we invite you to participate and be renewed by the following programs

Yoga

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, 9-10 AM - taught by Leah Weisman

Yom Kippur 4-5 PM - taught by Leah Weisman

Meditation

Kol D'mamah (our monthly contemplative minyan) will meet on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur (as well as on Shabbat during Sukkot). Connect with the divine through music, breath & learning. Includes chant, hand percussion, meditation and contemplative teachings. See separate flyer for details and complete schedule.

Israel Garden - You might also consider enjoying the beauty of our Israel Garden as a meditative spot throughout the high holidays.


Text Study

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, 10 AM - 11 AM

Join Herb Levine for a discussion of the "The Pathways of Character Refinement: Study Texts from the Slonimer Rebbe"

Yom Kippur, 10 AM - 11 AM

Details to follow


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High Holiday & Sukkot Services

2012/5773



Day/Date	Service	Charry Service	Minyan Masorti	Dorshei Derekh	Children's Services	Child Care
Sat., Sep. 8	Selichot	8:00pm Program & Service followed by Oneg				
Sun., Sep. 16	Erev Rosh Hashanah Note NEW Schedule & Service	6:30pm Community Dinner (advanced reg. nec.) 7:30pm Kol T'ru'ah (a musical Erev Rosh Hashanah service in the style of Kol Zimrah, led by Rabbi Zeff, Rabbi Lewis & Nina Peskin)			6:00pm Tot Rosh Hashanah	
Mon., Sep. 17	Rosh Hashanah	9:00am [CS]	9:00am [CAN]	9:30am [MAR]	11:00am	9:00am-2:00pm
	Tashlich	Meet at the Synagogue at 4:00pm				
	Mincha/Maariv	6:30pm [MC]				
Tue., Sep. 18	Rosh Hashanah	9:00am [CS]	9:00am [CAN]	9:30am [MAR]	11:00am	9:00am-2:00pm
Fri., Sep. 21	Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00pm [MC]				
Sat., Sep. 22	Shabbat Shuvah	10:00am [CS]	10:00am [MAS]	10:00am [CAN]	Regular Children's Shabbat Offerings	
Tue., Sep. 25	Kol Nidre	5:45pm [CS]	5:45pm [CAN]	5:45pm [MAR]	6:30pm [MAS] Family Service	5:30-8:15pm
Wed., Sep. 26	Yom Kippur	9:00am [CS]	9:00am [CAN]	9:30am [MAR]	11:00am	9:00am – 2:00pm
	Yizkor	Aprx. 11:30am	Aprx. 11:30am	Aprx. Noon		
	Oscar Bregman Prog.	2:30pm [CS]				
	Services Resume	4:45pm [CS]	4:30pm [CAN]	5:00pm [MAR]		
	Neilah	6:15pm [CS]	6:15pm [MAR]	6:30pm [CAN]		6:00-7:45pm
	Blow Shofar	7:33pm [CS]	7:33pm [MAR]	7:33pm [CAN]		
	Break-the-Fast	7:45pm [MAR] Break-the-Fast (ADVANCED REGISTRATION NECESSARY)				
Fri., Sep. 28	Kol Zimrah	6:00pm [CS]				
Sat. Sep. 29	Parshat Ha'Azinu	10:00am [CS]	10:00am [MAS]	10:00am [CAN]	Regular Children's Shabbat Offerings	
Mon., Oct. 1	Sukkot Day 1	10:00am [CAN]		10:00am [MAS]		
Tue., Oct. 2	Sukkot Day 2	10:00am [CAN]				
Fri., Oct. 5	Erev Shabbat	6:00pm [CS]				
Sat., Oct. 6	Shabbat/Sukkot Day 6	10:00am [CS]	10:00am [MAS]	10:00am [CAN]	Regular Children's Shabbat Offerings	
		Everyone is invited to Kiddush lunch in the Sukkah followed by dessert at our Sukkah Walk locations				
Sun., Oct. 7	Sukkot Day 7	8:00am Hoshana Raba/Morning Minyan [CS]			11:00am GJC Celebrates!	
	Dorshei Derekh Simchat Torah			5:30pm Potluck 6:15pm Service [CAN]		
Mon., Oct. 8	Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor	10:00am [CS] Yizkor	10:00am [CAN] Yizkor	10:00am [MAS] (Simchat Torah Service, Yizkor)		
	Simchat Torah Service	7:00pm [CS] GJC Celebrates!	8:00pm [CAN]		7:00pm [CS] GJC Celebrates!	
Tue., Oct. 9	Simchat Torah Service	10:00am [MAR]				

CS: Charry Sanctuary MAR: Marcus Auditorium MAS: Maslow Auditorium CAN: Temin Canteen Room MC: Magil Chapel

Parents must pre-register for Childcare, Children's Services & Children's Lunch.
Forms are available in the main office & religious school office.
See separate flyers for details on supplemental programs for teens & adults.

Save the Date!

Bread & Torah Workshops

Sunday, October 28



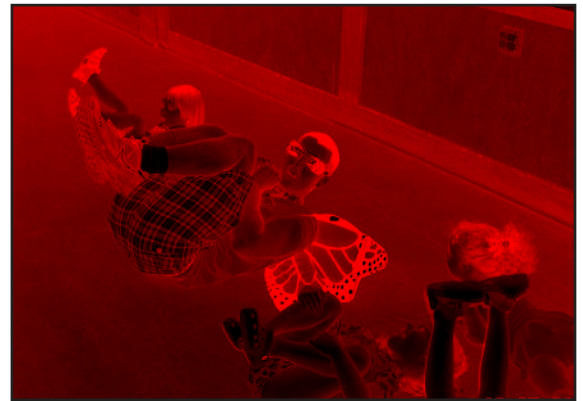
Affirming the importance of both spiritual and physical sustenance in Jewish life, Bread and Torah Programs are creative, hands-on learning experiences that combine traditional Jewish scribal arts and bread making with Jewish spiritual teachings and practices. GJC is excited to welcome Rabbi Linda Motzkin, soferet and scribal artist and Rabbi Jonathan Rubenstein, bread maker and baking teacher, to lead workshops for both children and adults. In the morning they will work with our religious school students and in the evening adults can register for "Beauty and the Yeast: Wholesome and Handsome Loaves for the Daily Table and for Special Occasions" where participants will learn to bake enriched loaves – white and whole wheat varieties – that make great sandwiches and toast, and can also be formed into challah and decorative shapes for celebrations, or "Shiviti/Mizrach," traditional Jewish art forms, incorporating words and images to serve as focal points for prayer and meditation. This workshop will present some of the common Hebrew phrases and images that are found in this art form, and provide an opportunity to explore the making of a personal shiviti or mizrach. More info on how to register for evening workshops will be available soon.

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Early Childhood Program (ECP)



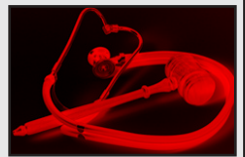
ECP has enjoyed getting to know "Rabbi Annie" (Lewis), our new assistant rabbi this summer. We also had fun learning and "acting" like butterflies with ECP Parent Mark Fallon, from the Briar Bush Nature Center.



"Health Justice"

Yom Kippur Oscar Bregman Program
Featuring GJC Members Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz, Dr.
Richard Baron & Dr. Cheryl Bettigole
Wednesday, September 26
at 2:30 PM

Please join us for an important discussion on "Health Justice," examining how the U.S. health care system creates injustice and how we could move it toward a more just and equitable system, which we believe is both a national and Jewish imperative. Congresswoman Schwartz has worked on this issue for many years and has a deep understanding of the legal and legislative issues involved. Dr. Cheryl Bettigole is the Chief Medical Officer of the Complete Care Health Network and served as clinical director of a Philadelphia city clinic from 2006-2011, with detailed knowledge about how the health care system affects people on the ground, especially poor people with marginal or limited health care access. Dr. Richard Baron currently works at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation services in Washington, D.C., charged with creating new models to serve vulnerable populations of the poor and elderly.



Men's Club News

By Rod Griffith, Men's Club President

For recreation and fund-raising, bicycling is the activity that GJC Men's Club members are enjoying to end the year and begin a new one, and Camp Ramah will be the beneficiary of their pedal power.

GJC Men's Club members will join with other Atlantic Region Men's Clubs on Sunday, September 23, 2012 to ride in the Tour de Shuls that benefits Camp Ramah. It is a great opportunity for riders and non-riders to support the camp.

Riders may participate in a 45-mile or 20-mile ride or a family friendly 3-mile ride, all of which begin and end at Temple Sinai in Dresher, PA. There will be tour stops at Beth Sholom in Elkins Park, PA and Tiferet Bet Israel in Blue Bell, PA. Registration is \$36 on or before September 8, 2012 and \$54 after September 9. Check-in begins at 7 am.

Participants receive a lunch by Temple Sinai Men's Club members known as "The Guys in the Kitchen." Fund-raising prizes include a Trek 7.4FX Bike from Guy's Bicycles, Feasterville, PA. If interested in riding, volunteering, donating to Camp Ramah or sponsoring a rider or the event, go to "<http://www.tourdesulspanj.org>" www.tourdesulspanj.org.

The Tour de Shul follows the GJC Club's recreational ride in June from the Centre to Beachcombers Swimming Club. A small band of cyclists participated in the 15-mile ride while two intrepid riders completed a 30-mile route. It was a warm summer day, and it was great to cool off in the pool, thanks to host Michael Spear. Next year's ride should be bigger and better.

Tot Shabbat & Holidays

at Germantown Jewish Centre

2012-2013

Sun. Sep. 16	Tot Rosh Hashanah*
Wed. Oct. 3	Tot Sukkot Potluck
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 Gnat Shabbat
Our weekly pre-school program with Miss Amy Jo moves to the Chayry Sanctuary this week. Followed by a special Kid's Kiddush sponsored by ECP.	
Fri. May 10	Tot Shabbat*
Fri. July 19	Tot Shabbat*



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*Requires
advanced
registration
& payment

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

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

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

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

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

Don't forget to check out our NEW website!



www.germantownjewishcentre.org
**Members can now
make donations online**

Women's Club News

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

Women's Club has been very busy over the summer planning a spectacular season of programs. There are 2 very Important **SAVE-THE-DATES–November 11th is our annual Craft Show and February 16th is our annual Purim Bash.** These are our major fund-raisers and we appreciate all support. Below is our fall/early winter calendar. Please join us!

Sunday, October 7th @ 11 AM
Women's and Men's Clubs Paid-Up Membership Brunch

- "The Modern Family: Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Sanity"
- Free for members who have paid their dues
- If you have not yet paid your dues, you can do so at the brunch

Monday, October 15th @ 9:30 AM
Book Review (offsite)

- Bev Rosen will discuss Madeleine Albright's new memoir, *Prague Winter A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948.*

Sunday, November 11th
Annual Craft Show

- This is one of our major fund raisers of the year.
- Tell your friends and family.
- Get your holiday shopping done early.

Wednesday, November 14th
Butterfly Project with the Religious School

- A performance by the Wolf Performing Arts Center, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti
- Based on the book by the same name which contains artwork and poetry by the children of Terezin Concentration Camp
- For more information on this project, go to http://wolfperformingarts-center.org/butterfly_project.php
- There is no charge for the program

Saturday Night, December 1st
Movie Night in the Canteen Room

- *A New Leaf* starring Walter Matthau and Elaine May
- Susan Sternthal will introduce the film

Sunday, January 13th at 10 AM

- "Out of Left Field: Jews and Black Baseball"
- Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Alpert

Women's Club has entered the 21st Century...It is now possible to pay dues and make donations to Women's Club using PayPal. Simply go to the GJC website, click on Getting Involved, then Women's Club and you will see the links.

Please support our many fund-raising efforts. Every single community within GJC benefits from our fund-raising. Our major fund raisers are the Craft Show (November 11th) and the Purim Bash (February 16th, 2013). Please consider a donation to honor or memorialize someone you love.

Shana Tovah to our entire GJC Community.



Last May we honored Mindelle Goldstein at the annual Torah Fund Brunch held at the Amrom's beautiful home. We raised a record amount of money for the Jewish Theological Seminary. Our own Nina Peskin and Mikael Elsilä entertained us with a selection of beautiful songs. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked so hard in making the day so beautiful. Also thanks to the Amroms who have hosted this event in their home for many years.

Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs, Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

With the Holidays upon us, one can't help but reflect on the past year. We are proud that HAZAK is growing slowly but consistently. But we will not rest on our laurels, and look forward to an even better year to come. Once again we kicked off our year with the "opera under the stars." As always Sam Feinberg drew a crowd. Our book group continued throughout the summer. Participants often comment that we are the most enlightened book group in the area. Please join us, even if you haven't before. The Hazak book group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM in the Silver Kiddush Lounge. Additionally, we will continue to bring programs of interest and quality to the community. We are looking forward to our paid up mem-

bership breakfast, Sunday, October 21 at 10 AM. Stanly Isenberg, who has taught American Humor at the Lower Merion night school, will bring back memories of the Catskills and classic Humor. We thank all of you who support Hazak with your membership dues, donations small and large, and volunteer assistance in making our programs happen. And we wish you all a Shana Tova.

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.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

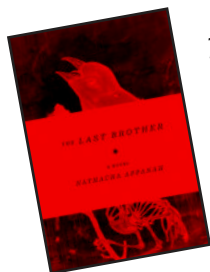
We meet at Germantown Jewish Centre in the Quitman Library. We read fiction and nonfiction books of Jewish interest written mostly, but not solely, by Jewish writers and chosen by the group. Volunteer group members lead the discussion.

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

Tuesday, September 11

***The Hare with
The Amber Eyes***

by Edmund de Waal



**Tuesday,
October 16**
The Last Brother:
A Novel
by Nahancha
Appanah



**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
PROVISIONS FOR THE JOURNEY: A WISDOM CIRCLE	Rabbi Dayle Friedman	Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am (Center City Living Room Learning)	Monthly—Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 13, Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2	\$180/225
MUSSAR	Mindy Shapiro	Tuesdays 10 am— 12 Noon	Year-Long (2 Semester) Course (26) Sessions: Fall Semester: Begins Sep 11, Then weekly Oct 16 - Dec 18 Winter Semester: Begins Jan 15 and meets weekly through May 7 (except during Passover)	\$300/325 (per semester)
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	Tuesdays 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

DIVRAY CHINUCH

...a few words from the Religious School

with thanks for the continued generous support from the GJC Women's Club

Mah Chadash? / What's New?

For starters: our new Assistant Rabbi, R. Annie Lewis (Rabbi Annie to the students); a new Religious School Director, Chana Dickter (Chana to the students); several new-to-GJC teachers, a new school office, a new curriculum that will be introduced in stages, and a new time for our Zayin class/7th grade on Wednesdays. Our Zayin students will now be part of the Teen Institute. Along with Rabbi Zeff, we are all looking forward to a wonderful year of collaboration and learning.

Change is exciting – change that is well planned, well thought out and well researched. That, in a nutshell, describes the work of the Curriculum Committee this past year. The Committee spent many hours developing the Core Values and Areas of Learning that students will explore and engage with throughout the grades. The Core Values will infuse every aspect of learning and provide the overarching themes of the curriculum: *Kehillah/Community, B'tselem Elohim/In God's Image: Pluralism & Diversity, Shalom/Peace, Tzedek/Social Justice and La'asok b'divrei Torah/* literally, engaging with words of Torah (Jewish Learning): Questioning & Critical Thinking. The broad areas of learning are: *Ivreet/Hebrew, Spiritual Life, Torah, History and Jewish Culture.* Teachers will be using grade-specific objectives for each area of learning, or a Scope & Sequence of Learning. The next stage will be to develop detailed goals and objectives or Enduring Understandings/Essential Questions for each grade for each area of learning, accompanied by supporting materials. More importantly, the teachers will be focusing on using active learning techniques in the classrooms.

Mah Karah? / What's happening, really?

More importantly, how will our school community know what's happening? Through e-mail newsletters, from the teachers directly to the parents, at shul & school events, and through as many informal & impromptu meetings as possible. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. It truly takes a *kehillah*/community to

have a quality school. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in my abilities and grateful for ALL of the support and encouragement I have received in the short time I have been part of this community.

B'shalom,

Chana

Important Dates to Remember!

Weekly Shabbat morning programming for kids and families resumes:

Saturday, September 8

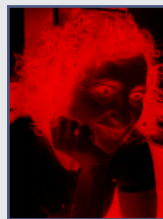
First day of religious school:

Sunday, September 9

First day of Teen Institute and first Wednesday Religious School session:

Wednesday, September 12

Welcome Chana Dickter GJC's New Religious School Director



Germantown Jewish Centre is delighted to welcome Chana (Ann Ellen) Dickter to our staff as the Congregational School Director, and Chana is thrilled to be here. She has taught in a number of Jewish schools in the area, and most recently was the founding Branch Director of the Gratz Jewish Community High School in Reading, PA and the interim Education Director at Congregation Beth Am Israel in Penn Valley. Prior to switching her professional focus to Jewish education, Chana was a clinical

and educational audiologist and administered hospital-based therapy & diagnostic services, as well as home & community based early intervention programs. Chana was born & raised in Brooklyn, and has a BA from Brooklyn College and an MS in Communication Disorders from Southern Illinois University. Chana is the proud mother of two sons, both now in college. And for those of you who may hear folks around GJC call her Ann Ellen or AE - it's not an alter-ego - it just means they have known her for a long time outside of the "Jewish world" that is now her personal & professional focus.

Social Action Update

Henry School Library Program *Still* Going Strong!

By Renee S. Levine

Started as a project of GJC's Social Action Committee, the Introduction to the Library Story Hour has been operating at the C.W. Henry School since February 2009. The program began by serving eight classes, ranging from Kindergarten through third grade. The story telling originally took place in the school library, which was also revitalized by volunteers from GJC. This year, story telling volunteers were welcomed to classrooms instead, as the library was often needed when the weather was poor and students could not go outside.

Volunteers who read to the children range from parents of Henry students, as well as GJC and other neighborhood volunteers. Some of our original volunteer readers are still involved in the program today! Over the years we have also recruited new volunteers to read to the classes.

The students are generally alert and interested in the stories we read to them! While there are occasionally children who have trouble sitting still, the teachers are always present, ready, and available to help. Volunteer story tellers have found the experience so rewarding and several have reported students spotting them around the neighborhood and saying hello and "Didn't you read to my

class in kindergarten?" Clearly we have made an impression.

Along with the Story Hour, we were fortunate to connect with Eugene Okamoto of the Harvest Book Company. He is an alumna of the C.W. Henry School and graciously donated books that we distributed to the classes in our program. These books were donated for students to keep and take home to read! The first distribution occurred at the end of the 2009-10 school year. In 2010-2011 we increased book distribution to three times a year. The students very much appreciate being able to take books home.

As the school year wound down, we learned that the Principal, Mrs. Caren Trantas, was retiring. She was a wonderful supporter of the library programs and we are sad to see her go, but wish her well. Fatima M. Rogers, has been appointed the new Principal of the C.W. Henry School, she's coming from the John B. Kelly School. The Social Action Committee has already been in touch with Fatima Rogers, who told us she would love to continue the Story Hour in the fall. We met with her in August to introduce ourselves and make plans for the fall. If you would like to volunteer for the Story Hour (only 1/2 hour each week is needed), please contact Renee Levine at 215.842.1476 or shlev@verizon.net.

Thinking Together About the Unthinkable Preparing for the End of Life with the help of Community

Plans are proceeding for the creation of a GJC section at Montefiore Cemetery in Jenkintown, PA. The GJC burial section at King David will of course continue to be a cherished memorial area for GJC members, and the site of geniza burials of sacred writing. GJC still has plots available for purchase at the King David Cemetery.

The Montefiore GJC section will be created in the near future. In August Rabbi Zeff met with a large group of interested congregants and taught about Jewish burial traditions. He also stressed how advance purchase and

planning for both funeral and burial enormously eases the burdens of mourners. Montefiore has offered GJC members a discounted group rate. GJC will make the connection, but congregants will be making arrangements directly with Montefiore, a family-owned cemetery. GJC member Mitchell Berk, who works at Montefiore, has been very helpful in the planning process. Further information is available on request from Nina Peskin, and will be presented at the fall End of Life seminar, "Writing Together About the Unthinkable" on Sunday, October 14 at GJC.

Come one, come all!



Volunteer with our Chesed (Caring) Committee

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

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 shlepping in advance. Join us for one or more of the following cooking marathons:
Wednesday, October 17 from 6-9 PM; 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. Please join Rabbi Fredi Cooper at Shabbat Morning Torah Study from 9-10 AM in the Quitman library on **Saturday, September 8 and Saturday, October 13.**

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!

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 June, 2012 through July, 2012

Todah Rabbah!

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

FUND	BY	OCCASION
Beck Scholar-in-Residence Fund	Rose Beck	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the birth of their 5th great-grandchild, Elichai Rachamim Boutavva in memory of Murray Gubin, former member of GJC in memory of Rose Beck, mother-in-law in memory of Morris Beck, father-in-law in memory of Florence Mahon, mother
	Maxine & Maurice Feldman	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke in memory of Murray Gubin, former member of GJC
	Joan Silver	in honor of Rose Beck, on the high school graduation of her grandson, Mark
Bess Schick Memorial Fund	Peter & Peshe Kuriloff Ed & Dena Lake	in memory of Lucy Winnifred Pacht in memory of Helene Bernat, sister of Nan Daniels in memory of Evelyn Naomi Abraham Shamash, mother of Jessica Shamash and grandmother of Mozelle
	Ellen & Richard Lederman Mariann E. Schick	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke in memory of Bess & Dave Schick, parents in memory of Mary & Saul Zack, grandparents in memory of Morris Zack, uncle in memory of Miriam Dratman, goddaughter
	Peggy Sterling Rebecca Nissenbaum Bev & Ira Somerson	in memory of Phyllis Rasner, mother in memory of Samuel Fishbein, brother in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
Camp Scholarships Fund	Fredi Cooper	in memory of Lucille Hess, mother
Chesed/Kesher Fund	Neil Kitrosser	in memory of Benjamin Kitrosser, father
Dorshei Derekh	Gary Stein & Ellen Reese	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
	Richard & Alice Mandel	in honor of Melissa Klein & Neysa Nevins, on their 10th wedding anniversary
Early Childhood Programs Fund	Marcy & Dan Bacine Carol & Marty Kaplan Dena & Ed Lake	in memory of Myer "Mike" Jacobs, long-time member of GJC in honor of Phill Goldberg & Anna Kilmer, on their engagement in honor of Jeff & Linda Needleman, on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Sarah & Nathaniel in honor of Phill Goldberg & Anna Kilmer, on their engagement in honor of Peter & Peshe Kuriloff, on the birth of their new grandson
	Paul & Andrea Maizes Joan Silver	in memory of Samuel Z. Kobran, father of Marcy Bacine in honor of Jeff & Linda Needleman, on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Sarah & Nathaniel in honor of Phill Goldberg & Anna Kilmer, on their engagement
	Bev & Ira Somerson	in honor of Jeff & Linda Needleman, on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Sarah & Nathaniel
General Fund	Deborah Stern	in memory of Anna & Murray Schoen, grandparents in memory of Eva & Paul Klepper, grandparents in memory of Charlotte Schoen, mother
	Mitchell Berk & Beth Stearman	in honor of Christine Levin, on her wonderful presidency of Germantown Jewish Centre
	Dina Pinsky & Mikael Elsilá	in memory of Leiser Brown, father of Mindy Brown, Shirley Brown, Gary Brown & Ruth Heiges in honor of Abby Weinberg, on her birthday

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	Jim & Sandy Meyer	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke in recognition of Alanna Sklover, for her service to GJC and wishing her well in her many new endeavors in memory of Myer "Mike" Jacobs, long-time member of GJC in honor of Phill Goldberg & Anna Kilmer, on their engagement
	Hubert & Selma Rice	in memory of Myer "Mike" Jacobs, long-time member of GJC
	Michael & Shelley Spear	in honor of Bill Kavesh in memory of Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of Vincent DiLorenzo in honor of Rabbi Kevin Bernstein, and all he has accomplished at GJC in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff, on his Installation as Rabbi of Germantown Jewish Centre in honor of Rabbi Judd Levingston in memory of Samuel Brockman, father of Andi Brockman in memory of David Israel Weinberg, grandfather
Hazak Fund	Abigail Weinberg	refuah shleimah to Rosalie August
	Lynne & Art Ellis	refuah shleimah to Rosalie August
	Sam & Helene Feinberg	in memory of Helene Bernat, sister of Nan Daniels
	Cherie Goren	refuah shleimah to Joyce Kutler
	Carol & Marty Kaplan	refuah shleimah to Bud Kutler
	Connie Katz	in memory of Donald B. Hackel, father
	Jim & Sandy Meyer	in memory of Jay Furman, a founding member of GJC
	Pearl Raz	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in honor of Mindelle Goldstein, on being honored at the Torah Fund Brunch
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Aaron & Lucille Weber	in memory of Myer "Mike" Jacobs, long-time member of GJC
	Alexandra Volin Avelin	in memory of Lillian Lebovitz, grandmother
	Barbara Breitman	in memory of Mary Breitman, mother in honor of the MSW graduation of her daughter, Keyonnee Thalia
Israel Affairs Fund	Cecile Merion	in memory of Goldie Kopstein, mother
	Frieda Sanders	in memory of Eva Goldenberg, sister
	Marcy & Dan Bacine	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
	Lynne & Art Ellis	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
	Cyrilla Rosen	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke in honor of Kathy Amrom, on her honor at NIM's Annual Assembly in appreciation of Alanna Sklover, for her delightful & informative talk at a meeting of Jewish Women International
	Judy Schwartz	in memory of Evelyn Naomi Abraham Shamash, mother of Jessica Shamash and grandmother of Mozelle in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the birth of their 5th great-grandchild, Elichai Rachamim Boutavva
	Joan Silver	in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the birth of their 5th great-grandchild, Elichai Rachamim Boutavva
	Bev & Ira Somerson	in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the birth of their 5th great-grandchild, Elichai Rachamim Boutavva
Israel Garden Fund	Joan W. Stern	in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
	Sonia Dishler	in memory of Jay Furman, a founding member of GJC
	Sheila Erlbaum	in memory of Nathan Erlbaum, brother
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in honor of Jay Furman, on his 100th birthday
	Joan Silver	in memory of Jay Furman, a founding member of GJC
	Susan & Berel Sternthal	in memory of Jay Furman, a founding member of GJC

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Kiddush Fund

The Asher Family
Josh Barash
Rebecca Ladenheim

in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
in memory of Abraham Barash, grandfather
in honor of Rodney Griffith & Moira Rosenberger, on the Bar
Mitzvah of their son, Noah
in honor of Rodney Griffith & Moira Rosenberger, on the high
school graduation of their son Jacob

Library Fund

Barbara Menin
Leah & Norman Schwartz
Eleanor Brownstein
Arlene Friedman
Martin Itzkowitz

in memory of Mildred Lance, mother
in memory of Nathan Erlbaum, brother of Sheila Erlbaum
in memory of Joseph Brownstein, father
in memory of William Kaplan, father
in memory of Simon Itzkowitz, father

Minyan Masorti Memorial Shabbat Fund

Norman & Adina Newberg

in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke

Music Fund

Leah & Norman Schwartz
Dina Pinsky & Mikael Elsila

in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
in honor of Maya Peskin, daughter of Nina & Josh Peskin, on
her 1st birthday

Playground Fund

Sheila Erlbaum
Martha Schleifer
David Young
Joel Fish & Debbie Aron

in memory of George Erlbaum, father
in memory of Esther Myers, aunt
in memory of Rochelle Carlton, wife
in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke

Prayerbook & Ritual Items Fund

Lizanne Berger
Arlene Friedman
Richard Rosenbaum

in memory of Myer B. Marcus, grandfather
in memory of Paul Kaplan, brother
in memory of Robert Ackelsberg, husband of
Marilyn Ackelsberg

Program Fund

Jeanette Dudnick

in honor of Samuel Breskman, on his special birthday

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Mitchell Berk & Beth Stearman

in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff, on his Installation as
Rabbi of Germantown Jewish Centre

Lila Booth
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Joyce Eveloff
Ellen Fleishman
Cecile Merion
Ellen & Andrew Mermelstein
Meryl Bonderow & Togo Travalia
Jeff & Linda Needleman
Frances Friedmann Neiman
Leah & Norman Schwartz
Norman Schwartz
Cheryl & Neil Shusterman

in memory of Bernard Wolfman, brother
in memory of Beryl Burd, wife
in memory of Mildred Shapiro, mother
in memory of Avriel Yosef Keogh, son
in memory of Philip Blumenthal, father
in memory of Edythe Fleishman, mother
in memory of Joseph Kopstein, brother
in memory of Dorothy S. Kripke, mother of Ned Kripke
in memory of Simon Bonderow, father of Meryl Bonderow
in memory of Dr. A. Goldstein
in memory of Herbert Neiman, husband
in memory of Paul Schwartz, son
in memory of Joseph Schwartz, father
in honor of Rabbi Annie Lewis, on her recent ordination from
JTS & her appointment as Assistant Rabbi of Germantown
Jewish Centre

George Stern
Bret Boyer & Sonia Voynow

in memory of Carlyn Stern, mother
in memory of Leiser Brown, father of Mindy Brown,
Shirley Brown, Gary Brown & Ruth Heiges

Ken & Susan Weiss

in memory of Helene Bernat, sister of Nan Daniels
in honor of Peter & Peshe Kuriloff, on their grandson's bris
in memory of Helene Bernat, sister of Nan Daniels

Religious School Fund

Nan Myers
Alex Seldin
Susan & Berel Sternthal
Seymour & Mollie Tinkleman

in memory of Ruth Seldin, mother
in memory of Myer "Mike" Jacobs, long-time member of GJC
in honor of Joshua Goldblum

Social Action Fund

Marian Darmstadter
Dina Pinsky & Mikael Elsila

in memory of Karl Darmstadter, father
in memory of Rebecca Jackson, sister of Jared Jackson
in honor of Nehama Benmosche & Jacob Lieberman, on the
birth of their son, Sima

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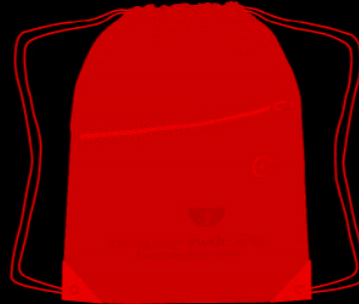
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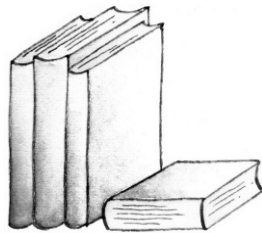
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