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PA Near Top for White **Supremacist** Propaganda

SOPHIE PANZER AND BEN SALES | JE STAFF AND JTA

THE UNITED STATES SAW the most white supremacist propaganda in a decade in 2020, with thousands of flyers, bumper stickers, banners and other propaganda reported across the country, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

The ADL's report, published March 12, counted 5,125 pieces of propaganda distributed by 30 white supremacist groups across 49 states in 2020. That's almost double the number recorded in 2019.

Shira Goodman, regional director of Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia, said Pennsylvania was among the top eight states for white supremacist propaganda distribution. Incidents increased from 81 in 2019 to 238 in 2020.

Philadelphia and the surrounding region had a dramatic increase, with distribution rising in southern New Jersey and Delaware. Goodman said she has also gotten calls about propaganda in Bryn Mawr and the Lehigh Valley.

"This pattern isn't going away," she said. See Propaganda, Page 12



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▲ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, vote in Jerusalem on March 23.

Israeli Election Results Prompt Uncertain Outlook

WITH THE VOTES COUNTED from the March 23 Israeli election, it appears that neither Benjamin Netanyahu nor his opponents have a clear path to forming a government.

Preliminary exit polls gave the prime minister a good chance of being narrowly

BEN SALES AND JESSE BERNSTEIN | JTA AND JE STAFF reelected. Israeli exit polls, however, are historically unreliable, and this year they did not account for a significant percentage of votes cast.

> But as it stood on March 24, the tally shows a split between Netanyahu's allies and his opponents in Israel's parliament, the 120-seat Knesset. Two parties remain uncommitted to either group. Altogether,

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Miriam Steinberg-Egeth, a local mom and involved member of Philadelphia's Jewish community, is here to help you solve your perplexing questions. Are you wondering what constitutes an appropriate bar/bat mitzvah gift? Are you unsure how to deal with a difficult

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Even the best chefs make things that flop. Food columnist Keri White tells the tale of a cake she recently baked that was an utter disaster despite attempts to rescue it. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for

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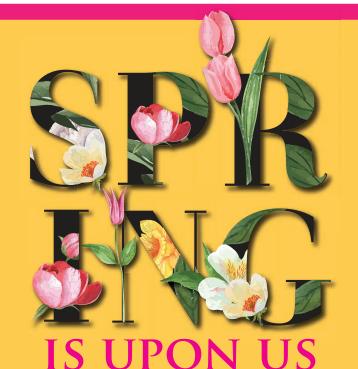
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'The Action Is in Israel,' But Manpower Is Needed

By JANE BIBERMAN JEWISH EXPONENT Staff Writer

"For a Jew, the action is in Israel," says Jay Shapiro, a native Philadelphian who made aliyah in 1969 and has returned to his home town for a two-year stint as director of the Israel Aliyah Center.

"WHEN I RETURN, I'm going to take back as many people as I can," he says. "Israel is a project of the Jewish people. It's the great adventure of the Jewish spirit. And if aliyah doesn't pick up, Israel will be in trouble. It needs not only people, but their skills and expertise

Shapiro, a physicist who teaches at the Technion-Israel Institute of



Dr. Jaffe Shapiro

sylvania Hillel Foundation.

The conference is being sponsored by the Israeli Aliyah Center, the Israel Association of Social Workers and the North American Aliyah Movement, and it is the first of its kind on the East Coast.

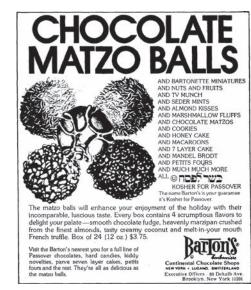
Americans to Israel.

According to Dr. Jaffe, there are 1,900 social workers in Israel and more than 500 positions still open in the field. In two or three years, he speculates, there will be close to 1,000 openings.

"WE'RE NOT replenishing our own supply. Americans would provide instant manpower. We can offer a six-month orientation program and guarantee a position for a social worker who immigrates.

Dr. Jaffe points out some of the problems and considerations for the American social worker in Israel. "A problem is that the farther away from an urban center, the easier it is to find a job. But this is

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Whistleblower Prepares for GOP Senate Run

LOCAL

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

EVERETT STERN, the founder and CEO of a private intelligence agency who came to prominence as a whistleblower, announced his candidacy for Sen. Pat Toomey's soon-to-bevacant seat on Feb. 15.

Stern is running "to make a significant, positive difference, fight corruption and to clean house," he said. "I'm seeing these other people I'm running against, and they're simply disgusting."

Stern, 36, understands that he's an outsider candidate, and that any electoral success for him would be "a stunner." His last campaign for Senate, in 2016, was as a write-in candidate, and ended without making much noise.

will win out again.

"When people hear me and going to hear my sincerity, they're going to hear that I am the real deal," he said.

he took a job with HSBC, a cution agreement. major multinational bank. Stern was added to the bank's ence at HSBC shaped his life recently expanded anti-money laundering program as a compliance officer and was of congressional reports, based in New Castle, Delaware. magazine articles and an

the year-plus that he worked at sion series "Dirty Money." It HSBC was fraud and malfeasance on a massive scale. Stern discovered that suspicious transactions weren't path that he intends to keep being properly investigated walking. Running his intelliand, when he tried to bring gence agency, Tactical Rabbit, it up to his superiors, he was has made Stern a professional discouraged from pursuing whistleblower, by his under-

difficult journeys before. He's money through its American betting that those same forces subsidiary to countries under sanction by the U.S., like Iran, Sudan and North Korea. they hear me speak, they're Eventually, HSBC was required to pay a \$1.92 billion fine and further improve its anti-money laundering practices in Stern was 25 in 2010 when exchange for a deferred prose-

Stern said his experipersonally, professionally and spiritually, and was the subject What Stern found during episode of the Netflix televiwas part of the process of his becoming a "hardened fighter," he said, and set him on a



▲ Everett Stern

Courtesy of Everett Stern for U.S. Senate

When people think 'conservative,' they think Jan. 6. They don't think what I'm talking about. [The U.S.] is really broken. The Republican Party is destroyed right now. And I am here to unify it."

EVERETT STERN

Party is opposed to his candidacy and his insistence on attacking his primary opponents, according to Stern — "they aren't interested in said. His positions on the regulation of financial institutions buck party orthodoxy, and though he voted for Donald Trump in the 2020 election, he supported Hillary Clinton's 2016 candidacy.

The PA GOP did not respond to several requests for comment.

Stern promises to be a relentless campaigner, and is animated by a sense of duty has shepherded him through ists, and to have transferred the violent mob that stormed

were tied to groups like Hamas Senate. and Hezbollah, and began to seeing the sparks fly like this," he pass along information to the understands that the former CIA and FBI, who initiated their own investigations.

company in 2011, those federal agencies were among several that continued to investigate widespread misconduct at HSBC, Rolling Stone reported. According to The New York Times, HSBC was suspected to have laundered money for vative,' they think Jan. 6. They Mexican drug cartels and and belief in God that he said Saudi banks with ties to terror-

The Pennsylvania Republican his findings. According to an standing. He hopes to bring article in Rolling Stone, Stern that same nose for corruption uncovered transactions that and sense of justice to the

> Regarding Trump, Stern president remains a major force in the Republican Party, Though Stern left the but hopes to use conservative values as his "North Star," rather than any single person. Though he believed in the policies of the Trump administration, Stern said, he found the man's behavior "atrocious."

"When people think 'conserdon't think what I'm talking about," Stern said, referring to



▲ HSBC Main Building in Hong Kong. Everett Stern's experience at HSBC shaped his life personally, professionally and spiritually. gionnixxx / iStock / Getty Images Plus

the U.S. Capitol in a failed attempt to overturn President Joe Biden's electoral victory over Trump. The U.S. "is really broken. The Republican Party is destroyed right now. And I am here to unify it."

Stern, the son of a Department of Veterans Affairs doctor and a social worker, was born in New York City jbernstein@jewishexponent.com; and raised in Florida. He is 215-832-0740

a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and earned an MBA from Stetson University. In addition to Tactical Rabbit, Stern also runs Rabbit Alpha, a hedge fund, and Rabbit Capital Management. He lives in West Chester and attends Chabad Lubavitch of Chester County. •

HEADLINES

NEWSBRIEFS

Actor George Segal Dies at 87

GEORGE SEGAL, who wrapped up a lengthy career playing Pops in ABC's long-running Jenkintowncentric comedy "The Goldbergs," died on March 23, JTA reported. He was 87.

Early in his career, Segal fielded questions about why he didn't change his name or fix his nose.

"I didn't change my name because I don't think George Segal is an unwieldy name," Segal told The New York Times in 1971. "It's a Jewish name, but not unwieldy. Nor do I think my nose is unwieldy. I think a nose job is unwieldy. I can always spot 'em. Having a nose job says more about a person than not having one. You always wonder what that person would be like without a nose job."

Segal's noteworthy roles included "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," "The Quiller Memorandum," "The Owl and the Pussycat" and "A Touch of Class."

Boston-Area High School Football Team Used 'Auschwitz' as Play Call

The Duxbury High School football team used "Auschwitz" and other words with Jewish significance to call plays during a March 12 game, prompting the school to apologize and fire its longtime coach, Dave Maimaron, JTA reported.

New England ADL Executive Director Robert Trestan

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said "rabbi" and "dreidel" were among other words used.

Maimaron, who led Duxbury to five state championships, apologized for "insensitive, crass and inappropriate" language.

Duxbury Superintendent John Antonucci said in a letter to the community that an ongoing investigation would look into the role adults played in stoking the comments. He said while the players used poor judgment, "the responsibility for this incident also lies with the adults overseeing the program. In short, this was a systemic failure."

Germany Pays \$13.5M for Holocaust Survivor Vaccines Worldwide

The German government will pay \$13.5 million to get Holocaust survivors to COVID-19 vaccination locations worldwide, JTA reported.

The New York-based Claims Conference will administer the Holocaust Survivor Vaccine Assistance Program through its network of more than 300 agency partners.

The money will cover the costs of organizing vaccination appointments, transporting seniors to and from appointments and coordinating follow-up care and counseling.

"This added support from the German government

will expand our efforts to over 40 countries in which Holocaust survivors live," said Stuart Eizenstat, who led negotiations with the German government on behalf of the Claims Conference.

The Claims Conference estimates there are more than 340,000 Holocaust survivors, of whom 45% are not yet vaccinated.

New Jersey Paper Fires Photographer for Anti-Semitic Slur in Caption

The Asbury Park Press fired reporter Gustavo Martínez Contreras, who submitted an anti-Semitic photo caption with an article that appeared on its website for more than 14 hours, JTA reported.

Executive Editor Paul D'Ambrosio apologized on March 22 "to women, the Lakewood Jewish community, the Asian American community and all our readers." A day later he wrote that the paper first thought its site was hacked, but that the caption went online without a normally mandated review.

The photo of a female Orthodox nurse was originally captioned, "A f***ing hot nurse, a total JAP, loads a syringe with a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine." It accompanied a story about vaccine discrepancies on the Jersey shore. •

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Chef Yehuda Sichel Wins 'Beat Bobby Flay'

LOCAL

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

WHEN FOOD NETWORK invited chef Yehuda Sichel to appear on an episode of "Beat Bobby Flay," the owner of Huda in Center City jumped at the chance.

"I love the idea of competing at cooking," he said.

The show pits two chefs against each other in a first round before one is chosen to compete against celebrity chef Bobby Flay in making their signature dish. Sichel appeared in episode 5, "You Made Your Bread, Now Eat it," of season 27, hosted by chef Michael Voltaggio and TV host Javmee Sire.

Sichel walked into the kitchen ripping apart a challah and ready to represent the food of his ancestors. In his opening

biography, he talked about getting his first restaurant job in a Jewish deli when he was 15, going to culinary school in Israel and becoming the executive chef at Abe Fisher, where he still worked when his episode filmed in late 2019 (he opened his sandwich shop in 2020 and the episode aired March 18 due to pandemic-related delays.)

"Bobby, beating you will be the greatest mitzvah of all," Sichel declared before the cooking started.

In the first round, Sichel faced off against Remy Pettus, owner of Bardo restaurant in Minneapolis. The two chefs were given a secret ingredient, semolina bread, and 20 minutes to make a dish to send them to the next round against Flay.

Pettus made a savory bread pudding with bacon and mascarpone, while Sichel used semolina



Chef Yehuda Sichel outside his restaurant. Huda

Matzah ball soup at Huda Photos by Mike Prince

bread to coat a chicken schnitzel. He made the bread coating on the thicker side to make sure the secret ingredient was highlighted and served it with mustard greens and a tahini sauce made with sesame seeds, lemon juice and harissa paste.

Although he was criticized for the mustard greens making the dish slightly soggy, Voltaggio said it was a "perfect schnitzel." The hosts commended Pettus for finishing a bread pudding in so little time, but they ultimately picked Sichel to go head to head with Flay in round two.

The two chefs were given 45 minutes to make Sichel's signature dish: matzah ball soup. Sichel originally wanted to make latkes, but he said the producers asked him to switch because they thought that recipe would be too simple for a 30-minute episode.

Sichel prepared for the show by testing recipes that could deliver plenty of flavor without bubbling on the stove for hours. By his seventh attempt, which involved roasting the chickens



and concentrating flavors in a With Bobby Flay," when he lost small amount of liquid, he found a version he was happy with.

He also shaved time off preparing the matzah balls by spreading the mixture very thinly over a tray in the freezer rather than letting it chill for half an hour in a bowl in the fridge.

Sichel said he learned how to make the classic comfort food when he was young.

"I learned this from my grandmother, who would sit there before Passover and just ball matzah balls for hours, so there's really no chance Bobby's beating me in this," he said.

Flay confessed he had only made matzah ball soup twice. Once was on "Throwdown to his opponent, and the other was on another episode of "Beat Bobby Flay," which he also lost.

When the three guest judges selected Sichel's soup as the winner in a blind taste test, Flay racked up his third loss on the dish.

Sichel said Flay was nice and "a good sportsman." It seemed strange to him that a celebrity chef he had watched for years on shows like "Iron Chef" acted like the underdog.

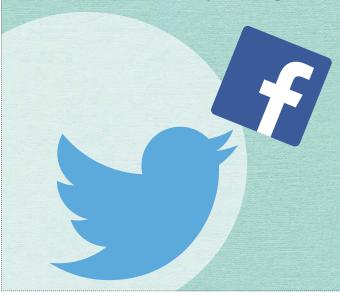
"He was definitely intimidated, which is hilarious," he said.

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Historian: Immigration Policy Excluded Survivors

NATIONAL

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

DAVID NASAW spent most of his life believing the United States government welcomed Jewish refugees from Europe with open arms once the Allies won World War II.

However, as the professor emeritus of history at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York began reading memoirs and interviews with survivors and their early 1950s, years after the war in Europe ended in 1945.

asked himself. "I learned to my dismay, my disgust, my world refused to open their doors, that the survivors spent three to five years in displaced persons camps in Germany, for some in Italy, because nowhere realize they would lose the war, on Earth were they welcome."

experiences of displaced their atrocities from the world. persons in Europe after World War II at a webinar for the Jews were held alongside Center for Jewish History non-Jewish Eastern Europeans in New York on March 24. who would not return to children, he realized that most Atina Grossmann, professor their homes because they had displaced Jews did not come of history in the Faculty of collaborated with the Nazis to the United States until the Humanities and Social and feared retribution. When Sciences at the Cooper Union, President Harry Truman interviewed him about what realized that Jews were being "Where were they for those he learned in his research for forced to live among their four years? What did liberation his book, "The Last Million: former tormentors, Americans mean for the Jewish survi- Europe's Displaced Persons vors of the Shoah?" Nasaw from World War to Cold War."

Nasaw said Allied forces set up displaced persons camps for horror, that the nations of the European refugees, but only a small percentage of residents were Jewish, since most Jewish concentration camp prisoners had been murdered. In 1944, the most part, some in Austria, when Germans began to soldiers sped up killings as they Nasaw spoke about the raced to hide the evidence of

Initially, Nasaw learned,

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▲ David Nasaw discusses the immigration of Jewish refugees with Atina Grossman. Screenshot by Sophie Pa Screenshot by Sophie Panzer

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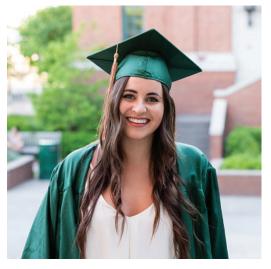
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Zoo Deals with Fallout After Families See Lion Eat Rabbit AFTER FAMILIES WATCHED a lion devour a bunny, the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem said it would clarify its feeding protocols, JTA reported.

Video of the incident was shared on Twitter by Israeli TV journalist Yossi Eli, with the voices of onlooking parents and children heard in the background.

"The Biblical Zoo turned into National Geographic in the middle of the day," tweeted Eli, Jerusalem correspondent for Israeli Channel 13. "The kids at the zoo were astonished to see how a lion devoured rabbits in the middle of the day ... Parents were shocked."

The zoo issued a statement of explanation.

"The lions in the zoo are fed prey that is no longer alive, which the zoo receives from an animal food provider," according to the statement. "Due to sensitivity, the lions receive their food behind the scenes. In this case, the lion dragged its prey into the exhibition area."

EL AI Reports Huge Loss in 2020

Citing the pandemic, El Al reported a net loss of \$531 million in 2020, while revenue fell 70% from 2019 to \$623 million, Globes reported.

El Al reported negative equity of \$257 million, while the amount of cash held declined 70% to less than \$70 million.

A "going concern" qualification is attached to the airline's financial reports by its auditors, who said that the ability of the company, "to meet all its financial obligations depends on events that the company does not have full control over" is uncertain.

The auditors said El Al signed a financing agreement with the state for about \$210 million. The agreement is mostly an advance on buying tickets for the aviation security staff.

Even before the pandemic, El Al was losing money, with accumulated losses of \$112 million in 2018 and 2019.

More than Half of All Israelis Vaccinated

The Israeli Ministry of Health said that more than half of the nation's 9.3 million residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Globes reported.

The ministry said 4.66 million people have received two Pfizer injections, while 5.2 million Israelis in all have received at least one.

"Because of all those who have been vaccinated, the state of Israel is beating COVID-19," Minister of Health Yuli Edelstein said. "What remains now is to strictly adhere to instructions so that COVID won't come back."

Just 470 new cases of COVID-19 were reported on March 24, down sharply from the 1,517 cases a week earlier. There are 6,157 Israeli deaths attributed to COVID-19.

IDF Appoints First Woman Artillery Fire Commander

The Israel Defense Forces Artillery Corps on March 25 appointed Major Chen Hamra to command a unit providing fire support for infantry units, The Jerusalem Post reported. She is the first woman to serve in the position.

Hamra previously served as deputy commander of the 405th Battalion in the 282nd Brigade.

"Chen is an excellent officer with impressive abilities. I'm very happy about the appointment because she deserves it and she's the right woman in the right place," Lt. Col. Elchair Cohen said via Twitter. \bullet

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Nu? Want to Learn Yiddish? There's an App

NATIONAL

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Colorful Yiddish words and phrases have been in America's collective cultural bloodstream throughout generations — and many more might soon follow. Duolingo, the Pittsburgh-based technology company that bills itself as "the most popular way to learn languages online," will release its long anticipated Yiddish course on April 6.

The course, which has been under development at Duolingo for the better part of five years, is ideal for those just learning about the language, Jews fluent in Yiddish who want to brush up on grammar and spelling, as well as people whose ancestors spoke Yiddish and who want to explore a family tradition, said Myra Awodey, a native Pittsburgher working as a senior community manager at Duolingo.

"We, of course, started with the largest languages — English to Spanish, Spanish to English — for the first couple of years," Awodey said. "Over time, we realized not only were people asking about other languages, there were other people reaching out, saying, 'I'm an expert and I want to help."

To illustrate that trend, Awodey pointed to Irish-Gaelic, which Duolingo estimated about 1 million people spoke fluently from the academic world,"

when it launched its Irish-Gaelic course five years ago. In just the first year Duolingo offered Irish-Gaelic, 1 million people signed up for the course.

Awodey stressed, though, that the Yiddish course Duolingo is releasing is merely a beta version; the company constantly invites participants to report errors and provide it with feedback.

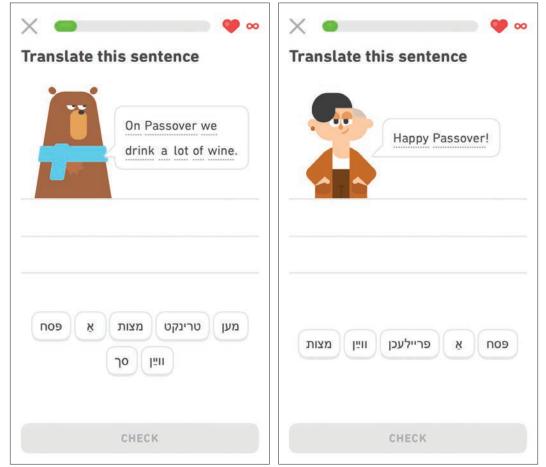
"The courses are never completely finished," Awodey said. "There's always room for improvement."

The Yiddish course was created by contributors representing the three major Yiddish dialects and from a variety of backgrounds - from a civil engineer who grew up speaking Yiddish at home to three Gen Z'ers (those born after 1997) inspired by their heritage to carry on the tradition, according to a Duolingo spokesperson.

Meena Viswanath, the aforementioned civil engineer, grew up in New Jersey in a modern Orthodox family and today lives in Maryland. Her family includes experts versed in Viswanath said. "We don't live and Ukraine, which often is a various aspects of Yiddish. Her in communities where Yiddish grandfather teaches the subject is the vernacular. It's a conscious Litvaks and Galitsyaners. The at Columbia University, her decision we make." aunt is an editor at the Yiddish version of The Forward, and her dialects of Yiddish, according to mother published a Yiddish-to-English dictionary. Viswanath's Yiddish, which was spoken in brother even translated some of Lithuania, Belarus and Latvia; the "Harry Potter" series into Galitsvaner, or central Yiddish, the language, she said.

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There are three main Viswanath: Litvaks, or northern spoken in Poland and parts of "We come from the secular, Hungary; and southeastern Yiddish, spoken in Romania

"compromise" dialect between southeastern Yiddish is the form of the language most often depicted in the Yiddish theater and in Yiddish films, family's dialect," Viswanath Viswanath said.

Duolingo chose to teach Galitsyaner, or central Yiddish, as it is the most commonly spoken dialect of the language, Jews, Viswanath said.

Parts of the Jewish world already are responding positively to news of the Yiddish course.

"[Duolingo's] Yiddish program has been trending on the Jewish/Chasidic Twitter," Viswanath said.

The Yiddish program, like Duolingo's popular Hebrew course, will help bilingual or trilingual speakers who code-switch between languages when they stumble on a word predominantly known by an Screenshots by Toby Tabachnick

English name. To that end, Viswanath points to Israeli pronunciation of "sandvich" for sandwich or Russian fill-in words like "mobilka" for mobile phone.

"People are very loyal to their said. "There is definitely pride in the Yiddish community. I'm looking forward to see how this happens.'

Duolingo launched its especially among Chasidic Hebrew course in 2016. To date, about 900,000 have registered to learn that language, which Awodey said is a good estimate for what the company expects of its Yiddish program.

> Duolingo, which launched in Pittsburgh in November 2011, offers 100 courses across nearly 40 distinct languages.

> "We want to ensure that anyone who wants to learn these languages, can," Awodey said. •

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created separate camps for and Adolf Hitler. them.

Only about 50,000 Jews Displaced Persons Act, which lived in these centers, but that changed in 1946, when approximately 200,000 Polish Jews who had survived by fleeing to the Soviet Union returned to their hometowns, seeking loved ones left behind. Grossman added that the experiences of these Jews, who were often put to hard labor in Central Asia, are frequently left out of Holocaust studies.

In 1948, Congress passed the stipulated that any person who entered a displaced persons camp after 1945 was ineligible for a visa. This, Nasaw said, excluded Jewish survivors while making it easier for Nazis and collaborators to enter the United States. Truman knew the act was discriminatory, but his party didn't have the votes to change it.

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who returned to Poland found that their property had been confiscated and violent anti-Semitism had worsened due to Nazi propaganda and wartime resentment.

"This is the tragic irony: The only secure place for the Polish Jews who had survived the war and come back to Poland persons camps, sometimes behind barbed wire, guarded by the American military," he said.

In the U.S., legislators resisted letting Jewish refugees into the country. Nasaw said immigration opponents, who knew most of the Jews who survived had lived in the Soviet Union, claimed they were Bolshevik communists who represented a threat to Western civilization, echoing anti-Semitic rhetoric from the Vatican 215-832-0729

Nasaw said Polish Jews 250,000 Jews in displaced persons camps, only 55,000 were able to immigrate to the United States. Many were only able to gain entrance by changing their identification documents and lying on their visa applications to hide the time they spent in the Soviet Union.

An audience member asked was in Germany, in displaced Nasaw how the stories of Jewish refugees could be used to help displaced persons today. He said building an immigration policy based on facts, not stereotypes, is key.

> "America needs to be, should be, a place of refuge for those who need refuge, for the innocent refugees and displaced persons who have no place else to go, and can't return," he said. •

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Propaganda

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The rise in propaganda may be attributable to the presidential campaign and election, according to the ADL. In the months leading to the vote, government officials and groups including the ADL warned repeatedly of extremist activity surrounding the election.

Those warnings came to bear with the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, which led to five deaths. That event, and the white supremacist groups and symbols present there, was not included in the 2020 tally as it took place in 2021.

But while the "charged political climate" may have been conducive to propaganda, propaganda did not significantly increase as the election neared, and much of the content of the propaganda was unchanged from previous years and did not reference the vote or cities and towns."

COVID-19, said Jessica Reaves, ADL's Center on Extremism.

"We can't know for sure what moves the needle when campuses, to 303 last year from comes to propaganda 630 incidents in 2019. it numbers," she said.

Goodman said fear and anxiety typically coincide with a rise in hate and scapegoating.

"We have the pandemic, we have economic anxiety, we have the political anxiety of the election, and all of those kind of exacerbate underlying tensions and biases and hate," she said.

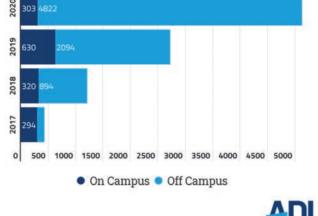
Reaves said the pandemic had a mixed effect on white supremacist propaganda efforts. COVID-19, she said, "may have slowed distribution on college campuses, while it's possible lockdowns provided sible for 508 incidents in white supremacists with more 2020, representing 10% of cover and anonymity to post in the national total. Some

Despite the overall increase the editorial director of the in white supremacist propaganda, the ADL found that it dropped by more than half on

The report found that the two groups most active in the Greater Philadelphia area are Patriot Front and the New Jersey European Heritage Association. The former is a Texas-based white supremacist group that plays on traditional patriotic language and graphics with red, white and blue images and slogans like "Reclaim America." Patriot Front was responsible for 80% of nationwide propaganda distribution incidents in 2020.

The latter was responof its materials referenced Incidents in the U.S. 103

White Supremacist Propaganda



▲ Chart showing increase in white supremacist propaganda distribution Courtesy of the Anti-Defamation League



Anti-Semitic propaganda created by the New Jersey European Courtesy of the Anti-Defamation League Heritage Association

incidents involve members of white supremacist groups placing propaganda, taking a picture of it and posting the image on social media to brag.

"It kind of is a nexus between they use to recruit and to talk about what they're doing and to get people more engaged," she said. "But they're very low-risk activities, because it's generally going to be a protected activity, unless you cross the line into harassment or vandalism or trespass."

Goodman said ADL responds to these incidents by working with local groups like Jewish Federations, houses of worship, or flyer sightings. Many of the LGBTQ centers and interfaith 215-832-0729

alliances to create statements and strategies to counter hate, including virtual town halls to inform people how to look out for violence.

The goal is to make sure online and offline activity that people from marginalized groups who encounter this propaganda know they are supported by their communities.

"It sends the message that this is not what our community stands for, this flyer does not represent the feelings of people in the community and we're going to try and drown out those hateful messages with better speech," she said. •

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racial justice protests and the pandemic as well as conspiracy theories about Jews. "Antifa is a Jewish communist militia," "Black Crimes Matter" and "Stop Corona Virus, Deport All Illegal Aliens, Close the Borders, Stop Immigration Now," were among the slogans members distributed.

Other propaganda from NIEHA reads, "Small HATS BIG problems" alongside the image of a kippah and "America is under occupation," with an image of the Star of David.

Together, these organizations accounted for 99% of the activity in Philadelphia and southern New Jersey.

Goodman said propaganda distribution incidents are tracked as clusters of activity rather than individual sticker

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Election

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13 parties are projected to make it into Knesset. Each party's share of the parliament could change slightly after absentee ballots are counted.

To lead Israel's government, a candidate must assemble a majority coalition of at least 61 lawmakers, which is generally made up of several parties. Should no candidate be able to assemble a coalition, which occurred twice in 2019, Israel holds a repeat election. The results don't point to any obvious majority coalition.

Several local scholars said that the likelihood of another election in the near future remains high.

"I would not rule that out at all," said Michal Raucher, a professor in the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University.

of history and Jewish studies at last year before joining him in Penn State University, believes itself again with the next four to eight. to five months.

"There is a very good chance that there will be a fifth election," said Asaf Romirowsky, executive director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East and a fellow at the Philadelphiabased Middle East Forum.

Netanyahu's Likud is expected to be the largest an Islamist party that had party, with around 30 seats smaller than its current size of 36. Raucher explained that the comparatively smaller number of right-wing parties that took part in the most recent election could make it easier for Netanyahu to form parties both grew. Labor, the a coalition this time around, though nothing is guaranteed. The process of building a coalition is like entering a "bazaar in Tehran," in Romirowsky's words, and the haggling over concessions and policy prefer- to five. ences is about to begin.



Lior B. Sternfeld, a professor of history and Jewish studies at Penn State University Photo by Michael T. Davis

Netanyahu, with 17 seats, also slightly smaller than its current 19 seats.

Lior B. Sternfeld, a professor that nearly beat Netanyahu disappointing results.

party made up of multiple Netanyahu deputy, is projected from 15 seats to six, because largely ideologically aligned one party broke away this year. with Netanyahu but has had Sternfeld sees this as Arab a series of disputes with him voters voicing their displeasure and has not committed to with the break-up.

Raam, the breakaway, is his leadership. Netanyahu or his opponents. It is projected to win as many had predicted that it would fall short.

shrunken party of Israel's founders, was projected to win seven seats, a large jump from leader generally gets to try. its current two. The left-wing Meretz was also projected to grow slightly from four seats

"Meirav Michaeli's bold quite some time. • The next-largest party is and outspoken opposition projected to be the centrist to Netanyahu and the right jbernstein@jewishexponent.com; Yesh Atid, an opponent of wing parties indicates that her 215-832-0740

message is being received by more Israelis this time around," Raucher said, referring to the Labor leader.

Romirowsky, on the other hand, was more skeptical about the prospects of the left in Israel.

"They don't amount to, really, any counterweight to Netanyahu and [Leader of the Opposition Yair] Lapid," he said.

On the far right, Religious Zionism, a party that includes anti-LGBT politicians and extremist settlers, was set to win six seats. Shas, the Sephardi haredi Orthodox party, was projected to win nine seats, while the Ashkenazi haredi party, United Torah Judaism, was set to win seven.

Two men who had hoped Blue and White, the party to become prime minister saw

Gideon Saar, a former an ill-fated unity government, member of Likud who broke that the Knesset will dissolve is set to drop from 12 seats away to challenge Netanyahu, is set to win only six seats. The Joint List, an Arab-Israeli And Naftali Bennett, a former factions, is also expected to fall to win seven seats. Bennett is joining a government under

Following the publication discussed allying with either of the final results, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin will ask each party to recommend as five seats after exit polls either Netanyahu or one of his opponents to form the next Israeli government. Whoever Israel's two Jewish left-wing gets the most recommendations then gets several weeks to assemble a majority coalition. If they cannot, another party

> So the shape of the next Israeli government, and the identity of the person who leads it, may be unclear for



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LGBTQ People Lack Full Legal Protections in Every State. Jews Need to Be Part of the Solution



BY STACY SCHUSTERMAN

IN THE 1980s, Dennis Neill, an employee of our family business, came out as gay to my late father, Charles Schusterman. Coming out in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the height of the AIDS crisis was a risky thing to do, and it could have cost Neill his iob. But my father embraced Neill and assured him that his job was safe.

At the time, there was no law in Oklahoma to prevent Neill from being fired or discriminated against simply for being gay. My father provided that protection on his own. Nearly 20 years later, Neill's story and many others like it inspired me to ensure that our company extended full benefits to LGBTQ+ people, even though no federal law and very few such benefits.

able achievements for LGBTQ rights, such as legalizing same-sex marriage, the federal fair and equal treatment of LGBTQ people.

That could change soon as the U.S. Senate prepares to vote on the Equality Act. If signed into law, the Equality Act would prohibit employers in all 50 states from discriminating against employees on the basis of sexual orienwould also protect LGBTQ people from discrimination in housing, education, government services and public spaces.

thropist and American Jew who bill like the Equality Act. Yet strives to honor the dignity of LGBTQ people continue to all people and to work toward a lack full legal protections in more just and inclusive society, every state. I believe this is a critical

federal level. Despite measur- turn, helped to strengthen as transgender. communities civically, socially and even economically.

Today, I call on all American government has never passed Jews to join with Keshet to comprehensive legislation for support the Equality Act so that all people in the U.S. — regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity — can live with dignity. Reach out to your senators to tell them to vote for the legislation. Encourage your family and networks to do the same. And urge Jewish organizations you are a part of to join Keshet's coalition of partners. tation and gender identity. It We need all American Jews to take action.

Numerous polls indicate that roughly 80% of Americans - including a majority of Democrats, Republicans and As a business owner, philan- Independents — support a

The impact on people's moment for our community to lives has been disastrous. human dignity for LGBTQ mobilize in support of LGBTQ For example, in Missouri, a Americans in all 50 states rights. Beginning under the lesbian couple was denied an now more than ever before. leadership of my mother, Lynn, apartment in a senior living our family's philanthropy has community because their Jewish community organizes proudly supported efforts to marriage is "not understood advance LGBTQ equality for in the Bible." And in my home more than two decades. We state of Oklahoma, a professor have seen how investments in at Southeastern Oklahoma state laws mandated we provide LGBTQ rights — in the U.S., State University was denied Israel and in our home state tenure and not permitted to Even today, no such laws of Oklahoma — have led to reapply to teach the following mobilized the largest Jewish exist in many states or at the significant progress and, in school year after she came out campaign in history to protect Family Philanthropies.

The safety and dignity of LGBTQ workers should not depend on the generosity of individual employers. Similarly, housing security for LGBTQ tenants should not be subject to the whim of a landlord. Passing the Equality Act would ensure that LGBTQ Americans nationwide including many members of our own Jewish community - would not be denied opportunities simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Historically, many faith groups have fueled discrimination against LGBTQ people in the name of religion. I fear that conservative religious voices will continue to grow louder in the coming weeks. That is why Jewish communities must uphold the ethical mandates of our tradition by advocating for justice, equality and basic

We know that when the for LGBTQ rights, we make a critical difference. For example, in 2018, when anti-trans groups sought to legalize discrimination against transgender people in Massachusetts, Keshet

transgender rights — and their work paid off. Seventy percent of Jewish community organizations in Massachusetts, including 100 synagogues, joined Keshet's campaign. Thanks to the work of a broad coalition of partners, including Keshet, voters resoundingly defeated the effort to rescind legal protections for trans people in Massachusetts.

When I think back to the 1980s, I'm proud that my father embraced and supported Neill. And under my mother's leadership, Neill went on to become a leader in our family's philanthropic efforts to advance LGBTO rights in Tulsa. But it is unconscionable that nearly 40 years later, people still cannot rely on the law to protect them. No one should have to live in fear that they will be fired from a job or denied an apartment simply for living their lives.

Passing the Equality Act would be a major step toward building an American society rooted in justice and dignity for everyone. I urge all American Jews to join Keshet's campaign to help pass the Equality Act. Together, let's build an inclusive future that reflects our Jewish values and benefits us all. •

Stacy Schusterman is chair of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman

NMAJH Set to Rebound in 2021



BY MISHA GALPERIN

been greatly exaggerated ..." — Mark Twain

ON MARCH 3, 2020 — just over a year ago — I wrote a piece for this very publication entitled "Is American Jewish Independence Hall and the History Worth Telling?"

of American Jewish History liberty throughout all the had just filed for Chapter 11 land").

"The reports of my death have bankruptcy protection. The goal was to reduce the unsustainable burden of debt the institution had been carrying since the 2010 opening of its magnificent new building on Independence Mall in Philadelphia overlooking Liberty Bell (with its inscrip-The National Museum tion from Leviticus, "Proclaim

to take this step was carefully evaluated. The decision was a more perfect Union" here in motivated by the trustees' and professional leaderto continue and renew the museum's mission of telling the inspiring stories of how people in ways that weren't possible anywhere else in the

The board's tough decision world, and how American Jews contributed to "building the U.S.

We were prepared to work ship's resolute commitment through the bankruptcy process, building on the momentum of our recent successes: a hit special exhibi-America benefited the Jewish tion, "Notorious RBG: The Life

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Asian Americans Carry Generational Trauma. We Need to Talk About It



BY JENNY WONG

MANY IN THE Northern California community may know me as Berkeley's elected city auditor. In that role, I project an image of professionalism, competence and the confidence that comes with decades of experience and an advanced education. But the in Atlanta, six of whom were Asian-American women -Americans in the Bay Area hit me especially hard.

They brought flowing back memories of a lifetime of discrimination because of my race and class, experiences I only started talking about when I ran for office nearly three years ago.

year of growing discrimination and violence directed at by a disgruntled customer, life my parents dreamed for Asian Americans, spurred in large part by former President Trump and his supporters branding COVID-19 the mates making fun of the shape "China virus." Hate crimes against Asian Americans have increased nearly 150% in the past year and are significantly underreported. Many who have been silent for so long in the face of years of discrimination are summoning the insults. courage to speak up.

victims, my parents were working-class immigrants who

When I saw the pictures of family. Except for the one time the women and pictures of the in elementary school when I children who lost their mother, slapped a girl who would not I thought, "Those women stop picking on my younger could have been my mother sister, I kept my head down. If and those children could have only I worked hard and did not been me."

I came to the United States at age 6 with my family. We did not have much, and my parents were able to work managing a low-end motel — the kind that rents by the hour as well as did. I graduated from college, the day — thanks to a relative obtained a graduate degree who was already in the United together the money to buy

and embarked on a career States. My childhood involved as an auditor at the federal living in, cleaning and helping Government Accountability manage a series of motels until Office. While I still continued my parents were able to scrape to face discrimination from time to time — such as when I one that provided us a more went to Los Alamos to conduct

recent murder of eight people I have clear memories of these early years. I remember my dad being thrown "like a following attacks on Asian chicken," according to my mom, through a window by a disgruntled customer, breaking several bones.

permanent home.

these early years. I remember but not my white colleague's, The Atlanta murders cap a a chicken," according to my improved. mom, through a window breaking several bones. I remember weekly comments by elementary school classof my eyes, admonitions to about the "smelly" Chinese to time, never went away. food my mom sent me for lunch. In junior high and high and discrimination is not school, the comments lessened, but I still faced monthly racial

Through these experiences, Like many of the Atlanta I rarely fought back or spoke up. We were immigrants, without proper papers for a time. I lived toiled at a small business for in fear that something would a better life for their children. happen to my parents or our

an audit and the officials I have clear memories of demanded to see my passport, my dad being thrown "like to prove I was a citizen - life

cause any trouble, things would

get better. That was what I was

taught by my parents and the

Asian immigrant community,

And in many ways they

and so that is what I thought.

I was able to establish the me. I married, have two high school-age kids and do not face the economic challenges my parents did. But the memories of the discrimination I faced, "go back to China" and taunts and continue to face from time

My experience with racism unique. In fact, it is quite common, yet seldom talked about. Many Asian Americans carry a lifetime of memories, or even generations of trauma, yet our stories are seldom centered. Living in a culture that does

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Bartos' Pride Misplaced

WHY IS JEFF BARTOS ("Jeff Bartos Announces Bid for US Senate," March 18) still proud to say that he voted for Donald Trump, an inveterate liar who was impeached twice, reinforced divisions among our people, refused to accept the results of an election that was proven numerous times to be legitimate and used repeated lies to foster an insurrection on our Capitol?

The first time, perhaps, we could excuse a voter for making a mistake. But, twice, after so much had been revealed about this misguided and soulless person? Other than Israel, Trump has treated our allies with disrespect and our countries of concern with undeserved generosity and praise. Surely Bartos knows that there is more to being a good Jew and a good American than supporting the settlements in Israel and moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.

Quite honestly, I felt ill when I read this article. I couldn't sleep. So, I ask Bartos to reconsider his loyalty to Trump. If he truly wants to help our country fulfill its potential and unite all Americans, he will distance himself from Trump and all of his enablers. This is the time for men and women of integrity, honesty and a genuine understanding and appreciation of who we are to help lead America out of the expanded wilderness that Trump created.

Alexis Gerard Finger | Bala Cynwyd

Co-author's Anti-Semitism Should Have Been Acknowledged

Jesse Bernstein's review of the book "Except for Palestine: The Limits of Progressive Politics" ("Reviews: Failed Case, Compelling Treasure Hunt," March 18) neglects to mention the most crucial fact: Marc Lamont Hill, one of the co-authors, was fired by CNN for his anti-Israel comments before the U.N., and was also condemned by Temple University, whose trustees said that Hill's comments are "widely perceived as language that threatens the existence of the state of Israel" that "has been used by anti-Israel terror groups."

Furthermore, the trustees said that Hill's words were criticized as "virulent anti-Semitism" and "hate speech." Surely Bernstein should have mentioned that, in addition to being "muddled and confusing," the cogent fact about the book is that Hill, one of the authors, has reiterated his genocidal call for an end to Israel as the Jewish state a recent interview. The Exponent owes its readers book reviews that provide such critical background to prospective readers. •

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Dinner with a Nod to Korea

FOOD

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I AM A HUGE FAN of Korean food — I love the soy, the sesame, the pungently spice gochujang with a hint of sweetness, the kimchi.

Korean-style recipes while scrolling through social media; later, I couldn't begin to find them again if my life were hanging in the balance, but I remembered the basic ingredients and procedures, and was CILANTRO-SCALLIONable to use these ideas as inspiration for a delicious and pretty Serves 2 simple dinner.

I used sockeye salmon because I had a slab in my freezer; it is a leaner fish than other salmon varietals and therefore must be cooked "low and slow" until it is just barely

done. A bit rare in the middle is recommended, but if you can't stomach that this method will keep the fish from drying out even if you take it nearer to well done (gasp!).

And you can use more or I stumbled across some less any fish for this recipe cod, snapper, bass, fluke, etc. even something delicate like flounder — just be sure to adjust the time in the oven so you don't overcook it.

GINGER SALMON

- 1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 1 knob ginger, about 1 inch, grated
- 1 handful cilantro, rinsed



Korean dinner Photo by Keri White

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	chopped	
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- 2 salmon filets, about ³/₄ pound total 1/2 lemon
- Salt and pepper

Heat your oven to 275

degrees F. In an ovenproof skillet, heat the oil and sauté the scallions, ginger and cilantro until cooked, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, spritz the salmon heat the oil and garlic over with lemon juice and sprinkle it with salt and pepper.

Push the scallion mixture to the perimeter of the pan and place the salmon filets, skin side down, into the center of the skillet. Spoon the scallion mixture along with any liquid that it has released over the salmon to coat, or insulate the fish (this is what keeps it from drying out). Bake the fish for about 25-30 minutes until done.

GARLIC-FRIED RICE Serves 2

I used basmati for this, which is not traditional for Korean cuisine, but that's what I had in the pantry and it worked iust fine.

My recollection of the SESAME-SOY SPINACH recipe, and indeed with all SALAD cooking instructions for fried rice recipes, is to use leftover rice that has had the chance We served this dish cold as a desired. •

and dry out. Some recipes go so far as to suggest ordering extra rice when you do takeout so you have the proper rice on hand and the optimal time to allow it to sit overnight.

Realizing that, and deciding to make this dish sometime around 2 p.m., I cooked the rice and let it sit out in a shallow bowl, uncovered, for a few hours to enable the moisture to escape. The rice came out really well, but I have a hard time believing that anything sautéed in garlic-infused oil and topped with crispy garlic would be anything less than intoxicating, so my advice to you, even if you are starting this late in the day, is to go for it.

- 2 cups cooked rice 3 tablespoons canola oil 8 cloves garlic, crushed Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 scallion, sliced, for serving

In a large, nonstick skillet, medium. Stir frequently, until the garlic begins to crisp and brown. Watch it carefully; you want it toasted and golden, not burnt. Remove the garlic from the oil and drain it on paper towels. Set it aside.

Pour the rice into the skillet with the oil and press it down, almost like a pancake. Allow it to sizzle and cook and, after a few minutes, scrape it up and turn the rice over, pressing the rice down again. Repeat this process several times until all of the rice seems well coated and slightly fried. This will take about 10 minutes. When done, sprinkle the toasted garlic over the top of the rice, stir to distribute and top with scallions.

Serves 2

to sit in the fridge overnight salad, but as we ate it, we both thought it would have been better hot.

Full disclosure: We had this as a side dish on a rather chilly night, and we probably assessed it based on external factors, but as the weather warms and we crave lighter, cooling fare, a cold version of this might be just the thing. And, if not, you can limit the time the greens spend in the ice bath so they stay closer to room temperature, or pop the dish in the microwave before vou serve it.

One other note on the spinach: This could be made with just about any green — bok choy, kale, collards, escarole, pea leaves, et cetera. Just be sure to vary the cooking time so the greens cook through. Kale and collards will take about 10 minutes in the water, while bok choy will only need about 2, and pea leaves just a quick dip.

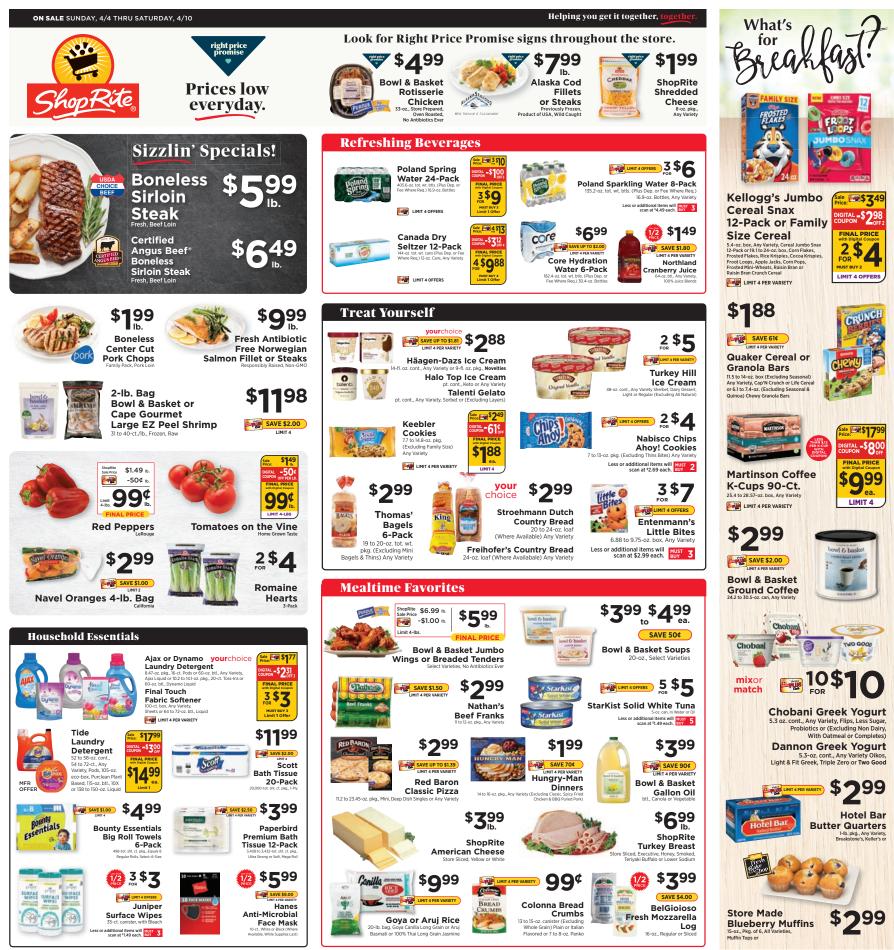
- large bunch spinach 1
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Dump the spinach into the boiling water and cook it for about 1 minute until bright green and just done. Drain the spinach and immerse it in an ice water bath immediately.

After the spinach cools slightly, about 1 minute, pour it into a colander and press out the excess water. While the spinach continues to drain, mix the soy, sesame oil and garlic in the bottom of a medium-sized bowl.

Remove the spinach from the colander, coarsely chop it, place it in the bowl with the dressing, and toss. Sprinkle it with sesame seeds.

Serve chilled, at room temperature or reheated as



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Philly Faces: Michal Furman

PHILLY FACES

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MICHAL FURMAN, 26, is fairly certain that she is the first Israeli-American officer in Philadelphia Police Department history. It's a position that she takes quite seriously.

"I love Philadelphia," said Furman, the daughter of prominent refuseniks Marina and Lev Furman. "It's such a great city. No better way to love a city than to serve and protect its people."

Furman, a Ra'anana-born graduate of Temple University, intended to enter the music business, going so far as to take classes at the online extension school of the Berklee College of Music.

"But in the back of my mind," she said, "I always kind of knew that I wanted a job that was

physical and ever-changing."

up, say, on a bicycle patrol in joined the force? Kensington, as Furman is now.

Furman spoke about becoming a police officer during the pandemic, anti-Semitism and Kensington.

What was the single most decisive factor in your becoming a police officer?

Well, when I studied music business, there was just something that wasn't fulfilling about it to me. If I feel like I'm not doing something that's helping someone, it kind of feels like, 'What's the point?' So I wanted to do something where I knew I'm going out there, and every day, I'm going to be helping people. And that's when I decided that being a police officer was the right thing for me.

What's been the most That's how one might end surprising thing since you

> I'm going to be honest: I joined the academy in May, when all the protests and everything was going on. And sometimes it kind of feels like people don't have your back. But going to Kensington and talking with the members of the community, they really do feel grateful to have you there. And they're just thankful that you're there and helping them.

What was it like to train to become a police officer during the pandemic?

It's funny, because throughout the whole academy, they kept telling us, 'This is new for us, and we're trying to figure out as it goes.' And it's tricky because a lot of the training — for example, defensive tactics - you have no choice but to be close to your partner. And there's only so much social distancing that you could do, but it's training that we need to have to be able to graduate. So the academy was I've encountered that I don't extremely careful. Instead of think I would have seen. Just being in regular classrooms, they put us downstairs in the gym with people who are just How do you think about your and in the auditorium, and they struggling, they're out on the had our chairs six feet apart. We streets. They don't always have

▲ Michal Furman, here with her nephew Zev Stanger, is the daughter of two prominent refuseniks, Lev and Marina Furman. Courtesy of Michal Furman

wore masks at all times, unless we were running or had PT.

In the couple months now that you've been an active-duty police officer, is there anything you've encountered that you don't think you would have ever come across, if not have for having become a police officer?

There's definitely a lot that constantly, day-to-day, you're

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anywhere to go. And I'm going to be honest, it's pretty sad, but you do what you can to help them and you just try to be there for them. You have the opioid epidemic in Kensington, but at its root, Kensington is still a community; there's still families that live there. There's still kids that live there. And they have to see that every day as well. And that definitely breaks my heart a little bit.

relationship to the police force as an Israeli-American?

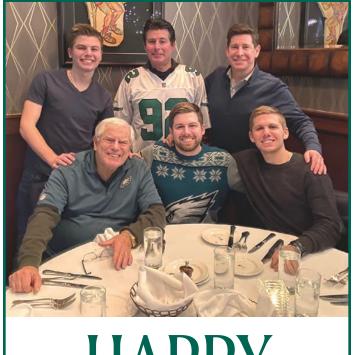
It's important as an Israeli-American, and a Jew as well, because when you see the people who are there, serving and protecting you, you want to see yourself in them. For the Jewish community in Philadelphia, it's important for them to see that there's someone that they can relate to, and that they feel, 'Oh, they understand how we feel.' Especially with the rise of anti-Semitism that's currently going on, it's extremely important for there to be more Jewish police officers. And so much of the Jewish values that I've grown up with are things that I instill in my everyday life and in work, like tikkun olam.

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BY RABBI SHAWN ZEVIT

Pesach

THE PESACH SEDER remains the most observed Jewish festival home gathering to this day.

Whether you observe one or two sedarim, the beginning of Pesach comes in with its millennia of observed and ever-evolving rituals, retelling of our story, reflection on what is means to be ever-leaving and arriving, to be enslaved and at the same time grateful for and vigilant about our freedoms, to be strangers and simultaneously at home.

The end of Pesach often gets overlooked or becomes a countdown to the "finishing the matzah collections on the shelf."

However, there are meaningful spiritual practices around Pesach, holding an that can help bring the values and experiences of the seder into the week and weeks that follow.

The seventh night of Passover in some Jewish mystical and Chasidic circles, using the math of the ancient rabbis, became a time to re-enact the Crossing the Sea. This led to an early Chasidic custom of holding a "mirror seder" on the last day of Pesach. There was an early Chasidic custom of the rebbe giving over Pesach wisdom, of gathering around the table or in a circle and everyone rotating one chair to share their Passover wisdom Labor Council seder, multifaith from the "rebbe's chair."

I experienced this through After the seder(s), we move Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's updated egalitarian practice of this ritual, and then later thanks to Philadelphia's own Simcha Raphael and Rabbi Geela Rayzel Raphael, who developed a narrative and song-filled "Seventh Night Seder."

As Raphael writes in the from Passover to Shavuot. This introduction to the Seventh period of 49 days is known

Night Seder Haggadah: "In as the Counting of the Omer. traits are not just designed to lives. Enslavement is a habit looking at Torah and Midrash, An omer is a unit of measure through the lens of mythic for grain.

understanding, it is possible to

the deeper patterns of spiri-

hayav adam lirot et atzmo k'ilu

who yatzah mi-Mitzraim — "it

to see one's self as if they

themselves had left Egypt."

This notion suggests that each

time we retell the story of

the Exodus, and (hence) the

subsequent Crossing of the

Red Sea, we are invited to find

personal, contemporary spiri-

tual connection and meaning

additional seder for inter-

faith and social justice causes

has emerged with their own

haggadot, such as the HIAS

Immigration Seder and R.

Arthur Waskow and Rabbi

Berman's newly

Today, either during or

for our own lives."

Phvllis

of reeds.

and the exodus itself.

On the second day of discover in the ancient stories Passover, in the days of the a model, a paradigm, for seeing Temple, an omer of barley was cut down and brought to the tual evolution unfold in our Temple as an offering. This own lives. The idea of mythic grain offering was referred to re-enactment of an ancient tale as the omer. Every night, from is fully consonant with what the second night of Passover to the night before Shavuot, we learn at the Passover seder: we recite a blessing and state the count of the omer in both is incumbent upon each person weeks and davs.

The counting is intended to remind us of the link between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which came to commemorate the giving of the Torah. It reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah (a later interpretation of the meaning of Shavuot).

Over these seven weeks, daily reflection, work on one's middot (characteristics) and potential inner and relational growth from this work on self was one way to pray for and invite the possibility of affecting one's life and potenreleased "Liberating Your tial – nurturing and growing from Egypt teaches us how to

and expressed in our everyday actions and relationships.

The ongoing nature of the global pandemic, the continuum of difficulty or ease in getting vaccinations, and the challenges and possibilities of our gradual and safe reopening and regathering in person in Jewish settings is shedding a light on the lessons we have learned and how we have or have not grown as human beings and as a great community in the difficult year we have been through.

The reality is we are all slaves to something — to work, or a relationship, to fear, or food, to a lack of discipline, or too much discipline, to resources and even the privileges many of us have benefited from in American society at others' exclusion and expense. The word Mitzrayim ("Egypt" in Hebrew) means limitations and boundaries and represents all forms of constraints that Board of Rabbis. inhibit our true free expression.

Our people's redemption Seder" compendium, which the fruit of our souls. These achieve inner freedom in our

be "out there" in the esoteric that needs to be broken and world, but to be integrated transformed over an extended period.

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I pray for all of us that as we conclude the week of Pesach and move toward the first fruits and revelations of Shavuot, we find the faith and courage to walk into the unknown ahead of us and work not to return to the way things were, rather forge together the "olam hesed yibaneh"- the compassionate, just and equitable world to come.

Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit is the rabbi at Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia, co-founder/director of the Davennen Leader's Training Institute, associate director of the ALEPH Hashpa'ah program and cochair of the clergy caucus of POWER Interfaith PA. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the







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New Exhibit Opens at the Temple Judea Museum A NEW HOLOCAUST-CENTERED exhibit entitled "Journey into Darkness ... Heal with the Beauty of Life" debuted March 19 at the Temple Judea Museum within Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park.

The exhibit, which is on display through June 30, marks the museum's first collaboration with the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, or HAMEC.



A Harry Somer print

Frank Root sculptural relief Courtesy of the Temple Judea Museum



The exhibit includes objects from Temple Judea's Holocaust and Acts of Oppression and Resistance collections, as well as paintings from Harry Somers and sculptural reliefs by Frank Root provided by HAMEC.

The guest curator is Lisa Marlowe, a teacher at Elkins Park Middle School who won the History Channel's first Teacher of the Year award in 2006.

"The idea for this exhibition came to me from the

impact I witnessed among my students when they Gola are Drexel University alumni who spent time saw Frank's work and heard Harry's story," Marlowe said. "I wanted the community beyond our school to experience the same power of art as a component of Holocaust education."

appointment and masks must be worn. Call 215-887-8700 to make a reservation.

CPA Firm Founder Howard Asher Dies at 87

Howard Burman Asher, who co-founded CPA firm Asher & Asher in 1957, died March 19 at his home in Center City. He was 87.

Asher & Asher grew to employ 100 people and become the largest CPA firm in Philadelphia. It later merged with BDO USA.

Asher served on many professional committees with the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants and chaired Philadelphia's Tax Review Board during both the Green and Rendell administrations.

Asher was a fourth-generation member of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, where he served in many capacities. He was a trustee and volunteer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia for more than 60 years.

Scientific Researcher Beatrice Novack Engelsberg Dies at 95

Beatrice Novack Engelsberg, who spent 50 years as a scientific researcher, died March 8 at her Center City home, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. She was 95.

In the 1960s and 1970s at the University of Pennsylvania, she studied enzymes known as documentary explores the lost world of shtetls in the cytochrome P450 that are vital in metabolizing medication. She conducted lab experiments and edited conclusions for publication.

At various times during her career, she worked at Penn, Hahnemann Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Rutgers University.

She was a member of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Philadelphia and often discussed the importance of Jewish culture in American life. Causes she supported included Doctors Without Borders and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

GoPuff Raises \$1.1B for Expansion

Philadelphia-based beer and snacks delivery service GoPuff - whose founders Rafael Ilishayev and Yakir

at Drexel's Chabad — announced that the company raised \$1.1 billion more to expand its deliveries, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

The lead investor is D1 Capital Partners, a \$20 The exhibition may be visited in person by prior billion New York-based hedge fund run by University of Pennsylvania graduate Daniel Sundheim. The investment doubled its previous money-raising efforts.

> GoPuff will add to its 250 local warehouses as well as its 161 BevMo!-brand beer stores, while hiring more engineers to improve its ordering technology. The company also is considering adding foreign stores and bolstering the number of kinds of items it delivers.

GoPuff employs more than 7,000 people.

The company said its value is now \$8.9 billion.

Lindy CineMondays Starts April 5

The eighth year of the Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival's Lindy CineMondays kicks off April 5 with the first of six films.

Films cost \$15 each and are available for Pennsylvania, New Jersev and Delaware residents for a seven-day streaming period. Tickets are available at pjff.org.

The opening night film is "Love It Was Not," a documentary about a Slovakian woman at Auschwitz and an Austrian SS officer.

"Here We Are" follows on April 12, telling the tale of a father "emotionally unprepared to let go of his autistic young adult son."

"Shtetlers" airs starting April 19. The Russian 19th century Pale of Settlement in the former Soviet Union.

"Outremont and the Hasidim" follows on April 26 and focuses on tension in the Central Montreal borough of Outremont between 7,000 Chasidic Jews and Quebec's Francophone elite.

On May 3, "If You See My Mother" begins to air. The film follows mama's boy Max, who keeps seeing his recently deceased mother, who refuses to leave his side.

The final film, "Mish-Mash," is slated to air on May 10. The documentary examines the Frenkel Brothers — three Jews who pioneered Egyptian cartoon animation in the 1930s.

- Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



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ASHER

Howard Burman Asher, March 19, 2021, hus-band of Myrna (nee Zeitlin) of Phila., PA, and Harvey Cedars, NJ. Father of Noah (Laurie Stein), Deborah (Scott Anderson) and An-thony (Elaine Berenson), brother of Barbara Bronstein, grandfather of Jane Asher (Peter Liakakis), Hillary Asher, Ethan Asher, Alison Asher, Nathan Anderson, Kenneth Anderson, Benjamin Asher and 2 step grandchildren Katherine and Nikita Poliakoff. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Keneseth Israel, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia or Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center of Jefferson Hospital.

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DONNELLY

Helen Donnelly, age 79, passed away on March 20, 2021 in Philadelphia, PA. Helen was a long time resident of Northeast Philadelphia, most recently being a resident of Paul's Run Retirement Community. Helen was born on December 9, 1941 in Philadelphia, PA, to parents, Max and Sara Barr. Helen worked for Wawa Corporation as The Coffee Queen until her retirement. She was a proud volunteer for KleinLife for many years. Helen was preceded in death by her husband George and her son Joseph. Helen is survived by her daughter, Carol Morgan (John), her grandson John III, granddaughter Tracy, great grandson Scott Boyd, her sisters Ar-lene Seefried, Ann Kaufman, Penny Barr (Daniel), brother Gerald and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society via www.donate3.cancer.org

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GOLDEN Wolfe Lewis Golden of Philadelphia, PA, peacefully passed away on March 18, 2021 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Jayne Epstein, loving father of Mark Golden (Amy) and Stephen Golden (fiance Dr. Kimberly Heightchew), grandfather of Samuel and Maxwell Golden, Chase Golden and Jackson Bryant. Wolfe was the son of the late David and Alma (nee Bershad) Golden. Born in Philadelphia, Wolfe was an only child. Wolfe was fiercely loyal about family and friendships. He was a kind, loving and supportive father and a dear friend to many. His knowledge, wisdom and ability to listen was the foundation on which he built his life. After returning from service in the Army and graduating from Temple University, Wolfe found his true calling: teaching. He landed back at his Alma Mater, Overbrook High School. For 27 years as a teacher, he inspired students to outperform their expectations. Wolfe treasured his summers in Strathmere, NJ and loved his many bowling leagues. Wolfe was so passionate about travel that he and Jayne visited over 110 countries around the world. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Wolfe's name be made to The Morris Animal Shelter, 1242 Lombard St, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

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GREEN

Eileen S. Green (nee Weiner), March 22, 2021. Mother of Lauren Green (Gregg Soffer) and Lindsey (Rafael) Gutierrez. Sister Of Linda (Larry) Brouse; also survived by 7 grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Woman's Animal Center, 3839 Richlieu Road, Bensalerm, PA 19020. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

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H. Vivianne (Billie) Horwitz, 91, of King of

Prussia, PA, passed away peacefully in her home on February 19, 2021. She was born in Pottstown, PA on July 4, 1929 to Morris and Sally (Laber) Horwitz. She was predeceased by her sisters Geraldine Forman and Shirley Woolf. After graduating from high school, Billie worked for the Philadelphia Board of Education, starting in the typing pool and work-ing her way up to Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent of Schools. After retiring from the Board of Education, Billie went to work for PRIME, a nonprofit philanthropic organization. Billie was excited and fulfilled by volunteering her time and energies to various nonprofits including serving as a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo from 1984 until just before her death. As a docent, she was a member of or chaired several committees and particularly loved doing outreach to children and juniors. She received awards for contributing "above and beyond". In addition to her zoo docent activities, for 22 years she volunteered through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), to Hospice Care, Historical Society of Montgomery County and others. Her most recent volunteer activity was with The Clinic, Healthcare for the Unin-sured, in Phoenixville, PA, an organization that was near and dear to her heart. She loved music, art, theater (Broadway and community), the Zoo, Eagles, Phillies, and bridge. She was a world traveler and wherever she went she made lifelong friends. Her quiet manner and gentle disposition only en-hanced her strengths and commanded the respect and love from all who knew her. She is survived by her nephews Mark Forman (Cheryl), Mel Woolf (Susan Shermer), and Jeffrey Woolf whom she loved dearly as exemplified by her email and license plate "ant-bil". As an example of her generosity, Billie had requested that her remains be donated. In the interest of safety, no service is being planned at this time. Condolences may be expressed at the funeral home website (https://www.hancockfuneralhome.net) The family asks that donations in her memory be made to: The Clinic in Phoenixville

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R. Leibovitz, 69, passed on due to a brief ill-ness. Cheryl was born in Philadelphia, PA, lived in Baltimore, MD, graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, moved to Washington, DC and later made her home in Alexandria, VA. Cheryl was the loving daughter of the late Sidney Leibovitz of Baltimore, MD and the late Sylvia (nee Kaplan). She is survived by her brother, Marc Leibovitz (Naomi Kaufmann), step-mother, Adrienne (Biren-Berger), step-sisters Danielle Berger Gorgas (Kenny) and Victoria Magi Berger and niece Sidney Alexandra Berger. Cheryl retired from a long and dedicated career in public service ten years ago. She worked as a Program Specialist and her expertise was in the area of Federal Student Financial Aid. While employed at the U.S. Department of Education, Cheryl enjoyed her volunteer work with high school students seeking her advice and mentoring as they prepared for university admission. Cheryl was a mixed media artist and a talented weaver and jewelry designer. She was a studio artist at Convergence in Alexandria, VA where she led the Sunset Art Salon Series for several years and participated in art exhibits. In recent years, Cheryl taught art classes at Adas Israel Synagogue in Washington, DC to both preschool children and adults. Another passion of Cheryl's was theater, attending hundreds of productions each year. She and a group of friends made regular trips to New York to see shows on and off Broadway. Cheryl also supported local theater, serving as a volunteer and supporter of Arlington's Signature Theater. She was a sought-after theater critic who provided feedback to local theater groups in the DC area. Cheryl loved her family and friends and had many feline friends as well. Cheryl enjoyed domestic and international travel. Cheryl appreciated the diversity of humanity as her circle of loved ones attests. Cheryl was an understanding and loving friend and will be missed by many. Funeral arrangements were private. Contributions in her memory may be sent to: Pet Adoption and Lifecare Society (PALS). Web site: www.palscatrescue.org

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Albert Lichtman, on March 22, 2021. Albie, son of the late Abe and Norma Lichtman lived a wonderful life for 89 years. He had a way of making each person feel like they were special and in return everyone loved and felt close to him. He had the best memory, was sharp as a tack, and loved to have fun his way. He will be missed by many and will always be in our hearts. Lovingly survived by his wife Joyce, sons Dr. Craig Lichtman and David Lichtman. Brother of the late Jerome (Natalie Lichtman Freedman), Ronald Lichtman (Joan Millman), Paul Lichtman (Susan) and Elaine Lichtman. Adored grandfather of Ben Lichtman. Stepfather of Ava Geller (Warren), Matthew Trachton (Linda), Manny Trachton (Nancy), and grandfather of their children Ravi (deceased), Eli, Daniel, Melissa, Danny Jo and Danielle. Graveside services were being held at Roosevelt Memorial Park on March 25th. Contributions in his memory may be made to Beth Am Israe

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MITCHELL

John E. Mitchell, age 65, of Lafayette Hill, PA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 17, 2021 surrounded by his family and will be greatly missed. Born and raised in Philadelphia, John graduated from LaSalle University and earned his CPA shortly after John started his career with Laventhol & Horwath, where he met his beloved wife, and most recently was with Marks Paneth as the Partner-in-Charge of the Pennsylvania Office. He is survived by his wife Jamie, and his two children Rory and Jordan. A private service was held at West Laurel Hill Funeral Home. Contributions in his memory may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, 333 Cottman Ave., Phila., PA 19111. WEST LAUREL HILL FUNERAL HOME

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RICH

Mildred Rich (nee Kaplan) on March 19, 2021. Wife of the late Leon. Mother of Stephen Rich. Graveside Services were held Sunday, March 21 at Shalom Memorial Park, 3573 Pine Rd., Huntingdon Valley PA 19006. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

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Norman Schnitzer, retired US Air Force veter-an, died March 22, 2021 in his 93rd year. He was a South Philadelphia native who lived at Horsham Center for Jewish Life, formerly of Bensalem and Levittown, Pa. Norman was a Past Commander of the Fegelson-Young-Feinberg Post #697 Jewish War Veterans where he helped develop their Holocaust program for area schools. He also served as PA State Department Commander. Husband of the late Harriet Eather of Mark Schnitzer (Janis), Rabbi Jeff Schnitzer (Nancy), Cantor (Linda), and Eric Schnitzer (Lilibeth). Grandfather of Brian, Kevin, Re-becca, Jonathan, Alex, David, Aaron, Ashlee, Zachary, and Maya. Norman is also survived by 4 great grandchildren. Family was everything to him and he was ever-present in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation Tifereth Israel of Bucks County, 2909 Bristol Road, Bensalem, Pa. 19020.

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SCHWARTZ

Rosella "Rose" Schwartz (née Cooper) on March 19, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Seymour "Sy" Schwartz. Loving mother of Susan (Marc) Kallman and Karyn (Leiv) Blad. Cherished Bubby to Sara and Erik. Dear sister of Hyman (Ann) Cooper. Dear sister-in-law of Maxine Schwartz. Rosella met and fell in love with Sy more than 65 years ago. Together they built two successful women's high-fash-ion shoe businesses, Brothers Very Beautiful Shoes and, later, Fantasy Shoe Collections. Rosella made people comfortable in her presence, and most everyone considered her a friend. She was one of the kindest, warmest, most generous persons any of us have ever met. The world is a better place because she lived in it, and she leaves behind three generations of loved ones who will cherish her memory and the exemplary life she lived. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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WIENER

Joan Wiener (nee Levin), March 21, 2021 of Havertown; wife of the late Bernard, mother of Bruce F. Wiener and Phyllis Bassin, grandmother of Ethan Bassin (Sandhya) and the late Zachary Bassin, daughter of the late Alex-ander and Esther Levin. Services were private. The family would appreciate contributions in her memory to Emily's Entourage, P. O. Box 71, Merion Station, PA 19066 (emilysentourage.org). JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS

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Wong

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not encourage talking about to me asking what they can do discrimination only perpetuates it and allows racism and hate to continue.

attracted me to Judaism and that I love about our religion is how it centers studying, remembering and celebrating the story of our oppression and collective liberation during the holiday of Pesach. As Jews, we tell and retell how we were slaves, the challenges we faced and how we ultimately obtained freedom. Several other of our holidays recount historical oppression, liberation or both. Through telling these stories, we are able to move toward collective healing future harm.

lives and against anti-Semi- Justice. • tism. These have been powerful moments of communal pursuit Jenny Wong is the elected of justice.

I have been so appreciative of the many non-Asian Shalom and Kehilla Community Jewish friends and community Synagogue. This originally ran in members who have reached out J. the Jewish News of Northern

to support Asian Americans. While there must be support for a strong political and legal One of the things that response, including a commitment to combat structural racism, my personal message is simple: Stand with us against anti-Asian racism, help create space for Asian Americans to share our stories and elevate them when we do. Through the continued sharing and understanding of the Asian-American experience, we can work to process our collective trauma, combat the hate and move in solidarity toward a more compassionate and equitable world.

Information and resources and guard against current and are available at Stop AAPI Hate, started by the San In the past several years, I Francisco-based Chinese for have been honored to stand Affirmative Action, and the with my Jewish community Asian Law Caucus, an affilagainst discrimination toward iate of the San Francisco-based immigrants, in support of Black Asian Americans Advancing

> Berkeley city auditor and a joint member of Congregation Netivot



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7 Deadly Mistakes That Will Cost You Thousands When You Sell Your Home

Philadelphia - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three guarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7

deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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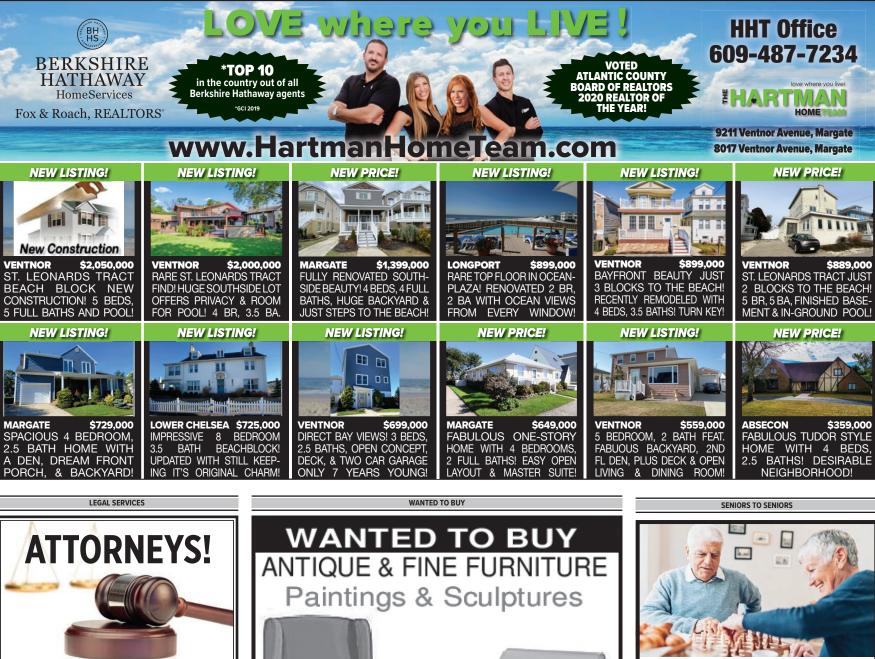




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& Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg"; the high-profile induction of Justice Ginsburg into our Ed Snider Only In America Hall of Fame; surging attendance from a diverse public thanks to innovative promotional and pricing strategies; exciting new partnerships and public programs reflecting the diversity of the Jewish community; and a highly anticipated special exhibition ("The Evidence Room," developed for the Venice Architecture Biennale based on testimony from Deborah Lipstadt's defamation trial about Holocaust denialism).

And then the COVID-19 pandemic forced us and everyone else to close our doors to the public on March 13, 2020, effectively cutting off our momentum at the knees, eliminating almost all earned revenue, and slashing philanthropic giving.

Being in Chapter 11 made NMAJH ineligible for PPP loans. With so much funding needed for dealing with the health and economic consequences of the pandemic, support for cultural institutions was - and remains — hard to come by.

Even philanthropists and foundations who decided to support educational, cultural and leadership development institutions during this challenging year were not inclined to fund museums, and certainly not NMAJH. We frequently heard the refrain, "we don't want to throw good money after bad," assuming that our Chapter 11 status meant we were failing. We were not. But we were in a precarious state and determined to succeed.

NMAJH was recognized by congressional resolution in 2010 as the only museum anywhere dedicated exclusively to the history of American Jews. Furthermore, the museum leads Jewish American Heritage Month. JAHM was established through the bipartisan efforts of U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter and U.S. and bobble-head dolls; and shirts eJewishphilanthropy.com.

in 2006 and has continued by presidential declarations every May since then. Our work must continue. And it does.

In 2020, just two-and-a-half months into the pandemic, NMAJH launched the first-ever, all-virtual JAHM effort in cooperation with 50 other Jewish museums and cultural institutions around the country. We would not let the pandemic stop us from this important work. In 2020, our theme for the month was appropriately, "Crises and Resilience." It was our first serious attempt at virtual programming. We reached nearly 400,000 people.

Around the same time, we implemented a furlough for two-thirds of our professional staff who were ultimately laid off, taking our staff down to just 11 full-time employees, but we were able to double down on our virtual programming, online store sales and planning.

In the "year of COVID," NMAJH presented 30 original online programs and 30 programs with partners. We have reached nearly one million participants during the the year of the bondage of COVID. past year with more than 20,000 viewers tuning in for each program back our dedicated staff, launch new on average. We even held a virtual ceremony and gala inducting two great Jewish illusionists – Harry Houdini, z"l and David Copperfield - into our hall of fame while reaching nearly 200,000 viewers and raising \$830,000.

We more than doubled sales year-over-year from what became our online-only museum store. Popular culture zeitgeist hits were an integral part of this success story: "Yo Semite" T-shirts which we had carried since 2011 that exploded when President Trump mispronounced the name of the National Park last summer; RBG-themed books, stickers, clothes

Rep. Deborah Wasserman Schultz and mugs with Bernie Sanders' now-famous Inauguration mitten meme. Plus the beautiful menorahs, mezuzahs, ketubot and other Judaica that we are known for.

> We engaged in scenario planning, working on a variety of plans for a number of "possible futures" for after we emerge from bankruptcy and the pandemic. And we are coming up with a set of plans for renewal of the museum and ways to capitalize on our newly found digital expertise. We have developed relationships and joint ideas with a number of national institutions - Jewish, secular and of other faiths.

> So, we not only survived - we have thrived. We have recaptured our pre-pandemic momentum and then some, and we are confidently looking forward to an even brighter future.

> As all of us begin to reclaim our lives and enter a new year (for Jews, Pesach signals the start of a new year just as Rosh Hashanah and Tu B'Shvat do), we pray for freedom from the bondage of the isolation, fear, and despair brought about by At the museum, we want to bring exhibitions and programs, and open our galleries for shared in-person experiences. And remember those we have lost to the pandemic.

> As we dream together about the better days ahead, we hope that you and many others will journey with the museum out of Mitzrayim — the narrow place of the hardship and difficulty of the modern day plague - to one of openness and light, of joy and renewal.

Pesach sameach!

Misha Galperin is CEO of the National Museum of American Jewish History. This originally appeared in

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MONDAY, APRIL 5

Virtual Israel Hike

In this **Golden Slipper Gems** course with Israeli tour guide Gadi Ben Dov, participants will virtually visit the must-see sites of Israel over four weeks. Classes start at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$34. For more information, call 610-359-8632.

Grateful Jews

What draws Jews to the Grateful Dead's music, lyrical themes, philosophy and experience? **"Grateful Jews"** is an online seminar that explores that relationship. The class is two sessions, two hours each, starting at 7:15 p.m. Cost \$21. Contact Reb Zisha at rebzisha@ gmail.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Places of Worship

AJC's "Protecting Places of Worship Virtual Forum" will educate faith leaders on how to prevent and respond to hate crimes that target houses of worship and religious institutions. Register for the 1 p.m. event at zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_3ea_LizdRO6w4uqKJdNd9w.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Revolutionary War

"How We Became A Nation," a **Golden Slipper Gems** course, examines the major political, economic, military and social aspects of the American Revolution and highlights the history of Jewish patriots who served. The course is six weeks and costs \$51. Sessions are at 11 a.m. Contact 610-359-8632 for more information.

Writing Parents' Stories

Authors Bernice Lerner and Susan Jacobowitz will share insights about their parents' stories of surviving the Holocaust and the role of their own scholarship and writing about intimate tales of suffering, rupture, continuity and courage. Tickets for the **Center for Jewish History** event at 4 p.m. are pay what you wish. Registration required at /tickets/ family-affairs-2021-04-07.

Yom HaShoah

Join **Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El** at 7 p.m. on Zoom for a special remembrance and candle-lighting ceremony as we hear from guest speaker Edith Eva Eger, psychologist, Holocaust survivor and author of "The Choice and The Gift." Call 610-649-5300 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Bend the Arc

Join **Bend the Arc** at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom for an evening of focused movement-building in South Jersey. Learn more about the Moral Minyan and ideas for action. Contact bendthearcjasouthjersey@gmail.com for more information. •

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Marcia Bronstein, regional director of AJC Philadelphia/SNJ, appeared on the 6abc "Building It Better Together Town Hall: Take Action Against Hate for Asian Americans" on March 21. She

appeared alongside Chad Lassiter, executive director of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission; John Chin, executive director of the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Center; and Alix Webb, executive director of Asian Americans United.

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On March 22, the Caring Committee of the Shirat Hayam Congregation in Ventnor City, New Jersey, hosted a drive-through/ drop-off program where they collected more than 25 bags of food and boxes of diapers to donate to Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties.

 Marc Needleman, a longtime Shirat Hayam congregant, delivered the goods to the Margate, New Jersey, agency.
Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties



Ohev Shalom of Bucks County hosted the "Matzo Mania Drive Thru Experience" on March 21. Participants were first greeted by the Four Sons from Ohev's Men's Club, where they received a Passover game packet and were able to drop off chametz and non-kosher for Passover food. A DJ played festive Passover tunes and the Ohev Shalom Sisterhood provided everyone with "Surprise Sinai Swag," a bag of Passover goodies. There were drive up games like "The Matzah Ball Madness Toss," "Guess How Many Frogs in the Jar" and "Set The Seder Plate."



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