



# The Centre Call

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By Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover

As I write this article, Rebecca and I have just finished putting up our sukkah in the back yard. Following the biblical commandment found in the book of Leviticus, "You will dwell in booths for seven days," this temporary hut will be the place in which our family will eat meals and spend time together for the week-long festival. One of the things that I appreciate most about my time in the sukkah is that this temporary dwelling, open and susceptible to wind and rain, gives me the opportunity to reflect annually on the fragility of life and the ways in which I often take for granted the relative stability of my own life.

The sukkah allows us to step out of the comfortable and the whole and notice the brokenness in our world. As I look up at the stars through the porous roof of the sukkah, I am reminded of the thousands of Philadelphians who are without a permanent roof over their heads each night. As I bring plates of steaming food from my kitchen into the sukkah, I reflect on the wide array of fresh ingredients and access to clean and potable water that enabled our festival meal. As I sit with friends and family in the sukkah, I am aware of the safety of

the community in which I live, free of the fear and violence that plague so many communities both in our country and across the world.

Sukkot is also a time when we are commanded to open our homes (or at least the temporary ones in our backyards) to ushpizin (guests). According to Jewish tradition, in addition to friends, family, and neighbors, we are supposed to invite the spirits of our biblical forefathers and foremothers into the sukkah. Taking this one step further, many have added contemporary role-models and communal heroes (both Jewish and non-Jewish) like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Hannah Senesh or Sandy Kaufax to the traditional list of ushpizin. Using sukkot as a time to recall those whose legacy and values inform your own sense of justice can also be a powerful way to mark this fall holiday.

But this process of reflection, recollection, and hospitality cannot begin and end with Sukkot. Rather, our observance of Sukkot should be one of many ways in which our observance of Jewish ritual and practice enhances the way that we live in the world as American citizens and as good and righteous human beings. As Rabbi Zeff remarked in his sermon on Rosh Hashanah,

*"We must allow our Judaism – those high Jewish values that we learn from Torah – to challenge the civilization in which we live. Many urgent*

*problems await us: poverty, employment, access to health care, two wars, hunger, the poisoning of our water through "fracking"...To help address these problems as Jews, we must develop in our Jewish life together the motivation, the drive, and the capacity to reach out and influence the world around us."*

I invite you all to join me as we continue this conversation on the ways in which our Jewish practice and values can help to shape our commitment to justice at our Charry Weekend on November 18-19th. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Steve Gutow, President & CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), as our Scholar-in-Residence as we grapple with the topic, "Repairing the World through Jewish Activism." Steve is a rabbi, a lawyer, and a community organizer whose work through the JCPA as chair of

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## Program Highlights

**Women's Club Craft Show**

November 13

**GJC's Global Day of KIDS**

**Jewish Learning**

November 13

**Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend**

November 18-19



## President's Message

### How are We Doing?

By Chris Levin, GJC President

How are we doing? This is a question that lurks in the mind of all lay and professional synagogue leadership. It is hard to know the answer to that question other than anecdotally (we do hear from people from time to time!) or vicariously through membership statistics. We had an opportunity last year to gather some data on that very question for Germantown Jewish Centre. As part of the transition process we undertook a survey to determine what qualities the congregation was looking for in a Senior Rabbi. We had a remarkably good response rate – on the order of 60%. One of the questions on the survey asked the respondent to rate his or her overall satisfaction with Germantown Jewish Centre, from “extremely satisfied” to “not at all satisfied.” We were gratified to learn that about 45% of the respondents were “extremely satisfied” and another 45% were “reasonably satisfied.” Eight percent were “somewhat satisfied.” While survey data have obvious limitations, we took this data as a positive sign given the general propensity for people to speak up

when they are not happy and to remain quiet when they are pleased.

Add to this the fact that our membership remained constant in this year of professional change, and again the signs point in a positive direction. In fact, the majority of the members that we lost over the last year either passed away or moved out of town. And those that we gained tended to be on the younger side (30's and 40's) which bodes well for the future. It was equally exciting, however, that we added one member who was 80+ years old and one who was over 90! We welcome their wisdom as well. Prominent points of entry included ECP and Religious School, Adult Ed classes, as well as the diversity offered by our various minyanim. This suggests that we are moving in the right direction with respect to our missions of promoting diversity and life long learning.

Still the question lurks. Ten percent of those responding – close to 40 respondents – were no better than “somewhat satisfied,” scarcely a ringing endorsement. And what about the 40% who did not respond at all? A rosy (but likely wrong) view would be that they are so satisfied – so confident that the leadership will

make the right decision—that they felt no need to respond. Or perhaps they are people who are not particularly involved in the life of the community and did not feel that the decision about rabbinic hiring was one that would effect them. Or perhaps they are not happy at all. We just don't know.

Those who were most satisfied included very recent members (0-2 years) and those who were long-time members (more than 30 years). Least satisfied were those who have belonged for three to five years.

We continue to analyze the data to learn more about the sources of dissatisfaction. We have begun to reach out to some of our members in the 3-5 year category to see if there is something we can do better to maintain the level of satisfaction expressed by more recent (0-2 years) members. But there is no substitute for making your views known. I invite those of you who expressed some level of dissatisfaction (or those who did not respond at all but are feeling less than satisfied) to contact me with your concerns. I cannot promise that we will be able to cure your concerns but we cannot even try unless we know what they are!

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the Save Darfur Coalition focuses on mobilizing the Jewish community around the issues of immigration reform, genocide and extreme violence, support of Israel, sustainability, and issues of domestic and global hunger and poverty. I hope you will join me both for this incredible Shabbat of learning and reflection, and in my commitment to allow my Judaism to inform and challenge the ways I live in the world – both at Sukkot, and throughout the year.

### Minyan Dorshei Derekh will be celebrating its 25th anniversary the Shabbat of Dec 9-10

*(This fall is also the 37th anniversary of its progenitor, the Germantown Minyan)*

The weekend will include a Shabbat dinner and program after kabbalat services Friday. There will be a special Shabbat morning service, kiddush lunch, and discussion following.

If you are a former member, friend, or grew up in the minyan, we would like to hear from you and have you attend.

If you are interested in getting more information (this is not registration) OR if you have the contact information for anyone whom we may have lost touch with, please forward that to David Mosenkis at [dmosenkis@gmail.com](mailto:dmosenkis@gmail.com)

We look forward to a fun Shabbat bringing people of different generations, memories, and experiences together!



## IN CELEBRATION...

**Joseph Goren**, on his 95th birthday  
**Isador & Myra Kranzel**, on their 50th wedding anniversary

(August, 2011 – October, 2011) **Phill Goldberg**, on his 50th birthday

**ECP Director Mindy Pitkofsky & her husband Gary**, on the marriage of their daughter Sherry to Seth Cohen

**Jeanette Dudnick**, on her special birthday

**Klara Furman**, on her 99th birthday

**Aaron & Lucille Weber**, on their 50th wedding anniversary

**Richard & Eileen Bazelon**, on the marriage of their daughter Dana to David Frankel, son of Etta & Marty Frankel

**Carol & Marty Kaplan**, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Samuel Kaplan

**Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole**, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avi Zeff

## IN MEMORIAM

**Charlotte Adler**, a long-time member of GJC

**Bernard Wolfman**, brother of **Lila Booth**, and uncle of **Beth Rosenbaum**

**Edith Schwartz**, mother of **Lonnie Beer** and grandmother of **Jessica & Allison**

**Paul Weiss**, father of **Susan Sternthal**

**Dr. Mary Hellerstein**, mother of **Kathryn Hellerstein** and grandmother of **Rebecca & Jonah Stern**

**Martin Kingsman**, brother of **Roselle Numerof** and uncle of **Brenda Laigaie**

**Frances Wexler Kleiner**, mother of **Barbara Schindler**

**Bernie Jacobs**, father of **Lynne Jacobs**

**Helen Orlove**, a long-time member of GJC

**Anita Lazarus**, mother of **Della Lazarus**



## Shabbat Chai-Lites

### November 4 & 5

- Carlebach Shabbat • BBMM • Parshat HaShavua B'Ivrit

### November 11 & 12

- Interfaithways Weekend • Tot Shabbat • Kol D'mamah

### November 18 & 19

- Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend
- Kol Zimrah & Potluck
- Combined Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 AM
- Community Kiddush • Afternoon Program

### December 2 & 3

- Carlebach Shabbat
- Kol HaNoar (NEW Shabbat program for grades K-1 and their families)
- Charry Service – Mazel tov to Isaac Levy and his parents, Jonathan Levy & Claire McCusker, on his Bar Mitzvah

### December 9 & 10

- Dorshei Derekh's 25th Anniversary

### December 17

- Kol D'mamah

### December 23

- Kol Zimrah

### Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6 PM

### Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

## NEW MEMBERS

- Lauren & Andy Ufberg and family
- Sandy & Mike Rodin
- Eric Kaplan
- Jessica Feierman & Justin Mixon and family
- Danna Bodenheimer & Kira deLong and family
- Alanna Sklover & Rebecca Kirzner
- Selma Schlee & family
- Erica & Joshua Bauml and family
- Sandy Marks & Adam Zissman and family
- Heidi Levin & Jeffrey Klein and family
- Neely & Leon Rosen and family
- Elisa Goldberg & Steve Weinberg and family
- Alexis Braverman
- Maura Sostack
- Aley Murtagh and family
- Margaret Shapiro
- Annsley & Ben Klehr and family
- Kate Cook

## WELCOME!

## ISRAELI DANCING



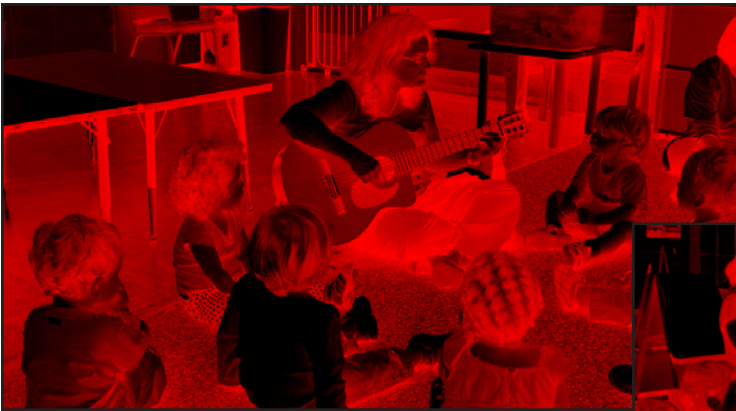
Sundays at 10 AM - 12 PM

\$5 per session

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



## Early Childhood Program (ECP)



ECP kids are having a blast singing and dancing and learning about Rosh Hashanah with their new music teacher. Also, GJC member and ECP parent Rabbi Melissa Klein demonstrates how to blow the shofar.



## GJC's ECP is Chosen as a PJ Library Goes to School Community!

### National program expands to 59 Jewish pre schools in U.S.

The Germantown Jewish Centre's Early Childhood Program (ECP) was one of seven schools in Philadelphia and 59 schools nationally to be chosen to participate in a new Jewish literacy program entitled "PJ Goes to School." PJ Goes to School (PJGTS) is an outgrowth of The PJ Library program, a literacy initiative that sends Jewish themed books and CDs into the homes of Jewish children all across North America and Israel. In Greater Philadelphia, close to three thousand children receive PJ Library books monthly through the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, ACAJE/JOP, the Grinspoon Foundation and local donors.

Through PJGTS, GJC's ECP classrooms will be provided with multiple copies of the same Jewishly themed book, resource materials for educa-

tors and families, and in-depth professional development. ECP teachers will then use these materials as a springboard for learning, and for making connections across all curricular areas. Since many of the children will also be receiving these books at home from PJ Library, the program is designed to foster community connections and build a vital bridge between school and home, thus supporting Jewish family journeys.

ECP Director, Mindy Pitkofsky, is extremely excited about this opportunity for the families in the school. "We are proud to have been chosen and we think it will be a wonderful source of enrichment in our already rich classrooms."

For more information about this program or about the ECP in general, please contact Mindy Pitkofsky at 215-844-1507 x26 or [ecp@germantown-jewishcentre.org](mailto:ecp@germantown-jewishcentre.org).



## Tot Shabbat & Holidays

**November 11**

### 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!

**Wed. Dec. 21 – GJC Celebrates!  
Hanukkah**

**Sat. Jan. 21 – Tot Havdallah**

**Fri. Feb. 10 – Tot Shabbat**

**Sat. Mar. 31 – Tot Shabbat/Ginat  
Shabbat in the Charry Service @ 11 AM**

**Fri. Apr. 20 – Tot Shabbat**

**Fri. May 18 – Tot Shabbat**

**Fri. June 29 – Tot Shabbat**

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

**Questions?**  
Contact the Office.

## Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

Jay Furman, almost a century old, sits in his wheelchair in the park across the street from the Franklin Institute. He is placid and smiles the wide smile that anyone who has known Jay would find familiar.



Jay Furman

For many years, well into his 90s, Jay volunteered at the Curator's office at the Franklin Institute every Friday morning. He has been an avid gardener and woodworker, bridge player and folk dancer. Jay is the oldest living alumna from the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1934. Only two years ago, he led the procession of the Old Guard at Penn's graduation. Until his late 90s, he would drive his Camry from Center City to GJC on Saturday mornings and could be seen rounding the corner from Greene Street onto Ellet, going the speed more appropriate to an 18 year old than one who was 97.

Now he sits in the sunshine, repeating the few things about his life that are on his mind this afternoon.

"I was born in Brooklyn," he says. "I went to the University of Pennsylvania and received a mechanical engineering degree. When I graduated Penn, there were no open jobs for me so I started a little business of my own."

"My brother, John and I started a business making venetian blinds. You get full size sheets, cut them, form them and paint them. My brother's two years older; he was in the same situation. He came down to Philadelphia and we went into business together."

That is all Jay says repeatedly during almost an hour of questioning, other than pointing out in a matter of fact way that his brain has become muddled. So it is up to his children and friends to describe the remarkable life that Jay has lived, particular-

ly when it comes to the history of the Germantown Jewish Centre. Jay was a charter member of GJC and vice-chair of the construction committee during the construction of the building.

After the venetian blind business, Jay went into business with Don Dorfman, also a GJC member, and formed the Clermont Engineering Company, a heating and air conditioning company on Delaware Avenue. Clermont installed the air conditioning and heating system at GJC when it was built in the late 1940s.

According to an article in Retirement Living, which featured Jay's active life as a model for aging, Clermont worked with recycling paper pulps developing filter systems for processing plants. After retiring in 1986, he began consulting for the Ceco and Clermont companies, to whom he sold his business. Jay continued consulting work until 1994.

Jay was married to Jean and they had three children – Zina, born in 1941, David, born in 1943 and Aviva, born in 1953. Jean and Jay lived in West Oak Lane after their marriage, Zina says, first on Johnson St, then on Glen Echo Rd, two blocks from the synagogue and finally in Lafayette Hill, before he moved into an assisted living facility in Center City. Jean had died at age 68 in 1987 from cancer.

"He's incredible," says Zina. "He is an inspiration to so many people. He's always looking to learn new things. He took up glassblowing in the last couple of years. He took courses in wood carving and made an incredible number of woodcarvings. He also was a folk dancer for many years with my mom. He used to dance on the steps of the art museum. He played bridge a couple times a week and entered tournaments. He's always been active and busy."

Jay was never busier than when GJC was constructing our building on Ellet Street. The fledgling congregation was housed on Emlen Street in Ross House and had outgrown its home.

When the decision was made to relocate to the irregular plot of land on Ellet Street, Jay served as vice-chair of the building committee and was involved in hiring the architect. He continued to play a vital role in the construction of the center. "We worked closely with the architect and contractor for five years in the planning and construction of our buildings," Jay said in a 2007 d'var torah.

Jay also created the Israel garden behind the synagogue and built the gazebo. In the dvar torah he delivered at age 95 to the congregation four years ago, he said "I have grown some huge tomatoes there and even made wine from our grapes."

In recent years, Jay was invited to speak to students at Temple University's occupational therapy department because he had aged so well. "He was an inspiration to them because he showed what's possible," Zina says. "He has had a positive attitude and a thirst for learning new things. He was so active and never sat still. He was a gardener from day one. I've never known him not to have a garden," she says. "He has a flower garden now on the 5th floor of his building that he started."

When Jay was a young 92, the article in Guide to Retirement Living described one day of his activities. "Following a couple of hours of volunteer work for the Recording for the Blind Program in King of Prussia, Jay Furman heads over to the Germantown Jewish Centre, where, as a charter member, he is helping to put together a history of the synagogue. And this is just Monday. At 92, Mr. Furman's weekly schedule continues to be dominated by social and philanthropic activities."

The article goes on to say that Jay volunteered at the Curator's Office at the Franklin Institute, played bridge several days a week, and attended sculpting classes. He led a folk danc-

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## Member Spotlight

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ing class for his fellow residents. For the residents in wheelchairs, he taught square dance moves that they can do while seated.

Even in his confusion, Jay keeps looking ahead. He promised officials at the University of Pennsylvania that next year he'll be in the procession when he reaches 100 on May 16. His daughter, Zina says, "He was just talking to someone about making an herb garden in his building next year."

At 95, Jay said in his d'var torah, "In my 70 years as a member, GJC has been like a second home for me, along with my other activities like international folk dancing, wood carving, bridge and volunteering. I have had a full interesting life so far."

## 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,  
November 1**  
**700 Sundays**  
*by Billy Crystal*



**Tuesday,  
December 13**  
**Lost Legends of  
New Jersey**  
*by Frederick Reiken*

## Adult Education 2011-2012/5772

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
<b>CENTER CITY LUNCH &amp; LEARN HALACHA, SHAARIAH &amp; THE STATE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGIOUS &amp; "SECULAR" LAW</b>	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Dr. Khalid A. Y. Blankinship, Professor of Religion and Director of Graduate Studies at Temple University	Wednesdays 12:15-1:30 pm	Monthly Nov 2, Nov 30, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 14	\$150/200  (CLE Credits available for add'l fee paid directly to Penn)
<b>TOUGH SOCIAL ISSUES IN ISRAEL</b>	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Sundays 10 am–12 pm	Oct 30; Nov 6, 13, 20	\$50/75
<b>QUICK &amp; DIRTY GUIDE TO THE JEWISH MOVEMENTS</b>	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Saturdays 9-9:30 am	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25  Part of Beit Midrash Shabbat	FREE
<b>PSYCHE, SPIRIT &amp; THE MYTHIC JOURNEY IN TORAH &amp; MIDRASH</b>	Dr. Simcha Raphael	Sundays 7:30-9 pm	Monthly Jan 22, Feb 12, Mar 11	\$40/50
<b>JEWISH FOLKTALES: THEY'RE NOT ALL SET IN CHELM</b>	Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Sundays 10:30 am - 12 pm	Jan 22, 29; Feb 5, 12	\$40/50
<b>QUICK &amp; DIRTY RACE THROUGH THE BIBLE</b>	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	\$40/50
<b>WRITING THROUGH THE OMER</b>	Tamara Cohen	This class will begin the week of Pesach. Exact dates and times TBD.	7 sessions. Contact the office for details	\$75/100
<b>JEWISH THEATER: FROM THE YIDDISH PLAYHOUSE TO MODERN STAND-UP</b>	Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	Apr 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15	\$60/75



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## Education Department

### ...a few words from the GJC Education Department

*Generously supported by the GJC Women's Club*

The beginning of our Jewish year began unusually "late" this year, and most of our programs had a chance to begin, before the High Holidays came our way and interrupted our usual patterns. We trust that the holidays, from the preliminary shofar blowing in *Elul* through the *Simchat Torah* caramel apples, succeeded in setting each of you off on a path to a great year!!

The Education Department's programming - Religious School, Teen Institute, Confirmation Class, Shabbat Programming, BBMM, Kadima and Atid - have all begun with exciting starts. As in past years, you can get the best picture of the goings on by

opening the *Daf Keshet* (our weekly email newsletter) and clicking on the programs that are relevant to you and your family - or feel free to see what is going on for everyone else. If you don't think you are receiving the *Daf Keshet*, please be in touch with us. We think we are sending it to every GJC family that lives with a child between the ages of 5 and 18.

Remember to make your family plans for this year's *Beit Midrash*, the period of time in January and February, during which GJC is the place to be, and Shabbat morning the time to be here!! Our entire young learning community, both the GJC Religious School and Day School students, learn together in

### IMPORTANT FUTURE PROGRAM DATES

#### BBMM (Bar Bat Mitzvah Mehina)

- Shabbat Dates (students only): November 5th, December 3rd
- Sunday, December 4th, for Parents and Students

#### KADIMA (6th and 7th grade Youth Group)

November 6th, Rock Climbing

Shabbat sessions, and we offer programming for parents, in hopes that this will become a family Shabbat experience. Look for coming announcements for details.

Looking forward to a terrific year,

Rabbi Kevin

## Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent

**Michael Frank**, is a high school senior at Springfield High School who spent his summer in Israel on Young Judaea's summer Israel program, Machon. He is our Young Adult GJC Israel Correspondent for this month - *Todah Rabba Mike!!*

Every single year I come home from summer after spending a month away from home, and I say, "Wow, that was the best summer of my life." The classic Jewish kid will spend their summers in Jewish camp. I went to a junior camp called Sprout Lake in upstate New York. Together, Hadassah and Young Judaea run Sprout Lake as well as other junior camps across the country. I went when I was twelve years old for my first year and I loved it so much that I had to go back. I went to Sprout Lake for two more years and met such fun and terrific people.

When that camp finished, the oldest kids all move up to go to the senior camp, which is also in New York, called Tel Yehuda. Young Judaea also ran this camp, and all of the Young Judaea junior camps feed into this senior camp. This made our age

group 4X as large, now having Texas, Midwest, West Coast, Miami, and Puerto Rico kids. The Texans were athletic and loved Texas Longhorns football, the Miami kids were the cool partiers, and the Midwesties were the weird kids. All of us comprised a group that bonded the closest I have ever bonded with people I have in the world.

Summer camp as campers now finished for us, we moved on to Machon, with which we would go to Israel for five weeks. We traveled in four buses all over Israel and didn't waste a moment. We did incredible activities every day, which included hiking in the beautiful, never ending desert, hiking in the green mountain forests in the North, snorkeling in the Red Sea, climbing Masada to catch the sunrise, participating in a 600 person color war with British Jewish youth, rappelling down enormous mountains, riding camels, and relaxing on the pretty Tel Aviv beach.

Traveling with my bus for five weeks made me create another family closer than anything in the world.

We went through everything together, bad times and better, mostly better. It felt amazing to be in an environment where my Jewish brothers surrounded me. Walking blind folded to the Kotel wall, made me feel the strength that the Israeli people will live on forever no matter what attacks us. I loved Israel.

### GJC Celebrates! Hanukkah

**Wednesday, December 21**  
**Save the date!**

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome to share in Hanukkah fun and warmth!



#### Activities include:

- ECP Potluck
- Latke Dinner
- Outdoor Hanukkiyah Lighting (sponsored by Men's Club)
- "Rekindling the Flame Within: Yoga & the Five Levels of the Soul" w/ Leah Weisman

## Hazak

### Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs,  
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

Gloria Salmansohn presented her new routine at our paid up membership brunch in September and her performance was outstanding! Thank you to volunteers for preparing such a delicious brunch. We hope you will join us for our next program on Wednesday, November 16 at 1 PM (look for more details to follow). And we are hoping to sponsor a Yiddish concert by the Workmen's Circle chorus this spring. There is so much going on at the Centre, we are happy to say, it is hard to clear a date! Our Book Club, we are told is one of the highest caliber in the City. Every one is welcome. We generally meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM.

We continue to welcome old and new members. We are delighted that Hazak is growing. A special thanks to Elana Shaw, GJC Program Director, for keeping Hazak afloat, promoting our programs and keeping us in the public eye.

*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.*

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

## Men's Club News

Rod Griffith, Men's Club President

On the fall calendar, the Men's Club has events for every "taste." I encourage the GJC community and Club members to attend and partake.

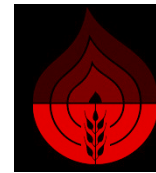
During Sukkot, on Sunday, October 16, GJC's own Rabbi David Teutsch joined us to speak about his new book, *A Guide to Jewish Practice: Everyday Living*. The book, first of a three-part series, discusses topics including: Everyday Spirituality, Ethics of Speech, Family and Sex Ethics, Community, G'milut Hesed and Tikun Olam, Organizational Ethics and Economic Justice, Tzedaka, Bioethics, Kashrut, Decision Making

There has been high praise for the book. Moses Pava, director of Yeshiva University's Syms School of Business, says:

*"This book provides a wonderful introduction to the most significant spiritual and ethical foundations of everyday Jewish living. With its many contemporary commentaries on every page, the very form of the book models the highest aspirations of today's Jewish community. Most important, this book will help to build bridges and to provoke constructive dialogue among Jews from every background."*

Thanks to those who came out for the program, which was followed by lunch in the Sukkah catered by Centre Catering.

On Saturday, November 7, Men's Club members are invited to educate their palates during our annual Wine Tasting at the home of Michael and Carol Robinson. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Significant others welcome. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please contact Rod Griffith at rodneycgriffith1@verizon.net or Michael Robinson at postisland55@comcast.net to RSVP.



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

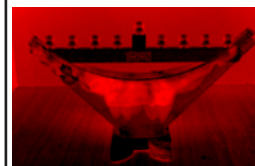
Please consider making a planned gift to the Germantown Jewish Centre's endowment fund. Planned gifts come in many forms, including for example – charitable gift annuities, life insurance, trusts, or even a bequest in your will. For more information about how you can join the Ner Tamid Society please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



Monday - CLOSED  
Tuesday &  
Thursday - 12-5  
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## Women's Club News

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

The moon has waxed and waned several times and that means that the High Holidays have come and gone. They were filled with wonderful singing by the Rabbi, Nina Peskin, the choir, and the shofar blowing by Kevin Bernstein, Naomi and Matti Hollo, and Phil Goldberg. The glorious sounds just added to the depth and power of our praying. Thank you's go to all the people who made it possible for us the congregants to participate in and to enjoy Services.

Paid up Membership with Men's Club was a "blast." The food was scrumptious, Frank really outdid



himself, and the program itself starring Jeff Coons was fantastic. After the program, Jeff was mobbed by new and old fans. Everyone wanted to talk to him and tell him how much they enjoyed listening to him sing and the stories that he told of his life that connected him to the audience. Kudos go to our chairs, Joan Silver, Dena Lake, and Nina Gordon.

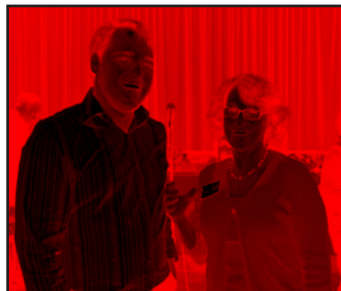
Moira Rosenberger Griffith and Maxine Feldman worked hard over the summer and into September compiling the Women's Club High Holiday Greetings book. We think that you'll agree that they did an amazing job. If you were not in it

this year, make sure to send in your information next year so that you can be a part of all the good wishes for everyone.

In November, we will have our very exciting, fun filled Craft Show where you can find something for everyone at affordable prices. Phyllis Kauffman says that it will be a great time for all. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 – 4**. You will also be able to buy kosher food for your eating pleasure.

Come and bring your friends.

Fall has arrived in all its glory, so do take some time off, not to smell the roses, but to enjoy Mother Nature's Show. Listen to the crunch of the dry leaves on the ground and see the rosy cheeks and the excitement in the eyes and voices of young children as they jump in the piles of leaves on your lawn. And just enjoy every day!



# CraftShow

Germantown Jewish Centre Women's Club

Just before the winter holidays;  
perfect for finding those special gifts!

**Sunday, November 13, 2011**  
**10 AM to 4 PM**

Germantown Jewish Centre  
400 West Ellet Street  
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- Handmade Jewelry and other crafts
- Judaica
- Artist Raffle
- White Elephant Sale
- Restaurant
- Silent Auction
- Delicious Food

## Charry Service & Additional High Holiday Thank You

### Honors Committee

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Barb Menin  
Carol Tinkleman

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### Davening & Service

#### Leading

Rabbi Fredi Cooper  
Abe Gafni  
Bill Kavesh  
Ned Kripke  
Nina Peskin  
Alanna Sklover  
Mati Zeff

### Introductions

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Judah Labovitz  
Hershel Richman  
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Mikael Elsil  
R. Dayle Friedman  
Gina Michaels  
Nahariyah Mosenkis  
Dina Pinsky  
Rivkah Walton  
Leah Weisman

### Readings

Leah Corsover &  
Jonathan Rossos  
Audrey Fingerhood  
Rod Griffith  
Rabbi Melissa Klein  
Addie & Craig Lewis-  
Klein  
Judy Schwartz  
Steve Schwartz  
Beulah Trey

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Liz Ben-Yaacov  
Eva Bernstein  
Noah Boyer  
Gabe Cohen Spiller  
Lucy Cohen Spiller  
Sonia Dishler  
Emily Fish  
Aryeh Friedman  
Anyah Friedman Hutter  
Sophia Gluskin-Braun  
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Naomi Hollo  
Sam Katz  
Jim Meyer  
Eve Pinkenson  
Chuck Schleifer  
Mathieu Shapiro  
Hannah Spear  
Zeke Zeff

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Richard Mandel  
Mindy Shapiro

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Leah Lande  
Douglas Porpora  
Magdalena Scharf  
Philipp Straub  
Ken Lande  
Dena Lake  
Maxine Margolies

### Shofar

Judah Labovitz  
Phil Goldberg  
Naomi Hollo  
Matti Hollo  
Kevin Bernstein

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Rabbi Adam Zeff  
HHD Conductor:  
Mitch Hirsch  
Debbie Aron  
David Barcan  
Elayne Blender  
Helene Broitman  
Eleanor Brownstein  
Lesley Carson  
Linda Cherkas  
Steve Corsover  
Nan Daniels  
Lynne Ellis  
Nini Engel  
Helen Feinberg  
Maxine Feldman  
Ellen Frankel  
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Audrey Fingerhood  
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Margie Gleit  
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David Kraut  
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Peshe Kuriloff

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Della Lazarus  
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Dick Menin  
Jim Meyer  
Sandy Meyer  
Nan Myers  
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Shula Smith

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Leah Weisman

## Thank you

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GJC Community on the first  
day of Rosh Hashanah

## Dorshei Derekh High Holiday Thank You

### Davening

Kate Cook  
Fredi Cooper  
Maurice Feldman  
Dayle Friedman  
Nathan Martin  
Michael Masch  
David Mosenkis  
Rona Pietrzak  
David Teutsch  
Nomi Teutsch  
Leah Weisman

### Leyning & Haftarat

Alex Avelin  
David Axelrod  
Noah Boyer  
Kate Cook  
Alexa & William  
Epstein  
Helen Feinberg  
Michelle Friedman  
Shelley Goldman  
Anyah Friedman Hutter  
Tamar Kamionkowski  
Doug Lerner  
Steve Masters  
Dina Pinsky

George Stern

### Divrei Torah

Reba Carmel  
Naomi Klayman  
Mitch Marcus

### Gabbaim

Adina Abramowitz  
Ken Cohen  
Steve Cohen  
Ruth Loew  
Bob Tabak  
Betsy Teutsch

### Potluck Hosts

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Phill Goldberg

### Kiddush

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Rachel Falkove &  
Mike Masch  
Donald Joseph  
Rona Pietrzak

### High Holiday Coordinator

Adina Abramowitz

## Minyan Masorti High Holiday Thank You's

### Davening

Neil Actor  
Louie Asher  
Peninah Berdugo  
Sarah Braun  
Lawrence Charap  
Ellen Frankel  
Shai Gluskin  
David Hahn  
Bill Kavesh  
Jake Kriger  
Ned Kripke  
Sylvia Lifschitz  
Norman Newberg  
Eve Pinkenson  
Steve Tobias  
Bob Zimring  
Adam Zion

### Shofar

Chana Bonn  
Matti Hollo  
Naomi Hollo  
Jake Kriger

### Haftarot

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Lyndall Miller  
Bob Pomerantz

### Torah Reading

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Chana Bonn  
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Herb Levine  
Dveera Segal  
Chava Weissler

### Gabbaim

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Linda Cherkas  
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Matti Hollo

Naomi Hollo  
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Nisa Raz

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## Social Action Update

### Saving our Drinking Water: Maintaining the Moratorium on Fracking in the Delaware

By Rabbi Melissa Klein

I attended the GJC Social Action Committee's showing of Josh Fox's film "Gasland" last spring, only vaguely aware of what fracking was. That evening of education about the gas industry's highly toxic method of extracting natural gas, and about the powerful propaganda campaign to promote natural gas as "clean" energy, affected me deeply. I continued to educate myself about fracking, and I descended into despair for our future. This was a difficult place to be, particularly as the parent of a young, curious child, and I knew that I needed to find a path out of the despair.

The path out of despair came with an e-mail invitation from Rabbi Arthur Waskow to join a committee working on an interfaith, spiritual response to fracking called "Blessing the Waters." Through working on this committee, I met kindred spirits who were seeking both a path to hope and a path to action. Led by Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, our committee shared prayer and praise and sat with our despair and crafted a beautiful and powerful interfaith ceremony for the evening following the Shale Gas

Outrage rally. (Shale Gas Outrage, organized by the Philadelphia-based Protecting our Waters, was a response to the gas industry's major conference in the Philadelphia convention center on September 7-8.) Blessing the Waters, of which the GJC SAC was a sponsor, offered nurturing of the spirit in the midst of powerful threats to our well-being here in this state. At the end of our ceremony, many of us took spiritual teacher and ecological activist Joanna Macy's "Five Vows":

*I vow to myself and each of you:*

- 1. To commit myself daily to the healing of our world and the welfare of all beings.*
- 2. To live on earth more lightly and less violently in the food, products and energy I consume.*
- 3. To draw strength and guidance from the living Earth, the ancestors, the future beings, and all my brothers and sisters of all species.*
- 4. To support each other in our work for the world and to ask for help when I feel the need.*
- 5. To pursue a daily spiritual practice that clarifies my mind, strengthens my heart and supports me in observing these vows.* (Be in touch if you would like a card with these vows for your wallet).

We can all take action to save our precious fresh water supply. The Delaware

River Basin Commission (DRBC) is now scheduled to vote on November 21 on regulations which, if passed, could allow up to 20,000 gas wells along the Delaware River watershed, the sole drinking water supply for fifteen million people, including those of us in New York City and Philadelphia. Please join me in getting educated and in demanding that the moratorium not be lifted. One action you can take today is to call Governor Corbett's office (717-787-2500), as well as the White House comment line (202-456-1111), and request that they not approve regulations to permit fracking in the Delaware River Basin. Go to [savethedelaware.com](http://savethedelaware.com) for more information and ways to take action.

Helpful web resources:

<http://savethedelaware.wordpress.com/> (with a link to Josh Fox and Matt Sanchez's short video on saving the Delaware River)

<http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/440/game-changer> (important background from NPR on the politics surrounding fracking)

<http://jewsagainsthdrofracking.org/> (with a link to powerful essays by rabbis and scholars)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzW8eSkks8A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzW8eSkks8A) (my speech, with shofar blasts, at the Shale Gas Outrage rally)



## LimmudPhilly 2012

### Save the Date!

GJC is proud to be a partner of LimmudPhilly 2012. The 2012 Learningfest will be April 27 – 29 at Friends Select School, 17th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in center city Philadelphia. There is ample parking available nearby at very reasonable rates.

In case you are not familiar with Limmud, it is a Hebrew word for learning. The Limmud movement began in the UK over 30 years ago and has grown to more than 50 locations worldwide, almost all volunteer run. LimmudPhilly is four years old.

LimmudPhilly's main event is a Learningfest which takes place Saturday evening and all day Sunday. Topics cover many, many areas of Jewish life including culture, history, contemporary life, text study, and much more. There will be up to 15 choices of topics at any time. Presenters are rabbinic and lay scholars as well as members of our local community, all with a love of their topic. LimmudPhilly believes that everyone can be a teacher as well as a learner. In addition, there is an optional Shabbat component including Friday dinner, Kabbalat Shabbat and morning services for many types of observances, learning sessions and more. Last year's Shabbat at Limmud was a sold out success!

There is a Young Limmud program for children ages 3 – 10 on Sunday. More than babysitting, Young Limmud provides fun learning experiences through music, crafts, storytelling and more. This year there will be two different age tracks, 3-6 and 7 – 10.

Food at LimmudPhilly is plentiful and all kosher.

Please mark your calendar for LimmudPhilly 2012. More information will be available throughout the year, and you can learn more at their website, [www.limmudphilly.org](http://www.limmudphilly.org)

## Become a Chesed Committee Volunteer!

The Chesed Committee prepares and delivers frozen meals (challah, soup and apple sauce) to members who have experienced a loss, are recovering from illness or who have had a new baby. We also provide company and connection to home or nursing home bound members on an ongoing basis. Want to get involved with Chesed? Contact co-chair Lisa Pettinati at [lisapettinati@hotmail.com](mailto:lisapettinati@hotmail.com).

Cherie & Joe Goren wanted to share this special thank you to volunteer, Toby Kessler: We wish to thank Toby, a Chesed committee volunteer for the mitzvot he performs for our family. He visited Joe while he was in rehab. Toby spent several hours with him and made him feel connected with GJC. On Rosh Hashanah, Toby's visit was extra special, as he chose to spend several hours away from his family to cheer up Joe, a 95 year old blind man and synagogue elder. We wish to thank Toby from the bottom of our hearts.

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## Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend Nov. 18-19, 2011

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with Rabbi Steve Gutow

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We welcome scholar-in-residence Rabbi Steve Gutow of JCPA, the public policy and community relations coordinating agency of the American Jewish community. His work focuses on mobilizing the Jewish community to advocate for immigration reform, support of Israel, sustainability, anti-poverty programs and more.

Friday, November 18

**6 pm: Kol Zimrah Service** including chanting and tunes ranging from new compositions to traditional Ladino and everything in between, featuring the harmonies of Rabbi Zeff & Nina Peskin.

**7 pm: Shabbat potluck dinner & teaching** by Rabbi Gutow. Space is limited. Reservations taken on a first-come first-serve basis. All food must be Pareve or Dairy and brought before Shabbat.

Saturday, November 19

**9:30 am: Shabbat morning service** followed by community Kiddush

**1:30 pm: Keynote address** by Rabbi Gutow

Potluck RSVPs to  
[program@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:program@germantownjewishcentre.org)  
or 215.844.1507 X19

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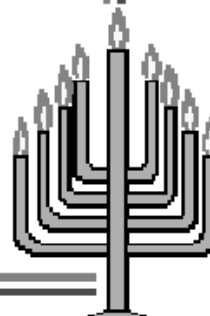
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