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By Rabbi Adam Zeff

The Gifts We Give Each Other

In these weeks we are reading in the Torah of the construction of the *Mishkan*, the temporary Tabernacle in the wilderness that served as the point of connection between the Israelites and God. Later, when the people settled in the Land of Israel, they would create a more permanent dwelling place for God, the Temple in Jerusalem. But the methods through which each of these holy spaces was constructed are a study in contrasts.

In order to build the Temple, King Solomon imposed heavy taxes to gather the resources necessary and forcibly conscripted legions of workers and slaves to do the immense work required to create a House for God. Although these methods did succeed in creating an imposing structure and center for the worship of God, some historians argue that the resentment built up by King Solomon's forceful actions planted the seeds that resulted in the splitting of the Israelite kingdom into two and, eventually, the disintegration of that kingdom entirely.

The building of the *Mishkan* was a much more grassroots process. God provided the idea and the outline of the project, and the people were invited to contribute whatever they could toward making it a reality. The Torah emphasizes the incredible diversity of their gifts. Some offered precious metals – gold, silver, and copper. Others offered wool and linen, bright colors with which to dye them, and cedar for con-

structing the walls of the enclosure. Still others offered their skills – metalworking, weaving, dying, and more – to take these raw materials and turn them into the necessary components for the *Mishkan*. Yet others had neither resources to offer nor relevant skills. What did they do? They offered their willing hands to do the work of carrying and holding, of sifting and digging. They offered their willing hearts to support those who needed help to complete their tasks.

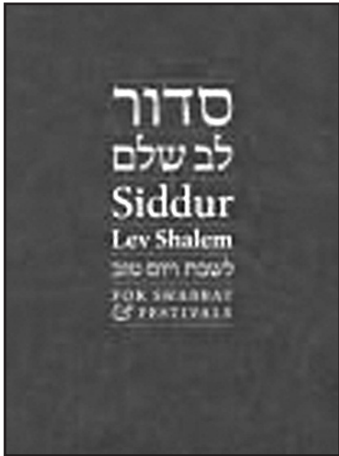
None of these offerings would have been enough by itself. Without the raw materials, the *Mishkan* could not have come into being. Without the skilled artisans to shape the materials into the needed forms, the gold, silver, and bronze, the wool, linen, and dyes, and the beautiful wood would have simply gathered dust in the desert. Without those others who supported the task with their hands and hearts, the artisans could never have completed their work. And without the people willing to gather around the *Mishkan* in times of celebration and in times of uncertainty or mourning, all of the work that went before would have no meaning. It took all of these gifts together to make the *Mishkan* whole and holy, a place where the entire people could gather to renew themselves, to connect with something transcendent, and to join with others to form a *kehilah kedoshah*, a holy community.

We sometimes think of our *kehilah kedoshah*, our holy community at GJC, in terms of the value that we get out of it,

all of the gifts that it brings into our lives. But keeping in mind the model of the building of the *Mishkan*, we should take time to think of our community in terms of the amazing contributions of all kinds that members are constantly bringing to enrich us. We have members who bring us contributions of financial resources or of ritual objects to adorn our sanctuary. We have members who bring their skill as builders, as photographers, as weavers, or as gardeners to turn our place of gathering and worship into a place of beauty. We have members who bring their talents in study and teaching, in song and dance, in cooking and organizing, sharing these gifts with others to make our community richer. We have members who bring their ready hands and giving hearts to support the work of others, to cheer them when they flag and carry them when they falter. And we have members who gather at GJC in times of celebration and of mourning, of joy and uncertainty, creating a focal point to connect with ourselves, with those around us, and with the divine.

Without each of these contributions, our community would not be whole. We need them all, just as we benefit from them all. So I encourage each us to bring our gifts to our community. And I urge us all to appreciate the gifts of others, each unique, each precious, each holy. Together, we, all of us, make our community a true *kehilah kedoshah*.

Nedivot Lev (Offerings of the Heart)



Ex. 25:1-2 ~ Adonai spoke to Moses saying: Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for me from every person whose heart so moves him

To build the sacred space of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, each of the Israelites brought an offering of their heart. Each issue, we will highlight how members of our community are bringing their offerings of the heart to build and enrich the sacred space of our community.

By Rebecca Paquet

The prayerbooks used in the shul on Shabbat pass from hand to hand, one week perhaps read by a thirteen year old at a friend's bar mitzvah, carefully following along with the prayers. The next week, the same book could be held by a decades-long member of GJC, the pages of familiar words offering comfort and familiarity. The prayerbooks weave a path through the synagogue, week after week, connecting members of our community to each other.

It was this thread through GJC that led Dick and Barb Menin to make a generous endowment to the Prayerbook and Ritual Items Fund through the 75th Anniversary campaign. Dick says that he and Barb "were so happy to be able to do it. The prayerbooks are used all the time. I love imagining the trajectory of the book I'm holding this week." The Menins gave because, as Dick says, "we felt part of the community... and we feel it's clearly the right thing to do to support it." Barb agrees: "I believe if we can, we should."

As part of GJC's mission, we strive to welcome a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds. In fact, our mission statement proclaims we are "receptive to the wisdom of many sources in Judaism. We engage in life-long learning and strive to make Judaism relevant and important to our members' lives." GJC encour-

ages "a variety of styles and settings for religious practice" and cultivates multiple prayer communities. Dick and Barb believe GJC is upholding its mission well. "A big part of our synagogue's mission is education, for all ages... to enhance Jewish life for people who practice at all levels."

The Menins love GJC's inclusiveness and diversity: its *ruach*. Barb appreciates that "we encourage participation from everyone, regardless of their skill level." Dick values the high level of education in the GJC community. At the synagogue, Dick wants to be asked to think more deeply, "to wrestle with G-d," and apply what he learns to his life as a whole. "There's a wonderful sense of curiosity," he says, "and an understanding that there are many ways to approach Jewish learning." One way to do this is through our prayerbooks, including the new *Siddur Lev Shalem*, arriving soon at GJC.

Rabbi Zeff discovered the soon-to-be-released *Siddur Lev Shalem* through our High Holidays prayerbook, the *Mahzor Lev Shalem*. During his tenure at GJC, Rabbi Leonard Gordon worked on a project for ten years to acquire the *Mahzor*, from which the new *Siddur* stems. With an advance copy of the *Siddur* in hand, Rabbi Zeff reached out to the Religious Committee, as well as a larger group over the Minyan Masorti listserv, for opinions and feedback. A spirited discussion about the book's merits ensued, with the response being overwhelmingly positive. The Menins' endowment enabled GJC to procure copies of the new *Siddur*.

In the same way the Menins feel the prayerbooks connect our community, GJC congregants from myriad back-

grounds can connect to *Siddur Lev Shalem*. Like the *Mahzor*, the pages of the *Siddur* feature four columns: the prayers in Hebrew, the prayers in transliteration, the prayers in English, and commentary. The latter, in particular, sparks Linda Kriger's interest. She finds the *Mahzor* "intensely rich." During the High Holidays, she found her "mind would be absorbed in reading the commentary. The fact that there's a prayerbook that mimics that gives me great joy. I'm someone who enjoys innovation, though I do appreciate tradition, so I feel the new prayerbook will provide a little bit of both." Chip Becker, who did not have a traditional religious upbringing, looks forward to the new *siddur* as well. He admits not having "the same ease with our liturgy that many others enjoy." Though he has learned a lot since then, he says, "I will be glad to have a *siddur* with explanations, commentary, and readings that help me better engage with services and prayer."

One of Dick's most enduring memories of the GJC community is saying the Mourner's Kaddish for the first time, when his father died. Having the congregation gathered around, reading the response line, struck him in a profound way. He had the "understanding that comes with the experience of loss, and of being in the presence of Jewish community... these are the people who are supporting me. This is what community is all about."

Prepare to learn and connect with *Siddur Lev Shalem* at GJC in the coming weeks. For more information, please visit <http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org>.



Shabbat Chai-Lites

March 12

- Charry Service & Minyan Masorti (EARLY, 9:30 AM):
*Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Miller, daughter of
Gavi Miller & Minna Ziskind*
- Parashat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

March 18 & 19

- Kol Zimrah
- Charry Service: *Men's Club Shabbat*
- Musical Marching Minyan

March 23 & 24

- GJC Celebrates! Purim
- Dorshei Derekh & Minyan Masorti Purim Services
- Morning Minyan & Purim Service

April 1 & 2

- Kol Ha-Lev Service (Voice of the Heart)
- Kol D'Mamah

April 9 (Rosh Hodesh Nisan)

- Charry Service: 5th Grade reads Haftarah,
6th Grade reads Torah
- Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

April 15 & 16

- Kol Zimrah
- BBMM Shabbat
- Charry Service: Women's Shabbat (EARLY, 9:30 AM)
- Musical Marching Minyan

April 22 & 23: Pesach

- Siyyum
- NO Friday evening service
- Charry, Dorshei Derekh & Minyan Masorti Pesach
Day 1 & Shabbat services

April 24: Pesach

- Combined Charry & Minyan Masorti Pesach service

April 29: Pesach

- Combined Charry & Minyan Masorti Pesach service
- Dorshei Derekh Pesach service with Yizkor
- Erev Shabbat Service

April 30: Pesach

- Charry & Minyan Masorti Pesach Day 8
& Shabbat services with Yizkor
- Dorshei Derekh Shabbat service

Kabbalat Shabbat / Kol Zimrah / Kol Ha-Lev
Fridays at 6 PM (unless otherwise noted)

Shabbat Morning Services at 10 AM
(unless otherwise noted)

Musical Marching Minyan at 11 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.

What's New in the Mishpoche?

(January 2016 – February 2016)

IN CELEBRATION...

Nan Daniels on the birth of her grand-daughter, Tessa Brett Wallis, daughter of Jessica & Jeffrey Wallis.

Lynne & Art Ellis on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Linda Cherkas & Chaim Dworkin on the wedding of their son Akiva to Tova Glebocki in Jerusalem.

Zoey Zaslow-Lowe, daughter of Tristin Lowe & Rebecca Zaslow, on becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Rabbi Robert Tabak & Ruth Loew on the birth of their granddaughter.

Nahariyah Mosenkis on her ordination as a rabbi.

Jemma Mines, daughter of Daniel Mines & Liza Somers, on becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Mei Rosenzweig, daughter of Laurance Rosenzweig & Hideko Secrest, on becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Phyllis Berman, on "retiring" from her 36½ year mission as the founding director of the Riverside Language Program in New York City, and her transition to expanding her work in a spiritual direction.

Sarah Miller, daughter of Gavi Miller & Minna Ziskind, on becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Harris & Jane Steinberg, on the engagement of their son Isaac Steinberg to Hilary Chipetz.

IN MEMORIAM

Harold Barkan, grandfather of **Craig Barkan**

Hans George Hirsch, father of **Naomi Hirsch**

Chaya Aleeza, mother of **Itzhak Kornfeld**

Stephen Wolnek, father of **Ivan Wolnek**

Norma Walton, mother of **Rivkah Walton**

Amiel Braverman, spouse of **Rona Pietrzak**

Lib Conner, mother of **Chris Levin**

Rabbi Philip Goodman, husband of **Malka Goodman**

Join us in welcoming new members

Sara Rickles

Tamar Jacobson

Rabbi Erica Steelman

Welcome back to

Jacob & Dana Goldberg & Family

Program Highlights

March 12

JAFFNA,
Phila. World Music Ensemble

March 13

Hazak Film & Discussion:
Radio Days

March 20

Purim Carnival

March 23

GJC Celebrates! Purim

April 9

G'vanim Music Concert

April 10

Women's Club Program:
Fair Trade

Songs of Freedom!
JAM w/ Chana Rothman

April 27

Israel Program:
Sarah Kreimer (Beit Berl College)

Israeli Dancing at the GJC

By Tamar Magdovitz

GJC has a thriving and friendly Israeli folk dance group which has been meeting here for the past 19 years. We meet on Sunday mornings during the school year, and on Wednesday evenings during the summer. We do a mix of old and new dances, and anyone is welcome to request a favorite.

It is a relaxed, warm, and welcoming group of people, largely due to our beloved teacher, Grant Shulman. The dancers come from the neighborhood and well beyond to enjoy the fellowship and exercise, both mental and physical. With skill, good humor, kindness, and an obser-

vant eye, Grant teaches clearly and patiently, and notes without frustration when review is needed. We hope you will come by and experience the joy and pleasure that radiates throughout the room along with the music, the beautiful dancers, and the compelling rhythms.

For more information, contact Tamar Magdovitz at 215-247-9614.

ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays (Sept.-June) & Wednesdays (July-Aug.)
March-April 2016 at 10:00 AM (excluding March 27 & April 24)

Taught by our wonderful, experienced dance teacher, Grant Shulman, GJC's Israeli dance group welcomes dancers of all ages and levels. We begin each session with 45 minutes of beginner dances, followed by instruction, review, open dancing and requests with increasing levels of difficulty. GJC's dance group is proud to be friendly and inclusive.

For more information, contact Tamar Magdovitz
at tamarmagdovitz@gmail.com.



2016 GJC YOUNG FAMILIES RETREAT - Registration open!

Registration is now open for the 2016 GJC Young Families Retreat! This annual event will be held Friday, May 6 (late afternoon) through Sunday, May 8 (early afternoon) at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA. The retreat gives families with young children (infants through tweens) time to connect, celebrate Shabbat, play, pray, sing and laugh together. We welcome new and returning families! Please register by filling out the online form and by making payment to GJC. Your family's spot will be reserved once GJC receives payment. Financial aid is available! Please request it on the form. Contact Maria Pulzetti for the link to the registration form and with any questions: maria.pulzetti@gmail.com.



Early Childhood Program (ECP)

Havdallah, and Waking Up! in GJC's Early Childhood Program

By Anna Goldberg

Every Friday, the toddler classes come together to sing Shabbat songs with the Rabbis. As we sing about sleeping on Shabbat, the children begin shouting "WAKE UP!" Then the sleeping Rabbi jumps up, and all the children laugh. It is a quintessential toddler joke, but it also illustrates the importance of moving from daily life to Shabbat, and back.

Since October, the ECP children and teachers have been working on a new Havdallah ritual. Whenever our week starts, usually Monday, we all come together to celebrate the beginning of the week. The teachers were not sure the children would like this, but time and again, they ask to celebrate Havdallah, and the ritual has taken hold. We see the children seeking siblings and friends out when they sit together on the carpet. We hear them ask for the familiar

songs. We sing a special "Hinei Ma Tov" at the beginning, and everyone sways back and forth. We check to see if there are any birthdays, or special family occasions like the birth of siblings. There is a feeling that these things are best shared with the whole school, and we all come together to celebrate. Then the children sit back and wait for the special candle. They exclaim that it is a BIG candle, very hot. We can't touch it! We sing the blessings. We make Kiddush, and then we wrestle with the Besamim - the spices. It is a tall order to ask preschoolers to handle a small bag of something interesting, politely sniffing, and then passing it, without opening it and dumping the contents, or hiding it. But we get through it as a group. Then it's downhill through blessing the candle, and blessing the knowledge of the differ-



ence between sacred and profane. We sing "Shavuah Tov!" Have a good week! And we sing "Ose Shalom." Lately we have been adding one more seasonally appropriate song at the end, "Mishe Nichnas Adar," in celebration of the month of Adar.

In preschool we celebrate! Hooray for the division between dark and light, between sleeping and waking. What better way to mark the division than by gathering together and singing?!



LOTS FOR TOTS at GJC

SING • DANCE • LAUGH • LEARN • Explore and connect with other families.

Purim Carnival	Sunday, March 20 (11 AM-1 PM)
GJC Celebrates! Purim	Wednesday, March 23 (6:30 PM)
Songs of Freedom! Passover JAM with Chana Rothman	Sunday, April 10 (4:00 PM)
Pizza Bagel & Pasta Dinner (perfect for families!) Kol Zimrah Musical Service	Friday, March 18 & April 15 (5:15 PM/6:00 PM)

Songs of Freedom! Passover JAM with Chana Rothman

Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 PM

As we gear up to celebrate Passover, join GJC Rabbis, Chana Rothman, and friends on Sunday, April 10 for a musical exploration of what it means to be free. Come sing, dance and rock out together as Chana shares some of her original songs from Rainbow Train. Although GJC's JAM programming is geared toward those ages 2-5, this concert can be enjoyed by all ages! Advanced RSVP is appreciated: www.germantownjewishcentre.org/songs-of-freedom or to program@germantownjewishcentre.org

Tot Storytime at the Big Blue Marble	Fridays, March 11 and April 15, 10:30 AM
Baby & Me at GJC (0-9mths)	Every Friday at 11:00 AM in the Maslow Auditorium
Musical Marching Minyan (0-preK)	Every third Saturday of the month, 11:00 AM
Ginat Shabbat (through age 7)	Saturdays, 11:00 AM (10AM on third Sat. of month)
Shabbat Childcare (ages 2-5)	Saturdays, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hazak (55+) presents



Sunday, March 13 at 10 AM

The radio is the medium that connects the provincial Jewish neighborhood Rockaway Beach with the glamour of cosmopolitan Manhattan in this hilarious, semi-fictional memoir of a family around the time of the Second World War.

Join Hazak to nosh, watch an amazing film and share meaningful conversation.

RSVP to Coleman Poses at
cposes@verizon.net or (215) 242-5847.

Refuat HaNefesh Jewish Healing Service

7-8 pm in the Charry Sanctuary
on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

A contemplative evening service that draws on elements of Ma'ariv and will provide mourners the opportunity to say Kaddish. All are welcome.



**March-May
2016 schedule**

March 9th

April 13th

May 11th

The Humans of **THE LITTLE SHOP**

Hours

Sun	9 am-12:30
Mon	closed
Tues/Wed	12-7:30 pm
Thurs	12-5 pm
Fri	12-4 pm



Professor Anne B. Shlay receives many compliments when she wears her fashionable scarf from the Little Shop given to her by the Women's Club.



Noah R. registers for gifts for his Bar Mitzvah with help from Marcy.

Monthly Specials

- 10% off seder plates and matzah covers in March
- 10% off kiddush cups in April

Special Discounts

Upon Request

- 10% off all scarves in honor of Professor Anne Shlay

Social Action Update

New Ways To Get Involved In POWER!

Many of you have asked how you can get more involved in POWER. As a result of input from GJC and other congregations, POWER has recently made some programming and governance changes that will open up new opportunities to get involved and work directly with members of other POWER congregations. These include:

ACTION TEAMS: Five teams that will meet monthly on the same night to create a comprehensive campaign strategy by meeting as a whole, then breaking into strategy teams, then coming back together. Each congregation is expected to have at least three members participate, and more are encouraged.

The five teams are:

- Education
- Economic Justice
- Mass Decarceration (Criminal Justice)
- Communication
- Fundraising

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: POWER members from congregations across the city gather quarterly to celebrate successes, learn about current activities, approve plans of the Action Teams, and provide input into major decisions, in conjunction with the Board, which has final authority.

Each paid-up member congregation of POWER can send as many people to the Assembly as it likes; each Local Organizing

Committee (LOC) gets one vote. Decisions in the Assembly are made based on one congregation one vote.

INTERESTED?

Visit POWER's newly redesigned web page www.powerinterfaith.org to sign up for weekly updates and to see an interactive calendar of events.

Two upcoming events of interest:

- March 15 – Action Team Meeting, 6-9 PM, Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Germantown Ave. and Upsal Streets, Philadelphia 19119
- April 12 – Quarterly Legislative Assembly

Scenes from the 2016 Women's Clothing Exchange



Volunteers worked hard to make this year's Women's Clothing Exchange as successful as ever. On January 31, GJC members and neighbors from all over Philadelphia came to have fun at this popular event. Proceeds were donated to HIAS-PA and the GJC Women's Club.



Diane King

Member Spotlight

By Linda Kriger

Diane King is 91 and still active and engaged in the world. Having lived the last six years at Rydal Park, a retirement community, she takes advantage of virtually every class and group activity offered there and relishes the way they feed her mind and body.

Long-timers at Germantown Jewish Centre will remember Diane as a teacher for 17 years in the religious school. In an era when most women did not work, Diane maintained a family and professional life. Hebrew school was in the afternoon. "So when I had my babies, I was at home until 2:30, put them down for a nap, and when my second child was 18 months, I traded my \$25 a week for full time help. I worked 4-6 and I was home at 6:30." Diane remembers asking her daughter after she was grown what she missed by having a mom who worked. "Mom, the only thing I missed was waiting until 6:30 to tell you what I wanted to tell you at 3:30." "That's not bad," Diane thought.

Born in South Philadelphia, Diane attended the Taggart School and South Philadelphia High School for Girls, known as Southern, at Broad and Snyder. "We weren't poor. My mother had golden hands and made all my clothes. We had a wonderful extended family, and my mother had a wonderful family who had to settle in Canada after 1924 when immigration to the U.S. was closed. Every summer or two, I went to Canada with loads of cousins."

Diane's father was in the Russian

Army during World War I. He was captured and worked as a slave in the mines in Germany. He did not come home to Ukraine until 1921. He met Diane's mother and came to the U.S. in 1923.

They settled in Philadelphia to join her father's older brother who had started a factory making hot dogs and salamis. "I loved being first generation" American, Diane said, with a broad smile. "I used to love the older generation. My mother took me to the shvitz. There was a hot tub, cold tub and massage and branches you hit yourself with."

Diane's parents were founding members of a non-denominational Jewish Educational Center II, a Talmud Torah in South Philadelphia that met five days a week. They enrolled Diane at age 5, and she continued to go to Talmud Torah every day after school. "We didn't belong to a synagogue," she recalled. "There were only little Orthodox stiebels."

She prayed at the Center's children's services and graduated from the school at 14, the year Diane substituted for her older sister teaching 11 year olds in Hebrew school. "I said, 'They won't listen to me.' But I was 5 feet 7 inches tall and lo and behold they listened to me. They thought I was a teacher. I loved the experience."

The question was where should she go next? There was no question but that her Jewish education would continue. Because she was 14, "Gratz College wouldn't take me because their students started at 16, but I'd had nine years of Hebrew school five days a week, so they made an exception and I got a teaching diploma."

Armed with a Gratz diploma, Diane continued teaching at the Hebrew school she graduated from. "Every day, I'd come home from high school and would go teach," she recalled, her eyes

bright with the recollection "I really liked it."

Because Diane was first in her class at Southern, she, like all students who were first in their class in Philadelphia public high schools, received a full scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, which then cost \$400 a year. She became chemistry major, largely because she loved her high school chemistry teacher.

Then she met Leon (Lee). "He was talking outside of Horn and Hardart's to a woman I met when I first came to Penn. (For those too young to remember this emblematic restaurant, you opened little windows to tiny cubicles and pulled out the dish you wanted while the cooks in the back immediately replaced the item.) "I walked over and we ate lunch together and he walked me to the campus. I'm a talkative person and he said later that he fell in love with me that day. But I had a boyfriend and Lee was just my friend. I never dreamed I'd marry him, but there is a God."

After graduating from Penn in 1945, Diane said to herself, "Look, I'm a chemist and I know I have to earn money. My parents couldn't support me." She worked as a chemist at Graduate hospital in a lab and then worked three years at Publicker Industries, a huge company, which at the time made whiskies, chemicals and industrial alcohols that were sold around the nation.

Diane's boyfriend, Cy, went off to the service (Lee had impaired vision and was rejected) and she didn't see Cy for a couple of years. In the meantime she dated Lee a lot. "In those days you didn't have to be exclusive, if you weren't engaged. I'd go to the USO and dance with the soldiers. But Cy wanted to be engaged and was coming home. Our families were

going to meet. When Cy came back, I didn't want to be engaged. I'd met him when I was 15 and he was 18. It was a young love.

"We broke up in February and in June I happened to bump into Lee on the campus." She told him she'd broken up with Cy. "I was 19. He asked me if I wanted to see Oklahoma. (The musical, not the state.) He had gotten a ticket for his mom. His mom was the most precious soul. She had broken her hip and was in the hospital. And that's how it began. On Christmas Eve he kissed me and it was a totally different thing. We married Nov. 30, 1946." They were married for 68 years. Lee, who came to Rydal Park at age 88, still worked as a financial adviser until three years before his death in September 2014 at 93.

They have three children: Cheryl, Elliot, and Louis, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Lou is the IT strategist at Yale, Elliot is a professor at Loyola University in Maryland and Cheryl is a retired occupational therapist who worked for the state of New York.

When they were first married, they lived in S. Philadelphia and then at

Wayne and Walnut Lane in Germantown, when she was pregnant with her first child. Bill Lakritz was then principal at GJC. He'd seen Diane do workshops and approached her to teach at GJC after her baby was born. She taught at GJC in the Bet class up through Hay from 1950 to 1967. (Among her students was Lee Dushoff.)

Diane and her husband joined GJC in 1950, which means she's been a member for 65 years. Commenting on her years at the religious school, she reflected, "I was born a teacher. I didn't know that. I didn't think I could make a living in the Hebrew school. I thought I liked chemistry when really I liked my high school chemistry teacher. Chemistry was lonely. I needed a profession where I'm with people."

In 1967, Diane divided her time between teaching at GJC and as a consultant for the division of community services run by Gratz College. Dr. Bill Lakritz had by then become head of the Board of Jewish Education, which served Conservative synagogues and he asked her to become a full time consultant. She did. Diane furthered her Jewish education at Dropsie University and got a masters and doctorate in education.

She became an assistant and then associate professor at Gratz College and taught in the Masters of Jewish Education degree program. She retired from the division of community services in 1988, and is still listed as a faculty member at Gratz. She stopped teaching in her late '80s and continued to mentor masters' degree students.

Diane attends GJC on the High Holidays, belongs to Hazak and Women's Club. She gets to GJC seven or eight times a year, most recently for a program on the painter Frieda Kahlo sponsored by Hazak.

She reads, swims three times a week, attends classes on comparative religion, Bible, goes to a word group, and current events group and keeps a positive outlook. "All the programs are fabulous," she said. "I'm very busy. I just so like it here. I'm feeding my mind and my body. I walk inside. I'm a third of a mile from my dining room. Sometimes I do it two or three times a day, so I walk over a mile." Diane is, as they say, aging gracefully and with grace.

Adult Education Spring Courses at a Glance

The listings below represent what remains of our 2015-2016 adult education course offerings. We are busy planning the new year! Course descriptions can be found on our website at www.germantownjewishcentre.org/spring-adult-ed.

Advanced registration is requested for all courses to administrative@germantownjewishcentre.org.

Title	Instructor(s)	Timing	Dates	Cost Members/ Non Members
Jewish Theology: Spinoza to Kaplan and Beyond...	Rabbi Zeff & Rabbi Lewis	Sunday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	\$50/\$65
Six More Cities and Jewish History	Rabbi Robert Tabak	Wednesday 7:30-9:00 AM	Mar 2, 9, 16, 30; Apr 6, 13	\$75/\$100
Torah & Technology	David Zvi Kalman	Sunday 10:00-11:30 AM	Apr 3, 10, 17; May 8, 15, 22	\$75/\$100
Bible & Archaeology: Two Witnesses to Ancient Israel	Elizabeth Bloch-Smith	Wednesday 7:00-9:00 PM	Apr 27; May 4, 11	\$50/\$65

Pinat Ha-Hinuch (Education Corner)

By Rabbi Alanna Sklover

On a snowy Monday in January, in the midst of all of the sledging, snowplows, and shoveling out of cars, we celebrated the Jewish holiday of Tu BiShevat. This date, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat, is the new year for the trees... a sort of Jewish arbor day. **Why, one might wonder, do we celebrate the new year of the trees in the middle of the winter - at a time during the year-cycle when much of the world is blanketed in snow, and the trees stand stark and bare out our windows? Wouldn't it make more sense to schedule this type of holiday at the height of spring amid the cherry blossoms, or in the fall at the height of the autumn colors?** The answer that one most often hears to this question is that Tu BiShevat falls at the time of year because of our connection to Israel - this is the moment

when the almond blossoms, the first fragrant buds of spring, are beginning to bloom.

But, I want to offer an *additional explanation*. **Perhaps Tu BiShevat's timing feeling "out of sync" with the seasons helps us to direct our attention to other things that feel "off" or "out of sync" in our environment.** Were Tu BiShevat to fall at the height of the trees' beauty and bounty, it would be easy to look out the window and say, "Wow - what a beautiful world we live in, where everything is just as it should be!" It would be easy to forget that we live in a world threatened by global warming, pollution, and over-consumption of resources. It would be easy to ignore the part that



we each can play in taking action to ensure a future for those trees and the rest of our global eco-system. As we celebrate the trees during the cold and harsh winter, we get the chance to remember that the world and its environment are fragile, and we all have a part to play to help it to keep blooming and renewing as we look towards a future (and a spring) of warmth, light, and new growth.

Hazak

By Helen Feinberg & Coleman Poses

It was a dark and stormy night. The perfect time to see the movie *Rashomon*, which takes place during a dark and stormy day. Of course, there were many flashbacks in the film – some to sunnier times – but that did not detract from the doom and gloom that permeated the movie. It also did not detract from the lively discussion after the film, or the tasty noshes that participants could help themselves to while keeping their eyes on the screen. *Rashomon* was HAZAK's January event, which was such a success that we are hoping to show another movie on Sunday, March 13. The HAZAK book group has also

been active, with its discussion of *Trains of Thought: Paris to Omaha Beach*, *Memories of a Wartime Youth*, by Victor Brombert in January, and *Girl on the Train*, by Paula Hawkins in February.

Please join Rabbi Annie Lewis & Hazak on Wednesday, April 6th at 11:00 AM for *Passover in Poetry*. As we gear up to celebrate Passover, we will read and discuss poetry about the themes of freedom and telling stories from generation to generation. As we celebrate the freedom of expression, we will also have an opportunity to do some writing of our own.

Upcoming book group books and dates are:

Book	Author	Date
The Rent Collector	Camron Wright	March 9
A Backpack, a Bear, and 8 Crates of Vodka	Lev Golinkin	April 13
Catch the Jew!	Tuvia Tenenbom	May 11

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

March 8th
Henna House
by Nomi Eve

April 12th
Little Failure
by Gary Shteyngart

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM
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20 Days of Impact

The Intersection of Jewish Learning & Living

Germantown Jewish Centre's founders built our school building years before our sanctuary, contrary to the order in which most synagogues are built, because their first priority was to create a school for our children. They focused not on their own immediate needs but instead on creating a Jewish future for the next generation. We guard the *ner tamid* (eternal flame) they lit by thinking, like them, beyond our own immediate needs to our vision of the future, providing a strong Jewish foundation for our children and our children's children.

To implement that vision, we are calling on you to participate in a fundraising campaign called "20 Days of Impact: The Intersection of Jewish Learning and Living." This idea – that Jewish education must be woven into the fabric of our lives -- is the philosophy on which we base our youth programming, from Religious School, to children's services, to youth group programs, to our teen *madreichim* (leadership). Over the next 20 days, we are asking you to help us raise \$20,000 in matching funds to support the retention of Rabbi Alanna Sklover in the position of Rabbi Educator. We have received \$20,000 in challenge funds - combined support from anonymous donors, the late Sidney and Bunny Stein, and from the Julius and Ray Charlestein Foundation - with the intention that the funds would inspire **you** to give. As of this writing, we have already received over \$5,784 in pledges to kick off this matching challenge, and 100% participation from the executive committee. From now through the end of March, we will be showing you the myriad of ways our community of communities is enriched by having Rabbi Alanna serve as our Rabbi Educator. Please join us in contributing a personally meaningful amount to this campaign.

Rabbi Adam Zeff

Mathieu J. Shapiro, President

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BINAH ~ INSIGHT

Rabbi Alanna revitalized the educational offerings at GJC. She has the ability to dream how Jewish education can be wonderful.
~ Rabbi Fredi Cooper



HACHNASAH ~ WELCOMING

Rabbi Alanna impacts the GJC community by maintaining a deep connection to parents. She worked hard with local teachers to create a Mussar class especially geared towards the needs of parents. She supports parents by deeply listening to them and turning what she hears into amazing family programming, thus making GJC a warm and welcoming setting for families.
~ Abby Weinberg



HITHAYAVUT ~ COMMITMENT

Rabbi Alanna's impact on GJC is such that we simply cannot imagine GJC without her. Well beyond the excellent education she provides for our children, she brings a depth of knowledge and compassion to our entire community with her rare ability to connect with children and grown-ups in equally profound ways.

~ Dan & Lila Berman



HA'ASAKAH ~ ENGAGEMENT

Rabbi Alanna's amazing impact reaches from the youngest children to teenagers to adults in our congregation. In my search for a synagogue, I brought my very shy six year old daughter to meet her. Within ten minutes, Rabbi Alanna and my reticent child were chatting like old friends. Three years later, we are satisfied, engaged congregants and my daughter happily goes to Religious School and leads us in the prayers at home.

~ Janet Kroll



When she first came to GJC, Rabbi Alanna created the *b'reirot* program. Every week, after Hebrew, students go to their *b'reirah* (elective) and let their Jewish imagination take flight! This quarter, some students decided to sign up for "Build-a-Prayer" where they learn about different pieces of the service and explore what they mean in general – and more importantly what they mean to the students themselves – and build their own interpretations out of LEGOs. One of the students chose the *Shema*. This is a minyan of all different kinds of Jews facing the ark and covering their eyes while saying the *Shema*. A holy moment!



Most 4th graders just learn about Jewish lifecycle, but at GJC Religious School students learn it in a way that really *rocks*! In October, as they prepared to welcome each of their "pet rocks" with its own Hebrew name, they researched their own naming rituals and family traditions. They learned about Jewish traditions, discovered the origins of their own names, and blended all of these pieces together into their own creative "baby naming" ceremonies for their rocks. After inviting their parents to class on the day of the naming ceremonies, something special happened. One student, after leading her classmates in the welcome song *Hinei Mah Tov*, read a special poem and explained "this was a poem that my mom read at my baby naming, and also at my little brother's bris. I used it because I thought it would be special for my mom to read it at my child's naming too, because I want to welcome her into our family as well as the Jewish community." Her mom started to cry, and hugged her tight. Perhaps a new family tradition started that morning...

I M P A C T

- There are 254 children infant through age 18 at GJC.
- 40 families with children age 0 to 5 have participated in Shabbat Warm-up Storytime with Rabbi Sklover at the Big Blue Marble bookstore.
- 82% of Jewish children who attend GJC's Early Childhood Program continue on to the Religious School or Day School.
- There are 89 children in 62 families in the Religious School.
- 16 teens work in the Religious School as madreichim (teen aides).
- 60 families from Religious School and Day Schools participate in Beit Midrash.
- 97 volunteers from age 1 to 65+ participated in GJC's MLK Day of Service.
- Countless families, children and individuals participate in GJC Celebrates! programs.



HIDUSH ~ INNOVATION

Rabbi Alanna inspired me to take chances and try things out. I feel that in Judaism there needs to be a place for experimenting, and she has helped me find that place.
~ Anna Goldberg



RUAH ~ SPIRIT

Rabbi Alanna has made the Religious School the place we want it to be. We feel that kids are getting a Jewish education that we, the parents, want.
~ Denise Wolf

Last spring, just before Passover, an organization paid for an Islamophobic ad to run on the sides of SEPTA buses. That year, the *marror* and *hazeret* weren't just bitter herbs on the Religious School students' plates reminding them of the ancient slavery their ancestors experienced thousands of years ago. They learned about the bitterness of oppression in modern society and reflected on what it means to us as Jews, a people who were once slaves but now are free, to stand up for the rights of others. As part of the Interfaith Center's #DareToUnderstand campaign, Rabbi Alanna had every student in the religious school do a "matzah rubbing" and write their own message of hope, pluralism, and acceptance as they both named and stood up against the hatred that threatens the world today.



"Be kind to everyone no matter what religion or what they look like" and "Treat people equally"



Josie feels lucky to have two Jewish homes: her family home and her GJC home. With her teachers and friends at GJC, she learns new skills that help connect her to her history and heritage. She gets to do projects and activities that spark her imagination about what kind of Jewish person she could grow up to be. With her family, she gets to fully experience and share in the joy of what it means to live a Jewish life. She loves sharing what she's learned in Religious School with her family and making new traditions they can return to year after year.



HACHLALAH ~ INCLUSION

Rabbi Alanna has helped my friend whose son has special needs, and helped him to have a great Jewish education.
~ Rabbi Fredi Cooper



KO'AH ~ ENERGY

Rabbi Alanna impacts GJC with her upbeat energy, bright smile and incredible ability to discuss, explain or answer any question that is posed to her. She has brought a high level of children's programming and new ideas to GJC that touches everyone in the shul.
~ Leslie Pontz

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GJC Celebrates!

Purim

Wed, March 23
6:30 pm



**Come in costume & continue the
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Creative Megillat Esther Reading

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Costume Parade

and, with many thanks to the GJC Women's Club,
LOTS of hamentaschen!

**Be sure to check out the Minyan Masorti
& Dorshei Derekh Purim Festivities
later that same evening!**

Win A Trip To Israel!

The Annual Passport to Israel Purim fundraiser drawing will be held at GJC's Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20, 2016. Order your Passports today before they sell out! First prize is a trip for two to Israel (\$4,000 value) or \$4,000 in State of Israel bonds. Second prize - \$360; third prize - \$180.

**Ticket sales are limited to 500. No cash prize in lieu of first prize of Israel trip or Israel bonds.
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**Send completed form with payment (\$30 per Passport) to: Germantown Jewish Centre, Men's Club,
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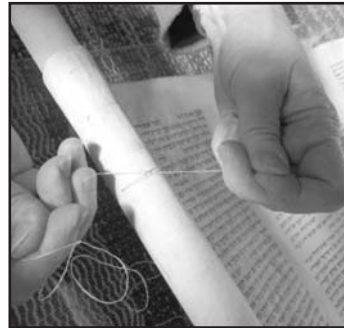
Women's Club News

By Marcy Fish and Yona Diamond Dansky, Co-Presidents

The Women's Club logo includes the phrase, *Enriching the Fabric of GJC*. Part of the fabric of our community includes actual fabrics. Maxine Feldman and Eve Pinkenson are now leading a group of Women's Club investigators, collecting the history of our beautiful hand woven Torah mantles (covers). These are the beautiful purple and blue covers currently being used in the Charry Sanctuary and Magil Chapel. Much of the weaving was done originally by Bet Arigah (House of Weaving) by Evelyn Applebaum and her good friend from GJC, Belle Quitman, in the 1960s. Evelyn taught Belle to weave. Later, Debbie Sclan updated ones that needed replacing. If you have some knowledge of how and when these were made, or personal stories about the people who made them, please contact Eve or Maxine. Women's Club plans to compile the information and photos for all to see. When our new Torah mantles are completed, we will honor the old ones with a special display. The new Torah covers in the Charry will be created by artist Jeanette Kuvín Oren. Deborah Schwartzman, the artist who made the beautiful art quilt in the Magil Chapel, will create new Torah mantles for that space. For those who are interested in information about making a dedication of a new Torah mantles, please see the fly-



January FaceTime meeting with artist Jeanette Kuvín Oren, who will be creating the new Torah mantle covers.



ers that are in the holders around the building.

In enriching the community, Women's Club is involved with (whether sponsoring or co-sponsoring) many programs and projects. In recent weeks, Frida Kahlo "appeared" at GJC on January 10th. She was portrayed by Dr. Nina Haydel, who is a Professor of Literature, Composition and Graduate Education. In addition, the Women's Clothing Give Away took place on January 31st providing clothing for many in need, the Intergenerational Gatherings continue regularly, and a Cake Decorating Class was presented on February 28th by Susan Parnes of Frosted Cake Studio.

Women's Club held our annual Purim Bash on March 5, to the theme of Rock Around the Clock. We had the always clever Purim Schpiel, a collaboration between Rabbi Zeff, Chuck Schleifer and the GJC Choir, a costume contest, DJ, delicious food, a silent and live auction and lots of FUN! This year's event also included free childcare and children's programming, and the addi-



Dr. Nina Haydel performed with vivid details about the short but intense life of artist Frida Kahlo in our January Women's Club Sunday program.

tion of the Silver Lounge Night Club, which hosted Sinatra tunes and make-your-own cocktail stations.

The Purim Bash provides the Women's Club with critical funds for numerous GJC activities and programs in addition to our Building Beautiful activities (new Torah covers this year). It also includes maintaining our other Judaica, and refurbishing areas inside and outside the building. We use funds for Shabbat and High Holiday childcare, and subsidize the Religious School and our Early Childhood Program. Women's Club offers our thanks to the GJC community for supporting this event!

Germantown Jewish Centre would like to extend thanks and gratitude to the Wolfe Family Foundation for generously supporting and making our programming possible.

Torah Fund Event

What is it?

The Torah Fund Campaign is a national effort by Women's Clubs throughout the country to raise money and support for the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS).

We actually offer a world-class brunch at the beautiful home of one of our congregants with over 100 friends and Centre neighbors enjoying noshing and schmoozing.

Our Women's Club members do the cooking and baking and the morning is sensational! Although there is no charge, we hope that attendees will donate to Torah Fund in support of JTS.

Who's the Honoree?

Sandy Meyer, long time GJC member and Women's Club member. Sandy served on the Religious School Committee and was a member of the GJC Board. As for Women's Club, Sandy



hit the Executive Board Tri-fecta -- Financial Secretary, Membership VP and Program VP.

When is this event?

Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11 AM.

Where is it?

The event is at the beautiful home of George and Kathy Amrom.

Why do we do this?

Two reasons ...

This fundraiser supports the Seminary. The leaders trained by JTS—rabbi, cantors, scholars, educators, communal professionals, and lay activists prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century—serve Conservative Judaism, the vital religious center for North American Jewry, and our society as a whole.

We take this opportunity to honor a dedicated woman from within our community.

This year we are honoring Sandy Meyer. By attending our event, you will learn all about this remarkable woman and how she has enriched our GJC community. We also invite a guest speaker each year who is always interesting, entertaining and topical. Our speaker this year is GJC member, Lila Corwin Berman, Temple University Associate Professor of History; Murray Friedman Chair of American Jewish History; and Director of the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History.

How do I contribute?

Each year a lovely Torah Fund Pin is designed for women contributing a certain amount. The history of these gorgeous pins is on display in the Charry Lobby. Please contact the Torah Fund Chair, Dena Lake, for more information about how to get this year's pin at denareva@comcast.net.

GJC WELCOMES

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WOMEN'S SHABBAT

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Saturday, April 16, 2016

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Service 9:30 AM

Community Wide Kiddush

Luncheon following Services

Study Session and Discussion

1:30 PM

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Saturday, March 12 at 7 PM: JAFFNA: Philadelphia's World Music Ensemble

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Feel free to ask for a ticket sponsorship, or anonymously sponsor the ticket of someone in need. Please consider supporting future music events at GJC by becoming a Music Sponsor for \$118 (includes 2 tickets) or Music Patron for \$360 (includes 4 tickets).

www.germantownjewishcentre.org/secure-jaffna-registration

Saturday, April 9 at 8:15 PM: G'vanim Music Concert

Join us for an evening of compelling rhythms, exotic melodies and timeless messages featuring Jewish music from Europe, Israel and the Sephardic world with songs celebrating the richness and diversity of Hebrew, Yiddish, Arabic and Ladino-speaking cultures. Featuring Nina Peskin & Rabbi Annie Lewis (vocals), Rabbi Adam Zeff (vocals, oud & percussion), Cheryl Bettigole (clarinet), Mikael Elsila (piano), Justin Fink (bass), Elliott Seif (accordion) and Hoagy Wing (percussion). \$18/advanced ticket or \$20/door (children 12 & under free)

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Sunday, May 29 at 12 PM: Memorial Day & Lag b'Omer Potluck Picnic & Jam Session

GJC is bringing Music Café outside for Memorial Day! Come and relax with your friends and family, let the children play as you enjoy an afternoon of picnic fare and fun, music and good conversation. More details to come!

Sunday, June 5 at 7 PM: Spring Concert honoring Marilyn & David Kraut

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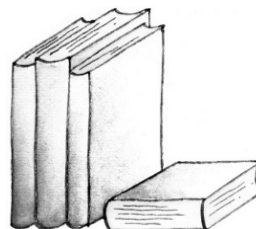


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