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By Rabbi Becca Richman

When I was a kid, after the Yom Kippur service ended, I used to think to myself, "Did I make it?" I held my arms out, looked at my palms, and felt for my forehead. "Yep, still here," I thought. As I grew up, my quest for an answer - to know if I had made it through the gates - became less and less physical. Instead, the reintroduction of new breath into my weary body, the feeling of orange juice trickling down into my belly, and shaky hugs with family and friends at the service's end brought me to life. Now, it is this feeling of being restored - of weariness met by rejuvenation that lets me know that, indeed, I've made it.

For me, this season in Jewish time and in Jewish-American time is about the surprisingly unified sensation of hard stuff and good stuff in harmony with each other. In Jewish time, we move from a place of deep, challenging, inner and interpersonal reparation during the Yamim Nora'im into a place of gleaning and celebration during Sukkot and Simchat Torah. On the Jewish calendar, it is this humbled harvesting that we are left to sit with until Chanukkah. In Jewish-American time, the beginning of the Jewish year lands during seasonal shifts. We move from a place of heat and growth to a time of gathering protection for the cooler season. Our canned peaches and preserved tomatoes are themselves a metaphor for the simultaneity of plen-

Season of Paradox

teousness and limitation, of provision and preservation.

The current pause in Jewish holidays and the extended autumn months provide an expansiveness that we can use to gather our crop, enjoy the bounty, and make preserves of this sweetness to last us until the next harvest. Our preserves are both physical and symbolic. Physically, we are saving resources that will be limited in colder months. Similarly, we are building up our storage of newly re-energized relationships and communities from our work during the chagim.

In other words, this is the season of paradox. In the same season that we carefully examine our actions and make difficult apologies, we are also overflowing with renewed relationships. We are bearing the work of self reflection and the fruit of this labor. Although we are made aware of this task explicitly during the High Holidays, it is now, in this open and expansive seasonal, temporal change that we have the chance to carry

out what we set forth as intentions for the new year.

I am so honored, humbled, and excited to be here with you as your Rabbinic Intern. I am in my second year of studying to be a rabbi at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC). I grew up in Bethesda, Maryland, as a member of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, and I attended Camp JRF as a camper, counselor, and member of the senior staff. It was at Camp JRF that I met my husband, Josh Davidson, who is studying City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania.

I am so excited to be here at Germantown Jewish Centre, and I look forward to doing holy work together. My blessings for us are that we feel our fragility and our strength in the same breath, that we experience both the earth's bounty and need for restoration, and that we are enriched by the paradoxes of this season.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Families to be Housed at GJC from Nov 27 – Dec 11

GJC will be welcoming 4 temporarily homeless families, clients of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, to sleep in our classrooms and eat dinner in the Canteen Room for two weeks, Sunday afternoon, Nov 27 – Sunday morning, Dec 11. GJC has been participating in this program for many years, along with many other churches in northwest Philadelphia.

Volunteers are needed to help move the guest's belongings in and out of GJC, cook a dinner meal and deliver it to GJC, serve as evening and weekend hosts for 2 – 3 hour

shifts, and sleep overnight in the Youth Lounge when our guests are here. Two volunteers are scheduled to be with the guests whenever they are in the building.

Would you like to join the many GJC congregants already involved in this mitzvah of haknasat orchim, welcoming guests to our midst, helping out homeless families while the Interfaith Hospitality Network works to get them permanent housing and back on their feet? If so, please contact the GJC-IHN chair, Debbie Stern, at 215-848-9503 or debstern502@msn.com.

31ST ANNUAL RABBI ELIAS CHARRY MEMORIAL WEEKEND

FROM KABBALAH TO THE BIG BANG:

ANCIENT WISDOM & CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY

WITH PROFESSOR DANIEL C. MATT

NOVEMBER 11 - 13, 2016

Germantown Jewish Centre is pleased to welcome Professor Daniel Matt, one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah, for a very special scholar-in-residence weekend.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 11

SHEKHINAH—The Feminine Half of God

6:00 PM Kol Zimrah

7:00 PM Shabbat Potluck Dinner
& Evening Program

One of the boldest contributions of Kabbalah is the idea that God is equally female and male. Daniel Matt will briefly trace the development of Kabbalah and then focus on the concept of *Shekhinah* (the feminine aspect of God) from its rabbinic origins to its full flowering in the *Zohar*, where *Shekhinah* is identified with the Sabbath Bride.

REGISTER FOR THE POTLUCK ONLINE:
www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Shekhinah

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

RAISING THE SPARKS: Tikkun Olam and Finding God in the Material World

9:30 AM Charry Memorial Shabbat Service
& Torah Mantle Dedication

All are invited to kiddush following the service.

1:30 PM Afternoon Program with Daniel Matt

How can we become partners with God in redeeming the world? How can God be encountered in our daily life? Dr. Matt will explore these questions by teaching passages from Kabbalah and Hasidism on the nature of God, the challenge of discovering God in the material world, and the radical notion that "God needs us."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (WORKSHOP)

GOD & THE BIG BANG: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality

Our scholar-in-residence will present a lecture exploring the parallels between Kabbalah and contemporary cosmology. How does the mystical understanding of Creation compare with the modern theory of the origin of the universe? Is there a way to harmonize these two approaches—the scientific and the spiritual?

\$20, scholarships available upon request

REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP ONLINE: www.germantownjewishcentre.org/big-bang

Prof. Daniel C. Matt leads the translation team that is working on *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*, a 12-volume work of more than 6,000 pages that bring this esoteric, complicated text out of the domain of scholars and Jewish mystics and make it accessible to a wide, modern audience.

In its 20th year, this landmark project has just released its 11th volume.



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President's Message

By Chip Becker, GJC President



You won't be surprised to hear that, in my role as president, I spend a lot of time at Germantown Jewish Centre, including at different times of day and night. I am routinely amazed at how many different things happen in the building. People are constantly coming and going: every day different groups of people are meeting; the office is abuzz with activity. And of course the place is awash with children, whether in the Early Childhood Program, or the Religious School, or Teen Institute.

I found myself wondering just how many activities the synagogue sponsors in a year. So I asked our wonderful executive director, Nina Peskin. She reported that over 1,800 discrete events take place per year at Germantown Jewish Synagogue, excluding ECP programming. This impressive number underscores for me the vitality of this congregation. It places a measurement on something we all feel when we enter the building: that this place is alive, dynamic, and brimming with energy.

The energy we feel upon entering this building is your energy. It is your collective vision(s) come to life. So I am glad to report that GJC is doing well on every front. We are growing in the diversity of our prayer offerings. We are growing in programmatic vision and quality. We are growing in our impact in the larger world through the efforts of the tikkun olam coordinating committee. In an age when many congregations are shrinking, we are even growing in our membership! It's true. Seventeen new families have joined GJC in the last couple of months! Please welcome them to our community.

Seven years ago, GJC was named as among the 25 most vibrant congregations in the United States. As vibrant as we were then, we are even more so today. In addition, we are more fully realizing our vision as safe and welcoming place for Jews of every background. We choose to make our diversity a source strength and pride. With that diversity, we are weaving a tapestry of Jewish life that is rich and engaging.

So GJC is an amazing place. But that statement is a proxy for something more basic. GJC is nothing more or less than the product of your collective will and energy. The real truth is this: You are amazing.

Now I have to address one of the core jobs of the president. As you know, we are in the midst of the synagogue's annual High Holiday Appeal. You collectively provide wonderful and generous support for GJC simply with your dues. But dues fund only about 30% of the synagogue's annual operating budget. Along with our outstanding Early Childhood Program, a successful High Holiday appeal is crucial to keeping the synagogue financially sustainable and strong.

Because the holidays started late this year, we started a little early on our High Holiday appeal fundraising. As of this writing, days before Rosh Hashanah, we already have raised over \$100,000 dollars through about 90 pledges. We have asked people to raise their donations in a meaningful way so that GJC's revenues can remain in sync with its costs, and people have responded by giving on average over 30% more as compared to earlier gifts. To those who have given at this point, I cannot thank you enough. Your generosity is touching and inspiring. To those who have not yet given, I sincerely hope that you will! I hope you experience your decision to make GJC a philanthropic priority as a gift to yourself, as much as a gift to your community.

In an effort to improve and energize the High Holiday appeal over previous years, there are a few additions I want to report. One is that we welcome, as an accompaniment to your pledge, a dedication of your pledge in honor of a person or subject. Accompanying this article in the Centre Call are the dedications of those who already have pledged by this writing. Viewed as a whole, these dedications suggest the richness of GJC and the communities that comprise it. Future dedications will be recognized in the next edition of the Centre Call.

Another addition is the development of matching funds directed specifically to those of you who have not previously participated in the High Holiday appeal. If you have not participated in the High Holiday appeal before, here's the idea: Your gift will be matched one-to-one by the matching fund, up to a collective amount of \$3,000. I hope it will inspire you to appreciate that we value your participation. We look forward to your joining us in our common project of supporting this great institution.

I hope you all are enjoying the fall season. Marta and our children join me in wishing you a healthy, peaceful, and fulfilling new year.

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



Shabbat Chai-Lites

November 5

- BBMM Shabbat
- Charry Service: Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rochman
- Kol D'mamah

November 11-13

Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend with Prof. Daniel Matt

- Kol Zimrah
- Friday evening Shabbat Potluck & Program
 - Charry Memorial Shabbat: Dedication of new Torah Mantles
 - Parashat ha-Shavuah B'Ivrit
- Afternoon Program with Prof. Daniel Matt
- Sunday Zohar Workshop: God & the Big Bang

November 18

- Tot Shabbat

November 19

- BBMM Shabbat
- Charry Service: Appreciation Shabbat & Katz Aufruf
 - Kol D'mamah
- Musical Marching Minyan

December 2 & 3

- Dorshei Derekh 30th Anniversary Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner
- Dorshei Derekh 30th Anniversary Shabbat & Afternoon Program

December 9

- Kol ha-Lev

December 10

- Charry Service: 2nd grade Siddur Ceremony
- Charry Service: Minha Bat Mitzvah of Celia Barnette
 - Parashat ha-Shavuah B'Ivrit

December 17

- BBMM Shabbat
- Kol D'mamah
- Musical Marching Minyan

December 23

- Kol Zimrah

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

Shabbat Morning Services at 10 AM

(*unless otherwise noted*)

Kol D'mamah at 10 AM

Musical Marching Minyan at 11:00 AM

Parshat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit at 11:00 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.



(August – September 2016)

IN CELEBRATION...

Isador & Myra Kranzel, on their 55th wedding anniversary

Jimmy & Naomi Rotenberg, on the Simchat Bat for their daughter, Dahlia

Shai Ben-Yaacov & Kate Dugan, on the birth of their son, Amos Dugan Ben-Yaacov, born on August 30

Liz & David Ben-Yaacov, on the birth of their grandson, Amos Dugan Ben-Yaacov, born on August 30

Jessie Singer, daughter of Marc Singer & Leah Lande, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Tamar & Sam Magdovitz, on the wedding of their son, Joe, to Mattie

Steve Nadel & Numi Mansdorf, on the birth of their daughter, Libby

Elana Shaw, on being recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer for her work at the Union for Reform Judaism

Debbie Stern, on being recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer for her work at the Rabbi Morris Goodblatt Academy

IN MEMORIAM

Leo Pozefsky, father of Abby Pozefsky

Betty Obus, grandmother of David Mosenkis

Aaron Weber, husband of Lucille Weber and father of Ellen Weber

Margaret McCusker, mother of Claire McCusker and grandmother of Isaac & Abigail Levy

Sonny Raichlen, brother of Linda Millison and uncle of Martha Millison

Philip Myers, husband of Ellen Kopeland and brother-in-law of Joan Silver

Welcoming New Members

Anna Beresin and Neil Beresin

Andy Chirls and Jim Bulizzi

Ali Cohen and Nurit Bloom

Jim Goodman

Joan Groner

Daniel Mangold and Sue Mangold

Dan Pelberg

Mark Pinsky and Jennifer Paget

Jennifer Ray

Becca Richman

Marge Richman

Ivan Rosenberg and Rina Rosenberg

Ben Rotenberg and Juliet Rotenberg

Jimmy Rotenberg and Naomi Rotenberg

Wayne Sachs

Rabbi Elyse Wechterman and David Nerenberg

Religious School

Looking Inward & Looking Outward Students Putting Values into Action

By Rabbi Alanna Sklover, Director of Lifelong Learning

In Pirke Avot we read, “Rabbi Hillel used to say: *If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?*” From 2,000 years into our people’s past, this ancient sage offers us a model for living that is as relevant today as it was in his day. Rabbi Hillel entreats us not only to be self-advocates, but advocates for others within our community; and, moreover, he reminds us that this schema is not an abstract one to which we can ascribe in the distant future, but rather the need for it is now. This and other texts from our tradition are the framework for our students’ study in the GJC Religious School this fall.

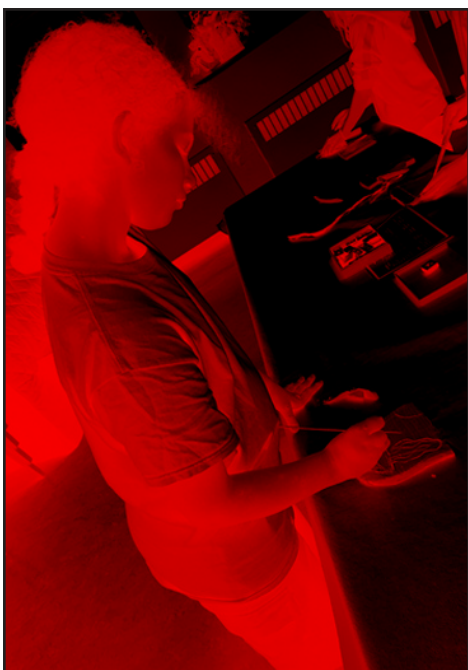
Through their *b’reirot* (electives), and other programming throughout the season, our 2nd-6th grade students are focusing on the theme *Achrayut* (Communal Responsibility) in Jewish tradition and in their lives. Originally, the teachers and I selected this topic as a frame for discussions about the 2016

Presidential election that would inevitably emerge in our classrooms, but we have discovered that it is far more wide-reaching than that. In addition to the election, our study of *Achrayut* has led our students to engage with an incredibly wide range of topics that include (but are by no means limited to) welcoming refugees, the role of art in social change movements, and putting an end to bullying. One theme (and organization) that has come up for students a number of times through their study is homelessness / housing insecurity and the work of the Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (PIHN).

For two weeks, beginning after Thanksgiving, our synagogue will again open its doors to house homeless families who are being helped by PIHN as they transition through and out of homelessness. For our students, playing host to these families can often feel very personal, as it is their Religious School classrooms that are transformed into the living spaces for our guests. Each year,

we do a number of things, programmatically, to create a positive connection between our students and this very tangible communal mitzvah in which we participate at GJC. This year, we have in years past, our students worked with GJC member Nina Gordon to create bowls, trivets and other creations that we will donate to PIHN’s annual Empty Bowl Dinner fundraiser (<https://youtu.be/rhmrQvog--o>), and students will decorate their classrooms with welcome banners and cards for the families (especially the children) to make them feel welcome in our space. Though these are not new projects to us, they feel somehow elevated this year.

In a season that has been marked in so many ways with division and derision, I listened to our students reflect on the merits of kindness and of learning through dialogue. “Rabbi Hillel used to say: *If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?*”



Nedivot Lev (Offerings of the Heart)

By Rebecca Paquet

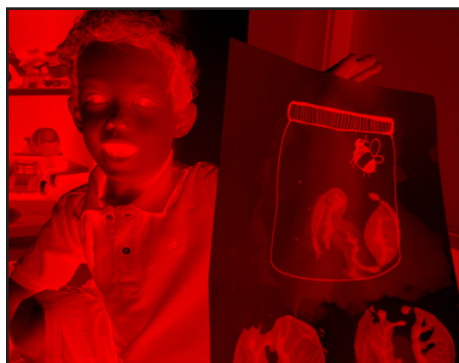
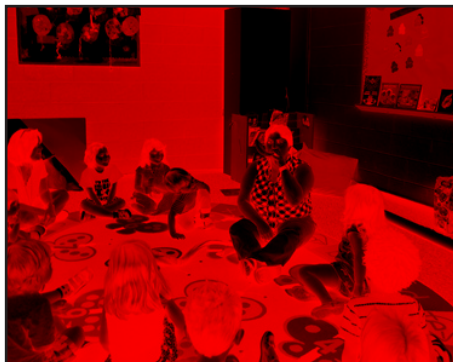
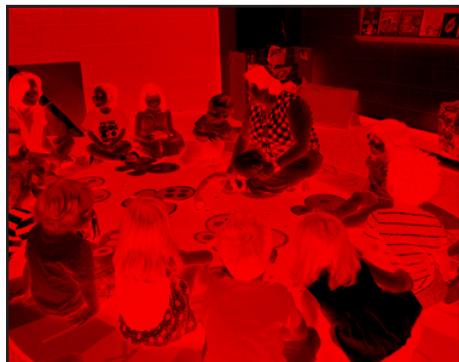
Todah rabbah to everyone who generously gave to the Tikkun Olam High Holiday Appeal! Below is a list of gift dedications, representing the many ways each of us connects to Judaism and to this beautiful community. If you have not yet – but would like to – contribute, please contact the office! We will list your name and dedication in the next issue of the Centre Call!

- * **George & Kathleen Amrom**, in honor of Ned Kripke and Sylvia Lifschitz for their devotion to and longtime support of Minyan Masorti
 - * **Sherman Aronson & Joyce Lieberman**, in memory of Sherman's mother, Goldie Aronson
 - * **Richard & Jane Baron**
 - * **Chip & Marta Becker**, in honor of Rabbi Adam Zeff and Nina Peskin
 - * **Michael Beer**, in honor of Rabbi Zeff, Nina Peskin, and the GJC Professional Staff
 - * **Albert & Peninah Berdugo**, in honor of their first grandson, Gabriel Nathan Sanieoff, son of Michal and Arash
 - Harold Berger**, in loving memory of his wife, Renee, and their parents
 - * **Brad Bridge & Dveera Segal**, in memory of Gedalia and Batsheva Segal, z"l
 - Lawrence & Ellyn Charap**, in memory of Stanley Charap and Monty Specker
 - * **Cy & Rennie Cohen**, in memory of Don Dorfman
 - Nan Daniels**, in honor of her granddaughter, Tessa Brett Wallis
 - * **Noel Eisenstat & Beth Rosenbaum**
 - * **Mikael Elsila & Dina Pinsky**, in honor of GJC's efforts at Tikkun Olam
 - Mark Fallon & Maani Waldor**, in honor of ECP
 - * **Sam & Helene Feinberg**
 - * **Dayle Friedman & David Ferleger**, in honor of their children's graduations
 - * **Deborah Franklin**, in honor of friends, family, and community
 - * **Jeff & Karen Freedman**, in memory of their parents, Edith & David Freedman and Marcia & Philip Gould
 - * **Josh Goldblum & Debbie Fishman**, in memory of Philip Schick, a dear friend of Debbie's father
 - * **Mitchell Hirsch & Sylvia Lifschitz**
 - @ **Tamar Jacobson**, in memory of Tom's brother, Randy Jacobson, who passed away last year
 - * **Sam & Connie Katz**, in honor of their children, Lauren, Phil, Liz, and Ben, and grandchildren, James and Asa
 - * **Phyllis Kauffman**, in memory of Rosalyn
 - * **Isador & Myra Kranzel**, in memory of Aaron Weber
 - * **David & Marilyn Kraut**, in honor of their grandchildren, Jocie, Eli, and Aaron
 - Judah Labovitz & Ellen Ufberg**
 - * **Barbara Lissy**, in honor of Rabbis Adam Zeff and Annie Lewis
 - * **David Major & Evelyn Eskin**, in celebration of the vibrant and inclusive environment at GJC
 - * **Nathan Martin & Abby Weinberg**, in honor of David Mosenkis and Andi Moselle's leadership of the Tikkun Olam work at GJC
 - * **Richard & Barbara Menin**
 - Jim & Sandy Meyer**, in support of oppressed Jewish communities
 - Paul Minkoff**, in honor of Dick and Barb Menin for their contribution for our new Siddur
 - * **Alex Molot & Adena Klem**, in honor of Alex Avelin and Rabbi Alanna Sklover
 - * **Andi & Jon Moselle**, in honor of all the GJC members who, with creativity, care, and thoughtfulness, give their time and energy to make Tikkun Olam a central part of who we are as a synagogue community
 - * **David & Nahariyah Mosenkis**, in honor of Tikkun Olam at GJC
 - * **Josh & Nina Peskin**, in celebration of GJC and its members, who have taught us through their actions the meaning of community
 - * **Cyrilla Rosen**, in memory of her mother, Rose C. Gaber
 - * **Judith Rossman**, in memory of her parents, William and Freda Ladenheim
 - * **Greg & Marcy Rost**
 - * **Charles & Martha Schleifer**, in memory of their parents, John & Klara Furman and Philip & Betty Schleifer
 - * **Mathieu & Jessica Shapiro**, in honor of the many lessons learned from their parents, Ruthanne & George Singal and Sharon & Irv Shapiro
 - * **Matt Utterback and Danielle Stillman**, in memory of Jacob and Esther Stillman
 - Erik & Joyce Videlock**, in celebration of Enid Videlock's 90th birthday
 - * **Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole**
 - Hyman & Geanne Zelkowitz**, in tribute to Edward Snowden
 - Robert Zimring**
- Thank you also to our donors who wish to remain anonymous.
- @ Thank you for your new pledge!
* Thank you for your increased pledge!

Early Childhood Program (ECP)

Early Childhood Program and The Chagim

By Jodi Gordon, ECP Director



The Early Childhood Program at GJC has been bustling with activity. Little fingers dipping apples in honey, cooking applesauce and baking apple cake and hearing the Shofar blast, were just some of the activities our little ones enjoyed this fall. We celebrated Sukkot with a wonderful Apple & Honey Festival outside filled with games, music and food. Rabbi Adam and Rabbi Alanna celebrated Simchat Torah with us with a musical parade. It was a joyous time for all!

Refuat HaNefesh Jewish Healing Service

7-8 pm in the Charry Sanctuary
on the 1st Tuesday 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.*



**2016-2017
schedule**

November 1
December 6
January 3
February 7
March 7
April 4
May 2

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

November 1
The Family
by David Laskin

December 13
Moving Day
by Jonathan Stone

January 10
The Marriage of Opposites
by Alice Hoffman

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM
in the Quitman Library

Germantown Jewish Centre presents

KLEZMUKAH!

Dance Party
with the Ken Ulansey Band
& Dance Master Steve Weintraub

**KLEZMER MUSIC
DANCING
LATKE DINNER**

CANDLE LIGHTING

KIDS' OPTIONS:

age 2-5: childcare
age 6-7: Disney Movie Night
**KADIMA: Murder Mystery &
Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party**

6 PM Latke Dinner & Concert (& Dancing!):

\$36.00, children (12 & under) \$10.00

advanced registration & payment necessary by Wednesday, December 21

7 PM Concert (& Dancing!) Only:

Advanced purchase tickets: \$18.00 / Pay at door: \$20.00 / Children 12 & under are free

advanced tickets can be purchased online until Friday, December 23

Childcare, Disney Movie Night & KADIMA (7 PM):

Advanced registration only: \$10 GJC members / \$15 non-members

advanced registration closes on Friday, December 23

KADIMA event open to all children ages 8-12; tickets to Klezmukah are not a requirement.

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ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays (Sept-June) &
Wednesdays (July-Aug)

November – December 2016 at 10:00 AM
(excluding Dec. 25)

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.





**Helen Feinberg and
Coleman Poses**

Coleman Poses and Helen Feinberg, who knew each other as teenagers, have taken over the helm of HAZAK, the group organized to create stimulating activities at GJC for people 55 and over. Helen and Coleman knew each other as teenagers, went to Junior Congregation together, and both attended Bartram High School.

HAZAK was founded by Rhea Shils (z"l) and was run for several years by Cherie Goren and Sonia Dishler. When they stepped down, Helen was asked to take it over. She agreed, as long as she had a co-chair to run it with her, and Coleman agreed to work with her.

For their first year, Helen & Coleman held several successful events including a tour last May of the Wyck historic house and gardens in Germantown, where Coleman's wife, Ilene, works. About ten people attended, Coleman recalled. "It motivated us to do other things going forward." Helen arranged a guided tour at the Waterworks; Betsy Teutsch and Cheryl Bettigole spoke about Betsy's book *100 under \$100* about the ways to support women in third world countries. On December 4, Ari Pontz, son of Curt and Leslie Pontz, will discuss his book, *Fishing with Hand Grenades*, a true account of a soldier in the Vietnam War, his experiences and the demons he fought when he returned home.

"We've tried to do things just about every month from September to June,"

Coleman said. "One of the things we did when we were starting, was a survey of people 55 and over, asking them what kinds of things they'd like. We got about 60 responses. The two things that came up with the greatest frequency were concerts and films.

"We still haven't explored the concert piece," he said. "We don't know whether people want to go out and see a concert or wanted us to organize a concert at the synagogue, which would be more complicated. The film project was fairly easy. We came up with "Rashomon," Akira Kurosawa's classic about the complexities of human nature as four people recount different versions of the story of a man's rape and murder of his wife. Neither thought there would be much of a response.

"We showed it on a Wednesday night in January," Coleman recalled. "It was one of the most miserable nights; cold and raining. About 30 people showed up, which amazed us. From all indications, the evening ended up being a success despite numerous problems with the DVD, and a backup that Helen had to go home to get. "We ended up showing part of the film, then the piece we missed later on. Somehow," he continued, "people ended up having a very positive view, even though everything ended up going wrong that night."

After that success, they showed Radio Days, Frozen River, and All the President's Men. Twelve Angry Men is scheduled for January with Dveera Segal facilitating the discussion. Defiant Requiem, a documentary about when the Nazis forced prisoners to perform Verdi's Requiem at Theresienstadt, will be shown in the future with Sam Feinberg as facilitator.

"HAZAK really spans two generations," Coleman explained. "There are people in their 80's and 90's, who come to events like the monthly book group.

"Members of the younger generation are attracted to tours, like the Wyck tour, Waterworks, Chanticleer last spring, the Kimmel Center in November. You still have a number of people in the older cohort that also come to these things. People look forward to these types of outings."

HAZAK members in their 80's and 90's have active lives, and are vibrant, Coleman observed. "Some, like Sonia Dishler, are still working; for others, the monthly HAZAK group only covers part of their day. Cherie Goren, for example, drives to her bridge group right after attending the monthly HAZAK group.

"One of the reasons Helen and I were asked to lead HAZAK was to try to attract a younger generation. For the most part, we're attracting people 65 and older. I don't know if HAZAK feels like a stigma for some people. I'm not upset about it. I think the synagogue would like people 55 and up active in it, but there's the Women's Club and Men's Club. They don't need HAZAK."

Coleman, 68, is a Philadelphia native who attended public schools and attended Temple, although he left Philadelphia for a short while and graduated from Southern Illinois University. He received a Masters degree in social work from Penn.

"Helen and I grew up in the same neighborhood. Helen's mother was my 5th grade teacher," he said. "I worked for a short period as a parole agent for the city as a social worker for 15 years, and for the next 25-30 years worked for the Philadelphia Department of Health doing research and designing information systems," he said.

Fifteen years ago, Coleman and Ilene started Chilly Philly, an ice cream company. Their pints are sold

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Members Spotlight

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at the Weavers Way coop, most local Whole Foods, the Creekside coop in Elkins Park and other outlets. It is also served at Earthbread Brewery and the Spring Mill Café.

The idea came to Coleman in the mid 1990s, when he read that Breyers Ice Cream was leaving Philly and putting 250 people out of work. "I was livid about that. What really made it irritating was that the factory was profitable, but they were bought out by the multinational corporation that now owns Ben and Jerry's." He had a thought: what would it take to start an ice cream company? What would it take to make the ice cream he remembered from his own youth?

"I was never in business. I tried to interest the union rep for Breyers' workers, but at the end of the day the only person I could interest was Ilene. We started Chilly Philly in our kitchen. I worked with a consultant to develop vanilla and vanilla malt chocolate chip. Once you do that, you need somebody to manufacture it." That's done by Nelson's ice cream in Royersford. The Poses obtained a Kosher certification from the Philadelphia Orthodox va'ad.

"I was local before anybody else. Unbeknownst to me, Judy Wicks was working with people on the national level to create a local movement. When I discovered there was a local movement, I joined that bandwagon. We'd do samplings and people would ask me, 'What's different about your ice cream?' I'd answer that we use good ingredients but also white and brown sugars, and we pasteurize our ice cream at a fairly low temperature for a long time. Most commercial brands do it at a high temperature for a short time. People will tell us this tastes like the ice cream they grew up with. Basically that's what I was going for."

Until last year, Chilly Philly offered only two flavors, vanilla and vanilla

malt chocolate chip. "Now we have chocolate and hope we can roll out more flavors this year," he said.

Coleman and Ilene have two daughters, Joanna, 35 and Abigail, 31.

Helen Feinberg, 71, is also a native Philadelphian. She attended Philadelphia public schools, and Lake Forest College in Illinois. After college, she moved to Boston, worked as a secretary, received a Masters degree in history at Tufts University, taught high school for four years, and met Michael, her husband. They moved to Ann Arbor for Michael's residency in psychiatry and Helen went to social work school. She worked as a school social worker with a small clinical practice on the side.

"Then I worked for the Center for the Continuing Education for Women for four years," she said, her smile broadening. "It was a wonderful counseling service for women who had stopped work to have children and were ready to decide where to go next. I did career planning, counseling and some life coaching." Helen and Michael lived in Ann Arbor for 13 years. They adopted their older son, Josh, from Chile in 1983.

In 1986, they moved to Mt. Airy because Michael wanted to stay in academic medicine and he was offered a position at the now defunct Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute (EPPI). They joined Germantown Jewish Centre right away and gravitated to what was at the time one havurah. They sent Josh to the Early Childhood Program. "I worked as a social worker for a little while, but it was very hard to find anything part time, because I had a three year old," Helen recalled. She taught high school social studies for many years.

In 1988, she went to Temple Law School, something she had wanted to do for a long time. Helen gave birth to their second son, Ari, in the middle of law school. She clerked for 10 years for a Common Pleas judge and two more years for another judge. She then went into private practice working in dependency court, which deals with cases of alleged abuse and neglect and lawyers

represent either the parents or children. "The goal is to get these families to pull themselves together," Helen said. "Obviously, there were some pretty horrific stories."

Retired but still working part time, Helen works as a mediator in family custody matters in Montgomery and Chester counties. Always intellectually and emotionally engaged, Helen also trained to become a certified life coach.

"I like Coleman, I've known him a long time. He's invaluable. He's so smart: his thought processes, his ways of investigating things, of critical thinking and planning. He is terrific. He's also nicely connected to a lot of people in the Hazak community."

"I like the idea of being useful," Helen said. "HAZAK is important for people, knowing that people think about them and make things happen that will bring them together for conversation, sharing, learning, trying new things. 'I like being part of something that provides that,' she continued. 'I know people come to the book group who might not come to much else. I don't know whether the people who come to events feel like they have made a stronger connection with other people who come to the events. The fact is that opportunities exist for people to meet each other.'

"Everybody has ideas about what we should be planning," she said, smiling. "We're trying to broaden the responsibility. We're going for a tour of the Kimmel and Martha Schleifer took responsibility for setting that up. Margaret Shapiro collaborated on planning the film series and post film discussions."

"We have the HAZAK Shabbat in May, run by HAZAK members who do everything in the service. We're always open to new ideas and new people," Helen said. "These are people of enormous experience and intelligence and a wide berth of different kinds of knowledge."

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OUR NEXT PROGRAM:

Breaking the Myth: Addiction and the Jewish Family: We are Not Immune, on Sunday, November 6th at 10AM. Keynote speaker, Marina Goldman, MD, is a specialist in drug and alcohol addiction. Dr. Goldman is in private practice and currently holds a research associate appointment at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Goldman has also served as



the President of the Philadelphia Psychiatric Society and currently co-chairs the Annual Addictions Symposium of the Philadelphia Psychiatric Society.

Rabbi Zeff will speak about the myth of addiction not affecting Jewish families. Panel will include Susan Weiss, Sherry Pomerantz and Aaron Weiss.

This program is co-sponsored by Women's Club and Jewish Employment and Vocational Services (JEVS). We invite parents, teens and preteens as well as anyone else interested or affected by this issue to attend.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 12th for the **Dedication** of the spectacular new **Torah Mantles and Lectern Covers** in the Charry sanctuary. The dedication will be held in conjunction with the **Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Prof. Daniel Matt**. We look forward to presenting these elegant additions to our synagogue community. We will be honoring those who have

By Marcy Fish and Sandy Meyer (co-presidents)

made special dedications as well as all those who have contributed to this project through their generous donations to Building Beautiful during the past year. Mark your calendar now to join us for this very special event. And be sure to view the display cases in the Charry Lobby. You will experience the history of the old Torah Mantles, linking our past to our present.

It is not too late to join us in our

GJC, Strength Through Women's Club membership campaign. Your \$45 annual dues to Women's Club helps sponsor enriching programs and important projects throughout the synagogue. By being part of WOMEN'S CLUB, you are enhancing the entire GJC community. For more information, email Peninah Berdugo, peninahberdugo@gmail.com or Susan Weiss, Slw6809@comcast.net

GJC Strength through Women's Club Stand with the women of Germantown Jewish Centre!

What's with the Thermometers?

Have you seen the purple mercury thermometers in the School and Charry lobbies? Here's what we are measuring: **100% enrollment of the women of GJC.**

We have a 2016/2017 campaign to have every woman in GJC enrolled as a member of Women's Club (WC) this year. We have set a goal of 100% percent enrollment. Our campaign motto is **"GJC Strength through Women's Club."**

We can do this!

Your WC membership dues sustain the infrastructure of GJC that directly affects you. We cannot continue to do so with the 38% of women who currently pay their WC dues. We need all of you!

The following programs & services of GJC are heavily subsidized by Women's Club:

- GJC's Religious School
- Shabbat morning childcare
- Connecting ECP and Religious School children and college students to GJC through holiday gifts and greetings
- GJC's communication systems

Help us continue to make all of this possible by joining WC today!

We encourage you to attend Women's Club events. There are some great ones this year. (See our calendar of events on the GJC website.) However, even if you are not able to attend events, please join our Women's Club campaign for 100% membership and push that "purple mercury" over the top!

You may pay your \$45.00 Women's Club dues via PayPal on the WC page of the GJC website or by sending a check to Women's Club of GJC to Naomi Decter, c/o GJC. We hope that we can count you in this year! And a BIG thank you to all of you who have already joined this year's campaign!

Susan Weiss & Peninah Berdugo
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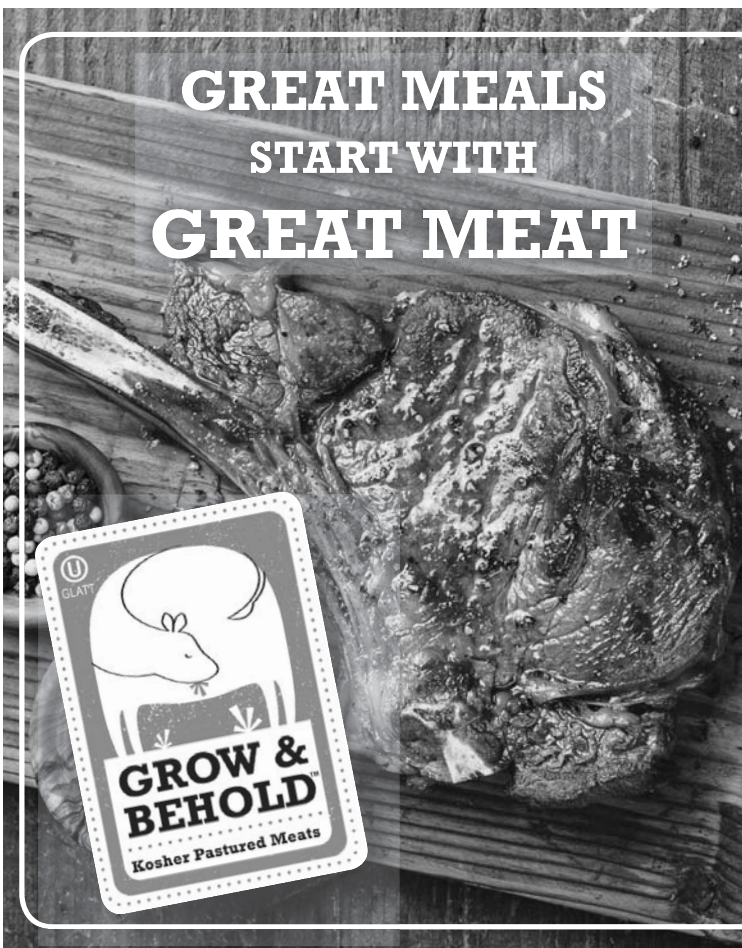
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HAZAK News

By Helen Feinberg & Coleman Poses

History and Politics. Our September HAZAK film, *All the President's Men*, covered both of these topics, and who better to facilitate a discussion on such a film than GJC's expert in both areas, Sam Katz. Sam led a lively conversation on the movie, which has not lost any of its timeliness, particularly in this current Presidential electoral cycle.

On October 30, HAZAK entered into an unprecedented co-sponsorship with the GJC Religious School of *"Heart-to-Heart: Conversations among family and friends about money, health and well-being as we advance through the stages of life."* The event featured Dr. Lesley Carson, Larry Helmick, CPA, Dr. Melissa Gartenberg Livney, and Rabbi Becca

Richman. This program focused on how communities and families handle issues of aging. Dr. Carson spoke about the physical and medical issues. Mr. Helmick presented a number of scenarios regarding financial concerns that older adults and their families might encounter. Dr. Livney covered the social and personal problems facing families and communities with aging members, and Rabbi Richman introduced issues concerning spirituality.

Within each of these areas, the speakers touched upon a core group of values that are considered to be important in our society: autonomy, dignity, competence, self-esteem and respect. Given the success of this first time effort on the parts of the Religious School

and HAZAK, we hope to have similar joint ventures in the future.

We are planning a trip on November 16 to the Kimmel Center. Please contact either Helen Feinberg (215-886-0198), Coleman Poses (215-510-1750), or Martha Schleifer (610-664-5476) if you are interested.

The upcoming schedule for the HAZAK book group is:

Wednesday, November 9 @ 10 AM
A Thousand Splendid Suns,
by Khaled Hosseini

Wednesday, December 14 @ 10AM
The Seven Good Years: A Memoir,
by Etgar Keret

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Why is this Adult Education Institute different from every other Adult Education institute? Because at GJC, it's all about **The Connection**. Whether you are looking for a "Sacred Spark" to kindle your curiosity or are interested in taking a "Deeper Dive" into the wellspring of Jewish tradition, there is something for you! Within these pages, we are proud to announce a wide range of workshops, courses, and immersive experiences that present opportunities for engagement with the wellspring of Jewish text, creative expression, history and culture in a way that is relevant to our lives in the 21st century. This year, may we grow both as individuals and as a community through our learning, through our journeys and through our connection to one another.

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<p style="text-align: center; color: #000080;">SPOTLIGHT ON</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #000080;">Exploring the Impact of Christian Hegemony on U.S. Culture with Dr. Andrea Jacobs</p> <p>We live in a culturally Christian society and that has implications for everything from the calendar we use to our habit of seeing things in oppositional binaries of "good" and "evil." In this course, we'll examine the dynamics of power and privilege as Jews living in a dominant Christian society. Using excerpts from Paul Kivel's groundbreaking book <i>Living in the Shadow of the Cross</i>, we'll discuss critical concepts for understanding the impact of elite hegemonic Christianity on U.S. culture and what it means for us as Jews.</p> <p>* This course is designed as a follow-up to Rabbi Seth Goren's Racial Justice class, but is not a pre-requisite for taking it.</p> <p>3 Sessions: Tuesdays 7-8:30pm • Feb 7, 14, 21 GJC Members \$60 / Non-Members \$75</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #000080;">SPOTLIGHT ON</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #000080;">From the Creation of Humanity to Black Lives Matter: Jews, Race, and the Fight for Racial Justice with Rabbi Seth Goren</p> <p>While American Jewish narratives often highlight Jewish involvement with the U.S. Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's, Jewish conversations on race are far more ancient and complicated than the classic photograph of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel marching in Selma with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We'll explore the complexities of some of these sources, what race means in a modern American Jewish context, and the possibilities for deepening our involvement in the struggle for racial equity and justice. Some pre-reading will be suggested as part of each session.</p> <p>4 Sessions: Sundays 11am-12:30pm • Dec 4, 11, 18; Jan 8 GJC Members \$80 / Non-Members \$95</p>

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Tot Shabbat		Friday, November 18, 2016 (6:00 PM)								
Hanukah JAM (Jewish Arts & Movement)		Sunday, December 18, 2016 (3:00 PM)								
Kol Zimrah Musical Service		Friday, December 23, 2016 (6:00 PM)								
		<h3 style="text-align: center;">Spotlight on Tot Shabbat!</h3> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Friday, November 18 at 6 PM</h4> <p>LISTEN while puppets teach the week's Torah portion through story. SING familiar songs. LAUGH as tambourines tumble. DANCE while parading through the space. CONNECT with other families in the community around the table during a delicious, tot-friendly Shabbat dinner. Advance RSVP is necessary by Wednesday, Nov. 16.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.germantownjewishcentre.org/secure-tot-shabbat-nov</p>								
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Rabbi Simcha Zevit with daughter, Dana, shopping for a wedding present for a family friend.



Lesley Carson and Peter Maas selecting a mezuzah for their son and daughter-in-law's home.

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- In Nov., 10% off candlesticks
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Men's Club News

By David Fish and Dick Menin (co-presidents)

The Men's Club is extending an invitation to all the men of GJC to join the organization, and to all the women and b'not to attend our events.

We view ourselves as a community-building endeavor. This was how the group came into being even before the shul was built. Of course a lot has changed over the years and the mechanics of the relationships have morphed. When I first joined the shul 20+ years ago I knew no one. The Men's Club was a great way to meet people in an informal setting and I now count the relationships I made there as the nucleus of my overall friendship circle. Time is a precious commodity and people have less ability, or interest, in spend-

ing evenings away from the family. We are trying to schedule most of our events on weekends when the family can join in.

There are fund-raising and service projects that we need people for. Building the Hanukkeah is a great favorite and we are in need of men to help put it up and solicit sponsorships. We also support the Purim party with Passports to Israel and facilitate the blood drives.

Our main events center around monthly meetings. The first, Nov. 13, will feature Daniel Roy, a magician and card trickster who will also talk on the history of magic. In the near future we'll have Eli Lake, a reporter with Bloomberg Reports talking on foreign affairs. A film on Israeli teens living

with local strife, a wine and cheese tasting party and biking events in the warmer months, are also planned. Past programs have included: Nachmanades and the disputation of Barcelona, "Shabbtai Zvi, messiah or meshugenah", men's health issues and Jewish genealogy were some of the topics.

We are gearing up to work with local organizations to deal with food security in vulnerable communities. This is a great opportunity to work with our kids in Mitzvah projects.

No one is interested in everything but there is enough going on to fulfill our goal of "Enhancing Jewish life for Jewish men."

Keep an eye open in the Shabbat Bulletin and email for particulars.



Help Germantown Jewish Centre Light the Dancing Children Hanukiyah! 2016 Men's Club Fundraiser

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 or remembered will be read. Lightings are at 7:00 PM, Dec. 24-31 except Fri. Dec. 30 at 4:00 PM. **To sponsor a candle, please complete the form below and send a check to GJC for \$36 per candle made payable to the GJC Men's Club.**

2016 Hanukiyah Fundraiser

Name: _____ Phone#: _____ E-mail: _____

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Please mail form to GJC and make checks payable to Men's Club. Thank you so much!

Tikkun Olam Update

Howard Bilofsky, Ilene Blitzstein-Poses, Maxine Margolies, Andrea Moselle, David Mosenkis and Margaret Shapiro contributed to this article.

The Tikkun Olam@GJC re-launch is in full swing! It's exciting to see the many ways GJC members are involved in this work both within GJC and in the community. Here are some recent highlights of just a few of the things we've been working on:

Fighting for Fair School Funding

As part of an ongoing POWER initiative for full fair school funding in Pennsylvania, in September, GJC members joined with other POWER congregations and representatives of a number of educational advocacy groups to attend a hearing of the PA Supreme Court and participate in a rally urging the court to hear a law suit filed on behalf of six school districts, seven parents, and two statewide associations regarding the State's Constitutional obligation to provide a "thorough and efficient" system of public education.

POWER recently published a new study, authored by GJC's David Mosenkis, demonstrating systemic racial bias in the way Pennsylvania currently funds its school districts. The study shows that districts with the highest percentages of non-white stu-

dents, like Philadelphia, receive \$1,900 per student less than their fair share of state funding. Listen to or read the story at <http://tiny.cc/parace2>

Voter Registration

Building on past success in voter engagement work, this summer and fall, GJC joined other POWER congregations in a voter registration outreach program. This is a non-partisan effort that includes careful formal training for all participants. More than a dozen volunteers from our congregation are participating.

Each POWER congregation decides on locations in their community for their voter registration events. Co-leaders Howard Bilofsky and Ilene Blitzstein Poses and volunteer Barbara Bloom landed on two creative ways for GJC volunteers to reach out to potential voters. They organized registration events at six local schools in Northwest Philadelphia. Ilene, a teacher who retired after 35 years with the School District of Philadelphia, contacted principals and arranged for volunteers to chat with parents on the first day of school or on Back to School Night, when parents were likely to be at school. GJC members visited the following schools for voter registration voter registration: Bethune, Emlen, Henry, Houston, Kelly and Lingelbach.

Howard arranged for GJC and other POWER congregations to partner with Philabundance's "Fresh For All" program,

which distributes free food in a number of locations throughout Philadelphia and the suburbs. GJC volunteers have travelled to locations in the Summerdale neighborhood in the Northeast and Sharon Hill in Delaware County.

We urged those who had never registered or perhaps had moved in the last few years to fill out registration forms. We also asked everyone, including those who were already registered, to fill out voter commitment cards. After October 11, when voter registration closed, the work will shift to Get Out the Vote efforts.

Bilofsky notes, "It was remarkably rewarding to hear so many people who were struggling to feed their families enthused about voting whatever their political perspective. It was equally so talking to parents as they were bringing their mostly delighted and delightful children to register for school on a beautiful sunny day."

GJC's voter registration team wants to remind our own members to be sure to get out to vote on Election Day.



L to R: GJC members Donald Joseph, Betsy Teutsch, Andrea Moselle, and David Mosenkis at a rally at City Hall for fair education funding.



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Tikkun Olam

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Right: Volunteers Judith Rossman and Andi Moselle help register voters at Henry School Back to School night. GJC also had a table that night for the well-loved Story Hour program at the school.



GJC Story Hour Volunteers Maxine Margolies and Paul Farber at Henry School Back To School Night. The Story Hour program now has 13 volunteers who visit weekly – double the number from this time last year!

Want to get involved in the exciting activities of Tikkun Olam@GJC? Come to the Tikkun Olam@GJC social November 13 at 4 PM. Click TIKKUN OLAM on the GJC web site for details.

Supporting Refugee Families – Part II

In the September Centre Call, Rabbi Dayle Friedman, Co-Coordinator of the GJC Welcome Team, wrote about the work GJC members are doing to support a Syrian family who GJC members have “adopted” through HIAS PA’s “American Friend” program. This month, Margaret Shapiro introduces the Afghan family she and her husband, Howard Bilofsky, are supporting:

On January 31, 2016 I volunteered to drive a couple who had recently arrived from Afghanistan to the GJC Annual Clothes Giveaway. When I picked them up it was clear that Ali, the husband, spoke English well and served as the translator for his wife, Nahid. We chatted about how their stay in Philadelphia was going, though they had been here less than three months. They had a caseworker from HIAS who helped with settling in and all kinds of logistics. Ali said he still needed to find a job but had managed to get a bank account and do whatever else he needed by public transportation. I brought them to the event and put my number in his cell so he could call me when they were ready to go home. When I picked them up, Nahid showed me what she had chosen, and her husband said what a great idea this clothes giveaway was. We laughed together when he commented, “It was not what we expected in capitalist America.”

When their allotted three months of service with the HIAS caseworker ended, we volunteered to be their

American Friends. By this time Ali had found a decent job, but it was hard to manage on his wages. He said the only help he needed was learning to drive. He felt he could get a second job more easily with a license. Howard met with Ali twice a week acting as a driving instructor, and shared his treasured relatively new car with Ali, a student driver.

When Nahid became pregnant we wondered if we could be more helpful but they stated they were fine. They were very happy with their treatment team at a center city hospital that included interpreters and social workers. The baby, Maria, arrived in mid- September, healthy and adorable. The parents are doing well and are about to move to a slightly bigger apartment in the same neighborhood. We are able to help them get the baby equipment and supplies they need with the support of the GJC community and the Mitzvah of the Month. Baby Maria has grandparents and numerous aunts and uncles back in Kabul who speak Dari to her through cyber space, but unfortunately are not close by. We look forward to being foster grandparents and learning some Dari.

In our desire to be helpful it is important for us to remember that this couple wants to maintain their independence and dignity. With that in mind we try to pay extra special attention to what they ask for, like driving lessons or help with understanding a lease, rather than imposing what we think might be helpful. If we do suggest something it is with the clear sense that it is their choice, like ESL classes for Nahid. Suggestions of concrete services are not primarily what they want from us at this time. But the couple do enjoy meeting with us; drinking tea while we hold and admire their baby, and chatting while Ali translates, about their families back home and his observations about life in America. Hopefully we offer a break from their routine and the isolation of beginning again in a new country, far from what’s familiar and family and friends - a slight glimmer of the familial life they are missing, and a sense that they matter as individuals and as a new family to their “American Friends”.

High Holidays 5777 in Minyan Masorti: *Todah Rabah!*

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High Holidays 5777 in the Charry Service: *Todah Rabah!*

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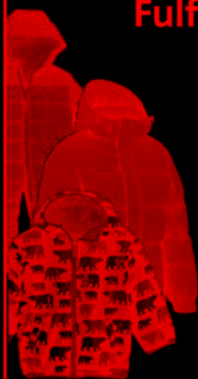


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in coordination with HIAS-PA

Please bring in new or gently used coats. Used coats must be clean & in good condition (no stains or tears, all zippers in good working order.)

Infant through adult sizes will be accepted. All sizes are needed.

December

Ohev Gerim - Loving the Stranger Blankets Drive

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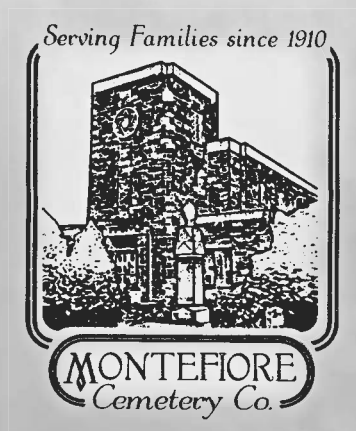
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November 6

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November 11-13

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November 13

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November 16

Music Café
November 19

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November 20

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December 4

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December 4

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December 11

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