



THE CENTRE CALL

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THE PATH OF TORAH by Rabbi Adam Zeff

We are living through fraught times, when the human capacity for selfishness, injustice, and hatred is on full view in the world around us, affecting us at the level of politics and government, in the civil square, and in our personal lives. The forces of intolerance—represented by renewed

anti-immigrant fervor, open expressions of racism and white supremacist ideology, and resurgent anti-Semitism—seem ascendant. Leaders insist that ethics are irrelevant, apology is never necessary, and care for those who suffer is a sign of weakness. These are times of moral crisis.

In such times, the High Holidays come to us with a vision of a different path: the path of Torah. This vision insists that we have not only the capacity, but also the obligation to care for others, to fight for justice, and to love our fellow human beings as ourselves. It challenges us with high ethical standards, pushes us to apologize for our wrongdoing, and calls us to speak and to act on behalf of those who are in need. The High Holidays also invite us to make this vision a reality in the context of community, with the support of others striving to follow this path, even in the most difficult times.

This is the time to come together to renew our commitment to this path and to each other. We have been engaged during this past year in a deep discussion about how our communal lives connect with the public sphere and that conversation will continue this fall. During the High Holidays, through my sermons and through the Bregman Memorial Program on Yom Kippur afternoon, we will explore how Jewish tradition guides us to identify and combat structural racism and anti-Semitism, what methods we can use to do the work of *t'shuvah*—repentance, forgiveness, and return—on the personal and societal levels, and how we can do all of this work with the knowledge that our lives are finite and our time limited.

As the year begins, I want to encourage you to take advantage of some of the opportunities that GJC offers, perhaps in ways you haven't in previous years. We have an exciting schedule of adult education classes, celebrations and activities for kids and families, new ways to study and pray together, and chances to partner on social justice issues with others inside and outside the GJC community. This year we welcome Rabbi Rebecca Richman as our new Assistant Rabbi and Beit Midrash Director, and we will be the lucky beneficiaries of her teaching and creativity all year

long! The Rosh ha-Shanah JAM (Jewish Arts and Music) program for young families will feature a magical, musical puppet play about how *t'shuvah* came into the world and enabled human beings to transcend their mistakes. We are grateful to the Harold and Renee Berger Family Engagement Endowment Fund for sponsoring this program. We have a new schedule of different types of Friday night services that will rotate throughout the year, including RSI Shabbat on second and fourth Fridays, a service that features upcoming musical artists from across the country, and Shabbat in the Neighborhood every other first Friday, when a service and potluck are held at home near GJC. You'll soon get into the swing of what's happening each week; check them out! Our Rabbi Charry Memorial Weekend in November will feature Rabbi Aviva Richman from Hadar, and we have many other exciting events planned. Explore these programs and all that we offer; we have so many different ways to learn from and grow with each other this year.

The High Holidays are a valuable time to come together with a large cross-section of our community to pray and sing and think and talk about how we want to live our lives in the upcoming year. Sign up for the Erev Rosh ha-Shanah dinner at 6:30 PM, and come to the special musical Erev Rosh ha-Shanah service at 7:15 that night. Bring your children to one of the range of services for young people on the days of Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur. Check out the Kol D'mamah contemplative service or Torah-centered Yoga. Study texts with Rabbi Richman on Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur afternoons. Participate in the musical Ne'ilah service in the Charry Sanctuary to close Yom Kippur, featuring the combined voices of Nina Peskin, Rabbi Richman, and myself. Or enjoy teen activity groups, childcare for the youngest GJC members, services in the Charry Sanctuary, Minyan Masorti, and Dorshei Derekh, and more! Please come and explore it all, and bring along those who are interested in GJC to see all that we offer!

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

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

SHABBAT & HOLIDAYS



MAZAL TOV! IN CELEBRATION OF...

September 6-7

- Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday night service)
- Kol D'mamah with Leah Weisman
- Charry Service: Security Shabbat

September 13-14

- Rising Song Shabbat (Friday night service)
- Charry Service: *Mazal tov to Sam Bekelman, son of Justin Bekelman & Lauren Ouziel, on becoming Bar Mitzvah*
- Rising Song Minyan
- Shabbat Sha'baby
- Parashat ha-Shavua B'Ivrit

September 20-21: S'lichot

- Kol Zimrah (Friday night service)
- BBMM Shabbat
- Musical Marching Minyan
- S'lichot with G'vanim
- Late Night S'lichot Service

September 27-28

- Rising Song Shabbat (Friday night service)
- Rising Song Minyan

September 29: Erev Rosh ha-Shanah

- Rosh ha-Shanah Family JAM
- Rosh ha-Shanah Community Dinner
- Erev Rosh ha-Shanah Musical Service: Singing in the New Year

September 30-October 1: Rosh ha-Shanah

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October 4-5: Shabbat Shuvah

- Shabbat in the Neighborhood (Friday night service)
- Kol D'mamah with Leah Weisman
- BBMM Shabbat

October 8: Kol Nidrei

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October 9: Yom Kippur

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October 11-12

- Rising Song Minyan (Friday night service)
- Charry Service: *Mazal tov to Hanna Nielson, daughter of Rick Nielson & Rebekah Krantz, on becoming Bat Mitzvah*
- Rising Song Minyan
- Shabbat Sha'baby
- Parashat ha-Shavua B'Ivrit

October 14-15: Sukkot

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October 18-19: Shabbat Sukkot

- Erev Shabbat Service (Friday night service)
- BBMM Shabbat
- Musical Marching Minyan
- Sukkah Walk

October 20

- Hoshana Raba service
- Dorshei Derekh Erev Simhat Torah Service

October 21: Sh'mini Atzeret

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October 22: Simhat Torah

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October 25-26

- Rising Song Shabbat (Friday night service)
- Charry Service: *Mazal tov to Yael & Jonah Smith-Posner, children of Michael Posner & Wendy Smith, on becoming B'nei Mitzvah*
- Rising Song Minyan

Sheila Erlbaum, on her retirement after 41 years as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

Barbara Lissy and Mark Rosenberg, z"l, on the engagement of their daughter Ellen Lissy Rosenberg to Stephen Orens

Yossi Ravital, child of Genie and Ameet Ravital, on becoming B'nei Mitzvah

Harris and Jane Steinberg, on the Aufruf of their son Henry, and Joshua Herron

Abi Weber and Diana Tamir, on their Aufruf

Andrea and Jonathan Moselle, on the marriage of their daughter Lily Moselle to Paul Rizzo on Sunday, June 30

Jacob Laigaie, son of Brenda Laigaie, z"l, and David Laigaie, on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Sam and Tamar Magdovitz, on the marriage of their son Zach to Jen Saper

Sherman Aronson and Joyce Lieberman, on the one-year wedding anniversary of their daughter Emma Aronson to Jon Bottoff

Margaret Shapiro and Howard Bilofsky, on the graduation of their granddaughter Anna Gergely from Carleton College

Hadassah Weinmartin, daughter of Rabbi Nathan Martin and Abigail Weinberg, on becoming Bat Mitzvah

IN MEMORIAM

Maurice Feldman, husband of Maxine Feldman, father of Ellen Mermelstein, grandfather of Adam and Lauren

Ronald Paul Feldman, son of Maxine Feldman, brother of Ellen Mermelstein, uncle of Adam and Lauren

Deborah Marine, widow of Walter Marine z"l, long-time member of GJC

Mario Kamionkowski, father of Tamar Kamionkowski

Morty Kriger, brother of Jake Kriger

David Zeff, father of Rabbi Adam Zeff, grandfather of Zeke, Avi, and Mati

Maxine Feldman and Ellen Mermelstein and their family want to express their deepest thanks to all the many, many people who have lovingly and kindly donated to the synagogue in memory of Maurice and Ron.

"We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Denise S. Wolf



The High Holy Days are a time for reflection. I wish to reflect on the dedication of our synagogue lay leadership. It has been a sincere honor serving my first year as President in this wonderful community. Over that time, we have accomplished a lot, and there is more in the pipeline. Allow me to highlight some of the challenging work the synagogue leadership has undertaken.

I am awestruck by the 11 committed members of the Executive Committee (EC) with whom I have had the pleasure of working. We convene monthly to conduct synagogue business, and there are intermittent meetings for urgent matters, in-person, or by phone, or by other fancy conferencing technologies. We don't always agree, especially regarding the more controversial challenges that are presented, but the level of mutual respect, sincerity, and intellectual integrity is unmatched.

The five outgoing, and the four incoming EC members are deserving of recognition.

Connie Katz, Alex Seldin, Art Ellis, Greg Lattanzi and Lawrence Charap have each have left their mark. It goes without saying that our leaders, Executive Director Nina Peskin and Rabbi Adam Zeff, are the backbones of our community, but Connie Katz is the heart. Connie has served on the Executive Committee for many years as Corresponding Secretary. Her warm, personal notes to congregants during good times and bad have lifted up many spirits. In addition, Connie is one of our prized fundraisers, because, really.... who can say "no" to Connie?! Reminiscing about her years of service, Connie said that she will "miss being part of this intimate group of leaders."

We were fortunate that Alex Seldin served on the EC as Financial Secretary and that Greg Lattanzi served as Vice President of Education. With Alex's big brain and command of finance, much of our fiscal health is attributed to his leadership. Alex enjoyed the challenge of working through "some thorny issues that reflected a multitude of viewpoints." Greg was a solid and reliable presence on the EC and who also doubled as the Religious School Parent Co-Chair. As such, he kept us up-to-date on the happenings in the education of our kids, including the important search for a Director of Education.

Art Ellis is a force. He spearheaded the High Holiday appeal for two years, breaking records each time. I recently asked him to muse over his three years of service on the EC. Art said it was a "privilege to serve our community" and "even the most mundane topics (such as clogged drain pipes in the parking lot) contribute in some way to the well-being of our congregation." For Art, and many of us, the security issues have been most challenging. "It's tough to

balance creating a welcoming environment and necessary security procedures, while keeping in mind the additional costs of having a safe building." But challenging as these issues may appear, they are no match for Art's dedication to our community.

Lastly, we say farewell to Lawrence Charap, who, after two years of serving as the Recording Secretary, wants to spend more time on Minyan Masorti affairs. We begged him not to leave us! Lawrence was a superstar minute-taker. His laser-sharp focus for summarizing even the most complex and sensitive of discussions into coherent minutes served to inform the community of all goings-on. Lawrence always piped in with perspicacious points that would gently result in decision-making trending in a new direction.

We heartily welcome our new EC members, Diane Aji, David Hahn, Beth Stearman, and Wayne Zukin, all of whom are off to an enthusiastic start. Diane was "deeply honored" when asked to serve, because GJC has been central to her and her family's life for years. She is looking forward to contributing to the important work of the synagogue. Beth has served GJC in many ways over the years—she was a Board member and also had various roles in Women of GJC. She is glad to be serving on the EC and learning the inner workings of GJC because "the community means a great deal" to her. For David, serving on the EC provides him with "the opportunity to listen to the range of voices on the many issues that we face in our community and practice the value of *shalom bayit*—that we can all still eat and pray together after we talk." David is eager to meet and work with new people in the community, especially those who may see the world differently. Wayne has wasted no time adding value. This summer, he assisted GJC navigate the much needed replacement of our air conditioning system.

In the past year, the EC has achieved several noteworthy milestones. I am thrilled to report that, once again, following on the heels of my capable predecessors—Chip Becker and Matthieu Shapiro—our fiscal affairs are in order. We finished the last fiscal year with a surplus, and budgeted a \$22,000 deficit for 2019-20, the lowest projected deficit in GJC history. Our operating budget exceeds \$2 million. Our endowment exceeds \$4 million, and our operating reserves remain healthy at over \$500,000. Much of this good news is credited to the expansion of our Early Childhood Program. We are increasing our enrollment, adding new classrooms, improving our curriculum, and still maintaining the cozy atmosphere and high standards for which the school is known.

Still, we are regularly confronted with urgent repairs needed by our aging building, like a broken boiler and broken air conditioning system. Our Building Preservation Sub-Committee, led by the indefatigable Steve Levin, has identified projects for renovation. New flooring and lighting in the Marcus Auditorium have been installed, as well as window restoration in the school wing. In the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

future, expect budgeting plans for landscaping, the parking lot, and the roof, to name a few.

Ad hoc committee work remains an essential part of synagogue life. One theme of all of the hardworking committees is the gathering of community input. Through surveys and parlor meetings, your voices have been heard and have guided decision-making. The Values Committee, which was the brainchild of David Mosenkis and Rabbi David Teutsch, produced a rich, meaningful document espousing our community values. These values, which are distinct from a mission statement, will infuse our work with purpose and meaning, and enable us to tackle difficult subjects while being mindful of a core, collectively determined framework.

The Security Committee, co-chaired by Will Shapiro and Barbara Menin, has been tasked with recommending security measures in a post- Pittsburgh/Poway landscape. For the foreseeable future, following the Security Committee's recommendations, we have retained a professional security officer on Saturdays during Shabbat observance, as well as the use of a single entrance. The Security Committee also recommended that we design a "Security

Shabbat," when Jewish texts related to safety are studied, and some practical security tips for our GJC building are shared.

The Committee to Consider Public Stance on Issues of Public Concern, spearheaded by Dan Livney, is debating tough questions about whether GJC should sponsor and endorse public political events, and whether GJC should issue statements on matters of public concern...and, if yes, how and when? Grappling with competing voices, there are no easy answers here. The committee's hard work will continue in the months ahead.

One nascent committee is most worthy of mention. This committee was formed with the goal of ushering GJC—its leadership, its clergy, its staff and its members—into a new paradigm of truly being a multi-cultural, non-racist, inclusive synagogue. Through training, programming, and education, we are ready to move in this direction.

As my first year comes to end, I am most grateful for the trust you have placed in me. I have grown personally from this experience and I enthusiastically embark on the year ahead. *Shanah tovah*, GJC!

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AT GJC!

by Helen Feinberg and Chris Levin

We members of Germantown Jewish Centre are incredibly fortunate (and might we add, wise) to have a marvelous professional staff that works tirelessly for us. They develop engaging and thoughtful programming for both the congregation and the individual members; they assist and counsel us when personal and familial needs inevitably arise.

We also have an excellent lay leadership team. Our Executive Committee (the officers) is a group of extremely dedicated people, representing the three main prayer communities of the synagogue. It meets monthly (and talks together even more than that) to consider major issues, problems, policies, requests, finances, and whatever else constitutes shul business at any particular point in time.

Supporting the Executive Committee is our Board of Directors. Members are elected to a three-year term; they attend four Board meetings per year to discuss, dissect if necessary, and vote on questions put before them. We also have a wide array of committees composed of dedicated members who address issues facing the Religious School and ECP, monitor our finances and investments and prepare meals for families facing difficult times. Of course we have Men's Club and Women of GJC which support us all with engaging programming and vital fundraising.

GJC would not exist—or at least would not be so vibrant—without this corps of volunteers. A place like GJC is not created just by happenstance. It takes some energy.

BUT, in order to maintain and increase our vibrancy, we really need members to consider seriously getting involved at a leadership level, in order to "deepen our bench" and expand the responsibility of lay leadership to members who have other perspectives and energies to offer.

YES, being in the leadership requires some of your time. YES, being in the leadership can feel like you're involved in issues beyond your knowledge. YES, it might take some time and energy away from family responsibilities (maybe).

But also YES: you will get to know and work with people who are interesting, thoughtful, and deeply caring about the congregation. You will get to know the history and workings of this remarkable organization. You will make new friends (it is amazing what relationships can be created when working closely with people on ongoing tasks). You will be able to make a real difference in the structure and functioning of the lay leadership. You may even develop a few skills that were otherwise languishing. Last, but not least, YES, you will even have a good time!!

If this plea has aroused your curiosity, your interest, or even your guilt (about not being involved), please call Helen (267-253-7409) or Chris (215-779-1289) or send an email expressing interest (or even mild curiosity) to Helen@feinberg.net or Clevin@dechert.com.

Thanks!

GJC THANKS OUR NEDIV LEV AND ROSH PINAH MEMBERS

"A gift from generous hearts"
(Exodus 25:2)

Within the GJC community, we are fortunate to have a growing number of members who give above and beyond, year after year. Nediv Lev, our pillar members, provides a backbone to the GJC community, and their commitment enables the *shul* to provide for the needs of all our members. We especially thank the following members for helping our *shul* continue to offer the highest possible level of education, religious, and social programming:

Marcy & Dan Bacine
Jane & Richard Baron
Peninah & Albert Berdugo
Harold Berger
Linda & Jake Kriger
Chris & Steve Levin
Barbara & Dick Menin
Sandy & Jim Meyer
Paul Minkoff
Martha & Chuck Schleifer
Allyson & David Schwartz
Denise Scott Brown
Dveera Segal & Brad Bridge
Patty & Steve Segal
Stefanie & Alex Seldin
Elise Singer & Don Perelman

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

GJC expresses its deep gratitude for the generous support of its congregants who have chosen the Rosh Pinah (Cornerstone) level of membership. Their contribution provides crucial support, enabling us to serve the entire GJC community. We cannot adequately thank the following members for their commitment to Germantown Jewish Centre:

Marta & Chip Becker
Michael Beer
Sarah Braun & Shai Gluskin
Evelyn Eskin & David Major
Rachel Falkove & Michael Masch
Helen & Michael Feinberg
Dayle Friedman & David Ferleger
The Hahn & Weiss Family
Myra & Gert Jacobsohn
Barbara Jaffe & Howard Langer
Hillary & Judd Kruger Levingston
Cyrilla Rosen
Jessica & Mathieu Shapiro
Beth Stearman
Betsy & David Teutsch
Denise Wolf & Paul Rudick

For information on joining one of these giving circles, please contact Nina Peskin at director@germantownjewishcentre.org.



TIKKUN OLAM

Adult Literacy Initiative

by Elliott Seif and Rivkah Walton

America? How Poverty Affects Everything from Health & Housing to Education & Employment.” From the panel, we learned that 26% of adults in Philadelphia are functionally illiterate. Because the ability to read is key to so many functions in life, the Literacy Initiative was conceived of as a way that individual GJC members could have a direct impact on relieving poverty in the lives of fellow Philadelphians.

Beginning in Spring 2019, the GJC Adult Literacy Initiative, with the blessing of the Tikkun Olam Coordinating Team, solicited a *hevra* (group) of GJC volunteers to take part in Tutor Corps, a group of trained and dedicated volunteers who provide Project HOME residents with one-to-one tutoring. They provide support for a variety of adult literacy challenges (both reading and math), such as improving reading and writing skills, getting a driver’s license, or passing the GED exam.

Project HOME is a major multifaceted, multi-service non-profit agency helping people break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia since 1989. It primarily provides previously homeless individuals and families with “permanent, supportive housing” that provides both a home and a variety of services. Project HOME’s mission, vision, and values emphasize:

- a strong spiritual conviction of the dignity of each person
- all persons are entitled to decent, affordable housing and access to quality education, employment, and health care
- the transformational power of building relationships and community.

Elliott Seif and Rivkah Walton shared responsibility for outreach and for organizing informational programs and training. GJC contracted with Jill Gates Smith, MA, the trainer who oversees the Project HOME adult literacy initiative, to provide training and assistance in organizing the program.

GJC members were invited to an informational program in April at the Seifs’ home, at which Jill presented an overview of Tutor Corps and responded to questions. Several other prospective participants visited the monthly Third Thursday Tutor Corps Meeting at Project HOME for a similar introduction.

On Sunday, June 2, Jill presented a dedicated seven-hour training, to prepare the GJC *hevra* to join the Project HOME Tutor Corps. The training was held at the home of Charlie and Lyndall Miller, who generously offered the use of their first floor (see photo). It was the perfect setting for this relatively intimate event, and provided ample breakout spaces for small groups. The synagogue made available the AV equipment we needed.

The seven GJC members who participated in the training responded enthusiastically to the program, which was a combination of lecture, discussion, and paired exercises. The training acquainted us with the Project HOME learners and the particular issues they may bring from their backgrounds and gave tutors the tools necessary to assess and respond to their needs. It emphasized the various ways that tutors might work with participants and how to assure their dignity as the tutoring proceeds. The training program stresses the mutual, collaborative nature of Project HOME tutoring. The GJC training also gave us the opportunity to create a sense of community among GJC participants.

Next Steps

The GJC trainees are prepared to be Project HOME Tutor Corps volunteers. After obtaining clearances to work in facilities where children are present, they are being matched with adult learners. In addition to tutoring Project HOME adults, GJC tutors will meet monthly on third Thursdays with other Tutor Corps volunteers for support and to receive ongoing supervision. The GJC Initiative will also develop carpooling opportunities and occasional special programming for the GJC *hevra*.

Elliott also is working with Jill to create a resource list of basic online resources for tutors. He will also introduce her to the principal at Henry School, who may be able to institute her program that trains parents on how to help their children do their homework.

We look forward to the ongoing, continuing evolution of the GJC Adult Literacy Initiative, more training, more participation by GJC members, and building a spirit of community and service among GJC tutors. Anyone who is interested in participating in this initiative should contact Rivkah Walton at rivkahw@verizon.net.



GJC Literacy Initiative Training

Pictured clockwise from laptop: Jill Gates Smith (Trainer), Chris Levin, Doug Lerner, Tobie Hoffman, Rabbi George Stern, Elliott Seif. Not pictured: Susan Swartz and Rivkah Walton (photographer)

TIKKUN OLAM (continued)

Lights For Liberty Vigil on July 12, 2019

by Joyce Lieberman

The GJC Refugee Immigrant Justice Initiative (RIJI) which is sponsored by the GJC Tikkun Olam Coordinating Team (TOCT) was proud to participate in "The Lights for Liberty Vigil" held on July 12 in front of Lovett Library in Mt. Airy. Betsy Teutsch's idea of a neighborhood vigil connected to the Lights for Liberty vigils taking place all over the country resulted in over 300 people protesting the current treatment of refugees, asylum seekers and especially children.



Attendees at the Liberty Rally
(Photo courtesy of Rivkah Walton).

Along with GJC and neighborhood people there were many church groups represented, including St. Martin-in-the-Fields, whose Reverend Kerbel contributed inspiring words. The speakers included Betsy Teutsch, Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kramer, Anne Mintz, Judith Bernstein-Baker and Luis Canales who spoke about his trek from Guatemala to the US as a teenager only to be turned away four times until he was finally granted asylum. He is now a lawyer helping other immigrants and refugees. Olga Livshin read her poem "Across the Waters," and music was provided by "Voices Rising Philly" and "2 of a Kind."

GJC member Lynne Jacobs wrote, "I was especially pleased with the tone of the program. The music put everyone in the right mood, and the speakers were excellent. I described our gathering as warm and inspiring. Later I heard from folks who went to vigils in other

places that they came away depressed. We created a beautiful model. The daylight hour allowed so many elders and children to join us; it was nice to have multi-generation participants."

Members of the RIJI will continue to join with other faith and secular communities in protesting the tragedy that continues to unfold at the southern US border, including separating families and housing them in prison-like detention centers. Please join us with your ideas and energy.

Write to Joyce Lieberman at rejoice34@gmail.com if you are interested in participating and I will get in touch with you. There are lots of opportunities to help with this effort and to make our voices heard.

For further information on the July 12th event, you can see the article in *The Chestnut Hill Local*.

<https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2019/07/17/slideshow-hundreds-gather-in-mt-airy-for-lights-for-liberty-vigil/>

What Can You Do?

Many are working with immigrants and advocating for them, more than we can list! Some want volunteers while others prefer donations. Thanks for your advocacy and concern!

THE CHESED COMMITTEE

by Peninah Berdugo and Gena Epstein

As some of you may be aware, Germantown Jewish Centre has a Chesed Committee, and until now, the activities of this Committee have been focused on the preparation of meals to store frozen at the synagogue for distribution to members on occasions such as birth, illness or death of a family member. The volunteers who have come to Chesed "cook-in sessions" have enjoyed the fun and the friendly camaraderie of the communal cooking experience, while knowing they are fulfilling a big *mitzvah* at the same time. Cooking skills are not a necessary pre-requisite to participate.

Now the Chesed Committee is looking to expand its scope in two ways:

- 1) We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver meals *on occasion*. We need people to deliver within Mt. Airy as well as in surrounding neighborhoods and in Center City. If you sign up to participate, you would be notified by text when there is a need, and would respond if you are able to make that particular delivery.
- 2) We are also looking for several people who would be willing to pay ongoing friendly home visits once or twice a month to members of the GJC community whom Rabbi Zeff feels could

benefit from more in-person contact. Rabbi Zeff is the one who will match volunteer with visit recipients.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any component of the Chesed Committee's activities (cooking, making meal deliveries or home visiting), please send an email to peninahberdugo@gmail.com. In your email, include your name, and telephone number and the activities you are interested in.

We will be having our next Chesed Cook-in on Sunday Sept. 15 from 12-3 PM in the Marcus Auditorium kitchen. If you haven't cooked with us before and would like to do so this time, please email Peninah (email address above).

We welcome your participation in GJC's Chesed Committee's work.

Gena Epstein, armed with ingredients for making *mitzvah* veggie kugels



NEWS FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

by Dick Menin, President

Like many service and social organizations, no one single program completely defines the Men's Club. Last year at GJC, I think we had a ton of diverse events and were able to appeal to both the "core," those people who support all the offerings, as well as those folks with interest in an individual topic. We had 40 people or more at most of our events. Fortunately, the sin of running out of food was never committed. The key is listening and paying attention to ideas from many people.

There were films about Israeli rock musicians and 19th century *klezmer* favorites. We discussed the neurobiology of Jewish prayer and why GJC's architecture is what it is. Along with HAZAK, we learned more about appreciating beer, as well as some of the lore and differences among Scotch whiskies.

A propos of the latter, we will again schedule Scotch in the Sukkah on a Sunday afternoon, which will allow many more people to join in. In addition, this year we're planning more movies and educational programs.

We are continuing our partnership with the Jewish Relief Agency to pack and deliver food parcels to those in need in the region.

Men's Club programs are open to all. Please look to email and the Shabbat Bulletin for upcoming events.

Don't forget to sponsor a candle on the Hanukiyah.

Here are some photos from last year's activities.



Jim Meyer and Marcy Fish admire David Berg's bottle of "scotch" at last year's Scotch in the Sukkah program.



Erecting the Hanukiyah in November, from left: Ed Lake, Albert Berdugo, Dick Menin, Hy Zerkowitz, Brad Sanders, Jim Meyer, Rod Griffith, and Peter Maas.



Professor Andrew Newberg, MD, Thomas Jefferson University, lecturing on *The Rabbi's Brain* in December.



The movie *There Are Jews Here* attracted an attentive crowd in February.



Rabbi Alanna Sklover worked the controls for an appreciate audience watching *Rock in the Red Zone* in March.



Clockwise from left: Steve Levin, Joyce Lieberman, Peter Maas, tour guide Sherman Aronson, and Hershel Richman listen to Ed Lake's comments during *The Life of Our Building* program in May.

THANK YOU

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for generously supporting and making our programming possible.

WOMEN OF GJC

A New Year and New Opportunities

by Vilma Lieberman and Linda Cherkas, Co-Presidents

From the Women of Germantown Jewish Centre, our wishes to all of the GJC communities for a sweet and happy New Year, 5780. *L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'tichateimu*; may you be inscribed and sealed for a good year. 5780 promises to be an exciting year with some changes for the WGJC.



Linda Cherkas and Vilma Lieberman, co-presidents of Women of GJC for the coming year.

WGJC Board

Linda Cherkas, longtime board member, is now Co-President for a two year term, working with Co-President Vilma Lieberman. Several new additions to the Board include Molly Weingrod, Amy Schrager, Tamar Jacobson, Ruth Loew, Della Lazarus, Patty Wright, Penina Kelberg, Miriam Von Essen, and Ellen Weber. A warm welcome to our new Board members. We look forward to their participation and contributions.



New members of the WGJC Board: Ellen Weber, Miriam Von Essen, Melissa Livney, Ruth Loew, and Tamar Jacobson.

Not Pictured are Penina Kelberg, Della Lazarus, Amy Schrager, Molly Weingrod, and Patty Wright.

Activities

On September 15th, WGJC and the Men's Club will jointly host an exciting "Welcome Back Brunch" program. The richness of our own congregation will be on display as Nina Peskin, Rabbi Zeff, and members of the GJC choir perform an interactive High Holiday Music Teach and Sing. This coincides with the release of their High Holiday CD ("Hear Our Voices: Music of the High

Holidays"). What a beautiful way to prepare for the joy of the approaching holidays!

Let's hope for beautiful weather on September 22nd for our annual "Walk in the Wissahickon." We will meet at the Cedars House Cafe, 200 W. Northwestern Ave. at 10 AM; all are welcome to join us!

Sunday, October 27th, WGJC joins with Israel Programming, HAZAK, People of the Book, and Men's Club to present Ruby Namdar, Israeli author and winner of the Sapir Prize for Israeli Literature, who will be discussing his book, *The Ruined House*. A book signing will follow the program. The book is available for purchase now in both the Little Shop and the GJC office at a discounted price of \$13.00 (retails for \$16.99.)

Big Changes Coming for the Purim Bash

Save that date, March 28th, 2020, for the BASH. That's right, the BASH, not the Purim Bash. After many years of holding the wildly successful Purim Bash, the WGJC decided this year to transfer the management of the event to the GJC staff. While continuing to help in every way we can, it is time to expand the development and running of this major fundraising event to a broader base. Including the entire GJC community in the planning and management of this event, we hope to see more widespread involvement, new ideas, and lots of new energy. Coming after GJC's Purim celebrations, the BASH will no longer be tied to Purim, so theme, decorations, activities, music, and food are all open to new and exciting interpretation. Stay tuned for more information from the GJC staff as this great fundraiser takes shape in 2020!

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Torah Fund 2020



Torah Fund pins will be available during the High Holidays, and we hope that many of you will purchase a Torah Fund pin. Torah Fund Brunch will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Everyone is invited. Donations are not required, but are most certainly appreciated. All proceeds go to the

Jewish Theological Seminary.

As part of GJC, Women of GJC are committed to helping Women's League and Torah Fund to support the education of the future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative

WOMEN OF GJC (continued)

Movement. Torah Fund has raised more than \$95 million since its inception as a grass-roots fundraising campaign.

Individual donors to Torah Fund at the Benefactor level or higher receive the distinctive Torah Fund pin in recognition of their gift.

The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund theme is *chesed*, which is "kindness" in Hebrew. The word can also be translated as

"lovingkindness," to convey the deep love that animates Jewish acts of kindness, done without thought of reward.

The pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, each larger than the next. This symbolizes the heart of kindness, which Jews enact in ever-widening realms of generosity: from family, to community, to the larger world. As it is said in Psalm 89, "May we build a world of kindness."

WOMEN OF GJC DUES

We welcome all to participate in WGJC events and particularly welcome your willingness to join. Your dues help us to supplement our many programs and contributions to GJC, including our Building Beautiful project to enhance GJC, High Holiday Kiddush, holiday treats for the school groups and college students, Shabbat Childcare, and more. Please consider joining this year (see attached form).

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

Dues – Women of GJC
400 W. Ellet Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119
(please write Dues on check)

Or **PayPal** (\$46.65) accepted on the GJC website:
Connect>Women's Club>Strength Through Women's Club
(add your name/contact info when using PayPal)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Over 90 years of age?

No payment required.

Circle **YES** and complete and return form

New GJC member as of June 2019?

No payment required.

Circle **YES** for a complimentary WC membership for 2018-2019.

Questions?

Please contact Peninah Berdugo at: peninahberdugo@gmail.com



ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays at 10:00 AM
September 8, 15, 22
October 13, 20, 27

Taught by instructor Grant Shulman, GJC's Israeli dance group welcomes dancers of all ages and levels. We begin each session with 45 minutes of beginner dances, instruction, review, open dancing, and requests with increasing levels of difficulty. GJC's dance group is proud to be friendly and inclusive.

**For more information, please
contact Tamar Magdovitz at
tamarmagdovitz@gmail.com.**



PLANNED GIVING & NER TAMID

*Remembering Germantown
Jewish Centre in your will,
a trust, or retirement asset is
a meaningful way to ensure*

*that your commitment to our community continues to
help our synagogue thrive for generations to come.
For more information on how you can include GJC in
your estate plans, please contact Nina Peskin at 215-
844-1507 x12.*

HIGH HOLIDAY & SUKKOT SERVICES 2019-5780

Day/Date	Service	Charry Service	Minyan Masorti	Dorshei Derekh	Kol D'mamah	Children's Services	Child-care
Sat, Sept 21	S'lichot with G'vanim	8:00 PM Musical service with G'vanim, followed by oneg [CS] 11:00 PM Late Night S'lichot Service [MC]					
Sun, Sept 29	Erev Rosh ha-Shanah	6:00 PM Rosh ha-Shanah Family JAM [MAR] 6:30 PM Community Dinner (adv. registration nec.) [MAR] 7:15 PM Erev Rosh ha-Shanah - Singing in the New Year [CS] <i>a musical service with drum, led by Rabbi Zeff, Rabbi Richman & Nina Peskin</i>					
Mon, Sept 30	Rosh ha-Shanah Day 1	9:00 AM [CS]	9:00 AM [MAR]	9:30 AM [CAN]		11:00 AM	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
	Tashlich	Meet at Germantown Jewish Centre at 4:00 PM					
	Minha/Ma'ariv	6:15 PM [MC]					
Tues, Oct 1	Rosh ha-Shanah Day 2	9:00 AM [CS]	9:00 AM [MAR]		10:30 AM-1:00 PM [LIB]	11:00 AM	9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Sat, Oct 5	Shabbat Shuvah	10:00 AM [CS]	9:45 AM [CAN]	10:00 AM [MAS]	9:45-11 AM [LIB]	Children's Shabbat Offerings	
Tues, Oct 8	Kol Nidrei	5:30 PM [CS]	5:30 PM [MAR]	5:30 PM [CAN] – Chanting & Contemplation 6:00 PM [CAN] – Kol Nidrei Service		6:00 PM 2nd-6th grade service	5:15 PM-8:30 PM
Wed, Oct 9	Yom Kippur	9:00 AM [CS]	9:00 AM [MAR]	9:15 AM [CAN]	11:00 AM-2:00 PM [LIB]	11:00 AM	9:00 AM-2:45 PM
	Yizkor	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	12:00 PM			
	Bregman Program	2:45 PM Oscar Bregman Memorial Program [CS]					
	Minha	4:00 PM [CS]	4:00 PM [MAR]	4:30 PM [CAN] Alternative Minha 5:30 PM [CAN] Chanting & Prayer	4:00-5:00 PM [LIB] Torah & Yoga		4:00 PM-7:30 PM
	N'ilah	5:30 PM [CS]	5:30 PM [MAR]	6:00 PM [CAN]	6:00-7:15 PM [LIB]		
	Blow Shofar	7:15 PM [CS]	7:15 PM [MAR]	7:15 PM [CAN]			
	Break-Fast	7:20 PM [SKL] Community Break-Fast (advanced registration necessary)					
Sun, Oct 13	Erev Sukkot	10:30 AM GJC Celebrates! Sukkot Family Program [SKL] 11:00 AM GJC Celebrates! Sukkot [CS]					
Mon, Oct 14	Sukkot Day I	9:45 AM [CAN]		10:00 AM [MAS]			
Tues, Oct 15	Sukkot Day II	9:45 AM [CAN]			8:30 AM [LIB] Meditation		
Sat, Oct 19	Shabbat Sukkot Day VI	10:00 AM [CS]	9:45 AM [CAN]	10:00 AM [MAS]	Sukkah Walk following Kiddush	Regular Children's Shabbat Offerings & Sukkah Walk	
Sun, Oct 20	Hoshanah Rabah Sukkot Day VII	8:00 AM Hoshanah Rabah [CS]		6:30 PM [CAN] Erev Simhat Torah	4:00 PM Scotch in the Sukkah [Offsite]		
Mon, Oct 21	Sh'mini Atzeret/ Yizkor	10:00 AM [CS]	9:45 AM [CAN]	10:00 AM [MAS] Simhat Torah			
	Erev Simhat Torah		7:30 PM [CAN]		6:30 PM GJC Celebrates! Simhat Torah [CS]		
Tues, Oct 22	Simhat Torah	9:30 AM [MAR]			8:30 AM [LIB] Meditation		
CS: Charry Sanctuary / CAN: Temin Canteen Room / LIB: Quitman Library / MC: Magil Chapel/ MAR: Marcus Auditorium / MAS: Maslow Auditorium / SKL: Silver Kiddush Lounge							

SINGING BEFORE THE GATES

PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR WITH DEVOTIONAL MUSIC AND PRAYER

FEATURING G'VANIM WITH RABBI ADAM ZEFF, NINA PESKIN, DAN BERMAN,
CHERYL BETTIGOLE, MIKAEL ELSILA, JUSTIN FINK, ELLIOTT SEIF & HOAGY WING

How do we take stock, let go, and move in new directions? What do we do to prepare our hearts for the spiritual work of teshuvah (return)? The tradition of chanting S'lichot - psalms, poems, and prayers for forgiveness - invites us to return to ourselves and to awaken our spirits before the High Holy Days begin. Join G'vanim for an evening of devotional music, spiritual kavanot (intentions), deep prayer, and inspiring melodies. Together we will open our mouths, our ears, our minds, and our souls to all of the possibilities that the new year offers.

MUSICAL SERVICE AT 8 PM | REFRESHMENTS AT 10 PM | LATE NIGHT SERVICE AT 11 PM

G'VANIM

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 AT 8:00 PM

S'LICHOT MUSICAL SERVICE

A CHANCE TO TAKE
STOCK OF OUR LIVES

LET GO OF OLD HABITS
OF THOUGHT AND
ACTION

AND COMMIT
OURSELVES TO MOVING
IN NEW DIRECTIONS

EREV ROSH HA-SHANAH singing in the new year

On erev Rosh ha-Shanah, in the first moments of the new year, when everything is possible and all ways are open to us, this service offers a chance to come together in self-reflection as the melodies of the High Holidays, as well as melodies from around the world, weave themselves through our hearts, our minds, and our spirits.

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:15 pm

EREV ROSH HA-SHANAH MUSICAL SERVICE
LED BY RABBI ADAM ZEFF, RABBI REBECCA RICHMAN
AND NINA PESKIN WITH HOAGY WING ON PERCUSSION

Germantown Jewish Centre | 400 W. Ellet Street | Philadelphia, PA 19119

NEW FOR 5780!

PAPERLESS E-TICKETS

In an effort to continue finding ways to lessen Germantown Jewish Centre's environmental footprint, GJC is cutting down on our paper use. A number of years ago, we decided to move to e-communications to distribute our annual High Holiday information, and now we look to do the same with our High Holiday ticket mailing.

- GJC will no longer send paper High Holiday tickets. Tickets will be sent using Paperless Post.
- If you currently receive only hard copy communications from GJC, you will receive paper tickets as usual.
- We understand that some of our members will still want to receive a paper ticket. If you would like to receive a paper ticket, please email administrative@germantownjewishcentre.org or call 215-844-1507 x14 no later than August 26.



**Rosh ha-Shanah
Community
Dinner
Sunday, Sept. 29
at 6:30 PM**

Please join us at GJC for a delicious holiday meal! \$10/adult, \$5/child (age age 5-12)
Sponsorships available upon request

**Advance registration & payment are
necessary by Wednesday, 9/25.**

**[germantownjewishcentre.org/
RH-dinner-5780](http://germantownjewishcentre.org/RH-dinner-5780)**



Rosh ha-Shanah
JAM
Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6 PM

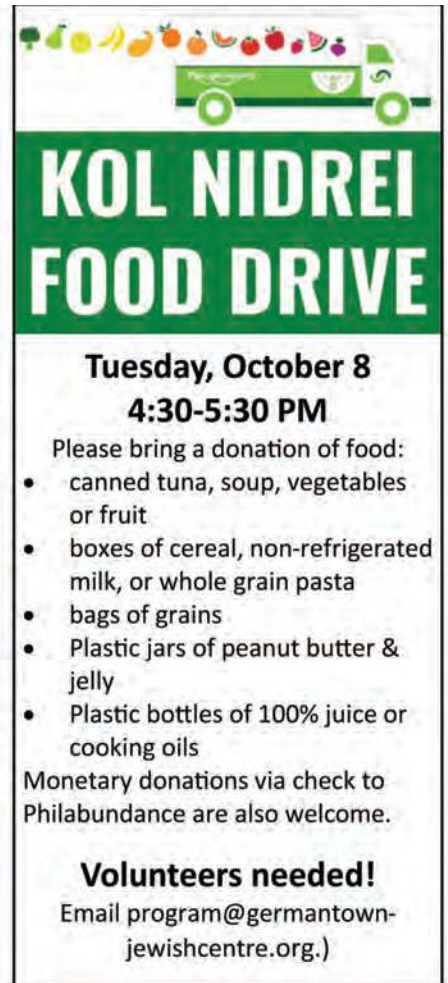
How do we teach children that it's okay to make mistakes, okay to say we're sorry, and okay to try again? By starting from the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, with Adam and Eve and a very clumsy puppy...

The ancient rabbis taught that even before the world was made, God created t'shuvah - the path to repentance, a way to deal with our missteps, to apologize to others, and to learn how to move forward. During Rosh ha-Shanah, we look back on what we've done during the past year and try to see how we can chart a new course, moving past things we may regret. On Erev Rosh ha-Shanah, GJC invites you to enter a lush dreamscape where we tell the story of how the very first people figured this out. How did they learn to forgive? And how did the puppy help? Come find out!

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

www.germantownjewishcentre.org/RH-JAM-5780
Program: FREE | Dinner: \$10/adult, \$5/child (age 5-12)

Advance registration is encouraged for the program, and is necessary for the Rosh ha-Shanah Community Dinner (by 9/25). The dinner directly follows the program, and is a kid-friendly meal catered by Centre Catering (under TKS). Vegan and gluten-free dinner options will be offered. Sponsorships are available upon request.



**KOL NIDREI
FOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, October 8
4:30-5:30 PM**

Please bring a donation of food:

- canned tuna, soup, vegetables or fruit
- boxes of cereal, non-refrigerated milk, or whole grain pasta
- bags of grains
- Plastic jars of peanut butter & jelly
- Plastic bottles of 100% juice or cooking oils

Monetary donations via check to Philabundance are also welcome.

Volunteers needed!
Email program@germantown-jewishcentre.org.

HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDCARE/YOUTH PROGRAMS NOTIFICATION:

If your children or other children are using childcare or supervised youth programs during the High Holidays, please read this important information. It is the policy of GJC that all children must be fully immunized in order to participate in childcare and youth programs at GJC. We ask that those who use our childcare services on Shabbat and holidays respect this policy.

Please note the following in regards to using High Holiday childcare and youth programs at Germantown Jewish Centre:

- ALL children must be pre-registered and GJC must have a current copy of their immunization record to attend High Holiday childcare and youth programs. No walk-ins will be admitted on the day of.
- You must submit the child's immunization record at the time of registering for High Holiday childcare and youth programs. Your registration is not complete without an immunization record, and your child will not be admitted without a complete registration.
- If your child is enrolled in ECP or Religious School with a current copy of their immunization record, you do NOT have to resubmit the record.
- The deadline for registering for High Holiday childcare and youth programs is Thursday, September 26.

YOM KIPPUR BREAK-FAST

Join Rabbi Zeff and his family for a delicious vegetarian meal provided by Centre Catering to break your fast immediately after Yom Kippur services on **Wednesday, Oct. 9**.
\$20.00/person
children 6 and under are free (sponsorships available)

RSVP by Friday, October 4:
germantownjewishcentre.org/break-fast-5780
or mail in/drop off a form.

Sponsorship: Please consider sponsoring another person's break-fast meal if you can by making an anonymous donation. If you plan to attend the break-fast with a sponsorship, please contact the GJC office.



Ruby Namdar: The Ruined House October 27

Co-sponsored by Israeli Programming @ GJC, People of the Book, HAZAK, Men's Club, and Women of GJC

Israeli author Ruby Namdar will be discussing (and signing!) his book "The Ruined House," which won Israel's most lucrative literary award, the Sapir Prize. The book is available for purchase in the Little Shop and GJC office for \$13.00 (retails for \$16.99.) Every purchase from the Little Shop also supports GJC, so grab your copy soon, and save the date!

Rabbi Aviva Richman November 15-17

Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Rabbi Aviva Richman is a faculty member at Yeshivat Hadar in Manhattan where she teaches Talmud, Halakhah and Midrash. She will spend the weekend exploring gender and sexuality in Judaism, with plenty of room for discussions.

Keren Friedman-Peleg December 8

A Nation on the Couch: The Politics of Trauma in Contemporary Israel

This lecture offers insights on how clinical questions of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of traumatic symptoms have come to intersect with socio-political questions of group identity.

The Bash March 28

GJC Fundraiser - Eat, drink and dance the night away!

Start gathering your friends now! The Bash gets reimagined with live music, interactive silent auction booths, a dessert auction, and more. Keep your eyes and ears open for more exciting details!

Friday Night PRIDE & PRIDE Shabbat June 5-6

Come celebrate and honor the vibrantly beautiful queer thread that runs through the Germantown Jewish Community (and every community!)

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

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

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

For more info, contact Nan Myers at nanbmyers2@gmail.com.

September 10

The Weight of Ink
by Rachel Kadish

October 16

The Ruined House
by Ruby Namdar
(Author visit on Oct. 27)

November 12

Naamah
by Sarah Blake

December 10

Spies of No Country
by Matti Friedman



GJC's EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (ECP)

by Michelle Bernstein

What a spectacularly sizzling summer we had at Camp Keshet! We had nine fun-filled glorious weeks that we feel created lasting and awesome memories with the children. Camp Keshet had its largest enrollment this year, with seven "bunks" and 76 children. We had endless fun that included visits from the firefighters, clay tile-making with GJC's own Nina Gordon, a solar system themed puppet show performed by Puppets Pizzazz, a musical mini-concert from Music Monkey Jungle, two visits from the Philadelphia Goat Project—that's right—**goats!**—and **so much more!** We cooked, we gardened, we splashed in the water, we danced—we had the **time of our lives!** Thank you to all of our tireless Camp Keshet staff for putting your all into it. The children, families and I are grateful.

Now we move into a new school year with more exciting plans in motion. Our school year is kicking off with the ECP Staff participating in a two-day in-service that will train us in our new curriculum, *Teaching Strategies*, *The Creative Curriculum* and their child assessment tool counterpart, *Teaching Strategies GOLD*. We are so fortunate to have been given the very generous

resources to support this need in the ECP. Implementing the *Creative Curriculum* will help us to design a more cohesive, developmentally appropriate canvas to support and facilitate the growth and development of the beautiful young children in our care.

Just like our impressive summer enrollment, our starting fall enrollment is at an all-time high with 89 children enrolled. We anticipate this number to grow during the school year as we continue to maximize our newly expanded capacity and continue to share the news about how special and magical the ECP is each and every day.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Teacher Tina Easley wearing a real fire suit.



DID YOU KNOW?

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

PINAT HA-HINUCH ~ EDUCATION CORNER

by Ben Rotenberg

As I begin my role as Education Director at GJC, I think my earliest memories of Jewish life were Shabbat at home in Providence, RI. Every Friday evening, my whole family set the table. We gathered and my parents would light Shabbat candles, creating an aura of warmth and safety. Often, our family connected with other families from our synagogue, Temple Emanu-El. Together we created a *havurah*, built on a shared vision of community. We shared recipes, Shabbat songs and stories. Each point of connection took place in a home, around a table, coffee table or picnic table, and each space was vibrant with a distinctive mood.

For many years I also attended Jewish summer camps. I alternated between Camp Ramah in New England and Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Wisconsin. At Ramah, on Shabbat we dressed in white, prayed loudly together while sitting on benches on a basketball court. At OSRUI, services were held with our song-leader, and then the camp would gather for singing and story telling—a group of 30 people grew to over 600 in one room. Recently I felt Shabbat harmony when I came to work at Camp Pembroke, an overnight camp for Jewish women. There, Shabbat



services came alive with spirit as campers, counselors, and staff held each other and celebrated the joys of Shabbat.

While each experience reflects one of my many Jewish communities, each community offers a unique version of Shabbat experience. That realization came in 1998 and 2003, when I studied in Israel at the Pardes Institute, a pluralistic Beit Midrash (school) where people of all genders and ages studied text together. I travelled to different communities each Shabbat and fell in love with the melodies at Yakar in Jerusalem. When I lived in New York, I found the same high-energy *tefillah* (prayer) experience at synagogues in Manhattan.

The connections I have made around Shabbat experiences have made me believe that Jewish living and learning must happen together. I am proud to become part of the vibrant and welcoming community of GJC. I hope to meet and celebrate Shabbat with each of you.

If you want to reach out to me, my email is educator@germantownjewishcentre.org.

MEMBER MEMORIES

by Nan Daniels

I grew up in Mt. Airy, beginning in the late 1950s. It was actually East Mt. Airy, but we didn't call it that; we didn't know that Mt. Airy could be divided into an east and west. It was a largely Jewish neighborhood; on my block, houses with Christmas lights were a rarity. My family belonged to West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, at Sedgwick Street and Thouron Avenue, a short two-block walk from my home, and there were at least five other synagogues only a five-minute drive away.

When we first joined WOLJCC, the only existing building was an unimpressive rectangular structure, which served as both the Hebrew School and the sanctuary. The large addition, housing the sanctuary with its magnificent stained glass windows, came later. Both of my parents were actively involved. My father joined the Board of Directors and served as synagogue president when I was twelve. He was a man with a love of Judaism, but little formal Jewish education. I remember helping him craft his Yom Kippur fundraising speech with the snippets of rabbinic wisdom I had thus far learned in Hebrew School.

My mother sang in the choir for years, and also with the Jewish Community Chorus (where she met our former cantor Sheldon Levin). As a child, I roamed the building freely, and especially loved climbing the hidden winding staircase that led from the basement of the new building to the back corner of the auditorium stage.

After Bat Mitzvah, I continued my Jewish education in the High

School Department of Gratz College and also tutored students at West Oak Lane's Hebrew School. I recall earning a whole \$1.50 an hour—three times what I could earn babysitting!

Fast forward to the 1980s—all of those other synagogues in Mt. Airy had closed or relocated to the suburbs. My daughter had just turned five, and it was time to begin her Jewish education. My husband and I attended a GJC open house for new Sunday school parents, and felt immediately at home.

A year or two after joining GJC, I was thrilled to be asked to join the Board of the Women's Club, a group of women who became a second family, and still is. I signed up to work on a variety of fundraising initiatives. Following the example set by my father, I served in a number of official roles, eventually working my way up to the presidency.

Following my mother's example, I joined the choir (although my voice is no where as beautiful as hers).

I learned to read Torah and Haftarah in one of Eve Pinkenson's earliest classes. Chanting the Haftarah at Shabbat services gives me a feeling of joy and belonging every time I do it.

My involvement in GJC has given me a place to put into practice the values and traditions that I learned as a child. I am grateful for that connection.

NEWS FROM HAZAK (55+ programming)

by Helen Feinberg and Coleman Poses, Co-Chairs

As many Jewish Philadelphians know, the phrase “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof...,” which is inscribed on the Liberty Bell, is taken from the Torah, Leviticus 25:10. This Biblical passage aptly introduces and describes the Jubilee Year, a once in a half-century event. Liberty Bell, Jubilee Year? What’s the connection? That was one of the mysteries that Elise Bromberg helped us to decipher in June, during her exclusive tour with HAZAK participants entitled “William Penn’s Philadelphia.” We wended through many of the sites in Old City that held religious and political significance for Penn, his progeny, and the people, institutions, and documents that he had shaped during his brief sojourns in the city. One of those documents was the Charter of Privileges, which inspired many of the human rights passages found in our U.S. Constitution. The Liberty Bell was actually cast to commemorate 50 years (i.e., the Jubilee Year) of the creation of this document.

Later in the summer, we toured the Annual Juried Exhibit at the Woodmere Museum, on the very edge of our Northwestern community. A museum docent escorted us through the exhibit of new works by local artists.

Our book group has been meeting at a new time—still the second Wednesday of each month, but at 2 PM. Recent books have included *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard, *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish, and *Outwitting History* by Aaron Lansky. At July’s gathering, we also honored and said goodbye to long-time

book group participant Mindelle Goldstein, who is moving to Washington, DC.

Our book for September 11 is Delia Owens’ *Where the Crawdads Sing*. For October 16 (one week later than normal because of Yom Kippur, we will be reading Ruby Namdar’s *The Ruined House*, in preparation for Mr. Namdar’s scheduled visit to GJC at the end of October.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

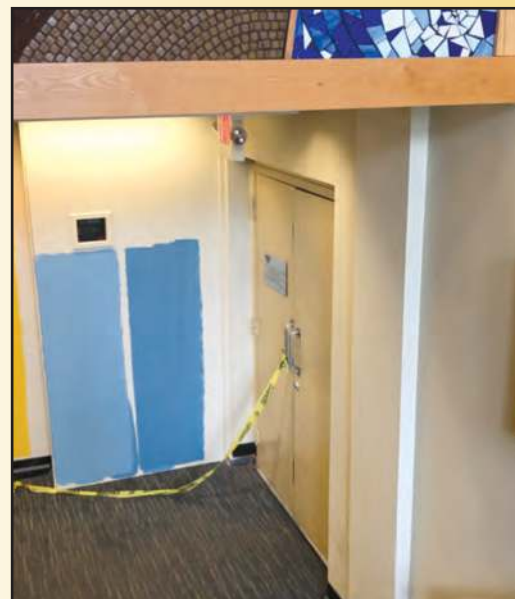
A REPORT FROM THE HOUSE AND DESIGN COMMITTEE...

ECP ENTRANCE RENOVATION

by Susan Pardys and Leslie Pontz

The House and Design Committee is renovating the ECP entrance near the main office. When walking down the steps, we will be greeted by a whole new vignette welcoming people to ECP. The space will be highlighted by a freshly painted blue wall, a mid-century modern comfortable armchair, and a small colorful side table. (Furniture donated by Curt and Leslie Pontz). ECP class artwork will have a prominent space on the left for a revolving display of new pieces. Overall, the new design will provide a visually attractive and inviting new area to walk through and take some time to sit a bit.

Here’s the project in process in July.



WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR BUILDING? PART 4

by Sherman Aronson

As a volunteer member of our House and Design Committee, I continue to keep you posted about recent preservation and renovation efforts.

The Marcus Auditorium is a great room and we use it for all kinds of activities. This spring, after lots of study, research, samples and discussions, we have a new floor! The material is an economical, resilient composite floor tile, impervious to moisture, easy to clean, and easy on the feet. The colors and patterns work with the space and provide a new look to the room.

In addition, we added new pendant light fixtures, suspended from the existing light track on the ceiling. This is an inexpensive way to provide more options for lighting the room. They are movable and work in conjunction with the recessed downlights and the spotlights already on the tracks. During the summer, we made minor adjustments in order to be ready for fall activities and holidays.

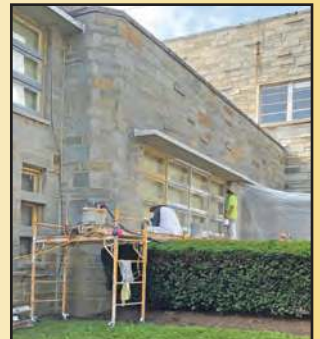
By the way, all the light bulbs are being replaced with high efficiency LED lamps, using a fraction of the electrical power and providing a clean white light while saving money. They are on dimmers and can be adjusted for meetings, parties, events and carnivals as needed.

Also during the summer, while the GJC Hebrew School was out of session, the School Building windows received a long-needed refurbishment. The old flaking paint was removed, wood was cleaned and filled where needed, caulk was replaced, broken glass replaced, and the final coats of paint should be complete before this issue of the *Call*. The original woodwork is in good shape, having been protected from weather by the overhangs. We can look forward to more decades of use while preserving the building's design.

For the next edition we hope to be starting a new landscape design master plan. Stay tuned.



New pendant lighting and tile floor grace the Marcus Auditorium.



Mara Restoration Company artisans refinish the School Building windows.

WELCOME TO THE LITTLE SHOP

Hope you all had a nice summer.

The Little Shop is fully stocked with new merchandise and we are looking forward to seeing you!

Come shop at The Little Shop for all of your gift, weekly and special holiday items. A new Kiddush cup, challah cover or plate is always a festive way to begin the New Year. Don't forget our wonderful selection of children toys.



The Little Shop regular hours return starting September 5th:

Wednesdays 12-7:30 PM • Thursdays and Fridays 12-5 PM • Sundays 9-12:30 PM

Check out our monthly specials and daily discounts:

Every month there is a 10% discount on select items **AND** a 10% early bird special discount when you shop weekdays between 12-3 PM. These two specials can be combined.

September Special:

Tallitot and Kippot



October Special:

Mezuzot and Havdalah Items



Mimosa Sundays are back!!!

Our L'Shana Tovah Mimosa Sunday is **September 22** and our next one is **October 13**. Stop by for your complimentary mimosa and yummy treats.

Don't forget, we have **gift registries** for B'nai mitzvot, weddings and birthdays. **FREE giftwrapping** included with your purchase!

All proceeds from The Little Shop go to GJC and support a variety of programs for you, your family and our community.

Making a purchase at The Little Shop is an easy way to support our programs and services and perform a mitzvah at the same time.

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