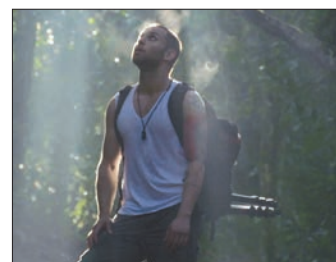


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## Real Estate, Jewish Community Icon Ronald Rubin Dies

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

PHILADELPHIA REAL ESTATE icon Ronald Rubin, a major player in the local Jewish community, died April 12 at his Penn Valley home. He was 89.

"Ronnie was the best of the great men I've known, not because of what he did, but because of who he was," said his longtime friend Steve Cozen, founder and chairman of Cozen O'Connor law firm.

"His goodness, morals and ethics and love of family really defined him. He was a world-class mensch."

In the real estate world, Rubin was known for his role with PREIT, the region's largest mall landlord, as well for founding the Center City District in 1991, which made the city a cleaner, safer place.

A signature moment for Rubin, though, occurred in the mid-1970s after the pneumonia-like disease that came to be known as Legionnaires' disease killed 29 people staying at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel on Broad Street in Center City.

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## Former Temple Dean Indicted for Ranking Fraud

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

FORMER TEMPLE UNIVERSITY Fox School of Business Dean Moshe Porat was indicted on federal conspiracy and fraud charges for submitting false data to boost the school's national rankings.

In an indictment unsealed on April 16, prosecutors said Porat, 74, of Bala Cynwyd,

conspired with Isaac Gottlieb, a statistics professor, and Marjorie O'Neill, a Fox employee, to submit information about the school's online MBA and part-time MBA degrees to U.S. News & World Report to improve the school's rankings in that publication's annual surveys of top OMBA and PMBA programs.

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**Philacatessen**  
**ORECCHIETTE WITH GROUND MEAT AND CAPERS**  
Keri White enjoys using orecchiette ("little ears") pasta in recipes because the shape catches components of the recipe and delivers a perfect bite. In this week's offering, White's recipe features orecchiette with ground meat — any kind will do — and capers. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. [jewishexponent.com/2021/04/19/orecchiette-with-ground-meat-and-capers/](http://jewishexponent.com/2021/04/19/orecchiette-with-ground-meat-and-capers/)



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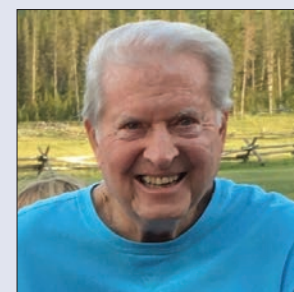
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# Businessman, Philanthropist Robert Fox Dies at 91

## OBITUARY

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**ROBERT ALLEN FOX**, a businessman and philanthropist whose contributions and leadership often benefited Jewish organizations in Philadelphia, died at home on April 14 from pneumonia. He was 91.

Fox was born in 1929 to Frederic and Zena Fox, and grew up in Germantown and Mt. Airy. His brother, Richard Fox, was also a businessman and philanthropist, and is the namesake of Temple University's Richard J. Fox School of Business and Management.

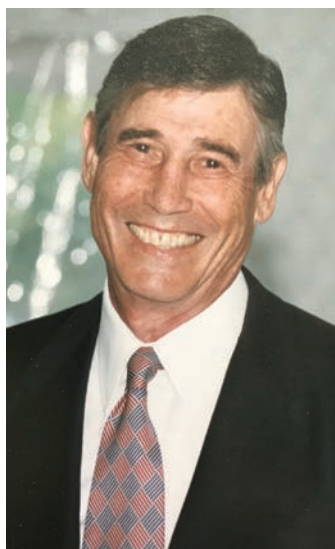
The Central High School graduate was an All-Public League football player and played football at the University of Pennsylvania while he

studied economics. Though he graduated in 1952, Fox remained enmeshed with the university until his death.

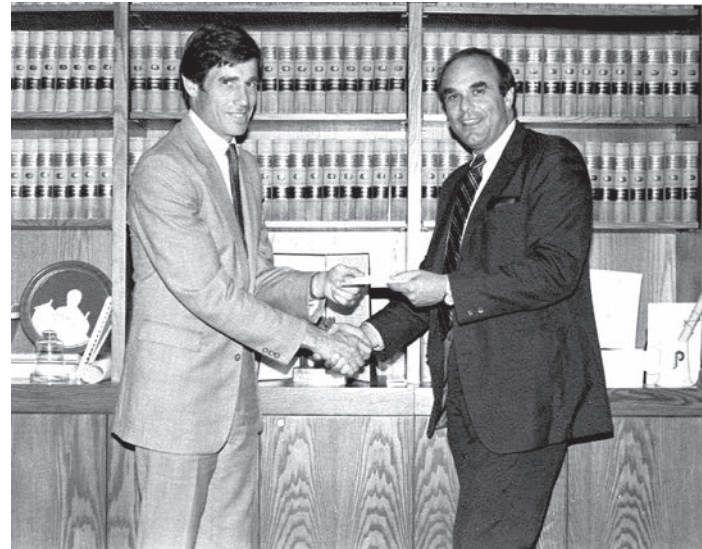
Fox met his wife, Esther "Penny" G. Fox, when they were teenagers. They were married until his death — 68 years.

With his brother, Fox created a home construction company that was soon building houses across Philadelphia and, in 1961, he was elected president of the Philadelphia Home Builders Association.

Fox was also part of the Warner Concrete Co., serving as its president until 1979. He led the charge to bring Warner into the waste management business, which transformed Warner Concrete into Waste Resources. Eventually, Waste Resources was eclipsed only by Waste Management and



▲ Robert Fox was enmeshed with the University of Pennsylvania from his graduation in 1952 until his death. Courtesy of Debra Fox



▲ Robert Fox, pictured here with former Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell, supported civic life in Philadelphia for his entire career.

Jewish Exponent file photo

Browning-Ferris Industries, according to Fox's son, Ken Fox.

"Over time, as the world evolved and the business evolved, he really evolved with it," Ken Fox said.

Fox then founded RAF Industries, beginning with the acquisition of a lumber yard in Wilmington, Delaware. RAF became a leading acquirer of building product companies, but Fox wanted to keep expanding, and pushed the company into developing consumer products, health care and other services.

Rick Horowitz, who joined RAF in 1991, said that the greatest among Fox's strengths was his high character in dealings with others. When he first heard about Fox from his friends, that was what they emphasized.

"And I will tell you, 30 years later, that they were right," said Horowitz, today the president and chief operating officer of RAF. "Very simply, Bob never compromised on values." (Robert Fox was Mr. Fox to some, Bob to others, and Bobby to some close friends, but never a Robert, according to Horowitz).

Fox "loved people," said Ken Fox, a sentiment echoed by

Horowitz and Fox's daughter, Debra Fox. "If he walked into a room," Ken Fox said, "he would ask people questions. He'd be super enthusiastic about what they were doing."

For Debra and Ken Fox, their father could be hard-charging and loving, often at the same time. He expected results, according to his son, but it was constructive, and he wasn't afraid to admit he was wrong.

"He loved all of his kids," Debra Fox said. "He was so supportive, emotionally, of all of us."

Fox used his wealth and connections to build up the Wistar Institute, the University of Pennsylvania's biomedical research center. Fox joined Wistar's board of trustees in 1974, chairing the board from 1984-1994. He led a five-year, \$35 million capital campaign to support the construction of Wistar's Robert and Penny Fox Tower and, today, Wistar is known internationally for its contributions to vaccine development.

A graduate of Penn, Fox served on the university's board of trustees from 1985 until his death. The Robert A. Fox Leadership Program at Penn, which he founded in 1999, has

had the participation of more than 10,000 undergraduates since its inception. That same year, Fox received Penn's Alumni Award of Merit, the highest award presented to Penn alumni.

In addition to Penn, Fox supported Drexel University, Temple University, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Pennsylvania Ballet, Moore College of Art and other local institutions. He was a board member of the Philadelphia 1976 Bicentennial Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, the Foreign Policy Research Institute, the Gesu School, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the American Jewish Committee, where he served as chairman and president of the board of the Philadelphia chapter. At the Fox School of Business, Fox founded the Frederic Fox Lecture in Leadership series in honor of his father.

Fox is survived by his wife, Esther "Penny" G. Fox; his children, Debra Fox, Nancy Fox (Jon Edwards), Amy Fox (Daniel Wheeler), and Kenneth Fox (Ana); and nine grandchildren. •

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# Text-based Parenting Support Platform Launched

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**WHEN BECCA D'ONOFRIO** had her daughter Charlotte two-and-a-half years ago, she was blindsided by how difficult parenting was.

"I feel like it's something that nobody talks about," the Center City resident said.

Her master's degree in education and teaching experience helped her figure out the best strategies for navigating teething and temper tantrums, but she knew other parents were also struggling. When the pandemic hit, raising children became even more hectic as families were confined to their homes and cut off from support networks.

That was the inspiration behind Partner in Parenthood, a text-based parenting advice platform she launched in February.

"I want to help parents stop feeling so overwhelmed and exhausted through parenting, and give them strategies and tools to be able to actually enjoy the moments they have with their children because they grow up so fast," she said.

Subscribers can text Partner in Parenthood at any time with parenting questions or problems. They receive on-demand advice from parenting and early childhood education experts, who check in with clients to make sure everything is going smoothly. The concept was partially inspired by the text-based therapy apps that have become increasingly popular during the pandemic, which connect users to mental health professionals on-demand.

"To my knowledge, there isn't anything like this in the parenting world, where you can instantly ask for expert advice. I find that parents tend to post in Facebook groups, they tend to scroll through Instagram



▲ Becca D'Onofrio with her daughter Charlotte Courtesy of Becca D'Onofrio

looking for answers, but there isn't anything that's immediate these days in the parenting world," D'Onofrio said.

This model allows parents to ask questions about long-term issues, such as preparing a toddler for the arrival of a new sibling months in advance, as well as more immediate problems like tantrums.

D'Onofrio, who is Jewish, said Partner in Parenthood clients have children from a wide range of age groups, and questions can range from best practices for baby-proofing homes to helping kids follow directions to get ready for school in the morning.

Jess Bird is a Partner in Parenthood client who asked for help handling her youngest child's teething irritability. One day, her daughter was screaming for snacks as Bird tried to make dinner, but she didn't want to cave and ruin her appetite. D'Onofrio advised giving her a healthy snack as an appetizer to calm her down. Bird gave her cucumbers with cream cheese and said it made a big difference.

"It also just helped me to be able to overcome these things now on my own without having to stress each day when things come up, because she presented me with options,"

she added.

Lindsay Catarino, another client, has relied on the service for advice as her child transitions into day care. She said the personal aspect of one-on-one

texting has helped ease her stress levels more than other online parenting resources, which makes the monthly \$35 cost worth it.

"I follow a ridiculous amount of parenting Instagram accounts, but they're really not personal," she said. "I find that in Facebook groups like New Moms of Philadelphia or sleep training accounts and all of that I get a lot of basic information, but it's definitely overwhelming."

D'Onofrio also gets a lot of questions about helping children learn from home. Before Passover, she even had a Jewish family ask about the best ways to prepare children for the holiday. She advised them to tell the story of the escape from Egypt and explain ritual aspects of the seder in advance to make sure the kids knew what to expect and could

get excited about participating.

She said Partner in Parenthood is an educational resource and cannot offer medical or therapeutic advice. For problems that are more specialized, such as children's dental issues or disagreements with a spouse, D'Onofrio said clients are directed to ask the appropriate professional.

D'Onofrio also reminds caretakers who are burnt out from more than a year of pandemic parenting to make time for themselves.

"When you're too stressed out, children feed off that energy, so you want to make sure that you're calm, you're composed and you have the self-care that you need to keep things together," she said. •

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# Seniors Meet Needs in Bereavement Group

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**WHEN RHEA APPLEBAUM** joined a bereavement group in February of 2018, dating was the last thing on her mind.

She had lost her husband to a sudden illness five months earlier and hadn't recovered from the shock. She met with about a dozen seniors who were also mourning their spouses and talked about how she felt like she was losing her memories of him, how she couldn't conjure his smell or the feeling of his arms around her anymore.

Mike Chernoff had joined the group in July the previous year, after his beloved wife died. He and his dog felt lost without her.

"I remember one of the saddest things was that he would run up the steps looking for her and not find her," he said. When the dog died soon after, he turned to his peers for support and met Applebaum once she started coming to meetings.

The two Northeast Philadelphia residents got to know each other well in the intimate group setting and discovered they shared a love of reading and music. Eventually, Chernoff asked Applebaum to accompany him to a performance at the Philadelphia Orchestra, and she said yes.

The bereavement group created by Abramson Senior Care and KleinLife greeted the couple's news with enthusiasm when they learned of the relationship. Members feel

like a family, facilitator Brie Yousaitis said.

The program was originally intended to serve seniors grieving the loss of a spouse, and later expanded to include people mourning other kinds of loss. It now acts as a general support group for all kinds of issues, from dealing with the fear and isolation of the pandemic to navigating relationship problems.

"Since everybody started coming, we've lost children, animals, relationships have started and ended," said Yousaitis, director of psychosocial support for hospice and palliative care at Abramson Senior Care. "So we've been through a lot, obviously also with the pandemic as well."

When the KleinLife facilities closed at the beginning of



▲ Mike Chernoff and Rhea Applebaum

Courtesy of Rhea Applebaum

the pandemic, the group had to change course. Simply moving the meetings to Zoom was not an option due to technological challenges for older members, Yousaitis said.

They decided to restart in August and hold meetings outside instead. Chernoff volunteered his lawn, but as this was only viable in good weather, they had to stop meeting again in November. They kept in touch via text and social media, but processing loss and the challenges of life during the pandemic just wasn't the same without face-to-face interaction.

Six members of the group, five of whom are Jewish, reunited at Chernoff's house after months of separation on April 8. They brought lawn chairs and fully vaccinated immune systems.

Yousaitis said socializing is especially important for the senior population, which was already facing isolation due to decreased social activity, leaving work and deaths of loved ones. Then COVID-19 cut them off from family and friends. While romantic relationships can certainly take off in support group settings, most participants join to find solace in friendships at a time when their support networks may not be as strong as they used to be.

"When they lose their significant other or someone really close, it's like losing part of your own self. You have to find yourself again. The way to do this is socializing with others," she said. "As we get older, we lose daily connections with people. There's no more work, sometimes family is not close or you have a global pandemic. Friends are passing or live far away, so the socialization is so huge."

In addition to reaping the benefits of camaraderie from the support group, Applebaum and Chernoff have been together for three and a half years now.

"I just love the kindness of him, his intelligence, how good he is to everyone around him," Applebaum said. Chernoff said his favorite things about Applebaum are her personality and the ways she embraces Judaism.

Applebaum introduced Chernoff to her family and they welcomed him with open arms. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren now know him as Saba Mike.

"He is the only great-grandfather that they will know," she said. "He came for the first Chanukah with the kids and didn't leave." •

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# Val Arkoosh Join Crowded Race for Senate Seat

## LOCAL

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY** Board of Commissioners Chair Val Arkoosh announced her bid for U.S. Senate on April 5, jumping into a race that is sure to have national implications.

She'll face stiff competition from state Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta and Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, among others, in the Democratic primary.

The 60-year-old physician and mother of three enters the race with governing experience, name recognition in the always-key Philadelphia suburbs and the support of at least 30 southeastern Pennsylvania officials. The Philadelphia Inquirer, taking the temperature of Democratic officials and strategists a few weeks ago, labeled her "a formidable contender."

"As a commissioner for six years, I have worked with commissioners from all 67 counties, large and small, and have a real understanding of the challenges Pennsylvanians are facing across the commonwealth," Arkoosh said. "I have worked with commissioners of both parties to bring those challenges in front of our legislature on a bipartisan basis. It is clear through those conversations that there are many shared problems facing our communities, including outdated infrastructure that's holding back economic development, inadequate access to mental health services, and the impact of extreme weather on our communities."

Since the pandemic began, more than 65,000 Montgomery County residents have tested positive for the virus, and more than 1,600 people have died as of April 19, according to The New York Times.

Arkoosh faced vocal criticism from some parents over



▲ Val Arkoosh  
Courtesy of Val Arkoosh for U.S. Senate.

the Board of Commissioners' decision to pause in-person education last fall, as reported at the time. But as the pandemic wears on and her campaign begins, Arkoosh told the Inquirer, combating the virus will remain her priority.

"I just want to be very clear, I've taken two oaths in my life," she said. "The first was an oath to be a doctor. The second was as county commissioner and, in both cases, I always pledged to put the people I'm serving first."

Arkoosh, a graduate of Northwestern University and University of Nebraska Medical College, moved to Philadelphia in 1986. She spent four years at Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Hospital and Jefferson Medical College, and has spent years serving patients and students. Locally, Arkoosh taught at Jefferson, Drexel University College of Medicine and the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and held a leadership position at the Hospital for Women on City Line Avenue, according to MONTCO.Today.

As her profile rose, Arkoosh took leadership roles with national medical organizations, serving as president for the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology and senior policy adviser for the

National Physicians Alliance. In between, Arkoosh squeezed in a master's in public health from Johns Hopkins University and raised three children with her husband, Jeff Harbison.

As she prepares to run for Sen. Pat Toomey's soon-to-be-vacant seat, Arkoosh is finding inspiration close to home.

"There are a number of folks whose public service both here in Pennsylvania and elsewhere I admire, but more than any sitting politician or leader, my family, particularly my dad, and those I worked with in my medical training, have taught me so many important things — from being prepared to looking at the entirety of a challenge before jumping to conclusions," Arkoosh said. "And in more recent years, the constituents I have worked with

as commissioner have taught me about the importance of showing up and listening, and having the humility to know that no single one of us has all the answers."

Arkoosh's first bid for public office came in 2014, when she came up short in her campaign to represent the since-redistricted 13th Congressional District. She finished a distant third, behind Marjorie Margolies and the victor, Brendan Boyle.

Within a year, Arkoosh was back on her political feet, appointed to fill Josh Shapiro's vacated seat on the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. Arkoosh was elected to a four-year term later in 2015, and reached her current position at a November 2016 election.

After spending years as a

physician, she found that taking charge of the third-most populous county in Pennsylvania was a role that suited her well. In particular, Arkoosh is energized by issues related to the health of her 820,000-plus constituents.

"There are so many issues on Pennsylvanians' minds, from the rising cost of prescription drugs and growing our economy, to getting out of this pandemic and rebuilding our infrastructure," Arkoosh said. "And as we tackle those issues, we must never take our eyes off of building a more inclusive and just Pennsylvania and country that makes life fairer and more equitable for everyone." •

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# Dean Family Fellowship Nurtures Entrepreneurs

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**DANIEL DEAN KNOWS** something about taking intelligent risks. The Bala Cynwyd-based management consultant and executive was a founding principal of PREIT Capital Advisors, and serves as the managing director of Real Property Capital.

Taking intelligent risk has been his professional life.

It's that sensibility, combined with a long-nurtured love for Israel and its inhabitants, that brought Dean to the Arava International Center for Agriculture Training, an international agricultural school in a small Israeli town on the border with Jordan. It's also what brought the Dean Family

Fellowship to life.

At AICAT, students from developing countries are brought to the Israeli town of Sapir to further their studies in agriculture and agronomy. Working in the harsh conditions of the Arava, a typically dry region in southern Israel, students gain the skills to bring change back to their home communities, according to Hanni Arnon, executive director of AICAT since 1994. The hope is that those students — and their successes — will go on to become ambassadors for Israel in their own countries.

Dean's grandfather, David Dean, began visiting the Arava in the 1970s, and it became a family heirloom of sorts, passed down between generations. Dean's father, Morris Dean, a



▲ Daniel Dean (center) with AICAT students in October 2019.  
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prominent Philadelphia lawyer, has supported development in the Arava for decades through JNF-USA.

When Dean was set to visit Israel for the umpteenth times a few years back, his father asked him to visit the Arava, just to check in on developments in the region.

Working with Marina Furman, JNF-USA's Philadelphia-based executive director of national major donor advancement, Dean arranged to meet with JNF-USA's CEO Russell Robinson. Robinson, Dean said, directed him toward AICAT. At first, Dean said, he wasn't so sure what to expect in the small town of Sapir. But what he saw astounded him.

"Somehow, these young people find themselves in Israel learning agronomy from farmers in some of the toughest farming conditions in the world, and I start to hear



the statistics on the amount of output that the Arava has, with limited resources, limited and brackish water,” Dean recalls. “And I’m so taken, I’m sitting there saying, ‘These guys have really figured out how to turn the desert into something special.’ And very smart Israelis are telling about how, for the first time, the Arava has the potential to become the Silicon Valley of agriculture.”

The gears started turning, and Dean worked with Robinson and JNF-USA to make a shidduch between his family and AICAT. The Dean Family Fellowship, a grant-making program intended to spark small enterprise in AICAT graduates’ communities, is both a bid for small-business success and an attempt “to export goodwill for Israel,” Dean explained. The family’s initial gift was enough to support a five-year

partnership with AICAT.

AICAT, Arnon explained, has the capacity to support students who come to Israel (around 1,000 students each year). But when they return to their home countries, that’s typically where the relation-

home — Arnon was delighted.

“I said, ‘Wow, this is exactly what we need, what we don’t have,’” Arnon said.

The first three winners were selected in November, according to The Jerusalem Post. Dennis Tomoina, Menawati ‘Mena’

year-round rice storage business that will allow rice farmers to dry, store and sell rice outside of the typical harvest season.

“With the support of these grants, they can bring changes to their home countries, to the villages, to their families,”

an anonymous San Francisco donor made a significant contribution to the Dean family’s original gift, one that will allow 10 grants to be awarded at a minimum of \$5,000 each. At present, 99 applications are being whittled down for a class of five fellows.

For Dean, the chance to help creative, energetic young people while developing advocates for Israel at the same time is a tremendous opportunity in itself.

“There’s no ask here from us,” he said. “We’re not asking for a dollar. We just want to be able to say to young people who have the guts to come to Israel from different parts of the world to learn, ‘We believe in you, we’re ready to take a chance on you.’” •

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DANIEL DEAN

ship comes to a close. When Dean reached out to her with his proposal a few years back — a fellowship that would reward AICAT graduates who win a business plan contest with a grant, one that they would get to work with back

Hutabalian and Vanna Re — hailing from Kenya, Indonesia and Cambodia — had their business plans funded. Tomoina created an agricultural startup; Hutabalian, a chili pepper farm intended to economically empower women; and Re, a

Arnon said.

Should their ventures succeed, the winners have agreed to return 1-2% of their revenue to AICAT to make the fellowship a self-sustaining program. And since the fellowship was launched,

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Steven Spielberg Creates Foundation to Fund Jewish-themed Documentaries

STEVEN SPIELBERG LAUNCHED a foundation called Jewish Story Partners to fund documentaries that “tell stories about a diverse spectrum of Jewish experiences, histories and cultures,” JTA reported.

The Righteous Persons Foundation, which Spielberg and his wife, actress Kate Capshaw, founded after Spielberg’s experience making “Schindler’s List” in 1993, will fund the foundation. Two Jewish philanthropies — the Maimonides Fund and the Jim Joseph Foundation — also contributed.

“We are especially proud to help establish this initiative — which will make visible a fuller range of Jewish voices, identities, experiences and perspectives — at a time when social divisions run painfully deep and mainstream depictions too often fail to reflect the Jewish community in all its complexity,” Spielberg and Capshaw said in a statement.

The organization starts with \$2 million and will soon announce its first round of grantees, who will receive \$500,000 in total this year.

### Yeshiva U. to Eliminate In-person Hebrew Courses

Yeshiva University plans to eliminate its in-person Hebrew courses indefinitely, making a pandemic-induced measure a permanent one, JTA reported.

New Hebrew courses will be asynchronous, which means students don’t interact with a teacher in real time; the courses will be offered starting in fall 2022. Nearly all Yeshiva students are required to take at least one Hebrew course.

Selma Botman, Yeshiva’s provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the change is the result of student feedback and offers greater flexibility for those with busy course schedules.

The move has met with some criticism. Lori Linzer, a Hebrew professor at Yeshiva, said the move would lower the quality of Hebrew language instruction.

“I don’t think you will be able to find anyone who can credibly argue that the asynchronous model is a better model for teaching Hebrew language,” Linzer told the YU Commentator, a student newspaper.

### Bernie Madoff Dies at 82

Bernie Madoff, who ran a \$17.5 billion Ponzi scheme ensnaring thousands of investors, including many Jewish organizations and families, died April 14 at a federal prison in Butner, North Carolina, JTA reported. He was 82.

Madoff was known as a money manager who made large yet consistent profits for clients until his operation was exposed as a scam amid the 2008 financial crisis. His confession of his Ponzi scheme, in which he reported fake stock gains on paper and used new

investments to pay off withdrawals from other investors, impacted the Jewish philanthropic world.

Madoff’s investors included European hedge funds, elderly retirees and many nonprofits. Victims included Jewish celebrities like Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel and baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax, Yeshiva University and Hadassah.

Many investors met Madoff through the small world of Jewish philanthropy in New York and South Florida, then placed their money via his friends.

### Three Historians Quit Auschwitz Museum Board Over Right-wing Appointment

Three board members of Poland’s Auschwitz-Birkenau museum quit in protest after the government appointed a right-wing politician to serve on it, JTA reported.

Jewish philosopher Stanislaw Krajewski and historians Marek Lasota and Krystyna Oleksyall announced that they were quitting after the culture ministry appointed Beata Szydlo, a former prime minister and top member of the country’s right-wing Law and Justice ruling party, to the board.

Under Law and Justice, Poland’s government has been accused of manipulating the Holocaust’s historical record by passing a controversial law that outlaws publicly blaming Poland for Holocaust atrocities. •

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### ISRAEL BRIEFS

#### Israelis No Longer Required to Wear Masks Outside

AS OF APRIL 18, Israelis were no longer required to wear masks outside, JTA reported.

The Health Ministry announced April 15 that Israel's COVID-19 case numbers have plummeted because of its successful vaccination drive. Although Israel's reported case numbers were once among the world's highest, the country since has vaccinated more than half its population.

The rising vaccination pushed COVID-19 numbers down to an average of a couple hundred cases a day among more than 9 million Israelis.

"The masks are intended to protect us from the coronavirus," Health Minister Yuli Edelstein said. "After professionals decided this was no longer required in open spaces, I decided to enable taking them off."

Masks will still be required in indoor public spaces.

Israeli society is continuing to reopen, as schools will fully reopen in the next week and, starting in May, vaccinated tour groups will be allowed to visit Israel.

#### Forbes Lists 21 Billionaires in Israel

There are 21 Israelis who are billionaires, according to Forbes, led by Stef Wertheimer, who ranked 432nd at \$6.2 billion, Globes reported.

Wertheimer, 94, amassed his fortune founding industrial parks.

Wertheimer displaced the Ofer brothers, who are now no longer listed as Israelis, with Eyal Ofer (Monaco) ranked 197th worldwide with a fortune of \$11.1 billion, while Idan Ofer is ranked 440th with \$6.1 billion.

Two other billionaires with Israeli citizenship also ranked above Wertheimer — Roman Abramovich (Russia) is in 142nd place with \$14.5 billion and Patrick Drahi (Switzerland) is 186th with \$11.8 billion.

Others on the list include Teddy Sagi in 539th place with \$5.2 billion and Frank Lowy, also with \$5.2 billion; he returned to Israel in 2019 after amassing his fortune in shopping malls in Australia.

Israel's richest woman is former Bank Hapoalim controlling shareholder Shari Arison, whose \$4.4 billion landed her in 655th place.

#### Israeli Economy Shrinks 2.6% in 2021

Israel's economy contracted 2.6% in 2020 in the final revision issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics, Globes reported, a slight change in a prior estimate of a 2.4% contraction in gross domestic product last year.

This figure does better than the Bank of Israel forecast of a 3.7% contraction and is much lower than the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development average for 2020, with economies hit hard by the pandemic.

Private consumption in Israel in 2020 contracted by 9.5%.

Israel's economy did grow at 6.5% on an annualized basis in 2020's fourth quarter.

#### Three Israelis Win Medals at European Judo Championships

There were three medalists among the 13-member contingent Israel brought to the European Judo Championships in Portugal, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Two of the eight Israeli men medaled, with Tohar Butbul winning a silver medal in the under 73 kilogram weight category, while Sagi Muki (under 83 kg) took home a bronze. Muki previously won European championships in both 2015 and 2018.

One of the five Israeli women medaled, with Gefen Primo winning a bronze in the under 52 kilograms weight group. •

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## Rubin

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Then-Mayor Frank Rizzo wanted the building destroyed.

But Rubin — whose father Richard, a Ukrainian immigrant, got his first job delivering shoes from a high-end shoe store to guests at the Bellevue — intervened, lining up a consortium of banks that helped him buy and renovate the Renaissance-style hotel. In 1979, the hotel reopened, and Rubin redeveloped it years later to better suit market needs with fewer rooms and more office space.

He also was involved in preserving the PSFS building a few blocks away on Market Street.

Another Rubin project involved building the 54-story BNY Mellon Center at 1735 Market St.

In 1997, when the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust bought the Rubin Organization, which was founded by his father, Rubin became CEO.

During his tenure, PREIT bought the Gallery at Market East, which was revamped in recent years as Fashion District

Philadelphia. PREIT also renovated the Cherry Hill Mall and counted Willow Grove Park and the Moorestown and Plymouth Meeting Malls among its properties.

Rubin was PREIT's CEO through 2012 and stepped down as executive chairman in 2016 — although he still maintained an office afterward.

"It's the nature of the beast," he told the Jewish Exponent in 2016. "I'm a participant. I like to be in the game."

A native of West Philadelphia, he graduated from West Philadelphia High School, where he was voted class comedian. Then he was off to Pennsylvania State University, but he didn't last there.

"When he flunked out of Penn State, my father was furious and helped him get a job on the packing line of a sweater factory," sister Judith Garfinkel said. "Not long afterward, just before he was getting ready to marry Marcia Miller, my father invited him to join the family business, a small brokerage with just my father and a secretary. When Ronnie got into the office, he blew the walls off. He found his niche."

Aside from his involvement in shaping Center City, Rubin was a steady presence in the Jewish community, including service as president of the board of trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia from 1978-80, time on numerous committees and nearly 50 years as a board member.

"I'm certainly a practicing Jew," he said in a 2012 Exponent interview. "I don't want to say I'm holier than thou. I believe in the basics. My business career — my life — is all based on relationships, and ultimately all relationships, if they have any meaning, are based on trust. I try to impart that culture in my business. Building relationships is everything. I don't know whether that's a Jewish ethic. But it certainly has driven my life."

Past Jewish Federation



▲ Ron Rubin

President Mimi Schneirov, also a longtime Jewish Federation board member, saw Rubin's relationship building in practice many times.

"I can remember many meetings where there were difficult decisions to make ... but he could bring everyone together ... to him, relationships were everything," she said, adding that when things got tense, Rubin could tell stories that lightened the mood and got things back on track.

Rubin used that touch with everyone he met, Schneirov said. She recalled returning from a lunch one day when a panhandler approached them. Not only did Rubin give the man money, but he struck up a conversation as well.

Rubin also was ahead of his time in his treatment of women, Schneirov said, detailing how he appointed her to be the first woman to head one of Jewish Federation's allocation committees, before she became the overall organization's first female president.

Rubin was honored at the National Museum of American Jewish History's Only in America Gala in 2016, which featured a performance by Andrea Bocelli. Rubin served as a trustee and co-chairman of the museum and helped see the construction of the Market Street building from the ground up.

"They're so excited about Bocelli. I said Bocelli is going to make a speech, and I'm going to sing," Rubin joked in the 2016 Exponent interview.

Cozen said NMAJH likely wouldn't have happened



▲ Ron Rubin (front, third from right) and his family. From left: Step-grandson McLane Hendriks, step-granddaughter Liza Hendriks, granddaughter-in-law Carrie Silberman, grandson Scott Silberman, Ronald Rubin, wife Marcia Rubin, son Bill Rubin and daughter-in-law Lizzie Meryman in the Turks and Caicos Islands  
Photos courtesy of the Rubin family



▲ From left: Marcia Rubin, father Richard I. Rubin, mother Dorothy Rubin and Ron Rubin

without Rubin's help.

"He found and bought the site at Fifth and Market," he said. "From the very beginning, he was a huge proponent."

When NMAJH's founding chairperson, George Ross, died shortly after the museum opened, Rubin stepped into the breach, museum CEO Misha Galperin said, and he noted that Rubin's close relationship with then-Vice President Joe Biden resulted in Biden cutting the museum's opening-day ribbon.

Rubin was active with the museum even in his final days as his health declined, according to Galperin.

"His attitude toward it was that it was just another challenge you need to overcome," Galperin said. "He's an inspiration. You don't replace him — you hope other people step in."

Rubin's other leadership roles included a stint as chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and he was on the boards of the Franklin Institute, the Philadelphia Orchestra,

Albert Einstein Medical Center, Tel Aviv University, American Friends of Hebrew University, Continental Bank Midlantic Bank, PECO Energy Corp., Exelon Corp., University of the Arts, the United Jewish Appeal, the Kimmel Center and the Regional Performing Arts Center.

"When my brother committed himself to a cause, he was focused and passionate about achieving it," younger brother George Rubin said. "He was a relentless networker as he reached out to the people who could offer support."

Rubin is survived by his wife Marcia (née Miller), son William P. Rubin (Elizabeth Merryman), daughter Susan L. Rubin, sister Judith Garfinkel (Marvin), brother George Rubin, a grandson, two step-grandchildren, a niece and several nephews.

*Gloria Hochman contributed to this report.* ●

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## Fraud

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information to U.S. News about the number of Fox's OMBA and PMBA students who had taken the Graduate Management Admission Test, the average work experience of Fox's PMBA students and the percentage of Fox students enrolled part-time.

U.S. News ranked Fox's OMBA program No. 1 in the country from 2015 to 2018 and moved Fox's PMBA program up its rankings based on the allegedly false information. High rankings on the U.S. News surveys are desirable for colleges and universities attempting to attract potential students and millions of dollars in tuition.

Porat promoted these rankings in marketing materials aimed at donors and potential students, according to the indictment. Enrollment in Fox's OMBA and PMBA programs grew dramatically in a few short years, which increased tuition revenue by millions of dollars annually.

"The success of the higher education system in the United States relies not only on the academic excellence and rigor of the programs offered, and not only on the aptitude and hard work of the applicants and students, but also on transparency and honesty about the system itself," Acting U.S. Attorney Jennifer Arbittier Williams said during a press conference.

"Moshe Porat allegedly misrepresented information about Fox's application and acceptance process, and therefore the student body itself, in order to defraud the rankings system, potential students and donors. His conduct, as alleged, undermines the integrity of the entire academic system and forever hurts the students who worked so hard for admission," Williams said.

Porat's defense attorney, Michael A. Schwartz, said his client denies the allegations.

"Dr. Porat dedicated forty years of his life to serving Temple



▲ Moshe Porat  
Courtesy of Temple University Fox School of Business

University, first as a faculty member, and ultimately as Dean of the Fox Business School, and he did so with distinction," Schwartz said in a statement. "He looks forward to defending himself against these charges and to clearing his name."

Gottlieb and O'Neill were charged separately from Porat with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. All three lost their jobs in 2018 after the school's misrepresentations were discovered.

Porat worked at Temple for 43 years, including 22 years as dean. He filed a defamation lawsuit in 2019 against the university and its president, Richard Englert, seeking \$25 million. Porat claimed Temple shifted the blame to him during the public relations crisis by intentionally omitting information from communications materials.

"The administration took away the job I loved, damaged my health, destroyed my reputation and the legacy of my life's work I spent decades building," Porat said at a press conference that year. "Temple leadership did this with a false narrative invented for its expediency in public relations — and to deflect attention from the university's own role in all of this."

In an email statement, Ray Betzner, associate vice president of strategic marketing and communications at Temple,

said the university was aware of the indictment and could not comment on the substance of the criminal investigation or related charges, except to say that the university will continue to cooperate with the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

"What we can say is that the ongoing discovery process in Porat's defamation lawsuit against Temple in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas has uncovered facts previously unavailable to the university. This new information confirms Temple's decision to remove Porat as dean of the Fox School of Business in July 2018," the statement said.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that the fallout for the exposure of the fraudulent data has cost Temple millions in legal settlements with the Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. The school paid \$4 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed by former students of its online MBA program who claimed the scandal devalued their degrees.

Temple tightened procedures for reporting rankings data across the university in response to the incident. Fox's PMBA program is now ranked 41st out of 273 schools and the OMBA program ranks 100th out of 295 schools.

Porat received his undergraduate degree and MBA from Tel Aviv University and his doctorate from Temple. He was active in several local Jewish organizations and was listed as a board member of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce in his Temple bio. In June 2016, Hillel of Greater Philadelphia honored Porat for his campus leadership and advocacy for Israel.

The Inquirer reported that Porat does remain on Temple's staff. He makes about \$316,000 a year, but doesn't have formal duties. •

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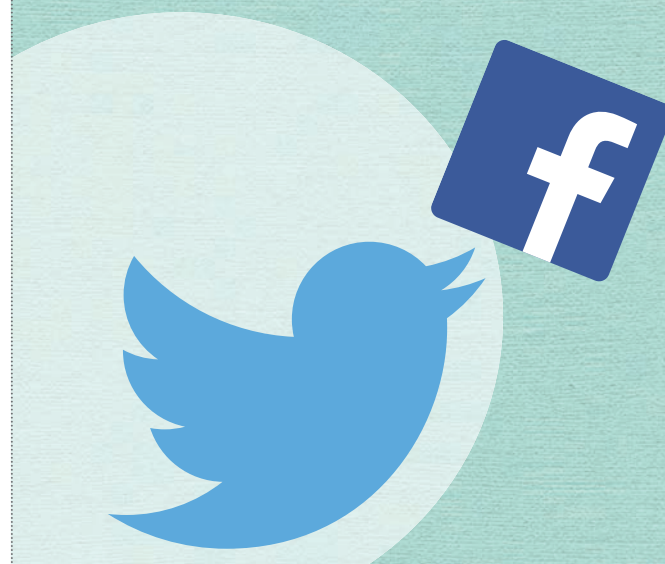
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# Anti-Semitism, by Definition



BY MARTIN J. RAFFEL

IN RECENT WEEKS, a robust debate has surfaced yet again around the definition of anti-Semitism, particularly as it relates to Israel and Zionism.

A clear definition can guide government bodies, universities and other civil society institutions in determining whether discourse is acceptable or beyond the pale.

Most major Jewish organizations strongly encourage use of the working definition of anti-Semitism developed through the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, which has become the authoritative formulation widely accepted around the world. (It is worth noting that one of the definition's principal authors, Kenneth Stern, director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate, insists that the IHRA definition was never intended to guide policymakers, but simply to be used as a vehicle to assist in data collection.)

The IHRA and two new definitions grapple with the same questions. Where is the line between criticism of Israel because of its policies and efforts to delegitimize Israel as the Jewish state? Is it anti-Semitic to hold Israel to a higher standard of conduct than other nations? The following is a brief comparative analysis:

**IHRA:** This definition holds that it is anti-Semitic to “target” the state of Israel, “conceived as a Jewish collectivity,” which simply means one cannot oppose Israel simply because it is the nation state of the Jewish people. This language is further clarified when the IHRA provides examples of anti-Semitic rhetoric, such as “denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.” By that definition, the infamous 1975 UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism, which was subsequently revoked, would be regarded by the IHRA as anti-Semitic.

Another IHRA example of anti-Semitism is applying a double standard to Israel, i.e., by “requiring of Israel behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.”

**Nexus:** This definition, a project of the Knight Program on Media and Religion at the Annenberg School of

Communication and Journalism at USC, uses different language, but it reaches the same conclusion, that it is anti-Semitic to delegitimize Israel not by what it does, but rather by what it is — a state that fulfills the Jewish people's right of national self-determination.

Unlike the IHRA, Nexus carves out two useful exceptions to this principle: If one opposes the right of all peoples to national self-determination, as a matter of principle, then opposition to Israel as a Jewish state would not be considered anti-Semitic. Nor would it be anti-Semitic, referring implicitly to the Palestinians, if your “personal or national experience may have been adversely affected” by the creation of Israel. Giving the Palestinians a pass, in my judgment, is appropriate — even as I hope that, over time, they will come to accept Jewish nationalism as not inconsistent with Palestinian self-determination and statehood.

Applying a higher standard of conduct to Israel, according to Nexus, would not “prima facie” be proof of anti-Semitism. As Nexus correctly observes, some people, American Jews for example, may simply care more about Israel than they do other countries, and expect more, as well. So, they hold the Jewish state to a higher standard not out of malice, but rather to advocate

for policies that align with their aspirations and values.

**Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism:** This definition, proposed by more than 200 American, Israeli and international scholars, takes a significantly different — and unhelpful — approach with respect to Jewish national self-determination (i.e., Zionism).

While JDA affirms equal rights for Jews in Israel/Palestine, it does not consider criticism or opposition to Zionism “as a form of nationalism” anti-Semitic. Nor would it be anti-Semitic to support “two states, a binational state, unitary democratic state or any other constitutional form in the area between the Jordan River and Mediterranean Sea.” Some of these “forms” inevitably would result in the dissolution of Israel as a Jewish state.

Conversely, JDA seems more generous when it comes to Palestinian nationalism by supporting the “Palestinian demand for justice and the full grant of their political, national, civil and human rights, as encapsulated in international law.”

However, there are some positive aspects to the JDA definition. For example, it reminds us that boycotts can be legitimate nonviolent forms of political protest. While unfair and counterproductive when used against Israel, they are, nevertheless, not anti-Semitic

in and of themselves.

That said, the JDA does not address whether the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement founded by Omar Barghouti should be considered anti-Semitic. I am of the opinion that it should, because the BDS movement's aim — sometimes implicit and other times explicit — is the end of Israel as the Jewish state. Yet I agree with JDA's observation that “excessive or contentious” criticism is not, in and of itself, anti-Semitic.

A fear expressed by proponents of the IHRA, which I share, is that multiple definitions may confuse government and civil society decision-makers. This potential problem can be mitigated, somewhat, if the IHRA is framed as the consensus definition, which remains subject to enhancement with supplemental material.

Defining anti-Semitism is important. Yet, we ought not lose sight of an even more urgent task, namely, the development of effective measures to attack its most virulent manifestations, especially the rising tide of violent right-wing extremism. That is the greatest threat today to the security of American Jews. •

Martin J. Raffel, a resident of Langhorne, is former senior vice president of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

# My Father's Lesson: Jews Must Value Labor Even When They Become Management



BY RABBI RACHEL TIMONER

EARLIER THIS YEAR, when my father was in the last weeks of his life, he told us a story that none of us knew or remembered. In the 1960s, when he was running a regional roofing company in Florida that became a multistate,

multimillion-dollar conglomerate, he saw that his unions were weaker because they were racially segregated.

“It didn't make any sense,” he told us. “These guys would have been stronger if they worked together.”

So he went to the head of the Black union and then the head

of the white union and told them they needed to integrate. And they did, he said, making his company the first in its industry and in the South with an integrated union.

Some unions were integrated in the late 19th century, so I have no idea if my dad's story was really a first in his industry.

But what I do know is that as a business leader in Miami 60 years ago, my Jewish father was a staunch supporter of labor unions — even though he was management, not labor. Throughout his business career, which included founding an airline in the 1970s,

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# For #Metoo Transgressors, the Only Cure is Banishment



BY AVIGAYIL HALPERN

IN THE YEARS following the reckonings with sexual harassment and assault prompted by the #MeToo movement, there has been debate over the correct communal response to those accused of sexual misconduct and whether perpetrators should be pushed to the edges of a community.

Impure!” as they walk.

The rabbis suggest that *tzaraat* is not simply a random occurrence. Instead they cast it as a punishment, most famously associating *tzaraat* with “*lashon hara*,” cruel speech, but the Talmud in Arakhin offers seven sins that would cause a person to be afflicted with *tzaraat*: “For malicious speech, for bloodshed, for an oath taken in vain, for forbidden sexual relations, for arrogance, for theft and for stinginess.”

Today we know to avoid framing illness or bodily differences as signs of moral degradation. But the commands given to the *metzora* can be understood in another way: not as a response to a bodily condition, but as a model for

major academic positions.

Hundreds of Jewish leaders, rabbis and rabbinical students have pushed back against these recent gatherings in public letters, arguing that Cohen had not demonstrated the kind of repentance necessary for such acts of public rehabilitation.

“As Jewish clergy,” reads a letter signed by more than 500 rabbis and cantors, “we know that actively participating in the rehabilitation of unrepentant abusers is not value neutral, and we know that lifting up the work of unrepentant abusers is not value neutral.”

I was involved in drafting a similar letter from rabbinical and cantorial students.

In social media conversations and elsewhere, this has raised conversations about how

Today we know to avoid framing illness or bodily differences as signs of moral degradation. But the commands given to the *metzora* can be understood in another way: not as a response to a bodily condition, but as a model for repairing the damage caused by misdeeds.

Questions of sin, quarantine and repentance are central to last week’s Torah portion, Tazria-Metzora, prompted by the rules surrounding the *metzora*, a person afflicted with *tzaraat*. Sometimes translated as “leprosy,” *tzaraat* is a skin disease that, per the description, can also affect houses and clothing. After an inspection by a priest, a person who is found to have *tzaraat* must tear their clothes and leave the camp until they are found to be pure by a second inspection, and they must cry out “Impure!

repairing the damage caused by misdeeds.

The debate over how to repair such damage was reignited in recent weeks when it came to light that Jewish studies scholars and community leaders had been participating in closed-door, invitation-only conversations convened by a group that included Steven M. Cohen, a prominent Jewish sociologist accused of making both verbal and physical advances on junior women colleagues and subsequently resigned from his

far might be too far in socially sanctioning those who have committed sexual harassment and assault. Is it really fair to push someone fully “out of the camp”?

When the Talmud in Arakhin goes through its list of sins that cause *tzaraat* in more depth, the prooftext it offers for sexual misbehavior comes from Genesis, citing the episode when Pharaoh kidnaps Abraham’s wife, Sarah, and is punished by God with “great afflictions.” The Hebrew word for afflictions is “*negaim*,” the

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## KVETCH 'N' KVELL

### Exponent Should Verify Letters

I’M CATCHING UP on the last few issues of the Exponent and just read a letter from Stephen A. Shalet (“Co-author’s Anti-Semitism Should Have Been Acknowledged,” April 1). The writer complains that a book review written by Exponent Staff Writer Jesse Bernstein and published in your March 18 issue neglected to mention that one of the authors of the book under review was a virulent anti-Semite.

This is a matter in dispute that has been denied by the author himself, and I don’t cite his name here because I do not want to perpetuate an allegation that I am not able to verify.

I understand that you disassociate yourselves from the comments expressed in the letters to the editor that you publish. Mostly, that’s fine. But when a letter specifically charges an individual with being an enemy of the Jews and also accuses a staff writer from your paper with neglect, then, at the very least, I hope you would solicit a response from your staff writer to publish alongside the letter.

And, ideally, since the reputation of the co-author of the book is also being seriously attacked, he, too, should be given the opportunity to respond. Publishing an ad hominem attack on anyone without giving them the opportunity to respond is not best practice.

Neil Litt | Princeton, New Jersey

### Give Murrow His Due

In your article about Sen. Joe McCarthy (“Series Examines Legacy of Sen. Joe McCarthy,” April 8), Staff Writer Sophie Panzer omitted a reference to the extremely important broadcast on May 17, 1954 (three weeks before the appearance of Joseph Welsh at the Army-McCarthy hearings) of Edward R. Murrow on his CBS program “See It Now.”

It was courageous and risky at the time, but Murrow devoted much of his program to the abuses McCarthy was committing. Probably more people watched that program than Welsh’s appearance, which was during the day. Murrow’s denunciation was the very beginning of McCarthy’s ultimate downfall. Murrow at the time was probably all of broadcasting’s most prestigious and respected journalist.

Ron Kaiserman | Wynnewood

### PA Must Step Up If They Want Vaccine

My response to the author of “Israel Should Help All Palestinians Get Vaccinated — Obligated or Not,” (April 18), Matan Arad-Neeman, a past president of J Street’s national board, is this: When the Palestinian Authority recognizes that Israel is on the map to stay, stops rewarding Arab terrorists by paying families of these terrorists, stops teaching their school children that it is their destiny to destroy Israel and murder Jews and stops glorifying these terrorists by naming sports facilities and streets after them, then Israel should do all it can to work in partnership with the Palestinian Authority to vaccinate every Palestinian.

Furthermore, Arad-Neeman has it backward. Israel is not occupying so-called Palestinian land. The so-called Palestinians are living in Jewish land. So says our Holy Torah. •

Zachary Margolies | Philadelphia



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will be held on June 16, 2021, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom for the purpose of electing Trustees of the Jewish Federation, and conducting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The bylaws provide for two-year terms for members of the Board of Trustees, and allow members to serve only two terms consecutively (a total of four years consecutively). As noted below, the Nominations Committee is nominating 50 members of the Jewish Federation to serve a first two-year term as a Trustee and 26 current Trustees to serve a consecutive two-year term.

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Nominating petitions must be in the hands of the Secretary of the JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA, 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 not later than May 21, 2021. Votes may be cast on June 16, 2021, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Proof of membership must be submitted. Richard Green, Secretary.

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# A Riff on Hummus

## FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

I know, I know, why mess with perfection?

Hummus is practically its own food group in my house. Whether it's the store-bought version we pull out as a quick snack on the run or a gussied up homemade version a la Zahav, served warm with various salatim for a decadent vegetarian meal, we all simply love it.

But I got to thinking, what if I mixed it up? Swap out a different type of beans for the chickpeas. Take the flavor profile in another direction, say, South American? Make the salatim to complement this new concoction.

Well, it was a revelation. We

loved this, well, for lack of a better term, Argentine hummus. It featured white beans in place of the chickpeas and chimichurri in place of the tahina. I bought the chimichurri from a local chef who was selling her wares at the Sisterly Love Food Fair, but it is certainly something that can be made without tremendous difficulty.

This experiment was so deliciously successful, I am contemplating other variations on the theme — cannellini beans and pesto with crusty semolina bread or pinto beans and salsa with tortillas. Stay tuned!

### ARGENTINE "HUMMUS"

*Serves 4-6 as a meal or more as an appetizer*

We served this with a sampling



▲ "Argentine" hummus platter

Photo by Keri White

of vegetable dishes (see below) and crusty bread.

- 1 pound white beans, soaked and drained
- Pinch baking soda
- 1½ cups chimichurri sauce, either homemade or bought
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large pot, cover the soaked beans with water — it should be filled to about 3 inches above the beans. Add a pinch of baking soda; this alters the pH of the water and is said to deliver softer beans. Bring the beans to a boil, then cover them and lower the heat. Simmer for about 2 hours until the beans are soft. You can't really overcook the beans, so if you are in doubt, give them some more time to simmer.

Drain the beans, return them to the pot, and add chimichurri. Using an immersion blender, puree the "hummus" to the desired texture and taste; add salt and pepper as needed. Serve warm, at room temperature or chilled.

### CHAR-ROASTED BROCCOLINI

*Serves 2-4*

We love the char on a vegetable; it gives it a depth, heft and crunch. But if your crew prefers a less-blackened version, simply

cook this for less time

- 1 bunch broccolini, rinsed and tough stem trimmed
- 1 tablespoon oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Juice of ½ lime

Heat your oven to 400 degrees F. Line a small baking sheet with parchment. Toss the broccolini with the oil, salt and pepper and spread it onto the sheet. Bake it for about 30 minutes until the vegetables are charred. Remove the broccolini from the oven, place it in a bowl and spritz it with lime.

### CUMIN-CAYENNE SPICED CARROT COINS

*Serves 4*

I used rainbow carrots here, but the regular orange ones work just fine. I also cut them into coins for quick cooking, but you can roast them whole or in larger chunks, if preferred. The cayenne pepper packs a punch, and complements the sweetness of the carrots nicely.

If the heat is too much for you and your crew, simply omit or reduce it and, if you are spice lovers, give it an extra sprinkle.

- 1 bunch carrots, sliced into coins
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1½ teaspoon ground cumin

- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt

Heat your oven to 400 degrees F. Line a cooking tray with parchment. Toss the carrots with the oil and seasonings. Spread them out onto the tray in a single layer. Roast the carrots until the desired doneness, about 20 minutes, or longer if browning or charring is desired.

### BEETS AND GREENS

*Serves 4*

I use both parts of the beet — the greens are wonderfully nutritious, and I feel like I'm getting an extra vegetable "for free" when I buy a bunch of beets with the greens attached.

#### For the beets:

- 4 beets
- Salt and pepper to taste

Boil the beets in lightly salted water in a medium-sized saucepan for about 30 minutes, depending on their size. Drain them and set them aside. When they're cool enough to handle, peel the beets and chop them into bite-sized chunks. Toss them with salt and pepper. Serve warm or chilled.

#### For the greens:

- Greens from 4 beets, rinsed well and chopped, stems included
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon red chili flakes
- Juice of ½ lemon

In a large skillet, heat the oil and garlic over medium until it is sizzling. Add the salt and chili flakes, then the greens. Using tongs, turn the greens over regularly to ensure even cooking. When done, about 6-8 minutes, spritz them with lemon juice and serve. •

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# ‘The Man of the Monkey’ Examines Diaspora

## FILM

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

**DAVID ROMBERG KNOWS** many North American Jews are unfamiliar with the stories of the Latin America diaspora.

As a high school student in the United States, his classmates didn’t understand how he could be Jewish, speak Spanish and trace his roots to Argentina.

“There’s a whole kind of narrative that’s missing,” he said.

His new documentary, “The Man of the Monkey,” sheds light on Latin American Jewish history through the story of Romberg’s family, a remote island, a local legend and a brutal regime.

Romberg, assistant professor of film studies media and communications at Muhlenberg College, spent part of his childhood living on Ilha Grande, an island off the coast of Brazil. His father built their house in the 1970s as a refuge after he escaped from the military dictatorship in Argentina, also known as the Dirty War. He was not the only person in the family forced to flee violence: Romberg’s grandfather escaped Russian pogroms, and his grandmother is a Holocaust survivor.

The film follows Romberg as he attempts to learn the origins of a story his father told him when he was a small boy: The man of the monkey is said to live in isolation in the forest with a monkey for a wife, and the animal attacks anyone who ventures near, especially women. The tale stays with Romberg into adulthood and he decides to interview other islanders about their knowledge of the legend.

As Romberg contacts more and more people, stories about a man with a monkey for a wife evolve into mentions of a white man with a monkey on

his shoulder. These eventually morph into anecdotes about run-ins with an Austrian or German man who intimidates locals near his home with firearms and dogs.

More questions arise as it becomes clear that the man of the monkey is a real person who arrived on the island after World War II and earned a fearsome reputation: Is he a former Nazi who fled to South America to escape prosecution for war crimes? Is he working to displace locals from their land under the guise of environmental conservation? Was he involved in the Brazilian dictatorship that led to the disappearance and imprisonment of political dissidents on the very island where Romberg and his Jewish family lived?

While Romberg searches for answers, he begins to learn disturbing truths about the place he called home for so many years, as well as stories about the generational trauma of Jews living in the Latin American diaspora.

“The Man of the Monkey” took 10 years to film and more than 10 years to research. Romberg contacted multiple Jewish organizations that collected information about escaped Nazis and war criminals, and combed through records and passports from different countries. Although the film is full of interviews from locals that help flesh out the identity of the mysterious figure, Romberg said he constantly ran into dead ends as he tried to pin down his identity.

As Romberg realized that his father built their family home on an island where political dissidents were tortured and a potential war criminal terrorized locals, he questioned whether true refuge is even possible.

“A lot of that came from trying to understand what the



▲ David Romberg explores Ilha Grande in “The Man of the Monkey.”

Courtesy of David Romberg

idea of refuge was as a concept for the Jewish diaspora, but specifically for the Latin American-Jewish diaspora, which experienced various traumas, even after the war, once they came to South America, which had various dictatorships,” Romberg said.

He said many Holocaust survivors escaped to Latin American countries, only to find that Nazis and their collaborators fled prosecution and settled in the same places. In addition to the proximity of former tormentors, new dictatorships during the 1960s and ’70s threatened Jewish lives and livelihoods. Some of Romberg’s own family members disappeared during the Argentinian dictatorship, and many Jews were among the intellectuals, students and artists who were targeted.

“For me, it was important to trace that history,” he said.

Romberg’s understanding of refuge also shapes his understanding of nationality and belonging. He lives in the United States and many of his family members, including his Holocaust survivor grandmother, live in Israel. While

they love their home countries, their history of constant displacement means feelings of safety and belonging are elusive.

“For Jews specifically, it’s an interesting problem, because we have been moving from continent to continent, from place to place, for so long that one wants to think that there is a place that you end up at,” he said. “From my experience, I’m

not sure that’s true, because even now, even though I think of the United States as my home, I don’t culturally necessarily identify completely with the United States.”

“The Man of the Monkey” is available to screen virtually from the Miami Jewish Film Festival until April 29. •

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▲ A still from “The Wonder Child,” a story from the Egyptian-Jewish oral tradition. Top row, left to right: Lois Abdelmalek and Abdul Sesay. Bottom row, from left: Marissa Barnathan and Nathan Foley

Courtesy of Theatre Ariel

shtetl, so to speak, to embrace the fullness of Jewish experience in a way that would be recognizable to audiences without being too inward-looking or familiar.

“We tend to forget that there are Jews and were Jews in just about every corner of the world,” Mozes said, and representing that diversity “was a big objective. And that’s something I’m really excited about, because we fulfilled that objective really well.”

The show runs until April 25, and performances on April 24-25 are part of Theatre Philadelphia’s Philly Theatre Week.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [theatreariel.org](http://theatreariel.org).

*Editor’s note: Jesse Bernstein the playwright and Jesse Bernstein the Jewish Exponent reporter are different people. •*

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into more exciting, more adventurous tales, and then moves into a mystical, almost Kabbalistic-inspired ending.”

Bernstein, who joined Theatre Ariel in his new capacity in January, is particularly excited by the story “Rabbi

Naftali’s Trance,” included in “Leaves from the Garden.”

The tonal and thematic variation of the selected stories

is rivaled by the variety of the settings. It was important to Mozes and Bernstein to explore stories outside of the

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Going Out to Find Holiness

BY RABBI GREGORY S. MARX

Parshat Kedoshim

ANXIETY IS CREEPING into the hearts of Americans.

In a recent conversation I had with a member of my congregation about going out to a restaurant, having recently received her second vaccine, she commented, "I feel like I am becoming agoraphobic." She lamented that as she was standing outside the front of her house and a UPS driver leaned out of his truck to wave hello and she jumped back in horror.

"I never would have done that before COVID," she said.

She recognized that she is becoming increasingly anxious about returning to life and doing something as simple and common as going out to a restaurant. What can she do, she asked me, now that the plague seems to be subsiding, at least to some degree?

One of the side effects

of COVID-19 is this new phenomena that I can only call "COVID re-entry anxiety." Can we go out with other people and be unmasked if everyone is vaccinated? Can we socialize at a restaurant, go on a plane, take a vacation and truly relax if we are with other people?

I am one always to trust the medical professionals but I am seeing tremendous confusion, conflicting messages and an ever-growing fear about what life is going to look like when we leave our "bunker"-like homes.

Our Torah gives us a clue on how to deal with this anxiety. It is rooted in the order of the Torah itself. In the previous parshah, Achrei Mot, we learn that Aaron, Moses' brother, suffered a terrible loss. His two sons, Nadav and Abihu were killed in a calamitous act of God. We learn in Leviticus 10:1, "They took, sons of Aaron, Nadav and Avihu put in their fire pans a fire; they placed on it incense; they brought before

God a strange (fire), that God did not command of them. The fire went out from before God, and consumed them; they died before God."

Following this tragedy, we transition to our Torah portion of this week, Kedoshim, which means holiness. Kedoshim, of course, gives us the blueprint for living a life of sanctity. We learn about reverence for our parents and building a community; we are to eat the sacrifice only on the first or second day, necessitating a group of people with whom to eat.

We are to share our abundance with the less fortunate, refrain from theft, deception and deceit. "You shall not swear falsely by My name, profaning the name of God." And of course, we are called upon to "Love our neighbor as ourselves." Subtly, our text is telling us how to rise up from disaster and death.

Moses joined with Aaron in our portion to support each other and the people by offering

a path out of the darkness. Work to bring holiness into the world. Endeavor to "look up," even as life sometimes forces us to peer downward. By offering a spiritual path to holiness, Moses and his brother taught us that we can either live in the past and the suffering of it, or we can move forward with a renewed purpose and mission. We can either let the past destroy our future, or we can imagine a world where our brighter future allows us to move beyond the pain of the past. Aaron and Moses moved forward and found holiness even after tragedy.

We must, following the death of more than 500,000 Americans, mourn our loss, but then "put one foot in front of the other." We must focus on the tasks in front of us. We might see going out for dinner or speaking to another person in the grocery store as a common, or meaningless act, but in light of the past year, it is a holy act. It is a courageous

act. It propels us out of the pain of yesterday, empowering us to normalize our lives again.

All of the rituals and ethical laws of Kedoshim can only be fulfilled in community. We cannot find holiness alone. We must get out, live our lives and embrace our time with one another. We must keep safety at the forefront, but let us not be paralyzed by our fears; rather, let us go forth and find Kedoshim, holiness. •

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he championed the rights of workers to organize.

It was evident to him that

the success of his companies was dependent on the success and satisfaction of his workers. This position strengthened his bottom line by creating a loyalty and devotion among his workforce that is rare today.

Air Florida employees — from flight attendants to pilots to receptionists — continue to hold reunions where they speak of him with love, and many lit candles and came to his memorial service when he died.

I'm now a rabbi, and I can quote the Mishnah about our obligation to workers, but the truth is that my father was my primary teacher here. My dad taught me that businesses thrive when the dignity of every human being is honored — workers, customers and shareholders alike. He taught me that there is no contradiction between being pro-business and pro-union. He taught me that our economy and society can be both prosperous and caring. He taught me that standing for the rights of workers is what it means to be a proud Jew.

I thought about my father's lessons several times this month, especially after labor

leader Randi Weingarten in a JTA interview used language to suggest that the modern Jewish community was less likely to support unions than it had in generations past. In response to criticism, Weingarten conceded that she could have expressed her point more artfully, but her essential point stands: that "historically, there was much less equivocation about whether to be pro-union in the Jewish community."

As we've just watched Amazon spend huge sums to defeat a union-organizing effort in Alabama, and as we debate the Jewish community's changing relationship with labor organizing, let's remember the entire generation of Jewish business leaders, like my father, for whom unions were essential. We often tell the stories of the immigrant generation who were the labor leaders. Their

children, many of whom went on to sit on the other side of the negotiating table while valuing labor rights, are also part of the Jewish people's legacy and identity. Not just mine, but ours.

As I mourn my father, Eli Timoner, "zichrono livracha," one way to honor his memory is to champion labor organizing efforts as he did, and especially to stand with all frontline workers — everyone from teachers to nurses to delivery workers — all those who keep the world moving, even in a pandemic. Another is to hold up his example and the promise it contains — of businesses that care for people, an economy that values workers and a society that works for all. •

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**JEWISH EXPONENT**







The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

## Touring Israel Virtually With Russian-Speaking Seniors

**NEARLY 50 HOMEBOUND SENIORS** traveled from Philadelphia to Israel last month — virtually, of course.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Missions program, which takes people on educational trips to Israel, Europe, Central America and more, has been on hold since the start of the pandemic. But many in the local communities still feel the travel bug and a desire to connect with Jewish communities around the world.

This gave the Jewish Federation's Mission co-chairs, Susan Schwartz and Paul Fires, an idea: Why not use the video technology that's become a part of everyday life to take isolated older adults on a virtual trip?

Together, with Missions and Travel Manager Arielle Shemesh, they organized a virtual tour for seniors, many of whom are Holocaust survivors, who participate in KleinLife's programs for Russian speakers.

"The KleinLife community represents a significant portion of our elderly population who are the most at risk. They're homebound without any physical contact or mental stimulation," Schwartz said. "We felt this virtual mission would be a wonderful way to bring Israel into their homes, and give them something to look forward to each week."

The Missions department worked with KleinLife, a Jewish Federation-supported community resource center in Northeast Philadelphia, to identify participants.

Despite technological barriers for this age demographic, many were able to join this travel experience through the use of Uniper, a video chat software that connects virtual platforms to television screens and computers. With loneliness and social isolation further heightened during the pandemic, funding from the Jewish Federation helped bring this technology to seniors in the local community as a way for them to stay connected from the comfort and safety of their homes.

"It is hard to think of a more deserving group than the people who enjoy KleinLife's wonderful services and programs," Fires added. "Add to the mix that many in the KleinLife community have limited mobility for a variety of reasons, it seems natural to bring the Israel mission experience to their doorsteps."

Each week, between 35 and 50 seniors joined the call. Led by an experienced Russian-Israeli tour guide, the group visited different regions and landmarks during the sessions. Virtual tour bus stops included Jerusalem's Old City and Mahane Yehuda market, Tel Aviv's Jaffa Port, the beachside resort town of Eilat and the Dead Sea.

The tour group also met representatives from some of the Jewish Federation's supported Israeli nonprofits that serve seniors and Holocaust survivors. For example, they visited Leket, the leading food rescue service in Israel, and Yad LaKashish, which gives impoverished older adults a purpose and means of living through teaching and using artistry skills.

Finally, the sightseers virtually visited the Jewish Federation's partnership region in Netivot, where they spoke with a young Russian immigrant, Kosta, about his experiences making aliyah and raising a family on Israel's Southern border, a beautiful and diverse region where rocket fire is a constant reality.

Overall, the three-part virtual excursion received overwhelmingly positive reviews.

"I have not been to Israel for a long time," said Leon Fleish, a Holocaust survivor from the former Soviet Union who participated in the mission. "Last time I was there was 12 years ago. I pretty much felt like I was there through this trip, and the experience made me want to be there in person. I would really like to travel to Israel, to be in that atmosphere, and feel myself as part of the Israeli community."

Other travelers, such as Mila Brayman, who is also a Holocaust survivor originally from the former Soviet Union, agreed with Fleish's sentiment.

"I really love Israel and traveled there in the past," Brayman explained. "I felt like I was there again and got to know a lot of new things, because I hadn't traveled to all of the places our tour guide showed us during this virtual mission."



▲ Russian-speaking older adults saw the virtual sights of Israel, including Jaffa in Tel Aviv.



▲ KleinLife seniors, including many Holocaust survivors, experience a virtual mission to Israel. Photos courtesy of Arielle Shemesh

The Jewish Federation's Missions programs not only take people to Israel, but also to visit Jewish communities and places of interest around the world. Prior to the pandemic, the last in-person offering was a civil rights tour of the American South that featured historic locations in Selma and Birmingham in Alabama and other significant cities.

It will still be some time before group travel can return to non-virtual experiences, but the Missions co-chairs are proud, albeit not surprised, of what they have been able to accomplish and offer the community throughout the pandemic.

"The Missions' success is not at all surprising," Fires said. "The joy we take from seeing this impact is why we do what we do."

While these challenging times have limited programming and outreach in some ways, they have also allowed for increased creativity, resourcefulness, and, in the case of this latest KleinLife virtual mission, accessibility.

"This just reinforces to me the power of the collective, and the commitment of our community," Schwartz said. "It's a very rewarding feeling to know that with a little brainstorming — and our fabulous professional team — we can improve and enrich lives, one day at a time."

For more information about travel experiences with the Jewish Federation, contact Shemesh at [ashemesh@jewishphilly.org](mailto:ashemesh@jewishphilly.org) or 215-832-0629.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ► GOLDBERG AND JACOBS

Barbara and Donald Goldberg and Evelyn and Alvin Jacobs celebrated the 69th anniversary of their double wedding on April 6 with a Zoom get-together with both families.

Their wedding took place at the Broadwood Hotel in Philadelphia in 1952.

The Goldbergs have two children and four grandchildren, and live in Laguna Woods, California.

The Jacobs have two children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild and live in Glen Mills.

Photos courtesy of the Goldberg and Jacobs families



## COMMUNITYBRIEFS

### Shooting Occurs at Assisted Living Facility Owned by JEVS

A 71-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT of an assisted living facility in Upper Gwynedd owned by Jewish Employment and Vocational Services was accidentally shot under his left eye by an employee on April 10, the Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department said.

The victim was transported to Abington Hospital — Main, then transferred to Jefferson Hospital and is receiving treatment.

Police said the employee, 25, was a caretaker at the facility for special needs adults at 271 Oakland Ave. The employee, who had worked there for about seven years, was handling a Glock 17, 9mm that he recently bought. While he was holding the gun, it discharged, striking the resident.

Neither the employee nor two other residents in the room at the time were injured.

Police said the employee is cooperating and is not in custody. The weapon was seized.

Police declined to identify the victim or the employee, citing the ongoing investigation, which is slated for review by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office.

JEVS declined to address specifics, also citing the ongoing investigation, but did issue a statement.

"Bringing firearms to work is a clear violation of our policies, and the caregiver has been terminated. We are cooperating fully with authorities. The care and safety of our residents and clients is our highest priority. Our hearts go out to our resident and the resident's family," the statement read in part.

### Jewish Exponent Reporter Wins First Prize in 2020-21 Journalism Contest

Jewish Exponent reporter Sophie Panzer won a first place award in the 2020-21 SPJ Keystone Pro Chapter Spotlight Contest.

"History's Lessons: Jewish Couple Wed in Graveyard

to Stop 1918 Flu Pandemic," which was published on Oct. 8, 2020, was selected in the feature story, non-daily category.

The article detailed a ritual known as black wedding or plague wedding in English that was an attempt by the Jewish immigrant community to stop the Spanish Flu pandemic raging that year.

"Fascinating history — revealing a hidden history. Well-written. The opening sets up the reader's interest by posing a riddle — well done. Good parallel with today's pandemic," the judges wrote.

### Jewish Learning Venture Names Elana Rivel as CEO Starting on Sept. 1

Elana Rivel was named CEO of Jewish Learning Venture starting Sept. 1 by its board of directors, the organization announced on Facebook.

JLV provides programs and services that empower families to make Judaism more meaningful and relevant. Its programs include jkidphilly, Whole Community Inclusion and Jewish Education Leadership Development.

Rivel, who previously worked for JLV for 12 years, has served as a leader in Jewish nonprofit organizations ranging from Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Penn State Hillel, Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas and, most recently, as director of Ramah Day Camp in Philadelphia.

In her prior tenure at JLV, Rivel helped to develop and manage numerous initiatives, including One Book, One Jewish Community, jkidphilly and LeV: Getting to the Heart of Jewish Education.

"This is a critical time in our American-Jewish community as we move into post-pandemic living and I believe our families and our institutions will need even more guidance, support, networks and opportunities for growth and innovation," Rivel said.

Rivel replaces Rabbi Philip Warmflash, who retired in 2020 after 27 years at the helm of JLV. Chief

Strategy Officer Anna Marx and Chief Program Officer Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer served as interim leaders.

### Bagel Delivery Services Gives Away 5,000 Bagels

New York Bagel Butler, which delivers New York-style bagels made on Long Island, New York, to parts of the Philadelphia area, has given away nearly 5,000 bagels since opening in June, according to 6abc.

"I kind of grew up eating bagels three times a week. I would bring back bagels from New York. I just kind of had this light bulb moment: 'Why don't I just make this into a business,'" said Anker, a Long Island native and a 2019 Drexel University graduate.

During his deliveries he stops at local organizations, including The Block Gives Back and the Ronald McDonald House, to volunteer and donate bagels

"It's just very rewarding. It's just a feeling you can't get from anything else. It's almost like you hit the lotto but it's more, it's better than hitting the lottery," he said. "Food is so important. Food insecurity is unfortunately a rampant thing. If I'm able to help it one person at a time, one bagel at a time, I'm going to do that."

### Barry's Buns to Open New Location in Wildwood Crest

The owners of Barry's Buns in Chestnut Hill announced that they will open a new branch in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, starting on May 7.

The 900-square-foot space at 6107 New Jersey Ave., will feature the same menu as that at the Chestnut Hill location. That menu includes sticky buns, sticky bun bread pudding, cinnamon roll bites, babka loaves and Jewish apple cake, among other things.

Husband-and-wife owners Joel and Jen Singer had to close their location at the Bourse Food Hall in Old City in 2020 because of the pandemic. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



## DEATH NOTICES



### COHN

Barbara G. Cohn, 83 of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Coatesville and Malvern PA, died Wednesday April 14, 2021 in Sarasota. Born February 8, 1938 in Harrisburg, PA, she was the daughter of the late Edwin Garver and the late Claire Wolfe Garver. After graduating from John Harris High School in 1956, she worked as a legal secretary until she met her husband Sol I. Cohn. They were married for over 52 years. Barbara was a creative, curious and competitive person who made being a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and caring human essential to her character and happiness. She was a natural illustrator, avid reader and gifted chef. She enjoyed playing tennis, ping-pong, board games, especially Trivial Pursuit and Scrabble, as well as the fun and community that came with playing Bridge. She loved the art of writing and the power of words and was excellent at crossword and number puzzles. Barbara and Sol traveled extensively through the United States and Europe together yet were always glad to be home in their beloved Pennsylvania or enjoying their adopted Sarasota. Barbara was a member of the Keshet Israel Congregation of West Chester and the Temple Emanu-El of Sarasota FL. In addition to her husband Sol, she is survived by her sons, Adam Cohn, and his wife Lindsay, David Cohn, grandchildren Oz, North and Griffin. She is also survived by her brother, Edwin Garver. Graveside Services at Haym Salomon Memorial Park were private. Contributions in her name may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online at: [http://giftfunds.stjude.org/barbara\\_cohn](http://giftfunds.stjude.org/barbara_cohn) or by mail to: 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Attn: Tribute Processing.

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### DABROW

Allan M. Dabrow, April 9, 2021, of Delray Beach, FL and Philadelphia, PA. Beloved husband of Tina (nee Kramer) Dabrow; loving father of Gregg (Judy) Dabrow and Melissa (Adam) Benn; cherished grandfather of Zach, Shelby, Leo and Logan; devoted brother of the late Arlene "Kookie" Suarez. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Golden Slipper Club and Charities ([www.goldenslipperclub.org](http://www.goldenslipperclub.org)), ADL ([www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)) or JAFCO ([www.jafco.org](http://www.jafco.org)). JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS  
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### EDELSTEIN

On Monday, April 5, 2021 Joseph Edelstein, loving husband of Esther, passed away at the age of 79. Born in Philadelphia, Joe graduated from Olney High School and Columbia Business College. He had a passion for sports and followed all the Philadelphia teams. A devoted Philadelphia A's fan, he transferred that allegiance to the Phillies and reveled in their World Series wins – and in the Eagle's Super Bowl victory. But his greatest pleasure in life was spending time with his devoted wife. Their favorite vacation was a cruise – he was a longtime member of both the Captain's Club and the Crown and Anchor Society. Joe made friends easily with his infectious smile and sweet disposition. His kindness and compassionate spirit could be seen from an early age. As a young man he volunteered with an ambulance corps; when his father had a stroke, he remained at home to help his mother care for him and assisted his father in maintaining income during that time. He showed that same devotion to his wife of 43 years and extended it to her family as well. He is survived by many loving friends and family members who miss him dearly. Donations in Joe's memory can be made to Parkinson's Foundation <https://www.parkinson.org/>, The American Heart Association <https://www.heart.org/> or The Crohns & Colitis Foundation <https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/> GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S  
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### ELKMAN

Lois Elkman (nee ROSENBLIT) On April 7, 2021, the adored Lois Elkman of Bala Cynwyd, PA transitioned in her home surrounded by her family. The most generous and loving spirit, she will be forever in the hearts of her family and those who love her. Wife of the late Stanley Elkman, mother of the late Carol Schwartz (Elkman) and Stuart Elkman, sister of Donald and Buddy Rosenblit, mother-in-law of Elliot Schwartz, grandmother of Wendy Schwartz (Ben Barnett), Tammi Van Hollander (Neal King), Jodi Schwartz-Levy (Adam Levy). Great-grandmother of Gabby Van Hollander, Isadora Barnett, Aden Van Hollander, Cecelia Barnett, Sage Levy, Judah Barnett, and Simone Levy. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Carol Schwartz Fund for Thyroid Cancer Research at Abramson Cancer Center <https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/fund?program=MED&fund=843476>.

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*May the memory of  
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The National Museum of American Jewish History family mourns the passing of its longtime devoted Co-Chair and Trustee Ron Rubin, who with his wife Marcia, was among the Museum's most steadfast supporters. Mr. Rubin was instrumental in identifying and acquiring the Museum's iconic site on Independence Mall and was honored at the Museum's 2016 Gala featuring then-Vice President Joe Biden. He will always be a cherished part of the Museum family. Our thoughts are with his family and many friends. May his memory be for a blessing.

*Philip Darivoff, Chair; Steve Cozen, First Vice Chair; Lyn Ross, Honorary Chair; and Misha Galperin, CEO on behalf of the Leadership and Staff of the National Museum of American Jewish History*



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ELLMAN

Charles Ellman, 92, of Boca Raton, Florida, passed away on April 8, 2021, two weeks shy of his 93rd birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gloria Ellman (née Davidow), children Lou and Suzyn, brother Leroy (Sheila), and many adoring nieces, nephews, and friends. Chuck was born in Philadelphia, PA on April 22, 1928 to parents Abraham and Sarah Ellman. After graduating from Olney High School in 1946, he attended Lafayette College on an athletic scholarship to play basketball. Chuck graduated from Lafayette in 1950 with a degree in Economics. Chuck enlisted in the United States Army in 1950, and rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. His military career was colorful, with posts all across the US, time as a drill Sergeant, an Atomic Bomb testing experience, and Officer school. Chuck received an honorable discharge in 1955. Chuck then joined his Uncle, Irvin Saltzman in the insurance business. What started as a two person company, Delaware Valley Underwriting Agency (DVUA), grew to become one of the leading insurance agencies in the US. Chuck spent his entire forty plus year career in executive roles with the firm, retiring in 1994. In 1967, Chuck proposed to Gloria Davidow, and the two were married on April 28, 1968. Chuck's family was the pride of his lifetime. A wise, kind, humorous, and patient man, Chuck was beloved by all who knew him, and will be missed by all. Contributions in Chuck's memory may be made to a charity of donor's choice.

FRANKEL

Rita Frankel (nee Forman), age 87. Daughter of the late David and Anna Forman, passed away April 15, 2021. Survived by her loving companion, Saul Carroll, of 31 years. Also survived by her daughter Bonnie Adair (Don) and Beth Moskowitz. Rita is also survived by two grandchildren Michael Moskowitz and Brett Adair. And one great grandchild Piper Sinclair. Rita was preceded in death by her loving granddaughter Danielle Moskowitz Sinclair (Sean), her late husband Sidney Frankel, and brother Jules Forman. Her greatest enjoyment besides her family was playing the violin and painting. Saul and Rita had wonderful memories together travelling and spending time with friends and family. Contributions in her memory may be made to Autism Speaks.

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GOLDBERG

Aleck Goldberg on April 15, 2021. Loving father of Mark Goldberg and Susan Helfrich; Grandfather of Marc and Andrea; Beloved companion of Beth Beggs. Services and interment are Private. Contributions in his memory may be made to any charity supporting Israel.

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GORDON

Albert Martin Gordon of South Philadelphia, died peacefully on March 16, 2021 at age 96. Beloved son of the late Morris and Nellie (Glassman) Gordon. Cherished brother of the late Ethel (Samuel David Weller) and the late Theodore Gordon. Al lived in the same house on Ritner Street, where he was born in 1924, and was beloved by his neighbors. He could be found often sitting on his front porch greeting passerby's. Professionally, he worked as a police stenographer and had many hobbies, including author, ball room dancer, body builder, bongo player, avid reader, and lover of music. He enjoyed winters in Florida and a good meal. Al is survived by his niece, Suzan Weller Fine (Kalmann Fine z'l) and nephew Edward Weller (Lynne Bremer), as well as, many great nieces and nephews. Services were held March 17, 2021. Donations in Al's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GINSBERG

Miriam Ginsberg, your loving family and friends think of you every day and miss you dearly. Miriam truly cared more about giving than receiving. Her love was unconditional and now eternal. She devoted her life to her family and she warmly touched everyone she came to know, always with a smile. You are with us every day in so many ways, Min! We love and miss you so much!!



GOVBERG

Rochelle "Shelly" Govberg passed away at her home in Jupiter, Florida on April 10th from natural causes. She was 81. Born in 1940 to the late Beatrice and Dr. Bernard Perez, Shelly grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs. She graduated from Lower Merion High School and then went on to meet her now late husband Irv to start her beautiful family. Shelly was a loving wife to her husband Irv for 61 years, a loving mother to her sons Danny and Jeffrey, and a wonderful grandmother to her 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was full of life and enjoyed spending time with her friends and family most. She is survived by sons Danny (Ashley) and Jeffrey; grandchildren Brian (Chelsea), Marc, Julia, Cooper, Spencer, Robyn, and Jennifer; and great grandchildren Chase, Cash and Chloe; and sister Carole Spielberg (Richard). The family asks that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may donate to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbda.org).

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HORWITZ

Charles Horwitz, age 75, passed away at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania on April 13, 2021. Charles was the son of Benjamin and Mae (nee Zumoff) Horwitz. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judith (nee Axelrod), their son, William, and his brother, Mayer (Barbara) Horwitz, Esq. Chuck, as he was known by family and friends, was an entrepreneur. Early in his career, he was a buyer of women's fashions for Gimbels and Wanamakers. Following that, he became the owner of Ridgeway Stores. After retiring, he served as a consultant to the fashion industry, and was a guest instructor at the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. He also became a licensed insurance agent. Chuck was a graduate of Haverford High School and Temple University. He had been an active member of the New Warrior Men's organization for many years. The family requests donations be made to mds-foundation.org/donate. Services were private.

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HYMAN

Marsha Kamen Hyman, 70, of Cherry Hill, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday April 11, 2021 while vacationing in Florida. Born in Salem, she was the daughter of the late Archie and Bella Kamen (nee Levitsky). She was a graduate of Salem High School and the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to retirement, Marsha worked as a dental hygienist. Marsha was adventurous and was always looking for new places to explore. She will be remembered for her passion for all outdoor activities, she loved traveling, hiking and especially road cycling. She is survived by two children, Samuel Hyman and his wife Jamie of Livingston and Samantha Hyman-Pardo and her husband Carlos of Philadelphia, PA, three grandchildren, Bella Hyman, Abraham "Abie" Hyman and Elanora Pardo and a brother Barnett Kamen of Broomall, PA. The family requests that memorial contributions in Marsha's memory be made to the Jewish National Fund, 78 Randall Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

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JENOFSKY

Linda Judy Jenofsky, passed away on April 15, 2021. Mother of Jena (Jeremy) Pashak. Grandmother of Ethan Pashak. Sister to the late Jack (Gretchen) Jenofsky, Loving Aunt to Michelle & Chad. And Stephen Present with whom she shared a lifelong affection. Linda was an educator, psychologist, world traveler, enthusiast of the arts, and a revolutionary individual of her time. Contributions in her memory may be made to Parkinson's Foundation, Lewy Body Dementia Foundation, Beth El Yardley, and Philadelphia Art Museum.

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ROSEN

Martin (Marty) Rosen on April 11, 2021, age 92, died peacefully at home in Wynnewood, PA, surrounded by his loving family, following a brief and valiant battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Jeanne (née Kravetz), loving father of Richard (Laura Mirkinson z'l), Rona (Mark Cohen) and Michelle Glazier (Bradford Glazier), devoted grandfather of Rebecca (Troy Keyser), Hannah (Jeffrey Hinkelman), Elissa (Jeffrey Bowen), Rachel, and Jenna and great-grandfather of David. Predeceased by his beloved parents Isadore and Esther, sister, Florence Gordon and brother, Irving. A proud Logan boy and graduate of Birney Elementary School, Olney High School, Temple University and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Former owner of Knorr Street Pharmacy, he continued in his profession until retiring at the age of 88. He was loved and respected by everyone who had the good fortune of knowing him. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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RUBIN

Ronald Rubin, April 12, 2021, husband of Marcia (nee Miller) of Penn Valley, father of William P. Rubin (Elizabeth Merryman) and Susan L. Rubin, brother of Judith Garfinkel (Marvin) and George Rubin (Lorraine), grandfather of Scott Silberman (Carrie), also survived by 2 step grandchildren Liza and McLane Hendriks, niece Kelly Rubin and nephews Gilead Morse, Tim and Dan Rubin. Contributions in his memory to Abramson Cancer Center at Penn.

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Gary Snyder of Upper Gwynedd, PA and Boynton Beach, Florida passed away peacefully with family at his side on April 8, 2021. Gary is survived by his beloved wife Elaine (nee Enish). He was stepfather to Seth Mendelson (Meredith), Sara Collins (Chris), Laura Mendelson, and Ashley Mendelson. Gary loved being "Papa G" to his five grandchildren Sophia, Olivia, Stella, Juliet, and Jake who adored him. Gary was the son of the late Larry and Florence (Baylinson), brother of Jody Rickel (David) and the late Ricki Erst (Richard). He had a diverse career which included starting a successful tax lien business, real estate developments, and held various professional certifications including Real Estate Appraiser, Broker, and Auctioneer. Gary was an avid golfer and skier who was happiest in shorts and a T-shirt, or on the golf course in sunny Florida. Donations in his memory may be made to the Penn Heart Failure Program Fund by visiting: <https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/fund?program=MED&fund=603905>

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STRAUSS

Michael Alexander Strauss, age 66, beloved son of Mona Strauss of Ocean City and Chestertown, Maryland and the late Dr. Robert Strauss, passed away peacefully at the home of his mother on March 9, 2021 after a short illness. He is sadly missed. A 1976 graduate of Yale University, Michael also held a Master's degree in Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. He played in a number of orchestras in the United States and abroad, as principal violist of Omaha Symphony for eleven years and the Cedar Rapids Symphony for eight years before moving to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1999 where he was principal violist of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and a founding member of the Mariner String Quartet. Michael's role as a teacher and mentor to string students was central to his identity as a musician. In recent years, he conducted a private teaching studio in Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. His lifelong quest for ways to improve the teaching of string instruments resulted in the development of a unique program that utilizes whole brain learning. Exercise volumes for violin, viola and cello and the teaching manual, *Metatechnical Systems for Strings*, accelerate the learning process. The first volume develops tone, note-reading, rhythm, and intonation. The second volume develops shifting, glissando, velocity, ear-training, and vibrato. Both students and experienced players benefit when they utilize this new and revolutionary teaching system for string instruments. Michael was also a writer and a poet. *Beach Sequences*, a volume of poetry written during a winter sojourn in Ocean City, and *A Tao for Now: The Music of Lao-Tsu* are being readied for publication. Michael became a father later in life, and relished that role. He was extremely proud of his son Arhon Strauss, a sophomore at Phillips Exeter Academy, who like his father has a writing bent. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son Arhon; two sisters, Dr. Sarah Strauss of Holden, Massachusetts and Jane Strauss, Esq. of Minneapolis, Minnesota; five nieces and two nephews.

TAFLIN

Martin Taflin, April 10, 2021, of Richboro, PA; beloved husband of the late Sylvia B. (nee Buschel); loving father of Rita Kane (Michael) and Nancy Taflin-Frederick (Joseph); cherished grandfather of Jennifer Yoas and Jordan Kane (Rachael), adored great-grandfather of Jeremy, Drake, Betty, Sarah and Alex. Services will be private. Contributions in Martin's memory may be made to the Jewish War Veterans (jwv.org) or Hadassah (hadassah.org).

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ZERULD

Jane Zeruld (nee Cohan) April 11, 2021, of Upper Gwynedd, PA. Wife of the late Herbert Zeruld; Mother of Debra Brunetto (the late Scott Brunetto), Bill (Sharon) Zeruld and the late Edward Zeruld. Sister of Robert (Elaine Sherman) Cohan (the late Lois Cohan); Grandmother of Joshua, Matthew, Maya and Katie. Services and Interment were Private. The family respectfully requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Mitzvah Circle or the Lustgarten Foundation. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS  
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Passages

He closed his eyes and wondered,  
Why he had no fear,  
Although he heard the trumpet's blast,  
Announcing death so near.

The music played a tune so sweet,  
As memories came and went,  
Of faces past and years recalled,  
Viewed from this firmament

He thought of all the years gone by,  
And as he breathed his last,  
He had no word, no tear, no sigh,  
He knew the die was cast.

Now tears did flow, among the crowd,  
As music thrilled its tone,  
A million notes that filled the air,  
From earth to heaven's zone.

The road he walked was long,  
And seemed to have no end,  
There was a light to guide the way,  
He did at last ascend.

A poet's words, so aptly spoke,  
Of water, wind and beach,  
Of times gone by, and life well lived,  
And goals he had to reach.

And as the gate swung open wide,  
He knew his time was nigh,  
The world did fade, it was too late,  
He'd said his last goodbye.

A rainbow swept across the sky,  
A palette bright and true,  
An artful apparition,  
For all of us to view.

Mona Strauss

Halpern

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same word used in Tazria-Metzora to describe the marks of *tzaraat*.

This is a striking example for the rabbis to choose. This is not a verse about run-of-the-mill sexual misbehavior, like adultery. This is a reference to a story about sexual violence and power. Pharaoh, who holds all the cards, takes Sarah to his palace simply because he wants to. Some commentators also hold Abraham responsible for standing by and allowing this to happen — he had claimed Sarah was his sister in hopes that Pharaoh would not harm him when taking her away. While many commentators excuse Abraham's lie, the medieval commentator Nachmanides is critical of Abraham's decision to expose his wife to sexual sin.

By invoking this story in the context of *tzaraat*, the rabbis offer us an opportunity to understand the biblical processes for responding to *tzaraat* as a mode for responding to sexual violence. Banishing someone "outside the camp" is a key part of a community's response to such behavior. Time away is necessary, and it is the responsibility of the culpable party to keep others safe, to prioritize their needs over his or hers. The person with *tzaraat* is commanded to warn passersby of their state.

In a *dvar Torah*, Dr. Rachel Rosenthal, a Talmud professor, writes: "Often, it is difficult to acknowledge our own weaknesses and failings. We excuse behaviors in ourselves

that we condemn in others, justifying our actions even as we are uncomfortably aware that we do not really believe we are doing the right thing. Imagine if, every time we wronged ourselves and others, we were forced to stand up and admit it."

Rosenthal challenges us to embrace the mode of the *metzora*, to see the value in making public our wrongs. Rosenthal's words are directed at individuals: We must all own our misdeeds and take time to contemplate them. But her words also offer wisdom as we as a community consider what is moral and right: "Rather than hiding behind excuses, we would be forced to stand before the world and say, Look, this is who I am, both for good and for bad. And while this might cause us to be temporarily separated from our communities, ultimately it would have the potential to bring us back in, presenting a more honest and more righteous version of ourselves, scars and all."

Time outside the camp and public communication about misdeeds are key parts of healing, both for individuals and a community. The case of the *metzora* teaches that for someone not to be welcomed in communal spaces after they do harm is necessary and important. Without it, there can be no moving forward. •

Avigayil Halpern is studying for rabbinic ordination at the Hadar Institute in New York, and can be found on Twitter at @avigayiln.

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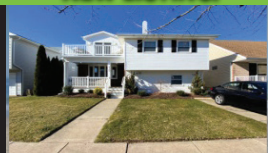
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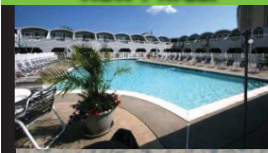
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LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Brian Wallace, 3329 Lawrence St., Philadelphia, PA 19140, Administrator.

ESTATE OF JAMES HARLON MARTIN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JORDAN R. SHAPIRO, ADMINISTRATOR, 121 S. Broad St., 20<sup>th</sup> Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107,  
Or to his Attorney:  
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ESTATE OF JANINA GABRYSEWSKA, DECEASED  
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ESTATE of JOSEPHINE L. GALLO; GALLO, JOSEPHINE L., Deceased  
Late of Philadelphia, PA  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Elissa E. Gallo, Executrix, c/o Gail Marcus, Esq., 2 Penn Center Plaza, Suite 1020, 1500 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19102.  
Gail Marcus, Esq.  
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Pursuant to the requirements of section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, notice is hereby given that **SHANESE I. JOHNSON ASSOCIATES, P.C.**, a professional corporation, is currently in the process of voluntarily dissolving. Shanese I. Johnson, Esq. 230 S. Broad St. Suite 1501 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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ESTATE OF LEEANNA COX PURNELL, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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Or to his Attorney:  
ANGELA D. GIAMPOLO  
GIAMPOLO LAW GROUP, LLC  
1221 Locust Street, Ste. 202  
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ESTATE OF LILY SHARP a/k/a LILLY SHARP, LILLIAN L. SHARP, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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Or to his Attorney:  
Howard M. Solomon  
1760 Market St., Ste. 404  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE of Marilyn A. Cheskis Lear, Deceased  
Late of Bucks County, PA  
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Or to Attorney:  
Ronald Jay Smolow, Esq  
3 Three Ponds Lane  
Newtown, PA 18940  
(215) 579-1111  
Email: Ron@Smolow.com

ESTATE of Raymond C. Tennyson, Deceased  
Late of Cheltenham Township, PA  
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David Neal Rubin, Esq.  
1500 JFK Blvd. Ste 1030  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF RICHARD COPPOLA, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DOMINICK COPPOLA, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Marybeth O. Lauria, Esq., 644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444,  
Or to his Attorney:  
MARYBETH O. LAURIA  
THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL S. CONNOR, LLC  
644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C  
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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ESTATE OF ROBERT A. KELLY, a/k/a ROBERT KELLY, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to WILLIAM J. KELLY, EXECUTOR, 1718 Hampton Dr., Jamison, PA 18929,  
Or to his Attorney:  
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30 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 810  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ROBERT M. BRADFORD, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DANIEL BRADFORD, EXECUTOR, 3500 SE Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

ESTATE OF RODNEY CRAWFORD, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to EVETTE BRADLEY, ADMINISTRATRIX, 6716 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia, PA 19138,  
Or to her Attorney:  
DAVID V. BOGDAN  
100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1520  
Philadelphia, PA 19110

Estate of Suzanne Faith Kovler, Deceased-10/9/2020  
Late of Philadelphia.

Take notice that Letters of Administration on the above estate have been granted to Edward Kovler 11 Monica Drive Holland, PA 18966, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Edward Kovler, Administrator, C/O Charles Kovler, Esquire 11 Monica Drive Holland PA 18966.

Charles Kovler, Esquire  
11 Monica Drive  
Holland PA 18966  
215-264-4101

ESTATE OF THOMAS SIMS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ANTOINE SIMS, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Danielle M. Yacono, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
Or to his Attorney:  
DANIELLE M. YACONO  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION  
An application for registration of the fictitious name **Kobolak Creative Consulting**, 511 S. 9th St., Apt. 2F, Philadelphia, PA 19147, was filed in the Department of State at Harrisburg, PA, March 24, 2021, pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, Act 1982-295. The name and address of the person who is a party to the registration is Amaris Kobolak, 511 S. 9th St., Apt. 2F, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

PETITION NAME CHANGE

Court of Common Pleas - Phila. County, PA - Civil Action – Law - Dec. Term '20/No. 1864 - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on 2/26/21, the Petition of Miriam Ibete Santiago was filed in the above named Court praying for a Decree to change her name to MIRIAM IVETTE SANTIAGO. The Court has fixed 4/23/21 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 691, City Hall, Phila., PA, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

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## ▼ FRIDAY, APRIL 23

### Parsha for Life

Join Rabbi Alexander Coleman, Jewish educator and psychotherapist at the **Institute for Jewish Ethics**, at 9 a.m. for a journey through the Torah portion of the week with eternal lessons on personal growth and spirituality. Go to [ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html](http://ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html) to receive a Zoom link and password.

## ▼ SUNDAY, APRIL 25

### Dr. Ruth

Acclaimed sex therapist Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer receives her first honorary doctorate from an Israeli university, bestowed by **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev** President Daniel Chamovitz and Rector Chaim Hames. The virtual ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. Register at [aabgu.org/events/celebrating-the-remarkable/](http://aabgu.org/events/celebrating-the-remarkable/).

## ▼ MONDAY, APRIL 26

### Bugsy Siegel

Jewish gangster Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel rose from poverty on the Lower East Side of Manhattan to ill-gotten riches in Las Vegas. Join the Center for Jewish History and the **National Museum of American Jewish History** at 4 p.m. for a webinar about his life. Register at [tickets/bugsy-siegel-2021-04-26](http://tickets/bugsy-siegel-2021-04-26).

## ▼ TUESDAY, APRIL 27

### Bari Weiss

Join **Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El** at 7:30 p.m. for a Zoom webinar featuring a question-and-answer with journalist, author and commentator Bari Weiss. Email [kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org](mailto:kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org) for more information.

## ▼ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

### Diverse America

**HIAS Pennsylvania** is hosting the 2021 Golden Door Awards: A Diverse America is a Strong America virtually at 5:30 p.m. to highlight the critical work that elected officials, congregations and immigrants themselves do to support refugees and immigrants in the Greater Philadelphia area. Register at [hiaspa.org/goldendoor2021](http://hiaspa.org/goldendoor2021).

### Empowering Seniors

**ElderNet** and Narberth’s Advocacy Committee will host a virtual town hall with **Jewish Family and Children’s Service** and senior care experts to answer questions about life transitions during COVID-19. Register for the 7 p.m. event at [jfcshillyorg.zoom.us/j/98033734015](http://jfcshillyorg.zoom.us/j/98033734015).

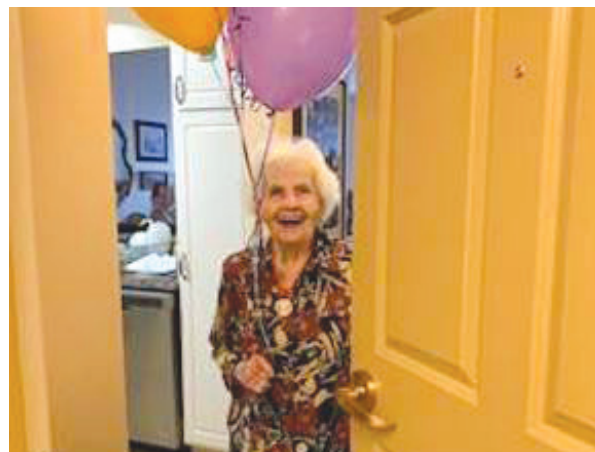
### Stained Glass

Join Rabbi Lance Sussman of **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel** at 7:30 p.m. for a conversation about the release of the new art book, “The Prophetic Quest: The Stained Glass Windows of Jacob Landau” by David Herrstrom and Andrew Scrimgeour. Email [Contact@KenesethIsrael.org](mailto:Contact@KenesethIsrael.org) or call 215-887-8700 for a Zoom link. ●

## NEWSMAKERS

Minnie Kauffman, a resident of Lions Gate Life Plan Community in Voorhees, New Jersey, celebrated her 103rd birthday on April 1

► Minnie Kauffman, one of three centenarians at Lions Gate  
Photo by Sandy Kushner



On May 23, Beth Sholom Congregation will hold a virtual concert from the a cappella group Six13. Here, on March 10, synagogue leadership, teachers, staff, volunteers and children from the Early Learning Center install a sign announcing the concert.



Photo by Elliot Miller

Ventnor Educational Community Complex teachers participated in a Dress Down Day fundraiser in which proceeds benefited Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties. The educators enjoyed the relaxed attire and raised money for JFS.



Courtesy of the Ventnor City Education Association

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