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Making the Invisible Visible

Judaism came into the world to bring the news that the invisible is more important than the visible… the purpose of ritual is to render the invisible visible…
(Rabbi Alan Lew, This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared)

By Rabbi Adam Zeff

Following the Hasidic masters, Rabbi Alan Lew teaches that we are often deceived by our senses into thinking that the most important things in the world are material – objects, wealth, the trappings of power or fame. Especially as we approach the New Year, Judaism asks us to look in a different direction, to peer beneath the surface and to contemplate that which is invisible: good and evil, love and hatred, the striving of our hearts to overcome our weaknesses.

But this internal work is very difficult, and we can't do it alone. So on the High Holidays we come together to use ritual to act out the drama going on inside each of us. The shofar blows and we beat our breasts and recite prayers and search the words of ancient texts and deprive our bodies of food in order to propel ourselves along the path to renewal. We make this invisible process visible for ourselves and for each other, and this is what gives us hope for change in ourselves and change in our world in this coming year.

In our High Holiday programming at GJC, we strive to provide multiple and varied opportunities for just this sort of work of making the invisible into the visible. I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of our new offerings and to encourage you to take advantage of them as they are of interest and use to you in your journey into the New Year.

Special High Holiday programs for children & adults

In addition to our Tot Rosh Hashanah service on Erev Rosh Hashanah for families with young children and our teen discussion group meetings on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are expanding our children's services this year to provide more age-appropriate experiences for our children, from toddlers to pre-teens. We will also once again be offering an inclusive High Holiday service called Kol Rinah especially for children with special needs on the mornings of the holidays.

On both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will be offering multiple options for adults to engage in the holidays in different ways, including Torah-centered Yoga classes and intensive text study on the themes of the holidays. In addition, the new Kol D'mamah Contemplative Service will offer expanded opportunities for guided and independent meditation, chanting, and contemplation throughout the holidays. Of course, we will also have all of our traditional High Holiday offerings: childcare for our youngest children; the Charry Sanctuary, Minyan Masorti, and Dorshei Derekh services for adults; the Bregman program on reconciliation on Yom Kippur afternoon; and more! Please come and explore it all, and bring along those who are interested in GJC to see all that we offer!

Open yourself to the new

As we enter the new year, I encourage you to try something new, to open yourself up to ideas and activities that

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September 11

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President's Message

A Look Back and a Look Ahead

By Chris Levin, GJC President

I hope that all of you had a pleasant and relaxing summer. Here at GJC we have been in our usual summer "lull" for programming but that doesn't mean we haven't been working! Instead we have all been planning for the coming year. Before talking about some of what we hope to accomplish, I would like to review the highlights of last year.

First and foremost, we accomplished a successful transition following the departures of Rabbi Gordon and Executive Director Rachel Gross. We were fortunate indeed to have so many good years with Rabbi Gordon and Rachel and we were fortunate to have such capable successors in the wings. We now look forward to many more good times with Rabbi Zeff and Nina Peskin.

- Rabbi Zeff and Nina began a new Shabbat service on the last Friday in each month—Kol Zimrah—which has attracted a large following. We often have close to 75-100 people in attendance for this soothing and peaceful transition to Shabbat.
- We established a Chesed Committee that has done a remarkable job of bringing together diverse groups to cook and deliver meals to families that were experiencing losses or illness or celebrating the arrival of a new family member.
- We had, for the first time in a very long time, a substantive program on Israel –Israel and the Media—that was sponsored by our Men's Club, Women's Club, Social Action Committee and Israel Affairs Committees and attended by nearly 200 people.
- We have successfully expanded our Early Childhood Program which has increasingly served as a gateway to membership in GJC.
- A cohort of young future leaders had a weekend retreat and talked about what the future might hold for them at GJC.
- We extended health care coverage to all of our employees.

So what does the year to come hold? We have a new rabbinic intern, Alanna Sklover, who I hope many of you have had a chance to meet. She is a warm, engaging and enthusiastic addition to our professional staff. We will soon begin to implement a process for selection of an Assistant Rabbi. I will be writing separately in the weeks to come about what shape that process will take. On the building side, a group of ECP families is working on plans to expand the ECP playground and provide greater shade to the existing space. This will of course include some fundraising efforts. And I hope that by this time next year we will have a new roof over the Charry Sanctuary. We are optimistic that this will be accomplished with existing Building Funds.

One of my greatest pleasures over the last year has been getting to know so many of you better. I look forward to more of that in the year to come.

Shana Tova--wishing you all a healthy and happy new year.

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you may not have encountered before, to stretch and grow in new ways that you may not have previously imagined. The New 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 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!

Ready or Not?

Family Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Tuesday, September 6 @ 7 PM

The time to plan for an emergency is not in the middle of one. You are either ready or you're not. Join us for this informative workshop that will help you prepare emergency plans, evacuation routes, shelter in place plans, emergency supply lists and more. Presented by the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management and the Philadelphia Police Department.

For questions or to RSVP contact Shoshanah Wiesner at projects@germantownjewishcentre.org

Mid June – Mid August, 2011

IN CELEBRATION...

David & Nahariyah Mosenkis on the marriage of their son, Eitan, to Leah Robsman

Naomi Klayman & Adina Abramowitz on the marriage of their son, Jeff, to Devalina Guha-Roy

Marta & Michael Sivitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Anna, to Julia Sivitz & Matt Bieber

Carol & Marty Kaplan on their 56th wedding anniversary

Ira Somerson on his birthday

Marcy & Daniel Bacine on the aufruf of their nephew Benjamin Frimmer, son of Andrea Frimmer, and Rebecca Brumberg, daughter of Dick & Sheila Brumberg, former members of GJC

George & Debbie Stern on their 40th wedding anniversary

Jim & Sandy Meyer on their 45th wedding anniversary

Sarah Rosenbaum & Yukio Tezuka on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Grace

Myra & Isador Kranzel on the birth of their granddaughter Jenavieve Samantha Kranzel, daughter of Jerry & Rian Kranzel

Sarit & Ken Kunz on the birth of their son, Adam Davey Kunz

Josh Goldblum & Deborah Fishman on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Brett Goncher

Ruth Rosenthal on the birth of her great-granddaughter

Mark Fallon & Maani Waldor on the birth of their daughter, Sylvie

Chaim Dworkin & Linda Cherkas on the marriage of their son, Bension to Gwen Gordon

Reena & Aryeh Friedman on the aufruf of their son Uri and Michal Lucas

The GJC Softball Team for making the Playoffs

Nina & Josh Peskin on the birth of their daughter, Maya Rochelle Peskin

Elaine & Lee Dushoff on their 50th wedding anniversary

IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia Hoffman, mother of **Tobie Hoffman**

Michael Goldberg, father of **Phill Goldberg**

Howard Myers, long time member of GJC

Robin Perlo Berry & Joshua Berry, sister and brother-in-law of **Aviva Perlo**

Marion Mailman, mother of **Karen Levitt**

Mathilde Rosenfeld, a long time member of GJC

Lorraine Eisenstat, mother of **Noel Eisenstat**

Paul Schwartz, son of **Norman & Leah Schwartz**

Shoshana Lorant, mother of **Itzik Lorant**

Carlyn Stern, mother of **George Stern,** grandmother of **Elana Shaw,** and great-grandmother of **Hannah & Gavi**

Shabbat Chai-Lites

September 2 & 3
• Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat
• Junior Congregation Summer Edition

September 10
• Dorshei Derekh
Stefan Presser Memorial Social Justice Shabbat
•Childcare & Children's Services resume after summer hiatus

September 17
• Kol D'mamah (11:00 AM))

September 23
•Kol Zimrah

September 30
•6:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service (Note LATE Start Time)

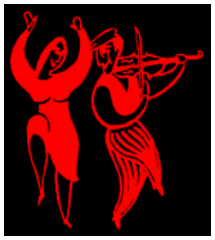
October 7-8
•Yom Kippur
See High Holiday Schedule – Pg 12 for details

October 14-15
•6:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service & Oneg in Sukkah (Note LATE Start Time)
•9:30 AM – Combined Shabbat Service –
Mazel Tov to Avi Zeff and his parents Rabbi Adam Zeff & Dr. Cheryl Bettigole, on his Bar Mitzvah

Kabbalat Shabbat
Fridays at 6 PM *(unless otherwise noted above)*

Shabbat Morning Services
Saturdays at 10 AM *(unless otherwise noted above)*

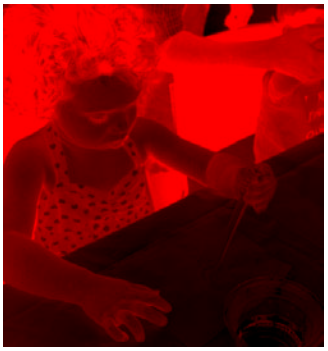
ISRAELI DANCING



Sundays at 10 AM - 12 PM
Beginning September 11
$5 per session
For more info call Tamar Magdovitz at 215-247-9614

Early Childhood Program (ECP)

Camp Keshet was tons of fun!



Our summer theme was creation. In these photos we are learning about water from staff of the Franklin Institute that visited and listening to stories about creation from a guest storyteller.

Shop at the Little Shop!

We are back to our FALL hours

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday and Thursday - 12-5
Wednesday 12-8:30
Friday 12-6 (until Day Lights Savings ends)
Sunday - 9:30-12:30

Early Bird Special every Tuesday thru Friday from 12-3. 10% discount on all items EXCEPT wine, scrolls, books, and sale items.

September Special - Tallitot - All tallitot are reduced by 10%. This CAN BE COMBINED with the Early Bird Special for a 20% discount.

And don't forget about our *Frequent Buyer Program!* For every $250 you spend you get $10 off your next purchase. Bring your card with you when you shop! Or inquire in the shop about getting your own card!

Remember Rosh Hashanah cards, new calendars, holiday related items (shofar, candles, honey pots, challah plate or board, kiddush cup, etc) are available from the Little Shop. Come early and often to support GJC!

Tot Shabbat & Holidays

September 28
Tot Rosh Hashanah

Welcome Rosh Hashanah with Rabbi Adam Zeff in a celebration specially geared for toddlers, preschoolers and their families!

Does your child like to….
Sing, clap hands and play bells?
Dance around?
Listen to puppet stories?

Do you like to…
Welcome Shabbat with other young families?
Not have to worry about kids being kids?

Join us at 6 pm for a program & celebration followed by a simple yet delicious catered dinner (around 6:30 pm)

Cost is $5 per person (adults & children)

ADVANCED REGISTRATION & PAYMENT NECESSARY

Save the Dates!

Tue. Oct. 18 – Tot Sukkot Potluck 5:30 PM
(bring a dairy or pareve dish to share)

Fri. Nov. 18 – Tot Shabbat

Sat. Jan. 21 – Tot Havdallah

Fri. Feb. 10 – Tot Shabbat

Sat. Mar. 31 – Tot Shabbat/Ginat Shabbat in the Charry Service - 11 AM

Fri. Apr. 20 – Tot Shabbat

Fri. May 18 – Tot Shabbat

Fri. June 29 – Tot Shabbat

Special Thanks to the Wolfe Family Foundation for generously supporting programming at GJC.

Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

This month, I'm turning the lens inward and offering a profile of my own family.

Jake Kriger has lived through a couple of lifetimes and isn't done yet. He was born in Brooklyn, the youngest of four. After his family moved to Queens, he attended yeshivas in lower Manhattan and while in elementary school, he would take a subway from Queens into Manhattan every day from the age of 7. (Those were the days.) He tells many stories about growing up Orthodox and yearning for the outside world, including the time he and his father were walking home from shul on a Saturday night past the Forest Hills Tennis Club where the Beatles were performing. Jake used every excuse, including tying his shoe three times in order to slow down and listen through the fence, even as his father was yelling at him to hurry up.

Jake went to Yeshiva University High School for boys in upper Manhattan and then City College, where he could finally experience girls in his classes.

Jake graduated from college in 1970 at the height of the Vietnam War. To avoid the draft, he entered dental school at the University of Louisville and after one year in the South, which was enough for him, transferred to Temple University. In 1976, he married, and soon opened a dental practice in Overbrook Park. He ran a thriving practice, lived in Merion and soon had three children, Rachel, now 31, Jeremy, now 28, and Mirah, now 24. Jake proudly recalls taking Wednesdays off so he could spend the whole day with his kids.

In 1991, Jake sold his practice and went into what he called his wilderness. He didn't know what to do next, but in the meantime he ran a father's group in the interest of deciphering what it means to actively father a child. This led him to begin facilitating men's groups, in which he and his best friend, a psychiatrist, helped men to express their feelings and create intimate friendships with other men, not to mention their wives or girlfriends. He realized that he had found his next path. He entered the Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and received an MSW in 1997. He began to build a therapy practice, mostly with men as patients.

Jake's marriage lasted 19 years, but when it faltered and he separated from his wife, his neighbors, who were longtime friends of mine, told him they had a woman who would be wonderful for him. He told them he was far from ready to meet anyone as he was very focused on raising his children in the snarly web of divorce. This was in December of 1995.

In February 1996, Jake went to his accountant to do his taxes. His accountant said, "I have a funny story to tell you. I have a client, a single mother. I told her about you, without using your name, because I thought the two of you would make a good match. I described you and she said, "Are you talking about Jake Kriger? (Really, how many Jewish former dentists in Philadelphia were going to social work school?) It's been taken care of already."

With the second recommendation, Jake had to call me. When I answered the phone, I heard a hello and then a deep breath. "I haven't made a call like this is 25 years," he said. Six years later to the day of our first date, we were married.

I was born in Bridgeport, CT, the only child of older parents. My life

Linda & Jake Kriger with their twin Granddaughters

was pretty dull. My father was a pharmacist and my mother ran his store. I stayed home and practiced the piano. When I was 14, I was a soloist with the Provincetown Orchestra on Cape Cod, where we spent a couple of weeks every summer. That was pretty much the end of my solo career, except for my senior piano recital at the end of college. After attending public schools and Connecticut College, I got a masters degree in journalism at Columbia University. My first job was reporting for the Providence Journal in Rhode Island. After four years, I moved to Philadelphia in 1976 and started working as a reporter for the Inquirer.

I remained at the Inquirer for 11 years, mostly as a medical writer. In my 10th year, I attended Stanford University as a Knight Fellow, auditing courses as varied as medicine and medical social policy and English critical reading and art history, courses I never took as an undergraduate piano major. I was 35 and in academic heaven.

When I returned to Philadelphia after the year away, the reporting bug had left me. I hung on for a few more months, but quit my job, not knowing what I'd do next. (Sound familiar?) I soon began volunteering for a newly formed women's theater group, Daughter Productions, and remained with them as a producer for three years.

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Member Spotlight

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Then I married and had two sons, Daniel, now 20 and Ezra, now 17. I divorced after four years of marriage. My ex-husband moved back to New York and I was a single mother of an 8 month old and a 3 year old. I was really single. My parents had died and I had no siblings. After years of child rearing, I returned to my original profession and am now a freelance writer for the Jewish Forward.

My son, Daniel, is a sophomore at Kenyon College and Ezra is a senior at Barrack Hebrew Academy. He is looking at colleges and gap year programs for next year. Rachel lives in Maryland with her boyfriend and is a licensed acupuncturist; Jeremy works as an environmental consultant and is married to Yoella Epstein, an attorney at Blank, Rome. Mirah recently returned to the U.S. from Australia, where she studied graphic design.

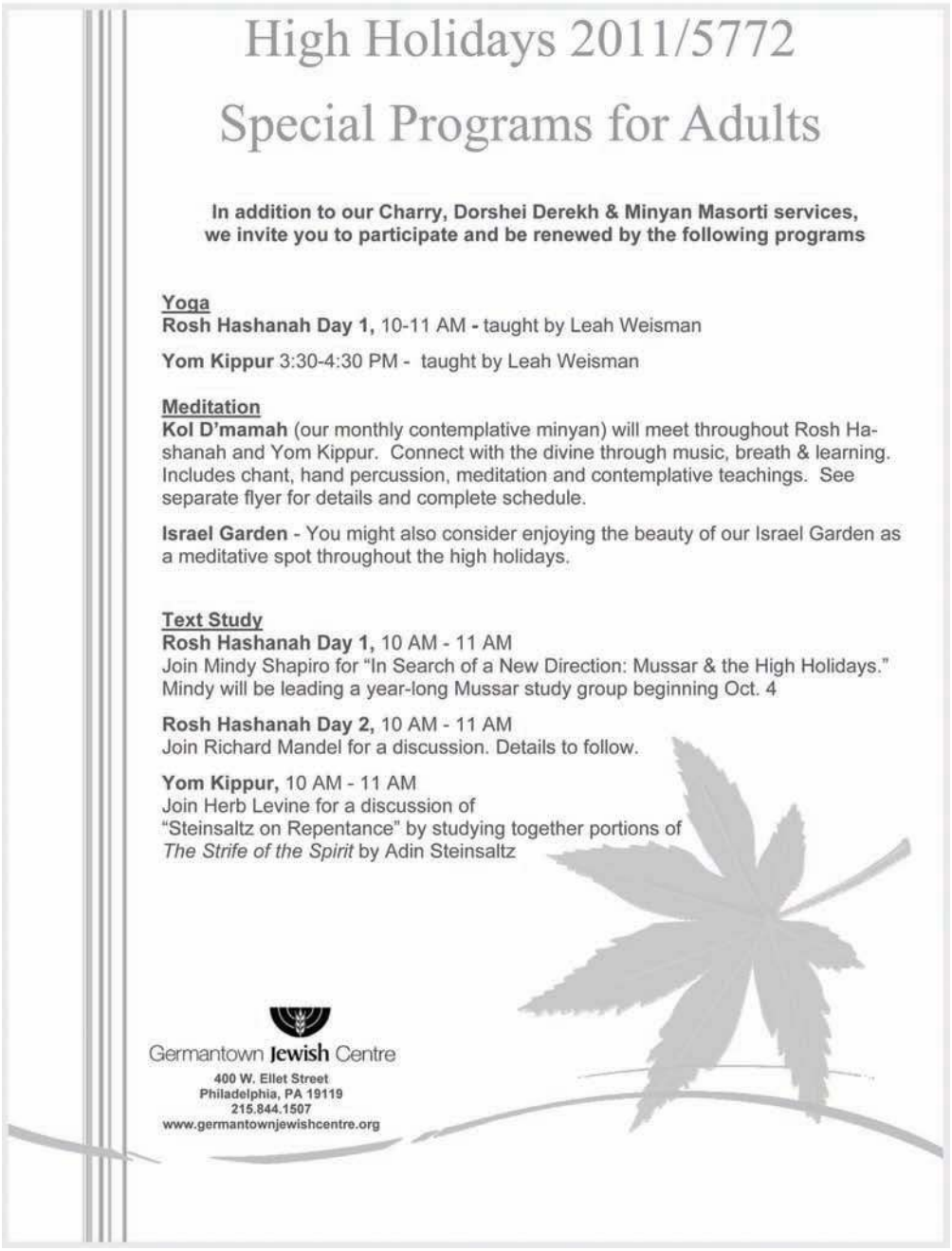
A year ago, Jeremy and Yoella, who were classmates and sweethearts at the Akiba Hebrew Academy, provided us with identical twin granddaughters, Ne'imah and Neli. They live in Center City and we take our grandtwins every other week for a full day. Our house is littered with children's toys and high chairs. We love the grandparent experience.

For my part, I went from being an only child in a tiny family to being surrounded by a large, loving family.

Jake and I came to GJC in 2000 from two very different congregations: Jake was a regular at the Library Minyan at Beth Hillel Beth El in Wynnewood and I was a former ersatz president (or, as they called it at the time, Coordinator of the Executive Coordinating Committee) at Mishkan Shalom. I presently serve on the executive committee of the board at GJC.

At first, we followed our individual spiritual paths. Jake attended services at Masorti and I at Dorshei Derekh. Eventually, I followed my family and settled into Masorti. Jake frequently leads services at Masorti including his gig as a panoply of rock stars on Purim. He is an expert torah reader. I frequently lead the musaf service and once in a blue moon read torah and give divrei torah.

When Jake and I were ready to marry, we had to decide on which side of the river we would live. We are both happy that we ended up on the Philadelphia side (Jake says except at tax time) and that we can participate in GJC's eclectic and creative approach to Judaism.



Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Co-Chairs,
Cherie Goren & Sonia Dishler

Summer is flying by. Even with the extreme heat Hazak has been busy. Our Book Club met July 13 to discuss Howard Jacobson's *The Finkler Question*. On July 26, 18 of us toured the National Museum of American Jewish History. Our docent took us through the highlights. There is too much to cover in one visit, so we will have to go back again.

As of the writing of this article we are looking forward to Sam Feinberg's "Opera Under the Stars" on August 24th. This annual event kicks off our 2012 season, and usually draws guests from all over.

Join us for the Hazak Paid Up Membership Brunch on Sunday, September 11th. Gloria Salmonsohn will highlight the program with a whole new script.

We invite everyone to our programs and to participate in Hazak's Fall Membership Drive. Annual dues are just $10, which entitles you to free admittance to at least 5 programs and our monthly book group. Guests are welcome to attend and pay $5 per event. $10 annual dues is such a bargain, you might as well join!

We wish you all a happy and healthy new year. L'Shanah Tova.

Hazak is the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's organization for Jewish men and women, 55 years and older. The name HAZAK is an acronym. The het *stands for* Hokhma *(wisdom), that* zayan *for* Ziknah *(maturity) and the* kuph *for* Kadima *(looking ahead). The Rhea Shils Chapter of Hazak at Germantown Jewish Centre has offered programs that appeal to a wide audience since 2003.*

Men's Club News

Rod Griffith, Men's Club President

I am feeling very enthusiastic now at the beginning of my initial year as President of the Men's Club.

Past President and my former co-President Ken Weiss has been a great help to me by taking charge of the preparation of the High Holidays Greetings Book and Directory. I cannot say enough times how much I appreciate Ken's help with this task. As of this writing, we expect the Directory to be ready well before the High Holidays.

During the summer, I have been thinking about initiatives that Men's Club might pursue. As you may know, a number of Club members and congregants, including myself, are avid bicyclists. To further that interest, I want to explore the possibility of the sponsorship of an annual bicycle ride.

My other major goal is to improve the efforts of Men's Club to raise money for the Germantown Jewish Centre. For the Club, the Passports to Israel raffle is an important fundraiser. While the Passports to Israel campaign has been successful, that success has been limited in recent years for a variety of reasons. To make it more robust, Passports to Israel needs to become an effort by organized teams of Men's Club members who work on the campaign from Hanukkah to Purim.

As I contemplate these goals, I realize that I cannot achieve them alone. I need the support and assistance of Club members and congregants. I invite you to join me in building community and making GJC a better place. There is plenty to do – building the Hanukiyah, selling Passports to Israel and more. Perhaps someday there also will be a chance to join Club members and congregants for a metric Century (100 kilometer bike ride) or to drive the sag wagon (a vehicle that carries luggage from place to place and provides seats for riders too tired to cycle).

ONE BOOK ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Join us!

Kick-Off and Book Signing

with **Martin Fletcher**, author of 2011-2012 featured selection, ***The List***, publishing October 11th.

"Martin Fletcher is more than the consummate journalist. He is a master storyteller."
--David Gregory, Moderator, "Meet the Press"

Sunday, October 30th at 7:00pm
Congregation Beth Or
239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen, PA 19002

Free and open to the public.
Sign language interpreted.
Information: 215.635.8940
www.acaje-jop.org/onebook

A program of ACAJE/JOP in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Women's Club News

By Judy Schwartz and Bev Somerson
Co-presidents of Women's Club

Notes from Women's Club: September, 2011

The long hot summer days of 2011 are drawing to a close and we are starting to think about the cooler days that are just ahead. We've picked tons of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and all sorts of fruits and we're beginning to see and feel that the days are growing shorter. A new season will soon begin - the fall. What will that season mean to us as Jews?

To Women's Club it is the time to say welcome back to our old members, to our new members, and to our future members. For us, the Jewish people, this is the time of the year when we begin to think about Rosh Hashanah and the other holidays that follow. What will this New Year, the year 5772, bring us? We are all concerned about the wellbeing of our families and friends, jobs, Israel, and the state of the world around us. Women's Club doesn't have any answers to these questions. What we do have and can offer you are opportunities for friendship, camaraderie, focus, fun, learning, and a chance to participate in a very special, and I venture to say, unique environment where there is something for everyone. You will meet a diverse group of people and you can increase your own personal involvement in Women's Club and GJC through a variety of activities: working in Little Shop or being involved in our Craft Show, attending our many programs, becoming involved in Women's Shabbat and Scholar-in-Residence. The list of possibilities for you to participate in is almost endless and always involves our 4C'c – *caring, commitment, camaraderie, and community*. Join us on this journey of learning and growing, where we celebrate and support our individuality but also believe in the concept that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Travel with us as we embark on our journey through the year 5772. We will be starting off the year with our Women's and Men's Club Paid up Membership event on Sunday, September 18 at 10 A.M. Brunch will be sumptuous and there will be a finger snapping entertainment program starring Jeff Coon from the 11th Hour Theatre company. There is no charge for this brunch once you pay your Women's Club yearly dues of $40.00. We look forward to meeting and greeting you.

Women's Club wants to say Shanah Tovah to one and all. In the spirit of Rosh Hashanah, Bev and I (co-presidents of Women's Club) want to ask your forgiveness if we have at any time "sinned against you." Let us all hear the sound of the Shofar and remember that this day marks the beginning of Creation, the day when God created the world and became its Sovereign. It is a time of judgment and remembrance, prayer and penitence.

It is customary to eat several foods which symbolize the type of year we wish to have: For a sweet year, we dip a piece of apple into honey, for a year in which we will be able to make good decisions we eat the head of a fish or other kosher animal. A pomegranate is eaten because it is filled with seeds and symbolizes our wish to have a year full of mitzvot and good deeds. We don't eat sour or tart foods instead we focus on sweet foods in order to have a sweet year, filled with blessings and abundance.

L'Shanah tovah tikateiv veteichateim, "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Women's Club & Men's Club
Paid Up Membership Brunch
Sunday, September 18 @ 10 AM

11th Hour Theatre Company
presents Jeff Coon
one of Philadelphia's best theater talents!

FREE for paid-up members • $35 for guests
RSVP by September 9

GJC has cemetery plots for sale at King David Cemetery in the Northeast.
Questions?
Contact the Office.

DIVRAY CHINUCH

…a few words from the GJC Education Department

Generously supported by the GJC Women's Club

The final few chapters and verses of the Torah that we read these next few weeks, remind us that we are approaching "the end" of our Torah scroll, enhancing the anticipation with which we approach the High Holidays, and Simchat Torah in particular, when we will start reading "from the beginning, all over again." However, these final Torah parshiyot also serve to remind us of new beginnings. B'nai Yisrael, the Children of Israel that we read about, are preparing for new lives in Canaan, the land of Israel, after a long circuitous route, encompassing forty years of learning and adventures. Though it is perhaps less dramatic, we have recently finished summers of learning and adventures, and we approach a new school year. Since we live in the northern hemisphere, the Jewish calendar is synchronized with our academic year, and this allows us to look forward to a new year as we start again from the beginning of the Torah scroll, and we look forward to the Jewish New Year. This year in particular, the Jewish calendar allows us a few precious weeks to ponder the beginning of our new year in our homes, before we set to the task of getting ready for the High Holidays and the end of September.

The Education Department also looks forward with excitement to our new year and we share some of our new programs with you below, as we begin a new year, 5772, in the Education Department. Religious School, Teen Institute, Shabbat Programming, Bar and Bat Mitzvah Mehina will all begin on the dates below.

And here's some of what's new this year!!!

⇒We will continue to rejuvenate our youth social programs with a second youth group for our 4th and 5th graders (while Kadima will continue this year for 6th and 7th graders). Both groups will be led by Leah Corsover and we look forward to an exciting year of fun activities for these age groups.

⇒Our 8th and 9th grade students will continue to be involved in adult synagogue life as they participate in TTP (Three Things Program) to enable them to attend the 2nd annual GJC Teen Trip. Once again, we will brave the winter, and head somewhere for a weekend of study, relaxation and recreation.

⇒GJC has been chosen by Moving Traditions to pilot a new program for 9th grade young men, called "The Brotherhood." We hope that this program will be a terrific match with the three GJC based Rosh Hodesh groups for young women currently functioning.

⇒We will be adding more Shabbat Programming, especially geared towards the younger set. This programming will include increased frequency of the Marching Musical Minyan, and a Shabbat reading hour.

⇒This year will see the beginning of our beautiful, newly renovated Quitman Library. Stay tuned for our (re)dedication ceremony!!

Here is the list of starting dates - make sure they're on your calendars, and we look forward to seeing you then!! Look out for more details through emails, snail mails, the (NEW) GJC Web-site, or certainly feel welcome to give us a call!!

BEGINNING DATES:

September 10	Beginning of Regular Shabbat Programming
September 10	First Shabbat BBMM (Bar and Bat Mitzvah Mehina)
September 11	Opening Day of Religious School
September 11	Sunday (+ parents) BBMM
September 14	First Day of Teen Institute (and Wednesday of Religious School)

Don't forget to check out our NEW website!

www.germantownjewishcentre.org

Members can now make donations online

"Women of Valor" Interfaith Selichot Program

Featuring a symposium, concert and service

On Saturday night, September 24, at 8 pm, the Germantown Jewish Centre, in collaboration with The Women's Sacred Music Project, an affiliate of UNESCO's International Music Project, and the Daylesford Abbey, will present a special concert and symposium on the "Woman of Valor" theme in Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions. The program will be followed by an Interfaith Selichot service, the penitential service in preparation for the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, which begins the following week. We will welcome Christian & Muslim clergy to participate in the service, which will include readings from other faiths.

The symposium preceding the concert will focus on the image of the Woman of Valor described in Proverbs 31 and in Muslim tradition, exploring Jewish, Christian and Muslim responses to this figure, and featuring three presenters: Susan Teegen-Case, Ellen Frankel, and Zakiya Islam.

The concert will feature Andrea Clearfield's "Women of Valor Suite," with a newly commissioned piece, "Hagar," written by Clearfield, with words by GJC member Ellen Frankel, and performed in a special chamber version, featuring soprano Elizabeth Racheva and mezzo-soprano Suzanne Du Plantis, with violin, piano and percussion.

The chamber suite is an abridged version of Clearfield's original hour-long "Women of Valor" cantata, initially commissioned and performed in 2000 by the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony. Unlike Clearfield's original work, which featured musical portraits of ten biblical "Women of Valor"--Sarah, Leah, Rachel, Jocheved, Miriam, Hannah, Jael, Michal, Ruth, and Esther--the shorter chamber version, including the newly commissioned "Hagar," focuses on only six women, in three pairs: Sarah and Hagar, Rachel and Leah, Miriam and Jocheved.

The new "Hagar" movement explores the many facets of this complex biblical figure--as depicted in rabbinic midrash; Muslim scripture, hadith, and tradition; and Christian texts. As the only "Woman of Valor" in the musical work who exists outside the sanctioned patriarchal lineage, Hagar occupies a unique role, generating creative tension both within her "dyad" (Sarah/Hagar) as well as within the suite as a whole. "Hagar," as both music and text, challenges and subverts the heroic narrative exemplified in the lives of the other five matriarchal figures in the suite.

Even within Jewish tradition, Hagar is a highly complicated figure. The Rabbis variously depict her as a Mesopotamian princess, Pharaoh's daughter, a portion of Sarah's marriage dowry, a sinful idol-worshiper, and a righteous convert. In the midrash, she is sometimes portrayed as Keturah, Abraham's second wife. Although a banished handmaid, she also speaks with angels and encounters God, and is the only human being in the Bible to give God a name. In Christianity, ironically, she becomes the symbol of Judaism, thrust out by the new Christian faith, represented by Sarah. In Islam, she is a revered figure, and is honored with her own special ritual during the sacred hajj; nonetheless, her name is never mentioned in the Qu'ran.

The September 24 GJC program is a reprise of the same symposium and concert which will be presented at the Daylesford Abbey in Media on the afternoon of September 18. Both programs are designed to celebrate women's voices as expressed in all three Abrahamic faiths. The GJC event marks the first time that an interfaith event has been presented as part of the Selichot program.

Supporters of both events include a number of individual donors, local religious institutions, the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Bryn Mawr and Rosemont Colleges, the Northwest Interfaith Movement, the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia, and GJC's Music Fund. Those wishing to add their support for this and future sacred music programs can make contributions directly to GJC's Music Fund.

There will be light refreshments preceding the 8 pm program at GJC. The event is free and open to all.

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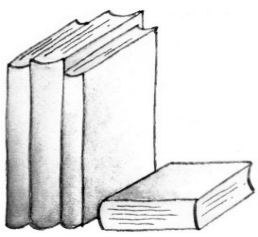

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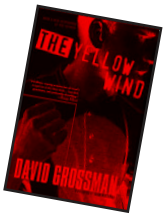
PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet at Germantown Jewish Centre, generally on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, always at 7:15pm. We read fiction and nonfiction books of Jewish interest written mostly, but not solely, by Jewish writers and chosen by the group. Volunteer group members lead the discussion. Everyone welcome, please join us!

For more information, contact Dena Lake at 215-233-1414 or denareva@comcast.net.

Tuesday, September 13
Yellow Wind by David Grossman



Tuesday, October 11
Running the Books by Avi Steinberg

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Adult Education 2011-2012/5772

Please review the chart below for our courses at a glance. Complete details can be found on our website or in our printed brochure. Advanced registration is requested for all courses. Contact the office to register.

Title	Instructor(s)	Timing	Dates	Cost GJC Members/Non Members
Mussar	Mindy Shapiro	Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am	Year Long (2 semesters) Weekly Oct 4-Dec 13 (except Thanksgiving) Weekly Jan 24-May 1 (except Passover)	$250 per semester/$325 per semester (plus cost of text books)
Center City Lunch & Learn Halacha, Shaariah & the State: The Relationship Between Religious & "Secular" Law	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Wednesdays 12:15-1:30 pm	Monthly Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 14	$150/200 (CLE Credits available for add'l fee paid directly to Penn)
Introduction to Torah Trope	Eve Pinkenson	Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm	Oct 26; Nov 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec 7, 14, 21; Jan 4, 11	$100/125
Tough Social Issues in Israel	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Sundays 10 am—12 pm	Oct 30; Nov 6, 13, 20	$50/75
Quick & Dirty Guide to the Jewish Movements	Rabbi Adam Zeff & Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Saturdays 9-9:30 am	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Part of Beit Midrash Shabbat	FREE
Psyche, Spirit & the Mythic Journey in Torah & Midrash	Dr. Simcha Raphael	Sundays 7:30-9 pm	Monthly Jan 22, Feb 12, Mar 11	$40/50
Jewish Folktales: They're Not All Set in Chelm	Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Sundays 10:30 am - 12 pm	Jan 22, 29; Feb 5, 12	$40/50
Quick & Dirty Race Through the Bible	Rabbi Adam Zeff	Sundays 10-11:30 am	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	$40/50
Writing through the Omer	Tamara Cohen	This class will begin the week of Pesach. Exact dates and times TBD.	7 sessions. Contact the office for details	$75/100
Jewish Theater: From the Yiddish Playhouse to Modern Stand-Up	Student Rabbi Alanna Sklover	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	Apr 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15	$60/75

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High Holiday & Sukkot Services 2011/5772

Day/Date	Service	Charry Service	Minyan Masorti	Dorshei Derekh	Children's Services	Child Care
Sat., Sep. 24	**Selichot**	7:45pm Havdallah & Refreshments; Program & Service at 8:00pm				
Wed., Sep. 28	**Erev Rosh Hashanah**	7:00pm [CS]			6:00pm Tot Rosh Hashanah	
Thu., Sep. 29	**Rosh Hashanah**	9:00am [CS]	9:00am [MAR]	9:30am [CAN]	11:00am	9:00am-2:00pm
	Tashlich	Meet at the Synagogue at 4:00pm				
	Mincha/Maariv	6:15pm [MC]				
Fri., Sep. 30	**Rosh Hashanah**	9:00am [CS]	9:00am [MAR]	9:30am [CAN]	11:00am	9:00am-2:00pm
	Erev Shabbat Service	6:30pm [MAS]				
Sat., Oct. 1	**Shabbat Shuvah**	10:00am [CS]	10:00am [MAS]	10:00am [CAN]	Regular Children's Shabbat Offerings	
Sun., Oct. 2	**Fast of Gedalya**	9:00am [MC]				
Fri., Oct. 7	**Kol Nidre**	5:30pm [CS]	5:30pm [MAR]	5:30pm [CAN]	6:15pm [MAS] Family Service	5:00-8:30pm
Sat., Oct. 8	**Yom Kippur**	9:00am [CS]	9:00am [MAR]	9:30am [CAN]	11:00am	9:00am – 2:00pm
	Yizkor	Aprx. 11:30am	Aprx. 11:30am	Aprx. Noon		
	Oscar Bregman Prog.	2:30pm [CS]				
	Services Resume	4:30pm [CS]	4:15pm [MAR]	4:45pm [CAN]		
	Neilah	6:00pm [CS]	6:00pm [MAR]	6:15pm [CAN]		6:00-7:30pm
	Blow Shofar	7:17pm [CS]	7:17pm [MAR]	7:17pm [CAN]		
		7:30pm [MAR] Break-the-Fast (ADVANCED REGISTRATION NECESSARY)				
Thu., Oct. 13	**Sukkot Day 1**	10:00am [CAN]		10:00am [MAS]		
Fri., Oct. 14	**Sukkot Day 2**	10:00am [CAN]				
	Erev Shabbat	6:30 pm [CS] & Oneg [Sukkah]				
Sat., Oct. 15	**Shabbat/Sukkot Day 3**	9:30am – Joint Service in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of Avi Zeff The entire community is invited to Kiddush Lunch in the Marcus following the service				
Sun., Oct. 16	**Sukkot Day 4**	9:00am Morning Minyan [MC]			9:30am GJC Celebrates!	
Wed., Oct. 19	**Hoshanah Rabah**	6:00 am [CS]				
	Dorshei Derekh Simchat Torah			6:30pm [OFFSITE @ Mishkan Shalom]		
Thu., Oct. 20	**Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor**	10:00am [CS] *Yizkor*	10:00am [CAN] *Yizkor*	10:00am [MAS] *(Simchat Torah Service, Yizkor)*		
	Simchat Torah Service	7:00pm [CS] *GJC Celebrates!*	8:00pm		7:00pm [CS] *GJC Celebrates!*	
Fri., Oct. 21	**Simchat Torah Service**	10:00am [MAR]				
	Erev Shabbat	6:00 pm [MAS]				

CS: Charry Sanctuary **MAR**: Marcus Auditorium **MAS**: Maslow Auditorium **CAN**: Temin Canteen Room **MC**: Magil Chapel

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special dates to remember

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2011

September

2 **Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat**
6 ***Refuat HaNefesh* Healing Service** (monthly, first Tuesday of the month)
10 **Stefan Presser Memorial Social Justice Shabbat** (Dorshei Derekh)
17 **Kol D'mamah Contemplative Minyan**
23 **Kol Zimrah Musical Service**
24 **"Women of Valor" Interfaith Symposium, Concert & Selichot Service**
25 **Hands on Holiday: Rosh Hashanah** (Sponsored by Women's Club)
28 **Tot Rosh Hashanah**

October

4 **Mussar** (Adult Ed Class begins)
5 **Center City Lunch & Learn** (Adult Ed Class begins)
16 **GJC Celebrates! Sukkot**
18 **Tot Sukkot Potluck**
20 **GJC Celebrates! Simchat Torah**
26 **Introduction to Torah Trope** (Adult Ed Class begins)
28 **Kol Zimrah Musical Service & Potluck**
30 **Tough Social Issues in Israel** (Adult Ed Class begins)

November

4 **Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat**
11 **Kol Zimrah Musical Service**
12 **Kol D'mamah Contemplative Minyan**
13 **Women's Club Craft Show**
13 **Global Day of KIDS Jewish Learning**
18 **Tot Shabbat**

December

2 **Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat**
9-10 **Dorshei Derekh 25th Anniversary Shabbat**
17 **Kol D'mamah Contemplative Minyan**
18 **Hands on Holiday: Hanukkah Oil Press** (Sponsored by Women's Club)
20-22 **Outdoor Hanukkiyah Lighting** (Sponsored by Men's Club)
21 **GJC Celebrates! Hanukkah**
23 **Kol Zimrah Musical Service**

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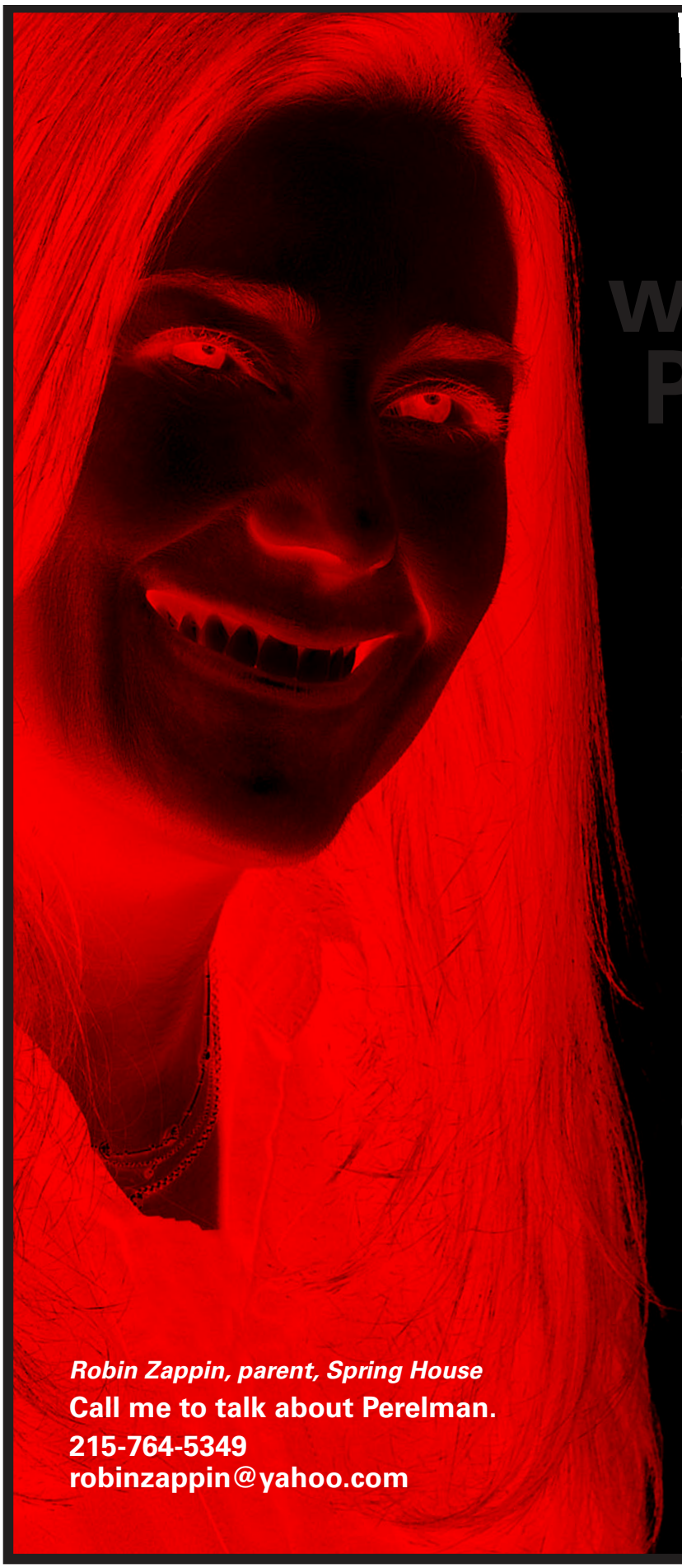

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