



# The Centre Call

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By Rabbi Annie Lewis

## GJC Unplugged: “How Awesome is this Place!”

In this season, we read about the journey of Jacob in the Torah. Jacob leaves his comfort zone and sets off toward Haran. He happens upon a place as the sun sets and stops there for the night. He finds a stone for a pillow, lays his head down, and there in the place where he pauses, he has a dream that changes his life. Angels move up and down a ladder. Jacob hears God's promise that his descendants will multiply and that they will be blessed and protected. When Jacob wakes up, he is shaken, and calls out, “Surely God is present in this place, and I did not know it! How awesome is this place!”

The word *makom*, place, is repeated over and over in the verses describing Jacob's momentous night. While this term often signifies a sacred place, Jacob did not comprehend the holiness of the place he was in, until he stopped and rested there. The Talmud teaches that God caused the sun to set early so that Jacob would be forced to spend the night, so that that he would have the time to connect to God's presence (Chulin 91b).

When we are on the go, it can be hard to pause. Our lives are full and busy. We live in an age where news and information spill over us non-stop,

where moving screens of computers and devices demand our attention. Sometimes an event outside our own will causes us to slow down - perhaps a loss, a concussion, an injury or illness. Our bodies let us know that we require rest to heal. Jacob's transformative rest-stop teaches us that it is essential to carve out space for stillness, no matter where we are in our lives. Creating an interlude in our days allows us to tune into our dreams.

In the cycle of the Jewish calendar, we are in the shmita, or sabbatical year. It is a time of Shabbat, or rest, for the land. The Torah teaches us that the earth requires periods of laying fallow in order to generate abundance. The restoration that comes from the practice of Shabbat rest is essential for our own creativity as well.

In this season, as the leaves flare and fall, and as the frost forms, I want to encourage all of us to add an extra measure of Shabbat rest to our lives. How can we make moments to unplug from the pressures of productivity and consumption on Shabbat and all throughout the week?

Maybe you will be moved to take an extra nap, or a walk in the woods with a friend on Shabbat. Perhaps during the week you might choose to delay checking email until after getting out of bed in the morning (I'm going to commit to that one . . .) or until after finishing a meal at night. When we bring more awareness and attention to the places we are and to the beings who surround us, we have the

power to bring immense blessing to our lives and to our community.

Before long, we will celebrate Hanukah. During the holiday, it is customary that while the candles glow on the menorah, individuals in a household refrain from doing work. We are meant to pause, to soak in the ancient and daily miracles and their residual light; to make space in our hearts for inspiration; to call out “How awesome is this time, this place, this tradition, this community with which we have been gifted!” This Shmita year, as we move through the calendar, may we be allies in helping one another to slow down and to breathe in the blessings of sacred rest.

### Program Highlights

**Shmita in Our Time:**

**Social, Economic &**

**Environmental Sustainability**

**Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Shabbat**

**featuring Nati Passow,**

**Director Hazon Philadelphia**

**& the Jewish Farm School**

*October 31-November 2*

**Little Shop Flea Market Sale**

*November 9*

**Mussar Shabbat: A Path to Holiness**

**with Rabbi Ira Stone**

*November 21-22*

## President's Message



### A Heartfelt Thanks

By Mathieu Shapiro, GJC President

The oddity of the publishing schedule has me writing this column smack dab between Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur – but, as you all know, I've already written about the High Holidays, and, by the time you read this, I will have had my shot on Kol Nidrei to speak to you at length.

Still, I feel compelled to offer here two vignettes and an appreciation, all of which echo the thanks I tried to offer in my end-of-services announcements over the Holidays.

Vignette number one: Rosh ha-Shanah began on a Wednesday evening. On Tuesday of that week, I stopped in the office before work, at roughly 8:00 a.m., to sign checks and to have my weekly meeting with Nina and the Rabbis. The office looked like my office when I am on trial: jam packed with what were obviously carefully ordered piles of everything imaginable, from pledge cards, to challah, to white roses. (To be clear, the piles in my office are usually paper, and though every now and then I have some odd pieces of demonstrative evidence, I don't typically have pledge cards, challah, or white roses). Elana Shaw was already there – indeed, she seems to beat me to the office no matter how early in the morning I arrive, all year round. Nina arrived shortly thereafter, and Kate Lawn and Takia Raneri were there well before I left. Eric Word was also there, as were several members of his staff. In short, the office and the building were a whirlwind of activity, and obviously operating at peak capacity.

That night, I stopped by at both 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., to drop off, and then

pick up, my teen-aged children at Teen Tuesdays. The office was still humming. Rabbi Zeff later told me that Kate had been working with him until 11:00 p.m. on at least one night.

Vignette number two: because the Rabbi's family was in Israel, I asked my parents to invite him to their house on the first day of Rosh ha-Shanah. He accepted – but I now wonder if that made his life easier or harder! Services that day ended after 1:00 p.m., and he stayed for the congregational Kiddush. He then walked to my parents' house – and had to turn around almost immediately after, to get back for Tashlich, and then for evening services.

While he was at my parents' house, we had the opportunity to ask him what a "normal" Rosh ha-Shanah was like for his family. On reflection, we should not have been surprised with his answer – very different from ours. In fact, he more or less said that even when Cheryl and the boys are here, they do not have what most of us would recognize as a "normal" Rosh ha-Shanah: services, followed by a big family meal.

All jobs have their own stresses. As a litigator, mine tend to revolve around trials, or other court-imposed deadlines. This year brought home to me that all three rabbis, Nina, and the rest of the synagogue's employees are on an odd schedule in which their peak stress times, their peak work times, are our holidays. That is, they work very, very hard in the weeks leading up to Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur. And, of course, they all work very hard on Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur. Indeed, for many congregants, the rabbis and Nina are probably most visible – if not only visible – on those couple of days a year.

Perhaps this observation was obvious

to everyone except me. It wouldn't be the first time I was slow in figuring something out.

But, as President, and having seen first-hand, more closely than ever before, just what High Holiday preparation entails, and just what working on the High Holidays means, I thought it appropriate to use this space to offer an appreciation to our entire staff. They work extraordinarily hard to plan all kinds of things, and then even harder during the actual High Holidays, to ensure that we all have as much opportunity as possible to enjoy the beautiful, memorable, spiritually fulfilling grown-up services, kid services, and childcare, that GJC offers.

I know it is their jobs, and that they've presumably chosen these paths for themselves, and I even like to think that we are a pretty good congregation for which to work. But I nonetheless offer a hearty and heartfelt *yasher koach* to the entire staff, from Rabbi Zeff down, for making my High Holidays so enjoyable.

### Thank you...

*A heartfelt thanks to my friends and acquaintances at Germantown Jewish Centre for the support you gave me at my darkest hour. It was so much needed and so much appreciated.*

–Diane King



(August 2014 – September 2014)

## IN CELEBRATION...

**Peter & Peshe Kuriloff** on the birth of their granddaughter, Greta Riva Sicks

**Dena & Ed Lake** on the wedding of their daughter, Julie to Michael

**Susan Sussman** on the wedding of her son, Josh

**Elliott & Ellie Seif** on their 50th wedding anniversary

**Steve & Marlene Hilkowitz** on the wedding of their son Eric to Karen Kapuano

**Sidney August** on his 96th birthday

**Connie & Sam Katz** on the birth of their grandson, James Aaron Katz, son of Philip & Leah Katz

**Chana Bonn** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Adam Yechiel Bonn-Yavneh in Jerusalem, son of Jessie Bonn & Yuval Yavneh

**Hannah Treatman**, daughter of Howard & Ronit Treatman, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

**Ken Cohen & Doug Lerner** on their wedding

**Alan & Barbara Schindler and Meyer & Judy Rohtbart** on the birth of their granddaughter Keira Hope Schindler, the daughter of Rebecca Rohtbart & Benjamin Schindler & the sister of Noah

## IN MEMORIAM

**Eugene Levin** father of **Steve Levin**

**Renee Levine** mother of Gail, Joel, Stefan and Louise Levine and long time member of GJC

**Melvin Goodfriend** father of **Linda Needleman**

**Leon King** husband of **Diane King**

**Roseanne Slifker** mother of **Michael Slifker**

**Frances Friedmann Neiman** a long time member of GJC

**Benita Masters** mother of **Steve Masters**

**Zigmund Joseph Jampel** cousin of **Ruth Lachman Sueker**



## Shabbat Chai-Lites

### October 31 & November 1

- Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend
- Kol Zimrah • Shabbat Potluck & Program
- 9:30 AM - Combined Shabbat Morning Service
- Torah Yoga for Kids • Musical Marching Minyan
- Shabbat Afternoon program

### November 8

- 11 AM - Shabbat Morning JAM Family Program with Chana Rothman
- 10 AM – Ginat Shabbat EARLY this week
- Torah Yoga for Kids • Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

### November 15

- Torah Yoga for Kids

### November 21 & 22

- Mussar Shabbat with Rabbi Ira Stone
- Kol Zimrah • Shabbat Potluck & Program
- Torah Yoga for Kids • Havdalah Program

### November 29

- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Lauren Mermelstein, daughter of Andrew & Ellen Mermelstein, granddaughter of Maxine & Maurice Feldman, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

### December 5 & 6

- Minyan Masorti Shabbat Potluck
- Charry Service – 2nd Grade Siddur Ceremony
- Dorshei Derekh – Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat
- Kol D'mamah • Musical Marching Minyan

### December 13

- Charry Service – Mazal tov to Lily Seldin, daughter of Stefanie & Alex Seldin, on becoming Bat Mitzvah
- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

### December 19 & 20

- Kol Zimrah
- 9:30 AM – Combined Charry Service & Dorshei Derekh Mazal tov to Jakob Friedman-Slifker, son of Michelle Friedman and Michael Slifker

### Kabbalat Shabbat /Kol Zimrah

Fridays at 6 PM (*unless otherwise noted above*)

### Shabbat Morning

Services at 10 AM (*unless otherwise noted above*)

Kol D'mamah at 10 AM

Torah Yoga for Kids at 10 AM

Musical Marching Minyan at 10:15 AM

Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit at 11 AM

### Shabbat Morning Kids Space - Room 305

Kids are welcome to play Shabbat-friendly games in Room 305 - bring your own and some will be provided. Please respect the space, clean up after yourselves and put all games away after use.





**Andrea (Andi) Brockman and  
Vincent (Vinny) DiLorenzo**

Andrea (Andi) Brockman and Vincent (Vinny) DiLorenzo are familiar faces at the Germantown Jewish Centre. They often attend Friday night services and have been members of the synagogue for 20 years.

Andrea, 62, was born in Philadelphia and grew up in East Mt. Airy. She attended the Jenks School in Chestnut Hill, Leeds Junior High and Girls High, graduating in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War.

She went on to Temple University as a pre-med student while protesting the war. Andrea went beyond protesting...she volunteered at the Valley Forge Military Hospital and saw "guys my age with legs shot off." Deciding she didn't want four years of medical school, she chose nursing as her undergraduate major, graduating with the second class to offer a baccalaureate degree in nursing. (It was common before then for nursing students not to be offered a liberal arts education.) Nurses were heavily recruited to go to Vietnam, but Andrea's mother put a stop to that. Instead, Andrea worked in Intensive Care at Rolling Hill Hospital (now Elkins Park hospital) for a year.

"Intensive care was intense," she recalls, sitting at her dining room table in the Philadelphia apartment house, next to a panoramic view of the city, outside a wall of windows. "There were 4 or 5 codes (signifying people dying) a day. We were constantly dealing with death. I had some experiences there that made me choose another career path," she continues. "We had a lot of responsibility but not the authority to make important deci-

sions. Doctors were often not available and interventions that were needed could not be initiated. It was frustrating and stressful."

Andrea decided that she wanted to go back to school. "I didn't want to clean up all the fluids that were escaping from people's bodies," she said with a wry smile, although she thinks doctors should all be made to do nursing duties as part of their training, to sensitize them to the full array of patients' suffering.

Initially, her plan to go to dental school was motivated by the thought that she'd be dealing with relatively healthy people. This turned out not to be the case. She graduated Temple Dental School (now Kornberg School of Dentistry) in 1979. During those four years, she worked as an in-service coronary care nurses instructor at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center.

When Andi was a freshman in dental school, she met Vinny, who was a senior. Vinny DiLorenzo, now 64, was born in Bergenfield NJ and attended Hofstra University and Temple Dental School, graduating in 1976. "I don't have nearly the educational potpourri that Andi has," he says, smiling, "but I'm just as smart." Most of Vinny's friends growing up were Jews; he joined a Jewish fraternal organization as a youngster (AZA) and spent many holidays with Orthodox Jewish friends.

However, his family was devoutly Catholic, and when Andi's and Vinny's relationship became serious, it almost broke up over the issue of raising the children Jewishly. Andi told Vinny that she didn't care if he converted from Catholicism, but she wanted their children to be Jewish. He initially wasn't sure.

"She said, 'that's it,' Vinny said, looking over at Andi and smiling. "I went back to New Jersey for a weekend, and thought about it. I decided it was okay." He was nervous about calling her again, wondering 'Did I blow it?' Andi's reply, 'Give me a week.'

They were married by a Reform rabbi

## Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

while Andi was in her third year of dental school. Vinny's brother gave a l'chaim and a salud (an Italian toast). "My family has always been very respectful of Judaism," Vinny says. His cousins and other extended family embrace their Jewish practice and spend holidays with them. "Vinny's parents and my parents got to be very good friends and even went on vacation together without us," Andi says, "Even our grandparents, immigrants from Poland and Italy, loved each other."

When Andi graduated, they created a dental practice together, opening two offices, one in Andorra in upper Roxborough and the other at 4th and Diamond, as well as being the Dental Directors for the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Germantown. Two years later, they had the first of three sons, Seth, now 32, who teaches high school math in the Philadelphia public schools; followed by Jamey, 30, a CPA; and Pete, 28, a musician/photographer. All live in Philadelphia and Jamey lives in Andi and Vinny's building. ("Far enough away to avoid us, but close enough to do his laundry and have dinner once in a while," Andi says.)

Vinny notes that he and Andi have similar philosophies about "how we eat, how we travel, how we raise kids. We're both really family oriented." When Seth was about to become a bar mitzvah, Vinny decided, after 18 years of marriage, to convert to Judaism. "We sent our kids to the Schechter Jewish day school, Forman Center. We kept kosher. We went to Saturday morning services. There was a point when you have to say 'Okay, this is it,' Vinny says. "I just felt it was time. It was Seth's bar mitzvah and I wanted to fully participate. I felt Jewish. It was my life." "He even coached JJBL (Junior Jewish Basketball League)," Andi added drily.

Both took intensive conversion

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classes (Andi joined Vinny) where they met Shai Gluskin, who taught a class on Reconstructionism. Shai invited them to attend Dorshei Derekh. They carpooled to school with two families (the Friedmans and the White-Pisers) who went to Minyan Masorti. After trying both, they decided to go to the Charry. Now they know many people in each minyan.

But there was one hurdle that was difficult to overcome. "It took me so long to tell my parents I was going to convert," Vinny says. He would avoid visiting them just to escape the subject. "I was fearful of their reaction. After a visit, Andi would look at me and ask, 'Why didn't you say anything?' I wound up sitting them down. I just told them straight out that I'm going to convert to Judaism. My mother said, 'I thought you were already Jewish.' I told her it's a pathway for me to find God. She said, 'Can you talk to your brother? Help him find God.' I'll never forget that scene."

To celebrate both the bar mitzvah and Vinny's conversion, they decided to go to Israel and have another bar mitzvah at the Kotel (Western Wall). At Masada, they decided to get married again, because Vinny wasn't Jewish at their first wedding ceremony. "We used Seth's Tallit for the chuppah. Each son carried a pole in the chuppah. The entire group on our mission participated in the ceremony singing and parting an aisle for us as if it were the Red Sea," Vinny said, his eyes glowing. "We stayed at the Hotel Nirvana. Can you believe it? We were written up in the Jewish Exponent."

Meanwhile, their dental practice was thriving and it was because they were specializing in an area that Andi, who went into dentistry to treat healthy people, would not have predicted. "Because of my experience in intensive care, I wasn't afraid to treat people with heart attacks, strokes, kidney transplants or bi-polar disease," she says. "Our practice started to specialize in medically compromised people including Autistic children,

those with end stage cancer, multiple personality disorders."

They began getting referrals from physicians, because many dentists didn't want to deal with that population and because their practice "evolved into a biological dental practice. We began to treat people because doctors felt their dental problems were contributing to their poor health. They began removing mercury fillings that patients felt were affecting their immune system. They were extracting 100 fillings a week and Andi says she became symptomatic from exposure to all that mercury. "I didn't know what it was. Panic attacks, digestive problems, heart arrhythmias. I was in the emergency room several times."

Their contact with alternative practitioners increased. "We used to give a blood test to people, where we'd get a report back about 3,500 dental products people were sensitive to," Vinny says. They started looking into ways that their patients could pay for their expensive dental treatments. They began referring many of their patients to their own health insurance broker, recommending they open health savings accounts or flexible spending accounts, which allowed people to put money away to use for dentistry tax free. "After sending hundreds of people to our insurance broker, he suggested we may as well get a commission," Andi said. "So we got licenses as health insurance brokers. We became brokers for the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association, the Pennsylvania Nurses' association, and the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia."

They practiced dentistry for nearly 25 years until their malpractice carrier went bankrupt. Because of the type of health centered dentistry they did, they couldn't get another insurance company to cover mercury (amalgam) filling removal or many of the surgical procedures they performed, which was the mainstay of their practice. The only malpractice carrier that took them on for a year charged ten times what they had been paying for one tenth the coverage. They were forced to close their doors in 2003.

"We couldn't sell our practice because nobody was doing the type of dentistry we did," Andi said. "I only knew myself as a dentist. And all of a sudden, I couldn't practice dentistry. I turned 50. My kids were in college. I was thinking, who am I? I was going through this identity crisis. Our income dropped to nothing. It was really tough. We were sending kids to college, contributing to the synagogue, taking vacations with the kids twice a year. All of a sudden the rug was pulled out from under us. "We were machers," Vinny said, "and we couldn't donate to the synagogue. There were times we didn't even want to go because we felt we couldn't contribute."

"Rabbi (Leonard) Gordon said, 'This is your time to take,' but it's not such an easy thing to do," Vinny continued. "You have your pride. You know what you're capable of doing. We started to try all kind of things, consulting and giving seminars, and writing, and spent a lot of money trying to reinvent ourselves."

"We couldn't get jobs as dentists with another practice, because we didn't have malpractice insurance," Andi said. "We were so specialized that we couldn't go into another dental practice. It was against our philosophy. We were going through detoxification to get the mercury out of our systems. We had to sell our house. We had a second home in the mountains. We moved there. While we were living there, Vince's mother got sick with cancer. We moved into his parents' house. Progressively, our parents got sick and they needed us around. She passed away. Then a year later, Vince's father had a massive stroke and my father broke his neck and was in a nursing home. Medicare was running out."

"How are we going to afford ten thousand dollars each to keep them in a facility?" Andi says. "They didn't have long term care insurance. We took a course in "life settlements". Someone can sell an unneeded life insurance policy to investors who will

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pay more than the cash value but less than the death benefit, usually three to five times the amount of the cash value. It's repurposing insurance for life care (similar to our discovering that medical insurance could be repurposed to pay for dentistry). And that's the business we're now in."

At GJC, Vinny served as Men's Club president for five years in the 1990s. At the time, he said, the Men's Club was floundering and he brought it back to life with food. "We had Italian night, Chinese night, deli night, and barbecue night. We always had a meeting once a month, and served beer. That was the enticement. People started showing up." Now the club is trying to attract younger men, who are often busy with young families. Vinny served on the GJC board in the past and on several committees. "And we love Kol Zimrah services on Friday nights," he said. Andi is now a member of the GJC board now and has been a member in the past. She takes numerous adult education classes. "I love to learn," she said.

## Hazak

### Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs, Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

With the new year behind us we are looking forward to a busy late fall and winter! The Hazak book group continues to meet monthly. We've got a core group of 10 or so participants that attend "rain or shine." "But we always welcome others, whether it's for just one book that you happen to be interested in, or if you want to make it part of your monthly routine. Book group participants choose the reading list. We choose books of Jewish interest and get together for compelling discussions. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM – upcoming meetings are on November 12 and December 10. Join us!

After 6 years of leading Hazak, I (Cherie Goren) am announcing my "retirement" at the end of December. We are looking for someone, or perhaps a small group of people, to step up to work with Sonia to continue this very gratifying volunteer position. I

am proud of the programming we do for active, intellectual seniors and look forward to continuing to participate. But our motto of "programming for seniors, by seniors," cannot be met, without volunteers. Please be in touch if you are interested in taking on a Hazak leadership role.

We hope to see you at our upcoming Book Group discussions and/or on Sunday, December 21 at 10 AM for a wonderful program with GJC member Ellen Frankel, former CEO and Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Publication Society.

*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.*

## Early Childhood Program (ECP)

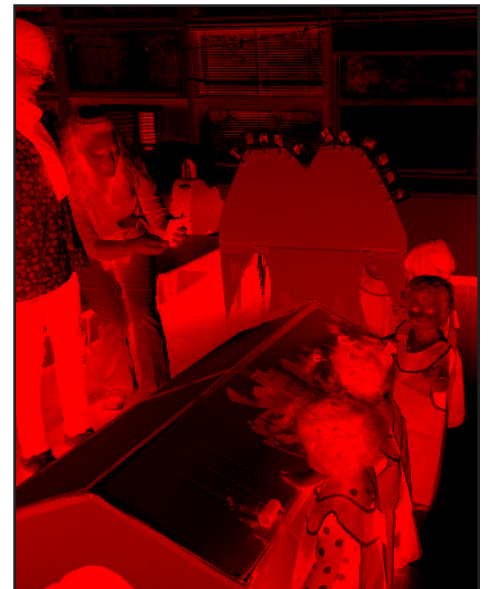
### Celebrating, Learning and Growing in ECP

By Jodi Gordon, ECP Director

Little fingers dipping apples in honey, printing greeting cards for the new year, baking honey cake and listening to the Shofar blast. ECP has



been buzzing with activity! Since young children learn best by actively exploring and interacting with their environment, we need to bring Jewish experiences within their reach. Take a look at our little ones Celebrating, learning and growing at ECP!





## Women's Club News

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

### Building Beautiful

You are enjoying watching your children (or grandchildren) playing outside of the Religious School. It's a beautiful day and you'd like to linger outside the Charry Sanctuary and shmooze with your friends. Maybe you're thinking, "If only there was some place to sit and relax." Great News! The Women's Club Building Beautiful project this year is the purchase and installation of benches for outside of the Religious School and the Charry Sanctuary.

We're looking at top-quality benches with arms, made with material that is easy to clean and that will endure for decades. With concrete footings and flagstone walkways where needed, the placement of these benches will be designed to enhance but not interfere with current landscaping. Best of all, they will be situated where parents will be able to watch their children, especially in areas where generations of children have loved to play, such as the bushes by the sidewalk. We'd like to thank the many members who have already sent in their donations. We are very grateful for your continued support.

### Events we've already enjoyed

On September 14, at our **Welcome Back Brunch**, former GJC member Rivvy Neshama captivated us with readings from her book, *Recipes for a Sacred Life*. Interspersed between the readings, she shared memories of her days growing up at GJC and the road that took a nice Jewish girl from Mount Airy to Boulder, Colorado.

On October 26th, Naomi Weiss, daughter of Ken and Susan Weiss, performed at our **Men's and Women's Clubs Paid Up Brunch**, with delicious

food and top-notch entertainment. Kudos to Sandy Meyer and Joan Silver on putting this together!

### Fundraiser trip ~ Winterthur

On October 30th, Women's Club has planned a trip to Winterthur to visit the blockbuster exhibit, *Costumes of Downton Abbey*. The trip included a docent led tour of the elegant Winterthur Mansion and had a chance to see other new exhibits.

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, November 9th Women's Club Sharing Our Stories, Sharing Our Lives

The topic is *Shmita*: What is something you need to allow to rest so you can find the energy for the next thing you need to do?

#### Saturday Evening, December 6th Women's Club's Third Annual Movie Night

Our very own Susan Sternthal is a movie aficionado who will educate and entertain us.

Join us for an evening that takes us back to the great Hollywood era of the 1950s as we watch "Indiscreet" starring the debonair Cary Grant and the beautiful Ingrid Bergman.

#### Sunday, May 3rd Save the date for Women's Club Torah Fund Brunch honoring former Women's Club presidents, Judy Schwartz and Bev Somerson

This year we are proud to announce that Arnie Eisen, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, will be our guest speaker.

**We welcome all GJC members to  
Women's Club programs.**

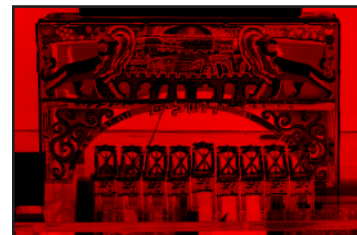


### SO much is happening at the Little Shop!

We're having a flea market on  
November 16

Hannukah begins the evening of  
December 16

And we have the presents you  
need for your spouse, your chil-  
dren, your grandchildren & more!



**The November special is  
MENORAHS at 10% off.**

**The December special is  
CANDLESTICKS at 10% off.**

As always, the early bird special of  
10% off is in place from 12 to 3  
Tuesdays through Fridays.  
It can be combined with the  
November or December  
specials for 20% off!

#### Hours

Sunday: 9:30 - 12:30	Wed: 12:00 - 7:30
Mon: Closed	Thurs: 12:00 - 5:00
Tues: 12:00 - 7:30	Fri: 12:00 - 4:00

**Special Thanks to the Wolfe Family Foundation  
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## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

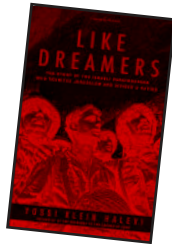
### GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet at Germantown Jewish Centre in the Quitman Library. We read fiction and nonfiction books of Jewish interest written mostly, but not solely, by Jewish writers and chosen by the group. Volunteer group members lead the discussion. For more information, contact Vilma Lieberman at [vilmablue@yahoo.com](mailto:vilmablue@yahoo.com) or 215-885-5753.

**November 11**

***Like Dreamers***

by Yossi Klein Halevit



**December 9**

***Shlepping the Exile***

by Michael Wex

## Update on the GJC Area at Montefiore Cemetery

Since the program started in August 2012, more than 60 people have made their arrangements in the GJC area at Montefiore Cemetery. As was common practice for organizations in the past, Montefiore is installing three markers to demarcate the GJC area, creating a sense of community space. While there are still many spaces available, the price we negotiated with Montefiore Cemetery will be going up in early December 2014. If you are interested in making your arrangements before the price increase, please contact Mitchell Berk directly by phone (215-621-7929), or by e-mail [MITCHELLBERK@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MITCHELLBERK@YAHOO.COM).



## Adult Education 2014-15/5775: Courses at a Glance

Take the plunge into adult Jewish learning! The listings below represent our course schedule as of 8/1/14. We often add courses along the way. So check back in the next issue, on our website and with the office, for additional updates. Advanced registration is requested for all courses. Contact the office if you have questions or to register.

Title	Instructor(s)	Timing	Dates	Cost Members/ Non Members
More Tough Social Issues in Israel	Rabbi Lewis	Sundays 10 am— 12 Noon	Nov 2, 9, 16, 23	\$60/80
Reading the Bible through a Woman's Eyes: CSI Meets Gloria Steinem	Ellen Frankel	Wednesdays 7:30-9 pm	Nov 5, 12, 19; Dec 3	\$50/65
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# Mussar Shabbat: A Path to Holiness with Rabbi Ira Stone

Germantown Jewish Centre

Friday, November 21-Saturday, November 22



## Friday, November 21

6:00 PM Kol Zimrah

7:30 PM Shabbat Potluck

*Please RSVP by Wed. 11/19 and  
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dairy dish you will share*

9:00 PM Program

*What is holiness and what is the history of  
Mussar as a path to holiness? Let's explore  
THE goal of religious life, the achievement of  
holiness. We will discover the ethical commit-  
ment at the heart of the Jewish approach to  
holiness and learn about traditional and  
modern approaches to Mussar.*

## Saturday, November 22

10:00 AM Chayry Service

*Although we think of Mussar as a modern spiritual  
practice, it derives directly from Torah and the  
rabbinic tradition. Rabbi Stone's D'var Torah will  
explore how this week's parashah, like every  
parashah, is connected to Mussar.*

5:30 PM Havdalah Program  
& Dinner (offsite)

*At the heart of Mussar spirituality is a certain way  
of imagining the soul. Together we will begin to  
become familiar with Mussar practice and termi-  
nology as it relates to the dynamics of the soul.*

**Space is limited for this program. Res-  
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first come-first serve basis.**

**Please contact Elana Shaw at  
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## Social Action Update

### Interfaith Pray-In for School Funding

By David Mosenkis

**G**JC members participated with members of other POWER synagogues, churches, and mosques in an interfaith "Pray-In" at KYW headquarters on October 1. Gathering outside the second of three gubernatorial debates, participants expressed their prayers for educational opportunity for all Pennsylvania children. Clergy of varying denominations led prayers calling on elected officials to prioritize funding for public schools. Musician Joey Weisenberg, a recent arrival to our community, led the group in a nignun (wordless song).

The pray-in was part of POWER's campaign to bring about full and fair



funding for all Pennsylvania schools, in keeping with our diverse faith traditions' value of treating all citizens, especially the oppressed, with fairness and dignity. GJC volunteers have been phoning

members and knocking on neighbors' doors to discuss the Philadelphia school funding crisis and ask for people's commitment to vote on November 4 and to declare their support for school funding. This is a completely non-partisan campaign, and after the November election,

POWER will present the election winners with evidence of the widespread support among voters for increased and fairly distributed funding for public schools.

### Henry School Students and Teachers Welcome GJC Volunteers

By Nan Myers

**A** program that started as a project for the GJC Social Action Committee remains popular. Begun in 2009, at the suggestion of the late Renee Levine, volunteers spend time at the school reading, crafting and storytelling. It is a win-win situation for all involved.

Once a teacher, always a teacher. A Henry School graduate who attended from kindergarten to grade 6, Mindelle Goldstein goes to the Elkins Park library to choose books to read to the current students in a kindergarten class. With 23 in the class last year, Mindelle went one day a week and found it to be "a very nice experience. I wanted to be able to help at a public school." Each time was a mini highlight; the best was at the end of the year, she says. "We read many books by Eric Carle. At the end of the year I bought a writing tablet with an Eric Carle illustration on the cover." Unbeknownst to Mindelle, though, the children made a book for her. "Each kid wrote a message and illustrated a page in the book," she says proudly.

Nina Gordon, who retired as an art

teacher in the Philadelphia School District, welcomed the opportunity to work with the Henry students. "I started out reading to them and in four weeks we moved onto origami, which was fine with the teacher. I worked with a third-grade class who were so well behaved. I had so much fun doing it. The kids were also very, very enthusiastic and loved the challenge of making more complicated forms as time passed." Nina says she also gets a kick when she sees class members around Mt. Airy and they recognize her.

"Volunteering at Henry through GJC was a primary factor in deciding to send my son to Henry for elementary school," says kindergarten reading volunteer Leah Corsover, who adds that the favorite author was Ted Arnold who writes "silly books with a distinct illustration style. My experience in the classroom made me feel connected to the community, and my rave reviews of the teachers and classrooms influenced my friends who were wavering about where to send their children to school. Anytime you volunteer, it gives you great insight to the workings of a community."

Ellen Frankel, a professional story-

teller, shares that skill with first graders. "It is the highlight of my week," she says. "In past years I told stories from Greek mythology. We began with the highlights, the action parts of the Iliad and the Odyssey for two months and then I'd start with famous Greek heroes. I also download images from the internet to help the kids visualize." Since the majority of the class is African American, "I looked for photos of African American actresses who played roles or cartoon images with African American characters. This year we will do African folk tales.

"The kids often interrupt me to tell their stories," she adds. "They also learn concepts and issues. For example, we were discussing Prometheus, how he steals fire from the gods to give to the people. We discussed the fairness of it and the kids didn't think it was fair!"

The program is continuing this year. For information or to become a volunteer, contact Sandy Meyer at [sms@meyeroneagle.com](mailto:sms@meyeroneagle.com) or Maxine Margolies at [mmargx@aol.com](mailto:mmargx@aol.com).

**Men's Club and the Social Action Committee invite you to a screening of the film  
"Groundswell Rising: Protecting Our Children's Air and Water"  
Sunday, December 7 at 10 AM**

Join us for the film, along with a light breakfast and conversation with special guest, Dave Walczak, Associate Producer of the film. A panel of experts will be available for Q & A.

"Groundswell Rising" is a new powerful documentary film about fracking in communities across America. Engrossing and ultimately opti-



mistic towards our energy future, the film explores the moral and ethical is-

sues—the human side—of this important public debate.

The film was directed, edited, and produced by the Emmy Award-winning Resolution Pictures, based near Allentown, PA. For more information on the film go to [www.groundswellrising.com](http://www.groundswellrising.com).

Please RSVP to Maxine Margolies at [mmargx@aol.com](mailto:mmargx@aol.com).

## Religious School

### Jewish Learning in the Digital Age

By Rabbi Alanna Sklover

Facebook Status – updated.

Last night's dinner menu – pinned on Pinterest.

Latest photo of Religious School sukkah decorating – Posted to Instagram.

All set, now I can sit down with a cup of tea and read the Centre Call... wait, maybe I should tweet that: #SundayMornings

We live in a world powered by technology. Over the past decade, both our professional and our social routines have shifted to incorporate new modes of communication and new norms around the ways that we connect to those around us. For children, this has not been so much of transition as just a way of life. To those now in elementary and high school, the internet is something that has always existed (for at least a decade or two before they were born), and having a presence on social media is seen as a rite of passage, a first teenage step into adulthood.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of participating in Jewish Learning Venture's *Jewish Education Technology Fellowship*. Through this program, I have joined with a network of Jewish Educators from across the Philadelphia region both to learn and to ask questions. How is technology being used in school settings across our country? What is working

and not working in Education Technology? What best practices can we adopt and adapt from the world of secular education and bring into our Religious School context? How can tech integration shift the way that Jewish learning takes place in our communities?

In engaging with these topics, it is clear to me that it is not a question of utilizing technology in our classrooms, but integration. It's not about how many smart-boards we can install and how fast our Wi-Fi can be, but rather how we use these and other technologies to enhance student learning and bring our modalities of teaching into synch with the way our students live their lives and experience the world. How we can, as a Religious School, model ways to embrace our digital milieu and integrate our students' tech-based routines into the ways we teach? To go a step further, in what ways can we craft Jewish spaces for our students to use both ancient and modern technology to explore Jewish ritual, observance, and identity – and what will we learn from them about this integration in the process?

One way in which we are experimenting with these important questions in the GJC Religious School this year is through our new Interactive "Prayer Packets." Designed as an at-home learning and practice tool, the Prayer Packets include all of the *t'fillot*

(prayers) for a particular grade in Hebrew and two important resources: a brief description of prayer and 1-2 QR Codes per page. When a student sits down to practice Hebrew (whether alone or with a parent) these QR Codes, which are easily readable by any smartphone or tablet, will open a YouTube or similar online resource with recordings and other useful learning aides! Building on the idea of CD recordings (which offered a single, curated sound file for use in practice), the interactive Prayer Packets go a step further, offering a jumping off point for student curiosity and exploration. The QR Codes link to many different YouTube channels offering more than just the one recording of the prayer. From songs, to animations, to How-To videos, the content uploaded by each of the YouTube artists we linked to provides both students *and parents* with resources to take Jewish learning and experience far beyond the walls of our classrooms and off the pages of our textbooks.

I am excited to hear your impressions of our Interactive Prayer Packets and get your feedback as we revise them for next year – as well as any suggestions you have for new and innovative ways to enhance our students learning and connection to our tradition.



## GJC Retreat for Young Families: A Spiritual Immersion, “Stay-cation,” a Way to Avoid Cooking and Dishes and More!

By Mark Fallon, Retreat Coordinator

The annual Family Retreat for families with children ages 10 and under will be returning for its 5th year this spring. Founded, like so many GJC initiatives, by a small group of members who just wanted to do something a little different, a little more. The retreat can be a chance for spiritual immersion, a camp-like “stay-cation,” a way to avoid cooking and dishes, or all of the above. Whatever take family members have, the retreat is a space for creating and renewing community bonds, a place to spend time with friends we are too busy to see, to meet new ones, to eat, pray and sing and laugh together. To get a better taste of the weekend, last year went something like this:

Friday afternoon: Everyone found their rooms, got settled, and got ready for Shabbat. The group welcomed Shabbat together with blessings and dinner, and the kids ended the day with a group bedtime story in their pajamas. Adults were able to gather and talk after kids were asleep.

Shabbat morning: There were services for different age groups of kids and for adults. Most of the program is lay led, but each year we have been graced with the visit of one of our rabbis to help out for part of the retreat. This year brought Rabbi Alanna to lead children’s service and programming. With the help of her program and babysitting for the younger kids, parents had time to davven, take a walk on the beautiful grounds, and generally enjoy each other’s company.

After lunch: some went for naps, some played board games, some biked outside, some went for a nature walk, some made beaded necklaces and just about everyone made shakeable ice cream! Our many activity choices engaged us all afternoon in a relaxed way, until it was time for dinner and more bedtime stories. The



late evening found the adults making havdallah, singing and playing music, and sharing their own stories.

We ended on Sunday with Michael Elsilas and Dina Pinsky's renowned painting workshop accompanied by live music, and a closing circle to share what we loved about the retreat. Everyone

agreed: same time, same place, next year! That’s May 8-10, 2015 at Malvern Retreat House.

For more information about the retreat, especially those interested in participating or planning this spring, please contact Mark Fallon (mfallon@briarbush.org).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014**

## GJC CELEBRATES! HANUKAH

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ECP Potluck & Class Events begin at 5:30 PM  
ECP families are welcome to join in Candle Lighting & Dessert

6:00PM Latke Dinner, Dreidel-off and Games (RSVPs a MUST!)

7:00PM Candle Lighting & Singing with GJC Choir

7:15PM Hot Cocoa & Sufganiyot (jelly donuts)

7:30PM Teen Programming

7:30PM FREE classes to choose from (geared for ADULTS)

**Dinner is \$7 per person**

**RSVP by December 10 a Must!!**

to Elana Shaw at [program@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:program@germantownjewishcentre.org) or 215-844-1507 X19



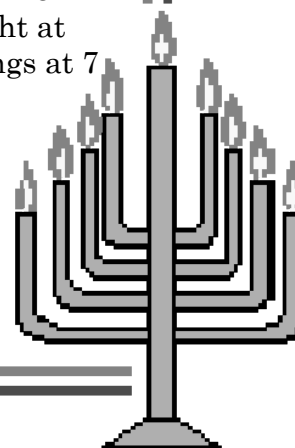
## **Men's Club Hanukiyah** **Fundraiser 2014**

The lawn in front of GJC will once again be home to the Dancing Children Hanukiyah. Since 2000, Men's Club volunteers have assembled the structure. Synagogue members and unaffiliated neighbors have come to look at this menorah as an integral part of the GJC community at holiday time, bringing light to the holiday and the whole neighborhood.

**Please join Men's Club by sponsoring a candle in honor or memory of someone special in your life.** Each night at the lighting the names of those honored will be read. Lightings at 7 PM, Dec. 16-23 except Fri. Dec. 19 at 4 PM.

**To sponsor a candle, please complete the form below and send a check for \$36 per candle to the GJC Men's Club.**

**Please join us in this major fund-raiser to support numerous activities throughout the GJC community.**



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## **Hanukiyah Fundraiser 2014**

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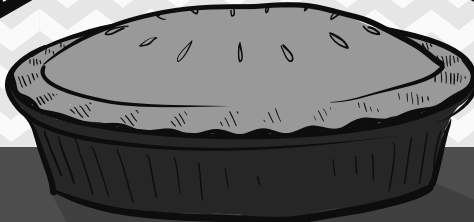
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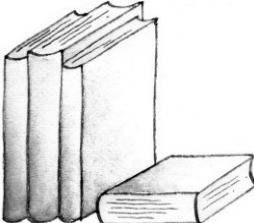
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