



THE CENTRE CALL

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by Ari Witkin, Rabbinic Intern



I have long struggled with the tension between the prescribed cycle of emotion that accompanies the Jewish calendar and the individual experience of life we each have. It can feel difficult to embody the spirit of the season fully if the realities of

my own life don't match the corresponding communal experience. I wonder, what does it mean to embrace a period of celebration fully if I am in the midst of heartbreak? How can I be truly present to the sadness of a season of mourning if things in my life are really good or exciting?

In some ways it seems as though being in relationship to a communal calendar asks that I relinquish my attachment to my own emotional journey. And yet, there is something powerful about living in the rhythms of Jewish time. The construction of our calendar is a tour through the whole spectrum of human experience with seasons and months infused with distinct emotional orientation, punctuated by holidays that invite us to place ourselves within the rise and fall of the story of our people. The spiritual task of placing ourselves within its ebb and flow therefore is to navigate the relationship between our individual and communal experiences of life.

As the spring begins to emerge we have found ourselves right in the midst of the month of Adar. Adar, which plays host to Purim, one of the most fun days of the year, is known in Jewish tradition as a time of exuberance. The rabbis of the Talmud taught *Mi shenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha*, that when the month of Adar enters we increase our joy (Ta'anit 19a). For many of us the onset of communal celebrations and joy may be a welcomed pivot after a particularly long and cold winter. At the same time,

diving into the spirit of the holiday may feel contrived or out of synch with the other things that are happening in our lives.

Turning back to the Talmudic discussion from which this proclamation emerges I think we may find some comfort in the rabbis' thoughts. The idea that the coming of Adar issues the onset of happiness is not offered up in a vacuum. On the contrary, it comes amidst a discussion of the sadness of the month of Av, the time when we commemorate the destruction of the temple. By connecting these two moments of the year which happen opposite each other, our tradition is making space for the full spectrum of emotional experience in any one moment in time. It is not simply that Adar is happy, and Av is sad, but rather that we are able to experience the depth of one because of its relationship to the other. In this way each moment of our annual cycle contains the fullness of the entirety.

One of the great gifts of Judaism is the community it fosters. As is the case in any relationship, as members of a community we share in each other's emotional experiences. In my time at GJC I have been blown away by our community's commitment to being there for one another in both celebration and consolation. As we move in to the end of Adar and towards the beginning of the month of Nissan, I am excited for more opportunities to celebrate our joys together and look forward to exploring what liberation means to us with the coming Passover season.

As the seasons continue to turn and we move together through our tradition's emotional cycle, it is my hope that each of us can experience its fullness as a community, knowing that in every moment of communal celebration and reflection we are also, together, holding space for each individual's unique personal experience.

SHABBAT & HOLIDAYS

March 3

- Charry Service: Charry Appreciation Shabbat & 4th grade reads Ashrei

March 10: Shabbat Parah

- Dorshei Derekh w/ Charry Service: Mazal Tov to Zivia Avelin, daughter of Alex Volin Avelin & Sheila Avelin, on becoming Bat Mitzvah
- BBMM Shabbat
- Parashat ha-Shavua B'Ivrit

March 17:

Rosh Hodesh Nisan, Shabbat HaHodesh

- BBMM Shabbat
- Kol D'mamah Jewish Meditation with Ari Witkin
- Musical Marching Minyan

March 23 & 24: Shabbat HaGadol

- Kol Zimrah
- Minyan Masorti w/ Charry Service: Mazal Tov to Lily Wolnek, daughter of Ivan & Rebecca Wolnek, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

March 30:

Erev Pesah, Ta'anit Becherot, First Seder

- Siyyum

March 31: Pesah I, Second Seder

- Charry, Dorshei Derekh, and Minyan Masorti Shabbat & Pesah Services

April 1: Pesah II

- Minyan Masorti & Charry Pesah Service

April 6: Pesah VII

- Dorshei Derekh Pesah Service w/ Yizkor
- Minyan Masorti & Charry Pesah Service

April 7: Pesah VIII

- Minyan Masorti and Charry Shabbat & Pesah Services w/ Yizkor
- Dorshei Derekh Shabbat Service

April 14

- Charry Service: Women's Shabbat
- BBMM Shabbat
- Musical Marching Minyan
- Parashat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

April 21: GJC Family Retreat

- Kol D'mamah Jewish Chant with Nina Peskin

April 27 & 28

- Kol Zimrah
- Charry Service: Mazal tov to Becca Miller, daughter of Gavi Miller & Minna Ziskind, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Kabbalat Shabbat-Fridays, 6 PM | Shabbat Morning Services, 10 AM
Shabbat Morning Kids Space: Kids are welcome to play Shabbat-friendly games in Room 305 - BYOG and some will be provided.



MAZAL TOV!

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Susan Weiss, on the launch of her new children's book, *Becky's Braids*

Koby Fallon, son of Mark Fallon and Maani Waldor, on being selected to be a member of the prestigious Keystone State Boychoir

Nina Israel, on the birth of her granddaughter, Zahava Miriam, daughter of Daniel Israel and Amanda Ross Israel

Jacob Becker, son of Chip and Marta Becker, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Joey Weisenberg, on being the 2017 National Jewish Book Award Winner for his book *The Torah of Music*

Sylvia Lifschitz and Mitch Hirsch, on the aufruf of their son Josh Hirsch and his fiancée Stacey Snyder

Diane Ajl & Neil Kitrosser, on the engagement of their son Daniel Ajl Kitrosser to Jordan Hunter Segal

Hersh & Betsy Richman, on their 50th wedding anniversary

Norman Newberg, on the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

IN MEMORIAM

Judith B. Wachs,

mother of Phil Wachs, mother in law of Juliet Spitzer, grandmother of Aleeza, Gabriella, & Michal

Doris Berman,

mother of Alice Berman

Stanford Zukin,

father of Wayne Zukin, grandfather of Isaac & Lily

Louis Kohn,

uncle of Eric Brunner, cousin of Ira Somerson

PLANNED GIVING & NER TAMID

Remembering Germantown Jewish Centre in your will, a trust, or retirement assets is a meaningful way to ensure that your commitment to our community continues to help our synagogue thrive for generations to come. For more information on how you can include GJC in your estate plans, please contact Nina Peskin at 215-844-1507 x12.





President's Message

by Chip Becker, GJC President

The last time I wrote you all, we were on the cusp of Jacob's bar mitzvah. I confess I was not entirely certain how it would turn out. We ask a lot of our children during b'nei mitzvah, and I am routinely amazed at how the kids rise to the moment. But how would Jacob do?

Would we forget to do something important? Would people attend? Of course, we had been through this before with Isaac. But every experience is new. And with Jacob's bar mitzvah, on the first weekend in January, there was the added dimension of extreme cold and snow (as you may remember). So as we enter spring, I'm glad to report that Jacob did great and we didn't forget anything. Marta's family came into town from California and North Carolina, which made the weekend quite special for the Taylor family. And even with the difficult weather, people really came to services to be with our family on that important day. One of the best qualities of religious tradition is that it cultivates a sense of gratitude for the blessings in life. Marta and I deeply appreciate your collective support of our family during Jacob's bar mitzvah. Thank you.

Now let me turn to the more prosaic but actually kind of exciting subject of building renovations. The Religious School side of our building opened seventy years ago in 1947. This sanctuary has been in use since 1952. Both sides of the building have been well cared for, but, as we know from our own homes, there is always the next thing to be addressed. There are a number of items we intend to address over the next year.

In particular, you may have noticed the concrete brows that overhang many of our windows, especially on Religious School side. Those concrete brows are characteristic of the mid-century modern architecture of which this building is considered a classic example. Over the decades, these features have weathered and degraded to the point that occasionally small pieces of concrete may fall to the ground below. As a result, we have not been using the backside of the building as a precautionary measure. Beginning this spring, the synagogue will extensively renovate those brows with the assistance of a masonry restoration company that has worked on the building previously. This is a substantial project that will take approximately a month to complete. There will not be scaffolding, but there will be a lot of activity around the building exterior during this time.

A benefit of restoring and cleaning the brows is that it will allow us to reopen the area behind the synagogue and

more broadly to consider how we might best use the entire synagogue property. In connection with this inquiry, we expect to retain a landscape architect to assist us with creating a plan that we might execute in years to come. If you have ideas about how we might best use our property, please let me or Nina Peskin know. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

In addition to the brows and landscaping, we are undertaking to work on a variety of heating and air conditioning issues. As you know, some parts of the building get really cold during winter. As we try to make those areas comfortable, other parts of the building get extremely hot. There a number of steps we can take to improve our HVAC systems and we plan to take those steps over the next several months as well. I am hopeful that by next winter, those who come to morning minyan will not need to wear coats in the Magil Chapel and that ECP staff will not simultaneously need to keep windows open to prevent rooms from overheating.

While we work on our HVAC systems, the House & Design Committee is giving much consideration to the issue of our windows. We have more than 400 original wood windows on the Religious School side of our building. These windows represent an important component of the architecture of the building. At the same time, it goes without saying that window technology has advanced considerably since 1947. I look forward to working with House & Design on developing a plan to renovate our windows that balances aesthetics and efficiency.

There are several additional efficiency-related projects we will undertake: we will also seek to update our kitchen in modest but important respects. Without getting into further detail, let me leave you with two thoughts. First, these considerable investments are made possible because of your support of GJC. Thank you for that support. On behalf of the synagogue, I am grateful to each and every one of you for your commitment to this institution and the values it strives to represent.

Second, we know in our own lives that we have to take care of our bodies. In the same way, we have to take care of this building. This building is our communal home. It has been our home for a long time, and will continue to be our home for a long time to come. Let us plan for another 70 years of this vibrant and diverse community living proudly in the heart of West Mount Airy. I look forward to these projects getting accomplished and hope they bring satisfaction and strength to our entire community.

TIKKUN OLAM

GJC members speak about volunteering at two local public schools

Germantown Jewish Centre members have a long and proud history of doing volunteer work at two local elementary schools, Henry and Houston. At Henry, the primary role is reading library books to children during story hour. At Houston, volunteers tutor students in reading and math, and also volunteer in the Houston library. These activities are invaluable for students and teachers, while also having a great impact on our members who conduct these activities.

Below are personal stories of some of the GJC members who do this volunteer work. If you would like more information or want to volunteer at Henry School, please contact Maxine Margolies at mmargx@aol.com or Sandy Meyer at sms@meyeroneagle.com. For more information or to volunteer at Houston, please contact Elayne Blender at elayneblender@gmail.com or contact Barbara Bloom at babloom@verizon.net.

"This is the third year of my volunteering at CW Henry School for third and fourth grades. At the outset I want to emphasize my sense of belonging and also the welcome feeling given by the class and the teachers. Students to whom I've read in previous years say hello to me when they see me at school. The books I have read so far this year: The stories of Jackie Robinson and Maya Angelou, The Lewis and Clark Expedition, *The Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, and *This is The Day* (in tribute to Martin Luther King, photos of the March on Washington in August of 1963). After each weekly reading there is a lively Q and A session. The students make comments, ask questions and explore answers to questions. The teacher is present and takes part in the discussion. It is a very worthwhile endeavor. I look forward to it weekly. It reawakens memories of my days in elementary school. I am glad to volunteer in this initiative. I am thankful to GJC for opening this door to me and the other volunteers from GJC."

~ *In Gratitude, Barry Farber*

"Every Tuesday at around 9:20 I enter CW Henry School for my scheduled reading time. I have been doing Story Hour for two years with Ms. Fisher's second grade class. It is one of the highlights of my week! These students show so much enthusiasm and excitement during Story Hour. Before I begin Story Hour, the first thing I do is to ask them to tell me something good that happened to them. All of their hands shoot up in the air and they all start talking at the same time, eager to be called on. This has become my weekly routine before reading. In our Story Hour time we go back and forth, from chapter books to picture books, and we take a vote on what we will read next. It is such a joy seeing these kids laugh, share their experiences, and connect to the characters in the

books we read. It is a beautiful reminder to see how much kids enjoy learning and using their imagination!"

~ *Rebecca Zaslav*

"Volunteers at Houston (VH) began approximately twenty years ago, with a group of volunteers coming to the school on Thursday mornings and working individually with a group of students from one class. Those volunteers continue to meet on Thursday mornings with second graders. Since then, VH has added math tutoring on Tuesdays. A group also volunteers in the library three days a week to greet classes, and, depending on the age, to read aloud to the students or inform them about libraries, and then help children find books to check out. The library volunteers assist approximately six classes weekly. VH has also this year added a group of literacy tutors who work with first graders. The joy of tutoring at Houston is that volunteers get to work one-on-one with the same student all year long, and they all have the support of a group of tutors and a very thankful teacher. Due to space limitations, the literacy groups have as many volunteers as we need. The math tutoring group on Tuesdays welcomes new tutors. They tutor one group of third graders and another of second graders on Tuesdays from one to three p.m. Elayne Blender, who is in charge of this group, notes that second and third grade math isn't really that hard: like all tutoring, the challenge is figuring out how to make math accessible to the particular child you are working with. There is also great need for more help in the library on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from ten to noon or on Thursday from one to three p.m."

~ *Barbara Bloom*

"Fifty-eight years ago, I walked with male classmates once a week from Houston School to Henry School for shop and mechanical drawing classes, since Houston did not have the equipment (the girls went to Jenks for cooking and sewing). The classroom was somewhere in the bowels of the old building. Now I have the pleasure of reading to fourth graders in a room with windows! Currently I'm reading *George Washington's Socks*, a fantasy in which twentieth-century kids find themselves in Revolutionary War New Jersey, as the Battle of Trenton is about to happen. As I left the room one recent Wednesday, one of the students, who had told me he was having a bad day, handed me an impromptu picture he'd drawn based on the reading. He was smiling. The sketch the student gave me was of a video game—a device one of the kids in the story had that the Native Americans he stumbled upon could of course not comprehend. The story gives us a lot of opportunity to talk

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about cultural differences, not just ones that exist because time marches on, but also ones that reflect the diversity in our own society—ethnic, religious, racial, and class. Here is a sampling of books I've read this year: *Number the Stars*, a story about the rescue of Danish Jews during World War II (it's interesting how much these nine-year-olds, none of whom are to my knowledge Jewish, know about the Holocaust); *Stone Fox*, a great tale about an orphan boy being raised by his grandfather and struggling to find his place in the Wyoming of his childhood; and *Bridge to Terabithia*, whose multi-faceted characters provide plenty of opportunity to talk about human relationships. The teacher has a great sense of what the kids will enjoy, so she chooses the books. The hardest part of her task is ascertaining whether students have already read the book she wants me to read—because these students are in fact regular readers on their own. It's exciting to see how well this diverse school functions. The classroom I'm in is bright, filled with creative work by students, equipped with overhead projector and whiteboard, and an in-class library with hundreds of books—essentially everything you would want kids to have access to. Often when I arrive they are closing up their laptops (shared with other classes), and because a quarter of the class has orchestra practice some mornings, I have to schedule my time for when they can be present. One negative: the heating system is atrociously erratic; I never know whether to wear a sweater or a bathing suit! To be sure, the students benefit from hearing and discussing good novels. But I must say that those of us who participate in this program reap great rewards as well."

~ George Stern

"Reading in Ms. Jackson's third grade class every week is a very important part of my life. The excitement at my arrival makes me feel so good. The reception to the stories is amazing, and there is almost always a chance to widen horizons and offer Tikkun Olam. Sometimes it's due to a response to a character and the choices made. Sometimes it's how one child responds to another in the classroom. There are opportunities for the children to shift to kindness, become more accepting, and/or to celebrate differences. We end with standing, singing, and "doing" together R. Geela Rayzel's "My roots go down, down into the earth." This is a nice chance to move, and also connect with the earth. The children's enthusiasm is always a gift. I wouldn't miss this for anything!"

~ Ellen Weaver



"As I was leaving 38 years of university teaching, a friend said to me "Get to them when the lights are still on!" And so I have. The opportunity to read to Mrs. Palkon's kindergarten over these last six years has brightened my week and given me hope that public school teaching in Philadelphia has some real heroes. I've long since stopped pretending that this is a "charitable contribution." I'm one of many adults who are fans of children's literature. I feel great joy in passing on to new generations the way storybooks can share wisdom, humor, and knowledge. I've had kindergartners tell me a book I read to them "taught me patience" or "help me deal with my fears." Although adults may not get as much opportunity to be read to as children, many of us never outgrow the pleasure of sharing a well-told story."

~ Jeanne Allen

NEWS FROM THE MEN'S CLUB by Dick Menin

GJC Men's Club is continuing with service, educational and fellowship developing programs. The monthly JRA food distributions clearly help the recipients with needed nourishment and, for the packers, a great opportunity for Tikkun Olam.

Our latest large program was on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in early January. Despite brutal weather over 200 people attended. The situation was discussed by 4 panelists offering different viewpoints on this seemingly intractable problem with Judge Abe Gafni as the moderator. In place of individual presentations, the panel members answered questions addressed individually to them by other speakers. Audience members submitted written questions as well. Not unexpectedly there was little agreement to this dilemma. Unfortunately, time permitted only so many questions but the interactions were lively, and civil.

Our next large program will be on Sunday March 18 when Dr. Andrew Newberg, a neuroscientist from Jefferson University, will present "The biology of spirituality". Does prayer and meditation differ from other types of thought processes? This is a fascinating topic and he is an engaging speaker from whom I have personally taken courses.

I hope to see you there and at our other offerings.

DAVID FERLEGER & RABBI DAYLE FRIEDMAN

Dayle Friedman, 61, and David Ferleger, 69, members of Minyan Dorshei Derekh, have each created distinguished careers and forged paths where nobody had gone before.

Dayle, who was born in Denver, came from a family that was very active in Temple Micah, the Reform Temple that they helped to found. She spent six months as an exchange student during her senior year of high school, which coincided with the Yom Kippur war. "It was a very formative experience," she said. "I was in Haifa, with an incredible, loving family with whom I was and still am, quite close. I knew almost no Hebrew, but because my Israeli family wouldn't speak English to me, and because I spent time in an Israeli bomb shelter when there were air raids, I quickly became proficient. I fell in love with the Hebrew language. "I would not consider leaving during the war. I felt this was my people and my place. I felt I wanted to be there in solidarity when Israel was in danger."

Dayle realized at age seven that she wanted to be a rabbi. "I was very fond of my childhood rabbi who was very dynamic and charismatic and a man, of course --- no one told me girls couldn't be rabbis. I didn't know that what I was aspiring to wouldn't even be a possibility until 1972, when Sally Preisand became the first woman ordained as a rabbi." Dayle attended Brandeis University, because she was interested in the rich Jewish studies and Jewish life it offered. "Very early on, I was invited to participate in a group that led Shabbat services in a retirement home. I immediately fell in love with the combination of old, young, and Judaism." Pursuing her interest in older people, Dayle started an 'Adopt a Grandparent' program, in which Brandeis students worked with elders in the area. From where did her interest arise? "My Grammy Anne was a very important person in my life," Dayle explained. "She started college in her 70s. She was passionately concerned about civic affairs and volunteered in a kindergarten. I learned from her that older people were fascinating and fun."

There was also another reason. "The people who were old when I was a college student were immigrants who gave me a link to the European Jewish experience. They gave me a dimension of Jewish culture and experience that I had not gotten in my upbringing as a third-generation American Jew."

Despite her interest, Dayle had little hope that she would be hired as a rabbi to work with elders, given the lack of receptivity to women rabbis in the early years. "So I enrolled in a double masters' program in Social Work (University of Southern California) and in Jewish Communal Service (Hebrew Union College)." She quickly realized that she still longed to be a rabbi, as she wanted to be a leader whose authority was based in Jewish learning and spiritual inspiration.

While taking a year off to figure out what to do next, she picked up a newsletter from Hebrew Union College, which included an obituary for a student rabbi who had worked for the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged in the Bronx. "My whole body shook," Dayle recalled. "I couldn't believe somebody hired a woman to be a rabbi with elders." She decided at that moment to finish her double masters program and move to New York to attend rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College. Two years after moving to New York, her marriage to her college sweetheart ended.



Dayle finished rabbinical school in four years and, during that time held the very job held by the rabbinical student whose obituary she had read. After ordination, she came to Philadelphia as the first full-time chaplain at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center (PGC), the forerunner of the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. At PGC, Dayle said she "got to create and foster Jewish life in a community of 1100 elders and their families. I was thrilled to have this congregation of people to whom Judaism was incredibly meaningful.

At the time, working with the elderly, "wasn't a field rabbis intentionally went into and for which they honed their skills. That's why it was important to me that these skills be taught to rabbinic students," she said. "At PGC, I started the first clinical internship program in aging for student rabbis and cantors. We later created a certification in aging at RRC (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)," where she served as an adjunct professor beginning in 1989.

Dayle married again, gave birth to Anya, and divorced when Anya was 1 ½ years old. Anya, now 24, recently made aliyah and is a community organizer/educator in Karmiel, near Haifa. When Anya was 2 ½, Dayle met David, introduced by Ellen Bernstein, a former member of GJC. "On my first date with Dayle, I talked about the Holocaust and how I'd just written a paper for a course at Gratz; the paper was on the mitzvah, 'Be Fruitful and Multiply,'" David said. Dayle smiled. "He was 48, and telegraphing that he wanted kids of his own." "But not consciously," David said. They married on Dayle's birthday, nine months after they met in 1996.

Dayle left PGC and edited a book, Jewish Pastoral Care, to address a dearth of professional literature on the growing field. She gave birth to twins, Anat and Avram, now 18. Anat is a freshman at American University and Avram at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

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In 2003, Dayle continued her groundbreaking ways and founded and directed Hiddur, the Center for Aging and Judaism of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, which closed in 2011. "It was a great experience," she said. "We integrated aging into the formal and informal learning at RRC, so that every student graduated with some exposure to aging issues. We trained professionals around the country to work with the aging population; we developed resources to promote Jewish life, including Sacred Seasons, a set of kits to help staff in non-Jewish eldercare facilities to help Jewish elders to celebrate Shabbat and holidays."

Since 2012, Dayle has served elders in her private practice, Growing Older, which offers pastoral care and spiritual direction. She also consults with families on medical decision-making and end-of-life care. She also recently published her latest book, Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older. She loves her work, and wryly describes how she was discouraged from following her path. "My teachers and mentors felt I wasn't fulfilling my potential in serving elders instead of a large Reform congregation," she said. "I'm so grateful I didn't listen. It was not a charted course. I had no role model. I had to make it up as I went along."

David also forged a unique professional path. He created and pursued the field of disability justice. His career can be traced directly to his lineage, and his connection to people who are treated as less than full citizens. He is the son of Holocaust survivors whose harrowing stories still live inside David and have guided him since early childhood, when his parents told him stories of their lives during the war.

David was born in Philadelphia four days before the establishment of the State of Israel. His parents were first cousins, but didn't know each other growing up. His mother, Miriam, grew up in Warsaw, and was 19 when war broke out. One of the last people to leave the Warsaw Ghetto, she was captured by the Nazis on May 6, 1943 and was interned in a series of concentration camps, including about two years in Auschwitz.

"I have no memory of not knowing about the Holocaust," David said. "A lot of my personality, sensibility and way of relating to the world are shaped by the Holocaust, which is true of a lot of children of survivors. My mother and her two sisters were among a group of Jews 'saved' by Auschwitz. One day, when they were in Majdanek, they were put into the gas chamber with a group of prisoners. The door was locked and the Germans planned to kill them the next day. They spent the night in the gas chamber with people praying or crying. The next morning, instead of the gas being turned on, the doors were opened and the Nazis said that orders had changed, and they were taking them to Auschwitz."

David's father, Avram, came from Chmielnik, Poland, a small shtetl. He had a prodigious memory. He knew the whole

Chumash and much of the Talmud. All of Avram's immediate family was killed, including his parents and seven sisters. "My father was the only one to survive," David said, telling a story he's told many times. "He dug a hole in a horse's stall, down to a short tunnel under the wall of the stable, where there was a small space where he survived the rest of the war with another man. This hole was not big enough to stand up in and if one of them turned over the other had to turn as well. The Gentile farmers brought them food when they could. Once the Nazis camped out in the stable for two weeks. The clothes he wore going in were the same clothes he wore when he came out two years later. He survived by reviewing in his mind what he had learned: history, Chumash, Talmud."

David's parents met in Lodz, Poland after the end of the war, fell in love immediately, and they and Miriam's two sisters were among the first war refugees to come to the U.S. David attended public schools in Logan and Feltonville, graduated from Central and Gratz High School and subsequently

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PRACTICING GRATITUDE:

Invitation to Tuesday Morning Jewish Meditation Group (9:00 AM) by Rabbi Malkah Binah Klein

Modah ani. I give thanks for the blessing of each new day: for the awe-inspiring beauty at sunrise, for health and strength, for the love and support of family and friends, for curiosity and creativity. Practicing gratitude helps us to connect with the flow of goodness in the universe and to transform worry into curiosity and trust. If you are seeking space in your life for centering and connecting with gratitude, consider joining us for the Tuesday morning meditation group at GJC. We meet each Tuesday from 9:00-9:40AM in the Quitman Library. We are an intimate group, generally 5-10 people, who gather with a Hebrew chant, often *Modeh/Modah Ani*, followed by a short teaching and twenty minutes together in silence. If you would like more information about the Tuesday Morning Jewish Meditation Group, please email malkahbinah@gmail.com.



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graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He was briefly married while in college to someone he'd known since elementary school.

"I've been an activist all my life," David said. He went to Penn Law School and took a seminar in the early 1970s called "Asylums and Jails" taught by a psychiatrist and a law professor. This was a time of various rights movements, he points out – women's rights, prisoners' rights and civil rights for people of color. David realized that confined people with mental disabilities had much in common with others who were second class in the eyes of the law. With the support of a professor while in law school, David created the Mental Patient Civil Liberties Project. He wrote a proposal, received two small foundation grants of \$5,000 each, rented a little office from an ex-mental patient on 18th Street in downtown Philadelphia, bought a door and two saw horses and made a desk, and was given an electric typewriter by another ex-mental patient. He paid himself \$9,000 a year.

"I created the first organization to advocate within a hospital for the rights of people with mental illness in the U.S. The atmosphere at the time inside the hospital was epitomized by a booklet I published entitled *Patients Rights? You Mean We Have Some?*

David, with the help of about a dozen law students, filed numerous successful lawsuits. David lived on attorney's fees awarded by the courts for the suits he won. Over the years, he has argued five times in the U.S. Supreme Court, and litigated other cases before that Court.

Perhaps David's best-known case was one involving Pennhurst, a state institution for people with intellectual disabilities (at the time called mental retardation). David alleged abuse, mistreatment and unnecessary institutionalization that deprived the people who lived there of basic decent treatment and community life to which people are entitled.

Federal District Court Judge Raymond Broderick issued a landmark first-of-its-kind decision that people with intellectual disabilities had a right to live in the community and not in an institution. Eventually the state of Pennsylvania agreed to a settlement that guaranteed people at Pennhurst the right to small family-scale community homes for the rest of their lives. The institution was closed and twelve hundred people moved to the community. Each former resident was assigned a special case manager and numerous other lifelong safeguards were ordered. (People sometimes confuse the Pennhurst case with simultaneous changes in the mental health system resulting in census reductions without protective court orders.)

David served as an adjunct professor at NYU Law School and at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He has been involved in lawsuits in at least 32 states as a consultant and as

a plaintiff's lawyer. He's served as a judicial adjunct in federal courts, assisting as the "eyes and ears" and advisor to judges in the implementation of court orders.

What led David down this path? "Fairly early on, I learned that the first people killed by the Germans before World War II started were the disabled. All the techniques used to kill the Jews were first implemented against the disabled. In my 30s, I was visiting a friend in a Tibetan monastery in Woodstock, NY and the head monk suggested that I consider consciously dedicating my work to the memory of my family and those who were murdered in the Holocaust."

In addition to his disability law practice, David heads Ferleger Wealth Management, LLC, and is a registered investment advisor assisting clients to manage their investment portfolios and, unusual for such a practice, he provides second opinions on people's investments. He is also a real estate investor, and owns his office building in Jenkintown.

David continues to lead an active spiritual life. "I've always studied, with special interests in Chabad and the line of Lubavitch rebbes, and nineteenth century Hasidism," he said, smiling.

David's father told him he'd seen a Ferleger family tree that stretched back to King David. "If you Google family trees back to King David, there are thousands," David said. "But in fact, I showed my father one of Martin Buber's tales of the Chasidim, and he identified rabbis whose names he knew. One I found was Eliezer Lipa (David's middle name) Ferleger who died in 1834, a rabbi who was a hidden tzaddik, who wandered and sold mead and performed miracles, including reviving the dead."

Years after earning his law degree, David started a Jewish Studies Masters program at Gratz College. David recently finished Kivvun, a two-year fellowship of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, which involved retreats, studying with a study partner and deepening practice of prayer and meditation. "It has affected my relationship to prayer and music as part of prayer, and my relationship with God," David said.

Dayle and David are regulars at Minyan Dorshei Derekh. Dayle joined GJC when she moved to Mt. Airy and the next year, in 1986, she helped found Dorshei Derekh. She recently completed a term as coordinator, and is on the mazkirut (leadership team). She helped create and co-lead the GJC Welcome Team, a group of volunteers who have been working to help resettle a Syrian refugee family in the Northeast for the past year and a half.

"I moved to Philadelphia because of the Mt. Airy Jewish community and because of GJC," Dayle said. "It's been my communal and spiritual home for 32 years. I feel very fortunate."

When you come to a HAZAK outing, be prepared: you may be going somewhere you have been before, but the experience will be completely different (and not because you have forgotten your earlier experience!!). On December 18, we had a special tour of the Fabric Workshop and Museum, on Arch Street. What made it special was the tour guide, Christina Roberts, who has been with the Museum for 30 years and worked with most of the artists whose work is on view. She offered "inside" information and anecdotes, plus all her knowledge of fabric art history; this made the tour outstanding. Afterwards, of course, we had lunch at the Down Home Diner. After all, you have to eat something!

HAZAK started off 2018 laughing. On Sunday, January 21, we joined with the Women of GJC for a morning at the movies. While enjoying breakfast, we had the pleasure of watching *A Thousand Clowns*, the 1965 movie version of Herb Gardner's play, starring Jason Robards as the unemployed Uncle Murray of young Barry Gordon (Nick). When confronted by social services worker Barbara Harris (Sandra) about his need to get a job or risk losing custody of the boy, Robards goes into something of a spin. Still funny, still a little ridiculous. Nice way to start off the year.

On Saturday evening, February 10, HAZAK and the Men's Club co-hosted "An Evening of Scotch Tasting," with

aficionado Sam Magdovitz providing several excellent scotches for tasting and lots of interesting information about each of the types and labels he had chosen. The goals of the evening were to try new things, learn about Scotch, nosh a little, and have a lot of fun. All goals were exceeded!

Our monthly book group meets on the second Wednesday morning of each month, at GJC. January's book was *The Man Who Fell into a Puddle: Israeli Stories* by Igal Sarna; in February we discussed Daniel Mendelsohn's *An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic*. The book for March 14 is Lauen Belfer's *And After the Fire*. Everyone is invited, and you are guaranteed a lively discussion!



HAZAK members gather for a photo before the tour of the Fabric Workshop and Museum

12th ANNUAL WOMEN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to the time and effort of 32 volunteers, and everyone who donated clothing, this year's women's clothing swap took place on January 28th, and was a tremendous success! We raised \$3000 that will go toward GJC's membership in POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild). POWER is an interfaith organization committed to implementing systemic change for the betterment of PA communities. www.powerinterfaith.org



Volunteers at the end of the sorting party for the Women's Clothing Exchange

Purim Bash Success: Wild Wild West was Wild!

On February 24th the GJC members came together once again for a wonderful night of fun, food, dancing, and community, making the Purim Bash another marvelous evening and successful fundraiser for GJC. Prior to the event, many, many people worked for months to make it a success and we want to thank them all for their contributions; it could not have happened without a real community-wide effort. We especially want to thank all of the Patrons and Sponsors whose contributions made up more than half of the profits for this event. A special thank you goes to the ECP parents for their participation. WGJC depends on our entire community to participate in this huge fundraising endeavor and to enjoy themselves thoroughly in the process!

Building Beautiful Update: Refurbishing the Playground

Pledges have been made, donations have been coming in, and plans are well underway for the refurbishing of the GJC playground. Fundraising has been very successful, with all groups in the community coming together with donations large and small. Over 150 families have fulfilled their pledges in addition to donations through a Go Fund Me online account, created by ECP parents, which brought in new contributors. The new fire truck has been ordered and will be installed when weather permits in the spring. Other improvements will also begin in the spring.



Synagogue Skills Class

Eve Pinkenson has been teaching synagogue skills to a group since last year. This fall there were 5 women who met on Thursday mornings in the Magil Chapel. They studied the Mourner's Kaddish, and worked on the communal parts of the Amidah or Shemonah Esrei. In March the group moves on to working on the Prayer for Israel, and then reviewing the songs and prayers of the Shabbat Musaf service. Prayers are reviewed in Hebrew and transliteration, so ability to read Hebrew is not required. Additional women are welcome to

join us at any point. Contact Eve Pinkenson at epinkenson@comcast.net. Eve is hoping to start a Sunday morning group for women who find that time more amenable to their work schedule. Again, the "syllabus" is open to whatever the women want, and all materials will be in both Hebrew and English transliteration. Contact Eve if you are interested.

Looking Ahead: Women's Shabbat

Women's Shabbat will be on Saturday, April 14th. GJC member Minna Ziskind will be the event speaker. Ms. Ziskind has been teaching history at Barrack Hebrew Academy since 2006. She has been an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania and Penn State Abington as well as Director of Education at the National Museum of American Jewish History. Ms. Ziskind, her husband and their three daughters have been GJC members since 1998. Their youngest daughter will become Bat Mitzvah two weeks after Women's Shabbat. Everyone is encouraged to come to this annual event, including a wonderful luncheon open to all members of the GJC community.

Red Cross Baby Sitting Certification Class

The very popular Red Cross Baby Sitting Certification Course will be offered again at WGJC on a Sunday in March or April (watch for flyers announcing specific date and time). The purpose of the course is to provide individuals, ages 11 to 15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic child care, safety and safe play, and first aid. GJC and Rabbi Sklover maintain a list of Red Cross Certified Babysitters for parents looking for babysitting referrals, so take the course and get on the list for your next job opportunity!

Special Fundraising/Entertainment Event

We are renting out the Old Academy Players in East Falls for a Sunday 2 PM performance of the musical Putman County Spelling Bee in the spring. This event will include a wine and cheese reception, and promises to be a great outing as the weather warms up and we all want to be out and about.

"The humblest of stones has become the chief cornerstone." [*Rosh Pinah*] (Psalm 118:22)

GJC expresses its deep gratitude for the generous support of its congregants who have chosen the Rosh Pinah (Cornerstone) level of membership. Their contribution provides crucial support, enabling us to serve the entire GJC community.

We cannot adequately thank the following members for their commitment to Germantown Jewish Centre:

Marcy & Dan Bacine
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From the Religious School Committee: REMEMBERING BRENDA LAIGAIE

by Alex Molot

As you know, many of GJC's core activities enjoy a devoted group of volunteer committee members to support and guide that work. The Religious School, led by Director of Lifelong Learning Rabbi Alanna Sklover, is no exception. A group of Religious School parents, with children of all ages, meets regularly with Rabbi Alanna to provide input on its activities, as well as to help organize community-wide events like the Purim Carnival.

Recently, a dedicated and twice (!) member of the Religious School committee passed away. Many of you probably knew Brenda Laigaie, who with her husband, David, and children, Grace and Jake, was a longtime member of GJC. She will be sorely missed by the GJC community, where she also ably served as a member of the Membership Committee and of Women of GJC.

At least for me, what stands out most about Brenda was her enthusiasm for Jewish education. She was always eager to delve into rich questions of curriculum and pedagogy, and every aspect of the religious school was of interest to her. She was a passionate participant in some lively and important conversations about diversity at GJC, and how we could represent such diversity both in Religious School classrooms and on the walls of the synagogue.

Brenda's energy was unflagging. In addition to her full-time position as an attorney and GJC volunteer activities, she also volunteered at her children's schools and was always on the ready to take Jake or Grace to their extra curricular activities.

It is a privilege to serve GJC and our Religious School alongside such dedicated Jewish parents as Brenda.



Brenda with her mother Roselle Numeroff at the Flower Arranging program



Brenda with Leah Corsover at the Craft Fair

GJC's **EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (ECP)**

by Jodi Gordon, ECP Director

Gan Katan learned all about solids and liquids and conducted a few Science Experiments. They read the book, *Ice is Nice*, and then predicted how long it would take an ice cube to melt in their classroom. What great predictions they had! (The actual time was 1 hour and 35 minutes- WOW). Finally, the children made homemade ice cream with milk, sugar, and vanilla. They put all of the ingredients in a plastic bag and then put that bag inside a larger baggie with ice and kosher salt. They each shook, and shook, and shook! It was so cool to see how the liquid turned into a solid. Of course, they saved the best for last, enjoying their delicious ice cream treat!



Gan Katan enjoyed preparing, shaking, and eating their very own homemade ice cream!



Professional musician Mark Allen (Gesher's teacher Hannah's husband) taught us about and played a few woodwind instruments. We all enjoyed listening and seeing how the instruments were put together.

8TH ANNUAL GJC YOUNG FAMILIES RETREAT: Fri., April 20-Sun., April 22!

The GJC Young Families Retreat is an annual event held at a retreat center in Malvern, PA. For one lovely weekend, dozens of families gather to play, laugh, pray, study, and unwind. Last year over 100 GJC members—the kids ranged in age from infants to tweens—spent Shabbat together. As parent Craig Barkan explains, "I love the retreat, because I watch kids growing into people, and parents growing into friends." It is an opportunity for all of us to build and deepen our connections.

At the retreat center, families stay in suites with private baths, and vegetarian meals are provided. There is programming for all ages, and babysitting for the youngest ones. We join together for Kabbalat Shabbat, and the kids and parents have separate Shabbat morning services. The kids love riding bikes on the trails, playing sports, and making playdough. Adult programs include a book group and parenting discussions. We offer yoga and text study for all ages. In the evenings we enjoy our own improv comedy show and music. After the kids go to sleep, parents have a

chance to hang out and get to know each other. We are honored that one of GJC's rabbis joins us each year.

New families are encouraged to join us! Registration for the retreat opens in February, and will be publicized in the GJC Weekly. We offer generous financial aid, and we want to make the weekend accessible for all. Please contact Maria Pulzetti, maria.pulzetti@gmail.com, with any questions.



GJC Alumni in Israel: Jessie Bonn

This is the fifth in a series of articles written by and about the lives and work of young people who grew up in GJC and are now living in Israel. Our author this issue is Jessie Bonn, who is the daughter of Chana Bonn, a long-time member of GJC. Jessie moved to Israel in 1989. Her husband and children are Israeli.

A DAY IN THE LIFE: ...a typical late afternoon in the Jerusalem winter. I'm dressed in layers – all one needs in a climate that rarely dips below 45 degrees – topped with a raincoat. I mount my bicycle, locked to the white metal bars that cover the glass outer wall of my small psychotherapy clinic in the Arnona neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Some say it's crazy to ride a bike in Jerusalem. The hills rise up in your path and don't budge... the only way is up. Hazards abound due to an infrastructure that is more suitable to the vehicular and pedestrian traffic of a 19th-century town. Indeed, I have officially declined to encourage our kids to bike, since while I know I'm mortal and thus committed to defensive biking, the brains of four teenagers are assumed to be differently focused. Despite the added hazard, I hook up my earphones to get my daily dose of BBC Xtra – podcasts in Arabic (that and Marty Moss-Coane – I miss Philly!). I've developed the habit of using Arabic wherever possible as I've grown restless with the political and social limits imposed by our immediate cultural landscape.

I've got a few detours to make on my way home. After a quick stop for groceries (they fit in the green Tnuva crate affixed to the back of my bike; we mainly bargain shop but have also joined a CSA – a community supported agriculture...yes, it's come to Israel!). I head to the recently paved bike path along the old train tracks. A Bezalel student assigned to a community art project for the bike path obtained two vintage Egged stops, outfitted them with shelves, and created the first give/take libraries in town. I scan the titles – Hebrew, English, Dutch, French, German, Russian, Arabic, indistinct language in Cyrillic letters and I reach in my bag to add my offering.

When I arrive home, it's there...the envelope in the mailbox, and I know that there is no turning the clock back. Our third child, Adam, has received his first call-up for the army. He's gotten so tall, probably 6', and in addition to his many activities, he's been working out, taking the inevitable in stride (so to speak). The last time I went out for a run, kvetching at the door, he gave me advice from his vast experience: "Just decide you're going to enjoy it, Ema; that's what I do."

What's to worry? A year-and-a-half of school remains, plenty of time for a peace agreement or, (why not go for broke) the mashiach. I remember Gabriella Auspitz teaching us to sing "Ani Ma'amin" at a Hebrew school assembly in the main sanctuary. I haven't forgotten it – or the promise. So while I'm at it, why not bargain for radical change by November – that's when his older brother, Elijah, now studying in the Golan, enters the army. Our oldest, Yonati, just regained her civilian status last week, surely cause for celebration, but she

(unlike at least one of her female friends) was not heading for a volatile border, or policing over the Green Line in an impossible context where leadership on both sides fails fast and frequent to lead us out of an intractable conflict.

Once home, I'm greeted with the sagas from a day in the 8th grade class of our youngest daughter, Kelilah, where drama prevails...and her delivery does it justice. I throw some dinner together (lentils, again?), and call one of my chavrutot (study partners...I've accumulated three) to schedule our learning for this week. I make sure Yuval (my better half) will be home from the New Israel Fund in time for me to leave for an evening workshop. The workshop is on helping asylum seekers submit their applications, following the government's appalling announcement of its intention to deport 30,000 African refugees to Rwanda.

Huffing up another Jerusalem hill, this time in the dark, I'm channeling my GJC nursery school teacher Judy Meisel Cohen, who famously knocked on the door of a Delaware family facing racist aggression in Folcroft. With history in her kishkes and conscience, she announced to them: "I'm a Holocaust survivor. I lost 46 members of my family, what can I do for you?" The workshop is filled with young Israelis who clearly believe that their actions make a difference, and in the words of Rabbi Tarfon: "You are not free to desist." It's the thread that ties me from Mt. Airy ('68-'84) to an aching Jerusalem, and then back again as I obsessively read about the Trump administration, attempt some due diligence in the form of phone calls to elected representatives, etc. Tomorrow the sun will rise again, global rotation being beyond the grip of climate change. And despite the winter season, we may merit a glimpse of some of that brilliant light that has drawn so many painters and other seekers to Jerusalem. The almond trees that did not jump-start and bloom during the Kislev heat-wave will chime in with their more timely blossoms on schedule for Tu-B'shvat. And somewhere, between the pink and the green and the hearts of the dreamers, surely hope lingers.



HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL: TODAH RABBAH!

Todah rabbah to everyone who generously gave to the 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!

Sherman Aronson & Joyce Lieberman, in memory of their parents

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Howard Dansky & Yona Diamond Dansky, in memory of their friend and neighbor, Brenda Laigaie

Lyn Davis, with thanks for all the work our HIAS group has done to help a Syrian family

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Jim & Sandy Meyer, to help sustain the financial wellbeing of GJC

Alex Molot & Adena Klem

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David & Betsy Teutsch, in honor of David Mosenkis and Andi Moselle's leadership of GJC's Tikkun Olam Coordinating Team

Lou Walinsky & Nina Gordon, in honor of their grandchildren, L'dor v'dor

Chava Weissler & Nancy Fredland, in memory of their parents, Pearl & Alfred Weissler and Samuel Berkowitz & Beth K. Wiener

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Jennifer & David Williamson, in memory of David's parents, Joyce & Ian Williamson

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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.

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



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Wednesday, May 2 at 7 PM

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NEDIVOT LEV (Offerings of the Heart)

by Linda Kriger

Women of GJC (formerly the Women's Club), organizes the Purim Bash, the Centre's largest fundraiser, outside of the High Holiday Appeal, bringing every corner of GJC's community of communities together.

Marilyn Kraut originally organized a Purim auction, ran it for three years, and turned it over to Marcy Bacine, who ran it for 17 years. The enormous amount of work the auction required finally took its toll, and the Purim Bash was born in its place.

The 2017 Purim Bash, for example, "offered 10 international and national trips contributed by our members that were great to auction off," Marilyn said. "How our members stepped up! Ten days in Jerusalem, long weekends in Washington and New York, a week in France, a house in Italy. Marcy and Connie Katz are a brilliant tag team who brought in sponsors and patrons, which makes a tremendous difference for fundraising goals," Marilyn said.

When Marilyn took over as coordinator of the Purim Bash, "we were looking at how to make the Purim Bash more vibrant. I talked to Nina Peskin and others about connectors in different parts of the synagogue: the family retreat group, the different davening groups, the Early Childhood Program, the Religious School, HAZAK. We call ourselves a community of communities – the question was how to bring them all together."

One of the answers was to provide childcare for kids from 6 months to 6 years as well as a tween event, for 7-11 year olds. "Rabbi Alanna Sklover was instrumental in envisioning what that could look like and came up with a great concept for it," Marilyn said. In addition, Women of GJC added the opportunity for teenagers to volunteer at the Purim Bash. With their children occupied and having fun, parents were free to attend the Purim Bash.

This year, Dena Lake was in charge of the restaurant auction, Nan Daniels put together the program and kept

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

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

track of many details and Barb Menin handled bid sheets for the silent auction. Many others are involved in making this complex operation come to life.

The Women of GJC make substantial donations to the synagogue's operations budget, to the Religious School, and to Building Beautiful. Money raised - dues alone can't do it - also provides materials to GJC college students and free childcare during high holidays and Women's Shabbat. The funds come from the Little Shop, the Purim Bash, and the Building Beautiful fundraiser collected during the high holidays.

"The Purim Bash enables the Women of GJC to participate in the budget items of the synagogue," according to Marcy Bacine. "In total, we contribute about \$54,500 to GJC." "It's absolutely fantastic and a lot of fun," added Sandy Meyer, co-president of Women of GJC. "It crosses synagogue communities and brings everyone together. There have been more and more younger people coming. It benefits all of us in the greater community. Every year it grows and there's lots of support throughout the synagogue. Women of GJC are glad to make it happen along with everyone throughout the community."

This year, at the end of the Purim Bash, Vilma Lieberman, co-president of Women of GJC, handed a check for \$25,000 to GJC for its operating budget.

ISRAELI DANCING (Sundays 10 AM)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 | April 8, 15, 22, 29

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 info, contact Tamar Magdovitz at tamarmagdovitz@gmail.com.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

March 13: *A Backpack, a Bear, and 8 Crates of Vodka* by Lev Golinkin

April 10: *Two She-Bears* by Meir Shalev

May 8: *Pastrami on Rye* by Ted Merwin

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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 Haggadah 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.

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.

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LOTS FOR TOTS at GJC

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

Family JAM: From Gratitude to Blessings & Back	Sunday, March 11 (3:00 PM)
Musical Marching Minyan	Saturday, March 17 (11:00 AM)
Kids Stuff Exchange	Sunday, March 18 (11:00 AM)

From Gratitude to Blessings & Back

Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 PM

GJC welcomes renowned puppeteer and storyteller Marilyn Price for a special JAM program. Using puppets and props, and her unique interactive style, Marilyn will weave stories of our blessings in ageless tales. Following the program, the children, together with their grown-ups, will make a family of puppets to take home (along with a signed copy of From Gratitude to Blessings & Back), continuing their experience with words of blessings and warm wishes. Come enjoy the program, nosh & schmooze with other families, and take home learning techniques and references for telling and teaching about gratitude and blessings as a family! This program is welcome to all at no cost, and perfect for children age 0-6. Please RSVP!

www.germantownjewishcentre.org/JAM-blessings

Germantown Jewish Centre extends thanks and gratitude to the Harold & Renee Berger Family Engagement Endowment Fund for generously sponsoring this program, and to the Wolfe Family Foundation for their support in all GJC programming.

Shabbat WarmUp Storytime @Big Blue Marble	Friday, April 13 (10:30 AM)
Musical Marching Minyan	Saturday, April 14 (11:00 AM)
GJC Family Retreat	Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Preparing for Pesah

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Happening Now!	<p>Passover Seder Pairing ... Would you have space at your Seder table for an additional guest? Are you looking for a Seder to attend? Complete online form (www.germantownjewishcentre.org/seder-pairing-2018) or mail hard copy form to the Centre office by Friday, March 23.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Mechirat Chametz</i> (Sale of Chametz) until Thursday, March 29 at 5 PM (see separate form)</p>	
Wednesday, March 21 - Thursday, March 29	<p>Annual Chametz Food Drive Please drop off food between Wed., March 21 and Thurs., March 29. Collection bins will be located in the Charry Lobby and Magil Chapel Lobby. Please DO NOT drop off food donations before March 21. NO food will be accepted after 5 PM on Thursday, March 29.</p>	
Thursday, March 29	5:00 pm	<i>Mechirat Chametz</i> (Sale of Chametz) concludes at 5 PM
Thursday, March 29	Evening	<i>Bedikat Chametz</i> (Search for Leaven)
Friday, March 30	7:00 am	Siyyum & Breakfast
	by 10:00 am	<i>Biyur Chametz</i> (Removal of Leaven)
	Evening	First Seder in homes
Saturday, March 31	10:00 am	<p>Shabbat & Pesah Day 1 Services Charry Pesah & Shabbat Service Minyan Masorti Pesah & Shabbat Service Dorshei Derekh Pesah & Shabbat Service</p>
	Evening	Second Seder in homes
Sunday, April 1	10:00 am	<p>Passover Day 2 Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together</p>
Monday, April 2	7:00 am	Morning Minyan (EARLY start time)
Thursday, April 5	7:00 am	Morning Minyan (EARLY start time)
Friday, April 6	10:00 am	<p>Passover Day 7 Charry Service & Minyan Masorti together Dorshei Derekh with Yizkor Erev Pesah Day 8 & Erev Shabbat Service</p>
	6:00 pm	
Saturday, April 15	10:00 am	<p>Shabbat & Pesah Day 8 Services Charry Pesah & Shabbat Service with Yizkor Minyan Masorti Pesah & Shabbat Service with Yizkor Dorshei Derekh Shabbat Service</p>



GERMANTOWN JEWISH CENTRE SALE OF CHAMETZ

The ritual sale of chametz must be completed by Thursday, March 29th at 5 pm. If you cannot perform this ritual in person, you may use this form, or the signature form found in the GJC office, to authorize Rabbi Alanna Sklover to sell your chametz. This form should be returned to the synagogue **by Thursday, March 29th at 5 PM.**

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, _____, do hereby authorize Rabbi Adam Zeff, of 400 W. Ellet Street, Philadelphia, PA, to sell, transfer and assign all Chametz of whatever kind and nature that I possess, or in which I may have an interest, wheresoever situated, in my residence at _____

_____ or in my place of business, or in any other place, without reservation and limitation.

Signature

Date

Please consider making a suggested donation of \$18 to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Please return this form to the synagogue office, 400 W. Ellet Street, Phila., PA 19119, **by March 29 at 5 pm.**



GERMANTOWN JEWISH CENTRE CHAMETZ DRIVE

Cleaning for Pesach? Do you find yourself with bags of chametz you wish you could donate? You can!

GJC, in coordination with Philabundance, will be collecting unopened, non-perishable food from

Wednesday, March 21 through Thursday, March 29.

Collection bins will be out in the Magil Chapel Lobby & the Charry Lobby.

No food will be accepted after 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 29.

"Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat."

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