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Guest Rabbi's Column

Dina Rosenberg, Stein Rabbinic Intern Summer 2009

Many amongst us had the opportunity to meet, learn, pray and get to know Dina Rosenberg as she joined our community every other week-end this summer. Following is an edited version of the D'var Torah Dina gave in the Charry Service on Parshat Shoftim, her last Shabbat at Germantown Jewish Centre. I share this with you because Dina offers valuable reflections on the nature of our community.

– Rabbi Leonard Gordon

What makes a stable society? A successful community? A community filled with integrity? A community that works through its challenges and comes out the other end enriched? In this week's parsha, Shoftim – Moses describes how to formulate a righteous society that lives by the values and principles dictated by God. Moses – who up until this point – really ran a 1 man show: acting as judge, leader, prophet, and as a conduit to God, tells Israel that a society cannot be run on the deeds of one individual. From this point forward, the people of Israel will dictate their future – it will only be through their collaborative efforts and hard work that this community will continue to thrive and perhaps be successful . . .

Moses commands Israel that if after entering into the Land of Israel they want to appoint a King to rule over the Jewish nation, the King must hold the following characteristics: "He shall not keep many horses or send back to Egypt to add to his horses...he shall not have many wives, lest his heart go astray; nor shall he amass silver and gold to excess." You might ask why out of all the rules for a King, did Moses pick these? But, for me the references to not amassing many horses represents recognition that sheer physical power . . . does not determine the influence that a true leader has.

Similarly, by ruling that a King should not amass excessive amounts of gold and silver, focuses on the lack of desire a leader should have for material wealth. The true wealth of a leader comes from the ability to use his role to guide his people to be a just and righteous society.

These rules regarding a King have been relevant for me here at GJC at two levels. First, in my interactions with Rabbi Gordon and Rabbi Zeff. They are ideal leaders whom do not feel the need to portray physical power or amass material wealth. Instead, their focus is on how best to engage their congregants on fulfilling Jewish paths and how to guide the community in a just manner. As I have seen, much of their work happens behind-the-scenes on their "time off" [as] . . . they pour their hearts and souls into this meaningful community. Their mentorship has been crucial to my positive experience... here at GJC and has shaped the type of rabbi that I want to be.

I would like to extend this metaphor to the important values a community must hold. Upon my arrival at GJC, I remember getting ready for my first Friday night service. I went to put on a pair of formal high heels and Rabbi Zeff took one look at me and said – Dina, you don't need to wear those here. I have observed that GJC is a community in which there is a limited desire for material wealth and I have been struck by GJC's down-to-earth mentality. At GJC – people dress casually, and instead of spending their time prepping with makeup or nice suits – they spend their time with family and with community.

I remember one Shabbat, returning home from Friday night services drenched. Upon my arrival at the congregant's home – she casually handed me some dry pajamas to borrow and we all ate Shabbat dinner in our PJs. The young daughter really got a kick out of that. But this informal atmosphere was welcoming and really has allowed me to feel more

comfortable as I took on more roles here at GJC!

Another meaningful aspect of this week's parsha is easy to pass over but I think describes many of my positive experiences at GJC. It states "you shall not move your countryman's landmarks, set up by previous generations, in the property that will be allotted to you." This pasuk refers to the importance of respecting our ancestry and learning from those that came before us. While being a part of the GJC community, I have been fortunate to be hosted by many warm and welcoming families! One of my favorite parts of each of these meals has been to observe the interactions between different members of the family and often intergenerational interactions. Last week at Friday night dinner I was introduced to Angel Cards. Instead of beginning a meal rushed and focused on the food – we each picked a card that described an emotion or attribute and

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Fall Highlights

Healthcare Forum

Nov 1

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class Begins

Nov 4

Carlebach Shabbat & Potluck

Nov 6

Kristallnacht Commemoration Program

Nov 11

Craft Show

Nov 15

GJC Celebrates! Hanukkah

Dec 12



President's Message

Uncle Shmuel Wants You

By Howard Treatman, President

More accurately, GJC wants you. Our Centre is the vibrant, diverse and community-centered place that it is due to the lay energy of our congregation. This energy helps create programs, lead services and build community. Where do our community's lay leaders and volunteers come from? There is no one answer to this question. Essentially, current lay leaders and/or professional staff need to be made aware of the interests and energy of congregants so that conversations about how to get involved and how to make a difference can begin.

Making that initial connection is not always easy. New people are always needed and it is actually a major challenge to identify them. Too often, people may feel like they need to wait to be approached. Let me be clear, this is not always how it works. If you have energy,

ideas and a desire to contribute your talents, it is very helpful to hear from you. Don't be bashful about starting the conversation.

There are many avenues, all depending on your interests and abilities. Our ECP, Religious School and Youth Committees are a wonderful place for parents to get involved with this community and foster programs that directly impact their family. Our Women's Club, Men's Club and Hazak translate the energy of volunteers into enriching community building programs. Our Social Action Committee takes this energy and uses it to repair our world, locally and globally. Our Membership Committee takes lay energy and uses it to welcome and integrate new members into our community and to introduce our community to people who are not yet members. These are just a few examples of our active committees and auxiliary groups.

Our Centre also has need for those with relevant professional skills to get involved, such as those who serve on our House and Design Committee, Investments Committee, Leadership Development Committee and our Personnel Committee.

If you are interested in exploring getting involved with the work of the shul, you can express your interest to a committee chair, a minyan leader, one of the GJC officers, one of the school directors, Executive Director Rachel Gross, Rabbi Gordon or Rabbi Zeff. And of course, I am always available to you as well.

Speaking from my personal experience, investing time and energy into our Centre reaps great rewards. When I think of the friends I have made and the satisfactions I have enjoyed in my years as a volunteer, I realize how much giving of myself has given to me.

GJC needs you. The act of giving gives much in return. Let us hear from you.

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we explained how it related to us in the present. The grandparents were delighted to hear the words of their children and grandchildren and the children were patient listening to their grandparents. Then, at the end of the meal, I saw a lovely thing take place – the woman began singing old melodies with her father that she remembers singing with her grandparents. There were tears in my eyes as I saw the memories flash before their eyes. Just as our pasuk suggests – this was truly an experience in which the current generation preserved the landmarks of the previous generations.

One of the themes in this week's parsha is the pursuit of justice. We are told that two witnesses are required to convict anyone of a crime and the judge must be impartial in all acts. I believe that one of the reasons two witnesses are required – is to make sure that the judgment of one person does not succeed in accusing someone of a crime.

Here at GJC I have experienced a deep respect for difference...While a synagogue made up of 3 minyanim is unusual – the even more unique part of GJC is the respect that is given to each person. One phenomenon that has

amazed me is the many families I have met that have more than one religious affiliation. I spent many Shabbat meals enthralled in learning how these families continue to make their Jewish life meaningful together. I have spent much of my Jewish life focusing on the differences between the movements, but these families blend the boundaries and instead have taught me that there is a way to make it work – it is possible for multiple movements to pray together under one roof – perhaps even together in one room. These families are enriched because Judaism is a conduit for discussion and growing as a Jewish family.

While this parsha outlines how to create a just society filled with integrity – my experience working here at GJC has shown me the hard work and commitment from each individual necessary to create this ideal society. Moses uses this speech to Israel as an opportunity to challenge the Jewish people to take an active role in dictating the future of the Jewish people. Thank you for showing me the practical applications of Moses' words. May GJC continue to thrive and fulfill the mission outlined in this week's parsha.



Join the Ner Tamid Society by Making a Planned Gift

Please consider making a planned gift to the Germantown Jewish Centre's endowment fund. Planned gifts come in many forms, including, for example, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, trusts, or even a bequest in your will. Recent changes in the tax laws allow those over 70½ years of age to make tax-free distributions to charities from their IRAs through 2007. (Consult your tax advisor for details.)

For more information about how you can join the Ner Tamid Society, call either Dan Bacine (215-963-0600) or Joan N. Stern (215-569-5526), Co-Chairs of the Development Committee.



(as of 10/05/09)

MAZAL TOV TO...

Marilyn Silberstein on the birth of her grandson, Beckett George Limareff (Boaz Ephraim), born in Adelaide, Australia.

Rabbi Julie Greenberg & Dove

Rosenberg the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joey Greenberg
Jim & Sandy Meyer on the engagement of their son Alex to Anna Oler

Jacob Staub on his upcoming wedding to Michael Spitko

David Kanthor for his engagement to Burgandy Holiday

Rona Pietrzak & Amiel Braverman for celebrating their 35th anniversary by getting remarried

Helen & Michael Feinberg on their son, Ari, leaving for a year in Israel

Gert & Myra Jacobsohn on their 50th wedding anniversary and Gert's 80th birthday

Aaron & Lucille Weber on their 61st wedding anniversary

David & Marcy Fish on the marriage of his daughter Rachel

Rabbi Adam Zeff & Cheryl Bettigole on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zeke

Marcy Bacine on her 60th birthday

IN MEMORIAM

Lester Netsky

Daniel Sherman, father of **Sandy Sherman**

Marilyn Wainer, mother of **Joyce Videlock**

Muriel Steier, mother of **Shellie Holl**

Robert Dishler, husband of **Sonia Dishler**

Bernard A Katz, father of **Sam Katz**

Ann Glickman, sister of **Norman Newberg**

Alice Rome Shea, sister of **Dr. Jack Rome**

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

Ruth Loew

NEW MEMBERS

Lila & Dan Berman & Family
Adina Feliu

Joanna & Seth Hoffman & Family

Neil Hoffman & Judy Kraines
Rachel Hollander

Doug Lerner & Kenneth Cohen

Addie & Craig Lewis Klein

Beth Janus & Seth Lieberman & Family

Odelia Mualem-Burstein & Family

Tamara & Anthony Pomeranz & Family

Sheila Randall

Judy & Meyer Rohtbart

Ronnie Rubin & Jacob Fisher & Family

Myrna Snyder

Yolanda & Matthew Solis & Family

WELCOME!



Shabbat Chai-Lites

Nov 1-2

Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck
Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Zukin (9:30 AM)

Nov 6

Kabbalat Shabbat start times changes to 6 PM

Nov 13-14

Interfaith Shabbat featuring Learner's services on
Friday Night & Shabbat Morning
Bat Mitzvah of Ava Shore

Nov 20-21

Tot Shabbat
Bat Mitzvah of Camilla Barcan (9:30 AM)

Dec 4

Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat

Dec 12

Learner's Service

Dec 19

Bat Mitzvah of Eitana Friedman-Nathan (9:30 AM)

Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6:30 PM

Beginning Nov. 6 @ 6 PM (unless otherwise noted above)

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 10 AM (unless otherwise noted above)

Really important things to remember about The Little Shop



Remember our new hours

Sunday	9:30-12:30	Wednesday	12:00-8:30
Monday	CLOSED	Thursday	12:00-6:00
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New this Year

The Little Shop will have monthly specials
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**November Special
is Candlesticks**

**December Special
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Tuesday thru Friday from 12-3

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The Monthly Special discount of 10% CAN be combined with the
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AND

Pre-Hanukkah Flea Market is November 8.

AND

Gift Registry is available

for anyone celebrating a simcha come in and register
and remember to come in to buy presents from the registry
people will love what you get for them

Adult Education 2009-2010/5770

Courses at a Glance

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.

Please note that the "Introduction to Islam for Jews" course beginning in February is limited to 25 students. GJC members will be given priority until November 1, after which the course will be open to the public.

DATES	TITLE	COST	TIMING	# OF SESSIONS	INSTRUCTOR(S)
Intro session on Nov 4, class starts following week	ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS	\$300/Year (\$600 total—2 year course)	Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm	Weekly for approx 18 months (w/ exceptions)	Rabbi Fredi Cooper
Jan 10, 17, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21	ZOHAR II: TORAH THROUGH MYSTICAL EYES	\$60/\$75* (includes texts)	Sundays 10-11:30am	6	Rabbi Adam Zeff
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21	COOKING WITH THE RABBI	\$100/ \$125* (includes texts & ingredients)	Sundays 10-11:30am	7	Rabbi Fredi Cooper
Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 (Note: Same Class offered in Jan, register once)	PAPER CUTTING: REVIVING A JEWISH FOLK ART	\$60/\$75* (PLUS materials fee to instructor)	Thursdays 7-9pm	6	Mindy Shapiro
Jan 24; Feb 7, 21	ANCESTORS & GHOSTS, REINCARNATING SOULS & SPIRIT GUIDES: JEWISH AFTERLIFE TRADITION THROUGHOUT THE AGES	\$30/\$40* (includes texts)	Sundays 7-8:30pm	3 (every other week)	Dr. Simcha Raphael
Feb 3, 10, 17 (Note: 25 student limit, GJC members will be given priority until Nov 1, after which it is open to the public)	INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM FOR JEWS	\$36 for GJC Members/ \$40 for Reconstructionist Synagogue Members/ \$50 General Public (PLUS purchase of book)	Sundays	3	Professor Hussein Rashid
Apr 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28; May 2, 5	BEGINNERS HEBREW FOR ADULTS	\$100/ \$125* (includes texts)	Sundays 11:30am-12pm & Wednesdays 7-8:30pm	8	Jill Levy
Apr 18, 25; May 2, 16	WALKING WITH GOD	\$40/\$60* (includes texts)	Sundays 10-11:15am	4	Rabbi Gordon

THE GREEN MEZUZAH PROJECT

Social Action Committee Update



by Co-chair Sharon Webber

As the Social Action Committee announced on Yom Kippur, GJC will be a pilot synagogue for an environmental education initiative called the Green Mezuzah Project, which is the creation of Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin of the Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network. The Green Mezuzah Project is a learning and action-oriented program designed for individuals and families interested in strengthening their commitment to the natural world, understanding Judaism's essential "green" teachings, and reducing their environmental footprint.

We are in the process of signing up members for a "greening havurah" that will come together for monthly meetings to share meals and learn about the fundamentals of sustainability and Jewish green values. Sample study topics include Sova, the concept of "enoughness"; developing sustainable industry; and food — its meaning for us and the food industry's impact on the environment. Havurah members also will come up with strategies for reducing their carbon footprints. Registration forms are available on the GJC website.

Informational meetings at GJC:

October 25th 10 a.m.

November 8th, 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Sharon Webber at 215-247-1631 or sharonleawebber@comcast.net or Reena Friedman at 215-947-2965 or friedm6@aol.com

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November 1, 2009

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Federation's 3rd Annual Day of Fun-Filled Community Action and Volunteerism

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GJC has cemetery plots for sale at King David Cemetery in the Northeast.

Questions?
Contact Rachel Gross in the Office.

Divray Chinuch

...a few words from the GJC Education Department

Generously supported by the GJC Women's Club

At this time of writing, we are catching our communal breath after a whirlwind month (or two) of holidays and preparations. We finished the frantic month of Tishrei and the yearly cycle of Torah readings with flags, marching, singing, dancing, caramel apples, flying candy and general merriment. An important part of the partying, perhaps THE most important, was the symbolic return to the beginning of the scroll to start reading our Torah, our guide and stories, once again.

This seemingly minor, yet very important part of ritual reminds us about a few things in our lives. It emphasizes the cyclical nature of our lives. As adults, the structure and timeline of our year – its' seasons, holidays, and events help us to remember the cyclical nature of life – the birth associated with spring, as well as the death associated with winter. However, for those of us who are raising children – and I include the community at large in this group – we are also appreciative of the Jewish year cycle and the structure and stability that it provides to our children. It is comforting to them to know that this or that event, holiday or celebration will return once again. It is also comforting to know that next year we will get another chance to do better, study harder, fast for longer or be better people. It is also convenient (for us Northern Hemisphere folk) that the Jewish year cycle corresponds to what is really the more relevant yearly cycle to anyone who is in any type of academic program – Fall is the beginning of our year. Gregorian year notwithstanding, the Jewish year cycle helps us to begin our next year with some spiritual guidance and renewed strength.

The ritual of beginning the Torah reading once again (and it was not always done this way, see below*), has other significance to us and to our children. Each time they read, recall or study a section of Torah, they have the opportunity to understand it in a slightly different way. Though we may first think of our growing children profiting from this, understanding different concepts in a more sophisticated way year by year - we should remember that this also helps each of us (adults). If we are fortunate, we are also growing, and discovering Torah in different ways.

For children raisers, this time of the year also announces that the best part of the Torah is coming to us once again. Though Jewish educators are careful not to show favoritism

towards any of the five Books of Moses, there is no doubt that when educating younger children in our families (younger than law school, I'd say), it is difficult to top the narratives of Beresheet and Shmot (Genesis and Exodus) as teaching material. Beresheet is filled with stories of families – brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, small families, extended families, mixed families – all of them imperfect – like us. Exodus is the classic adventure story – exciting, dramatic and captivating imaginations, young and old alike.

When we speak of our Torah, we often talk of making it our own. Our Torah as bedtime stories, or the basis for discussions at synagogue, or on the way home, or at the Shabbat dinner table – all of these are ways of bringing the Torah to our children's lives and making Torah their own. I would describe the coming few weeks and months as the "sweeps weeks" of the Torah reading cycle – the season when our weekly readings bring fantastic stories that we can really sink their teeth into. These Torah narratives are both a means, to reach our children, and an end, to bring Torah into their lives. At no time in Jewish history has access been so easy and widespread for Jews to read, understand and disseminate Torah – a variety of media, languages, commentaries are all available to us at the push of computer buttons, or at bookstores and libraries. I strongly suggest that you take full advantage of this in your family's life – and let us know if you need help!!

Rabbi Kevin

* While the Jewish community in Babylonia was flourishing, eventually to pass down the tradition of reading the entire Torah in one year (annual cycle), a different system was used in the community in Israel. These Palestinian Jews took three years to read the entire scroll. Two thousand years later, liberal Judaism, inspired by the Palestinian tradition, created the triennial cycle. They shortened the reading each Shabbat so that the portion read would be from the same portion read by the rest of the Jewish world reading in the annual cycle, while making sure to read the entire Torah every three years. Most of liberal Judaism uses the new triennial cycle of Torah reading.

Important Future Program Dates

Religious School

- Sunday, November 1st – In Service Day for Teachers – NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- January and February – make sure to mark your calendars – Bet Midrash – Religious School on Shabbat, and programming for the entire community

BBMM (Bar Bat Mitzvah Mehina)

- Shabbat Dates: November 7th and 21st, December 5th

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Long-time GJC member is selling her Stone & Brick 3-bedroom twin. House is in very good condition.

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Men's Club News

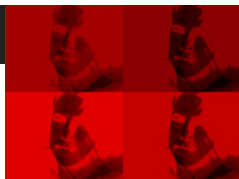
Sophomore Slump? No Way!

Ken Weiss, Men's Club President

Well into my second year as Club president, I'm older and a tad wiser. "What do men want?" you might ask, paraphrasing Freud. Connectedness, right? Nearly everyone is on my e-mail list, but I've been bludgeoned into the realization that people don't want Facebook or Twitter. They want flesh and blood. Okay, you got it. Baseball, eating & drinking, klezmer, hand sanitizer... Real enough for you?

Last season I praised GJC's dedication to adult education and put together some programs on mental health topics. We're taking a somewhat different tack this time—combining efforts with Women's Club and planning more extramural social events. Look forward to film and book events, fascinating speakers and yes, food & drink. Be prepared for latkes, a Man of the Year program in New Jersey and some lucky individuals winning a trip to Israel. And based on the success of last spring's flea market the Women's Club has graciously given us carte blanche at the food concession. Gentlemen, start your grills.

Now that I've got your mouths watering, I'm going to sucker-punch you with a serious message: The Men's Club is not an artifact of a bygone era. While it's true that only about 1 in 6 eligible men is a Club member, that only tells me there is room for growth—an untapped market if you will. At Yom Kippur I echoed the sustainability message by noting that the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is 80 years old. Never fearful of the cliché, I feel like the Uncle Sam recruitment poster, asking all GJC men to join our Club. As a testament to continuity, I have put together some event flyers from decades past. You'll find it with our baseball photos on the GJC website under "MC Memories" (http://germantownjewishcentre.org/get_involved/mens_club.php). No, I'm not substituting nostalgia for progress. Rather, I'm suggesting that we're on a sustained trajectory toward service, fraternity, community and enlightenment. Club events are open to all GJC members and guests. See you soon.



Membership Update



Our annual Summer Sampler, held this year on August 12, is an opportunity to highlight some of GJC's programming, from baking challah to learning about the new Mahzor and more. Over 60 people participated - long time and newer members mixed with folks who were sampling GJC for the first time. It was a great way to spend a summer evening, ending with delicious ice cream sundaes!

3rd Annual InterFaithways Family Shabbat Weekend • Nov. 13-15, 2009

InterFaithways: Interfaith Family Support Network and our congregation invite you to attend and participate in this annual event addressing the needs of interfaith couples and families.

Special programming will be offered at our synagogue and many others throughout the area.

For activities or more information, please call synagogue office or visit www.interfaithways.org.



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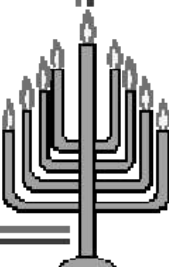


Hanukkiyah 2009

Hanukkah is just around the corner and the lawn in front of GJC will once again be home to the Dancing Children Hanukkiyah. Synagogue members and unaffiliated neighbors have come to look at this menorah as an integral part of Mt. Airy at holiday time. Join the Men's Club in bringing light to the holiday.

Please join us by sponsoring a candle in honor or memory of someone special in your life. Each night at the lighting the names of those honored will be read. Lightings at 7 PM, except Fri. Dec. 11 & 18 at 4 PM, and Sat. Dec. 12 at 5:15 PM (also part of GJC's Hanukkat Habayit Homecoming event).

To sponsor a candle please fill out the form below and send a check for \$36, per candle, to the GJC Men's Club.



Hanukkiyah 2009

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

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E-mail: _____

Honoree(s): _____

Name(s) and address(es) of people to notify: _____

Preferred Night to Sponsor: Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
Lightings at 7 PM, except Fri. Dec. 11 & 18 at 4 PM, and Sat. Dec. 12 at 5:15 PM

Amount Enclosed (\$36 per honoree): _____



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Member Spotlight

by Linda Kriger

It's a long way to Mt. Airy from Fargo, North Dakota, where Betsy Teutsch grew up. However, by the time Betsy moved here with her husband David and their baby, Zachary, in 1986, she had already recovered from culture shock.

That shock was greatest when she came East for college. Here she was, the great-niece of Jewish immigrant ranchers in Fargo, that enticed Betsy's father (from Brooklyn) to emigrate there and start a dental lab (which eventually employed 150 people). Betsy's mother grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota "which had a cozy Jewish community," Betsy recalls. "When I was growing up, all the Jews I knew lived in St. Paul."

That was to change at Brandeis.

"In the Midwest when you meet another Jewish person there is an immediate bond. On the East Coast, it was as if everyone was Jewish! For the first time I met Jews who were day school educated and more observant. Previously I had only read about more observant Jews in *The Chosen*, but I'd never seen them."

Betsy grew up in the Reform movement and loved it. "People were intellectual and very informed about current events. There was lots of singing and spiritual awareness. When I moved East, I had access to that all the time, not just something I'd do at conclaves of Reform youth for a few weeks in the summer. So I majored in Jewish studies."

During a semester in Israel Betsy Platkin met David Teutsch in Jerusalem. David was doing what Betsy then thought she wanted to do – study to become a rabbi – after she had read in 1970 about Sally Preisand, the first female rabbi.

"David was raised in Salt Lake City UT, and I thought, 'I need to get to know this person. He's a very purposeful young man.' He proposed on our first date but it took a while to get to the first date. We were together for that semester and we got married a year and a half later and then I finished undergraduate school." David was in New York at Hebrew Union College and that's how they became anchored on the East Coast.

When they married, Betsy was 21 and a senior at Brandeis and David was 23. They've been married 35 years. Betsy says, "My kids now know how

young we were when we got married. Unfathomable."

Today, Zach is engaged to Rebecca Rosen and works for the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Nomi is a junior at Wesleyan, taking a semester in Manhattan studying globalization at Bard College and interning at the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Betsy and David lived on the Upper West Side of New York from 1979-86. They came to Philadelphia so David could do his doctorate at Wharton in Organizational Development. "We were ready to leave Manhattan," Betsy says. "We were involved in getting Ansche Chessed up and running. It was moribund with a huge building. We were looking at where to come, and Philadelphia had a graduate program at Wharton, and RRC. We knew people, there was daycare, a minyan and affordable housing. All signs pointed to 19119." Nomi was born a year after they arrived in Philadelphia.

Betsy's interest in creating artful ketubot (wedding contracts) started when she saw them at the Israel Museum and then again when someone began selling them at Brandeis. She made one for her own wedding and guests started to express interest.

"By then my career goal was to do a doctorate in Jewish history. But I began working at my desk after dinner and the next thing I knew it was three in the morning. Reading Jewish history texts had never had that effect on me." Her absorption "was probably related to my father, who did a lot of hand work. And it related to the academic studies I'd been doing. At our wedding, people were captivated by my ketubah. I got a few commissions to do some for other people. Then the Jewish Catalogue was published with a chapter on making a ketubah. That was how I learned to do ketubot. I totally owe my career to the Jewish Catalogue."

Thus was Betsy's career launched. While David served as President of RRC, she moved into invitations and certificates and general Judaica. "Now I'm in about 150 stores around the country, a lot of them online. I used to do one of a kind. When I started doing lithographs it made it possible to distribute more widely."

These days, Betsy has branched out into



Betsy Teutsch

another area of intense interest, sustainability in the environment, and particularly our penchant for accumulating lots of stuff. The concept of "enoughness" is something Betsy is eager to explore, which she does in her column

on simplicity in the Weavers Way Shuttle every month.

"My environmental interests go back about a decade," she says. "I came in from the personal consumption side, feeling like my family had way too much stuff, way more than we need. My first concern was to simplify our family life so I could manage it better. That makes more time available for things that are more important. That was the initial thread, but when I pulled on it, I began looking at all the stuff we, as people and larger communities, are consuming. It's pretty sobering. I got involved with the Mt. Airy Green Network. I learned so much about environmental climate change issues and strategies for reigning in consumption. I see this not just as a response to global climate change but a piece of spiritual exercise - to trust you don't have to have so much. Let's edit ourselves!"

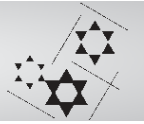
Betsy's interest in less consumption has led her to create a memorial to her parents in the form of energy efficient refrigerators at GJC. She discovered that the refrigerators GJC had been using were donated when the donors renovated their kitchens and were already old when they arrived at the synagogue.

"I worked with a little start up called Greenhouse Detectives, helping them with their promotional materials. I found out that refrigerators more than 10 years old are energy guzzlers. So I filed that fact away and at some point I realized that rather than go through all the committees to decide on a memorial for my parents, it was better to find something that would clearly be an upgrade, that wouldn't be debatable.

"The good thing is, because none of the GJC refrigerators need be attached to water lines, they didn't need all the bells and whistles that fridges now tend to have. The bottom-end fridges are more efficient." Executive director Rachel Gross "got such a good deal, we were able to donate seven refrigerators."

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Women's Club News



Co-presidents of Women's Club,
Judy Schwartz & Bev Somerson

Where were you?

We missed you and you missed a fun filled morning on Sunday, September 13! Women's and Men's Club members gathered in the Marcus Auditorium for a delicious buffet made by our own Centre Catering and then we went on to a toe tapping, hands clapping hour of entertainment. The Ken Ulansey Trio serenaded us with songs that made us hum, smile, and dance. We left the Marcus smiling and feeling very happy. Kudos to our Program Chair, Joan Silver, and our Membership Co-chairs, Elise Singer and Yona Dansky, and everyone else who helped make this opening event so much fun. As always it is a pleasure to work with Men's Club and its president Ken Weiss.

Next time, we hope that you too will join us!



Multi-generational fun at the Women's & Men's Club Paid Up Brunch

Save the following dates

Monday, Nov. 9, at 9:30 AM we are having a book review at the home of Patty Segal. The book is ***Broken for You*** by Stephanie Kallos and the reviewer is the awesome **Beverly Cohen** who brings amazing insights and knowledge to your appreciation and understanding of a book. There is no charge and we are serving a continental breakfast.

We know that we will most *definitely*, *absolutely* see you on **Sunday, Nov. 15** for our 2nd **Craft Fair**, 10-4 in the Marcus Auditorium. Free admission, food, raffles and a very exciting group of vendors will be selling beautiful wares at a great range of prices. We will also have our White Elephant table with lots and lots of treasures that are slightly used and very affordable. Come and spend the day, two hours, or whatever works best for you. Phyllis Kauffman is the chairperson of this event and if you would like to help out in some way, contact Phyllis at kauffmanp@com-cast.net. Shop for Hanukkah and for anything else that you would like/need/want!

Women's Club completes their most recent Building Beautiful Project

By Elena Tappit-Emas

We are very excited that in the waning weeks of summer, renovation to the bathroom outside of the Temin Auditorium, usually referred to as The Canteen room, was completed. The room was totally demolished and rebuilt and we are thrilled with the results. This is a small but well used room, as its former condition will attest. The bathroom is utilized by families staying at GJC through the Hospitality Network, our little ones attending ECP while playing in the auditorium and in the adjacent playground and our members who come to the auditorium for meetings and davening.

Each year Women's Club tackles a project that we believe enhances the physical appearance and functioning of our synagogue complex. Working in collaboration with Rabbi Gordon, representatives of the Building and Design Committee, and most especially, Rachel Gross, we identify a worthwhile area to dedicate our efforts and fundraising skills. The project is always in an area that needs our attention but might not be on the synagogue's "top ten" list. As you are walking through the basement level, stop in and take a peek. We know you will be amazed.

Finally, please support our building beautiful campaign for this coming year. Spearheaded again by Women's Club volunteer, Marilyn Silberstein, if you have not as yet responded to the pink card you picked up on Yom Kippur, or have recently received in the mail, consider a contribution. We utilize 100% of your donation towards the designated project and with that terrific rate of return it is also an investment you can appreciate and enjoy.



Women's Club New Event

Save the Date!!

Purim Bash-

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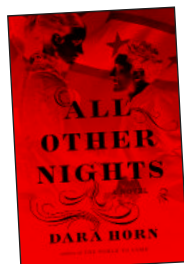


PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

GJC's Jewish Book Reading Group

We meet monthly on Tuesdays at 7:15pm at Borders Book Shop in Chestnut Hill. 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.

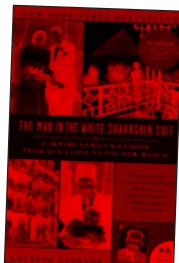
For more information, contact Rebecca Ladenheim at 215-843-5946 or e-mail Dena Lake at denareva@aol.com



November 3, 2009

All Other Nights

by
Dara Horn



December 1, 2009

The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit by
Lucette Lagnado



TOT SHABBAT

Friday Night

Nov 20 @ 6 PM

Sat Dec 12

(Hanukkah Celebration)

Come welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Adam Zeff in a celebration specially geared for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers!

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 Shabbat Celebration

And a dinner afterward (around 6:30 pm)

As of this printing it is TBD whether this will be a potluck meal or catered for \$5 a person.

Please check with the office to RSVP.

Save the Dates:

Fri. Nov. 20, Sat. Dec. 12 (Hanukkah), Fri. Jan. 15

(Shabbat & Tu B'Shevat), Sat. Feb. 16 (Havdallah),

Fri. Mar. 19, Fri. Apr. 16, Fri. May 14, Fri. Jun. 18

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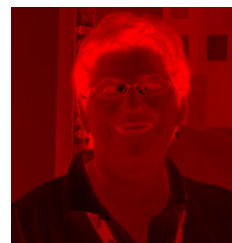


ECP is growing and changing. We have an unbelievable staff that we are very proud of. As you read the bios of our lead teachers, you will notice some familiar faces along with new ones. You will also notice the exceptional qualifications that the staff has.



Rachel Hollander is our Gan Katan teacher (4 years +). In May 2009 Rachel completed her Master's in Jewish Education from the University of Pennsylvania, where she had the opportunity to be a student teacher at Saligman Middle School. Rachel has spent nine summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Rachel joined the ECP staff in September 2009. She loves working with children of all ages and is excited about a fulfilling year at ECP.

Shellie Holl is our Bonim teacher (3 years +). Shellie originally began working at ECP in 1995 and then left to homeschool her son, but kept her foot in the Jewish Education door, so to speak, by teaching the youngest Religious School students here at GJC. She returned to ECP in 2008. Shellie has been an active member of GJC since 1994.



Rebecca (Becca) Flynn-Meketon is our Dubonim teacher (older toddlers). She graduated from Earlham College and is currently working towards receiving a Masters of Education from Cabrini College. Becca was hired as Dubonim's lead teacher here at GJC in 2005. She has enjoyed her time here immensely!

Shira Kamm is our Kochavim teacher (one of our infant & toddler classes). After college Shira spent several years fundraising for different non-profits in Philadelphia and Israel. She left the city in 2006 to apprentice as a biodynamic farmer at the Kimberton CSA. After 3 years of farming, Shira is glad to be back and working with our community's children and families. She started as an assistant teacher in January 2009 and as a lead teacher in September 2009.



Elyse Miller is our Chaverim teacher (our other infant & toddler class). Elyse got her undergraduate degree at University of Hartford where she was extremely active at Hillel. Currently she is getting her Masters in School Psychology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Elyse started at ECP in September 2009 and is very excited to be part of the GJC community and Early Childhood Program.

Member Spotlight *Continued from page 7*

The cost of electricity is going up in PA in 2011. These fridges will pay for themselves, especially in 2011. It will be as if a gift came every year, and the carbon emission from GJC will be reduced."

"Eventually," Betsy smiles, "they're going to have refrigerator magnets put on them in memory of my parents Fritzie and Sam Platkin."

“Did You Know?”

Unusual Stonework By Jay Furman

We are very pleased to bring back Jay Furman's "Did You Know?" column! Jay has been a GJC member from the beginning and he remains a vital and active part of our synagogue. Jay was Co-chair of our original planning and construction committee, involved in selecting the piece of ground and finding an architect who was willing to work on our so-called "hill of rocks" at the corner of Lincoln Drive Ellet Street.

The ground we bought for our building was quite unusual both in size and shape. Almost all of the architects we contacted advised us to sell the site because it was too hilly and rocky to develop a level floor. Harry Sternfeld, after inspection, said it was an architect's dream and challenge, and he would be honored to develop it. Of course, Mr. Sternfeld was awarded the contract. What an outstanding result he achieved. His ingenious use of stone, with granite, limestone and even some marble, gives our buildings a feeling of strength, stability and dignity. Our buildings are truly a landmark in our area and city.

Our architect planned to create biblical references on the outside of our building just as he did with many features inside the building. The large uninterrupted wall on Ellet Street could simulate the Wailing Wall. The tall wall facing Lincoln Drive, showing the Ten Commandments, could be Mount Sinai, and the black marble wall at the main entrance, shows a large engraved six pointed Jewish star.

The entire high narrow limestone wall facing Lincoln Drive appears like the tablets of the Ten Commandments. It makes for a very imposing sight as you come around the bend. Since we know that Moses brought the tablets down from Mount Sinai, it is not difficult to associate that part of our building as the Mount Sinai of Lincoln Drive. Mr. Sternfeld's original plan for that wall included a large black stone at the base of the wall.

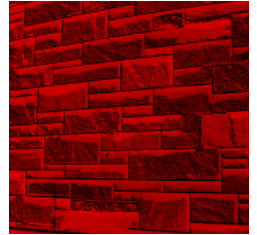


It could have been used just for lighting, or even a Hanukkiyah. It didn't fit our budget at the time, but we hoped we could raise the funds to install this feature in the future.

Masonry was the major building subcontract. It was awarded to Joseph Cassacio who had a great deal of experience in hand cutting granite, and was able to hire masons from Italy to do the work. The granite came from Port Deposit Maryland. It was selected because it was suitable for hand cutting, and had interesting shades of grey, including some reddish iron oxide.

The stones were delivered as one and two ton blocks. They were cut by hand with a chisel and mallet in to many sizes. Each of the cut stones had to have perfectly square corners. The various sizes were put together into patterns that had to be pleasing to Mr. Sternfeld's eye, or they were taken apart and redone. As an added feature, some long thin stones placed at random locations were allowed to protrude a few inches from the wall, to allow for shadowy highlights. The joints were all ribbon pointed. This was a special skill, which gave the whole wall a uniform, clean, orderly look. There are still some large sections of uncut stones on the ground behind the school building. Some day they may be used in future landscaping plans.

The specifications were very tough and the work proceeded slowly, but the end result was outstanding. It would be hard to find another example of hand cut granite stone work equal to it. Each section is a stone work of art. Take a moment to look!



Hazak

Programming for Adults 55+

By Hazak Chair, Cherie Goren

We are starting the New Year with great expectations. We have high hopes, due to our active campaigning more people are getting familiar with us. We are starting with our paid up membership breakfast November 1, at 10 AM in the Canteen room, our guest will be "the still glowing" Rabbi Adam Zeff. We are looking forward to a joint program with Women's Club on December 6. We are working on two more programs for this winter to be announced shortly. And we're looking forward to another HAZAK Shabbat on April 24 and Opera this Summer. We are keeping our dues at \$10 for the year, guests will be charged for each program. This is the biggest bargain in town!!!!!! I am still looking for programmatic input and welcome additional volunteer support. I hope to see you in November!

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

In July Hazak organized GJC's first ever "Opera Under the Stars" program. More than 50 people gathered on GJC's front lawn as GJC's own "maestro" Sam Feinberg shared librettos (opera text) and information about the artists, as well as musical samples. Sam again shared his expertise and love of opera at GJC's Summer Sampler in August. Two attendees were so moved by these events, they wrote "Odes to Opera" poems, one of which you can read below.

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Sam Feinberg
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Once more, you'll know
We'll look for an encore
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By Ruth Farber

Chancellor Arnold Eisen Spearheads Innovative JTS Programs for 2009-2010

Walk into The Jewish Theological Seminary and you can feel the energy of the innovation that is fundamental to today's JTS. The concept of "training Jewish leaders for the twenty-first century"—an oft-heard expression in the Jewish world—isn't simply a clever catchphrase, but a description of the advancements that are taking place at JTS under the dynamic leadership of Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen:



- The Rabbinical School's world-renowned curriculum has been revised to offer additional courses in practical rabbinical skills so that rabbis can better fulfill the new roles they are being asked to take on in our global culture. JTS has also kicked off its Part-Time, Multifaith Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program, the first program of the new Center for Clinical Pastoral Education, which will officially open at JTS in October. Fully accredited by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) as a satellite of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, this part-time pastoral education and professional development program trains students, ordained clergy, and religious community leaders.
- The H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music also has a new curriculum to accommodate changes in the field, and is now offering three dual tracks of study to future hazzanim that include an MA in Education or an MA from The Graduate School. The H. L. Miller Cantorial School is partnering with Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and Jerusalem to offer courses in secular music, and featuring a new course in piano and guitar.
- The Graduate School has created the MA Society of Fellows and an ongoing consortium relationship with the University of Virginia, both of which permit participating students to meet with experts so that they can learn how their studies can best be applied and, in the case of Virginia University, how those studies can be applied to broad human questions. The Graduate School is planning a number of surprises for the upcoming academic year, as is ...
- ...The William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education, which is offering its superior full-time and part-time executive doctoral programs (the part-time program utilizes distance learning); extending its Benchmarks and Standards program; and sending Jewish students to Israel in a pilot program with Arab students.
- The Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, JTS's undergraduate school, continues to offer its remarkable dual-degree programs with the Ivy League's Columbia University

and Barnard College; the new Fellowship in Social Entrepreneurship; and the experience of a warm, Jewish community to its young and diverse student body.

The Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary will have an exciting new Book Talk series, featuring JTS faculty. A resource for the entire Jewish community, The Library is also moving quickly in its efforts to digitize additional materials so that they can be accessed on the Internet by students, researchers, and laypeople all over the world. JTS public events will include a full and lively lecture series, the Rabbinical Assembly's Convocation, and much more.

JTS and the groundbreaking programs spearheaded by Chancellor Eisen are developing leaders who are educated to the highest academic standards and well-rounded in the practical skills they will need. These new leaders will serve congregants (their synagogues, families, and communities) better than ever before and in many more areas; a true reflection of the growth of JTS in meeting the changing needs of the Conservative Movement.

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Shulchan Aruch, 249:5

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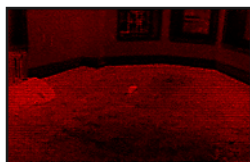
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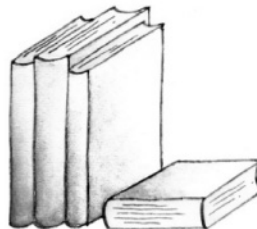
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