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Student Rabbi's Column By Alanna Sklover

'halom! My name is Alanna Sklover, and I am thrilled to join the staff of Germantown Íewish Centre as student rabbi. I look forward to the opportunity to meet all of you and introduce myself more personally over the coming months. Although I have called Philadelphia home for the past five years, I was born and raised in Washington, DC. I graduated from Goucher College in Baltimore, MD with a degree in theatre and religion. Interested in getting a taste of Jewish profes-

Encountering Holiness

sional life before beginning rabbinical school, I spent two years after college working as the Youth Activities Director at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington, DE. This fall I will begin my Modern (second to last) year at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

As a rising Modern year student at RRC, I am blessed to already feel, in many ways, at home in the GJC community. I have spent many Shabbatot singing and davening with Minyan Dorshei Derekh, celebrated Purim and Simchat Torah with Minyan Masorti, welcomed b'nai mitzvah and new babies in the Charry, learned with and from many GJC

members at the rabbinical college, and gotten to know and teach several of our youth and teens at the Ramah Day Camp and at Camp JRF. I look forward to deepening these relationships and experiences and building new connections to the Germantown community as I move into my new role.

Truly a camp person at heart, I have a soft spot for the Torah portions that span from the second half of *Vayikra* (the book of Numbers) to the first half of *D'varim* (Deuteronomy) which often fall during the summer, and which many call "Camp Torah." In the Torah portion Balak, which

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Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

Fredi Cooper has spent all but two years of her life living within a block of Stenton Avenue. But as conservative as her choice has been about where she lives, her choice of professions has been varied and bold.

Fredi grew up in Mt. Airy, on Barringer St., right off Stenton Ave. Her parents owned a retail linen store and a custom drapery business, although when Fredi was giving birth to her older daughter in Baltimore, her mother returned to her original profession, as an obstetrical nurse.

When she was 17, and starting her freshman year at Temple

University, Fredi met Heshie Cooper on the L bus. Heshie, then 18, was also a freshman, also lived in Mt. Airy, also a half block from Stenton Ave. They've been together ever since.

"That's why my kids aren't living in Philadelphia," Fredi says somewhat ruefully. "I fed them that pabulum: 'Fly! Be free! Do whatever you want to do in life!' I didn't mean it," she says. Emily, 36, is living in Tel Aviv, working as a lawyer for the Ministry of Justice and Julie, 38, lives in Chicago and is a professor of political theory and mod-

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Summer Highlights

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July 1 & August 26

Kol D'mamah: Contemplative Minyan

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Hazak trip to National Museum of American Jewish History July 20

Papercutting Workshop: Reviving a Jewish Folk Art July 20

Erev Tisha B'Av Program & Service August 8

> **Summer Sampler** August 10

we read this year in the first week of July, the Moabite king of that name calls on the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites in the desert. Now, Balaam is a very successful prophet, and he comes highly recommended – the text tells us that the king chooses him because it is known that, "whoever Balaam blesses is blessed. and whoever he curses is cursed" (Numb 22:6). Although he first refuses this task, Balaam eventually accepts Balak's assignment and sets off with the king's guard towards the Israelite encampment. Along the way, God sends a divine messenger who, through a series of strange and miraculous events (including making his donkey talk) persuades the prophet to rethink his allegiances. When Balaam reaches his destination he does not curse the people, but rather blesses them with the words we use to begin our shacharit (morning) service, "Mah tovu ohalecha Ya'akov, mishk'notecha Yisrael!" "How lovely are your tents, oh Jacob; your dwelling-places, oh Israel!" (Num. 24:5).

Commentators have long wondered what prompted this change in Balaam. Although the p'shat (simple) interpretation would seem to point to the angel that blocked his path, Rashi disagrees. He suggests that it was actually something that Balaam saw when he looked down at the Israelite community, his mouth open, ready to curse the people. Rashi says that Balaam saw that the Israelite tents, spread out like a patchwork quilt over the wilderness, set up so that the entrances were staggered in such a way that no one could see directly into another person's dwelling. that moment, Balaam saw a community that valued respect for one another so deeply that it was engrained into the very fiber of their society – and so he turned and blessed them. The lesson I take from this story is one that I hope to carry with me into my work at GJC: that a person must be open to the possibility of encountering kedusha (holiness) in every moment and in every interaction.

I look forward to learning, davening, and building community with all of you – and like Israel's unlikely blesser in parshat Balak, I look forward to discovering all of the hidden blessings that become apparent when we truly take the time to stop, look deeper, and notice.

Hazak(Programming for Adults 55+)

By Hazak Co-Chairs, Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

We are pleased to note that GJC's Executive Committee has voted to amend the bi-laws, Article VI.A.2, to make the Hazak Chair an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. We are now an auxiliary with a vote! Thank you to Chris Levin and the Board for making this happen.

We held our third annual Hazak Shabbat in May. It was beautiful and well attended. Thank you to all who participated!

Our programming continues over the summer! Join us July 20, at 1PM at GJC for a visit with a docent from the National Museum of American Jewish History who will brief us on exhibits and highlights. This is in preparation for a Hazak group outing to the Museum on Wednesday, July 27 (more details and registration info to follow).

"Opera under the Stars" with Sam Feinberg is always a highlight of our year. Join us Wednesday, August 24 (rain date August 25). Have a great summer!

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.



Host Families sought for Maccabi Games Athletes

Maccabi games are being held in the Philly area August 14-19 (at the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood & other mainline locations). Host families are being sought. It is not necessary for your children to be participating in the games.

Please contact 610-896-7770 or PhillyMac@phillyjcc.com





Wednesday, August 10 7-10 PM

John us for a preview of classes and events to be offered in the coming year and get a taste of what EUC is all about!

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For more hife or to BSVP contact Hana Show at program@germantownjewisheemire.org or 215.644.1507 II 19



(mid-April, 2011 – mid-June, 2011)

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Nini Engel on her 50th birthday Berel & Susan Sternthal on the birth of her grandson Samuel Morris, son of her daughter Zikki Kristiansson and Harvey Bartle IV

Herb Levine and Ellen Frankel

on the birth of their new granddaughter, Finley Juliana

Anna Kilmer on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Judy Sussholtz on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Caren Borowsky on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Myrna Snyder on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Judge Harold Berger on being appointed Overseer for Life of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Engineering & Applied Science and re-appointed as chair of the Friends of Penn's Biddle Law Library

Art Ellis on being named to the Gershman Y board

Ariel Zaslav and **David Basior** on the birth of their daughter, Madrona Beatrice Zaslav

Sonia Borten Reardon on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Howard Spodek on the publication of his book "Ahmedabad" and a 3-volume translation of an autobiography by Gujarati, Indula Yagnik

Jay Furman on his 99th birthday

Elaine & Lee Dushoff on their 50th wedding anniversary

Joan Silver on being honored by the Women's Club at the Torah

Fund Brunch

Bev Somerson on her 70th birthday

Hallel Raphael on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Peter & Peshe Kuriloff on their son, Gabriel's, appointment to the position of CEO of Arise Academy Charter High School, the nation's first school dedicated exclusively to students in foster care

Aaron Weber on his 90th birthday

Rabbi Jill Levy on her ordination

Rabbi Adam Zeff on his official selection as Rabbi of Germantown Jewish Centre

Jake Kriger whose nephew, Joseph Cedar, won Best Screenplay Award at the Cannes Film Festival

Naomi Hollo on winning first prize in her age group for her entry into the Mordechai Anieliwicz Creative Arts Competition sponsored by the JCRC of Philadelphia

Leah & Norman Schwartz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Moshe Aharon Schwartz, in Netanya, Israel

Marlene & Steve Hilkowitz on their son Michael's graduation from Temple University

Michael Posner on receiving tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Statistics at Villanova University

Rose Beck on her granddaughter Macy becoming Bat Mitzvah
Paul & Hilda Minkoff on being honored at the Spring Concert
Eve Pinkenson on being honored at NIM's 22nd Annual Assembly
Michael & Shelley Spear on the 8th grade graduation of their
daughter, Hannah

Josh Hirsch on his graduating Magna Cum Laude from Dickinson College

Eli Fish on his graduating from the University of Maryland **Akiva Dworkin** on his graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pennsylvania

Aviv Bridge on his graduating from Whitman College
Rami Bridge on his graduating from Lesley University
Michal Berdugo on her graduating from Simmons College
Patty Wright on her graduating from nursing school
Rabbi Marsha Friedman & Rabbi Steve Nathan on the 8th
grade graduation of their daughter Eitana from Saligman and the
5th grade graduation of their son Noah from Perelman

William Kavesh & Karen Levitt on the 8th grade graduation of their daughter Meira from the Waldorf School of Philadelphia

Judd Levingston & **Hillary Kruger** on the 8th grade graduation of their daughter Miranda from Springside

Juha & Elana Hollo on the 8th grade graduation of their daughter, Naomi

Nomi Teutsch on her college graduation and becoming a Tony Blair Faith Acts Social Justice Fellow

Lori & Tracy Feldstein-Gardner on the birth of their daughter Josephine

Helen & Michael Feinberg, on the marriage of their son Josh, to Termeh Kuklinski

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Addison, father of Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison

Morton Charlestein, father of Ellyn Phillips

Rabbi Jack Stern, father of Elsie Stern

Solomon Levy, father of Jonathan Levy

Irene Margolies, mother of Maxine Margolies

Pearl Axelrod, mother of Ellen Ufberg

Yitzchak Ben-Yaacov, father of David Ben-Yaacov

Phyllis Shtendel, long time member of GJC

Jerome Blumer, past-president of Germantown Jewish Centre

Miriam Bazelon Knox, mother of Rick Bazelon

Everett Young, father of Allyson Schwartz

Hana Staub, daughter of Rabbi Jacob Staub





Women's Club News



GJC's Women's Club sponsored a hands-on Shavuot experience. Shavuot is the celebration of receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai. It says in the "Song of Songs" that learning Torah is "like milk and honey under your tongue." Where did milk come from in Ancient Israel? Goats! Nubian goats came to visit GJC. People were able to play with the goats and feed them. Volunteers milked the goat. We had a demonstration of how to make our own fresh, hot goat's milk Ricotta cheese. Everyone ate the cheese!



Shabbat Chai-Lites

July 1 & 2

- Kol Zimrah (6 PM)
- Charry Service moves to the Chapel for the summer (except Aug. 6)

July 9

- Kol D'mamah (11 AM)
- Childcare (10:45 AM)

July 15

• Tot Shabbat (6 PM)

August 6

 Mazel Tov to Uri Friedman & Michal Lucas on their Aufruf (Charry Service/Minyan Masorti - 9:30 AM in the Charry Sanctuary)

August 13

- Kol D'mamah (11 AM)
- Childcare (10:45 AM)

Aug 26

Kol Zimrah (6 PM)

Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6 PM (unless otherwise noted above)

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

Jr. Congregation Summer Edition

Saturdays at 11 AM

Men's Club News

I'm Outa Here!

Ken Weiss, Men's Club Past President

I'm writing this just after the officers have been installed, reinstalled or uninstalled. It was a fine occasion, with lox flowing like wine (Oy, such a simile!) and bagels expertly sliced without injury to us. Enough sentimentality and on to the real schmaltz. In



case you missed it, I admitted that I enjoyed myself and that I was grateful to all who helped make the last several years good ones for the Men's Club. The picture of my successor, Rodney Griffith, and me depicts the ceremonial handing off of the bagel. It's not symbolic of anything; we couldn't find a bialy. In any event, let us all wish Rodney the best for his term in office and throw our support behind him. Watch for Men's Club events and opportunities to get involved.

Lest you think I have gone back into the woodwork, I need to remind you that the Men's Club is soliciting ads and greetings for this year's High Holiday Directory. Please remember that this is a GJC fundraiser and not a scheme to buy booze for the club. So be generous and purchase some real estate in the Directory. We'll be in touch.

Please save the date and join Dorshei Derekh for their

Annual Stefan Presser Memorial Social Justice Shabbat

Saturday, September 10, 2011

The event includes Shabbat morning service, Kiddush lunch, and an educational forum on

Worker Justice and Public Sector Unions: What's Up In Wisconsin, and What Does it Mean?

All are welcome!

Member Spotlight *cont'd from page 1* ern Jewish thought.

Fredi and Heshie married at 21, right after graduating college. Heshie attended Jefferson Medical School and Fredi taught in the Philadelphia school system to support them. Heshie went on to do his residency, half of it at Johns Hopkins – hence the two years in Baltimore - and half at Penn in pathology.

"That was like the big adventure, living in Baltimore for two years," she says. "In Baltimore, I did a masters in Special Education. When we moved back to Philly, I started an Educational Psychology degree at Temple when I was 32."

Heshie practiced pathology at Jefferson, then at Hahnemann. He has worked at Fox Chase for 15 years, where he serves as a diagnostic pathologist and does basic research. "Anything you have removed, he analyzes it. He works incredibly hard. It's very hard for him not to work. You can see that he's here but he's thinking of a research project, an article he needs to read," she says." He's one of the best set of eyes you want on anything."

After receiving her degree, Fredi was the principal at Temple University's laboratory school for children with learning differences until she was 38. At that point, she entered private practice with two other psychologists, down the street from her home. She treated individuals, couples, and did educational therapy.

How did Fredi go from being a therapist to being a rabbi? There's a story about that.

Fredi and Heshie were congregants at Aduth Jeshurun in Elkins Park. Their older daughter Julie was a talented Hebrew student and began readying Torah at age 9. "I was amazed a girl could read

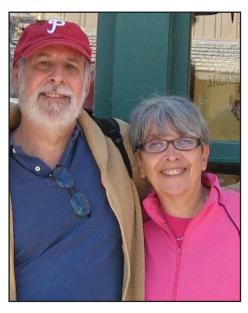
from Torah," Fredi recalls. I had never looked at a Torah myself. I said, 'I want to do that.' I took a torah reading class at AJ and started reading pretty regularly. I liked the way I felt. I had never heard of a woman rabbi. Then, the week of Julie's bat mitzvah was the week Amy Eilberg (the first female rabbi in the conservative movement) was ordained. The two things converged.

"I said to my daughter Julie on her Bat Mitzvah, 'You're going to be a rabbi.' From that age I started to have that conversation with her. When she applied to college I talked to her about the joint program at Columbia and JTS. Both my kids are very strong women. Julie said to me. 'I'm not interested in becoming a rabbi.' And that was the end of that.

"During her freshman year of college Julie attended a women's shabbaton and met several women rabbis. Afterwards she says, 'Okay so now I get it. You want to be a rabbi.' I said, 'What are you talking about?' 'They remind me of you. They talk like you do,' she said. I told her I'm too old. I have a practice. It would have been nice. It's not meant to be. She said to me, 'You're not old at all.' I was 44. I was impressed that she didn't think of me as old. I do feel the kid in me.

"Once she said it, I couldn't push it away anymore," she recalls. Fredi took a class at RRC on aging population with Dayle Friedman and then, over lunch, confided her wish to attend rabbinical school. Dayle advised her to learn Hebrew better. Fredi was 46 when she applied.

Fredi closed her practice after her co-therapist suddenly died. In her last year of rabbinical school, she served as rabbinic intern at AJ and then was hired as associate rabbi there. She stayed three years.



Heshie and Rabbi Fredi Cooper

Then Fredi and Heshie began coming to GJC.

Meanwhile, Fredi worked for the Reconstructionist Federation office doing congregational consulting and education, and taught one course each semester at RRC. After three years, she worked at the Auerbach Central Agency for a year in their NESS initiative: nurturing excellence for synagogue schools. Four years ago, RRC offered her a bigger teaching load.

Now, Fredi's only job is teaching at RRC. "I love every minute of it. It's fabulous. The best thing I feel I've ever done." In March, she began a two-year term as president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association (RRA), serving about 400 Reconstructionist rabbis across the country. The RRA provides pastoral support for rabbis and takes positions on issues related to Israel, women's rights and rights for gays and lesbians.

At GJC, Fredi is in the front lines when it comes to taking care of fellow congregants in need of support. She is co-chair with Lisa Pettinati of the Chesed

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committee, which baked challahs and made mushroom and barley soup, stocking the freezer for members who are giving birth or sitting shiva or home sick and need food.

"Now we've just completed four sessions of training for pairs of congregants to go out and visit folks who are unable to make it to GJC. Over the summer months, those pairs will begin to venture into people's homes.

Besides reading Torah and leading services frequently at

Dorshei Derekh, Fredi teaches challah baking and other cooking courses at GJC.

"A big part of my Jewish grounding is around food," she says. "My mother was a fabulous cook. Even though I didn't grow up in a kosher home, we always had the appropriate food for holidays." Her father, who was orphaned at 10, and thus had an attenuated understanding of home cooking, nevertheless insisted on a Shabbat meal, even though he was working in his store. "I realized the meal he insisted on

harkened back to his roots as a young hasid. I still do that very traditional Ashkenazic cooking and baking."

Fredi appreciates GJC for its multiplicity of prayer groups. "We really like the fact that we can wake up on a Saturday morning and Heshie can say, 'I want to go to the Charry today,' so we go to the Charry. We both grew up in Conservative shuls, and GJC has both streams - conservative and Reconstructionist. I can go to either one of them."

Kol D'mamah: Contemplative Minyan

July 9 & August 13

Connect with the Divine through music, breath, and learning! Join 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. Although childcare is not normally available on Shabbat mornings during the summer we have arranged for it from 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM on the dates when Kol D'mamah is meeting.

"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 over the summer on July 9 & August 13!

Sneak Peak at Selichot Saturday, September 24 @ 8 PM

The renewal our High Holidays offer us—the opportunity to take stock, let go of grudges, and commit to grow in the coming year—is a sacred yet challenging gift of the Jewish tradition. The month of Elul (the Hebrew month before the High Holidays) is traditionally a time to prepare ourselves for the spiritual work of teshuva (repentance). As Elul comes to a close, Selichot gives us the opportunity to return to ourselves and awaken our spirits. Join us this year for an exceptional program called "Women of Valor," a symposium and concert by the Women's Sacred Music Project. The evening will include an exciting performance of Andrea Clearfield's "Women of Valor Suite," with a newly commissioned piece, "Hagar" (words by GJC's own Ellen Frankel). The Women's Sacred Music Project commissioned this movement so that Hagar would be remembered along with Sarah, the wife of

Preceding the concert the program will begin with a symposium focusing on the "Woman of Valor" passage found in the Torah as well as in Muslim tradition. The symposium will explore Jewish, Christian and Muslim responses to the "Woman of Valor" figure with special guests Dr. Ellen Frankel, Zakiya Islam and Susan Teegan-Case. Also joining the program will be the composer, Andrea Clearfield. The evening will conclude with the Selichot service, with prayers reminding us to return to ourselves and awaken our spirits. More details will be shared throughout the summer. Please join us on September 24 and invite friends, both Jewish and not, for the music and interfaith dialogue.

Early Childhood Program (ECP)

Over the past few months, ECP has been participating in a Tzedakah Project to raise money for Pennies for Puppies, which is part of the Seeing Eye, Inc. ECP collected approximately \$200 to help train a puppy. A Puppy and Seeing Eye dog came to visit the school at the conclusion of our project. The children were so excited to meet the puppies and learn more about what they do.





Tot Shabbat & Holidays July 15 @ 6 PM

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

Come welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Adam Zeff in a celebration specially geared for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers!

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!
7/15 – Tot Shabbat
9/28 – Tot Rosh Hashannah







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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, contact the office.



Put on your pajamas and join us for . . .

PajamaRama

Jewish Stories and Activities

Two Sundays in the Summer at the National Museum of American Jewish History

101 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106

July 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Germantown Jewish Centre

August 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Presented by Congregation Rodeph Shalom

FREE and open to families just like yours. Kosher snacks provided.

There is a charge if you would like to explore the Museum.

Appropriate for children ages 2 - 6.

For more information: mgeorge@acaje-jop.org or 215-635-8940, ext. 1219





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Samuel

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