



# THE CENTRE CALL

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## RENEWING THE WORLD by Rabbi Adam Zeff

Even though we celebrate Rosh Hashanah as the day on which the world was created – *Yom Harat 'Olam*, the birthday of the world – the ancient rabbis taught that creation is not really a one-time event. In the morning prayers we say that God “continually renews the act of creation,” reflecting the idea

that the world is in some important sense re-made each day. Human beings did not play a part in that very first act of creation, but we have been integral parts of the remaking of the world on every day since then, for good and for ill. According to Torah, one of the ways we reflect the divine in the world is our creative ability, and in our best moments we partner with God in recreating the world. Unfortunately, we also have those other moments, moments we are encountering more and more recently, when we wake in the morning to find a world remade through injustice, inequality, and a lack of care for other human beings. What do we do then?

Luckily, the High Holidays provide us with a wonderful opportunity to gather together and to connect to the ancient wisdom of Jewish tradition as we wrestle with this question, embracing both the challenges confronting us and the power we have to remake the world differently in this coming year. The GJC leadership is currently engaging in deep discussions about how we define our values and how they can and should shape the programs and activities that GJC sponsors and creates. During the High Holidays, through my sermons and through the Bregman Memorial Program on Yom Kippur afternoon, we will explore the meaning of law and justice, their relationship to government, and how the concept of *brit* – covenant – can help provide a context for the self-examination that these days require of us.

As the year begins, I want to encourage you to renew yourself by taking advantage of some of the opportunities that GJC offers, perhaps in ways you haven't in previous years. We have an exciting schedule of adult education classes, celebrations and activities for kids and families, new ways to study and pray together, and chances to partner on social justice issues with others inside and outside the GJC community. Just a few examples: The Rosh ha-Shanah JAM (Jewish Arts and Music) program for young families will feature a magical, musical

puppet play about how the sun, moon, and stars learn to curb their focus on themselves and to share the sky above the brand new Earth; we are grateful to the Harold and Renee Berger Family Engagement Endowment Fund for sponsoring this program. We are piloting a new schedule of different types of Friday night services that will rotate throughout the year, including Yahad, a service for all ages led by Rabbi Alanna Sklover, and Shabbat in the Neighborhood, which will feature a service and potluck held at a home near GJC; check the calendar for what's happening each week and check them out! Our Rabbi Charry Memorial Weekend in November will feature the brilliant Rabbi Shai Held, the president of Hadar, who will teach us about how so much of Jewish thought and prayer is rooted in love. Explore these programs and all that we offer; we have so many different ways to learn from and grow with each other this year.

The High Holidays are a valuable time to come together with a large cross-section of our community to pray and sing and think and talk about how we want to live our lives in the upcoming year. Sign up for the Erev Rosh ha-Shanah dinner at 6:30, and come to the special, reimagined Yom Hadash musical service at 7:30 that night. Bring your children to one of the range of services for young people on the days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Check out the Kol D'mamah contemplative service or Torah-centered Yoga. Study texts with Student Rabbi Ari Witkin on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur afternoons. Participate in the musical *Ne'ilah* service in the Charry Sanctuary to close Yom Kippur, featuring the combined voices of Nina Peskin and myself. Or enjoy teen activity groups, childcare for the youngest GJC members, services in the Charry Sanctuary, Minyan Masorti, and Dorshei Derekh, and more! Please come and explore it all, and bring along those who are interested in GJC to see all that we offer!

As we enter the new year, I encourage you to open yourself up to ideas and activities that you may not have encountered before, to stretch and grow in new ways that you may not have previously imagined. The year stretches out before us like a blank canvas, waiting for us to fill it with learning, growing, and engaging with Jewish tradition and with each other, enhancing the meaning of our lives together in new and exciting ways.

My wife Cheryl and our sons, Zeke, Avi, & Mati, join me in wishing you a new year full of the blessings of health, happiness, joy, and peace. *L'shanah tovah!*

## SHABBAT & HOLIDAYS

### September 1

- Singing Before the Gates: S'lichot Musical Service featuring G'vanim
- S'lichot Late Night Service

### September 8 (*childcare & children's services resume*)

- Charry Service: Camp Shabbat
- Parashat ha-Shavua b'Ivrit

### September 9: Erev Rosh ha-Shanah

- Rosh ha-Shanah JAM Family Program
- Rosh ha-Shanah Community Dinner (advance RSVP)
- Yom Hadash: A Path Into the New Year (*erev Rosh ha-Shanah musical svc*)

**Rosh ha-Shanah, Kol Nidrei & Yom Kippur service schedule inside.  
Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret & Sukkot service schedule inside.**

### September 14 & 15: NEW SERVICES!

- Shabbat Yachad (new Friday Night service—see details inside!)
- Shabbat Sha'baby (new family service—see details inside!)

### September 21 & 22: NEW FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE!

- Shabbat in the Neighborhood (see details inside!)
- Musical Marching Minyan

### September 23: erev Sukkot

- GJC Celebrates! Sukkot

### September 28 & 29: NEW FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE!

- Speed Shabbat (see details inside!)
- Sukkah Walk

### September 30: Hoshanah Rabah

- Early Hoshanah Rabah service
- Scotch in the Sukkah at Leamy House (offsite)
- Dorshei Derekh Erev Simhat Torah Service

### October 1: Sh'mini Atzeret

- GJC Celebrates! Simhat Torah

### October 6:

- Charry Service: *Mazal tov to Ella Berman, daughter of Dan & Lila Berman, on becoming Bat Mitzvah*

### October 12 & 13:

- Shabbat Yachad
- Shabbat Sha'baby
- Parashat ha-Shavua B'Ivrit

### October 19 & 20:

- Shabbat in the Neighborhood
- Refugee Shabbat
- Musical Marching Minyan

### October 27:

- Charry Service: *Mazal tov to Asher Frank, son of Jeremy Frank & Jennifer Zarro, on becoming Bar Mitzvah*

## MAZAL TOV!

### IN CELEBRATION OF...

**Sarah Claxton** on the publication of her new children's book, "Triangle and Circle (How Embracing Each Others Differences Can Lead to Beautiful Friendship)" and her corresponding interview with the Chestnut Hill Local:

([www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2018/07/11/mt-airy-author-offers-antidote-to-hatred-of-immigrants/](http://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2018/07/11/mt-airy-author-offers-antidote-to-hatred-of-immigrants/))

**Rabbi Annie Lewis and Rabbi Yosef Goldman** on the birth of their son Shir Emet Lewis Goldman

**Charlie and Lyndall Miller** on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Adin Leber, son of Rabbi Kelilah Miller and Sean Leber

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Bradley

Jessica & Adam Levin

Michelle & David Bernstein

## IN MEMORIAM

**Richard Lewis,**  
father of Addie Lewis Klein,  
and grandfather of Isaac

**Lee Dushoff,**  
husband of Elaine Dushoff,  
father of Jonathan & Franny,  
and beloved grandfather of four



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Denise Wolf, GJC President



I was proud, Proud, PROUD that my first Shabbat serving as President of GJC, the weekend of June 15-16, was GJC's first ever pride, Pride, PRIDE Shabbat!!!! Pride Shabbat began with a Friday evening outdoor celebration for the whole community on the front lawn with barbecue, face painting and balloons, followed by an outdoor musical Kol Zimrah service. On Saturday morning, all of our davening communities joined together in the Charry Sanctuary for services followed by a delightful outdoor Kiddush luncheon. This Shabbat marked our synagogue's commitment to affirming and celebrating our LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning) members and guests. The festivities and services were well-attended and infused with unparalleled energy and joy.

The month of June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, originally designed to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. Stonewall is recognized as the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movement in the United States. Nearly 50 years later, Pride Month is observed in communities across the country with parades, festivals and awareness events that celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and remember victims of hate crimes and those lost to HIV/AIDS.

Germantown Jewish Centre strives to be a welcoming community and is deeply committed to LGBTQ+ inclusion and full participation of LGBTQ+ members in synagogue life. Our synagogue – clergy, professional staff, lay leadership and members, maintains as a core value genuinely embracing the LGBTQ+ community. We “talk the talk” AND “walk the walk”! LGBTQ+ members have served on our Executive Committee, our Executive Board, and as leaders in the various minyanim. LGBTQ+ families participate equally in all of our religious practices (weddings, brit milah, simchat bat, b'nei mitzvah) and throughout the entire community life of the congregation. Our beloved Rabbi Educator identifies as part of the LGBTQ+ community. Our congregation includes many of our children who identify as gay, lesbian, trans, bi,

non-binary and gender non-conforming .... and we love that and we love them!

I am hopeful that Pride Shabbat will deservedly become an annual tradition here at Germantown Jewish Centre. If you missed it, the sanctuary was enlivened with congregants sporting Pride rainbow kippot, tallitot, and clothing, as morning services began with Pesukei D'zimra led by GJC member Rabbi Malkah Binah Klein. Few hesitated when Rabbi Malkah Binah Klein invited congregants to join her in dance on the Bimah under a wonderful arch of colorful balloons. Shouts of Yasher Koach followed GJC member Rabbi Leiah Moser's deeply meaningful D'var Torah.

An outdoor Kiddush by Centre Catering provided tasty nourishment following services. There was an unforgettable centerpiece created by Homemade Goodies by Roz — a gorgeous, three-tiered, delicious cake that conveyed a simple message: love is love. Kudos to the Pride Steering Committee, and especially Maria Pulzetti and Andrea Jacobs, whose vision and hard work made this possible. A sincere appreciation is extended to Kate Lawn, GJC Program Director, who tirelessly organized the event and arranged for Pride banners and flags to adorn our building. And, of course, thanks to Rabbi Adam for recognizing the need to host a Pride Shabbat and ushering our synagogue in the right direction.

While GJC was thrilled to host its first Pride Shabbat, more work remains for us as a community and as individuals, in terms of inclusion and awareness. I am an LGBTQ+ ally, although I recognize that I am not perfect as I learn new concepts, and “unlearn” some prior practices. For example, I have learned not to assume the gender or sexual orientation of any person, including of someone's significant other. I encourage others politely to avoid “misgendering” – or using a pronoun inconsistent with a person's stated gender identity. If I am not sure how to address a transgender, gender queer, or non-binary person, I simply ask.

My 13-year old son spends his summers at Camp Galil (Habonim Dror), a Jewish camp committed not only to the Zionist socialist youth movement, but also to LGBTQ+

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

inclusion. During initial days of camp, every camper and counselor wears a name-tag with their name and stating their preferred pronoun – he, she or they. Camp Galil has even pioneered a gender-neutral form of Hebrew! To my son and his peers, how his fellow campers identify is no big deal. They do not have the slightest concern about bunkmates or fellow campers being gay or queer. What has mattered most is really quite simple: does the camper like to play Ga-Ga?

what is the extent of their Magic "The Gathering" card collection? do they prefer soccer to basketball? Maybe we have something to learn from these kids!

I urge all of you wonderful GJC members to join me in learning more about LGBTQ+ issues. Most of all, join me next June as we celebrate GJC's second annual Pride Shabbat!

## THANK YOU

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

## WELCOME TO THE LITTLE SHOP!

*Hope you all had a nice summer.*

**Come shop at The Little Shop**

for all of your gift, weekly & special holiday items.

We have what you need from A (Aram giftware) to Z (toy Zebras) - and there is free giftwrapping.



**September Special:**  
*Tallitot & Kippot*

**October Special**  
*Mezuzot & Havdalah Items*

### Monthly and Weekly Discounts

Every month there are discounts of 10% on select items, as well as **early bird discounts** of 10% on most items when you shop weekdays 12:00-3:00pm.

These two specials can be combined. Yay!!!

### Coming Soon

**Wednesday evening Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**  
where we will showcase particular wines. Stay tuned!



**Collect Mitzvah Points:** All proceeds from The Little Shop go to support a variety of GJC programs. You can purchase something for yourself or as a gift for others and do a mitzvah at the same time!

### The Little Shop Hours

**Wednesday 12:00 - 7:30pm • Thursday & Friday 12:00 - 5:00pm • Sundays 9:00am - 12:30pm**

# PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

**Tuesdays at 7:15 PM  
in the Quitman Library**

*People of the Book reads fiction and nonfiction books of Jewish interest mostly written by Jewish writers and chosen by the group. Volunteers lead the monthly discussion. Join in!*

**For more info, contact Nan Myers  
at [nanbmyers2@gmail.com](mailto:nanbmyers2@gmail.com).**

**September 12**

*And After the Fire*  
by Lauren Belfer

**October 9 (Author Visit)**

*100 Suggestions for  
Seekers & Spiritual Activists*  
by Rabbi Josh Bolton

**November 13**

*Memento Park*  
by Mark Sarbas

**December 11**

*The Beauty Queen  
of Jerusalem*  
by Sarit Yishai-Levi



## ROSH PINAH

"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 contributions provide 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**

**Jane & Richard Baron**

**Marta & Chip Becker**

**Michael Beer**

**Peninah & Albert Berdugo**

**Harold Berger**

**Dveera Segal & Brad Bridge**

**Helen & Michael Feinberg**

**Dayle Friedman & David Ferleger**

**Sarah Braun & Shai Gluskin**

**Myra & Gert Jacobsohn**

**Linda & Jake Kriger**

**Barbara Jaffe & Howard Langer**

**Chris & Steve Levin**

**Evelyn Eskin & David Major**

**Rachel Falkove & Michael Masch**

**Barbara & Dick Menin**

**Cyrilla Rosen**

**Allyson & David Schwartz**

**Denise Scott Brown & Robert Venturi**

**Patty & Steve Segal**

**Stefanie & Alex Seldin**

**Jessica & Mathieu Shapiro**

**Beth Stearman**

*Germantown Jewish Centre is pleased to present a new and exciting look to the Centre Call, which, as always, continues to highlight the connections we make with one another, and wonderful things we are doing in the world.*

# TIKKUN OLAM

POWER Update by Andrea Moselle and David Mosenkis



## JOIN GJC's Team for POWER's Voter Engagement Campaign

# POWER

This fall, under the Tikkun Olam umbrella, GJC will once again join POWER's congregation-based non-partisan voter engagement campaign, which will focus on getting out the vote for the midterm elections in November. GJC will be part of a coordinated effort by teams from congregations throughout Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania. This year, the campaign will expand to include teams from congregations in the Philadelphia suburbs (POWER Metro) as well as communities organized by POWER Central PA in the Harrisburg and Lancaster areas. We will be canvassing and phone banking to reach infrequent voters and encourage them to go to the polls, as well as registering new voters at "tabling" events. POWER members will be reaching out to communities across our region and the state to help ensure that everyone's voice is heard, regardless of where they live, their income level, race or ethnicity, and emphasizing the importance of getting one's voice heard by voting. We will also be engaging voters by discussing issues related to POWER campaigns such as education and economic dignity.

GJC's participation will be coordinated by a terrific team of members who have participated in the POWER voter engagement work in the past: Alex Avelin, Lesley Carson, Dena Lake, Maria Pulzetti and Geanne Zelkowitz. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of all ages and from all parts of the GJC community to get involved and join together in this meaningful project. The team met over the summer to plan GJC's schedule of voter engagement activities, so please look for announcements

in the GJC Weekly email and on the Tikkun Olam web page of upcoming dates for the various options. In addition to phone banking and canvassing, the team is also looking for people who can help with data management, recruiting and helping to organize canvass or phone bank sessions. POWER is providing training, materials and online videos for us to use in preparation. We will also be able to work with easy to use technology accessible through mobile phones and tablets.

Interested in learning more about the project? Please contact Geanne Zelkowitz at [gzelkowitz@verizon.net](mailto:gzelkowitz@verizon.net) or 215.242.4861, or Dena Lake at [denareva@comcast.net](mailto:denareva@comcast.net) or 215.233.1414.



POWER Voter Engagement Team celebrates making their goal for number of voters reached.





Ned and Karen Kripke have been fixtures at GJC for almost 40 years. Ned, a Midwesterner by birth, moved to the Philadelphia area for work and heard about GJC from a friend. He has been a leader of the Minyan Masorti for decades.

Ned, 67, was born in Milwaukee and moved at age 12 to suburban Detroit, where General Motors transferred his father, an engineer. "My parents didn't tell me we were moving," Ned said dryly. "I went to Ramah Wisconsin for the summer. I got a letter saying we're moving and they'd moved before I came home from camp."

Ned grew up in traditional Conservative synagogues. He credits his late parents, Joe and Dorothy, for instilling a love for Judaism, as they observed Shabbat and holidays, kept a kosher home, and attended services weekly. He also attended Camp Ramah in Wisconsin for many years and spent a summer in Israel with Ramah.

Ned graduated from the University of Michigan, where he majored in history and Jewish studies, after spending his junior year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He received an MBA from New York University, which included a year of study in Paris and London.

He then took a job at the Burroughs Corporation, working for the international group as a financial analyst. Ned was transferred to Paoli in 1980. He had been living at home until he came to Pennsylvania, "saving money to make Aliyah. Did I? No. I got as far as Philadelphia." His mother moved to Israel instead.

After 12 years at Burroughs, Ned began working in the Jewish community, first at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia as a financial analyst in the Planning and Allocations Department. He then went to Auerbach CAJE (Central Agency for Jewish Education), working as Director of Administration from 1991-1995. Following that, Ned worked for more than eight years at Albert Einstein Healthcare Network as Director of Administration in the Development Department.

In 2003, Ned began to work in synagogues. He served as Executive Director at Ohev Shalom of Bucks County, Or Hadash, and Temple Shalom in Broomall. For the past five years, Ned has been the Office Manager at Beth David Reform Congregation in Gladwyne. He is also the part-time Ritual Director at Har Zion Temple, where he leads morning and evening minyanim, and reads Torah on weekdays, Shabbat afternoons, and two Shabbat mornings each month. "I enjoy the job," Ned commented, "but the only way it works is that Har Zion is near Beth David."

Ned has also tutored bar and bat mitzvah students for some 40 years. At GJC, he was co-chair of the Religious Committee for 13 years, until 2000, and is a long-time Board member. Ned has been a loyal member of GJC's softball team. He gives a report on (mostly) losses every Shabbat Masorti.

When Ned was 45, he was diagnosed with a genetic disorder called Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. "My liver didn't make protein to make the liver function properly," he explained. "It got progressively worse and morphed into cirrhosis."

"When I found out about my condition, I followed doctors' orders and let Karen do the worrying," he continued. "It saved me 20 years of anxiety about undergoing the liver transplant I'd need. I only had to worry about it for two years. I trusted these guys at Jefferson. They said they'd get me a liver and they delivered." Ned got his transplant on April 15, 2016.

Although they have little information about the donor, Karen noted that his name was Ron and that his widow wrote Ned a letter saying, "Ron loved God." "I love that. How appropriate for Ned," she said.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (continued)

Karen, 66, was born in Manhattan and lived there until she was five, when her family moved to Spring Valley, NY. "I went to Temple Beth El, a Reform synagogue that was glatt kosher and where everyone wore talleisim and kippot," she said. "So my idea of Reform was different from the Classical Reform of the time. I loved Hebrew school and was president of the junior choir."

Karen graduated from Boston University with a BA in art history. She moved to Philadelphia in 1974, and received an MA in art history from U of P. Inspired by her parents, who were both public school educators, she also became certified in secondary education and taught high school English in the Upper Darby and Wallingford/Swarthmore School Districts for four years.

In 1979, Karen considered making aliyah and spent the summer studying in Israel. Although she didn't stay, Karen continued taking *ulpanim* (Hebrew language classes) in Philadelphia and began saving money to outfit a kosher kitchen, something she'd wanted to do since high school. By fall 1980, Karen had moved to a new apartment, kashered her kitchen, and applied to law school.

That same fall, Karen saw a newspaper advertisement about an ulpan being offered at the Kaiserman Y. "I was waiting for registration to start but nothing was happening. I struck up a conversation with a man standing next to me. His name was Richard Corman; he was the Assistant Director of Kaiserman. Richard knew nothing about an *ulpan*, but asked whether I kept kosher. When I said I did, he asked if I'd like to meet a friend of his who had recently moved to Philadelphia. I said 'sure,' and gave him my number."

Nine months later, Karen got a call from Richard, asking if she was still interested in getting fixed up, explaining that he hadn't yet given out her number because he thought his friend might be moving to Israel. Karen said she was still interested. Ned called the next day. They were married the next summer. Their 36th wedding anniversary was in August. "So, a chance encounter with a guy I didn't know after showing up for a class that didn't exist," Karen said, "followed by a question about keeping kosher when I'd only recently kashered my kitchen? That's what I call *bashert* (meant to be)."

A graduate of Villanova Law School, Karen taught business writing and business law at Philadelphia University for six years. At GJC, Karen has volunteered in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for about 25 years, coordinating evening and weekend hosts. For 10 years, until 2016, she also was a grant writer for IHN.

Karen has taught Hebrew school for nearly 30 years and juggles several different locations, including Har Zion Temple and GJC, where she currently teaches in the Religious School and Teen Tuesday Program. "I would say this is really my calling," Karen said. "Of all the other things I've done professionally, this is the most rewarding."

Karen is also focused on Mussar study, having just graduated from a four-year course with Mindy Shapiro through the Center for Contemporary Mussar. "It's not like reading a self-help book," Karen said. "It's an internal change that happens because of the structure of the program, with journaling, having a *hevruta* (two people studying together), going to class every week." Karen has completed the first of two semesters of *madrich* (teacher) training and hopes to begin teaching a Mussar class at Har Zion in the spring.

Karen and Ned have two children and a grandson: Joe, 30, who works for the consulting firm Deloitte, and is married to Stephanie, a genetic counselor; their son, Jordan Jacob, is 16 months old. Ben, 27, lives in Center City and works as a brand strategist for the Brownstein Group advertising agency.

### Save the Date

*the Women of GJC present*

**PURIM BASH 2019**

Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 pm

**STRIKE UP THE BAND**







## PLANNED GIVING & NER TAMID

*Remembering Germantown Jewish Centre in your will, a trust, or retirement asset 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.*

## WOMEN OF GJC

by Vilma Lieberman and Sandra Meyer, Co-Presidents WGJC

Women of GJC (WGJC) has another full year of activities planned. Please mark your calendar for the **Purim Bash**, our big fundraiser for GJC – **Saturday, March 9th**. If you would like to help work on the Purim Bash, please contact Marilyn Kraut ([mkkraut1@gmail.com](mailto:mkkraut1@gmail.com)). We are always looking for enthusiastic workers to solicit restaurants and help with all aspects of this major synagogue event.

Our annual Walk in the Wissahickon will take place on Sunday, September 16, at 10 AM. Meet the group at the Cedars House at the Northwestern Ave entrance to the park to “walk and talk.” Our WGJC and Men’s Club **Annual Membership Event** will take place on **October 21**. It will feature **Susan Watts**, trumpet player and singer, who will perform a Klezmer and Jewish liturgical and secular music

**program with her band**. Many other topical and stimulating programs and events will follow throughout the year. Our Building Beautiful project begins during the holidays and is another project to enhance GJC. Be sure to check out last year’s playground improvements.

WGJC participates in activities throughout the synagogue, one of which is the monthly (first Sunday of every month) packing of food boxes at Jewish Relief Agency. This project is spearheaded by the Men’s Club, but all GJC members are encouraged to donate their time). Another of our charitable activities is the Annual Clothing TakeAway on January 27, from which all proceeds go to the Tikkun Olam project of GJC. Of course, all are welcome for Women’s Shabbat, March 30, 2019.



Intergenerational volunteers working and packing food boxes at JRA: Stuart, Shari and Sam Feldman; Jim and Sandy Meyer; Chris Levin

## WOMEN OF GJC (continued)



Last year, WGJC celebrated 70 years of Membership in Women's League for Conservative Judaism with a "Milestone Award," presented to sisterhoods of longstanding, including WGJC.

As Torah Fund begins its 77th year, Torah Fund pins will be available during the High Holidays. We hope that many of you will purchase a Torah Fund pin. This year's theme is *Atid*, which mean "future." When the classical rabbinic texts speak of the future using the word *atid*, it usually appears in the phrase "*le'atid lavo*," which means "in the future to come." We look forward to our future with optimism.

Torah Fund Brunch will be Sunday, May 5, 2019, and

everyone is invited. There is no cost or donation necessary, but is certainly appreciated.

We welcome your participation in all of WGJC events and particularly welcome your willingness to join. Your dues help us to supplement our many programs and contributions (over \$60,000) to GJC (to name just a few: annual contributions to the GJC budget, and the Religious School, the Building Beautiful project to enhance GJC, holiday treats to the school groups and college students, Shabbat Childcare, and more). Please consider joining this year (see attached form).

We intend to make the new year 5779 an engaging and enjoyable one! Best wishes for a healthy, happy and sweet New Year.

### Women of GJC Dues

Please send your check payable to Women's Club of GJC for \$45.00 to:

**Dues - Women of GJC**  
**400 W. Ellet Street, Phila., PA 19119**  
**(please write Dues on check)**

Or **PayPal** (\$46.65) accepted on the GJC website:  
Conne ct/Women of GJC/Strength Through Women of GJC  
*Add your name/contact info when using PayPal*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Over 60 years of age? No payment required. Circle **YES** and complete and return form.

New GJC member as of June 2018? No payment required.  
Circle **YES** for a complimentary WGJC membership for 2018-2019.

### Questions?

Please contact Peninah Berdugo at: [peninahberdugo@gmail.com](mailto:peninahberdugo@gmail.com)

# NEWS FROM HAZAK (55+ programming)

by Helen Feinberg and Coleman Poses

In September the weather may still be hot and sticky (we are in Philadelphia, don't forget), but for all intents and purposes, summer is over when school starts and when the High Holy Days occur. Summer for HAZAK was quiet, marked mostly by book group meetings. But right after Rosh HaShanah our activities will resume!

First is the monthly book group, which meets the second Wednesday of each month (all year long) at 10:30 am at GJC. Our book for the Wednesday, September 12, meeting is *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis. All are welcome for a lively discussion, a cup of coffee, and a chance to suggest books for future reading by the group. (October's book is *Pogrom* by Stephen Zipperstein and Barry Abrams; November's book is *Son of Hamas* by Mosab Hassan Yousef and Ron Brackin.)

On Wednesday evening, September 26, HAZAK will join with the Men's Club to co-sponsor "Scotch in the Sukkah." This year, we'll be trying something new: we'll be meeting at the communal sukkah at Leamy House (courtesy of Herb Levine and Ellen Frankel). The location is 115 Rounfort Road. There will be more publicity and information as we get closer to the date. You probably won't need a designated driver, but.....

On Sunday, October 7, at 10:00 am, we will be showing "Leaving Memel: Refugees from the Reich," a film produced

by Fred Finkelstein, a nephew of Cherie Goren, about her family's escape from Poland during World War II. In addition to Fred and Cherie being present to talk about the film, Michael Steinlauf, GJC member and expert on the history of Jews in Poland, will be discussing the film from his historical point of view. This promises to be an important morning.

And... get ready for an early HAZAK Shabbat. The synagogue calendar is so full in the spring that we have been offered the fall date of Saturday, November 10, so please put this in your calendars now!

## DID YOU KNOW?

HAZAK programs are planned for those age 55+, and are geared to reflect both common interests and get us to "stretch" to try new activities as well. Our well-attended book group meets monthly all year long. HAZAK also sponsors book talks by local authors, as well as speakers on topics of particular importance to our interests. We host Sam Feinberg each August to discuss opera, and we show great films! We also take day trips to cultural and natural sites in the area, often to places members have never been. HAZAK is for all of us to stay connected to GJC and to each other: to venture out and experience parts of our city we haven't seen before, to read, learn and talk together, to keep us strong. We hope you will join us. Membership is \$10/year.

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# GJC's EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (ECP)

by Anna Goldberg



It was been a hot, hazy and humid summer, with more than enough outside play. Our campers splashed in the water Monday through Thursday. We enjoyed plenty of outside art (like the foam paint pictured below), before rinsing off in the sprinkler. We learned how to make gigantic bubbles, which the children love to chase as they waft over the playground. On Monday we had Havdalah on the playground, and on Friday we enjoyed Shabbat under the large maple tree out front with Rabbi Adam or Rabbi Alanna. There were picnics for everyone, and even a huge castle built by our oldest "Dragonflies" group. Phew. What a summer!

Looking forward to the fall, we are setting up a new art and sensory room, and a nature and meditation room. Stay tuned for wonderful reports of fresh new programs!



## DID YOU KNOW?

ECP is a special place for young children from 6 months of age through 5 years of age and for their families. Through the lens of Jewish culture and tradition, our children learn about themselves, and the world around them in a program which emphasizes learning through doing. The Early Childhood Program nurtures and respects individuality, while encouraging the children to develop a sense of community and friendship. The preschool follows the yearly cycle of the Jewish holidays. Jewish culture, traditions, and values are woven into our curriculum. Through Mitzvot (commandments), Tzedakah (charity), and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), the children learn to respect themselves, others and the world they live in. We are committed to teaching and promoting respect and understanding of all persons. GJC's Early Childhood Program is open to all!

# PINAT HA-HINUCH ~ EDUCATION CORNER

## A Challenge to our Students on the Eve of the *New Shul Year*: Get Curious!

by Rabbi Alanna Sklover, Director of Lifelong Learning

"*Al rabbanan v'al talmideihon, v'al kol talmidei talmideihon, v'al kol ma'an d'askim b'oraita...*" – "for our teachers and for their students, and for the students of their students, and for all who busy themselves with Torah..." Like so many snapshots from our liturgy, these words are simultaneously ancient and timeless. As I chant them each morning during the *Kaddish d'Rabbanan*, I pause and wonder to myself: who will be the students of my students? What, of me – of all of us at Germantown Jewish Centre – will they teach? What will they carry with them into their lives? Will it be the trope they learned or the prayers they've mastered? How about the facts they learned about Israel as they planned "mock tours" for their classmates, or the timeline of Jewish history? Will they continue to create art that interprets Jewish text as they did in their stop-animation or lego *b'reirot* (electives); will they sing the songs they danced to in *Shira* (music class)? As I wonder, as I reflect, I ask myself: what is the ingredient that brings our students' learning to life? What is it that distinguishes Jewish learning that lives in the classroom and in our Jewish spaces from that which takes wing in the hearts of our students?

For me, that ingredient is **curiosity**. When our students are curious in their learning – when they are moved to ask questions, not about the facts but about how the concepts and constructs of Judaism map onto Jewish living (onto their lives!) – learning becomes something else. Curiosity is what makes each of us take our learning into our own hands. But curiosity, on its own, is not enough. We must give our students the tools that allow them to pursue their curiosity: core **competency** in Hebrew, prayer and Judaics, the **confidence** to raise their voices, and a strong **Jewish Identity** at the center of their self-understanding.

And so, as we begin our new *Shul Year* in the GJC Religious School, this is the charge, the challenge, that I issue to each of our students: to find the spark that kindles their curiosity – to **get curious** in their Jewish learning. And, with this charge, I offer them (and, God-willing, their students and the students of their students) the following

blessing, both ancient and timeless, from the Talmud (B'rachot 17a):

May you live to see your world fulfilled  
and may your end be to life in the World-to-Come,  
and may your hope be sustained for generations.

May your heart meditate understanding,  
your mouth speak wisdom,  
and your tongue whisper with praise.

May your eyelids look directly before you,  
your eyes shine in the light of Torah,  
and your face radiate like the brightness of  
the firmament.

May your lips express knowledge,  
your very insides rejoice in the upright,  
and your feet run to hear the words of the  
Ancient of Days.

## ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays at 10 am  
September 16, 23, 30  
October 7, 14, 21, 28

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.

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## MEMBER MEMORIES

by Norman Newberg

For many years I had the privilege of being *shaliach tzibur* (prayer leader) for both Kol Nidre and Neilah for the Minyanim, even prior to the separation between Dorshei Derekh and Masorti services. I enjoyed contributing to the davening for the communities and felt honored.

I want to tell a story that happened about 20 years ago. As I started to lead Kol Nidre in the Marcus Auditorium, the sky started to darken, punctuated by lightning and thunder, making the *tefilah* (liturgy) an even more ominous and poignant moment for an event that is always very special and emotional for many. Quite suddenly, the lights in the room began to flicker and then all the lights became extinguished and the room was dark.

People started to attempt to help. The question was raised: "Should we continue with services or not?" The darkness settled and I remember saying to the assembled group that we had a few choices to make. We could finish the service and very carefully leave the room, or we could continue davening from memory with the help of the group.

Someone called out of the darkness, 'You're our shaliach,' and with that vote of confidence, we decided to continue

in spite of the darkness. By not leaving, the group had decided that the darkness would not deter us.

A member of the maintenance crew brought us a flashlight and a member of the kahal held it over my *machzor* on the reading stand. The group sang along and you could feel magic in the room. The number of people who remembered the various melodies and words to the service was so large, it almost sounded as if the group had the *machzor* words in front of them.

Much to my surprise, when the lights did come back on, members of the group asked to continue in the darkness. They felt that the group had found a way of capturing the essence of Kol Nidre and did not want to break the holiness of the moment. We finished the Kol Nidre service in the darkness, feeling a heightened sense of connection to each other and to the special *tefilah*.

At the conclusion of the service, after walking out in silence as is customary in the Minyanim, many members asked, "Do you think we can daven in darkness next year as well?"

**This is a relatively new feature in the Centre Call, one in which GJC members tell some of their favorite holiday or GJC-related stories. If you have a favorite story you're willing to share, write it down, send it to [epinkenson@comcast.net](mailto:epinkenson@comcast.net), and as the calendar year progresses, the Centre Call will try to include some in each issue.**

## GJC NEW FAMILY NEWS

We are delighted to extend a very hearty Mazal Tov to Rabbi Yosef Goldman and Rabbi Annie Lewis on the birth of Shir Emet, who arrived in this world on Saturday, July 21, 2018, 9th of Av 5778, at 2:09 am. He weighed in at 8 lb. 1 oz., and is healthy, as is his mother. Zohar is excited to be a big sister.

Our love and best wishes to this new member of the GJC family!  
May the family celebrate many simchas together!



The GJC Centre Call is interested in sharing news of our newborn baby members with the whole congregation. If you would like to include your newborns here, send a few words and a photo to [epinkenson@comcast.net](mailto:epinkenson@comcast.net).



# GJC ALUMNI IN ISRAEL

by Grace & Michael Miller

*It seems like a long time since Grace & Michael were members of GJC. When asked to write the GJC Alumni column for this issue, they sent the following heart-warming update.*

Our life is filled with abundant blessings and our story reflects this reality. GJC is an integral part of our story and we are grateful for our years in that community. We moved to our first house in Mt. Airy in 1977 and we lived in the community until 1994. We were fortunate to live in a beautiful neighborhood, in two special homes, each surrounded by good friends and neighbors with just a short walk to shul. Our three boys were born in Germantown and their first 5 years of schooling were in the Early Childhood Program established and directed by Ruth Pinkenson Feldman. On the living room wall of our home, painted in large gold Hebrew letters was the Biblical phrase, "Let us raise Jerusalem above our chiefest joy," and under these sacred words each one of our three sons had his brit milah. Today, those 5 Millers all live in or within a 20-minute ride from Jerusalem and we have grown from five Millers to 21.

In 1980, one month after our first son Shalom was born, on Parashat Yitro, we and ten other people established Minyan Masorti. We were all members of the Centre and this minyan met in a classroom at the shul. We all made a promise to remain in the community each Shabbat to ensure a minyan, and we all took on the obligations necessary to guarantee that a traditional, egalitarian minyan would occur each Shabbat. With this responsibility came the necessity to attend each week on time, and take leadership roles in order for it to succeed. So from birth, our boys participated in this endeavor and our minyan life was as important to them as it was to us! Going to shul together was the highlight of our week, even if at times being in shul just meant playing in the weekly football game. We shared meals on Shabbatot and *hagim*, celebrated *s'mahot* together and mourned the untimely losses of dear friends. Our friends in this community became our extended family. We are still in close touch with people from our Mt. Airy days. Each year we celebrated the anniversary of the Minyan with a pot luck lunch and around the same time of year, one of the families hosted an annual Super Bowl party. Our boys learned how to daven in our minyan, lead *Anim Zmirot* and Shalom became Bar Mitzvah in



Grace & Michael Miller and their family at the Simchat Bat of their youngest granddaughter.

GJC. They internalized a commitment to shul, community and observance and for this we are most proud and profoundly grateful. When we relocated to a different community we were often asked the question, how is it that your boys always come to shul on time with you and sit with you for all of the davening? It is the years at GJC that we thank for this phenomenon and we never took it for granted.

Our aliyah was a process started in 1998 and ended in 2005. After graduating from Akiba Academy (now Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy), each of the three boys went to Israel for his year of learning in Yeshiva, and they never came home. Shalom was first in 1998, then his brother Benjamin in 2000, followed by our youngest son Yoni, in 2003. In 2004, we realized our life was destined to be in Israel and we joined the boys in 2005. Shalom married Batya and they had a baby girl, the first of their six children. Benjamin married Aviva and they have four children, and Yoni married Ariel and they have three children. If you do the math, you will see that there is a sabra (Israeli born) grandchild for each year of aliyah. All three boys are *musmach* (ordained) Rabbis, working in various yeshivot and seminaries and other educational endeavors. For sure, their formative years at GJC played a part in their life choices and successes.

We are both healthy and have had a wonderfully successful aliyah. Michael taught math for nine years in Machon Lev

## ALUMNI IN ISRAELI (continued)

and Tichon Ramah, and Grace set up shop teaching adults paper cutting, calligraphy and graphic design. We have met many new friends and have traveled in and outside of Israel. There are so many excellent cultural and learning opportunities in Jerusalem each day that it is often difficult choosing where to go. Our greatest joy, nachas and sense of

fulfillment remains being with our children and grandchildren and watching our children parent their children in Israel.

It just doesn't get any better than this and we give thanks to our Creator each day, for all the good He has bestowed upon us.

## NEWS FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

by Dick Menin

Although summer vacation "and the livin' is easy" is often a down time for many organizations, the GJC Men's Club was not dormant. We grilled burgers and hot dogs at Pride Shabbat in June. Our participation with the Jewish Relief Agency in July and August took up some of the drought brought on by fewer of the other volunteers. Our next date for this is September 16. We'd love to have you join us. Also, we've had mini eatin'-meetin's also over the summer.

The yearly "Scotch in the Sukkah" will be on Saturday, September 29. The good people at Leamy House on Rounfort Road have volunteered their Sukkah, allowing us to move the celebration to a weekend night that will permit more people to enjoy the event.

Our annual paid up membership brunch will be on Sunday, October 21, in conjunction with the Women of GJC.

The Hanukiyah — yes, the holiday is early this year — will go up before Thanksgiving. GOOD NEWS: it'll be warmer for working outdoors. You'll hear details about this later.

We're again hosting Dr. Andrew Newberg, a neuroscientist, in December. He'll continue his presentation on the biology of spirituality, looking especially at the Jewish experience using his new book, *The Rabbi's Brain* as reference.

Several film programs are also in the works.

Look to the GJC web site, Shabbat Bulletins and future Centre Calls for more details.

Men's Club workers help with the Jewish Relief Agency over the summer.



# WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR BUILDING? PART 2

by Sherman Aronson

As a volunteer member of our House and Design Committee, I put together a brief follow-up report on the work that is nearing completion on the School Building wing of the GJC, at the time of this writing.

To recap a little from the July report, the overhangs are an integral part of the floor structure and extend about 20" out from the stone walls, above the windows. These overhangs do three good things:

1. Shade the windows from direct overhead sun.
2. Protect the windows from direct rain, snow and rough weather, adding years of life to the wood windows.
3. Look cool (I cannot picture the school without them).

The overhangs are now about 70 years old and they started to have cracks and defects about 20 years ago. Water got into the concrete, causing rusting of the steel reinforcing and there were chemical changes within the concrete itself. Most of the damage occurred on the top levels since those surfaces get the most impact from snow, ice and rain. The lower levels have less damage and are more stable. But all the overhangs are getting repairs, a top sloped surface, and new protective coatings.

Since May of this year, Mara Restoration has completed the following efforts:

- Assessed the damage
- Removed poor concrete
- Removed old coatings
- Cleaned metal reinforcing
- Attached anti-corrosion elements
- Set up formwork and poured the special concrete mix
- Applied a sloped concrete surface
- Applied a primer and finish top coat
- Applied a breathable color coating on the underside

The photos below show a few stages of the work on the Lincoln Drive side of the School Building.

1. On the left is the initial start up: after testing for poor concrete the removal work was underway and the existing steel reinforcing bars were exposed.
2. In the middle, the crew is setting up the formwork and installing the anodic corrosion protection elements to the reinforcing, getting ready to pour the concrete mix.
3. On the right is the completed concrete work, including the new sloped surface on top of all the overhangs, and the newly filled and sealed joint between the concrete and the stone walls.
4. The last photo on the Ellet Street side shows the progression of samples for the sloped surface, the base coats and the final gray color top coat.



By the time of this printing, the work on the overhangs on the School Building should be complete, ready for another generation of use and protection for the historic facades at GJC.



# TODAH RABBAH!

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		in memory of Frieda Sanders, mother of Susan Weiss
		in memory of Florence Kobran, mother of Marcy Bacine
		in memory of Frances Heller, aunt of Chuck Schleifer
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		in memory of Francis Heller, aunt of Chuck Schleifer
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