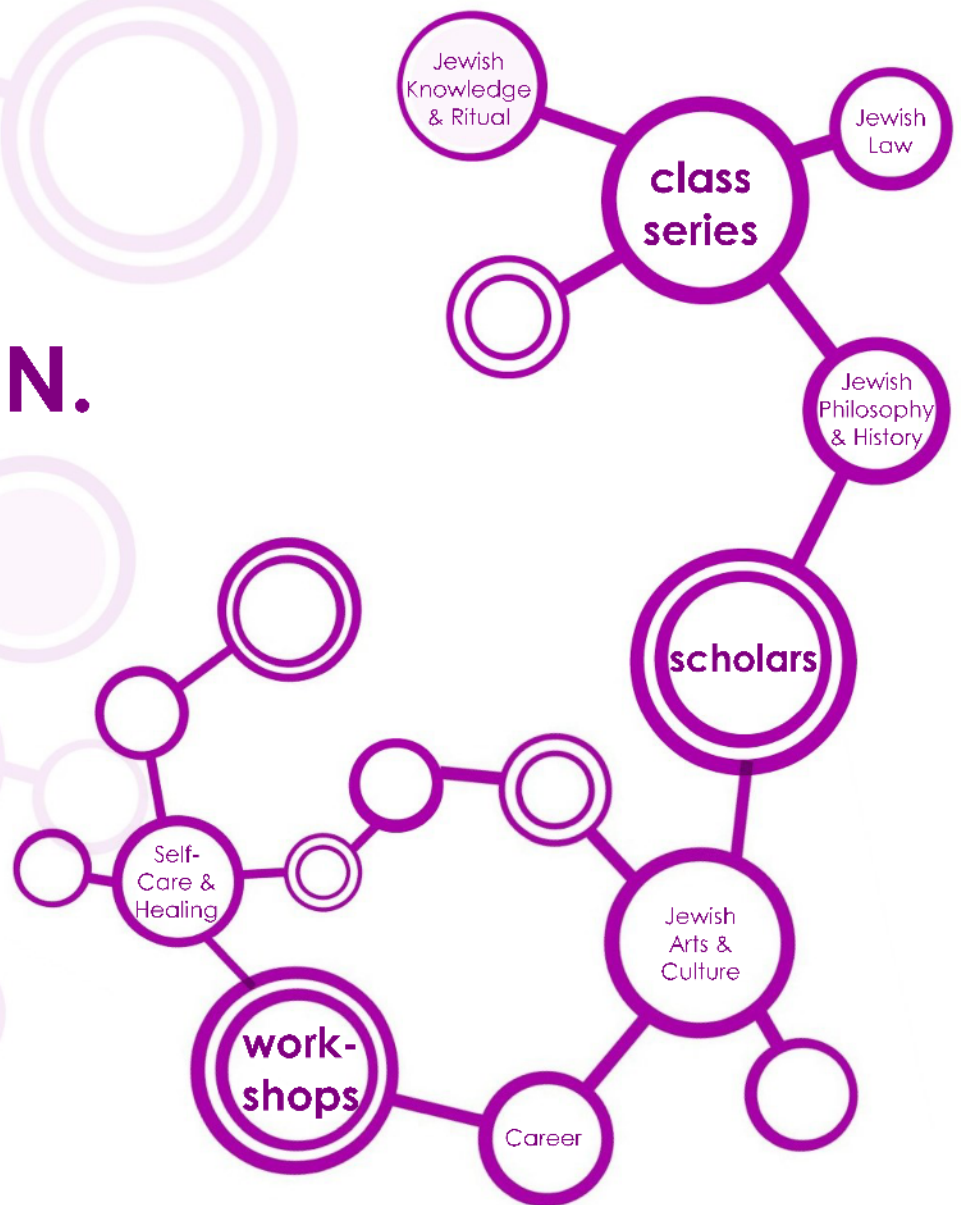


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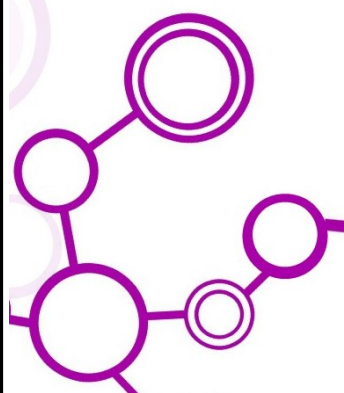
What makes Germantown Jewish Centre's adult education offerings different from all the rest? Because at GJC, it's all about Jewish Connections. Whether you are looking for one-of-a-kind workshops to kindle your curiosity or are interested in diving deeper into Jewish tradition, history, philosophy and more, 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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## POLICIES & REGISTRATION

For more information about individual courses, instructors, or unlisted locations, visit GJC's website at [www.germantownjewishcentre.org/LEARN](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/LEARN) or contact Kate Lawn at 215-844-1507 x19 or [program@germantownjewishcentre.org](mailto:program@germantownjewishcentre.org).



**Cancellations:** Classes may be cancelled if not enough students register. Students will be notified, and a full refund will be issued.

**Scholarships:** **There are scholarships to defray tuition costs for anyone who has this need. Please contact the office to inquire.**

**Payment:** Payments may be made online or by check. If paying online, Visa and Mastercard are accepted; please be aware that there is a 4% processing fee if paying by credit card. If paying by check, please make checks payable to GJC.

**Location:** Unless otherwise specified, classes are held at GJC.

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OCTOBER

## Finding Ourselves Amongst the Trees

with Ari Witkin, GJC's Rabbinic Intern

**Sunday, October 15 at 10 AM**

This workshop will give us the opportunity to make space for ourselves and silence in nature. Through a guided walk together we will explore the beauty of the park we share with our neighborhood, practice our skills of silence and listening, and breathe a little deeper while outside.



*Ari is a fourth year rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College as well as a candidate for a Masters in Nonprofit Leadership at the University of Penn and a Wexner Graduate Fellow. Ari received a BA with honors in both Religious and Peace Studies from Goucher College. He spent a year in service as an AmeriCorps VISTA working to engage faith-based institutions in supporting Baltimore city public schools. He went on to staff the Baltimore Interfaith Coalition. In 2011 Ari spent six months with the Abayudya Jewish community in Uganda before joining the staff at the Pearlstone Center. Ari has served on the faculty for Repair the World's fellowship program, as the development manager at the Jewish Farm School and completed a unit of CPE at the Jefferson University Hospital. Ari just spent a year studying in Jerusalem where he was a T'ruah Fellow.*

NOVEMBER

## Drumming from the Heart: Women's Drumming Circle

with Maureen "Moe" Jerant

**Sunday, November 5 at 11 AM**

Join drummer Moe Jerant as she introduces you to the fun, joy and healing power of the drum and drum circles. Be part of a unique, one of a kind energetic creation. Drum circles are a safe, fun and transformative space to let loose, reduce stress and access your inner power. Bring an open mind, a willing spirit and some creative energy. No previous drumming experience is necessary. A brief drum lesson will start the session. BYOD or reserve a drum when you register.



*Maureen 'Moe' Jerant is a drummer and percussionist, teaching artist and endorsed Remo HealthRHYTHMS facilitator. She currently teaches African drumming and leads the Lehigh Valley Drum Circle Ensemble. Moe brings rhythm-based activities for education, health, and wellness to schools, organizations and communities. She facilitates drum circles in a variety of settings which include women's gatherings, stress reduction, for people with dementia and Alzheimers, and as support for individuals with cognitive disabilities. Moe also facilitates "Healing Rhythms" a grief and loss support program for St. Luke's Hospice.*

DECEMBER

## Aging Well by Moving Smartly

with Patty Segal, GJC member & Golden Ager

**Wednesday, December 6 at 10 AM**

This workshop will guide you through some gentle spinal motions and "core" engaging exercises that you can also do in your home. The "core" refers to both your deep intrinsic muscles as well as your more superficial muscles located in your torso. During this workshop we will engage in both seated and standing exercises to assist you in moving with mindful intention while at the same time building strength when practiced on a regular basis. Participants will receive a handout outlining the exercises covered in class to assist in their home program. *\*The fee for this workshop is \$5. GJC thanks Patty Segal for generously donating her time and expertise to offer this class at a reduced price.*



*Patty Segal is both a certified Pilates Instructor and Licensed Gyrotonic Instructor. She has been teaching both these disciplines for 10 years at Vitality Studio, now located at 7926 Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill. Her specialty is working with individuals over 55.*



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## Introduction to Zentangle

with Mindy Shapiro, CZT

Sunday, January 7 at 10 AM



In this workshop, where no talent or experience is needed, you will learn 4-6 basic Zentangle inspired designs. This art form is therapeutic, relaxing, creative, meditative and quite fun. Each structured pattern will be broken down into small steps and what results are beautiful creative and unique images. Tangles are created on small paper tiles using a special black drawing pen. You will leave class with one or two completed tiles and new skills to continue tangling on your own. The Zentangle® Method was created by Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas.

Learn more at [zentangle.com](http://zentangle.com) *\*This class has a \$10 additional supplies fee.*



Mindy Shapiro is a CZT - a certified Zentangle teacher and a papercut artist. She is also a long time Jewish educator currently teaching Mussar, a Jewish spiritual discipline. [www.personalizedpapercuts.com](http://www.personalizedpapercuts.com)

## Make Your Resume Stand Out

with JEVS Career Services

Wednesday, February 7 at 7 PM



Recharge your job search, as experienced advisors discuss the latest written-word trends that recruiters are looking for. First impressions do count! *\*This workshop is offered free of charge.*

Searching for a job is never easy. For 75 years, JEVS Career Strategies has been providing a guided approach to career change for those in all stages of career transition. We help individuals of all ages find meaningful, satisfying employment through tools and processes to unlock and present their own skills, abilities and interests. In addition, we have many employer connections and can assist with job placement for qualified jobseekers.

## Leaving the Inner Egypt in This Moment: an Introduction to Contemplative Practice for Beginners & Practitioners

with Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg

Sunday, March 25 at 10 AM



You may have noticed that your mind has a tendency to be a source of freedom and creativity as well as a source of suffering and confusion. Contemplative practice invites us to look, in a kind and friendly way, at our own minds. This can be fun, it can be revelatory, it can be scary. It is good to have the support of an experienced guide and teacher as well as an open and interested group. Join Rabbi Sheila Weinberg for a two-hour workshop that offers time for study, practice, and conversation, and a great way to prepare for Passover.

Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg served as a congregational rabbi for seventeen years. She has also worked in the fields of Jewish community relations, Jewish education, and Hillel. She has published widely on such topics as feminism, spiritual direction, parenting, social justice and mindfulness from a Jewish perspective and has contributed commentaries to *Kol HaNeshama*, the Reconstructionist prayer book. Rabbi Weinberg has taught mindfulness meditation and yoga to rabbis, Jewish professionals and lay people in the context of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She serves as a spiritual director to a variety of Jewish clergy including students and faculty at HUC-JIR in New York. She is creator and co-leader of the Jewish Mindfulness Teacher Training Program.

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APRIL

## The Shape of Things: Discovering Self-Care through Clay Work

with Cara Graver, The Cob Studio

Wednesday, April 11 at 7 PM

Clay play provides a new, rich language to give voice to your inner self through sculptural form, allowing you to sink into a process of self-discovery and well-being. The tactile experience of clay can be meditative in nature and invite a deep sense of relaxation, allowing you to leave your everyday thoughts and worries behind and immerse yourself in the experience. Through hands-on clay play we will learn to speak into form to explore aspects of authentic self-care that sometimes elude us, and discover the path to limiting stress and bringing our bodies, minds, and spirits into balance. No previous experience with clay is necessary.

*Cara Graver is the founder of What's on Your Plate -Nutrition for Body and Soul, a practice for holistic nutrition and lifestyle coaching. A life long interest in food, health and nutrition punctuated by more than 20 years of teaching pottery and sculpture to children and adults brought her love of making pots together with what goes into them. A graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, certified by Teacher's College of Columbia University and the American Association of Drugless practitioners, her mission is to empower clients to discover their individual wisdom whether by creating a clay vessel or discovering the living vessel for the energetic, fulfilling and aligned life they seek. She works with students and clients in the beautiful, cozy, but spacious, Cob Studio, hand-sculpted from local clay, civilized by recycled windows and doors, and crowned with a living roof. Often visited by two grown daughters and young granddaughters, she lives and works in a magical woods in Chester Springs with her husband, enchanting dog Effie and small flock of contented chickens. [www.thecobstudio.com](http://www.thecobstudio.com)*



MAY

## Know Your Worth: Salary Negotiation

with JEVS Career Services

Wednesday, May 2 at 7 PM

Establish trust and confidence, accurately value your talents and experience, and solidify post-interview success! Great for those in all stages of the job search process. *\*This workshop is offered free of charge.*

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# JEWISH LAW

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## Truth, Lies, & Gossip: Speech Ethics in Jewish Law Centre City Lunch & Learn Series with Rabbi Adam Zeff

CLE

begins Wednesday, October 4 (meets monthly Oct-March)

Torrents of speech pour over us every day, from family, friends, and colleagues, as well as from public figures through the media. Troublingly, in this moment, all limits and boundaries on speech seem to have washed away in the flood of words. Lies are told with impunity, unsubstantiated gossip drives quick action, and even the nature of truth itself seems to be embattled. According to the Torah, God created the world with speech, and Jewish law takes human speech equally seriously – sometimes as a matter of life and death. A whole literature of laws on speech ethics carefully considers both how we should monitor our own speech and how we should react to the words of others. In this class we will survey this body of law and explore how the boundaries that Jewish tradition places on speech might help us judge and make sense of the words we hear every day.

*Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for PA lawyers is available through Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis for an additional \$100 for the full year or \$75 for any three sessions. CLE fees must be paid separately.*

**6 Sessions (OFF-SITE):** Wednesdays 12:15-1:30pm

Oct 4; Nov 1; Dec 6; Jan 3; Feb 7; Mar 7

**GJC Members \$150 / Non-Members \$200 / additional CLE fees may apply**

(Lunch & texts included) **Hosted by Jim Meyer at Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis** (1600 Market St, Ste. 3600)

*This course is supported by a gift from Sandy & Jim Meyer in memory of their parents.*



Rabbi Adam Zeff has served as Rabbi at the Germantown Jewish Centre since 2010, after previously serving as Assistant Rabbi (2007-2010) and Student Rabbi (2002-2007). In his pre-rabbinic life, he was a cultural anthropologist who lived in South India for several years studying the connections between music, media, and society. Music has long been an important part of his life as a singer and instrumentalist in eastern and western musical traditions, and he has performed with many different ensembles in the U.S., Europe, India, and Israel. A native Californian, he spent a “gap year” in Israel before coming east for college, and he received a B.A. in Anthropology from Yale University in 1990, a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999, and rabbinic ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in 2007. He has taught cultural anthropology at Penn and at Drexel University, and a liturgy course at RRC. At GJC, Rabbi Zeff loves telling stories, teaching Torah, singing and playing music, working for justice, and talking, laughing, and learning with the people around him. He is active in religious dialogue with Christian and Muslim clergy and is on the Executive Committee of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia. As someone who grew up Reform, experimented with Orthodoxy in college, studied at a Reconstructionist seminary, and is a member of the Conservative movement’s Rabbinical

Assembly, Rabbi Zeff is comfortable in a wide variety of Jewish settings and modes of worship and practice. His core conviction is that diversity in Jewish life and in the wider world is the truest expression of the divine. He and his wife, Cheryl, a public health physician, live in Mt. Airy and have three sons, Zeke, Avi, and Mati.



# JEWISH HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY

REGISTRATION: [www.germantownjewishcentre.org/jewish-connections-classes](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/jewish-connections-classes)

## Sanctuary Cities and Sanctuary Spaces: Sacred Space in Judaism

with Rabbi Adam Zeff

**Tuesdays at 7 PM - October 3, 10 & 17**

\$60/GJC members, \$75/non-members

**William Beck  
Memorial  
Course**



The embattled status of immigration policy in the United States has led to greater interest in the idea that cities and houses of worship might provide “sanctuary” in different ways to those whose right to be in the country may be contested by the federal government. In this class we will explore the idea of sacred space in Jewish thought, from the Mishkan (Tabernacle) in the wilderness to the Temple in Jerusalem to Israel and the modern synagogue. How do certain spaces change the people in them and those outside them? What kind of protection or refuge can they provide? And how might Judaism provide a reference point for our current struggles? No prior knowledge is assumed, and all texts will be studied in English.

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## Israel Programming: The Balfour Declaration

with Dr. Reena Friedman & Rabbi Robert Tabak

**Sundays at 10 AM - December 3 & 10**

\$40/GJC members, \$55/non members

November 2, 2017 will mark the 100th anniversary of Britain’s Balfour Declaration, which stated that “His Majesty’s Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and would use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object.” The Declaration marked a key turning point in modern Jewish history. Though the Zionist movement had begun decades earlier, its goals had now been recognized by a major power. Many Jews around the world were elated, while others expressed vocal opposition to political Zionism. In the United States as well, the Declaration had a major impact and generated a range of responses, including public celebrations, increased support for Zionist organizations, recruitment of young men for service in the Jewish Legion, and the strengthening of anti-Zionist opinion. This two-part series will explore American Jews’ responses to the Balfour Declaration, with a particular focus on reaction in the Philadelphia Jewish community. Through primary source documents and photos of the time, we will capture the drama of this historical moment, and discuss its contemporary significance.

### Session 1: The Balfour Declaration & American Jews: Reaction & Responses

### Session 2: The Balfour Declaration in Philadelphia: Hope & Rejection

*Dr. Reena Sigman Friedman is Associate Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, as well as Adjunct Professor in the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program at Gratz College. She is the author of These Are Our Children: Jewish Orphanages in the United States, 1880-1925, several encyclopedia entries and numerous scholarly articles. She is a member of the NMAJH Education Committee. Dr. Friedman lectures widely on topics relating to various aspects of American Jewish History.*



*Rabbi Robert Tabak, PhD, wrote his dissertation (Temple University) on Philadelphia Jews between 1919-1945. He has lectured and written on Philadelphia Jewish history, and revised the article on Philadelphia for the 2007 second edition of the Encyclopaedia Judaica. He is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, has served as a hospital chaplain at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and taught at St. Joseph’s University and Cabrini University. He is a member of Minyan Dorshei Derekh.*





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### Encountering God: More Explorations in Jewish Theology

with Rabbi Adam Zeff

**Sundays at 10 AM - April 8, 15, 22 & 29**

\$80/GJC members, \$95/non members



Is God an active force in human life or a transcendent source beyond human experience? Is what is written about God in the Torah literal truth, metaphorical suggestion, or mystical hinting? Do our rational minds lead us to God or does our rationality stand in the way of finding the divine? And how can understandings of God influence our lives? In this class we will explore some of the many different ways that Jewish thinkers have answered these and other questions about the nature and meaning of the divine. No prior theological experience is necessary, and all texts will be studied in English. (Note: Those who took our Jewish Theology class in 2015-16 will find new material that they can approach with added depth.)

*Rabbi Adam Zeff has served as Rabbi at the Germantown Jewish Centre since 2010, after previously serving as Assistant Rabbi (2007-2010) and Student Rabbi (2002-2007). In his pre-rabbinic life, he was a cultural anthropologist who lived in South India for several years studying the connections between music, media, and society. A native Californian, he spent a "gap year" in Israel before coming east for college, and he received a B.A. in Anthropology from Yale University in 1990, a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999, and rabbinic ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in 2007. Read Rabbi Zeff's full biography on page 7.*

## JEWISH ARTS & CULTURE

REGISTRATION: [www.germantownjewishcentre.org/jewish-connections-classes](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/jewish-connections-classes)

### The Four Tribes of Modern Israel

with Ari Witkin, GJC Rabbinic Intern

**Tuesdays at 7:30 PM - November 7, 14, 21, 28 & December 5**

\$100/GJC members, \$115/non members



Based on President Rubin Rivlin's description of Israel's four tribes, this five-part series will explore Israeli society and culture through the experience of each of these groups. At each session we will learn about the culture, politics, and experience these sectors of society: Haredim (Ultra Orthodox), Dati Leumi (religious-zionist), Chilonim (secular), and Arab.

*Ari is a fourth year rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College as well as a candidate for a Masters in Nonprofit Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania and a Wexner Graduate Fellow. Originally from Minneapolis, Ari graduated from Goucher College where he received a BA with honors in both Religious and Peace Studies. While in school Ari has served on the faculty for Repair the World's fellowship program, as the development manager at the Jewish Farm School, the Rabbinic intern for Hillel at Drexel University and completed a unit of CPE at the Jefferson University Hospital. Read Ari's full bio on page 4.*

# JEWISH KNOWLEDGE & RITUAL

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## L'Dough v'Dor

with Rabbi Fredi Cooper

**Sundays at 10 AM - February 11, 18 & 25**

\$60/GJC members, \$75/non members

From generation to generation! For age 13 through 113, this class is meant for multi-generations to learn together about Jewish cuisine and family traditions throughout the ages. We will study why we have certain foods for Shabbat and holidays and what the meaning and significance of these foods are, sharing our stories and memories along the way. Come cook together with recipes and demonstrations, and walk away with a "Holiday Memory Book" developed by you, in which old and new family recipes and stories will live on for generations to come. This is an opportunity to connect grandparents, parents, and grandchildren together in a unique 3-session class, and will do the same for beloved friends and neighbors.



*Rabbi Cooper spent years before becoming a rabbi as a family therapist. Since becoming a rabbi she has served as a Congregational rabbi, worked as a consultant for the Reconstructionist movement and has been a professor at the Reconstructionist College for over ten years. Throughout her life Rabbi Cooper has had a special interest in cooking and has made this a focus of her teaching in the community. Her interest in Jewish text was what drew her to rabbinical school and she continues to find text study to be a source of personal fulfillment and understanding.*



## Spiritual Liberation - Exploring the Passover Haggadah through the Eyes of the Hasidic Masters

with Rabbi Nathan Martin

**Tuesdays at 7 PM - March 6, 13, 20 & 27**

\$80/GJC members, \$95/non members

As an opportunity to begin your Passover preparation, join Rabbi Nathan Martin for this four session course to study Hasidic teachings on various aspects of the Passover Haggadah. Each session will focus on Hasidic teachings on a particular aspect of the Passover Hagaddah such as Matzah, the four children, and the four cups, allowing for in-depth study, personal reflection, and discussion. Texts will be studied in their English translation alongside the original Hebrew. No specific background is needed to participate.

*Rabbi Nathan Martin graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in 2006. Since that time he has served as the Assistant Director of the University of Michigan Hillel (2006-10), the Director of Student Life at RRC (2010-17), as well as the Associate Rabbi at Beth Israel (2015-present). He brings a passion to his work for creating spirit-filled, caring communities that are also dedicated to the important work of repairing the world. He has taught prayer at RRC and has been blessed to serve as a prayer leader for a variety of Reconstructionist, Reform, Renewal and Conservative communities. He completed 2-year training for religious environmental leadership with Greenfaith (2007-2008), and recently organized a Philadelphia Jewish contingent to head to the 2017 People's Climate March. Rabbi Nathan also completed a two-year training in Jewish mindfulness practice with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS) from 2011-2013. In his learning and teaching he particularly finds himself drawn to the ways in which our spiritually oriented texts in our tradition can help inform and guide our practice as Jews today. Rabbi Nathan is also a proud parent of two young children, Hadassah and Yehuda, a cyclist, and a gardener. He is lucky to be partnered with Abby Weinberg, herself a Jewish professional working for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.*



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with Rabbi Dayle Friedman

**Tuesdays at 7 PM - May 8, 15 & 22**

\$60/GJC members, \$75/non members

The transitions of our early lives are heralded with great fanfare. Once we reach adulthood, however, there is little ritual acknowledgment of our passages. Between marriage (for those who marry) and death, there are few Jewish ceremonies to mark the peak and valley moments in our lives. This class will investigate what happens to us in life transitions, and the impact of ritual, drawing upon the work of the late anthropologist, Barbara Meyerhoff. We will analyze the components of rituals of transition, and we will work together to create new rituals for selected passages of the adult lifespan. The class will provide participants with tools to create rituals for themselves or others for any life transition.



*Rabbi Dayle Friedman, MSW, BCC, is a spiritual director, pastoral caregiver and liturgist. Her work with people beyond midlife has taught her the power of rituals to shape and ennoble life's passages. Through Growing Older ([www.growingolder.net](http://www.growingolder.net)), she offers spiritual direction and pastoral care. Her latest publication is Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older: Finding Our Grit and Grace Beyond Midlife.*

## MUSSAR

REGISTRATION: [www.mussarleadership.org](http://www.mussarleadership.org)

### Introduction to Mussar

with Linda Kriger

**Offsite, Thursdays at 7 PM**

Mussar, the Jewish practice of moral and ethical character development, is a centuries-old toolbox based on 13 positive character traits created by none other than Benjamin Franklin. Franklin's ideas found their way to Lithuania and ultimately captured the imagination of Rabbi Israel Salanter, who created a curriculum around them in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Today, Mussar teachings adapt beautifully to modern life and Jewish theology. Through Mussar, we learn the usefulness for self-concern (with the *yetzer ha-rah*), and how to focus our compassionate concern for others (with the *yetzer ha-tov*) so that self-absorption doesn't throw us off



balance. Through daily practice text study, we become aware when our *yetzer ha-rah* becomes activated. We learn how to use 18 *middot* (character traits) including orderliness, patience, humility, and equanimity to support those with whom we come into contact. This transformative practice helps in situations throughout life, from our anger when someone cuts us off on the road, to handling challenges with our closest others. 13-weeks, offsite, Thursdays 7-9 pm (Sept 14-Jan 4 with no classes Sept 25, Oct 5, Nov 16 and Thanksgiving. Daytime classes can be arranged if preferred.

\$350/first semester. Questions may be addressed to: [Linwitz1012@gmail.com](mailto:Linwitz1012@gmail.com).

*Linda Kriger has studied and practiced Mussar for a decade, studying with Rabbi Ira Stone, Beulah Trey and Mindy Shapiro, who helped to create a contemporary Mussar practice for the Mussar Leadership Program in Philadelphia. She is a former reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer and author of Gut Feelings: Social and Emotional Struggles with Crohn's & Colitis, a book informed by Mussar.*



Germantown Jewish Centre's Israel Programming presents

# EDUCATING ACROSS DIFFERENCE

exploring education against a background of social and cultural divides with Lee Gordon, founder of **Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel**

## **Saturday, September 9th in the Charry Service BUILDING A SHARED SOCIETY IN ISRAEL THROUGH INTEGRATED SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES**

Please join us for a special Shabbat service, talk, and kiddush Q&A with visiting scholar Lee Gordon, founder of Hand in Hand. In a society in which Jews and Arabs live in almost total separation from one another and in the context of ongoing violent conflict, **Hand in Hand's** mission is to create a strong and inclusive shared society in Israel through a network of integrated bilingual schools for Arabs and Jews. **Hand in Hand** operates 6 schools with over 1,700 Jewish and Arab students, involving more than 6,000 adults, Jews and Arabs.

### **Saturday, September 9th at 7:00 PM HAVDALLAH WITH HAND IN HAND**

You are invited to join Lee Gordon for a more in-depth look at **Hand in Hand's** work in Israel. Space is limited; advance registration is necessary.

Register at [www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Hand-in-Hand](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Hand-in-Hand).

### **Sunday, September 10th at 10:30 AM EDUCATING ACROSS DIFFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA AND ISRAEL**

with Otis Hackney (Chief Education Officer, City of Philadelphia),  
Lee Gordon (Hand in Hand), Judy Groner (Perelman Jewish Day School),  
and Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath (Penn Graduate School of Education)

What are the parallels between the work that **Hand in Hand** is doing in Israel and the work of private and public schools in Philadelphia? This panel will combine the perspectives of educators with deep experience in bridging the ethnic, racial, class and cultural divides that can often separate and cause discord among young people in the city. Join us for an engaging look into how change can be implemented on a larger scale.

**September 9-10, 2017  
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# Pluralism in Action: Talking Respectfully about Divisive Issues

Yom Kippur Oscar Bregman Memorial Program

presented by Chris Satullo

with Rev. Sandra L. Strauss

**Saturday, September 30 at 2:45 PM**

The nation's political discourse is in crisis. Debate by insult. Online trolls. Toxic tweets. People hunkered down in partisan silos where assumptions harden. What can be done? Can communities of faith become places where respectful dialogue takes root and flowers, where we blaze a trail out of the poisonous wilderness? Chris Satullo (journalist and principal at the Penn Project for Civic Engagement), Rev. Sandy Strauss (of the PA Council of Churches), and GJC member Rabbi George Stern are creating a new project in congregation-based dialogue. It is based in existing models for discussions that manage to be both passionate and civil, carving out safe spaces for airing opposing viewpoints in a way that potentially provides an opportunity for finding common ground. At GJC's annual Oscar Bregman Memorial Program, Chris Satullo will introduce the project and provide details about the steps GJC and other local congregations can take in a quest for civic engagement and problem-solving.

## CHRIS SATULLO

*Chris Satullo was vice president for news and civic dialogue at WHYY/NewsWorks from 2008 to 2015. He joined the public media service in 2008 after nearly 20 years at the Philadelphia Inquirer. While at WHYY, he launched the NewsWorks.org website, the radio programs NewsWorks Tonight and The Pulse, and two award-winning statewide reporting initiatives, StateImpact PA and Keystone Crossroads. At the Inquirer, he served as editorial page editor and a columnist, among various positions, and led the Great Expectations civic dialogue project on the 2007 Philadelphia city elections. A nationally known expert in civic engagement, in 2006, he co-founded the Penn Project for Civic Engagement at the University of Penn. He has won more than 60 awards for columns, editorials, reporting and civic engagement.*



## REV. SANDRA L. STRAUSS

*The Rev. Sandra Strauss (Sandy) joined the staff of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches in April 2004. As Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the Council, Sandy's responsibilities are to inform, educate, and empower people of faith on significant public issues, facilitate the work of common ministry and ecumenical relationships, manage external communications, and organize and manage Council events. Sandy received her Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary and is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She also holds a Master of Arts in Public Policy Studies from Duke University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Music from the Lindenwood Colleges (St. Charles, MO).*



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# The Jewish-Muslim-Christian Interfaith Encounter: from Text Study to Co-Existence

32nd Annual Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend



## NOVEMBER 10 - 12, 2017

Germantown Jewish Centre is pleased to welcome  
**Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Gordon**

*How can religious leaders play a role in peace building between Israelis and Palestinians? Can shared text study be a meaningful part of that process? Our weekend together will look at a wide range of sacred scriptures with a special emphasis on texts from the Qur'an.*

### FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10

Join us for Kol Zimrah, our musical Friday night service, before the program at 6 PM.

#### 7:15 PM Shabbat Potluck & Program: A Jewish Reading of Sura 1 of the Qur'an

The first Sura (chapter) of the Qur'an is short and it contains terms and ideas familiar to us from the High Holiday liturgy and the Bible. How might these verses bridge our traditions?

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

[www.germantownjewishcentre.org/  
Charry-Weekend-Potluck-2017](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Charry-Weekend-Potluck-2017)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

#### 10 AM Comparing Halakhah & Sharia Law: A New Frontier of Jewish-Muslim Relations

Rabbinic Judaism and Islam are both traditions rooted in law and legal philosophy. Join us for an opportunity to examine passages comparing and contrasting rules governing food, the family, and religious life.

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

[www.germantownjewishcentre.org/  
Charry-Weekend-Sunday-Workshop-2017](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Charry-Weekend-Sunday-Workshop-2017)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

#### 9:30 AM Charry Memorial Shabbat Service & Portrait Dedication for Rabbi Gordon

Please join us for a special service in which we will dedicate a portrait of Rabbi Gordon. GJC is deeply grateful to Rick and Eileen Bazelon for donating this portrait. Rabbi Gordon's work was crucial in shaping the synagogue community we have today. He designed communal processes that helped make GJC a "community of communities," where multiple minyanim flourish, share governance, care for one another, and are united in learning and pursuing social justice. We are grateful to be able to honor him.

#### 11:30 AM D'var Torah - Rules for Rulers: The Queen of Sheba as Model Monarch

The story of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba continued to resonate for Jews and Muslims over a thousand years after their fateful encounter. How does the account of the Queen's visit differ in the two traditions, and what does that teach us about gender roles and political leadership?

*All are invited to kiddush following the service. Childcare and children's supervision (6+) will be offered through the program.*

#### 1:30 PM Program - Children of Sarah and Hagar: Recovering our Embattled Foremothers for Contemporary Dialogue

When we speak of "Abrahamic" traditions we trace Judaism, Christianity, and Islam to a common ancestor about whom we tell very different stories. Might we instead think of ourselves as descendants of Sarah and Hagar? What might emerge from such a change in perspective?

Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend is made possible by the Julius & Ray Charlestein Foundation and an endowment established in memory of Fannie, Samuel & Arthur Weiss. Germantown Jewish Centre extends thanks and gratitude to the Wolfe Family Foundation for their generous support in all GJC programming.

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## Ongoing Group Discussion and Study Opportunities

### Hazak's Book Group (55+)

This monthly book group meets on Wednesday mornings to read and discuss literature and non-fiction.  
*Monthly, Wednesdays 10AM • Sept 13; Oct 11; Nov 8; Dec 13; Jan 10; Feb 14; Mar 14; Apr 11; May 9; June 13*

### Parashat ha-Shavua B'Ivrit

An opportunity for Hebrew speakers to participate in Torah study and discussion (entirely in Hebrew).  
*Monthly, Saturdays 11AM-12PM • Sept 9; Oct 14; Nov TBD; Dec 9; Jan TBD; Feb 10; Mar 10; Apr 14; May 12; June 9*

### People of the Book

This monthly book group reads fiction and nonfiction books of Jewish interest written mostly, but not solely, by Jewish writers and are chosen by the group.  
*Monthly, Tuesdays 7:15-9PM • Sept 12; Oct 10; Nov 14; Dec 12; Jan 9; Feb 13; Mar 13; Apr 10; May 8; June 12*

### Torah Study

This group meets weekly to study and read closely Jewish texts. The group will focus on close reading of Genesis and Exodus throughout the fall. In addition to the biblical text, midrashic texts are introduced when they extend the understanding of the texts encountered.  
*Weekly, Fridays 10AM • see website calendar for current dates*

## Connect! to Lifelong Learning at GJC

Register/pay online at [www.germantownjewishcentre.org/register](http://www.germantownjewishcentre.org/register) or mail a check with your registration form to: Germantown Jewish Centre • 400 W. Ellet St. • Philadelphia, PA 19119

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TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please register me for the list above; I will pay separately at the time of the classes/workshops.

*\*If paying for CLE credit (Center City Lunch & Learn), payment is made separately directly to Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis.*

☐ I am a GJC member. ☐ I am NOT a GJC member. ☐ Please put me on your email list.

☐ I am not a GJC member, but I would like to receive the Jewish Connections brochure annually.



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