



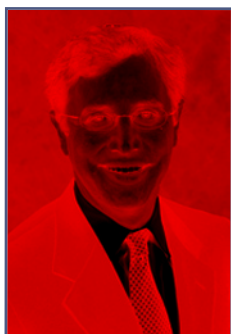
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By Rabbi Adam Zeff

Opening Ourselves to Revelation

In the commentaries on the revelation of God at Mt. Sinai, there is much disagreement about what, exactly, the Israelites experienced as they stood at the foot of the mountain. Did they hear the 10 Commandments spoken in the divine voice? Or maybe they heard just 8 of the commandments and the others were heard only by Moses? Perhaps they heard only the first commandment: "I am the Lord your God..."? Or is it possible that they only heard the first word, Anochi ("I")? Intriguingly, some commentators suggest that the assembled people only heard the first letter of the first word, the alef, a letter that of itself has no sound at all. What could this mean?

One way to understand this teaching is to imagine that what the people experienced at Sinai was the openness of ultimate potential. It was there that the

space for learning was first opened to them, a space of infinite possibility in which they were able to accept all that they might apprehend. Like the midbar, the wild and empty place in which the Torah was given, the people themselves were made into empty vessels into which Torah could enter.

On Shavuot, we try to recapture that experience at Sinai, the experience of our ancestors. But unlike them, we live in a world awash in information, in which electronic media, the printed page, and human interaction constantly compete for our attention. Rather than open ourselves up to all that can be learned, we are often in the position of desperately trying to shut out all of this extraneous data just so that we can hear ourselves think.

How can we recapture the openness that our ancestors found at Sinai, a state of consciousness that allowed them not only to receive Torah but also to experience the divine presence? I would suggest that this requires leaving our comfort zone, the tried and true ways in which we experience the world. At Sinai, the Torah teaches, "all the people saw the thunder" (Exodus 20:15) – overwhelmed by the

experience, they saw sounds and heard visions. They used their senses in unaccustomed ways, and in so doing, they opened themselves up to something completely new.

Our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot evening program this year (beginning at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 7th) will give us opportunities to use our senses in perhaps unaccustomed ways. We will use chant, study, meditation, and movement to open ourselves to the divine in ways we may not have experienced before. Even though we may feel unsure at first, I encourage all of us to give each of these a try! May we experience our own revelation this year.

Music, Music All Around!

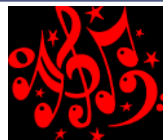
Have you heard the buzz!?

Which of our monthly musical services is right for you?

Carlebach Shabbat – Join us the first Friday of the month for a ruach (spirit) filled service featuring the tunes of Shlomo Carlebach. Often times followed by potluck dinner. **Next dates – May 6 with Potluck & June 3**

Kol Zimrah – We welcome the fourth Friday of the month with a joyful service for all who are moved by song. Followed by Wine & Cheese Oneg. **Next date – May 27**

Kol D'Mamah – Our NEW monthly contemplative Shabbat morning minyan featuring music, breath and learning. See Pg 13 for more details. **Next date – May 28**



Program Highlights

**Carlebach Shabbat & Potluck
Dinner honoring Hospitality
Network Volunteers**

May 6

Red Cross Blood Drive

May 15

Torah Fund Brunch

May 15

ADL Walk Against Hate

May 15

**Hands on Holiday:
Meet the Shavuot Goats**

June 5

**Spring Concert Honoring
Hilda & Paul Minkoff**

June 5



President's Message

Here for You at Every Stage of Life

By Chris Levin, GJC President

At this time of year, the Finance Committee meets often to examine GJC's budget for the coming fiscal year and make decisions about how to continue providing the quality programs and services our members have come to value in the Centre while keeping our finances sound. We have been fortunate in the last few years that, despite the downturn in the financial markets, and despite the widely-publicized difficulties of the conservative movement in attracting and maintaining members, GJC has not had to make drastic cuts in our programming or staffing. Some years have been more challenging than others, but overall we are doing well.

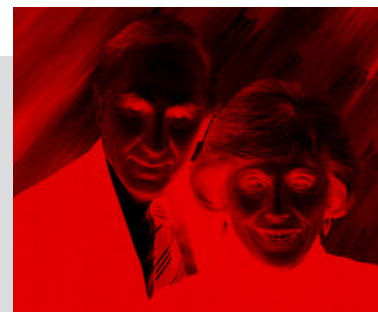
I say we have been fortunate but the fact of the matter is that our situation has also been the result of hard work. We have maintained our membership for any number of reasons, including the vibrant programming, courses, and worship services we offer which create diverse gateways to the GJC community. The newly-formed Chesed committee supports our members in times of need and transition. Our clergy is there to welcome new babies into the world, to visit ECP, to engage our community's older children in Religious School and b'nai mitzvah preparation, to celebrate auf rufs, to officiate at weddings, and to provide support at funerals and shiva minyans. These initiatives and support reflect our values and we are proud to offer them. Germantown Jewish Centre is there for its members at every stage of life.

We have maintained our income through careful planning and the generosity of our congregation. The GJC budget is now a little north of \$2 million. About one-third of that is

ECP which is generally self-supporting. Of the remaining \$1.3 million, only about 80% comes from dues, the High Holiday Appeal and Religious School tuition. The \$300,000 remainder comes from a variety of sources, including various restricted funds, a 4% draw on the Endowment (which is typically less than our income from it), room rentals, the Spring Concert and the like. This generally leaves us with a gap that is made up through what we refer to as "special fundraising." What this means is that we ask those who are able to give more, to give more. Our membership values GJC, often displaying such generosity and faith in the institution to contribute above and beyond the amount we ask for dues and to contribute above and beyond High Holiday Appeal pledges. These contributions, as well as the generous support of our Women's and Men's Clubs, keep our community financially solvent. We are very fortunate to have such committed members within our community. We simply could not do all that we do without their support. Without their contributions, we would have been forced to cut programs.

The Finance Committee is now exploring alternative ways to stabilize our funding so that we are less dependent on these special fundraising efforts and special "asks." Among the strategies being discussed is encouraging members who are able to give at the Rosh Pinah level. The Rosh Pinah membership level is a more significant financial commitment, and includes membership in Men's and Women's Clubs, Spring Concert tickets, and tickets to the Women's Club fundraiser. Most significant, though, is the satisfaction those members receive in knowing that they are supporting one of the 25 most dynamic, innovative, vibrant congregations in the United States. They are ensuring that Germantown Jewish Centre will be here for births, weddings, passings,

and every other milestone in between, for generations of Jews to come. If you are already a Rosh Pinah member, please accept our sincere thanks. If you are not, I hope you will consider this membership level and the tangible impact it will have on this community in the coming year. Regardless of whether or not you become a Rosh Pinah member, we thank you in advance for considering what contribution above and beyond dues you can make to the Centre.



Please join us at
GJC's Spring
Concert & Fundraiser
"Broadway Show Stoppers"

An Evening of Theatre Music
by Theatre Horizon
honoring

Hilda & Paul Minkoff
Sunday, June 5

Join us at 6:30 PM
for hors d'oeuvres
followed by concert
at 7:00 PM

Contact the office for
details on sponsorship
opportunities & ticket sales



March - April, 2011

IN CELEBRATION...

Ruth Loew & Bob Tabak on the engagement of their son, Gabe, to Ruth Brown

Jill Levy & Matthew Silverman on the birth of their daughter, Miriam Simone

Cherie & Joe Goren on their 63rd wedding anniversary

Kate & Geof Margo on the engagement of their son, Ben

Reena Wolnek on becoming Bat Mitzvah

David & Nahariyah Mosenkis on the engagement of their son, Eitan, to Leah Robsman

Jake & Linda Kriger on being honored by Barrack Hebrew Academy

Bunny & Sidney Stein on their family (Michael, Jennifer & grand daughters) being honored by Barrack Hebrew Academy

Anna Kilmer on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Judy Sussholtz on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Caren Borowsky on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Myrna Snyder on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Fredi Cooper on being elected president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

Rebecca Berg Nissenbaum on celebrating her 94th birthday on May 2



- Miriam Pinsker & John Von Essen
- Amy Loewenthal & Karen Greene
- Stephen Schwartz

IN MEMORIAM

Bernard Benjamin Binder, father of **Abby Binder**

Benjamin Marged, father of **Shelley Weber** and grandfather of **Corey Pontz**

Selma Keiner, mother of **Liz Ben-Yaacov**

Lester Spear, uncle of **Michael Spear**

Werner Fellner, husband of **Gabriella Fellner** and father of **David Fellner**

Sylvia Volin Nash, grandmother of **Alex Avelin** and great-grand mother of **Zivia**

Ben Goldman, father of **Lyndall Miller**

Selma Brodksy, a long time member

Eric Berger, brother of **Lizanne Berger**

Pirkko Hollo, mother of **Juha Hollo** and grandmother of **Matti, Naomi & Elisheva**

Peter Barnes, father of **Alexa Epstein** and grandfather of **William & Diana**

Henry Addison, father of **Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison**



Shabbat Chai-Lites

May 6-7

- Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat
- Community Potluck Dinner (honoring Hospitality network volunteers)
- Mazel Tov to Sonia Reardon on her Bat Mitzvah (Charry Service)
- Marching Musical Minyan (10 AM)
- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit (11 AM)
- Pirke Avot Study (4 PM – Offsite)

May 14

- Hazak Shabbat (Charry Service & Kiddush)
- Pirke Avot Study (4 PM – Offsite)

May 20-21

- Tot Shabbat (6 PM)
- Mazel Tov to Hallel Raphael on her Bat Mitzvah (Charry Service at 9:30 AM)
- Pirke Avot Study (4 PM – Offsite)

May 27-28

- Kol Zimrah (7:30 PM)
- Pirke Avot (4 PM – Offsite)

June 3

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Marching Musical Minyan (10 AM)
- Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit (11 AM)
- Pirke Avot Study (4 PM – Offsite)

June 11

- Mazel Tov to Jane Pardys on her Bat Mitzvah (Charry Service)

June 17

- Tot Shabbat (6 PM)

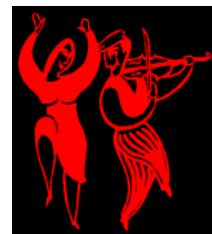
Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6 PM (unless otherwise noted above)

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

ISRAELI DANCING



Sundays at 10 AM - \$5 per session

Last Sunday session is **June 19**

Over the summer dancing will meet on

Wednesday Nights from 7-9 PM in the Canteen Room (July 13-Aug 10)

For more info call Tamar Magdovitz at 215-247-9614

Early Childhood Program (ECP)



Photos by Shoshanna Wiesner



ECP celebrated Purim by baking Hamantaschen and dressing up as some of our favorite characters!



**So much to remember:
Our wonderful 10 % specials
continue with the May
Special: Seder Plates**

**10% off All
Merchandise**

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

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 - 5:00

*(We'll be open all summer
and will e-mail our summer
hours soon)*



*And we have
fabulous new
merchandise which
will be great gifts
for Mother's Day,
birthdays and all
occasions for men
and women.*



**And remember our On-Line Store at:
[Http://germantownjewishcentre.judaicabeautiful.com](http://germantownjewishcentre.judaicabeautiful.com)**

Adult Education 2011/5771

We invite you to register for our last Adult Education offering this Spring –
A Shavuot Cooking lesson with Rabbi Fredi Cooper!
Contact the office for details and to register.

TITLE	INSTRUCTOR(S)	TIMING	DATES	COST GJC MEM- BERS/NON MEMBERS
FEEDING THE SOUL: MAKING, TASTING & STUDYING HOLIDAY FAVORITES	Rabbi Fredi Cooper	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	Shavuot Recipes May 17, 24	\$50/60 (1 holiday)



Tot Shabbat & Holidays

**Thursday, May 20
Tot Shabbat**

Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Adam Zeff in a celebration specially geared for toddlers, preschoolers and their families!

Does your child like to....

Sing, clap hands and play bells?

Dance around?

Listen to puppet stories?

Do you like to...

Welcome Shabbat with other young families?

Not have to worry about kids being kids?

Join us at 6 pm for a program & celebration followed by a simple yet delicious catered dinner (around 6:30 pm)

Cost is \$5 per person
(adults & children)

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION
& PAYMENT NECESSARY**

Save the Dates!

5/20 – Tot Shabbat

6/17 – Tot Shabbat

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet at 7:15pm at Germantown Jewish Centre the SECOND Tuesday of the month. 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.

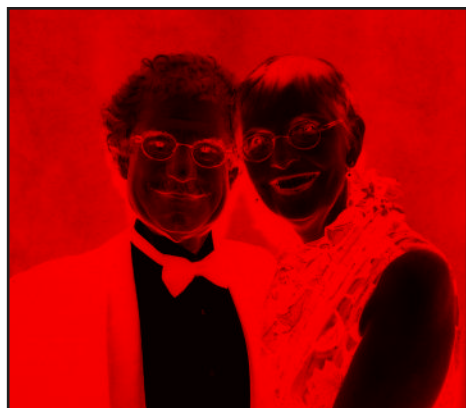
For more information, contact Dena Lake at denareva@comcast.net or 215-233-1414.

Tuesday, May 10th
Broken for You
by Stephanie Kallos



Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger



Steve and Linda Corsover

No matter how long you've been a member of GJC, chances are you are not aware of the effect that Linda and Steve Corsover have had on the physical plant. But you experience their work every time you walk into the building and feel the air conditioning working, read in a warm library, or (and this hasn't happened yet) don't see water leaking from the roof.

Linda, 68, began to volunteer for the synagogue in 1980 and later worked with Sherman Aronson, Jonathan Friedan, Marty Kaplan, Stuart Shils and Jay Furman as a member of the design committee (now known as House and Design).

"I was doing design work for the synagogue long before there was a committee," says Linda, sitting in the home office in their commodious Germantown Victorian home. "GJC had very little money. We did stuff everywhere in the synagogue in every room. For example, I designed signage for the curved front wall of the sanctuary, donor plaques, and hangings for the school building, which were destroyed in the fire. I also worked on two versions of the old playground, and I helped design the Canteen room kitchen renovation, and the bathroom, which has since been redone.

"Then Sherman, who was working on other building needs, and I decided that there really needed to be a design committee because peo-

ple were doing piecemeal things that weren't in the spirit of the building's architecture," she continues. Linda retired from the committee six years ago.

She was raised as an army brat. Her family lived in Europe and Hawaii, but mostly in the South. She attended Tulane University with a Masters of Architecture. With her first husband, Linda had two daughters and moved to Philadelphia. Linda had a residential architectural design business until 2009, and has designed kitchens and renovations for many GJC members.

Steve and Linda met at a nursery school where each of them had two daughters around the same age. Linda and Steve married in 1974. Between them they have 5 daughters: Sandra 45, Erin 44, DeAnna 43, Pier 43 and Leah, 33. Sandra (Donover) and Leah Corsover are active GJC members. They also have 11 grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to three months. Steve's first wife, Sandra's mother, lives around the corner and is part of the family, Linda says.

Linda describes herself as a "culturally adopted Jew" who has never converted. But she appreciates the way that GJC opened its doors to her and made her feel welcome.

"There's just such a wonderful group of people at GJC. They were very welcoming to me. Being an interfaith family when we joined the synagogue around 1979, GJC was very comfortable. Rabbi (Sanford) Hahn really knew how to integrate interfaith families. Leah was our first child to have a bat mitzvah, and I was doing Jewish stuff with her. He made it so comfortable. I felt I was the first person in the world to have a bat mitzvah. I didn't know what I was doing. After Leah's bat mitzvah year, a parent group got together and gave information out for parents who were preparing for the event," she recalls.

When Steve retired from his engineering career in 1999, at age 55, "after a couple of years, Linda volun-

teered me for GJC," he says smiling. "She said, 'I married you for better or worse but not for lunch.'"

Steve grew up in New York City and went to engineering school at the Pratt Institute. When he graduated, he got a job at RCA in Camden. Steve and his first wife moved to Camden in 1965 and then to Philadelphia about three years later. Steve got a masters degree in engineering at the University of Pennsylvania and continued to work in Camden, as his company changed hands and merged repeatedly. Nevertheless, he says, he had the same phone number from 1965-99.

Early in their marriage, Steve and Linda began buying apartment houses together. Linda managed them, and did the renovations and management by herself for 22 years as well as running her design business. When he retired, Steve joined her. They own seven buildings in Mt. Airy and Germantown with 44 units. Their daughter Leah is now helping to manage the buildings. Linda is an avid knitter (not only does she have a knitting room, but a knitting machine) and seamstress, sewing wedding dresses for three of her daughters.

Now that he is semi-retired, Steve sings in the choir and has been involved since 2002 in the innards of the synagogue's physical plant. A few years ago, the House committee and the Design committee were merged. Gina Michaels, who co-chairs with Steve, handles the aesthetic choices in the synagogue, while Steve handles, as he puts it, "the technical stuff."

The committee – in its past and current configurations – has dealt with a number of unseen, but important features of the GJC building. "The biggest was when the chiller in the sanctuary needed to be replaced," Steve recalls. "I'm an electronics and optics engineer, not

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Member Spotlight

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a civil engineer or an architect, so I had to learn about air conditioning systems and the pros and cons of various kinds of chillers."

The next big job was installing storm windows in the ECP, Canteen Room and staff offices. "In the school building, the original windows were single pane and many of them leaked air," Steve says. "In the fall of 2008, we decided to install interior storm windows that snap in. Over the years, each window had developed its own personality and I had to individually measure and sketch them. After they were manufactured and delivered, I installed them with help from Eric (Word, head of maintenance) and the maintenance staff. We installed about 150 individual windows. This was in December 2008. The fire was in January 2009 and the firemen had to break about 30 of them to quickly get the smoke out. We replaced the broken ones and the others were taken out and cleaned."

One of Steve's happiest accomplishments at GJC was changing the way water was heated in the Marcus kitchen. He won the eternal gratitude of the catering folks, he says, "because they would routinely run out of hot water and had to heat water on the stove to do the dishes."

"The hot water was heated by a very inefficient system that kept the water at 140 degrees 24/7, even though the kitchen was used only once or twice a week," he recalls. "So I designed a way to use two tankless hot water heaters up in one of the rooms above the kitchen and installed them myself with a plumber's help for the gas and water lines."

Now Steve, the GJC staff and the rest of the House and Design committee are dealing with the roof, "which is falling apart," he says. "After it rains, there are ponds of water up there. Also, the city is greatly increasing the charge for handling storm water and we've been looking for ways to mitigate that expense

along with getting a new roof." A Request For Proposal has been written and sent out to get professional help with figuring it all out.

Another issue is that for years, "we've heard that the library is too cold and the Rabbi can't work in his office because it's too cold," Steve says. "There were many choices to fix the problems, but we could never make a decision because the choices were too expensive," Steve says. "I designed a system using radiant heating panels that are much more affordable." The radiant heating panels have just been installed on the ceilings in the library and rabbi's office and Steve is very confident that they will make the rooms much more usable.

Steve says that a common problem with volunteering at the synagogue is that there are few people with expertise who have time to spend time on such technical issues. "It boils down to one or two people," he notes. "Just as we moved from a seat-of-the pants office to a more organized staff, we needed to move to a staff person who serves as project manager, someone who gets advice from people in the congregation with skills."

"That's what Shoshanna Wiesner is doing now," he says. "I'm enjoying the mentor role and the increased

pace of getting things done with Shoshanna able to devote so much more time to the issues. I'm backing out of doing physical labor - I'm getting older - but I'm enjoying the challenges of helping to get some of the long-standing problems addressed."

When Steve initially retired 12 years ago, he was at a loss for what to do. He picked out a course on drumming offered by the Mt. Airy Learning Tree and brought "a conga drum we used as a table" to the class. Since then, musical expression has become a big part of Steve's life. "The improvisation is just music that comes out of you. It's emotional expression, contact with other people on a non-verbal basis, listening to what another person does, and adding to it. I'm out three to four nights a week, doing improv, singing in the choir, and taking part, with Linda, in a neighborhood group that gets together to sing one evening a month. Music is a big, big part of my life right now."

Linda sings in the Philadelphia Chorus, "a high level amateur chorus," as she calls it.

Together, they've contributed countless hours to keep GJC humming.

Kesher Program

By Shoshanna Wiesner



The Chessed committee had an amazing kick off this winter! Member volunteers alongside some of our Religious School and ECP children baked challah, cooked soup, and created cards for families experiencing a birth, illness or loss. Since then, a growing number of amazing volunteers have delivered the food to our members.

We want this program to have the widest impact possible, and for that we need your help. While we often hear about beginnings and endings of lifecycles, we depend on you to

keep us informed if one of our members is experiencing an illness and would appreciate a meal. Please let Rabbi Zeff or someone in the office know if you, or someone you know who is ill, would like a Chessed delivery.

While we continue to foster community ties through Chessed deliveries of food, new mitzvah opportunities are becoming available! The Chessed committee will be organizing GJC volunteers to visit members of our community who are unable to come to services and programs yet still want to be engaged and remain connected. To hear more about this initiative and get involved, please contact Shoshanna Wiesner in the office: projects@germantownjewishcentre.org / 215-844-1507, ext. 14.

Men's Club News

By Ken Weiss & Rod Griffith, Men's Club Co-Presidents

The Club hosted a lecture by Ken Weiss on February 15. The topic was "Freud and the Ninth Commandment," and combined ethics, psychiatry, an Austrian murder case, pre-World War II anti-Semitism, and a celebrated photographer. Bottom line: the good guys won.

We then turned our attention to the Passports to Israel program and a Red Cross Blood Drive. The Passports raffle drawing took place at the Purim carnival on March 20. Our first-prize winner was Kathy Axelrod. Congratulations!

You may be aware that we took a break from the Congregational Directory/Greetings Book in 2010. Now it appears that people are craving a new one. Due to security concerns, a fully functional online directory is not yet feasible. So, guess what? We're back! Yes, the Men's

Club, with the staff support of Margery Sokoloff, will be producing the new edition for the High Holidays. This is where YOU come in. In your Passover mailing you will see an order form. Since this is our major fundraiser (and we didn't hit you up last year), we're looking forward to robust participation from congregants and their businesses, and from local businesses and professionals. This is a great way to support GJC, promote your cause or to brag about the mishpoche.

Sunny Orange County, California interest you? You are invited to be GJC's delegate to the biennial meeting of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, in Costa Mesa, July 13-17, 2011. There will be a substantial subsidy to support your travel, so if you have any interest, check it out at fjmc.org.

Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs,
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

Now that we've thawed out after this cold winter, Hazak has been keeping busy. In April our book group discussed *A Woman in Jerusalem* by another Israeli author A.B. Yehoshua. **On May 11 we look forward to discussing *Sarah's Key*.**

Thank you to Rabbi Zeff who spoke with us about Kabbalah during our program in March. He had so much to tell us, an hour seemed hardly enough. Maybe he will continue next year!

Our membership keeps growing. Folks come to one of our interesting programs and join instantly, for only \$10, cheaper than lunch!

May 14 is our 3rd Annual Hazak Shabbat. And also the weekend Jay Furman celebrates his 99th birthday. We will help him celebrate and promise him a big bash next year!

Mark your calendars for another **Hazak program on Sunday, June 19**, when Summer will be upon us and all the ice and snow will be forgotten. We plan to bring you "Opera under the Stars" again later in the summer, stay tuned for details.

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.

Hospitality Network Volunteers to be Celebrated at Shabbat Potluck on May 6

By Milt Cohen

This year is the twentieth anniversary of Germantown Jewish Centre's service to homeless families in Philadelphia through its participation in the Northwest Interfaith Hospitality Network.

The program is made possible by the contributions of meals or volunteering a few evenings or overnights a year by caring Centre members during the time that our homeless guests are living in the Centre.

At the Centre's regular potluck dinner on Friday evening May 6, at 7:00, we will be honoring some of our most reliable volunteers:

Marian Darmstadter, Paul Shane, and Martha & Chuck Schleifer.

We will also be honoring those who helped start this program and/or have served as volunteer coordinators:

Elaine Dushoff, Howard Spodek, David Mosenkis, and Herb Levine.

Come on May 6, to help us honor our volunteers! Contact Elana Shaw in the office to reserve your place.

New volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you would like more information about how you can be part of the Network, Please contact Milt Cohen at Cohen_Milton@hotmail.com or 215-247-6186.

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

Women's Club News

By Judy Schwartz and Bev Somerson
Co-presidents of Women's Club

And Our Thanks Go To.....

In the cold and wet month of February, we had the pleasure of listening to and learning about the world of the Jewish language from The Word Mavens, Ellen Scolnic and Joyce Eisenberg. We laughed, learned and remembered much about the Yiddish aspects of our childhood. In addition, we were complimented on our knowledge of Yiddishkeit by the presenters, particularly due to the participation of Joe Goren (Cherie Goren's husband), who shared his memories of the past with us. Thank you to our program chairs, Joan Silver and Dena Lake from Women's Club and Cherie Goren of Hazak for a very entertaining morning.

The gala was beginning, the red carpet was in place, the lights were dazzling, the paparazzi were running about trying to catch glimpses of all the stars that attended our 2nd annual Purim Bash on March 12. What a festive exciting night it was! There was a star studded revue written and produced by our own Chuck Schleifer and directed by Rabbi Zeff. The choir provided the singing power and caused laughter and applause to fill the Marcus during the Spiel. We danced and ate, and then were treated to a costume parade by many of our partygoers.

Thank You, Sam Katz!

On behalf of our Israel & the Media Event Committee, we want to express, publicly, our deepest appreciation to you for your dedication and tireless efforts to make this Program a highlight of this GJC year.



The judges, after much deliberation, chose three winners. First place went to Beth Stearman, Mitchell Berk and Phill Goldberg who were hysterical as the stars of Gilligan's Island (see photo above). Second place went to Linda and Jake Kriger who were a couple from China and third place went to Denise Wolf and Paul Rudnick as Napoleon and a flapper. The auction, led by Mike Robinson, was enjoyed by all. For Bev and myself, the highlight of the evening was the very generous check that we (Women's Club) gave to Mathieu Shapiro to go towards our financial commitment to the Centre. Thank you to the patrons, sponsors, and all the guests who made this a financially successful and fun filled evening. Very special thanks go to Marlene Hilkowitz, Nan Daniels, Marcy Bacine, Connie Katz and all those who planned, organized, and worked so tirelessly to make this a happening. Mark your calendar for next year's affair - our **Third Annual Purim Bash on Feb.25, 2012**

At the very end of March, we had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Sherry Blumenthal, a gynecologist, who spoke about intimacy, health, and acceptance. Following her presentation, the women asked questions about a variety of health concerns. The presentation and the discussion were lively and informative. Our program chairs, Joan and Dena have really selected outstanding programs for us.

Many of us had the pleasure of lis-

tening to our own version of Meet The Press (without commercials) on Sunday, April 3 at GJC. The topic that the panel discussed was Israel and the Media. Sam Katz acted as moderator of the panel composed of Ami Eden, Editor in Chief of JTA; Jane Eisner, Editor of The Forward; Jennifer Rubin, Right Turn Blog from The Washington Post; and Eli Lake, National Security Correspondent for The Washington Times. One of the points that the panel made was that people who want to be informed and knowledgeable must listen to and read a variety of sources that deal with Israeli issues and then draw their own conclusions. Try to read or listen to both sides of an



issue. The audience asked a variety of questions which the panelists answered in depth. Thanks go to Women's Club, Men's Club, Social Action, and Israel Affairs Committee for making the morning possible. Additional kudos go to Sam Katz for his leadership and moderating abilities, to Joan Silver and Dena Lake for making an idea come alive, and for the office staff, particularly Elana Shaw, for taking care of the many details that make a program like this possible.

Coming activities in May are **Torah Fund Brunch on Sunday, May 15, Installation of new officers and Board on Sunday, June 5.** In addition, **we will have a Retreat again this year on Sunday, June 12** at the home of Connie and Sam Katz.

It's our own **Joan Silver** &
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DIVRAY CHINUCH

...a few words from the GJC Education Department

Generously supported by the GJC Women's Club

At this time of year, having completed the preparations and celebrations of Purim and Pesach, it is sometimes easy to get caught up in the excitement of the completion of another academic year, look forward to summer and forget – there's another major Jewish holiday around the corner!!.....*Shavuot*.

And believe it or not, it is indeed major, one of the three biblical pilgrimage holidays, or *shalosh regalim*. *Shavuot* always seems to get the short end of our attention. Perhaps it is the distraction of the end-of-year activities or festivities. Perhaps it is the lack of major rituals associated with the holiday, with neither a Passover Seder nor a Sukkah to accompany its' celebration. Perhaps

the length of the holiday – either one or two days only, with no intermediate days (*hol hamoed*) or final festive days to cap of the celebration – that makes us accidentally minimize the holiday.

Whatever the reasons for this inadvertent downplaying, *Shavuot* remains a holiday centered around at least two very important concepts in Judaism, especially for those of us concerned (and consumed!!?) with raising children. First, we celebrate and commemorate receiving the Torah on *Shavuot*. For the Israelites in the desert, they received their rules – their guide for how to live their lives. The holiday offers us the opportunity to relate to and discuss our rules – our personal rules, our family rules, our community rules and our society

rules. Each of these categories, with their individual and/or specific relevance to different age groups of our children, can be a topic of discussion at our family gatherings.

A second emphasis of *Shavuot* is study. Though access is limited for our children (and perhaps also to tired parents), we traditionally celebrate study on *Shavuot* with a *Tikkun Leyl*, all night study. The holiday is an opportunity to celebrate study, and discuss with our children why study is so important to us as a people, and to each of them as individuals.

Wishing all of you a terrific spring, end of the year festivities and.....meaningful *Shavuot*!!

IMPORTANT FUTURE PROGRAM DATES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- May 8th, No religious school for the strict observance ofMother's Day!
- May 29th No religious school, Memorial Day Weekend
- June 12th Last day of Sunday religious school

BBMM

(Bar Bat Mitzvah Mehina)

- Shabbat Dates:
May 7th and June 4th
- Sunday date (with parents)
May 15th

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

- Shabbat, June 4th

KADIMA

(Youth Group for 4th and 5th graders)

- May 15th – final activity

Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent

Alina Bamberger is a high school junior who spent her fall semester in Israel at the EIE (Eisendrath International Exchange) program located at Kibbutz Tzuba. She is one of our Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondents – Todah Rabba Alina!!

I applied for the EIE (Eisendrath International Exchange) program in March of last year. I knew I loved to travel and had always heard that Israel was an amazing place and wanted to go for quite some time. My father then came to me with the idea of doing a semester in Israel. I was immediately excited and thought it sounded like an amazing experience to be on a trip for four months in Israel with Jews from all over the country. I applied for the trip and received my acceptance letter in June.

The next thing I knew, I was ready to go to Israel. Walking into JFK airport for the first time about to embark on my journey to Israel, I knew I was where I wanted to be. I didn't know anyone, but all of the kids were so

friendly, and the madrichim (staff) were so nice and helpful. When I got off the plane in Jerusalem, I felt I was home. I had an unbelievable immediate connection to Israel solely because I was Jewish and had the time of my life in Israel.

The programs and activities that I was able to participate in were astonishing. I was able to leave my comfort zone on this trip and do so many things that I would not normally have the opportunity to do. I learned through all of the tiyulim (day trips), Hebrew classes, and Jewish history classes. The tiyulim we went on ranged from one-day trips near by, places with amazing history, to a one week stay in Poland where we learned extensively about the Shoah. Every week in Israel was exciting - I hiked from one end of Israel to the other, was in the Israeli army for a week, stayed in Bedouin tents, hostels and Israeli homes on some weekends. We always had beautiful services on Friday nights

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and Saturday mornings at the kibbutz I lived on, Kibbutz Tzuba. The teachers were incredibly accommodating and put so much effort into making sure that I knew and understand all of the material that was required for my school at home. Every person on the staff was incredibly helpful, and made sure that each and every one of the kids felt like they were in a safe and welcoming environment. The best part of my whole trip, aside from experiencing so many aspects of Israel, are the friends that I was able to make. I was lucky enough to have been put with forty four amazing, funny, bright, loving, warm, kind-hearted and unique people. I have also never felt a stronger connection to my Jewish religion. I learned so much about Judaism and Israel, taught by people who really opened my eyes to the things about Judaism that make it such a complex yet amazing religion.

Finally, living in Israel, and having learned the history of my land and how to speak the language, makes me feel so much closer to my reli-

gion, and so much prouder to be Jewish. My experience in Israel could not have been more perfect; I loved every single moment. Never had I suspected that the trip would be such an amazing, life-changing program, but now, I do not know what my life would be like had I not had this once in a lifetime experience.



The following is an excerpt from the blog of Shula Smith. Shula graduated high school last June, and is completing her ("gap") year on the 60th Habonim-Dror Workshop, a year long post high school program of the Habonim-Dror Labor Zionist youth movement. She is our second Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent – Todah Rabba Shula!!

Messima

Messima literally means mission, but it refers to the community service projects that we do here on our program. There are many different projects all in education, among them working with students on welfare lists or working with last chance high school students. My project involves teaching English in Arab towns in the surrounding area of Karmiel. We run activities which teach English, but we also convey our values (especially peace) with our students.

I work three days a week, and in two different places. On Sundays I work in Tamra for the day. I (with one other person) teach in a high school for four class periods. Our first class is very good at English and is a small group of about 15 people, mostly girls. We can run actual lessons for them because they have a strong English foundation and don't need to be taught the basics. Last week we had them write dialogues that demonstrated scenarios in which the register of speaking would be very different. For example, we had two friends talking and of course their dialogue looked like a plain conversation that was informal and full of slang. The

conversation between a felon and a police officer, however, was very formal and linguistically rigid. All of the students performed their dialogues and it was really fun. We spend a lot of time trying to get them to loosen up and just practice their English, because in the Arab villages they have no native speakers to talk to, not even their teachers. In fact, the teacher in that school isn't fluent in English and often asks me to translate things into English.

On Tuesdays we work in Kfar Manda, a pretty small village nestled in the side of a hill. Our students there are 12 and 13 and they are really angels. We like to run fun English activities, but we also have had a few serious conversations with them already. In our class last week we had a discussion about differences and similarities between Arabs and Americans. Most of the students agreed that in order to understand what is the same, you need to first reconcile and understand what is different. In the afternoons in Kfar Manda we run another activity for a group of 15 girls and 1 or 2 boys. So far it has been playing basketball, making bracelets, and just hanging out (since it's for two hours after school), but we've started the process of talking about America and cultural reflection. Part of what we're trying to do is teach about American culture and acceptance while helping the students refine their own cultural identity through self reflection. For example, we might talk about American schools, but then we always talk about what they do in their schools, too. Also, we're thinking of dividing them up and having conversations separately about growing up and becoming men or women. There are a lot of opportunities for the group in Kfar Manda.

So far *messima* has been really rewarding and a lot of fun, too. I'm excited to go through a process with the students, teaching them English and also getting to know them and understand them better.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

All the people saw the sounds:
Experiencing the Divine
through voice, body, mind and
breath

Some experience revelation
through prayer or study, others
through movement, music, or
stillness. Please join us for Tikkun
Leyl Shavuot at 7PM on June 7th,
when we will explore these paths
to revelation together. More
detailed information will follow.

Social Action Update

6th Annual GJC Women's Clothing GiveAway A Huge Success

On Sunday, February 6 we raised over \$4300 for Darfur Alert Coalition! This is about 3 times what we've netted previous years. Kudos to "CEO" Genie Bud Ravital and the enormous crew of people who worked on publicity, set-up, "sales", and packing. About 65% more clothes were taken, so our outreach to women in need of clothes was very successful. And it was really fun. The live music, the cafe with treats, and the mobs of women all happily shopping - there was plenty for everyone. Here's feedback: "I had such a good time at the swap, and so many things worked for me! I now have a very full, cute wardrobe, including good stuff for my office job downtown. It was a hugely successful day for me!"

Electronics Recycling Event Collects 7198 lbs!

February 6 was a "reduce, reuse, recycle" kind of day at GJC. In addition to the Women's Clothing Giveaway, the Social Action Committee organized an Electronics Recycling Event. With the assistance of a few strong volunteers from Men's Club, we collected 7198 lbs. of electronics! Members of GJC and the community brought in old computers, monitors, fax machines, batteries, calculators—even CFL bulbs—to this drive-through electronics-recycling event. That's a lot of junk that we kept out of a landfill. To congratulate GJC's tremendous success, eForce Compliance (the company that collects the waste) generously donated \$500 to the Germantown Jewish Centre Social Action Fund! Thank you to everyone who conceptualized, organized, and was out on Ellet Street directing this amazing event!

Henry School Library Story Program Going Strong!

By Renee Levine

As the Centre Call goes to press, the Library Story Program will be in the last few weeks of its fourth year. We are ending the year with a full roster of Story Tellers. The nine people currently doing the reading are just as enthusiastic reading the books they bring as the students and teachers are listening to the stories and poems. The Story Tellers have done a wonderful job. The program has also expanded its work with Eugene Okamoto of the Harvest Book company, to distribute books to the children in the classes in the Story Program. Mr. Okamoto is a Henry Alumna.

Story Tellers this year have included: Jeanne Allen, Roberta Berg, Betty Ann Fellner, Gloria Hoffman, Barbara Jaffe, Dena Lake, Jessica Lember, Renee Levine, Rona Pietrzak, and Margery Sokoloff.

To stay informed about our advocacy efforts and upcoming events, we encourage you to sign up for the SAC list serve by sending an e-mail to gjsocactionssubscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Imagine WALKing along Martin Luther King Drive with your friends, family, and neighbors with one common goal: WALKing Against Hate.

Join ADL for the inaugural 5K WALK Against Hate on Sunday, May 15, 2011. Take part in a one of a kind initiative in which people from various backgrounds are united to stand together in acceptance of diversity.

Join the GJC Team at www.walkagainsthate.org/gjc and follow the simple steps to start making a difference.

This is an opportunity for both youth and adults to make strides against bigotry and hatred in their communities.

The registration fee for the WALK is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths.

Funds raised through the WALK Against Hate will be used to support ADL's mission and the research and development of programming such as No Place For Hate®, the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute, and the Bearing Witness™ Program.



Granger Committee Update: Conversation about Integration in Mt. Airy

Our 27th Annual Granger Memorial Shabbat held in January highlighted the challenge of racial integration in Mt. Airy. The topic touched a nerve in our community, and has sparked interest in continued programming in this area. On Tuesday evening, March 22, more than twenty members of the Germantown Jewish Centre gathered in the Canteen Room to talk about life in West Mount Airy. In two small focus groups, community members shared stories of their experiences of moving to and living in the integrated neighborhood.

Some had grown up in the area. Others moved to the region as adults, to take advantage of less expensive housing, to send their children to the local schools, to live near the park, to be a part of an experiment in interracial living.

Everyone in attendance had a unique connection to the area, but all agreed that Mount Airy represented something different from other

neighborhoods in and around the city. More than anything else, attendees saw Mount Airy as a place for people who support and feel supported by the intentionally inclusive community.

The event was moderated and recorded by historian Abigail Perkiss (with the gracious help of her mother, Cindy Perkiss), who is writing a book on integration in West Mount Airy in the decades following the Second World War.

At the event members Joan Kopeland Silver and her sister, Ellen Kopeland shared some of their family history in Mt. Airy . . . Joan and Ellen grew up on South Mt. Pleasant Road in West Mt. Airy in the 1950's. Their parents, Marjorie and Sol Kopeland were very active life long members of GJC, as well as activists in maintaining an integrated community.

When the overcrowded Emlen School began bussing African American children to Henry School, Marjorie, who was President of Henry's PTA, and the principal, Earle

Hargreaves, were determined to keep the school community diverse. At the same time, the neighborhood was beginning to experience change. Rabbi Charry and the local clergy went door to door in their attempt to encourage neighbors to remain.

At the corner of Greene St. and South Mt. Pleasant Rd. the first family in that group of 32 semi detached homes built by Sol Kopeland and Harry Pontz, father of Curt Pontz, sold their home to an African American family. Marjorie and Sol organized weekly "Meet and Greet" evenings to encourage discussions about the vitality of West Mt. Airy. Out of these conversations, evolved the birth of Allens Lane Art Center, a place for ALL people to meet, learn and be stimulated by all of the Arts.

The Granger Committee is working to put together additional programming. Stay tuned for more details.

New Monthly Minyan Starting April 30th

Kol D'mamah: Contemplative Minyan

Connect with the Divine through music, breath, and learning! Join Nina Peskin and a rotating group of service leaders for this one hour minyan (from 11AM to noon) that will include chant, hand percussion, meditation, and a contemplative teaching. In consideration of everyone participating in the service, we ask that everyone arrive on time.

"Kol D'mamah" is from I Kings 19:12 where Elijah has an experience of God and hears the "still small voice" or (in the Etz Hayim translation) "a soft murmuring sound." The Hebrew term is a verbal paradox intended to convey a spiritual experience that is otherwise beyond words: "kol" (sound) + "d'mamah" (silence). In the Elijah story, it stands in contrast to the sound and fury of the wind, the earthquake, and the fire, none of which contain God.

If you have any questions about this minyan, please contact Genie Ravital at: geniebud@gmail.com. Join us on April 30 and also on May 28!

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Todah Rabbah!

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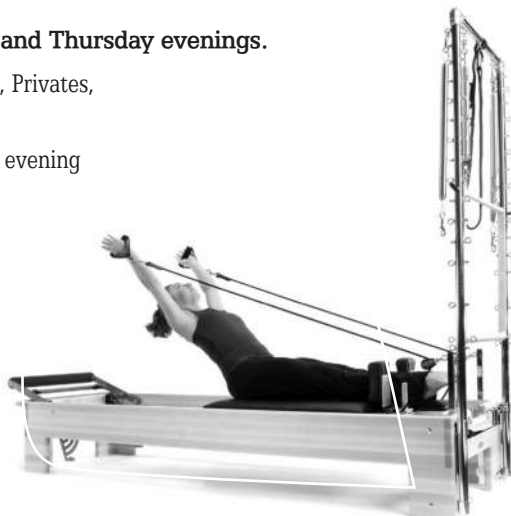
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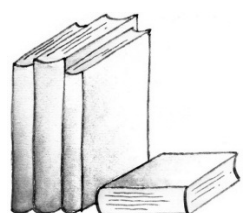
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