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By Rabbi Annie Lewis

“One, two, three, four, five, six, seven . . .” the baby’s *Sounds Like Fun* CD plays, asking, “Can you count along with me?” The past year has been one of counting. Last spring, I began to keep track of weeks of pregnancy. Before I knew it I was counting down days to my due date. Since Zohar entered the world, Yosef and I have been counting days and weeks and now months, marking each new milestone, a smile, an intentional reach, a complex coo. The numbers offer a container to hold us steady amidst a sea of amazement at the endless new experiences of parenthood.

In our Jewish calendar, we are now in a period of counting, ticking off forty-nine days between Pesach and Shavuot. This period of *Sefirat Ha’Omer* (Counting of the Omer) corresponds to the beginning of the barley harvest in the land of Israel. We count the omer, which translates as “sheaf,” commemorating the sheaves of barley brought to the Temple as offerings of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In a world without a Temple, with no central address for bringing bundles of grain, Medieval mystics understood these weeks of counting as a time ripe for spiritual growth and preparation for receiving

Torah. Kabbalistic writings link each of the forty-nine days to a unique manifestation of aspects of the Divine that can be found within us and in the world around us. Each day is an opportunity to see the world in a new way, to notice the interplay of *chesed* (loving-kindness), *gevurah* (strength), *tiferet* (truth), *netzach* (resilience), *hod* (gratitude), *yesod* (connection) and *malchut* (majesty) in our lives. As we open up to the possibility and blessing of each day, we carve out a space for receiving Torah.

As Yosef and I count the omer each night, we are filled with gratitude for each day of Zoe’s life, for our health, and for this incredible community that has supported our family in the midst of great transition in our lives. We cannot thank you enough for nourishing us with delicious meals, for showering us with love and blessings and gifts and for giving tzedakah in honor of the birth of our daughter. *Dayenu!* Each one of these things alone would have been enough. Thank you for your understanding as we are still in the process of thanking each and every one of you individually for the countless ways you have sustained us these past few months. We feel so blessed to welcome Zoe into this loving GJC family that models the importance of contributing to community. Thank you to our extraordinary community, to Rabbi Spicehandler, Rabbi Sklover, Nina Peskin, Mathieu Shapiro, and all of our staff and lay leaders for all you have been doing to support one another and to keep GJC flourishing while Rabbi Zeff and I have

been away. We thank you with full hearts for this precious time with our families, for the chance to see the world and our work anew.

This spring, I look forward to seeing you as we pray and study Torah, sing and celebrate together. May blessings abound in our lives and may we make each day count.

Program Highlights

Women’s Club Torah Fund Brunch

May 3

Family Retreat

May 8-10

Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Men’s Club

May 10

Confirmation

May 16

Calling all Fashionistas! Support Israel with Shopping and Dinner

May 17

Tikkun Leil Shavuot (all-night study)

May 23

Kol Zimrah

May 29

Spring Concert

May 31

President's Message

Budget Season

By Mathieu Shapiro, GJC President



As I write, the shul is in the midst of budget season.

Over the last year, many people have asked me many questions about GJC's budget, or else said that they wish we were more transparent with the budget.

I'm pretty certain that I speak for the entire staff, the current Executive Committee, and every other President under whom I've served when I say our intention is always to be transparent and that we are generally happy to discuss both the process and the budget.

First, the process. Our budget begins with our amazing Finance Director, Gloria Geisler. Together with Nina Peskin and our Rabbis, Gloria goes through each department's expected budget for the coming year, preparing both a spreadsheet full of numbers, and second spreadsheet that intersperses numbers with narrative explaining the numbers.

Gloria, Nina, Rabbi Zeff and the lay Finance Committee then meet several times, to go through virtually every line. Once the Finance Committee approves the proposed budget, it is presented to the Executive Committee. After the Executive Committee approves, the proposed budget is presented to the Board. The meeting at which the Board votes on the budget is preceded by an hour-long "open" session, for the Board to ask detailed questions.

The fact is that Gloria and the entire staff present a detailed, conservative, budget, that has very little "fluff," and very little that is discretionary.

The vast majority of our income comes from a handful of places. Collectively, our members pay approxi-

mately \$675,000 in dues. We also receive approximately \$185,000 from our largest fundraiser, the High Holiday Appeal. Our endowment now contributes \$75,000 per year to the budget, and that will increase, as the endowment grows. Other substantial income sources include funds previously given us by generous congregants, the brand new Arce bequest and, of course, the Women's Club. The final major sources of income are tuition, for both ECP and the Religious School. Altogether, our annual income is just over \$2 million.

Our largest expenses are salaries, which account for approximately \$1.7 million of our spending. Most of the rest of our expenses are for boring things such as postage, phones, supplies, insurance, heat, snow removal, and mowing the lawn. An astoundingly small portion of our budget is used for food and our extensive programming.

We typically budget conservatively – that is, we do not assume much income that we are not confident we will receive, and we assume most expenses will run high. For my years on the Executive Committee, we have typically budgeted to break even, or even to lose money. In fact, Gloria and our entire staff are so careful, and so prudent with our funds, that we always run ahead of budget – often substantially ahead. When we run ahead of budget, any surplus is put into what we call "operating reserves."

Last year, we approved a budget with a projected – and cautious – \$48,000 deficit. As usual, the year went far better than budgeted. Even with the unexpected, and unbudgeted, expense of Rabbi Lewis's maternity leave, and the hiring of Rabbi Spicehandler, we still finished approximately \$60,000 ahead of budget, with a surplus of around

\$12,000.

This year's proposed budget shows a potential deficit of \$7,000 – but only because of two things that I want to share with the congregation. First, we rolled forward the surplus we would have had for hiring Rabbi Spicehandler – because the Executive Committee last year approved taking this money from operating reserves. Also, we included a substantial line for new Board-directed fundraising: \$50,000. This is our recognition that the primary differences in this year's budget, as compared to last year's, are that Rabbi Zeff is returning from sabbatical and that we have new contracts for Nina Peskin and Rabbi Lewis.

The most significant pressure on our current and future budgeting will be maintaining our current level of staffing. We previously had a Senior Rabbi in his first contract as a senior rabbi, an Assistant Rabbi and an Education Director/Rabbi freshly out of rabbinic school, and an inexperienced Executive Director. Each is now more experienced, and ought to be paid in line with USCJ averages for their positions.

If you've made it this far, and I've written clearly enough, you now understand the basics of GJC's budget. If you are interested in more detail, or were unable to comprehend my garbled language, I invite you to ask me for further information. If nothing else, I hope you feel at least a little bit more assurance that the staff and lay leadership are working hard and responsibly on the shul's budget.

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



(January 2015 – March 2015)

IN CELEBRATION...

Norman Newberg, on his 80th birthday
David Mosenkis, on his nomination for a Carol Wright Award for his outstanding work with POWER

Louie and Steve Asher, on the birth of their granddaughter, Nina Asher Kupchan, daughter of Simma & Charles Kupchan, sister of Maia

Mia & Dan Blitstein, on the birth of their son Zev Isaac

Howard Dansky & Yona Diamond Dansky, on the birth of their grandson Zev Isaac Blitstein

Caleb Rudick, on making this summer's Philadelphia Maccabiah team for Boys Baseball

Reena & Aryeh Friedman, on the birth of their grandson, son of Uri & Michal Friedman

Simcha Raphael, on the publication of his book *The Grief Journey and the Afterlife: Jewish Pastoral Care for Bereavement*

Cherie Goren, on her 90th birthday

Betsy Teutsch, on the publication of her book *100 Under \$100: One Hundred Tools for Empowering Global Women*

Charlie Trey-Masters, on making this summer's Philadelphia Maccabiah team for Boys Basketball

Benji Axelrod, Eitan Barash, Caleb Mendelsohn, Noah Rudick & Coach David Axelrod, on their win in the JJBL (Junior Jewish Basketball League) Jr. Boys championship game

Rabbi Dayle Friedman, on the publication of her book *Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older: Finding Your Grit and Grace Beyond Midlife* by Jewish Lights Publishing

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, on being named one of Forward's "most inspiring rabbis"

Bob & Sherry Pomerantz, on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Michael, son of Miri Pomerantz Dauber & Jeremy Dauber

Leah & Norm Schwartz, on the births in Jerusalem of their great-grandchildren: Yehuda Nadler, son of Bayla Esther & Shlomo Nadler, grandson of Tanya & Raphael Schwartz; Benyamin Leshinsky, son of Chana & Shlomo Leshinsky, grandson of Tanya & Raphael Schwartz; and Yosef Schwartz, son of Rivka & Yehuda Schwartz, grandson of Tanya & Raphael Schwartz

IN MEMORIAM

Bette Sinett, sister of Carol Kaplan

Marcia Gould, mother of **Karen Freedman**, mother-in-law of **Jeffrey Freedman** and grandmother of **Samuel Freedman & Gina Kirwin**

Theodore "Ted" Charles Bloch, father of **Elizabeth Bloch-Smith**, father-in-law of **Mark Smith**

Howard Field, husband of **Maxine Field**, father of **Daniel Field, Deborah Field and Emily Warm**, and brother-in-law of **Evelyn Eskin and David Major**

Jean Cohen, mother of **Amy Cohen**, mother-in-law of **Mark Spiller**, and grandmother of **Gabriel and Lucy**

Aryeh Stein-Azen, son of **Rabbi Margot Stein**



Shabbat Chai-Lites

May 1-2

- Religious School Shabbat Potluck Dinner
- Charry Service – Mazal tov to William Galtman, son of Lee Galtman and Debbie Rivette, on becoming Bar Mitzvah
 - Kol D'mamah
- EARLY Ginat Shabbat at 10 AM
- Musical Marching Minyan at 11 AM
 - Pirke Avot

May 8-9

- Family Retreat
 - BBMM
- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit
 - Pirke Avot

May 16

- Charry Service – Confirmation
 - Pirke Avot

May 23

- Evening – All-night Shavuot Study

May 29-30

- Kol Zimrah
- Minyan Masorti – Mazal tov to Erica Solis, daughter of Matthew & Yoel, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

June 6

- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Alexandra Shapiro, daughter of Mathieu & Jessica, and granddaughter of Irving & Sharon Shapiro, on becoming Bat Mitzvah
 - Kol D'mamah
- EARLY Ginat Shabbat at 10 AM
- Musical Marching Minyan at 11 AM

June 13

- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

June 26

- Kol Zimrah

NEW MEMBERS

- Joey Weisenberg & Molly Weingrod and Family
- Stephen Phillips & Kathia Almeida and Family
- William & Jane Jaffe and Family

WELCOME!

Member Spotlight

By Linda Kriger



Rachel Falkove and Michael Masch

Rachel Falkove and Michael Masch are as responsible as any current members for the look and feel of the Germantown Jewish Centre today. It is hard to underestimate their zeal and effectiveness in creating new forms of Jewish worship and their efforts to promote Jewish activism. They piloted the renewal of Mt. Airy as a strong, diverse, and innovative Jewish community.

Their committed activism had its roots in their upbringing. Rachel, 63, was a self-described “pink diaper” baby. Her parents were progressives and the music in her childhood home in Cedarbrook included the Red Army Chorus and The Weavers, the folk singing group that included a very young Pete Seeger. The mood was set.

Rachel’s parents weren’t very observant and belonged to a Reform temple in East Mt. Airy. But both parents were committed to Judaism and Zionism and giving their children a rich Jewish education. Thus, they transferred Rachel from public school to the Akiba Hebrew Academy (now Barrack). At Akiba, Rachel met kids from the Germantown Jewish Centre. A student named Mina Cohen became her best friend. Mina’s father, Gabe, was principal of the GJC religious school and lived nearby. Soon Rachel started spending more and more time at GJC and convinced her parents to join. She has been a member of the Centre ever since.

When Rachel was ten, her mother needed surgery to remove a tumor on her spinal column. Years later, she became quadriplegic because of the damage done to her spinal cord. “After my mother’s surgery, my family had lit-

tle time and energy to focus on me,” Rachel recalled. That is when the GJC community really stepped up. They really took care of me. The synagogue became my second home.”

Rachel became an assistant teacher at the GJC Hebrew school and helped with the junior congregation. “It was a total social network for me.” Rachel said. “Rabbi Charry arranged for my family to receive generous scholarships from the Centre both for Akiba and Camp Galil, which was also a really important part of my life.”

One of Rachel’s first acts of rebellion took place in her safe place at the Centre. “I’m embarrassed to say it now” she says, “but I refused to be confirmed. I felt it wasn’t an authentic Jewish practice. Also, it was going to cost my parents money they really didn’t have. So I went to all the classes. They even wanted to give me the Men’s Club award if I got confirmed, but I didn’t do it. That was one of my first acts of rebellion and questioning.”

Another early rebellion took place in another safe place, the *Habonim* movement that ran Camp Galil. After reading about Zionist ideas for an entire summer and talking about making Aliyah over and over again, “I got really disgusted and said ‘You’re trying to brainwash us.’ The leader responded, ‘Hmmm, I think you have leadership qualities.’ That’s the first time I got an inkling that you could speak up and people would listen.”

Michael, 64, grew up in Southwest Philadelphia. His parents belonged to the original Beth Am Israel, the precursor of the present-day congregation in Penn Valley. “In those days in Southwest Philly,” Michael recalled, “there were no assimilated Jews. Everyone identified, and even though they didn’t have a lot of Torah book learning, all the Jewish kids grew up very proud of their Jewish identity.”

Michael first experienced a broader sense of the Philadelphia Jewish com-

munity when he went to Central High School, and the Jewish community high school program which met at Gratz College. Central High was where Michael’s social conscience took root. “It was a time of emerging social upheaval – the civil rights movement, the war on poverty, the beginnings of opposition to the Vietnam War. The events of the day turned us into activists.”

When Rachel began college at Temple University, she met Michael, and both their lives changed forever. Both were commuter students, and they met at freshman orientation when they were put into the same focus group. “We were going around in a circle talking about what we were going to major in,” Rachel recalls. “I said archeology. Michael said he wanted to major in making the revolution. I said to myself, ‘I’m going to marry him.’ At our next meal, we were the only ones asking for vegetarian options. I asked if he was vegetarian and he said, ‘No. I’m kosher.’ He didn’t look very Jewish, but not only was he Jewish, he was kosher, *shomer Shabbat AND he was making the revolution!*

Michael and Rachel soon began working together with youthful energy. Virtually everything they did emerged from a Jewish perspective. Early in college, Michael wrote a weekly op-ed column for the *Jewish Exponent*, which gave him a platform to promote his ideas about how Jewish values could be applied to the controversies of the day.

Rachel and Michael were not outliers. Other young Jews in other cities were attempting to forge the same synthesis of Jewish commitment and social activism. This became clear at the protest March on Washington in November 1969, protesting the Vietnam War, which was to be held on a Satur-

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day. "A handful of Jewish activists we knew in New York and D.C. wanted to attend, but needed a place where people who were *shomer Shabbat* could arrive on Friday before the Sabbath, and walk to the March," Michael said. Organizers found a welcoming church within walking distance of the March and announced to those arriving for the protest that there would be a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service at their 'Jewish movement center.' More than 500 people showed up for the service. Many from that weekend later ended up moving to Mt. Airy.

When President Nixon invaded Cambodia in 1970 and protests broke out on hundreds of college campuses, Michael became a leader of the mid-Atlantic student strike committee that coordinated protests from universities in Boston to Washington, but in the process, he also wound up missing his college finals. "I found that I had to take a forced break from higher education," he said. "So I spent the first part of the next year founding the Makom Jewish coffee house off Rittenhouse Square, with a lot of support from Rabbi Alex Shapiro, then the assistant rabbi at GJC. Then I went to Israel for the first time to live on a kibbutz, and, most important, to get back together with Rachel, who was spending her junior year abroad there." When he arrived, he found that Rachel had just left for winter break to go trekking with another female student through Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. "But she came back, thankfully, in one piece," he said, "and we got back together."

Returning to Philadelphia, Rachel and Michael continued to meld their Jewish and political activism, helping to create *Na'aseh*, a "radical Jewish fellowship for action" that engaged in Vietnam anti-war organizing in the Jewish community and urged synagogues to support the farm workers during the nationwide grape boycott.

("We got a lot of support," Michael noted.) They helped to create the Philadelphia Jewish Free University, and a Jewish communal house (*bayit*) called *Talmidei Aharon* in University City that welcomed Jewish young people to weekly Shabbat dinners and prayer services, Megillah readings, Passover seders and classes on Jewish subjects. Many of their friends were students at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, which was in its first home near the Temple campus. They were married in 1973 at the Germantown Jewish Centre, with Rabbi Charry presiding. After they married, Rachel and Michael intended to make *aliyah*. They left immediately for Israel after their wedding to lead a Zionist youth group tour. Rachel soon received a letter saying her father had lung cancer that was progressing rapidly. They needed to come home. Rachel left first. Her father died that summer.

"So there we were," Michael said, "We had no money, no home, no plan, and we had to take care of Rachel's mother." They moved into Rachel's mother's house "and tried to make a life," Rachel recalled. "It was pretty hard. Eventually my mother decided to sell the house and move into an apartment." Rachel and Michael then moved into the home of Shoshana and Mel Silberman z"l, two academics in their early 30's who had very recently moved to Mt. Airy.

"When we were plopped back into Mt. Airy again after my father died, we realized if we were going to have a future for ourselves, we would have to create it," Rachel said. "There were very few younger people involved at GJC or in the Mt. Airy Jewish community back then. A few people involved in the *havurah* were in their 30s, and even fewer were, like us, in their 20s."

Fewer than 10 people met in the Silberman's living room and started what came to be called the Germantown Minyan. That group – not even 10 people at its first meeting – became the precursor to today's Minyan Masorti and Minyan Dorshei Derekh. After the 'minyan's'

second meeting, the members decided that they were uncomfortable meeting outside the synagogue walls. So minyan participants reached out to Rabbi Charry, who had just moved to "emeritus" status. "Rabbi Charry listened as we explained what we had started and why we wanted to meet inside the Centre," Michael said. "He had a brief conversation with the GJC president, and then he said, 'Sure, meet in the library.'"

"In the early days of the minyan, some synagogue leaders didn't quite understand what all these young people wanted," Rachel said. "While we struggled with how to create a Jewish community that would address our own needs and interests, we were concerned not to undermine the existing Jewish community, which we knew had been shrinking for some years and was feeling vulnerable and uncertain about its future."

"For quite a while we had some problems, because our provenance as a minyan came from a rabbi emeritus who didn't inform or explain to the larger congregation who we were or why we were suddenly there," Rachel explained. "All of a sudden there were these people with long hair sitting on the floor over in the school building singing and chanting, and it took a while to convince people this was a positive thing," Rachel said with a smile, "It only took 30 years."

Michael and Rachel developed a *shtick* to convince a few hundred people to move to Mt. Airy in the 70's and 80's and join the community, including noted Jewish scholars like Rabbis Art Green and Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. Mt. Airy started to become known as a Jewish place to be for both younger and older Jews who were looking for an innovative, inclusive and diverse Jewish community.

Out of those efforts emerged not only a growing and revitalized GJC but also P'nai Or, Mishkan Shalom, and Chabad. "Now we have not just a

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single synagogue, but a whole thriving Jewish neighborhood," Michael said proudly.

Meanwhile, Rachel found work as founding program director at the David Newman Senior Center in Oxford Circle. After several years, she became the program director for the Federation's Jewish Campus Activities Board. Shortly after the birth of their children, Solomon and Ezra, she earned an MBA at Temple and then became a nursing home administrator.

"I wanted to learn about money, because I didn't understand it," Rachel said, explaining the reason she studied for an MBA. "There were a lot of things I wanted to do, and I realized they all took money. I needed to figure out how to raise money and how to manage it."

Her next transformation was spurred by Rabbi Dayle Friedman, a fellow member of Dorshei Derekh, who was urging GJC to become involved in a new neighborhood project called the "Interfaith Hospitality Network" that aimed to provide shelter in local religious congregations for homeless families. "Honestly, at first I thought it was a terrible idea for the synagogue," Rachel said, smiling. "The last thing I thought we would all want to do was to make and eat dinner with homeless families after working a 10-hour-day. The only reason I volunteered with the Network once GJC started participating was that I was too embarrassed to say I didn't want to do it."

"At my first dinner with the families, I realized that sitting at my table was a woman who worked full-time in a nursing home and was still so poor that she was homeless. That experience changed the way I approached nursing home management, how I understood the lives of the staff. So I started volunteering more and more with the Network, and then I joined the board.

"The Network was in a fragile place at that time," Rachel recalled. "The di-

rector had stepped down, finances were tight, and there was no successor on the horizon. I was sick of healthcare by that point. I said to Michael, 'I think I need a change. I'd like to see if I can raise money for the Network. I'll take over for now. And after I raise the money, they can replace me with a real director.' " Rachel now has been the "real director" for the past 14 years.

Michael's first jobs were clearly consistent with his activism and strong Jewish identity. He became Executive Director of the North American Jewish Students Network, supporting grassroots Jewish student groups and projects across the country. In the early '70s, he served as the managing editor of the *Distant Drummer*, Philadelphia's weekly "underground" newspaper at the time. For several years he served on the staff of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia.

Then, Michael shifted his life's focus. He studied public administration at Penn to "better understand how the world really works." He specialized in providing financial leadership for large public organizations experiencing serious financial distress, taking on always challenging and sometimes controversial roles: He was director of economic analysis for the Philadelphia City Council; budget director for the City of Philadelphia; vice president at the University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania state budget secretary under Governor Rendell; and chief financial officer for the Philadelphia School District. After a brief stint at Manhattan College in New York City, he started a new job in April as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Despite the commute, he remains a Mt. Airy resident.

Then there are his unpaid jobs as a member of the Philadelphia Board of Education in 2000-1, and as a founding member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, which replaced the Board of Ed, in 2002. He has also served as a board member at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and is a fellow at the

National Academy of Public Administration.

Asked if they think their '60s values have produced positive results for the Jewish community, Rachel replied, "Well, it certainly changed our lives." Michael added that he believes the formation of the *minyanim* at GJC and the actions taken by GJC members and other concerned citizens to prevent white flight from Mt. Airy during the '60s and '70s had a profound impact on GJC and the entire Mt. Airy neighborhood.

Rachel noted that one of the proudest moments in her life was when she was asked to serve as the president of the Germantown Jewish Centre from 2004 to 2006. "It was one of my greatest joys," she said. "I am truly grateful for all the synagogue did for me and my family over the years. It was my pleasure and obligation to give back to the community that has given so much to me."

Michael recalled a conversation back in the 1970s with Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, z"l, former president of the American Jewish Congress. Michael said that "Hertzberg was fascinated by this whole flurry of creative energy being generated by young Jewish activists -- the student struggle for Soviet Jewry, the *havurot*, the nascent Jewish women's movement, and all the rest. He said he was impressed with it all, but then he asked me, 'Tell me, how do you people plan to be Jewish in between protests and peak experiences?' How do you plan to live your Judaism day to day?"

"I think it was a good question," Rachel said, "and we've spent a lot of our lives trying to answer it."

CORRECTION:

In Helen Feinberg's article in the March 2015 Centre Call entitled, "My Visit with Bunny Stein: Tribute to a Great Lady," we erroneously referred to Frankie Moses as having passed away. We are grateful to Joan Silver for pointing out this error, and informing us that her Aunt Frankie is very much still alive.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

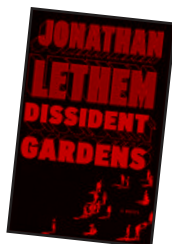
GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet at Germantown Jewish Centre in the Quitman Library. We read fiction and non-fiction 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 Vilma Lieberman at vilmablue@yahoo.com or 215-885-5753.

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Dissident Gardens

by Jonathan Lethem
Auslander



June 9, 2015

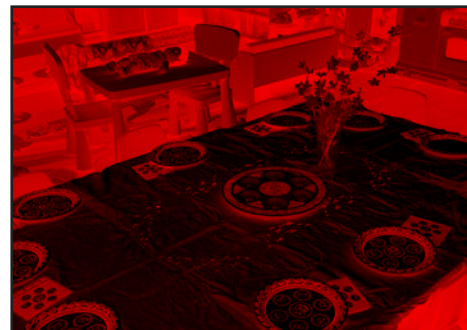
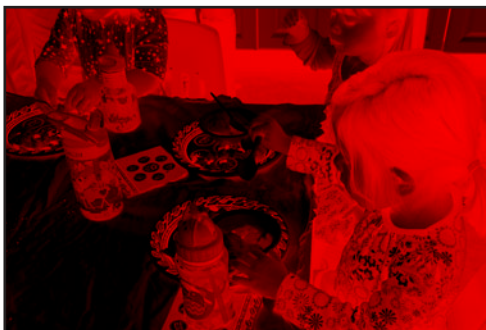
To Algeria, With Love

by Suzanne Ruta

Early Childhood Program (ECP)



By Jodi Gordon, ECP Director



ECP children enjoyed our very interactive Seders, with puppetry, songs, and delicious food!

Shavuot Night of Study: The Many Faces of Torah

at Germantown Jewish Centre

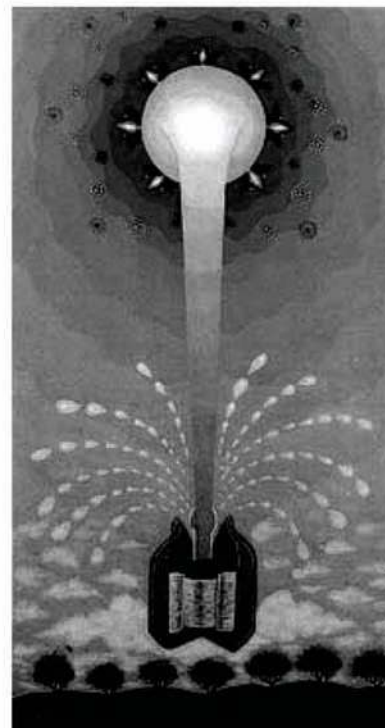
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*Mishkan Shalom, P'nai Or, Reconstructionist
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Saturday, May 23
8:00 PM - Midnight
at Germantown Jewish Centre

Offsite Overnight Study from
12:30 AM - 5:00 AM

At the home of Rabbi Linda Holtzman
(Tikkun Olam Chavurah)



Social Action Update

THE ENERGY FUTURE OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

By Coleman Poses

In January of 2013, seven cars from a CSX train derailed over the Schuylkill River in University City. The cause of the derailment was one that has become all too familiar to people living and working near railroads: faulty maintenance of an ancient infrastructure. What was particularly troubling about this derailment was that six of these CSX cars carried crude oil, with two of them hanging precariously over the river.

Only providence separated this incident from a similar one six months later in Lac Megantic, Quebec, where a train carrying crude oil derailed, destroying the downtown and taking the lives of forty-seven people. This tragedy is detailed in *Boom*, the short (10 minute) 2014 documentary co-produced by the Weather Channel and Inside Climate News, which outlines the causes and results of crude oil train derailments across North America.

What do these accidents portend for the future of our city? If Philadelphia continues with plans to develop a fossil fuel energy hub, accidents from train derailments are not only likely to increase, but accidents connected with pipelines carrying gas, liquefied natural

gas, and oil will compound these problems.

In keeping with our mission to educate the public on the latest information about fossil fuels, the GJC Social Action Committee presented a program highlighting what a fossil fuel energy hub will mean for the city. The program included a screening of the film *Boom*; and a panel of experts, with Robert Altenburg, JD, director of the PennFuture Energy Center,

Greg Gilderman, the producer of *Boom*, Joy Bergey, Federal Policy Director for PennFuture, and Ken Lande, professor of Physics at the University of Pennsylvania. A number of groups co-sponsored the event along with the Social Action Committee: Weavers Way Food Cooperative, Interfaith Power and Light, the Shalom Center, the Men's Club, Women's Club, and Hazak. More about this program in the next Centre Call.



GJC members joined POWER members from congregations all over the city to build community through song at the annual Voices of POWER concert in March. GJC Board member and POWER co-leader, David Monsenkis, received the Carol Wright award from POWER Executive Director, Bishop Dwayne Royster in recognition of his work on equitable public education funding. Members of GJC's own G'vanim band - Mikael Elsil, Nina Peskin and Elliott Seif - were among the congregational groups who performed and received big applause. Funds raised will support POWER's efforts toward school funding, living wages and racial justice in 2015.

Hazak

NEWS FROM HAZAK

by Helen Feinberg and Coleman Poses, Co-Chairs

Our annual Hazak Shabbat, held on Saturday, April 18, was a lovely celebration of GJC's older "community of communities." Rabbi Lewis led services, Hazak members participated fully, AND we all had the honor and pleasure of learning from Rabbi Dayle Friedman, our resident maven on growing older. Dayle has just published her book,

Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older: Finding Your Grit and Grace Beyond Midlife, and gave us a first look, in the context of the D'var Torah, into her thinking about a subject that affects us all, sooner or later. SPOILER ALERT: Hazak will be co-hosting a book event for Dayle early in the fall. Also, her book is available now in the Little Shop!

At the conclusion of services we enjoyed a delicious light kiddush lunch, a tradition begun and embellished by our chair "emerita" Cherie Goren. We hope that, even if you don't consider yourself "ready for Hazak," that next year you will join us for Hazak Shabbat.

Religious School

Pinat Ha-Hinuch (Education Corner)

Big Hands & Little Hands... With Big Hearts All Around

By Rabbi Alanna Sklover

In my role as Rabbi Educator, I often have the opportunity to “listen in” on and be witness to conversations, of all sorts, between our students. These conversations range from mundane rants about the newest gaming app, to inquiries into Jewish observance, to snippets of deep discussions about

friendship and self-discovery – but the sweetest of all of them are the ones in which students are reminiscing with one another about their memories of growing up at GJC, playing together as toddlers in our Early Childhood Program (ECP).

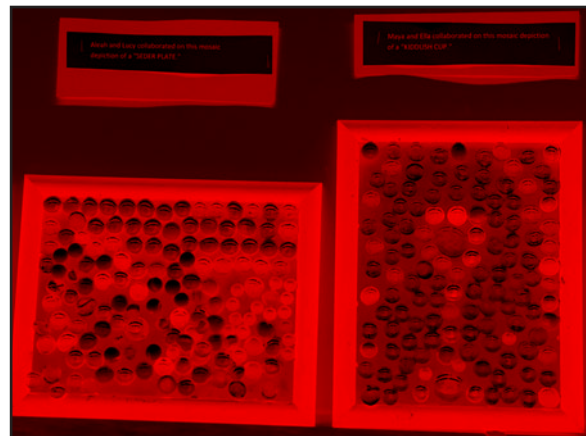
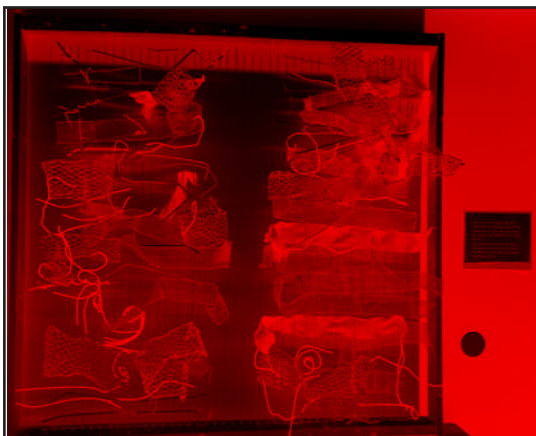
This spring, something dynamic and wonderful has been happening in our synagogue building! Under the educational leadership of ECP teacher Anna Goldberg and with the assistance of Religious School teachers Melanie Berman and Leah Garber, our GJC Religious School students have had the opportunity to not only reminisce about their ECP days, but actually manifest those memories into action. On Wednesday afternoons in our

“Yadayim” (Helping Hands) *b’reira*, older students (ten children ranging from 2nd-6th grade) are paired each with an ECP student buddy for hands-on art projects and other activities, serving as both an older friend and a mentor. It has been so inspiring watching how the younger students have begun to feel comfortable with and look up to their big-buddies, and how our Religious School students have blossomed as they share their creativity, memories, and connection to community with their newly made younger friends!

Along with this article are a few pictures of the artwork that is coming out of this wonderful partnership – mosaics on the themes of Passover and the Spring and a 4”x4” mixed-media

loom project depicting *K’riat Yam Suf* (the Crossing of the Sea). If you wish to take a closer look at their beautiful (and impressive) artwork, it is currently on display in the 1st floor ECP Hallway.

In this season of liberation, freedom, and journeys – as we count the Omer, marking the 49-day period from Pesach to Shavuot, may we be inspired by our students to take a step into the unknown and come out with something new and beautiful. May we see the possibility for new connection in unexpected places, may we see the potential for learning and friendship in every person we meet, and may we discover new ways to build and enhance our community – together!



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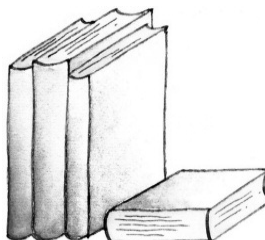
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Women's Club News

By Dena Lake and Yona Diamond Dansky, co-presidents of Women's Club



The whole group proudly displaying their new arrangements.



Brenda Laigaie with her mother Roselle Numerof at the Flower Arranging fundraiser.

Another fundraiser/fundraiser, Creating Flower Arrangements, was held on March 15.

We also want to mention three events that will have happened between the time of writing and publication: Women Walking in Wellness; Sharing Our Stories, Sharing Our Lives (Intergenerational Gathering); and Red Cross Babysitting Course.

There may still be time to attend the Torah Fund Brunch on May 3, honoring Judy Schwartz and Bev Somerson, with speaker Chancellor Arnold Eisen of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Contact Barb Menin, Maxine Feldman or Connie Katz for more information.

More activities are planned for this year. Stay tuned for the next dates for the Intergenerational Gathering of Women. Consider a trip for **Israeli Shopping and Dining** on May 17 (see Connie Katz for details/rsvp). And

please join us on June 14 for a book talk with Anne Shlay. She will talk about her new book on Jerusalem, *The Spatial Politics of a Divided Metropolis*.

A group of women skilled in sewing are repairing and restoring the High Holiday Torah Mantles (covers). If you can contribute your talents and would like to be included, please contact Yona (ydansky@gmail.com). The restoration will continue through the summer.

Building Beautiful Update

Thank you once more for all of your generous contributions. The benches

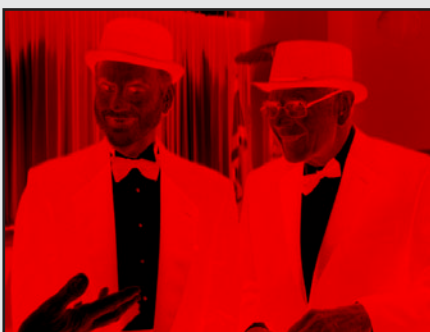
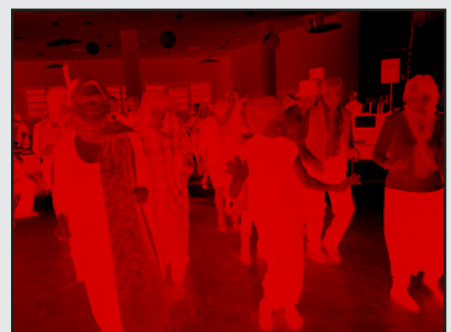
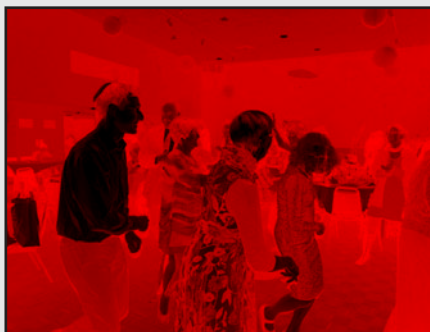
are on order; we are awaiting their arrival. We all look forward to seeing and using them outside.

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Purim Bash 2015



Throughout the winter of dodging snowstorms, Women's Club has sponsored and co-sponsored numerous programs for all members of GJC to enjoy. A few pictures are shown from the Purim Bash 2015, held on February 28. The theme was "I could Have Danced All Night." Guests did dance, and especially enjoyed the spiel "My Fair Esther," lyrics by Chuck Schleifer, and sung by choir members under the direction of Martha Schleifer. All enjoyed a mini-live auction led by Ken Weiss, and a silent restaurant auction, in addition to wonderful food and other festivities. To see a delightful slide show, search Purim Bash 2015 on YouTube.

Women's Club News

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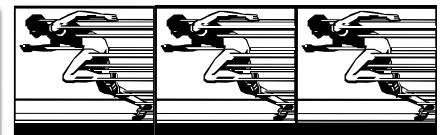
Anthony and Malvene Arce Legacy Program

As we recently announced, after the passing of longtime member Dr. Anthony Arce, GJC was deeply surprised to learn that, unbeknownst to anyone, Dr. Arce left a \$500,000 bequest to GJC in his will.



In addition creating the Anthony and Malvene Arce Education Fund, to support the GJC Religious School, we plan to use a portion of the bequest to create the Anthony and Malvene Arce Legacy Program, since his gift demonstrates the importance of planned giving in his own life. This annual program will be designed to educate and assist our congregants in estate planning. The event will also gently encourage planned giving to GJC, to honor the very behavior which Tony and Mal so ably modeled. We hope to create events that will be both educational and enjoyable, and that will help us remember Tony and Mal.

Date to be determined. Stay tune for details.



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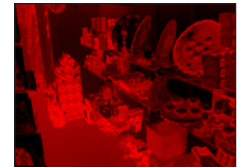
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For Mother's Day.



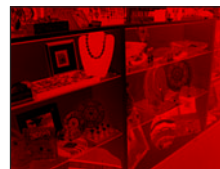
There are purses and scarves
And if I also might say,
Jewelry, bowls, dishes and a vase
For every conceivable taste.



And for that very smart child who has
graduated and is now ready to fly

There are clocks, and watches, and books to buy.
And Father's Day will soon be here

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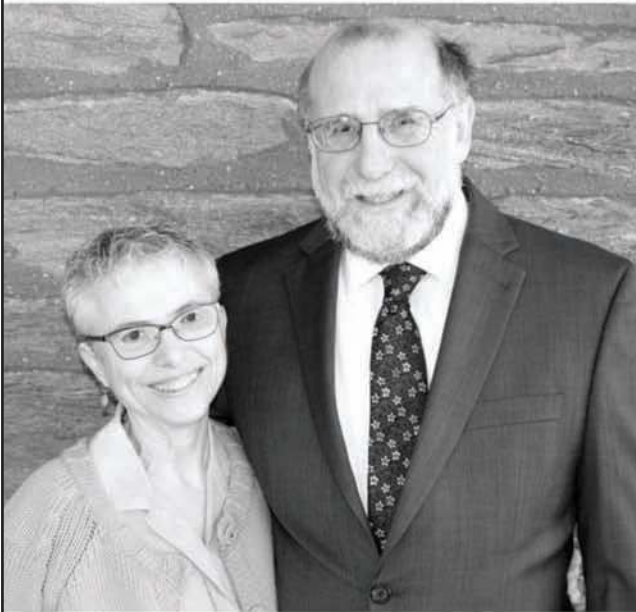
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