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By Student Rabbi
Alanna Sklover

Carving Out Your Own “Palace in Time”

At a Shabbat evening service recently I shared a story about a friend of mine. Each week, since she was a baby, her parents had placed their hands on her head, and offered a blessing for her at the Shabbat dinner table. As she grew up, there was never a Friday night at which her parents had not performed this ritual. In middle school, my friend went off to summer camp for the first time. After several days of seemingly endless fun, anxiety began to set in – Friday night was approaching, and she realized that her parents would not be there to bless her! As the day’s activities ended, and she and her cabin-mates returned to their bunk to prepare for Shabbat, my friend shared her fears with her counselor, who tried her best to assuage them. She ensured the concerned camper that Shabbat at camp was a different, but equally special experience, and suggested that she write a letter home to her parents sharing *her* wishes for the new week as a sort of alternative blessing – but nothing seemed to help, the girl’s anxiety level continued to rise. Just then, as her bunk was preparing to leave and join the rest of the camp for *Kabbalat Shabbat*, the assistant camp director entered the cabin with a sheet of paper. “An urgent fax had just arrived,” he said as he handed the sheet of paper to my friend. On the sheet was a photo copy of two pairs of hands, and the words of the priestly blessing. As she

held the sheet of paper over her head, she finally felt ready to enter Shabbat.

Jewish tradition teaches us that Shabbat is a special time when we are to take the opportunity to emulate God’s divine rest at the end of the six days of creation. We are commanded to refrain from *melacha* (work), sanctify the day as *kodesh* (holy or *set apart*), and find *oneg* (delight) in it. But what does that actually mean? How do we do that in our lives? As the personal, professional, and social demands on our time pile up, and the boundary between the work week and the week-end becomes more and more blurred by the SmartPhone era, how are we, as 21st century Jews to apply and take seriously the Jewish imperative to *shamor v’zachor* (guard and remember) the Sabbath day? How are we supposed to fit yet another thing into our busy schedules – especially a thing that lasts 25 hours?!

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel offers us a useful lens for engaging with this seeming dilemma of Shabbat. He suggests that, “The seventh day is like a palace in time with a kingdom for all. It is not a date but an atmosphere. It is not a different state of consciousness but a different climate; it is as if the appearance of all things somehow changed. The primary awareness is one of our being *within* the Sabbath rather than the Sabbath being within us.” If we think of Shabbat, as Heschel suggests, as a *palace in time*, then it stops being something that we have to make space for in our Day-Planners, Blackberries, and Google Calendars, and instead something that lets us escape from all that – *it becomes a sort of spiritual*

vacation home – a weekly 25-hour retreat from the craziness of our daily lives.

There is no one-size-fits all model for Shabbat. None of us carves out our or our family’s time in exactly the same way – so why should the temporal palace we build for ourselves look the same as our neighbors? Like any good DIY project, there are lots of resources out there to help each of us craft the Shabbat that is right for us and our family. On the internet, blog’s abound! One of my favorites,

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Program Highlights

Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Begins March 3

Red Cross Blood Drive
Sponsored by Men’s Club
March 4

Purim
March 7-8 and March 11 (Carnival)

Kol HaNoar
March 9

Men’s Club Shabbat
March 10

**Workmen’s Circle
Chorus Concert**
Sponsored by Hazak
March 18

**Women’s Shabbat &
Scholar-in-Residence**
with Lori Lefkovitz
March 24-25

**Kid’s Stuff Giveaway & Electronics
Recycling**
March 26

**Tot Shabbat/Ginat Shabbat in the
Charry Service**
March 31



President's Message

Why We Belong

By Chris Levin, GJC President

In the transition survey that we conducted last year, 90.8% of respondents cited “belonging to a community” as one of the reasons for their membership. This was in fact the most frequently cited reason (followed by “spiritual or religious fulfillment” at 79.3%). This is probably not a particularly startling result. In a world that has become increasingly impersonal and harsh, many of us look for a place where we “belong.”

At Germantown Jewish Centre we pride ourselves in our diversity and in the multiple gateways to connection that we try to create. For those of you who are not regular shulgoers, I encourage you to give Shabbat or holiday services a try. As most of you know, on Shabbat morning we generally have three different services to choose from and we have recently added a once-a-month fourth service – Kol D’mamah – a more reflective and meditative option. But I also recognize that for many, services are not the way to connect. What other ways can you either connect to the GJC communi-

ty or help to create that sense of community? We have something for almost everyone!

- **Volunteer to help out at one of our many activities during the year.**

You can help sort clothes for the annual women’s clothing exchange or help decorate for the Purim bash. If your tastes or skills are more engineering-oriented, help install the Hannukiyah. If you are a budding chef, we can use you to prepare meals for our Chesed Program. If you just have an hour or two here and there, we often need volunteers to take those meals to a family suffering a loss or celebrating a birth. And we also have special programs with our neighborhood Henry School.

- **Take an adult education course.** Better yet, volunteer to teach one. Whatever your skill or knowledge base, we generally have plenty of willing students. Over the years we have had an enticing array, from Jewish folk tales to Midrash to cooking.

- **Invite a new family to Shabbat dinner or to a special holiday service.** Another piece of learning from our transition survey is that people who do not connect quickly (within

the first one or two years) often leave the community. We are always looking for longer-term members willing to help our newer members connect in a way that is meaningful to them. That first step is often just a one-on-one connection over food.

- **Attend a shiva minyan.** We often overlook the importance of this simple but profound act of caring. You don’t have to be the best friend of the bereaved to make a difference at these most difficult of times.

- **Attend the programs or activities offered by our auxiliaries or committees.** Men’s Club, Women’s Club, Hazak and our Social Action Committee all offer exciting programs throughout the year. Some are educational (“Thinking the Unthinkable,” “Managing Stress” or a viewing of “Gasland”), some are service-oriented (blood drive) and others are just fun (“Opera Under the Stars” or the Men’s Club annual Camden River Sharks outing). Some are a combination (Hazak book group). But they all offer the opportunity to get together with a great group of people.

The possibilities are endless and the rewards are great.

Student Rabbi Sklover's Article

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25x52 (<http://25x52.wordpress.com/>) by Miriam Steinberg-Egeth (author of the new Miriam’s Advice Well blog for the Exponent), is a Shabbat by Shabbat chronicle of a year around Miriam and her husband Mark’s Shabbos table and features dozens of wonderful recipes and group gathering ideas. Now in its second year, 25x52 will feature a different guest-blogger each week (most from right here in Philly) offering “more voices, more recipes, and more restfulness.” Also online, check out the **Sabbath Manifesto** ([http://](http://sabbathmanifesto.org/)

sabbathmanifesto.org/), “a creative project designed to slow down lives in an increasingly hectic world.” Sabbath Manifesto is also the sponsor of the 3rd annual *National Day of Unplugging* (March 23-24, 2012). And, although not yet one myself, **The Modern Jewish Mom's Guide to Shabbat** (by Meredith L. Jacobs) is a great (and engaging) offline read for dads and moms alike!

At GJC, we strive to help each person create his or her own palace in time by offering a range of options for Shabbat worship and gathering. Over the past year, these have expanded to include our *Kol D’mamah* contemplative service, *Kol Zimrah* musical

Kabbalat Shabbat, and K-2nd grade *Kol haNoar* Kabbalat Shabbat. Later this spring, we are excited to launch a new monthly potluck Shabbat dinner for members who live in Center City.

Whether it’s a walk in the Wissahickon, 25-hours of *going unplugged*, sharing a roasted chicken (or tofu-casserole) and *challah* with family and friends, *davenning* with community, singing *z’mirah* (traditional and not-so-traditional Shabbat songs), reading a good book, or taking the opportunity to sit down and really be with the ones you love, I invite you to take your own Shabbat challenge, and see what comes up!



(December 1, 2011
through February 10, 2012)

IN CELEBRATION...

Jonathan Levy & Claire McCusker,
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Isaac Levy

Wendy Smith & Michael Posner, on
the birth of their baby boy, Ari Noah

Ann & Martin Itzkowitz, on the birth of their twin granddaughters,
Kendall Grace & Harper Elle

Nan Daniels, on her special birthday

Stan Diamond, on being honored with NIM's Rev. Richard F.
Fernandez Religious Leadership Award for his decades of
work for social justice, which includes the development and
organization of NIM's first MLK event 29 years ago & many
events since

David Teutsch, on being awarded a 2011 National Jewish Book
Award for *A Guide to Jewish Practice: Volume 1 -
Everyday Living*

Norman & Leah Schwartz, on the marriage of their granddaughter
Elisheva Schwartz, daughter of Raphael & Tanya Schwartz to
Ishaia Asher Waitzberg, son of Elie & Rivkah Waitzberg in Beit
Shemesh, Israel

David Hahn & Barbara Weiss on the Bar Mitzvah of their son
Zachary

Michael & Carol Robinson, on the birth of their grandson, Ethan
Jacob Robinson

Nina Gordon & Lou Walinsky, on the birth of their grandson

IN MEMORIAM

Hinda Brown, mother of **Mindy Brown**, **Shirley Brown** and
Ruth Heiges

Ilse Stamm, mother of **Audrey Holtzman**

Rose Geiger Paull, mother of **Simcha Raphael**

Annette Dansky, mother of **Howard Dansky**

Bessie Nussbaum, sister of **Diane King**

Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of **Vincent DiLorenzo**

Pinya Cohen, brother of **Naomi Decter**

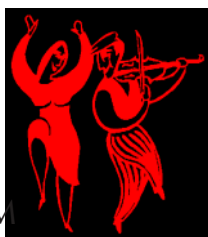
Gideon Carmi, father of **Orly Corem**

Peter Rock, brother of **Ed Rock**

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Shabbat Chai-Lites

March 2 & 3

- Carlebach Shabbat
- 9 AM - Shabbat Morning Torah Study
(meets weekly beginning this week)
- 9:30 AM - Minyan Masorti/Charry Service –
Mazel Tov to Rafi Barcan on his Bar Mitzvah
- Musical Marching Minyan • Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

March 9 & 10

- Kol HaNoar
- Men's Club Shabbat • Kol D'mamah

March 17

- 9:30 AM – Dorshei Derekh/Charry Service –
Mazel Tov to Anat & Avram Ferleger on their B'nei Mitzvah

March 23 & 24

- Women's Shabbat & Scholar-in-Residence
with Lori Lefkovitz
- Kol Zimrah & Oneg • Community Kiddush & Program

March 30 & 31

- Pre-Pesach Dinner
- Musical Marching Minyan
- Tot Shabbat/Ginat Shabbat in the Charry Service
with special Kid's Kiddush

April 6

- Pesach – 1st Seder • Erev Shabbat Service

April 13 & 14

- Pesach & Shabbat Services

April 20 & 21

- Tot Shabbat
- 9:30 AM – Minyan Masorti/Charry Service –
Mazel Tov to Isaac Spear on his Bar Mitzvah
- 4 PM – Afternoon Pirke Avot Study
(meets weekly beginning this week through the end of May)

April 28

- Musical Marching Minyan

Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6 PM

Shabbat Morning

Torah Study at 9 AM

Services at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

Tot Shabbat

at Germantown Jewish Centre

Sat. Mar. 31 @ 11 AM Special Ginat Shabbat

Our weekly pre-school program with Kathy Amrom moves to the Charry Sanctuary this week. Followed by a special Kid's Kiddush sponsored by ECP.

Fri. Apr. 20 Tot Shabbat*

Fri. May 18 Tot Shabbat*

Sun. May 20 @ 10 AM Tot Music Program
Family sing-a-long with Rabbi Adam & Mikael Elsilá.

Fri. Jun. 29 Tot Shabbat*

*Requires advanced registration & payment

And please join us for the return of Musical Marching Minyan with Chana Rothman!

We welcome back this high-spirited, high-stepping morning prayer service with percussion and guitar accompaniment, for the pre-school set (and their parents). Geared for kids younger than elementary school but old enough to walk (or be carried by a willing adult). No RSVP necessary.

Musical Marching Minyan meets at 10 AM on:

March 3
March 31
April 28

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

Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger



**Naomi Klayman and
Adina Abramowitz**

Adina Abramowitz and Naomi Klayman are active members and leaders of Dorshei Derekh, which they began attending in 2005. Founding members of congregation Mishkan Shalom in 1988, they migrated to GJC when their daughter, Esther Wiesner, was engaged to Toby Kessler. After trying it out for a while, they realized they enjoyed the more traditional service at Dorshei. They joined Dorshei in 2006 and GJC in 2007.

Naomi, 64, was born in Queens, NY and grew up in a culturally Jewish home. She attended Queens College, got married, and later moved to Media, PA in 1976. After her children were all in school, she got divorced and completed her master's degree from the Annenberg School of Communications at U Penn. She started working in general marketing research for nine years, until she started specializing in the pharmaceutical sector.

Adina, 53, was born in Brooklyn and moved at age four to Silver Spring MD. Her parents still live in the house they bought in 1964. She attended the Hebrew Academy of Washington, a Modern Orthodox day school and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. At Barnard College, she took classes at the Jewish Theological Seminary and spent her junior year abroad at Hebrew University.

Adina moved to Philadelphia to study at the School of Public Policy at Penn where she met fellow stu-

dent Michael Masch, a Germantown Minyan founder and Dorshei regular. She moved to Mt. Airy in 1981 and went to the Germantown Minyan until 1983, when the two minyanim were still joined together. She then became involved with P'nai Or and met Naomi in 1988 at the first meeting to organize a new congregation, Mishkan Shalom.

"I had decided I was tired of the havurah approach that was reinventing everything from scratch," Adina recalls, "and I thought, 'Let's pay a rabbi to do some of these things.'"

In the meantime, Naomi had become a member of Beth Israel and joined with the families who banded together to join a new synagogue when Rabbi Brian Walt left that synagogue.

At the very first meeting, Adina met Naomi. "It was love at first sight," they agree. "It didn't take very long before we were serious and then living together and deeply involved with organizing Mishkan Shalom," Adina says. "We shared the vision of Mishkan's social justice commitment and we wanted to be part of a diverse community. At the same time, I was becoming a stepparent.

At the time they got together, Naomi's daughter, Esther, was 16, Jeff was 14, and Shoshanna, now on GJC's staff, was 11.

"We were very lucky in that the kids and I liked each other from the beginning. I always wanted to be a parent. I just didn't know exactly how it was going to happen."

For six years, they lived in Media. "I never met anybody I knew out in the street or in a store," Adina says. "The day we moved to Mt. Airy in 1995, I went to the Wawa to get cold drinks for the movers, and I made some comment to some African American man in front of me and we struck up a conversation. I'd never had a conversation of mixed race in Media."

Mt. Airy was a revelation to Naomi. "The first Saturday," she recalls, "we

saw someone walking to shul wearing his tallit, we saw a Krishna woman in her robes, and then the next day, a Christian man walking and doing the rosary. Adina said she'd hired those people to impress me with the diversity."

On the other hand, their expectations of no longer having to dig their long driveway in Media out from the snow were adjusted when they experienced their first three-foot snowstorm in Mt. Airy. They had to dig out the entire street because the snowplows never showed up. On the bright side, all their neighbors cooperated in digging out – one of the many signs that they were truly in a new kind of community.

"Once Esther and Toby became engaged, we started visiting Dorshei and checking it out," Naomi recalls. "I don't think I was ready for it at the time we joined Mishkan, but over the years I wanted something more traditional, services with more Hebrew and more straight-on davening."

"It was easier for me to be shomer shabbas, to the extent we are, because the Dorshei community was doing that consistently," Adina says. "We started doing it for 24 hours not just when we were in services, so we felt a deepening of our commitment to Shabbat, having Friday night dinner and not doing errands on Saturdays the way we used to do. Naomi points out that it changed her sense of time, with the week revolving around Shabbat rather than around work.

Adina notes, "The assumption is that on Saturday morning you're going to shul, not that you're thinking about it. It's like going to the gym. If you're thinking about it you probably won't go. We attend much more consistently." For the past three years, Adina has been coordinator of high-holiday services. "It's time lim-

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Member Spotlight

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ited and I like the stage management component of making services happen and bringing together all the skills and abilities of the people at Dorshei.” Beginning last fall, Adina became the d’var torah coordinator. “It’s the easiest job at Dorshei,” she says, “because so many people have wisdom to share.”

In her weekday life, Adina runs a consulting business called Consulting for Change. “I work with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and provide strategic planning and management consulting,” she says. “I’ve been in this field for 25 years.” From 1996 to the end of 2005, Adina worked at the Opportunity Finance Network, the national organization of CDFIs based in Philadelphia, first as the director of consulting and training and then as the chief operating officer for two years. Since 2006 she has been in business for herself. “Last year was my busiest year ever,” Adina says, “because of policies President Obama has put in place. The banking crisis has helped CDFIs because banks aren’t lending so much and we’re a recognized part of the economic system in a way we weren’t before Obama.”

Naomi’s current career in qualitative marketing research and consulting for the pharmaceutical industry grew out of her responsibilities conducting patient satisfaction research for an HMO. She became interested in physician-patient communication and decided to pursue a doctoral degree in 1993. “Although I had intended to teach in medical residency programs and continue doing academic research, through a series of unexpected circumstances I ended up back in qualitative marketing research in the field of pharmaceuticals,” Naomi says. She worked for consulting firms for 10 years and then went into business for herself in 2005. “I help pharmaceutical companies learn how to position their products and communicate the

proper use of their products most effectively to their constituencies: doctors, patients and caregivers, ancillary health care providers, and managed care directors,” Naomi explains, for example, she tests names proposed for new drugs. “With the advent of global marketing you need to go to each country and find out how that name takes on meaning when used in each culture,” she says. “What sounds motivating in the U.S. might communicate a sense of danger in another country.” Hence, many plane rides. Because drug patents run out quickly, her schedules are always tight and require quick delivery. Her greatest enjoyment at work is when she is able to establish a close relationship either with respondents or with the marketing research and marketing teams. She points out, “I feel there is a spiritual component to providing a space where people can truly be heard and their challenges appreciated.”

Both Adina and Naomi work out of their house. “I either commute by walking down the hall or I get on an airplane,” Naomi says.

At Dorshei, Naomi was Kiddush coordinator for a year and was the minyan coordinator last year. “I helped the community institute changes that made them more organized,” she says. “We expanded the coordinator term from six months to one year. Several people who’d done the job felt they were just beginning to work with the community when their term was up. A year term is less disruptive and it is also easier on GJC staff when we don’t shift leadership so often. We also started preserving institutional memory by writing up the responsibilities for each of the coordinator positions. Now when we ask people to volunteer, they know exactly what they would be committing to and that there are some reasonable limits to the scope of the job.

“Criticisms and suggestions for improvement are given thoughtfully and carefully in private and praise is given in public,” Naomi observes of Dorshei. “I’ve really learned how to be a better person working with them:

being patient with other people and talking in the way that make other people want to do things instead of saying ‘No that won’t work.’ I think it’s changed the way I treat my clients.”

Naomi and Adina are dedicated grandparents to Mikaela, 3 ½ and Leora, 2. Each week they share Thursday night dinners. “We are grateful to live so close to all our adult children,” they comment. They recently became avid bicyclists and have begun to use their bicycles, instead of their car, to do errands.

Adina says that the high point of her Jewish experience was being selected to the Reconstructionist Prayer Book Commission, the first time in Jewish history when rabbis and lay people created a prayer book together. She also has joined the board of Hazon, the Jewish environmental group, as its new treasurer. Adina is a member of the GJC leadership development committee, led by Josh Goldblum.

Meanwhile, Naomi continues her leadership at Dorshei. “I’m firmly committed to promoting the understanding that Dorshei is part of the larger GJC community,” Naomi says. “It’s an important part of who we are, as a minyan.”



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.

Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs,
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

Have you noticed it is still light at 5 PM? As the days get longer our energy increases and we have more time to get involved. Our book club is busy reading! In January we read *The List* by Martin Fletcher (this year's One Book One Jewish Community selection) and in February we tackled *Scenes from a Village Life* by Amos Oz. A great thank you to Rabbi Zeff for a thought provoking and entertaining afternoon as he shared his insight and knowledge on the history of Tu BiSh'vat (the New Year of the Trees) at our February program. He explained that in ancient times the age of trees was measured for tithing purposes. The fruit of a tree could not be eaten for the first three years and the fourth year was for God. The holiday also celebrates the stirrings in nature that heralds the coming of spring. He focused on the interrelation of man and nature and the essential role trees have in our lives.

Mark your calendars, we have invited the **Philadelphia Workmen's Circle Chorus to perform a Yiddish concert on Sunday, March 18** at Germantown Jewish Centre. This will be Hazak's first-ever fund raiser! So alert your Bubbies and Zaydies as well as your children, for this intergenerational event. As always, it will be quite a bargain – just \$5 a ticket for those who register in advance and \$10 at the door.

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.

Men's Club News

By Rod Griffith, Men's Club President

It is March and Purim is almost here. It's a busy time for Men's Club!

Men's Club Shabbat, Purim Carnival and Passports to Israel: We hope to see you during the Purim weekend on Shabbat and at the Purim Carnival.

Our annual Men's Club Shabbat is on Saturday, March 10. The next day, on Sunday, March 11, is the Purim Carnival. The drawing for the Passports to Israel raffle is scheduled for noon at the carnival. If you do not have your Passport to Israel yet, you should contact me, or any other Men's Club member, immediately.

Tour de Shuls to Benefit Camp Ramah: The Middle Atlantic Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

("MAR-FJM") is working to develop a Tour de Shuls cycling fundraiser that will benefit Camp Ramah. Preliminary plans are to hold the ride in Montgomery County with Temple Sinai in Dreshertown as a starting point. A committee is designing routes for the ride. The event's proposed date is Sunday, September 9, 2012.

This is a renewed effort by the Middle Atlantic Region clubs to support the camp with an annual fundraiser. GJC cyclists should save the date. Planning is proceeding and more information should be available shortly. Watch your e-mails and the GJC website for more information coming soon about the Tour de Shuls.

High Holiday Appeal Exceeds Target Goal

by Mathieu Shapiro, VP of Development

Thanks to the commitment and caring of its phenomenal members, Germantown Jewish Centre's 2011-2012 High Holiday Appeal has been declared a resounding success.

As many know, the High Holiday Appeal is the single largest fundraiser of the year, contributing nearly fifteen percent of the synagogue's annual operating budget.

This year, we set a target goal that the Appeal would raise \$185,000. However, because so many members of our community turned in their cards on Kol Nidre, our Executive Committee was able to further expand their outreach to additional GJC families, who also pledged their support.

With these new contributors, as well as our long-standing contributors increasing their donations, the Appeal already has raised a record of nearly \$196,000. The increase is a remarkable testament to our members' generosity and to our collective commitment to the shul.

Additionally, 12 new households have made the decision to become Rosh Pinah members this year, joining our long-standing Rosh Pinah members in making a substantially increased commitment. The new Rosh Pinah total, at the increased donation level, is 24 families.

The increased revenue generated by the successful High Holiday Appeal and the many Rosh Pinah members goes a considerable way towards stabilizing our finances, but leaves work to be done, as we will need to repeat these results to sustain the quality of programming and services we depend on from our synagogue.

You can still participate in this year's record-breaking High Holiday Appeal, become Rosh Pinah, or both. To find out more about these ways you can offer your support to GJC, please contact the office or Mathieu Shapiro, VP of Development.

Early Childhood Program (ECP)



ECP finds lots of ways to
have indoor fun in the winter!



Education Department

*Generously supported by the
GJC Women's Club*

IMPORTANT FUTURE PROGRAM DATES

GJC Celebrates! PURIM
March 7th

PURIM CARNIVAL
March 11th

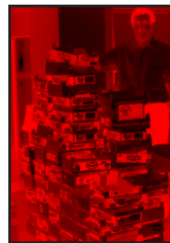
BBMM
(Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mehina)

- Shabbat Dates (students only):
March 31st
- For parents and students,
March 25th

KADIMA
(6th and 7th graders) &
ATID (4th and 5th graders)
March 6th, Laser Tag

Purim Mishloah Manot Tzedakah Project

This Purim, GJC and Minyan Dorshei Derekh will join together in an expanded Mishloah Manot tzedakah project, which Dorshei Derekh has done for nearly a decade. It allows us all to fulfill two of the important mitzvot of Purim: mishloah manot (giving treats to our friends) and matanot la'evyonim (giving gifts to the poor).



Here's how it works:

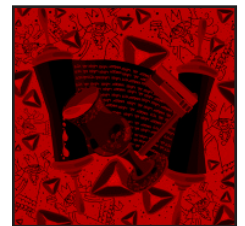
- You donate between \$18 - \$108 to the project.
- The bulk of the proceeds is donated as tzedakah to five food-based organizations that help the hungry - Community Garden at Stenton Manor, Hazon, Female Hebrew Benevolent Society, Mt. Airy Church of the Annunciation Food Pantry, Sikh Food Pantry in Kenya
- A small percentage of the proceeds will be used to provide a mishloah manot goodie basket for each household that attends the evening Purim celebration on Wednesday, March 7 in the Charry Sanctuary

Clementine Boxes needed! Please bring your boxes by to GJC and leave them in the conference room (small meeting space next to Maslow).

We are **seeking volunteers** to put the packages together. Come shmooze and assemble baskets from 4-6 PM on Tuesday, March 6th, in the Charry Lobby. Kids ages 7 and up accompanied by a parent are welcome to help with this mitzvah!

Donations can be made via PayPal (see the GJC website) or by sending a Check made out to GJC to the office (for checks, please indicate on envelope and check that payment is for the Mishloah Manot project).

Purim Events



Wednesday, March 7

6:30 PM

GJC Celebrates!

Purim with Dorshei Derekh

8:00 PM

Minyan Masorti Purim Service &
Celebration

Thursday, March 8

7:00 AM

Morning Minyan & Purim Service
(note EARLY start)

Sunday, March 11

11:00 AM

Purim Carnival

12:00 PM

Men's Club Passport to Israel Raffle

Shavuot Memorial Plaque Dedication

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

In medieval times, people began inscribing the names of those who had died on the walls of their synagogues so that they would be remembered by succeeding generations. This custom, which grew out of the losses of the Crusades and

other hard times for the Jewish people, finds its modern counterpart in the memorial plaques that hang on the walls of the Charry Sanctuary. The names on these plaques, dear to so many of us, serve as a reminder of those who have come before us and the many blessings they have passed on to us. The lights beside their names are lit on the week of the *yahrtzeit* and at the *yizkor* memorial service on holidays as a mark of love and respect.

Please consider adding the name of a loved one to those on our memorial plaques. We will hold a dedication ceremony for the new plaques on Shavuot (Monday, May 28, 2012) when we remember the encounter of the people with God at Mt. Sinai. As we stretch our minds back to that moment, we encompass all of the generations that have lived between then and now, as we continue to uphold the values of their lives in our own time.

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

You are welcome to order plaques at any time, however **in order to guarantee that your plaque has arrived for dedication on Shavuot, please place your plaque order by Friday, March 16, 2012.** Please contact the office for more information or you can find an order form on our website.

Chesed (Caring) Committee Shoutout!



By Lisa Pettinati, Co-chair

Thank you to everyone who gave up a Sunday afternoon in December to cook over 40 mini challot, spinach pies and soup for members of the GJC community. Our religious school students created beautiful homemade cards to bring to the people who experience a birth, loss, or those in need of GJC community.

Over the past year, many senior members of our community have had visits from our volunteers and have told us they appreciate the sense of community Chesed volunteers have brought to them in their homes. Many of the individuals we visit are not able to come to the Centre any longer so having Chesed volunteers come to them brings them a sense of our community.

Also, Rabbi Fredi Cooper and others have brought Kabbalat Shabbat services to a few nursing and transitional home settings. This has been a way of bringing Shabbat into their lives and to others who share their living space with them.

Student Rabbi, Alanna Sklover, and co-chairs of the Chesed Committee, Rabbi Fredi Cooper and Lisa Pettinati sincerely thank all the members of Chesed and others who have volunteered in these acts of loving-kindness.

Women's Club News

Women's Shabbat & Scholar-in-Residence

At Germantown Jewish Centre

Wake Up Call: Themes of Journey & Renewal

Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24, 2012

Featuring

Lori Hope Lefkovitz, Ph.D

Ruderman Chair in Jewish Studies at Northeastern University Professor of English & Director of the Jewish studies Program

Kol Zimrah begins at 6:00 pm

Teaching by Lori Lefkovitz at start of service Oneg to follow

Shabbat Morning Charry Service begins at 10:00 am

D'var torah by Lori Lefkovitz Community wide Kiddush
Text teaching following Kiddush at 1:15 PM



Everyone Invited!

FREE Extended Childcare available on Saturday by RSVP to Barb Menin at menin1911@comcast.net or 215-947-3382

Sponsored by GJC Women's Club

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet at Germantown Jewish Centre, generally on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, always at 7:15pm. 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. Everyone welcome, please join us!

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

**Tuesday,
March 13**

***Enemies of the People*
by Kati Marton**



**Tuesday,
April 17**
The List

by Martin Fletcher

OBOJC pick for 2011-12

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

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

Questions?
Contact the Office.

Adult Education 2012/5772

Please review the chart below for our courses at a glance. Complete details can be found on our website or in our printed brochure. Advanced registration is requested for all courses. Contact the office to register.

TITLE	INSTRUCTOR(S)	TIMING	DATES	COST GJC MEM- BERS/NON MEMBERS
PRE-PESACH YOGA FOR A FULL BODY CLEANSE	Leah Weisman	Sunday 10-11:30 am	April 1	\$20/25
QUICK & DIRTY RACE THROUGH THE BIBLE	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	\$40/50
WRITING THROUGH THE OMER	Tamara Cohen	Thursdays 7:30-9 pm (Offsite Location TBD)	April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24	\$75/100
JEWISH THEATER: FROM THE YIDDISH PLAYHOUSE TO MODERN STAND-UP	Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	Apr 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15	\$60/75



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April Special:
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cups including
Elijah & Miriam's***



**Keep an eye out for the
Pesach Flea Market
Sunday, March 11th 9:30**

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

Hours

Sunday	9:30 – 12:30
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12:00– 5:00
Wednesday	12:00 – 8:30
Thursday	12:00– 6:00
Friday	12:00 – 4:00
<i>(Extended Friday hours until 5:00 pm begin March 13)</i>	

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

Social Action Update

Kids' Stuff Giveaway

By Amy Schrager

GJC's annual Kids' Stuff GiveAway is set to take place on Sunday, March 25th from 11 am – 2 pm. This WIN-WIN event allows families to donate kids' clothing, toys and equipment that they no longer use and take home as much as they can use for the next phase of family life. All of this is free with a suggested \$20 donation to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northwest Philadelphia. The Kids' Stuff GiveAway is a great opportunity to keep our kids' stuff circulating and out of the landfills, all while supporting local families!

The Kids' Stuff GiveAway accepts clothing, shoes, books, maternity clothes, toys, games, high chairs, strollers and other equipment. Donations will be accepted from Monday, March 19th through Friday, March 23rd at GJC. There will be collection bins set up outside the Charry lobby entrance (just head down the driveway and pull your car right up and unload) and in the Chapel lobby too. Please bring items in bags or boxes. Items should not be broken, stained or torn. Thanks!

Be sure to join us for this fun and worth-

while event. Please look for postcards and flyers around GJC for more information and visit our web site, www.KidsStuffGiveAway.com. We can use your help as a volunteer on Sunday, March 25th or in advance by helping to spread the word around the community! Please email Amy Schrager, amy.schrager@gmail.com, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

And please participate in our Electronics Recycling event same day, same time, same place!

Germantown Jewish Centre's Social Action Committee and Men's Club announce **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING!**

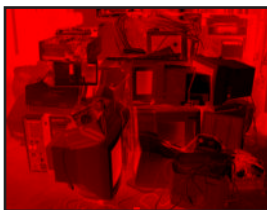
**Sunday, March 25,
11 AM – 3 PM**

**At Germantown Jewish Centre
400 W Ellet Street 19119**

Donation: \$5 - \$20

Types of Material Accepted

Computers, monitors, fax machines, telephones, calculators, batteries, wires, cables, CD's, copiers, servers, cell phones, handheld devices, CFL's, and just about anything else that has a plug!



How are Electronics Recycled?

All equipment is dismantled and recycled by a licensed and permitted metro-Philadelphia area electronic recycling company. (The data in your media will be destroyed.) No equipment will be landfilled or exported. Certificates of Recycling will be issued upon disposal.

The benefits of electronic recycling

- Conservation of valuable resources: precious metals, copper, steel, aluminum & plastic
- Saves valuable landfill space
- Reduces lead emissions from incinerators, thus helping to reduce air pollution.

Clothing & shoes – girls/boys – infants to teens
Strollers, high chairs, cribs etc.
Toys, games & books

3rd Annual

Kids' Stuff GiveAway



Sunday, March 25, 2012 • 11 am – 2 pm

- ⇒ Contribute as much kids' stuff as you like
- ⇒ Take home as much as you can use – all FREE!
- ⇒ Admission: \$20 suggested donation to Interfaith Hospitality Network of NW Philadelphia

Drop off items in advance at Germantown Jewish Centre, Monday, March 19 – Sunday, March 25.

Please bring only gently used items – nothing broken, ripped, or stained.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Amy Schrager, amy.schrager@gmail.com

Germantown Jewish Centre

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www.KidsStuffGiveAway.com

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out our NEW website!**

www.germantownjewishcentre.org

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donations online**

The fastest way for your contribution to be processed is for you to fill out a Contribution Form (available in the office or on our website) and return it to the office along with a check. Or just send in a check with a note.

Contributions For the period of December, 2011 through January, 2012

Todah Rabbah!

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

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Adult Education Fund	Mitchell Hirsch David Picker	in memory of Robert Hirsch, father in memory of Doris Picker, mother
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund	David & Keira Axelrod	in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi
Beck Scholar-in-Residence Fund	Elizabeth Beck Rose Beck	in memory of William Beck, father in memory of Anita Lazarus, mother of Della Lazarus in memory of Lillian Feldman, a long-time member of GJC in memory of Frances Emas, mother of Robert Emas in memory of Miriam Blitzstein, mother of Ilene Blitzstein Poses in memory of Elaine Robinson, mother of Michael Robinson in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi in honor of Curt & Leslie Pontz, on the birth of their grandson Ethan in honor of Daniel Bacine, on being honored as GJC's Men's Club Man of the Year in honor of Barbara Menin, on her special birthday in honor of Molly Tinkleman, on her special birthday in memory of William Beck, husband in memory of Annette Dansky, mother of Howard Dansky in honor of Nan Daniels, on her special birthday in honor of Ann & Martin Itzkowitz, on the birth of their twin granddaughters
Bess Schick Memorial Fund	Herbert Caplin Allan Freedman Barbara McCracken and Dale & Chris Ward Milton Sanders Marta Sivitz Melvin Sterling Theresa & Thomas Swallow Abigail Weinberg Ellen Brown Rebecca Nissenbaum	in memory of Florence Brown, sister in memory of Freida Becker, mother in memory of Lillian Feldman, a long-time member of GJC in memory of Elaine Robinson, mother of Michael Robinson in memory of Jack Sanders, father in memory of Clemens Brand, father in memory of Jacob Sterling, father in honor of Audrey B. Fingerhood in memory of Ida Osherson Peltz, grandmother in memory of Myra A. Sterns, mother in memory of Norman B. Berg, son in memory of Harry Fishbein, brother in memory of Sidney B. Berg, husband in memory of Sidney Sivitz, father in appreciation of the Chesed Committee in appreciation of Debbie Aron, Louie Asher, Elayne Blender, Nancy Fredland, Chava Weissler, Dayle Friedman, Ellen Frankel, Tamar Magdovitz, Kate & Geoff Margo, Lyndall Miller, Bob & Sherry Pomerantz, Pearl Raz, Karen Rothchild, Rivkah Walton, Wendy Weingarten & Jerry Kutnick, Dan Piser & Deb White, Rachel Falkove, Elaine & Lee Dushoff, Minyan Masorti, Rabbi Adam Zeff, the GJC School & the Chesed Committee for their wonderful support during Adina's recovery
Camp Scholarships Fund	Michael Sivitz Cherie & Joe Goren Adina & Norman Newberg	in memory of Annette Dansky, mother of Howard Dansky in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman in memory of Elaine Robinson, mother of Michael Robinson in memory of Faye Weiss, mother
Chesed/Kesher Fund	Judy Schwartz & Bev Somerson Berel & Susan Sternthal Susan Sternthal	

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Early Childhood Programs Fund	David & Keira Axelrod	in honor of Wendy Smith & Michael Posner, on the birth of their son
Floral Fund	Richard Rosenbaum	in memory of Rose Rosenbaum, mother
General Fund	Merle Berman	in memory of Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, father of Sarah Rosenbaum
	Kay Flick Elfant	in honor of Janet Elfant and her hospitality
	Marvin & Marilyn Goldman	
	Jay Gross	in memory of Nathan N. Gross, father
	Joyce Kutler	in memory of Dorothy Stern, mother
	Ed & Dena Lake	in memory of Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of Vincent DiLorenzo
		in honor of Nina Gordon & Lou Walinsky, on the birth their grandson
	Chris Levin	in memory of Robert Conner, father
	Hillary & Judd Kruger Levingston	in honor of Reena & Aryeh Friedman, on the marriage of their son Uri
		in memory of Paul Schwartz, son of Norman & Leah Schwartz
		in memory of Paul & Faye Weiss, parents of Susan Sternthal
		in memory of Anita Lazarus, mother of Della Lazarus
		in memory of Mary Hellerstein, mother of Kathryn Hellerstein
		in honor of Nina Gordon & Lou Walinsky, on the birth their grandson
	Nathan Martin	in memory of George & Faye Berman, grandparents
	Jim & Sandy Meyer	in memory of Rose Geiger Paull, mother of Simcha Raphael
		in honor of Nan Daniels, on her special birthday
		in memory of Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of Vincent DiLorenzo
	Paul & Hilda Minkoff	in memory of Anita Lazarus, mother of Della Lazarus
		in memory of Lillian Feldman, a long-time member of GJC
		in memory of Frances Emas, mother of Robert Emas
		in memory of Paul & Faye Weiss, parents of Susan Sternthal
		in memory of Bernard Wolfman, brother of Lila Booth and uncle of Beth Rosenbaum
		in honor of Jeanette Dudnick, on her special birthday
		in honor of Daniel Bacine, on being honored as GJC's Men's Club Man of the Year
		in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
		in memory of Elaine Robinson, mother of Michael Robinson
		in honor of Molly Tinkleman, on her special birthday
		in honor of Elaine & Lee Dushoff, on their 50th wedding anniversary
		in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Samuel Kaplan
		in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on their 56th wedding anniversary
		in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi
		in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff, on his selection as Rabbi of Germantown Jewish Centre
		in honor of Curt & Leslie Pontz, on the birth of their grandson Ethan
		in honor of Phill Goldberg, on his 50th birthday
		in honor of Barbara Menin, on her special birthday
		in honor of Ira Somerson, on his birthday
		in honor of Myra & Isador Kranzel, on their 50th wedding anniversary
		in honor of Aaron & Lucille Weber, on their 63rd wedding anniversary
		in honor of Jim & Sandy Meyer, on their 45th wedding anniversary

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	Paul & Hilda Minkoff	in honor of Helen & Michael Feinberg, on the marriage of their son Joshua to Termeh Kuklinski
	Ellyn Phillips	in memory of Edith Schwartz, mother of Lonnie Beer
	Prentiss Smith & Lauren Katz Smith	in memory of Malvina Charlestein, mother in appreciation of Germantown Jewish Centre
	Ellen Ufberg & Judah Labovitz	in memory of Faye Weiss, mother of Susan Sternthal
		in memory of Frances Emas, mother of Robert Emas
		in memory of Emanuel Katz
Hazak Fund	Arthur & Barbara Weinrach	in memory of Faye Weiss, mother of Susan Sternthal
	Helene Feinberg	in memory of Anne Rosenberg, mother
	Sam & Helene Feinberg	in memory of Alejandro Veitia, father of Sylvia Baker
	Joseph & Cherie Goren	in memory of Neil Goren, son
	Leah Mandelblatt	in memory of Bessie Nussbaum, sister of Diane King
	Judy Schwartz & Bev Somerson	refuah shleimah Joseph Goren
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in honor of Jeanette Dudnick, on her special birthday
	Aaron & Lucille Weber	in honor of Daniel Bacine, on being honored as GJC's Men's Club Man of the Year
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Lucille Weber	in memory of Phillip Applebaum, father
	Kay Flick Elfant	in honor of Janet Elfant & Louie Elfant Asher and their mitzvot
	Doug Lerner	in memory of Mildred Katz, mother
	Cecile Merion	in memory of Isaac Kopstein, father
	Rivkah Walton	in memory of Henry M. Walton, father
	Geanne Zerkowitz	in memory of Norma Kulberg, mother
	Robert Zimring	in memory of Katie Zimring, beloved wife
		in memory of Betty Zimring, mother
		in memory of Celia Pump, mother-in-law
		in memory of Jacob Pump, father-in-law
		in memory of Sam Pump, brother-in-law
Israel Affairs Fund	David & Keira Axelrod	in honor of David Hahn & Barbara Weiss, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary
	Cyrus Cohen	in memory of Beatrice Riseman, sister
	Carol & Marty Kaplan	in memory of Annette Dansky, mother of Howard Dansky
	Carol Kaplan	in memory of Samuel Pinn, father
	Marcia Landesberg	in honor of Daniel Bacine, on being honored as GJC's Men's Club Man of the Year
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Samuel Kaplan
	Women's Club	in honor of Daniel Bacine, on being honored as GJC's Men's Club Man of the Year
Israel Garden Fund	Michael Dzuba	in memory of Albert & Selma Dzuba, parents
	Ann & Martin Itzkowitz	in memory of Nancy Isaac Kuriloff, sister of Peter Kuriloff
		in memory of Selma Dzuba, mother of Michael Dzuba
		in memory of Irene Margolies, mother of Maxine Margolies
		in memory of Solomon Levy, husband of Judy Levy and father of Jonathan Levy
		in memory of Eric Berger, brother of Lizanne Berger
		in memory of Werner Fellner, husband of Gabriella Fellner & father of David Fellner
		in memory of Miriam Bazelon Knox, mother of Rick Bazelon
		in memory of Edith Schwartz, mother of Lonnie Beer
		in memory of Frances Wexler Kleiner, mother of Barbara Schindler
		in memory of Lillian Feldman, a long-time member of GJC
		in memory of Everett Young, father of Allyson Schwartz
		in memory of Hana Staub, beloved daughter of Rabbi Jacob Staub
	Michael Dzuba	in memory of Frances Emas, mother of Robert Emas

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	Ann & Martin Itzkowitz	in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman in memory of Elaine Robinson, mother of Michael Robinson in honor of Cherie & Joe Goren on their anniversary in honor of Jay Furman, on his special birthday in honor of Elaine & Lee Dushoff, on their 50th wedding anniversary
	Dena & Ed Lake	in memory of Annette Dansky, mother of Howard Dansky
	Dena Lake	in memory of Michael Rosenman, brother
	Sylvia Lifschitz	in memory of Joseph Lifschitz, father
	Beth Stearman	in memory of Freda Denniberg, grandmother
Kiddush Fund	Lewis Bateman	in honor of Patricia Segal, on her birthday
	Mitchell Berk	in memory of Samuel Needleman, grandfather
	Bonnie Buyum	in memory of Barbara Buyum, aunt
	Sonia Dishler	in memory of Rose Feinberg, mother
	Jeanette Dudnick	in memory of Faye Weiss, mother of Susan Sternthal in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
	Dick Menin	in memory of Benjamin Menin, uncle in memory of Elinor Menin, mother
	Nan Myers	in memory of Albert Allen Myers, father
	Michael Robinson	in memory of Julius Robinson, father
	Michael Rodin	in memory of Alexander Rodin, grandfather in memory of Israel Akselrod, grandfather
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi in honor of Jonathan Levy & Claire McCusker, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Isaac in honor of Judy Levy, on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Isaac Levy
	Marta Sivitz	in memory of Clemens Brand, father
	Joan Stern	in memory of David Winderman, father
Library Fund	Gloria Salmansohn	in memory of Eva Smilowitz, mother
Men's Club	Carol & Marty Kaplan	in honor of Ken Weiss, on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah and on being presented with the national award for Outstanding Teacher in a Forensic Psychiatry Program
Minyan Masorti Memorial Shabbat Fund	Marvin & Marilyn Goldman	
	Wendy Weingarten	in memory of Nancy Jacobs Traub, mother
Music Fund	Bonnie Buyum	in memory of Eda Kaufman, grandmother
	Ann & Martin Itzkowitz	in honor of Carol & Marty Kaplan, on their 56th wedding anniversary in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi in honor of Richard & Eileen Bazelon, on the marriage of their daughter Dana to David Frankel in honor of Peter & Peshe Kuriloff, on their son Gabriel's appointment to the position of CEO of Arise Academy Charter High School in honor of Myra & Isador Kranzel, on the birth of their grand daughter Jenavieve Samantha Kranzel
	Rebecca Ladenheim	in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
	Norman & Adina Newberg	in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
	Charles & Martha Schleifer	in memory of Erik Cameron, MD, nephew
	Martha Schleifer	in memory of Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of Vincent DiLorenzo in memory of John M. Furman, father

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	Ellen & Michael Silberman	in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
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Playground Fund	Norman & Adina Newberg	in honor of Wendy Smith & Michael Posner, on the birth of their son
Prayerbook & Ritual Items Fund	Rebecca Ladenheim & Judith Rossman	in memory of William R. Ladenheim, father
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Lila Booth	in memory of Nathan Wolfman, father
	Marim Charry	in memory of Rabbi Elias Charry & Ruth Charry, parents
		in memory of Marim Charry, grandfather
		in memory of Lawrence Charry, uncle
		in memory of Dana Charry, brother
		in memory of Jordan Moshe Charry, son
	Nan Daniels	in honor of her special birthday
	Howard & Yona Diamond Dansky	in gratitude to Rabbi Zeff, for leading the memorial service for Annette Dansky
	Amy Davis	in appreciation of Rabbi Adam Zeff, for his dedication and support of all members of the GJC community
	Elaine & Lee Dushoff	in honor of Daniel Bacine, on being honored as GJC's Men's Club Man of the Year
	Nancy F. Kreimer	in memory of Miriam Blitzstein, mother of Ilene Blitzstein Poses
	David Hahn & Barbara Weiss	in honor of Jake Kriger, for tutoring Zachary for his Bar Mitzvah
	Linda Hahn	in memory of Helena Hahn, mother-in-law
	Harriet Joseph	in memory of Alfred Bickelman, father
		in memory of Irene Bickelman, mother
	The Laigaie Family	in memory of Annette Dansky, mother of Howard Dansky
	Barbara Menin	in memory of Ronald Lance, father
	Richard & Barbara Menin	in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
		in honor of Ken Weiss, on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
		in honor of David Kraut, on his birthday
	Frances Neiman	in memory of Sophy Goodrich, mother
	Norman Newberg	in memory of Mildred Mitchell, sister
	Ilene Blitzstein Poses	in memory of Miriam Blitzstein, mother
	Michael Posner & Wendy Smith	in honor of Ari Noah Smith Posner's naming ceremony
	Pearl Raz	in honor of Wendy Smith & Michael Posner, on the birth of their son
		refuah shleimah Joan Sachs
		in honor of Linda Cherkas & Chaim Dworkin, on their birthdays
		in honor of Michael Spear, on his birthday
	Leah & Norman Schwartz	in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi
	Alex Seldin	in memory of Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg, grandfather
	Myra Snyder	in memory of Eva Litten, mother
	George Stern	in memory of Edwin Stern, father
	Joan N. Stern	in memory of Diana Stern, mother
		in memory of Miriam Leah Gafni, sister
	Berel & Susan Sternthal	in honor of Barbara Menin, on her special birthday
	Susan Sternthal, Albie Weiss & Families	in memory of Faye Weiss, mother

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	Norma Walton Deborah White	in memory of Henry M. Walton, husband in memory of Milton White, father
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	Alex Seldin The Religious School Parents	in memory of Milton Seldin, father in honor of Rabbi Kevin & Miss Terry
Samuel Furman Achievement Fund	Alan Furman Edith Klausner	in memory of John M. Furman, father in memory of Klara Furman, mother of Martha Schleifer and Alan Furman
Social Action Fund	David & Keira Axelrod	in memory of Hinda Brown, mother of Mindy Brown, Shirley Brown & Ruth Heiges
	Carol & Marty Kaplan	in honor of Stan Diamond, on being honored with NIM's Rev. Richard F. Fernandez Religious Leadership Award
	Billie Schnall	in memory of Charles Schnall, father
	Judy Schwartz & Bev Somerson	in honor of Stan Diamond, on being honored with NIM's Rev. Richard F. Fernandez Religious Leadership Award
Special Education Fund	Amy Davis	in memory of Gail Davis, mother
	Corri Gottesman	in memory of Rina Goldberg, niece
Torah Restoration Fund	Ruth & Paul Actor	in honor of the honor given Ruth as Kallah Torah on Simchat Torah
	Carol & Marty Kaplan	in honor of David Teutsch, on being honored with a 2011 National Jewish Book Award
	Eve Pinkenson	in memory of Ignaz Spitzer, grandfather
	Ruth Rosenthal	in memory of Anna Rosenthal, mother-in-law
		in memory of Abraham Wernick, father
		in memory of Flora S. Mendelsohn, sister
	Joan Silver	in memory of Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of Vincent DiLorenzo
	Berel & Susan Sternthal	in memory of Miriam Blitzstein, mother of Ilene Blitzstein Poses
Women's Club	Ann & Martin Itzkowitz	in honor of Alan Mendelsohn, on his special birthday
	Carol & Marty Kaplan	in memory of Bertha Pepp, friend in honor of Nan Daniels, on her special birthday in honor of Ann & Martin Itzkowitz, on the birth of their twin granddaughters
		in honor of Curt & Leslie Pontz, on the birth of their grandson Ethan
		in honor of Nina Gordon & Lou Walinsky, on the birth their grandson
		refuah shleimah Diane King
	Rebecca Ladenheim & Judith Rossman	in memory of Freda H. Ladenheim, mother
	Ellen & Andrew Mermelstein	in memory of Anita Lazarus, mother of Della Lazarus
Youth Activities Fund	Cyrus & Rennie Cohen	in memory of Victoria M. Howitz, niece
	Jeanette Dudnick	in honor of David Hahn & Barbara Weiss, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary
	Myra & Isador Kranzel	in honor of Ann & Martin Itzkowitz, on the birth of their twin granddaughters
	Adina & Norman Newberg	in honor of David Hahn & Barbara Weiss, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary
	Curt & Leslie Pontz	in memory of Sawyer Pontz, grandson in memory of Annette Dansky, mother of Howard Dansky in memory of Gabriel DiLorenzo, father of Vincent DiLorenzo
		in honor of David Teutsch, on being honored with a 2011 National Jewish Book Award
	Sidney Stein	in memory of Irving Stein, brother



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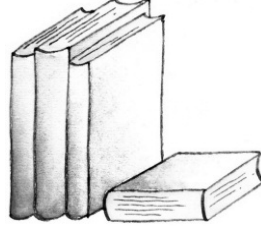
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