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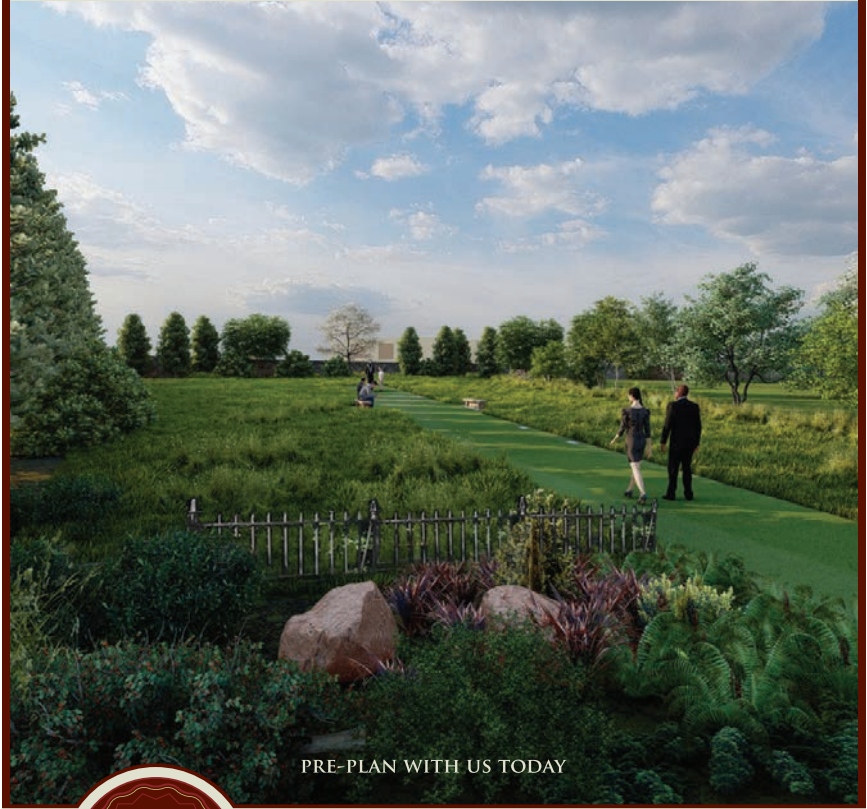
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Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 'dissent' collar, bobblehead and more join Smithsonian's permanent exhibition

The late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's children have donated dozens of objects that symbolize her time on the court and her role as a pop culture icon to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

The objects include her famous "dissent" and "majority" collars, which she famously liked to wear to telegraph her votes on cases; her judicial robe; a bobblehead and Legos of her likeness; as well as various documents and awards.

The museum, which has enshrined the donations in its permanent collection, posthumously awarded Ginsburg with its Great Americans Medal last week at a ceremony honoring her achievements.

The medal "has honored those who have not only made a lasting impact in their fields but those whose philanthropic and humanitarian endeavors set them apart," read a press release from the Smithsonian. Past recipients of the award include Madeleine Albright, Colin Powell, Tom Brokaw, Cal Ripken Jr., Billie Jean



This white lace jabot or collar often adorned Ginsburg's black dress robes during her time on the Supreme Court and it is the one that appears in a number of her official Supreme Court photographs (2001, 2003, 2009 and 2010).

King, Paul Simon and Dr. Anthony Fauci.

The virtual tribute for Ginsburg featured a biographical film narrated by Gloria Steinem and testimonials from President Jimmy Carter, Chief Justice John Roberts, Barbara Streisand and Oprah Winfrey, as well as a conversation between the museum's director, Anthea M. Hartig, and the justice's children, Jane and James.

Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1993 and served until her death on Erev Rosh Hashanah in 2020. The Washington Post reported that Ginsburg's family invited curators from the Smithsonian to her chambers a few weeks after she died.

"There was always an understanding there, that the Smithsonian would be a big part of where some of the more significant items would go," James Ginsburg said. "That Mom kept all of this stuff does not surprise me. That was in her nature. She was someone who preserved things."

— Jackie Hajdenberg

Deni Avdija draws Stars of David on his sneakers as violence surges in Israel

As the only Israeli in the National Basketball Association, Deni Avdija has not been shy about his Jewish and Israeli pride.

The 21-year-old has shared Chanukah with his Washington Wizards teammates, spoken at the team's Jewish Heritage Night and attempted to grow the NBA's popularity in Israel.

After multiple violent attacks in Israel recently, Avdija again used his platform to express support for his home country.

Before Washington's home game against the Orlando Magic, Avdija wrote "Am Yisrael Chai" ("the Jewish people live") and drew Stars of David on his sneakers. It is not the first time he has used his basketball shoes to share a Jewish message — last year he called attention to Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"My heart is with Israel," Avdija told reporters, according to Israel Hayom.

"I am very sad to hear about what is happening in Israel. There are things that are bigger than basketball and with how much I try to represent us in the NBA, it is difficult for me."

He continued: "My friends and family are in Israel, I watch the news almost every day, I watch Israeli TV. My heart goes out to the families and to the people of Israel, let's hope it ends as soon as possible. I will not get into politics, but I am sending a hug and love. It's hard to watch."

The 6-foot-9 small forward has appeared in all 76 of the Wizards' games this season, starting in six. He is averaging 8.1 points per game.

Avdija made history as the highest-drafted Israeli in NBA history when he was selected ninth overall in the 2020 NBA draft.

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Deni Avdija in action during a game against the Boston Celtics at TD Garden in Boston on Jan. 8, 2021.

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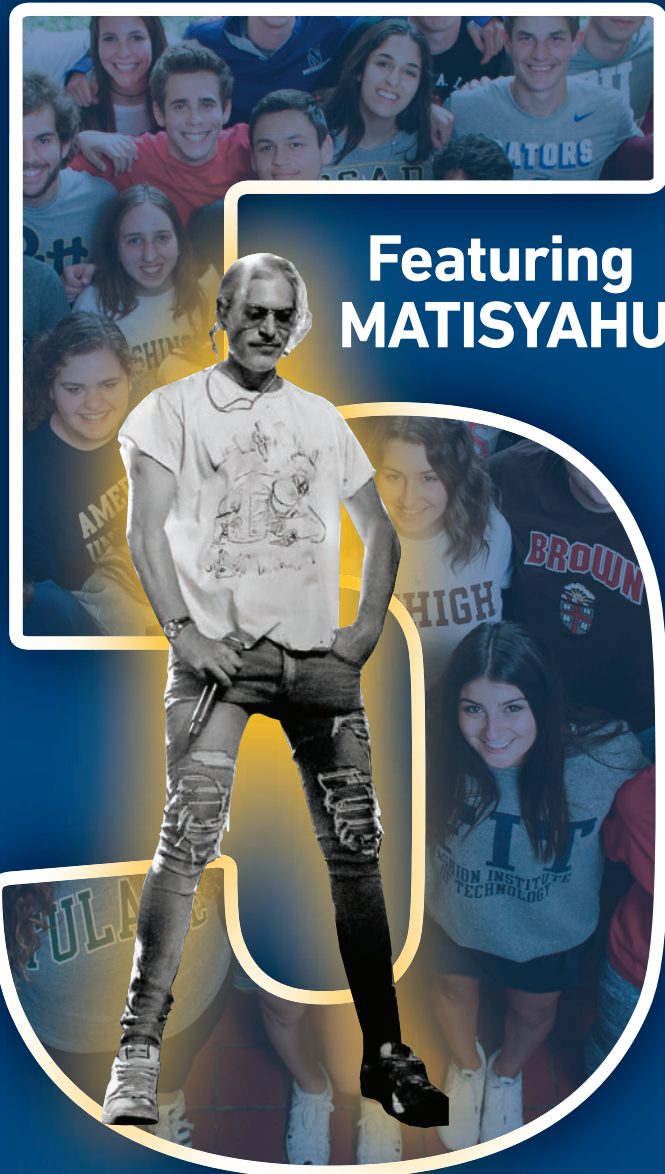
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JAFI Regional Director Encourages Aliyot With a Personal Touch

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

When Sigal Kanotopsky was growing up, her parents told her that Jerusalem was made from golden walls, with a river of honey flowing through the city.

Arriving in Israel after emigrating from Ethiopia at age 5, Kanotopsky was met with a different reality, one of immersing herself in a new culture while her parents struggled to adjust to a new life.

“Israel was, in one way, the end of one journey but the beginning of another journey,” she said.

When Kanotopsky left Israel in August for the Philadelphia suburbs — hardly known as the land of milk and honey — she began yet another journey. She is the Northeast regional director for the Jewish Agency for Israel and the first Ethiopian immigrant to hold the regional director position.

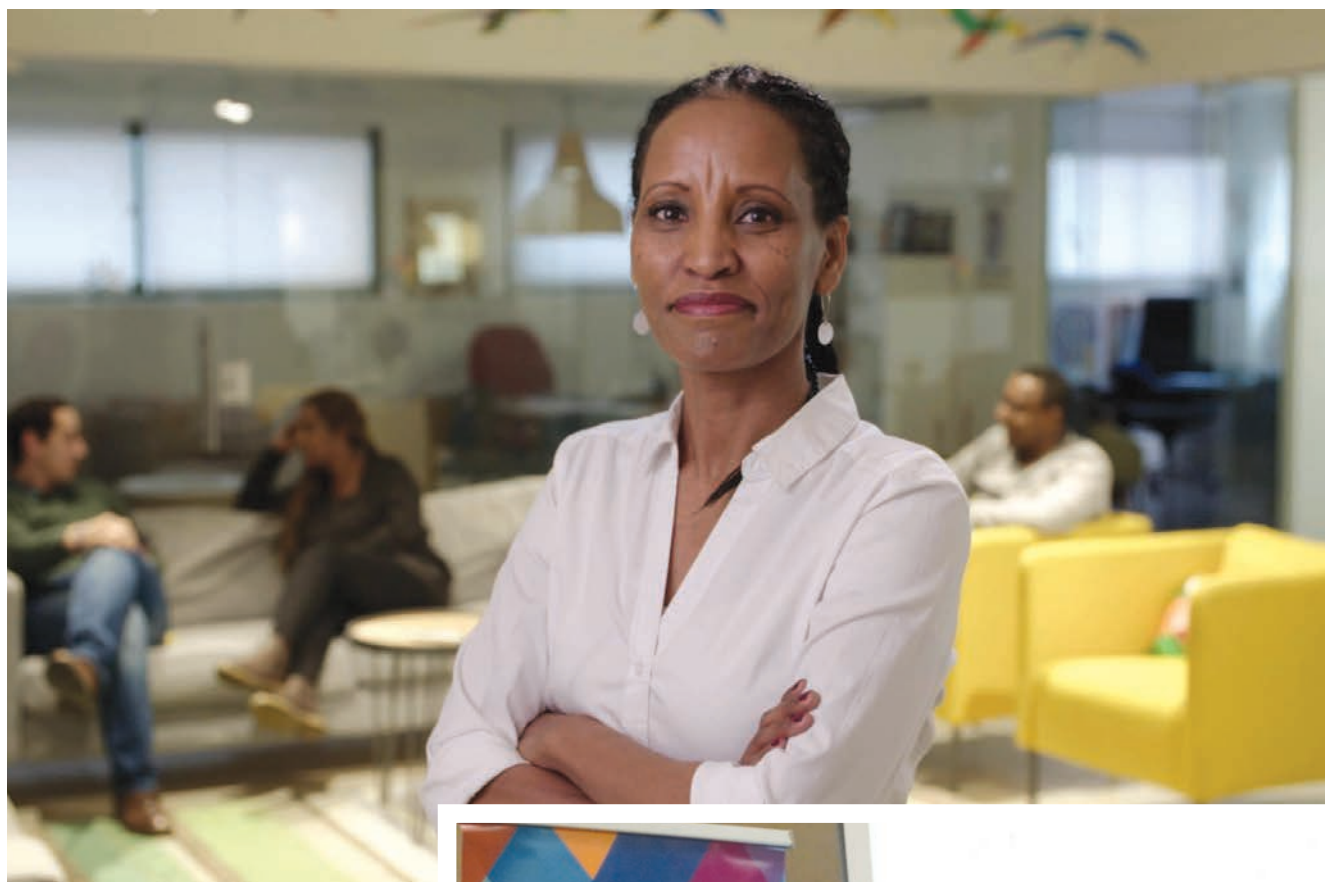
As regional director, the Lower Merion resident is tasked with managing and working with Israeli *shlichim*, emissaries, to maximize their potential to liaise between the Northeast American Jewish community and Israel. Her work connecting JAFI with Jewish Federations also works to tighten bonds between the two countries.

Underlying all of her work, though, is the desire to bring Ethiopian Jews deeper into the folds of Israeli culture and American Jewry.

“I have always had the ambition and motivation to be proactive in fixing my environment ... something I inherited from my parents,” Kanotopsky said. My current role, is in a way, the next level of that, by representing the beauty but also the complexity of Israel and world Jewry.

Today there are about 160,000 Ethiopians in Israel, according to the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics. Kanotopsky said that 50% of that population was born in Israel, and 70% would not be considered “newcomers.”

However, the representation of Ethiopians in Israeli life and government is trailing, despite progress.



Sigal Kanotopsky took on the role of Northeast regional director of the Jewish Agency for Israel in August, becoming the first Ethiopian immigrant to hold a regional director position at the organization.

Kanotopsky experienced this firsthand during her time in the Israel Defense Forces, where she was the first Ethiopian communications officer, despite pessimism from her superiors.

Kanotopsky’s path to firsts was not always so clear.

Her family left Ethiopia in 1983, the year before Operation Moses, in which the Sudanese government, with pressure from the U.S., allowed for the entry of thousands of Beta Israel Ethiopian Jews to Israel via Sudan. Kanotopsky’s family followed a similar path, staying in Gedaref, a Sudanese refugee camp, for six months before arriving in north Nazareth, a town in lower Galilee.

During the family’s travels, one of Kanotopsky’s five siblings died. Her father died a year-and-a-half after



Sigal Kanotopsky speaks at a JAFI - North American Council program.

Courtesy of Dylan Thomas

arriving in Israel.

Experiencing being othered as an Ethiopian in Israel and watching her mother struggle to assimilate to Israeli culture — especially in contrast to the ease with which her children acculturated — Kanotopsky was confused by her family’s choice to leave home in Ethiopia.

It wasn’t until Kanotopsky’s daughter Shachar’s bat mitzvah in 2016, when the

two traveled to Kanotopsky’s parents’ village in Ethiopia, that Kanotopsky more fully understood her parents’ desire to make aliyah.

Upon their return, Kanotopsky asked her mother why the family had departed their home to endure death and hardships.

“She looked at me and said, ‘We didn’t leave Ethiopia to have a more satis-

fied life, to be rich. It wasn't our dream or our vision when we were in Ethiopia," Kanotopsky said. "We had one destiny in our life, and it was Jerusalem."

By 2016, Kanotopsky was already deeply steeped in improving the life of Ethiopian Jews in Israel. She was CEO of NGO Olim Be'yachad, where she created a mentor network and leadership training for Ethiopian-Israeli young professionals. The organization worked with the Israeli CEOs and human resource departments to address and dismantle racism and hiring discrimination within the business sector.

In 2019, Kanotopsky was honored by the Bruce and Ruth Rappaport Foundation with the Rappaport Prize for Women Generating Change.

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SIGAL KANOTOPSKY

Her commitment to aliyot for Ethiopian Jews is part of what made Kanotopsky an appealing candidate for JAFI regional director, JAFI Head of North America Daniel Elbaum said.

"She's able to speak with unique credibility externally about the issue of Ethiopian aliyah, how important it is to her, her own family's story, her own story that's incredibly impactful, and personalize an issue which is an incredibly high priority to us," Elbaum said.

However, JAFI has not been primarily concerned with Ethiopian aliyot in the past month. The organization has set up assistance in Kyiv, Odessa, Kharkiv and Dnipro, Ukraine, and is helping to process 15,000 Ukrainian olim over the next six months. JAFI's North American Council has helped raise the funds to make this possible.

"It's helping people make aliyah when they wish to make aliyah; it's helping to raise money for Ukraine," Elbaum said. "And she's incredibly impactful and dedicated to all those." **JE**

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TJU Doctors Contribute to Israeli Space Mission

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Two Jewish doctors affiliated with Thomas Jefferson University, Zvi Grunwald and Adam Dicker, will have their experiments conducted in outer space as part of a mission to the International Space Station.

In April, Israeli astronaut Eytan Stibbe of the ISS will blast off to space in a mission “in concert with NASA,” according to TJU content specialist Brian Hickey. Grunwald and Dicker

will not go with him, but their experiments will.

Dicker’s study will look at how space travel impacts immune functions, often negatively. Grunwald helped facilitate Dicker’s experiment as well as two others submitted by Thomas Jefferson doctors, focusing on “how gravity and the space station environment might change an astronaut’s urinary microbiome” and monitoring “stress and sleep while testing stress interventions in novice space travelers,” according to a news release from Jefferson. The Ramon Foundation and



From left: Mark Tykocinski, Zvi Grunwald and Adam Dicker

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the Israeli Space Agency are leading the mission to the ISS.

“Now we can be part of this history unfolding in front of our eyes,” Grunwald said. “You participate in a scientific endeavor that might affect future astronauts and the quality of life on earth.”

The launch started coming together in 2017 when TJU sponsored a Philadelphia Orchestra tour in Israel, according to Dr. Mark Tykocinski, the executive vice president of academic affairs at TJU.

The university used that tour to launch its Jefferson Israel Center, which established relationships with academic medical centers in the Jewish state, including the Sheba Medical Center, a collaborator with TJU on the experiments submitted to the ISS mission.

immune dysfunction.

After returning from space, astronauts are often prone to viral infections, rashes and a “whole host of other things,” Dicker said. They often come back shorter and weaker, too.

“The immune system is an important topic for those of us in oncology,” he added.

In examining the issue before the launch, the doctors learned that there was little known about it. So to study it, they took pre-samples from astronauts and will take post-samples from them, too.

“We’ll see where we are and go from there,” Dicker said.

Dicker believes it’s important to ask the question because commercial space travel is a growing industry.

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DR. ZVI GRUNWALD

Out of that relationship, according to Tykocinski, came the connection to the Israeli Space Agency and the opportunity to contribute studies to this Israel-organized space trip. It’s the first private mission to the ISS, Tykocinski said.

“We’ve been taking Jefferson global,” he added of the expansion to Israel. “Now we’re going beyond the globe.”

The launch gave the TJU doctors the rare opportunity to develop experiments for a journey to space.

When building an experiment, Dicker, the chair of radiation and oncology at TJU, said, “You first have to find an unmet need.”

In partnership with Dr. Yaacov Lawrence of the Sheba Medical Center, who came up with the idea, Dicker developed a way to study the question of why traveling to space can lead to

does that aren’t positive,” he said. “There are a lot of things related to human disease and aging that we’ll learn.”

Grunwald thinks the other experiments from Jefferson are important as well.

“We know very little about the microbiome of the urine” as it relates to space travel, the doctor said. And traveling beyond the Earth is a stressful experience, Grunwald explained. It can impact vital signs, sleep physiology and cognitive psychology.

“We have to plan how to mitigate and improve the experience to prevent adverse emotional events during space travel,” the doctor added.

This is essential to a successful space mission, according to Grunwald.

He compared astronauts to Olympic athletes, whose emotions are often as

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much of a factor in their results as their physical builds.

"The impact of emotion on human performance is enormous," Grunwald said.

But beyond the importance of their experiments, the doctors think that it's cool that their work will be done in space.

"All my life I was anticipating, and I never dreamed that this moment would come," Grunwald said.

"This is a big deal," Dicker added.

It's also a big deal for Philadelphia-based TJU.

The school will celebrate its 200th

anniversary in 2024, and what started as the nation's fifth medical school is now, after a 2017 merger with Philadelphia University, a multi-faceted institution with more than 40,000 employees and \$9 billion in revenue per year, according to Tykocinski.


"This is an exciting new Jefferson," he said. "We're a major national research university. But now we're talking about being a major global research university."

"This space mission captures all that," he said. **JE**

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Jefferson doctors celebrate the upcoming launch of the mission to the International Space Station. Courtesy of Dr. Zvi Grunwald/Thomas Jefferson University



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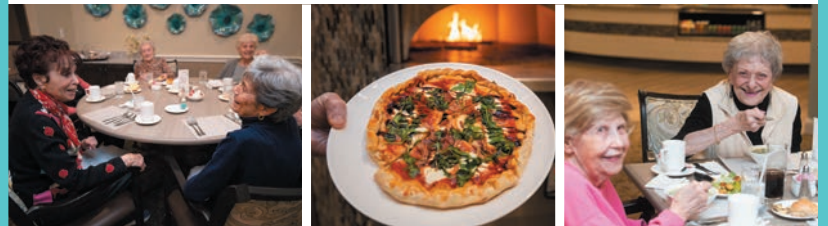
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Permanent Daylight Saving Proposal an Inconvenience for Orthodox Communities

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With the phrase “Jewish Standard Time” — which suggests a (stereotyped) propensity to show up to an event 15 minutes late — Jews have long been the butt of jokes about being on our own timeline.

With the introduction of a congressional bill to make daylight saving time permanent, Orthodox Jews are pushing back, and jokes about Jewish time being different from secular schedules suddenly have a great deal of truth to them.

On March 15, the Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act, which, beginning in 2023, would end the biannual practice of changing one’s clocks twice a year and instead make DST a year-round affair. Supporters cite a reduction in seasonal depression and more sunlight in the evening to allow children to safely play outside as possible benefits of permanent DST.

The bill has yet to be voted on in the House of Representatives, and President Joe Biden has not publicly voiced support for it.

The Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, or Orthodox Union, and Rabbinical Council of America, however, have been swift in voicing dissent.

A March 21 letter from the OU Advocacy Center to the House argued that permanent DST would force children to wait outside for a school bus or commute to school in the dark; year-round DST has adverse effects on sleep, the letter argued.

Nathan Diamant, the OU executive director of Public Policy and Advocacy, argued that the greatest adverse effect on Jewish communities would be on the later shift in prayer times needed to accommodate DST.

“If you observe the halachot that say, you can’t say the morning prayers until after sunrise, that’s potentially very disruptive in terms of people that need to get to work, and so on,” he said.

In places such as Cleveland and Cincinnati, close to the Central and Eastern time zone, sunrise may not be until 9 or 9:30 a.m., when employees may be required to be at their desks.

In Philadelphia, flush to the East Coast, the time change is not as drastic. For Rabbi Nesanel Cadle of Knesset Hasefer of Yardley, the change would be possible, but unwelcome.

“I’m not going to go protest or something, but it is a substantial inconvenience for the frum community,” he said. “Obviously, that wasn’t something that the government are clued into, and I don’t know what can be done about it.”

On Shabbat, DST is a “plus” for Cadle and his congregants, as a later start time means less rushing home from work early to prepare for the Sabbath.

In the summer, however, Shabbat would not start



Permanent daylight saving time would inconvenience Jewish prayer times, Orthodox leaders said.

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until after 8 p.m. some nights, a deterrent for congregants with younger family members from being a guest at Shabbat dinners.

“It would just be too late for most of the people,” Cadle said.

The genesis of Jewish discord with the secular calendar comes from the tradition of following a Jewish calendar, which conceives of time a little differently than secular calendars, said Rabbi Michael Davies of Congregation Sons of Israel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

“We deal with a 24-hour day where it’s broken down into 24 hours, 60 minutes, etc.,” Davies said. “In the Jewish context, we actually divide the day into day and night, specifically, meaning it’s still going to be 24 hours, but in a day, light and dark are actually the break-ups.”

Within each delineation of day and night, there can be essentially 12 additional equal divisions, Davies explains, similar to hours, that determine when certain halachic activities must be fulfilled.

When days are shorter, an “hour” of Jewish day time could be as little as 50 or 55 minutes, rather than the full 60 minutes. Conversely, on longer nights, a Jewish “hour” could be longer than 60 minutes.

A form of Jewish DST also takes place in Israel, where the strategic time changes after Purim and before Yom Kippur to shave an hour off fasting days.

As a solution to secular timing woes in the U.S., OU proposed permanent standard time, which pro-

ponents argue is better for one’s circadian rhythm, and would eliminate the dangers of early-morning commutes.

On an individual level, there are a few leniencies Jews are willing to take to dodge the brunt of DST’s inconveniences.

According to Davies, Jews — depending on their denomination and comfort in bending the rules — can start morning prayers or light Shabbat candles half an hour early or start evening prayers a little later.

“You can’t take it that much earlier,” Davies said. “There’s a certain particular time that’s referenced as the earliest time one can take in Shabbat because it has to be, in some form or fashion, already the evening.”

But why bother with the technicalities at all? Saying prayers and completing rituals at specific times fulfill mitzvot, which is said by rabbis to have soul-elevating qualities. Whether saying prayers a few minutes earlier or later than required is less soul-elevating is partly up to the individual, Davies said.

But Jewish ritual and spirituality is, on some level, inextricable from the functional components of prayer: “There’s a practical element that we understand — again, we don’t fully understand how it connects — but we believe it connects to that soul-elevating factor through following the structures and the strictures of the halachic process.” **JE**

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Keeping Hope Alive: Jewish Federation Leadership Travels to the Poland-Ukraine Border

On March 20, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's CEO and President Michael Balaban and board Co-Chair Gail Norry traveled to the Poland-Ukraine border, where more than two million are pouring in to seek safety and shelter.

The two were part of a small delegation of leaders from Jewish Federations across the nation to participate in this mission to assist Ukrainian refugees and gain firsthand knowledge of the situation on the ground in order to spread awareness back at home.

Throughout their visit, Balaban and Norry met with agency partners who are providing lifesaving services and bore witness to the immense suffering and pain of these displaced people.

"The level of emotional trauma is unimaginable," Balaban recounted. "These are incredibly resilient people. They have survived the unimaginable, and to be put through this again in their lifetime, I can't even put into words."

Balaban and Norry arrived in Poland with a determination to help and 600 pounds of supplies for refugees, including food, hygienic products and toys. The refugee camps were predominantly occupied by women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities, since most men have been banned from leaving the country.

"Michael had the best idea to bring some Barbie dolls and stuffed animals, and I had some chocolates," Norry explained. "Just to be able to hand a little girl a Barbie doll and put a smile on her face was something I'll never forget."

Poland's own tragic Jewish history reverberated as they met Holocaust survivors, such as a 97-year-old woman who had to flee her home once again. Balaban and Norry also felt their own family histories as they traveled through the country.

"The drive to the border went through our grandparents' Poland, once home to the largest and most vibrant Jewish community in the world," Balaban said.



Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia CEO and President Michael Balaban and board Co-Chair Gail Norry saw Israel's flag at the Ukraine/Poland border.

"We were haunted by signs for Polish towns, like Majdanek and Treblinka, places where our people were tortured and gassed."

Even after returning to Greater Philadelphia on March 23, the heartbreaking stories Balaban and Norry heard from survivors remained clear in their minds.

One such account was that of a mother and her 15-year-old daughter who spent a few days in hiding before making it to the border. The mother shared how she had to "prepare" her daughter for what to do if she didn't make it out alive.

"They literally broke into a shelter and slept on a dirty floor without electricity, any kind of running water or toilets," Norry described.

Balaban and Norry met with agencies that are using funds from the Jewish Federation to help people like this mother and daughter. Agencies include the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, The Jewish Agency for Israel, World ORT and United Hatzalah.

"It's both heartbreaking to see but wonderful to know that through our partners we are caring for them," Balaban explained. "The scope of the refugee crisis is immense, but one that we cannot and will not turn away from."

This mission was part of the Jewish Federations of North America's ongoing efforts to provide relief aid to the Ukrainian Jewish community, an estimated 200,000 Jews, that has been affected by the war.

Across the nation, Federations have launched a national Ukraine Emergency Response Fund to secure the local community and its institutions, provide temporary housing, and help Jews make aliyah to Israel, among other goals. As of March 31, the donations have already exceeded \$40 million.

"We really had the opportunity to see, unfortunately, the worst of humanity, but also the best in the work that we're doing through our partners," Norry reflected. "Our dollars are literally saving lives."

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YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Ilya Breyman



JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Ilya Breyman is a Russian immigrant; he came to the United States with his family in 2001, just two weeks before 9/11, and found the American unity in response to the tragedy to be profoundly inspiring.

But today, he says, that unity is gone. Instead, the political culture is more like the one his parents grew up with in the Soviet Union: polarized and divided according to certain classifications, like ethnic group or political affiliation.

In response, Breyman, 37, is running for the open seat in Pennsylvania's 178th House district.

With a victory, the Jewish Holland resident would represent his neighbors in New Hope, Northampton Township, Solebury Township, Upper Makefield Township and Wrightstown Township.

The Democrat is running unopposed in the May 17 primary but will have to flip a seat held by Republican Wendi Thomas. Thomas herself, though, is not running for reelection.

"We want to run a positive campaign focusing on practical issues," Breyman said. "We want to engage everybody on the left and the right and in the middle in a discussion on how we can make our community better."

In a campaign announcement, Breyman listed several legislative priorities, all of which are practical, everyday issues that impact most everybody: opening access to quality education for children, creating good jobs, investing in infrastructure, conserving the natural world and supporting police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

"We are Americans first, and Republicans, Democrats or independents second," Breyman said in his campaign announcement.

This strategy, according to the candidate, is a step past the divisive, culture war politics that defined the 2010s. People are tired of that, he said.

"We've got people on the extremes pulling us in different directions," Breyman added. "Imposing an agenda that doesn't really benefit anybody."

"They're not talking about real things," he concluded.

Breyman's focus on "real things" didn't start with this campaign, according to his sister Maria Shamkalian, a Langhorne resident who is helping him run. As a kid, "he always was thinking of how to change the world," she said.

But the Holland resident's first exposure to politics didn't come until 1999 when, at 14, Breyman accompanied his parents to a protest over then-Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's attempt to take over the independent television channel NTV.

After the protest, Breyman and his parents could sense that the initial openness in Russia after the Soviet Union's fall was starting to close again. Two years later, they left for the United States.

Today, the family runs a couple of early childhood centers in Northeast Philadelphia called Ann Kids, named

for Breyman's mother. Breyman himself founded an educational tech startup called Coursalytics.

Neither endeavor would have been possible in Russia, Breyman said.

"The Russian economy was dominated by oligarchs. It was very hard to do business without getting involved in the government," he added. "Here you can run a small business and be successful."

Through his first 15 years in the U.S., the immigrant voted Republican like many of his fellow Russians. They hated communism, the candidate explained.

But in 2016, Breyman recognized what he saw as another political threat in the form of Donald Trump, who reminded him of Putin and other authoritarian Russian leaders. So he changed his affiliation to the Democratic Party.

"We also forget we ran away from a cult of personality, corrupt leadership," he said. "That not only applies to the communist regime but to the regime that replaced it and is in power now."

As a moderate who believes he understands perspectives from both sides, Breyman said he can talk to anyone on the trail, a quality that may serve him well in a county often recognized as a political bellwether that can go either way.

Dan Siegel, a consultant for the Dover Strategy Group, which helps Democratic campaigns and is advising Breyman, thinks that the candidate's focus on practical issues reflects that bipartisan skill. It's also what voters want to hear at the moment.

"You don't have to see confidential polling to know that the most important issues to people right now are inflation, jobs," Siegel said. "We're starting to turn a corner on the toxic culture of the last five years."

Breyman has filed to run for the seat and is still in the process of planning events. But he is driving around to neighborhoods and knocking on doors.

"People are very friendly," said Shamkalian, who has accompanied her brother on some rounds. "People are just sharing how they'd like to make the community better." **JE**

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Photo by Maria Shamkalian

Jewish Art Exhibit at Princeton Canceled Over Ties to Confederacy

Princeton University spent months planning an exhibit of 19th-century American Jewish art but canceled the show because two featured artists had supported the Confederacy, JTA reported.

The cancellation drew criticism from the exhibit's Jewish donors and consulting historians, who say the decision "rewrites art history."

"I was really stunned by the university taking this position," said Leonard Milberg, the Jewish financial manager and art collector who funded the collection and whose name adorns the gallery where the exhibit was to be shown.

The exhibit was slated to feature Moses Jacob Ezekiel, a renowned sculptor who crafted the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and hung the Confederate battle flag in his Rome studio for his entire career, and painter Theodore Moise, a major in the Confederate Army, among other artists.

A famous Ezekiel sculpture known as "Faith," an adaptation of an earlier work "Religious Liberty" commissioned by B'nai B'rith that celebrates the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and is displayed outside the National Museum of American Jewish History, was to be the exhibit's centerpiece.

War in Ukraine Could Put Crunch on 'Shmura' Matzah Supplies

Two shipping containers laden with 20,000 pounds of shmura matzah were slated to head out of port in Odessa, Ukraine, on Feb. 24 on their way to Orthodox Jews in the United States.

But two hours before they were to be loaded onto a ship, Russia invaded.

The shipment was the last of 200,000 pounds of unleavened bread that Ukrainian matzah bakeries shipped to the United States this year.

Now, technically outside of Ukraine's customs zone, it could neither be returned nor travel on to the United States.

Rabbi Meyer Stambler, head of the Chabad-affiliated Federation of Jewish Communities of Ukraine, estimates that his factories in Ukraine account for about 15-20% of the U.S. market share for shmura matzah, the carefully "guarded" variety that many observant Jews prefer to use during the seder.

"The U.S. market will feel it," Stambler said. "We are probably going to have a deficit of shmura matzah this year."

Israel Ranks as World's Tenth-Largest Arms Exporter

Israel is the world's 10th-largest weapons exporter, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute in Sweden's latest rankings, Globes reported.

Israel accounted for 2.4 % of all sales.

SIPRI reported that weapons systems worth \$118 billion were exported in 2021, with the 10 largest exporters responsible for 90% of that amount.

The United States is the world's biggest weapons exporter selling 38.6%, followed by Russia (18.6%), France (10.7%), China (4.6%) and Germany (4.5%). The next five are Italy (3.1%), the UK (2.9%), South Korea (2.8%), Spain (2.5%) and Israel.

Israeli Flags Again Allowed in Bar-Ilan University Dorms

Bar-Ilan University administrators overturned a ban of Israeli flags in dormitories imposed by Electra, the company in charge of the facilities, The Jerusalem Post reported.

In a February email sent to students, Electra said it was prohibiting the hanging of all flags in the dorms, specifically highlighting Israeli flags. The decision was believed to be motivated in part by the upcoming Muslim holy month of Ramadan when tensions often flare between Israeli Arabs and Jews.

The decision created a backlash, including a demonstration organized by student activists, prompting the university to step in.

"Bar-Ilan University is proud that Israeli flags accompany all its activities throughout the year," the university said in a statement on Twitter. "The notice distributed to residents of the dormitories by the management company was not the opinion of the university." **JE**

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Progress Blooms in the Desert

The visuals from last week's Negev Summit were impressive. They were also historic. Leaders from Israel, Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates and the United States met at Kibbutz Sde Boker in the Negev desert, where Israel's founding prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, lived and is buried. Such a meeting would have been inconceivable two short years ago.

And yet, following entry into the Abraham Accords and the rapid-paced progress toward normalization of relationships between Israel and her treaty partners, such steps in continued cooperative activities between Accords partners have begun to seem natural — maybe even routine.

But the Negev Summit was much more than a cooperative photo opportunity or symbolic meeting. For Israel, in particular, the summit had two key objectives. One was the meeting between Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and Secretary of State Antony Blinken that focused on the Iran nuclear talks. Reports indicate that the meeting involved

some interesting exchanges, including a request from Blinken that Prime Minister Naftali Bennett explain the details of his alternative approach.

The other was the foreign ministers meeting of Lapid, Blinken, the UAE's Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan, Bahrain's Abdullatif bin Rashid al-Zayani, Morocco's Nasser Bourita and Egypt's Sameh Shoukry, in which discussions included the threat from Iran, the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine on the oil and food supply chains, among other issues.

In the words of Bennett, the Negev Summit moved the Abraham Accords from "ceremony to substance." And

progress was made. Among other things, participants established six working groups designed to deal with issues of security and counterterrorism, food and water, health, energy, education and tourism. Summit participants also agreed to make the gathering a recurring event.

Over the past two years, we have seen impressive steps toward the normalization of security and political relations between Israel and Abraham Accords partners and the establishment of a number of very promising economic and technological engagements. The Negev Summit sought to expand those efforts by

fostering cooperation on a number of issues that go beyond Iran and trade. That further engagement by the regional partners is another positive sign for the stability of Accords relationships going forward.

The fate of the Palestinians was only barely addressed during the summit. Although several speakers made statements about the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and Palestinian statehood, very little of substance was addressed, and the spoken words appeared to be nothing more than lip service. Perhaps new opportunities to address the issue will come up in the context of other cooperative consultations.

Nonetheless, we applaud the Negev Summit. It was refreshing to see Israel and Arab countries addressing issues other than security, and we are optimistic about the multi-tiered possibilities for the planned regional efforts and partnerships. Finally, we hope that the success of the summit will help attract others to join in the growth opportunities offered by the Abraham Accords. **JE**

The Extremes Against the Center

In last week's heart-wrenching reminder of Middle East volatility, 11 people were killed in Israel in three separate terror attacks. As a frightened civilian population grieves for the senseless loss of life, they worry about personal safety.

At the same time, politicians and security personnel grapple with the proper response to the orchestrated bursts of violence that appear to be motivated by movements of conciliation between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The issue is made even more complicated by the fact that the Muslim month of Ramadan began over the weekend, and Easter and Passover are approaching. Israel's government knows that in this month of symbolism it needs to maintain order both to present a stable face to the world in a

time of global volatility and in order to maintain sufficient public support to stay in power. All the while, the opposition led by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud party is watching closely, as they use last week's killings to support the narrative that Israel's terror concern is uniquely an Arab threat and one which can only be controlled by more security-minded leadership.

Israel's delicately balanced coalition government led by Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid — which includes the Ra'am Islamist party — has managed to survive by cooperating where possible, and avoiding controversial decisions. An example of the cooperation came in response to last week's killings. Ra'am's leader Mansour Abbas forcefully con-

demned the attacks, calling them "a heinous and indecent terrorist crime ... against innocent civilians," and pledged that "we all stand together in the face of a murderous wave of terror, all of us with no differences." In return, the government changed the phrase "wave of murderous Arab terror" to "wave of terror," as part of an effort to stop pointing an accusatory terror finger at every Arab in Israel and the territories.

Nonetheless, safety and security remain top concerns for Israeli voters. And if the attacks continue, a rattled public could embrace what is touted as Netanyahu and Likud's more security-conscious approach — which would also bring greater intolerance, and a more accepting attitude toward the aggression of the settler population's militant side.

It is for this reason, among others, that the Bennett government's decisions and actions in response to the terror attacks are so important. Under the current coalition regime, the cooperative and collaborative efforts between Jews and Arabs in Israel are perceived as a threat to those Arabs and Israelis for whom ideological purity is more important than amity. And terror feeds that narrative.

There is speculation that the recent violence was orchestrated in response to last week's appearance of the foreign ministers of Egypt, UAE, Bahrain and Morocco at an Abraham Accords summit in Israel. Fortunately, the violence didn't stop the summit. We hope it will not be allowed to jeopardize other cooperative progress that has been made. **JE**



The Holocaust Is Not a Metaphor

BY SOLOMON D. STEVENS

As Jews we are often told that the world must not be allowed to forget the Holocaust. We often say “Never Forget” as a way of emphasizing its importance for Jews and for the whole world. I certainly agree with that, but keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive isn’t enough.

The problem is not just that the memory of the Holocaust might fade with time; the real issue is that the Holocaust itself might be hijacked for political purposes and that its meaning and significance could be lost forever.

Consider the deplorable use of the Holocaust by right-wing politicians during the pandemic, who often framed their frustration with mask and vaccination requirements as a struggle against Nazism. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Republican representative from Georgia, said that people “don’t need your medical brownshirts showing up at their door ordering vaccinations. You can’t force people to be part of the human experiment.”

She is clearly trying to steal the Holocaust to elevate her personal

concerns about vaccines and masks, and this leads her to claim that U.S. officials are as oppressive as the Nazi brownshirts, and reasonable health measures are just as violent as the medical experiments of Nazi doctors like Josef Mengele.

This is, of course, insulting to all the Jews who suffered during the Holocaust. The insensitivity of it is staggering. But what I am focusing on here is the way it confuses ignorant people about the meaning of the Holocaust. Our health care workers are not Josef Mengele. The Holocaust should not be used to score cheap political points. This is insulting, but it is also dangerous.

The Dallas Human Rights and Holocaust Museum reports that one elected official in Idaho, complaining that the governor was requiring non-essential workers to stay at home, claimed that during the Holocaust, “nonessential workers got put on a train.” But Jews were not “put on a train” because they were nonessential workers. This would be laughable if it were not so serious.

They were put on a train because they were Jews, and they were being sent to forced labor and extermination camps because they were Jews. They were not just being asked to

stay at home briefly to keep a virus from spreading. This is a truly contemptible use of the Holocaust, and it also represents a crude attempt to capitalize on the respected place that the Holocaust has in history for selfish purposes. Not only was this an insult to all the Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazis, it misses the point.

The right-wing commentator Glenn Beck has compared the decision of Facebook and Twitter to ban hate speech on their platforms with Nazis putting Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. Beck said, “This is like the Germans with the Jews behind the wall. They would put them in the ghetto. Well, this is the digital ghetto. You can talk all you want, Jews. You do whatever you want behind the wall. Well, that’s not meaningful and that’s where we are.”

This makes me so angry, I can barely contain myself. Beck implies that the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto had complete freedom within the ghetto. Everything was fine there. The only problem is that their speech was not allowed beyond the walls. But the Warsaw ghetto was hellish. And in the end, those who did not die of starvation or illness in the ghetto were killed or sent to concentration

camps. This rant of Beck’s is a travesty and a false analogy. The Jews of the Warsaw ghetto were being systematically prepared for extermination. They weren’t just losing their privileges on some social media sites because they were spreading hatred and lies. They were the victim of hatred and lies.

We have every right to be offended by this political use of the Holocaust. But, more than anything, we should be concerned that over time the Holocaust could become a meaningless metaphor for anything unpleasant. We must not allow the Holocaust to be transformed into a metaphor to be thrown around whenever it suits someone’s political purposes. We should continue to say “Never Again,” but we have a new challenge: We need to work tirelessly to clarify what it is that we must not forget. The Holocaust is not a metaphor. It is history, and we have to fight to keep its historical significance. **JE**

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Op-ed Mischaracterized LGBTQ Bill

I must respond to the March 24 op-ed “Bills Attacking LGBTQ Rights Are an Assault on Jewish Values” by Idit Klein and Is Perlman. I am dismayed by the egregious mischaracterization of the FL Bill 1557, which is called “Parental Rights in Education.” This bill has been irresponsibly dubbed the “Don’t Say Gay Bill” in a false narrative perpetuated by a left-wing media. Have the authors of this piece even read the bill? Or is their opinion predicated on taking media talking points at face value?

Nowhere in the bill does it say that the word gay is not to be spoken. The authors assert that somehow this bill marginalizes and attacks a group of people. The bill specifically bans teachers of K-3 students from discussing or teaching about sexuality or gender identity.

As a teacher and parent, I (along with a majority of people polled) have a problem with the idea of teaching about anything related to sexuality to children in third grade or younger, no matter what the context of the sexuality or gender involved. Why is that appropriate in the classroom? That’s a parent’s domain. In no way is supporting this legislation synonymous with attacking any group of people.

Gail Marshall | Yardley

Temple Sinai Deserves the Praise

It was so lovely to see the article about Temple Sinai (“Temple Sinai Remains Steady and Reliable,” March 24). I read it about an hour after returning from my husband’s and my first time in our sanctuary in more than two years.

I have lauded Temple Sinai so often in these past two years. From the time we went into isolation, Temple Sinai rose to the challenge of keeping our community connected.

Every time I attended an event, in person outside the synagogue building or via Zoom, I felt so good about being a part of this community.

This past Shabbat, I listened in person to the sermon from our assistant rabbi, witnessed his and his fiancée’s *auf ruf*, and celebrated the couple at Temple Sinai’s first kiddush luncheon since the pandemic. I again thought about how fortunate we are to be members of this warm, homey community. **JE**

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Fabricating Antisemitism: The Case of Gil Ofarim

BY BEN COHEN

Back in October, I wrote about the strange case of Gil Ofarim, a popular German Jewish singer who leveled a charge of antisemitic discrimination against an employee of the Westin Hotel in Leipzig, Germany. The case drew forensic interest from the German media and much soul-searching among German politicians about the levels of antisemitism in their country.

As it turns out — and as many feared at the time — Ofarim’s allegations were entirely false. Last Thursday, the public prosecutor in Leipzig announced that not only were charges being dropped against the hotel clerk accused of antisemitism, but Ofarim was himself being indicted on charges of libel and defamations — charges that could result in a jail sentence if he is convicted.

The conclusion was reached after months of painstaking investigation that included a close review of CCTV footage from the hotel reception, several police interviews with Ofarim and even a reconstruction of the fateful encounter that the singer alleged had taken place.

The Ofarim saga began on Oct. 5 last year when the singer attempted to check into the Westin following a performance in Leipzig. An emotional Instagram video that quickly went viral showed the singer sitting on the steps outside the hotel, nursing the Star of David necklace he said he always wore on his chest. As he told it, he had been stuck in the line at the check-in, becoming frustrated when, he claimed, other guests were receiving their room cards ahead of him. When Ofarim asked why he was being ignored, a clerk allegedly told him, “pack up your star and you can check in.”

As ugly an incident as this would have been had it actually occurred, it would by no means have been the worst example of antisemitism in Germany, which frequently involves

violent assaults and anti-Jewish invective far cruder than that quoted by Ofarim. Nevertheless, perhaps because of Ofarim’s local celebrity, and the fact that he is the son of Israeli pop singer Abi Ofarim, the case set the German media alight.

Politicians and community leaders were almost falling over themselves to condemn the incident. The then federal Interior Minister, Heiko Maas, said that Ofarim’s supposed ordeal demonstrated the need for all Germans to stand “shoulder to shoulder” against antisemitism. Felix Klein, Germany’s federal commissioner tasked with combating antisemitism, declared himself “appalled that a person is discriminated against and

hardly fair play, though). Ofarim’s allegations also increased attention on the very real problem of antisemitism in Germany. However, within a fortnight of the alleged incident, cracks in his story began to appear.

CCTV footage from the hotel lobby published in German news outlets showed that Ofarim wasn’t wearing, at least visibly, the Star of David necklace he claimed had sparked the clerk’s antisemitic comment. It also emerged that the hotel clerk accused of antisemitism had filed a defamation suit against Ofarim the very day after the alleged incident. In media interviews, Ofarim became worryingly vague on detail, on one occasion answering the question of

mitic harassment in Germany don’t file a report with the authorities.

Some of those incidents were related to the COVID-19 conspiracy theories that have been lapped up in Germany, while many more occurred last May when the 11-day conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza was accompanied by a wave of antisemitic agitation and violence. Moreover, during the last decade, antisemitic incidents have risen year on year, demonstrating beyond doubt that the land of the Holocaust has failed to excise the oldest hatred.

None of that excuses Ofarim’s appalling act. Awareness of the urgent need to fight back against antisemitism in Germany shouldn’t blind us to the sheer injustice of accusing an innocent person of such vile prejudice, as Ofarim has apparently done. And in a world driven by social-media chatter, Ofarim has provided an important boost for the narrative that Jews exaggerate about antisemitism today, just as they talk too much about the Holocaust of 80 years ago.

Ofarim has made the job of those in Germany working diligently to combat antisemitism that much harder. But there is also an important lesson here in caution, for with hindsight, no German politician should have spoken out so definitively without a proper investigation of Ofarim’s allegations. Not to mention that the next time someone reports such an incident — particularly one that involves service workers in a hotel or a restaurant or an airport — Ofarim’s example could well encourage the too-hasty dismissal of such a complaint.

We can only hope that the twists and turns of the news cycle will speedily move on from this sorry affair. As for Ofarim, he would be well-advised not to open his mouth in public again, unless he’s singing. **JE**

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attacked in an anti-Semitic fashion in public in a busy hotel lobby.” The head of Germany’s Jewish community, Josef Schuster, remarked that Ofarim had encountered “the everyday antisemitism to which Jews are repeatedly exposed” in Germany.

Some politicians even went as far as to call for the hotel employee identified by Ofarim to be fired. Karin Prien (CDU), the Minister of Education in the state of Schleswig-Holstein, urged that the accused clerk be terminated immediately, while Katja Meier, the Minister of Justice in Saxony, where Leipzig is located, wrote: “This open antisemitism in the Hotel Westin in Leipzig is unspeakable and unbearable. It must have consequences — and an apology is not enough.”

These sentiments were, mostly, noble and welcome (calling for someone to be fired without due process is

whether he had been wearing the necklace in the hotel with the breezy response, “Anyone who knows me knows that I always wear the Star of David.” Moreover, several interviews with the police reportedly revealed inconsistencies in Ofarim’s account of what happened — or didn’t.

In a carefully worded statement once the probe was concluded, the Leipzig prosecutor said it was plain that the incident described by Ofarim “did not actually happen.” Instead, it is Ofarim himself who now stands accused of the serious offense of fabricating an act of discrimination.

There is an unjust absurdity about this situation. Last year, there was a 30% increase in antisemitic outrages in Germany, with more than 3,000 incidents reported — likely only a fraction of the total number, given that successive studies have shown that many victims of antise-



For a Polish Jew Like Me, the War on Ukraine Is About Our Shared Futures

BY KONSTANTY GEBERT

As a Jew growing up in Poland, I participated in the Polish democratic opposition of the 1970s, then the pro-democracy Solidarity movement and finally the anti-Communist underground of the 1980s.

I was very painfully aware that some of my fellow militants were antisemitic, and that at times this antisemitism, not a love of freedom, could be the main motivation of their actions.

Yet I had no doubt that if we won and secured freedom for all, antisemites included, it would have been well worth it. Thirty years of an independent and free Poland have given me no reasons to question that commitment, even though antisemitism remains a visible presence, occasionally threatening and always obscene.

When Russia first invaded our eastern neighbor one month ago, some around the world were puzzled about how Jews could so easily support Ukraine, given what Jews suffered there during the Shoah. Neither have Poles forgotten about the fierce Ukrainian-led massacres of World War II, which claimed the lives of 120,000 Poles, and even if they remember the Russian occupation up to World War I and after World War II.

But here in Poland, and in neighboring countries in Central Europe, there was no question about supporting Ukraine. Figures and institutions like the chief rabbi, the Union of Jewish Religious Communities, the Polin Museum and local Jewish community centers, as well as other Jewish institutions and organizations, immediately expressed solidarity with Ukraine.

To understand this, you need to consider the value of freedom.

Freedom is something many outside observers take for granted, having, like their parents, enjoyed it all their lives. Even I, though I have spent more than the first half of my life deprived of its blessings,

no longer think twice about writing and publishing what I think, under my own name, and without fear of repression.

Similarly, the Ukrainians, despite the dysfunctional, heavy-handed and corrupt state that emerged after independence, eventually won their freedom at the price of blood, during the Maidan Revolution of 2013–14. This is the freedom Russia would now take away from them.

The yearning for freedom is why I publicly endorsed the Ukrainian Orange Revolution of 2004. Some other Jewish observers, no less knowledgeable about East Central Europe, criticized me by stressing that “Ukraine is not Poland.” In other words, they reasoned, the Polish experiment in democracy could not be expected to succeed in its eastern neighbor — and, given the heavy legacy of Ukrainian antisemitism, did not deserve to be supported there.

Their fear was legitimate, but has proven unsubstantiated: There is less antisemitism in Ukraine today than in Poland, even if the organized presence of extreme nationalists there gives grounds for serious concern.

Set aside the fact that Jews and Poles taking a common position on anything since World War II — or 1989, to be more generous — is in itself a stunning development. Those who do not understand our support for Ukraine overlook another fundamental thing: This is not about the past. It is about the future.

As Marta Kubica, executive director of the Poland office of the European Leadership Network, an NGO dedicated to strengthening European-Israeli relations, has said: “Political quarrels have been set aside, and we’re finally looking in the same direction: the future. It’s regrettable that it took a war for this to happen, but hopefully we can remember this feeling and use it to strengthen our future relationship.”

To be sure, Ukrainians have not yet fully owned up to the unspeak-

able suffering they inflicted on Jews and Poles alike, if not equally, during World War II. But Poles, too, have yet to fully acknowledge their own role in the violence against Ukrainians and Jews before, during and after the Second World War. Ukrainians, Poles and Jews who lived under the former Soviet Union will, like the Russians, have to make a reckoning of their roles as both victims and servants of the bloody Soviet system.

This is not to say that history is just a cruel mess, full of unacknowledged and unpunished crimes everybody is guilty of. We can make sense of history, and different crimes are not equal to each other. But in order for this reckoning to take place at all, we need freedom.

And freedom is what the war is all about. You might have seen the brief scenes, bravely recorded on smartphones in occupied territory, of a Ukrainian woman in Sumy explaining to the Russians manning a military checkpoint that, under the Ukrainian constitution and the country’s privacy laws, she is not obligated to show them her ID. Or unarmed civilians in Melitopol blocking the way of a Russian army convoy, chanting “Go home! Go home!” — and not stopping or scattering even as a nervous infantryman starts firing into the air. Or elderly ladies singing the Ukrainian national anthem in front of the Russian-occupied city hall in Berdyansk.

Only after denying Russians their freedom could Putin send his army into Ukraine to deny Ukrainians the same. Poles and Jews support Ukrainians under the old Polish revolutionary slogan, “For our freedom and yours.” The Russian army could adopt a counter-slogan: “For your oppression and ours.” Russia had become a corrupt and lawless dictatorship just as Ukraine was ceasing to be one. Their smaller Western neighbor was becoming, to Russians, an alternative to their dictatorial present. The only way to protect that present was to destroy

the alternative. Hence the missiles against Kyiv.

The Polish Jewish community has prepared reception centers for Ukrainian refugees near the border, and in Lublin, Łódź and near Warsaw. Thousands of people have already been assisted. “How many of them are Jewish?” a journalist from a haredi publication asked in a phone interview with Poland’s Chief Rabbi, Michael Schudrich. “I don’t have the faintest idea,” answered Schudrich, “but I know they were all God’s children.” The journalist hung up, and a minute later called again — not to apologize, but to angrily comment that he “doesn’t need to be preached at.” “Oh, but he does,” Schudrich told me.

Freedom is never given once and for all. Shameful democratic backsliding, not just in Poland but in Hungary and Slovenia, demonstrates this all too clearly. And there is no guarantee that Ukraine, if it manages to repel the Russian onslaught, will become a democratic showcase, happily engaging in debate about the sins of its past. It is legitimate to be skeptical.

But there can be no doubt that if Putin wins, freedom will not have a chance. Just look at Russia today (or at Russia Today, before it abruptly shut down). Or imagine Poland after such a victory, say, 10 years from now. Between Putin’s brutal terror, and our homegrown autocrats, freedom would not stand much of a chance.

Should Jews care? If this were a Monopoly game, and if there were a “Get out of history free” card, I wouldn’t blame those who would grab it in order to show it to the next jackbooted thug who came to break down their door. But good luck to anyone who thinks the men with guns will play by the rules of the game. Or believe it’s a game at all. **JE**

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Iran Not the Only Threat That Middle East Countries Can Unite Around

BY AVI HASSON

When the foreign ministers of four Arab countries, the United States and Israel gathered last week for the first time, they did not sit in Israel's capital, Jerusalem, or its military headquarters in Tel Aviv. The historic ministerial for Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Bahrain, Israel and America took place at Sde Boker in the Negev Desert.

The secluded kibbutz, where Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, lived out his last years with his wife, Paula — and where they are both buried — symbolizes to Israelis the grit, innovation and social solidarity necessary to build a modern state.

By choosing that spot, the six countries were showing their readiness to confront shared challenges through those very same traits. The 18 months since the signing of the Abraham Accords among Israel, the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan (which did not send a representative) have demonstrated that the benefits of cooperation extend far beyond security and survival to include long-term prosperity for all the people of the region.

"What we are doing here is making history, building a new regional architecture based on progress, technology, religious tolerance, security and intelligence cooperation," said Israel's Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, echoing Ben-Gurion's assertion that history is made, not written. Lapid was not alone. The ministers agreed to form working groups on health, food security, energy, tourism, security and education.

Israel, though historically poor in natural resources, has emerged in recent years as a world leader in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship. Start-Up Nation Central, the nonprofit I lead, which is dedicated to strengthening the Israeli innovation ecosystem and promoting it around the world, regularly tracks



and reports on the constantly growing and maturing Israeli high-tech industry, and has a firsthand view of how that impacts Israel's international relations. We see how the same attributes that drove Israelis to excel in innovation — ingenuity, agility and a willingness to take risks — make it a magnet for foreign governments, investors and corporations.

Long established in cybersecurity and fintech, Israel's innovation ecosystem is now well-positioned to help tackle some of the major threats of our times. Hundreds of companies are active in the fields of health tech, agritech and climate tech, helping provide solutions to problems all over the world.

But Israelis can't do it alone. Innovation cannot exist without collaboration: whether among scientists, entrepreneurs, companies or countries. There's no way of achieving any of our goals by working in

independent silos. We look forward to the day when we can conduct business, design research programs and exchange tourists with the hundreds of millions of people who live in countries we cannot yet visit or even call on the phone.

The Abraham Accords afford us the opportunity to show the value of those partnerships. They are a striking example of what we call "Innovation Diplomacy" — leveraging innovation as a frictionless channel to tackle shared challenges and achieve common goals.

"The Abraham Accords are making the lives of people across your countries more peaceful, more prosperous, more vibrant, more integrated," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in his closing remarks of the Negev Summit. "They're allowing governments to focus their energies and attentions on the issues that are actually affecting the lives of our citizens and making them better."

I applaud the secretary of state for his words and call on American and regional leaders to build on the promise presented in last week's historic summit by developing a regional forum that focuses on finding technological solutions to our shared challenges.

In his speech, UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan lamented 43 years of not "knowing each other better, of working together, and of changing the narrative that many generations of Israelis and Arabs have been living," that were squandered since the signing of the 1979 peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. In the interest of future generations, we must not waste any more time. **JE**

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Passover Desserts

Put to the (Taste) Test

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Passover starts in a week, which means it's almost time to eat matzah pizza for every meal. OK then, that's a tasty unleavened option for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but what about dessert? As good as matzah pizza is, and as any decent parent will tell you, pizza is not dessert. Passover is no excuse for anarchy, as our years in the desert attest.

So, the dessert question remains, and many, if not most, of the unleavened options are the opposite of matzah pizza in that they have no taste!

But against all odds, the Mid-Atlantic Media team, which includes the Jewish Exponent, Washington Jewish Week and Baltimore Jewish Times, set out to find the best Passover dessert (desserts?) for your upcoming seders.

We did our best and, among the slim pickings, we found some half-decent options.

*toasted coconut
marshmallows*



7-layer cake



*Schick's Lemon
Raspberry Roll*

MANISCHEWITZ'S TOASTED COCONUT MARSHMALLOWS

This treat from the classic Jewish brand was the first dessert we tried during our office taste test on March 31 via Zoom. And it may have been the best dessert, too.

Writer Lindsay Van Asdalan tried it first and immediately started nodding her head.

"It's good, it's not too sticky and I love toasted coconuts so ... it's a win," she said.

The rest of us agreed.

"I don't have high expectations for a kosher for Passover marshmallow, but it really tasted like a marshmallow," Editor Selah Maya Zighelboim said.

"And these are only 17 calories apiece," Editor Andy Gotlieb added.

SCHICK'S LEMON RASPBERRY ROLL

Writer Sasha Rogelberg had mixed but ultimately positive feelings about this one.

"Dryer than the desert we wandered through," she said upon a first bite.

But then she kept chewing.

"The flavor's good," she concluded.

Gotlieb seconded the opinion.

"Actually, it is pretty good and it's not overly sweet; it's fairly light," he said.

JOYVA'S MARSHMALLOW TWISTS

The marshmallow twists were the most divisive product of the 5782 MAM Passover Taste Test Classic.

For some, like myself, they were much too creamy.

"Not a fan," I concluded.

But for others, like everyone else, the creaminess was the point.

"I like the creaminess," Zighelboim said.

"Yeah, the creaminess works for me," Gotlieb added.

"It's almost like eating cream instead of chocolate," Zighelboim concluded.

YEHUDA CHOCOLATE-FLAVORED CAKE

The chocolate cake drew rave reviews, even with the unleavened factor.

"The chocolate flavor on this is really good," Van Asdalan said. "It almost tastes more like a light brownie. Like a fluffier brownie."

"It's not too sweet, and I really like that; it tastes like it would be really good with a cup of coffee or a cup of tea or something," Zighelboim said.

SCHICK'S SEVEN-LAYER CAKE AND MANISCHEWITZ'S MANDEL CUTS

Both teams tried different desserts during this round, and the seven-layer cake was the expected favorite before the taste test, and it delivered.

"Winner, winner, chicken dinner. This cake is really good," Gotlieb said.

"A little bit of texture, but actually moist and actually good flavor," Rogelberg added.

Others tried the mandel cuts, which looked and tasted like a dry biscotti.

Despite the dryness, though, it wasn't terrible.

It just could have used a specific complement.

"It would be another good one to have with tea," Van Asdalan said.

Zighelboim agreed.

THE REST

These being Passover desserts, there was plenty that we didn't like, too.



The staff despised a sugar-free sponge loaf cake from Oberlander.

"It's a little eggy, a little dry," Rogelberg said.

"It's a little bland," I added.

Gotlieb went as far as imagining what a sponge might taste like.

"I know why they call this sponge cake — because it tastes kind of like a sponge," he said. "Not that I eat sponges that often, but this is dry."

A group of Joyva chocolate-covered jelly rings was hated by everyone.

Zigheboim compared the taste of the jelly to the flavored medication that a doctor would prescribe to a child.

"It's like that weird cough medicine taste," she said. "The chocolate is good though."

Gotlieb called them "Robitussin rings."

"I think I would have stuck with just the chocolate next time," Zigheboim concluded.

Macaroons, both chocolate (Goodman's) and coconut (Manischewitz), also got less-than-stellar reviews.

As they began chewing on the chocolate macaroons, staffers said they didn't taste enough chocolate. Then they chewed to the end and realized that the dessert even tasted "soggy."

Gotlieb offered up a one-word review.

"Eh," he said.

"I think that sums up the Passover macaroons for sure," Zigheboim added.

The coconut macaroons were a little better. Van Asdalan loved them.

"I'm probably biased because I love coconut, but I would eat a bunch of these," she said.

Van Asdalan must have a Passover sweet tooth because, near the end, she admitted to kind of, sort of liking the jelly/Robitussin rings as well.

"For whatever reason, just because I thought they were interesting, I didn't hate the jelly rings as much," she said.

THE TRICK TO MAKING GOOD PASSOVER DESSERTS

We did our best to find some good Passover desserts, and while we found a few that were decent, it was a difficult task.

But it was tough because we picked up pre-made items at the supermarket, according to Yonah Gross, the kashrus administrator for the Community Kashrus of Greater Philadelphia. The key is to do what Gross' wife does every year: make desserts at home.

That way, you can use matzah meal, or crushed matzah, to replace flour and still get a similar taste. Gross' wife makes coffee cake mixes and biscotti with chocolate chips for the family to eat throughout the eight-day holiday.

"There are special Passover recipes that work it out," Gross said. "A lot of chocolate is helpful."

Store-bought items can't replicate this formula because they depend on preservatives, Gross said. If you change one preservative, like using corn syrup instead of sugar, you change the whole dynamic of the dessert.

"There are various chemicals that could have some impact on the taste or the texture of what it might otherwise be," he said.

In other words, this is how you end up with "Robitussin rings."

But if you're willing to do the work, you don't have to settle for the equivalent of a child's medicine repackaged as dessert. You just have to be willing to bake like you're competing on the Food Network.

"My wife works very hard on baking," Gross said.

"If you go store-bought, you can be rest assured that the kosher status is excellent," he concluded. "I will leave the judgment of taste to others." **JE**

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Theatre Ariel Holocaust Play Tours Area Public Schools

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

Though International Holocaust Remembrance Day came and went in January, the mission to instill the gravity of the Shoah to the next generation continues for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Jewish Community Relations Council and Philadelphia's salon-style Theatre Ariel.

The pair partnered to tour the play "Survivors" across six Philadelphia public and charter middle and high schools from March 28 to April 7 as part of JCRC's Youth Symposium on the Holocaust.

The play, written by Santa Barbara, California-based playwright Wendy Kout, follows the stories of 10 young Holocaust survivors as they endure the hardships of Nazi rule and concentration camps. The play uses the real sto-

ries and names of Holocaust survivors. "Survivors" was funded by the Foundation for Jewish Day Schools through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program.

The dwindling number of survivors alive or able to share their stories, combined with the pandemic limiting large, in-person gatherings, forced the JCRC Holocaust Remembrance and Education subcommittee to reconsider the format of the Youth Symposium. The program used to consist of survivors speaking with more than 1,000 students congregated in a large auditorium or conference center.

"Although we cannot bring Holocaust survivors into schools because of COVID and public health concerns, we believe this play is a great alternative, as it retells the stories of actual Holocaust survivors and illustrates the impor-

tance of standing up against hatred," JCRC Director Jason Holtzman said.

"We came up with the idea to use theater as a way to create emotional connection and provide a valuable program that schools would want to bring students to," Jewish Federation Senior Manager of Community Engagement Beth Razin added.

The play was commissioned in 2018 by Ralph Maranto, artistic director of CenterStage Theatre of the JCC in Rochester, New York, and written by Kout for the same reason.

"Basically, Ralph said, 'Wendy, I've been thinking: How are we going to continue to tell these important stories?'" Kout said. "We have websites where students can go online and listen to interviews, and that's all well and good. But there has to be a more personal way to interact with students than just a screen."

The memory of the neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017 — defined by the images of white supremacists screaming with torches in their hands — underlined the urgency of the project for Kout.

Kout chose to use real survivors' stories, but have the characters in the play be the age of the survivor during their time in World War II-era Europe. In addition to providing historical accuracies of the time, Kout wanted to capture the coming-of-age that still took place for the children of the Holocaust.

"We knew we weren't going to dumb it down, and we weren't going to make it 'Holocaust lite,'" Kout said. "It had to be authentic. It had to be the truth."

That message is particularly important for this day and age, Theatre Ariel Founding and Artistic Director Deborah Baer Mozes argued. Nazis not only targeted Jews, but also disabled and gay people, which non-Jewish high school students took note of and could relate to — such as the war in Ukraine that has driven Holocaust survivors out of their home country yet again.

"It's not often taught that the past is also present if we're not learning from



A dress rehearsal performance of "Survivors," featuring cast members Brooke Shilling, DJ Gleason, Hannah Cohen, Michael Stahler and Bo Sayre.

the past," Baer Mozes said.

Theatre Ariel Associate Artistic Director Jesse Bernstein, who directed the play, considered his young audience — and the logistical obstacles of making a set for a touring play — when making choices of how to present the play.

Swapping elaborate set pieces for a rich, ambient soundscape made in collaboration with sound designer Damien Figueras, Bernstein hoped to create an immersive experience.

"I wanted to create an atmosphere, and I wanted to put the audience inside this world," Bernstein said.

His job was made easier by what Bernstein considered a "compelling" script.

Using the stories from real survivors allowed Bernstein to share a "diversity of experience," filled with details so specific they could not have been thought of by an individual who did not live through the horrors of the Holocaust. Among the horrors of the survivors' stories were glimmers of hope and narratives of resistance.

"The survivors were all individuals who found meaning and who still made the most out of their lives," Bernstein said.

A question-and-answer portion followed each performance, where students were able to further engage with the material.

"We were at Abington High School on Monday (March 28). You could literally hear a pin drop in that audience ... students were so drawn in, and, at the end, they gave them a really sincere applause," Baer Mozes said. "It was a spontaneous and very sincere applause." **JE**

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A Nutrition Counselor Offers Recipes, Health Tips

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I recently visited the Lodge at Woodloch, a beautiful resort/spa in the Poconos. In addition to the myriad fitness classes, hikes and spa services, the lodge hosts an array of educational classes taught by its illustrious staff.

Talia Segal-Fidler is a board-certified holistic health and nutrition counselor who serves as the in-house nutritionist. I had the good fortune to attend her cooking class during my stay, and I learned quite a bit. But first, a bit about Segal-Fidler.

A native of Israel, she came to New York to study art history many years ago. Upon arrival, she described her adoption of what she calls the “SAD” (Standard American Diet), aka the “MAD” (Modern American Diet).

“I gained a lot of weight and developed a thyroid condition. I was about to be put on medication, and I decided to change my diet and see if I could use the ‘food as medicine’ approach to cure my condition,” she said. “It worked, and I never looked back. I switched from art history to nutrition, and I’ve been helping people get and stay healthy ever since.”

Segal-Fidler talks passionately about the healing properties of food.

“The kitchen is your pharmacy; the spice rack is your medicine cabinet. Ginger, fennel, turmeric and cinnamon are all anti-inflammatories. Cumin is a digestive aid. Lemons contain polyphenol, which are powerful anti-oxidants,” she said. “Garlic is an anti-fungal, and sesame seeds contain high amounts of omega-3 and calcium. The list is nearly endless of the benefits of plant-based eating.”

Segal-Fidler shared her recipes for hummus and roasted cauliflower with tahini dressing. She spoke of hummus as an ancient food, one that in Israel is traditionally eaten early in the day because of its heartiness.

She also emphasized the importance of avoiding waste and how all parts of a vegetable can provide sustenance. To



Talia Segal-Fidler

Photos by Keri White

demonstrate this, Segal-Fidler sliced the cauliflower stalk, which is often tossed, into discs that she used as “chips” to dip in the hummus.

When cooking, she always saves cauliflower leaves, broccoli stalks, celery leaves, carrot tops, the tough stems of greens, onion tops and any other

“refuse” to be simmered in water to make a healthy vegetable stock that can be drunk or used as a base for soups, sauces, risotto, etc.

She offered a handy tip on how to make this a convenient, sustainable habit — keep a large zip-seal bag in your fridge or freezer and toss the dis-

carded vegetable bits in as you cook. When it is full, make the broth.

Talia's Hummus

Makes about 2½ cups

- 2 cups canned chickpeas, rinsed (reserve ¼ cup for topping the finished hummus to add texture)
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ⅓ cup tahini
- Juice of 2 lemons (about 6 tablespoons)
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- Dash of paprika (optional)
- 6 dashes Tabasco or other hot sauce (optional)

Garnish: ¼ cup reserved chickpeas, 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts, ¼ cup chopped parsley and a drizzle of olive oil

Place all the ingredients except for the garnish items in a food processor. Mix it until blended but not completely pureed; it should have a coarse texture. Scrape it into a shallow bowl, and top it as desired with garnishes.

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For the cauliflower:

- 1 head cauliflower cut in florets
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon cumin
- ¼ teaspoon coriander
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley



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For the tahini sauce:

- ½ cup tahini
- 2 garlic cloves
- Juice from ½ lemon
- ¼ cup cool water
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Heat your oven to 425 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.

In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with all of the remaining ingredients except the lemon juice and fresh parsley. Spread the florets in a single layer in the pan and roast them in the heated oven for 25-35 minutes, until golden and tender.

While the cauliflower roasts, prepare the tahini sauce. Puree the ingredients in a blender or food processor until smooth.

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Lisa Simon Nugiel and David Nugiel of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter Molly Nugiel to Eric Samson, son of Susan and Richard Samson of Belgrade, Maine.

The future bride and groom, both GIS mapping analysts, met while working at Apple.

They live in Walnut Creek, California, and will be married in Yosemite National Park in June.



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Former NHL President, Flyers Exec Gilbert Stein Dies at 94

ANDY GOTTLIEB | EDITOR

Gilbert Stein, who served as president of the NHL, as well as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Philadelphia Flyers, died on March 24. He was 94.

Stein, who lived in Gladwyne, also had an extensive legal career in Philadelphia, serving as the city's deputy city controller, deputy district attorney and executive director of the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

In addition, he was a special counsel to U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, an adjunct professor of sports law at Villanova

University, the Philadelphia regional director of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board in the late 1950s, an adjunct professor of business law at Drexel University in 1967, and a litigation partner for five years in the 1970s at what is now Blank Rome.

The Philadelphia native spent two years in the Army upon graduating high school, then earned a bachelor's degree at Temple University and a law degree from Boston University School of Law.

Son Andy Stein said his father's initial sports passion was basketball and that he played the sport in the Army. The base commanders wanted him to play on the travel team, but only sergeants and above were allowed to travel off base, so they made him a sergeant.

While in law school in Boston, Stein frequently watched Boston Celtics games, taking copious scouting notes.

"Every time the Philadelphia Warriors traveled to Boston, Dad would meet the team at the train station and hand Coach Eddie Gottlieb a detailed scouting report on the Celtics, which the Warriors then used to full advantage in the game," Andy Stein said during his eulogy.

But hockey eventually became his primary sports love.

"I loved what I saw," Stein said in a 1992 Jewish Exponent article, detailing how he watched the very first Flyers home game in 1967. "I would attend the 76ers game and, the next night, the Flyers. Three or four weeks into that season, I became bored with basketball. We became passionate hockey fans."

That passion grew in 1972 when Flyers owner Ed Snider hired him as the team's general counsel. He later became the team's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Having a father involved with the Flyers made for "great days," Andy Stein said.

"The Flyers, also known as The Broad Street Bullies, were the most exciting team in all of sports. Once, in Vancouver, Flyers players climbed into the stands to battle the fans. Dad was the lawyer who managed to keep them



A recent photo of Gil Stein

Courtesy of the Stein family

out of trouble in court. He loved those guys, and they loved him," Andy Stein said in his eulogy. "Many people think of those Flyers players as vicious thugs. They were tough all right, but the love they had for each other was so strong that they have remained friends and brothers for life."

In 1977, he joined the NHL front office as vice president and general counsel. Fifteen years later, when the league's president resigned, Stein was named his successor.

His tenure was short-lived, however, as the league also announced that it was eliminating the position of president and planned to name a permanent commissioner.

Although Stein was interested in the commissioner role, the NHL instead selected Gary Bettman, who remains in the position today.

"His attitude was that, 'I'm not here to be a placeholder,'" Andy Stein said.

Stein's tenure was marked by the addition of two franchises — the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and the Florida Panthers. While the entry fees were important to the league, Andy Stein said, it also brought Michael Eisner, the CEO of the Walt Disney Co., and Wayne Huizenga of Blockbuster Video, Waste Management and AutoNation fame,

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into the NHL's sphere of influence.

It brought a bit of controversy, too, as existing teams didn't want to share their turf.

His 13 months in office also produced a new labor agreement with the players and a controversial induction to the Hockey Hall of Fame, as well as a later withdrawal.

Stein remained a consultant to the

NHL after his tenure as president ended and later wrote, "Power Plays / An Inside Look at the Big Business of the National Hockey League."

He later served as counsel to the U.S. Select Committee on Intelligence in 1995. And in 1998 and 1999, he was part of a presidential commission that studied weapons of mass destruction.

Stein married Barbara Alderman in

1958 and had three children: son Andy, daughter Holly and son John.

"Ed Snider called him a lion in public, but he was a pussycat," his wife told The Philadelphia Inquirer. "A most generous husband. Always a positive thinker, every job was the best job."

Stein was a board member when the former Temple Beth Torah was founded in Northeast Philadelphia in

1965. He served as the head counselor at Pinemere Camp one summer and later was a member of Main Line Reform Temple.

In addition to his wife and children, Stein is survived by eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister and other relatives. [JE](#)

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BLACKMAN

Bernard Blackman, age 84 passed away on February 15th, 2022. Bernie will be missed by his brothers Morris and Henry Sol (Marlene) Blackman, nieces and nephews, great nieces, and nephews and grand- nieces and nephews! Most of all, he will be missed by his niece Gayle Horn (Wishnefsky) who considered Bernie her second Dad. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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HANOVER

Jacqueline Hanover (nee. Ehrlich), on March 28, 2022. Wife of the late Irving; mother of Ned Hanover and Larry (Cheryl) Hanover; grandmother of Tyler and Gabrielle. Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Beth El – Voorhees <https://bethelsnj.org/support-beth-el/>, or to Congregation Rodeph Shalom, <https://rodephshalom.org/make-a-donation/>.

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HORWITZ

Ellis A, 85, of Bryn Mawr, PA died on Thursday, March 24. Ellis was a retired General Counsel of Scott Paper Company and of ITOCHU International, Inc. as well as a prize winning photographer. His surviving family includes his wife, Margot (nee Freedman); children Claudia (Sage Hayes) and Stuart (Dr. Bonnie Kane); grandchildren Fifer and Bodhi; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. Robert and Sharon Freedman. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters Independence Region (www.independencebigs.org) or Main Line Reform Temple, Beth Elohim (www.mlrt.org)

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KREIN

Stanley Krein, age 90, of Cherry Hill, NJ, passed away peacefully at his home on March 21, 2022 surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Bunny Krein. Loving father of Bari Krein, Dr. Howard Krein (Ashley), and Steven Krein (Rebecca). Adoring Poppy to Sydni, Jordan, Zoe, Andie, Alexa, and Bryce. Dear brother of Jerry Krein and brother-in-law to Linda Cohen (Paul) and Jonathan Lipner (Marcy). He will also be missed by his many nephews and nieces along with his grand dogs, Athena, Cookie and (late) Ruby. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue's Relief Fund for Ukrainian Synagogues www.swfs.org/aid or the Cooper Heart Institute at foundation.cooperhealth.org.

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MOLIKEN

DR. MURRAY, March 21, 2022, of Evesham, NJ. Husband of Anita Moliken. Father of Cheryl Marken and Warren (Sharon) Moliken. Grandfather of Eli, Dylan, Hannah and Jordan. Brother of Albert Moliken and Paul Moliken. Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

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MOSKOWITZ

Nancy (nee Knebel), March 31, 2022, of Haverford; beloved wife of the late Leonard; loving mother of the late Jo Suzanne Moskowitz; devoted sister of Deana Rigg (Gary); favorite aunt of Karen Siwik, Laura Pratt & Joseph Rigg. Contributions in Nancy's memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (jewishphilly.org).

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NEUMAN

William David Neuman, 87, of Dresher, PA, passed away on Monday, March 28. Born April 20, 1934 in Philadelphia, PA to Harold L. and Sylvia (Haimowitz) Neuman. Billy, an iconoclast from the start with an off-beat sense of humor, was a spelunker, skier, scuba diver and mountaineer in his youth. After graduating the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, he completed military service, then worked for the family business, Robert Bruce, Inc. Married to Donna Reisman, later divorced. He enjoyed photography, stamp collecting and road trips with his daughters. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren. Billy was true to his word and always eager to help out when he could. He attended Beth Shalom while he was able, as his father was instrumental in procuring Frank Lloyd Wright to design the synagogue. An avid hiker after retirement, he was most comfortable in nature and nearly completed his goal of hiking the entire Appalachian Trail. His surviving family includes his children, Nathan (Marci) Neuman, Esq., Blair (Richard Norman) Neuman, Stacy Neuman and Toni (Christian) Noto; his grandsons Ross Neuman and Sebastian Noto; his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Alan Smith, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (www.appalachiantrail.org).

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PERILSTEIN

Sheila (nee Plumer). March 30, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Julius. Loving mother of Ellen Hark (Jeffrey), Judy Perilstein (Bob Kaufman), Roy Perilstein (Rose Kraft), and Patti Spielman. Dear sister-in-law of Pearl Plumer and Dorothy Katz (Sy). Devoted grandmother of Jason (Kenneth), Adam (Danielle), Mandy, Jeremy, and Alex (Paulina). Cherished great-grandmother of Lillian, Juliet, Jaliel, Cory, Kani, and Gianna. Contributions in

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BARTON on March 31, 2022. Devoted husband of Sandra (nee Seeligsohn); Loving father of Andrew & Tracy Silverman, Michael & Staci Silverman, Caren & Todd Safra; Proud and adoring pop pop of Jacob, Leah, Shayna and Max Silverman. Cherished uncle to his nieces and nephews. Bart was a true renaissance man who never truly retired after leaving Goldman Sachs. He spent his "retirement" years serving on multiple Foundations & Boards providing guidance in addition to irascible wit, auditing classes at the University of Pennsylvania, playing tennis and being the mayor of the Loveladies tennis club, reading with his book club, listening to opera, spoiling pets, and grumbling about Philly sports teams. A true gentleman, a man of honor and a friend to all. He will be greatly missed. Contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

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STEIN

Gilbert, 94, of Gladwyne, PA died Thursday, March 24, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara (nee Alderman), three children and their spouses, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Endowed Gilbert and Barbara Stein Scholarship Fund at Cooper Medical School or the Waverly Heights Foundation.

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Sylvia Zemel passed away peacefully on Saturday March 26th at

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What's happening at ... Society Hill Synagogue

Society Hill Synagogue To Celebrate Long-awaited Expansion

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

Fifteen years is a long time to wait, but for Society Hill Synagogue, the waiting has paid dividends.

The “independent egalitarian” congregation at 418 Spruce St. bought an old colonial row home at the adjacent 430 Spruce St. in 2007, hoping to transform the building into an accessible extension for its education programming.

Over two phases of fundraising from 2007 to 2019, the synagogue raised more than \$3 million and completed construction and renovation of the buildings during the pandemic. Though construction finished in early 2021, and the synagogue held classes there over the summer, the synagogue will officially celebrate its new space on April 25.

The space offers six classrooms for the synagogue’s Ann Spak Thal Hebrew school, playschool and adult education classes — an upgrade from the original building’s three. The Hebrew school — which will be held on Tuesdays and Saturdays, rather than Tuesdays and Sundays — and playschool will offer three new classes in the summer, two of which are already at full capacity.

The construction costs also covered an expansion of the 418 Spruce St. social hall, an outdoor space behind the two properties and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant elevators and restrooms. The expansion will allow adult congregants and children to meet in the same space for Saturday morning onegs and kiddushes.

As the synagogue, established in 1967, grew to its now-membership of 300 households, the need to expand became apparent to leadership.

“We were just bursting at the seams,” synagogue President Jeremy Newberg said.

To accommodate all of the Hebrew school students on Sundays — which, pre-pandemic, numbered more than 85 — the synagogue split the students: First- through fourth-graders attended Hebrew school from 9-11 a.m., and fifth- through Hebrew-high school stu-



Society Hill Synagogue’s historic 418 Spruce St. building next to the renovated rowhouse at 430 Spruce St.

Courtesy of Sahar Oz

dents took the second shift from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For parents with multiple children, the headaches of multiple commutes to and from the urban synagogue were quickly evident, Newberg said.

Sahar Oz, the synagogue’s executive director and once-education director, said that adult education classes shared a space with a playschool classroom.

“You were doing text study, and you have creatively designed butterflies and things hanging from the ceiling,” he said.

As the synagogue gained awareness of the accessibility needs of its congregants, it realized the current space wasn’t making the cut.

“We had this Soviet-style lift that was pathetic,” Newberg said. “It was really loud and undignified for someone with physical disabilities to come to services.”

After the 2007 buy of the new space, the synagogue community raised \$1.44 million, almost half of its goal, before the 2008 recession hit. Funding for the project was halted for almost a decade, when synagogue leadership gained community input on how to move forward with the space.

“We regrouped, and we just got to the core of what is needed,” Newberg said. “The vision for 430 Spruce as an education hub really resonated.”

From 2017 to 2019, Society Hill Synagogue held phase two of its capital campaign, raising \$2.64 million from 174 member-households and surpassing the goal by \$200,000. Though the synagogue relied on 20 donors for 72% of the funding, 55% of the synagogue community chipped in for the project.

The new education hub, the Paula Kline Learning Center, was named to honor the late wife of synagogue member and donor Tom Kline, who died in 2014.

But Newberg was cautious about relying on big donors early in the campaign. He employed the motto, “Make a joyful stretch,” to the congregants, encouraging members to give a dollar amount that felt like a true investment in the synagogue community but one that wouldn’t break the bank.

“The dollar amount that you give is not the issue; it’s that you gave something,” Newberg said. “A capital campaign is part of the mitzvah of being a member, and mitzvot is not only good deeds, but it’s affirmative obligations. So making a joyful stretch is fulfilling your obligation to support the institution you love.”

For Rabbi Nathan Kamesar, the expansion finishing up during a lull in COVID numbers brings promise for the re-establishment of physical com-



Students and teachers from the youngest class in the synagogue’s playschool, the Comets Class, which opened in June 2021 as one of the new classes made possible by the construction of the Paula Kline Learning Center.



Tom Kline (right) and Frank Wolf affixed the mezuzah at the entrance to the Paula Kline Learning Center in memory of their late wife and sister Paula Kline.

munity with intergenerational connections and schmoozing that can’t be replicated over Zoom and were stunted by the tight quarters of the synagogue’s cramped historic building.

“It is definitely a hope for me that people find themselves drawn to services and adult education, but I am equally, if not more excited, when I just see a bustling social hall over a kiddush lunch,” Kamesar said. **JE**

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The Warning of Shabbat HaGadol

BY RABBI ARTHUR WASKOW,
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Parshat Metzora

We are approaching Pesach, and Jewish tradition marks the approach with a special Haftarah to be chanted on the last Shabbat before the holyday begins. That Shabbat is known as Shabbat HaGadol, named after one word in the Haftarah, “the great.”

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The InterBreath of Life —
“When all the arrogant, all evil-doers,
root and branch,
will like straw be burnt to ashes.*

*“Yet for those of you who revere My Name,
Yes! My Name, Yahhhh, the
Interbreath of Life!
a solar sun of justice will arise
with healing in its wings, its winds,
its rays.*

*“Here! Before the coming
of the great [HaGadol] and awesome
day
of YHWH/ the Breath of Life,
I will send you the Prophet Eli-Yah [Elijah]
[Whose name means “My God is the
Breath of Life”]
to turn the hearts of elders to the youth
and the hearts of youth to elders,
lest I come and smite the earth
with utter destruction.
(Malachi 3:19-24)*

We ourselves live in the day of Earth’s getting hotter and hotter, bringing on us plagues of fire, flood, famine and, in targeted

neighborhoods of color and low-income, epidemics of asthma and cancer. All of us are suffering as in the days of Pharaoh, when the plagues ruined lives and livelihoods of all.

Our ancient forebears had to choose between “normal” — Pharaoh’s army, slavery with meat and pickles — or the unknown — the sea and the wilderness. They chose freedom, which always tastes of the unknown.

Today, as in Malachi’s prophetic words, Earth’s burning heat comes from the burning of fossil fuels. Those who survived in the ancient story were Yisrael (the people of Israel) who revered and wrestled with God. Today, it will be villages, cities, whole countries whose people will be brave enough, who love the breath of life enough, to swiftly turn to solar and wind energy as remedy.

Today, let us pause on Shabbat HaGadol, heed the words of the Prophet Malachi, and invite ourselves to shoulder the task of Elijah by taking active roles in the world for healing Earth, not devastating the next generation.

Perhaps we can even ask ourselves to find a support partner for climate action and share what single action we each will take to uphold the Elijah covenant to turn toward each other, young and old, to heal the Earth. The youth are already speaking out — the Jewish Youth Climate Movement, the Sunrise Movement, Extinction Rebellion. Will we, the elders, turn our hearts to them, our own grandchildren?

Were we to write a response to Malachi, it would sound like this:

*“Here! we ourselves are coming
Before the terrible day
of smiting Earth —
For we ourselves shall turn the hearts
Of elders and youth to each other
So that this day of smiting
Does not fall upon us.” JE*

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Golden Slipper Gems will examine Turkish ancient synagogues, Jewish settlements and cemeteries belonging to different eras and traditions, led by Nisya Isman Allovi, curator at the Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews, who will join us live from Istanbul at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact msimonhazani@goldenslipper.org or 610-359-8632. 257 E. Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

MAHJONG GAME

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood invites the community to join our weekly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$36 per year or free with MBIEE Sisterhood membership. **For more information, call 215-635-1505 or email office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

BINGO WITH BARRY

Join Barry at Tabas Kleinlife for an afternoon of bingo from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on April 12 and 13. Free parking and free to play, with snacks available on April 5. **For more information, call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

ISRAEL LECTURE



Introducing Adath Jeshurun's "Israel in Perspective," a spring series of expert-led encounters with Jewish history featuring Israel experts Ken Stein and David Bernat. Stein will visit Adath Jeshurun in person for a full weekend with three presentations starting April 8 at 6 p.m. and ending April 10 at 10 a.m. **Visit adathjeshurun.info/ken-stein.html for more information.**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

KLEZMER CELEBRATION

Bob Blacksberg will present for Golden Slipper Gems the scene of klezmer today and will help us all dance and enjoy the music. Blacksberg is chair of the KlezKanada board, as well the vice president of the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia. **For more information, contact msimonhazani@goldenslipper.org or 610-359-8632. 257 E. Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood.**

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Join Jewish Family and Children's Service and like-minded individuals from April 13-July 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in a supportive community where you will learn tools to address compulsive acquiring and saving

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To register or for more information on sliding-scale options, contact Rivka Goldman at 267-256-2250 or rgoldman@jfcspshilly.org.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

The Rothenberg Center for Family Life at Jewish Family Service and the South Jersey Board of Rabbis and Cantors present a sharing and caring series — Overcoming Challenges at 7 p.m. Discover strategies to initiate, create and change our reality rather than simply reacting and surviving the challenges we face. **Visit jfsatlantic.org for more information.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Jewish Family and Children's Service is offering this eight-session online support group for individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon until April 21 on Zoom, and the cost is \$144 total. **Contact Rivka Goldman at 267-256-2250 or rgoldman@jfcspshilly.org for more information.**

BEND THE ARC MEETING

Join Bend the Arc for an evening of focused movement-building in South Jersey. Learn more about the Moral Minyan, ideas for action and start thinking about your role in the movement. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30; **register by the Tuesday before: bendthearc.us/southjersey_signup. [JE](#)**

Out & About

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Courtesy of Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim



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1 The Jewish Residents' Council of Ann's Choice hosted Gratz College President Zev Eleff to discuss antisemitism. 2 Abrams Hebrew Academy second-grade students celebrated March Madness with a tournament of books. 3 The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties raised \$33,000 at an "It's Game Time" event to support programs and services. 4 The Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim Sisterhood held a collection for a home and garden sale on April 3 and 4. 5 Perelman Jewish Day School students competed in the Reading Olympics on March 23. 6 The Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El Youth Choir Zoomed with a Jewish school community in Poland on March 13.

TALKING CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY WITH Steven Collis

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Steven Collis is the CEO of AmerisourceBergen, a publicly-traded drug wholesale company with 2021 revenues of more than \$200 billion.

The Jewish Haverford resident is a busy guy, but he makes sure to carve out time for a cause close to his heart: Israel. Over the years in the Jewish state, Collis has helped open a children's hospital and worked with a school outside Tel Aviv that works with troubled youth, among other initiatives.

For his efforts, Collis has earned a major piece of recognition in the American Jewish community: the Jewish National Fund-USA's Tree of Life Award, which celebrates humanitarian and community work with a particular focus on Israel.

Collis will receive the award at the Tree of Life Gala on April 7 at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. Close to 300 people were expected to attend, according to the CEO. The event has raised \$300,000 so far for resettling Ukrainian Jews displaced by the ongoing war.

"It is a big honor," said Collis, 60, of the award.

Marina Furman, the executive director of national major donor advancement for JNF-USA, has known Collis "for many years," she said. She called him "a big supporter of Israel and the community at large."

The CEO's relationship with JNF-USA, a not-for-profit organization that focuses on "building a prosperous future for Israel," according to its website, does include a history of giving. Collis estimated that he's donated between \$150,000 and \$200,000 to JNF-USA over the years.

Furman, though, explained that Collis earned the award for his support of Israel, yes, but also for other reasons.

She mentioned his work at AmerisourceBergen creating jobs, his community projects and his character.



"He's an extremely humble person who treats everyone equally," Furman said. "Really a person of great, great integrity, which is probably the most valuable quality, especially today."

Collis moved to the Philadelphia area in 2009 and became CEO of AmerisourceBergen two years later.

He has grown the company to more than 22,000 employees and helped distribute more than 100 million COVID vaccines during the pandemic, among other efforts.

He also helped establish the corporation's foundation, which has distributed more than \$7 million in health

care, community and education grants, according to Collis.

AmerisourceBergen was doing community work before the foundation started. But the foundation enabled it to focus on specific efforts and communities consistently, as well as position itself in the public eye as a company that goes beyond its business to help the communities it serves.

Collis said AmerisourceBergen is "united in our responsibility to create healthier futures," and that the foundation "really ties into our purpose."

The company also donates to social justice causes in "communities where

we live and work," to charities that offer financial aid to parents of children with cancer and to Jefferson Health for efforts that focus on underserved communities, the CEO added.

All of those efforts helped Collis win the Tree of Life Award, according to Furman.

"The award should go to someone who serves as an example of what it means to be a leader," she said.

But the CEO was quick to add that it wasn't just his award. He credited the people who have worked with him over the years.

"It's recognition for many people," Collis said. "People that have worked hard. People that are passionate and motivated."

Collis is excited to share the ceremony where he'll receive the honor with other attendees. It's a live event after more than two years of remote gatherings due to COVID.

"It's a chance to have a celebration, a simcha," he said.

After the simcha ends, the 60-year-old is not going to sit back and start thinking about his legacy. He's too busy trying to grow AmerisourceBergen.

The company does huge business in Philadelphia, the Northeast in general, North Carolina, Texas, the United Kingdom and Europe in general. And Collis wants AmerisourceBergen representatives to have a leading voice in conversations about how to transition to a post-COVID world.

He wants his company to take the lead in fixing the supply chain that got disrupted during the pandemic.

"What the supply chain safety level should look like," he added. "Should we be on-shoring drugs?"

But after more than a decade in charge, Collis can at least take a second to appreciate what he's done.

"I have to be most proud of AmerisourceBergen," the CEO said. "The growth of the company, the purpose we have." **JE**

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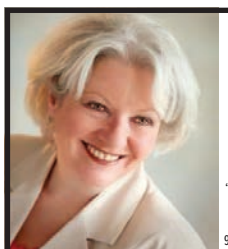
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above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
FRANCES WEBSTER BROWN,
EXECUTRIX, c/o Jay E. Kivitz, Esq.,
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19150;
Or to her Attorney:
JAY E. KIVITZ
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ESTATE OF CLAUDIA WOLF,
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
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c/o Andrew Gavrin, Esq., 306
Clairemont Rd., Villanova, PA
19085,
Or to his Attorney:
ANDREW GAVRIN
306 Clairemont Rd.
Villanova, PA 19085

ESTATE OF DANIEL J.
PETERSEN, 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
DEBRA BRITT, ADMINISTRATRIX,
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19103,
Or to her Attorney:
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF DUANE AUGUSTUS
WILLIE, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request
all persons having claims or de-
mands against the estate of the
decedent to make known the same
and all persons indebted to the
decedent to make payment without
delay to ALAN S. FORMAN, ESQ.
and PETER KLENK, ESQ., 2202
Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA
19103,
Or to their Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
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ESTATE OF ELIZABETH
STEVENSON, 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
Arthur W. Stevenson, Executor, c/o
Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy
Blvd, Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020,
Or to his Attorney:
HARRY METKA
4802 Neshaminy Blvd, Ste. 9
Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF ELVAYANN LEIGH
WEAVER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
on the above estate have been
granted to the undersigned, who be-
quest 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 Savilla Jiles, Executrix, c/o
Samuel Ben-Samuel,
Esquire 273 Montgomery Ave.,
Ste., 201, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
or to his attorney:
Samuel Ben-Samuel
273 Montgomery Ave.
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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

ESTATE OF ERIC ROEBUCK,
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 EVANS ROEBUCK,
ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A.
Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to his Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ESSER LUE DAVIS,
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
PAULINE COLEMAN, EXECUTRIX,
c/o Nathan Snyder, Esq., 3070
Bristol Pike, Bldg. 2, Ste. 204,
Bensalem, PA 19020,
Or to her Attorney:
NATHAN SNYDER
LAW OFFICE OF NATHAN
SNYDER
3070 Bristol Pike, Bldg. 2, Ste. 204
Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF EVA MAE DANIELS,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
on the above estate have been
granted to the undersigned, who
bequest 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 Nathan Daniels,
Administrator, c/o Samuel Ben-
Samuel,
Esquire 273 Montgomery Ave.,
Ste., 201, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
or to his attorney:
Samuel Ben-Samuel
273 Montgomery Ave.
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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

ESTATE OF FITZGERALD ANDERSON, 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 CHARMAIN ANDERSON-COVER, EXECUTRIX, c/o Angela D. Giampolo, Esq., 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107,
Or to her Attorney:
ANGELA D. GIAMPOLO
GIAMPOLO LAW GROUP, LLC
1221 Locust St., Ste. 202
Philadelphia, PA 19107

ESTATE OF GLADYCE F. RUBIN, DECEASED.
Late of Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, 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 ARLENE B. RUBIN and JEFFRY F. RUBIN, EXECUTORS, c/o Lawrence S. Chane, Esq., One Logan Square, 130 N. 18th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998,
Or to their Attorney:
LAWRENCE S. CHANE
BLANK ROME LLP
One Logan Square
130 N. 18th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998

ESTATE OF HENRIETTA SLAP, 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 Eve Slap and Alison Tress, Executrices, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaar & Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their attorneys,
Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq.
Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaar & Toddy, PC
One Commerce Sq.
2005 Market St., 16th Fl.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF HENRY M. WILKOWSKI a/k/a HENRY WILKOWSKI, 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 ROBERT STEPHEN WILKOWSKI, EXECUTOR, c/o John M. Pelet, III, Esq., 200 S. Broad St., Ste. 600, Philadelphia, PA 19102,
Or to his Attorney:
John M. Pelet, III
Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP
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ESTATE OF IRNA GUTMAN, 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 Alexander Gutman, Executor, 199 Cinnabar Ln., Yardley, PA 19067,

Or to his Attorney:
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Hackensack, NJ 07601

ESTATE OF JEANETTE L. SANTUCCI, (a/k/a JEANETTE SANTUCCI, 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 NIKKI JOHNSON, EXECUTRIX, c/o Carolyn M. Marchesani, Esq., 800 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464,
Or to her Attorney:
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ESTATE OF JEANNIE ADAMS, 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 RALPH NICHOLS, JR., EXECUTOR, Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to his Attorney:
ADAM S. BERNICK
LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK
2047 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF LAJADE PARHAM, 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 David V. Bogdan, Administrator, 2725 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008,
Or to his Attorney:
David V. Bogdan
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Broomall, PA 19008
ESTATE OF LOUIS I. PIATETSKY, DECEASED.
Late of Pennsylvania
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who bequest 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 Debra G. Speyer, Esq., Administrator c/o his attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

Estate of LUKASZ PAWLOWSKI, deceased. Late of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who bequest 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 Radoslaw Pawlowski, Administrator, c/o Gary Stewart Sefflin, Esquire, 30 West Third Street, Media, PA 19063 or to his attorney:
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30 West Third Street
Media, PA 19063

ESTATE OF PEARL SAMSON, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF STANLEY JULES RIPKIN a/k/a STANLEY RIPKIN, STANLEY J. RIPKIN, 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 SETH J. RIPKIN, Executor, c/o Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd, Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020,
Or to his Attorney:
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4802 Neshaminy Blvd, Ste. 9
Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF STEPHEN PATRICK CONLON, SR., 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 CAITLIN CONLON, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Amy F. Steerman, Esq., 1900 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to her Attorney:
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF THOMAS JOHN CICCONE, JR., 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 RONALD P. CICCONE, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to his Attorney:
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF THOMAS JOSEPH BOEHMKE, JR., DECEASED.
Late of Bensalem Township, Bucks County, PA
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 THOMAS J. BOEHMKE, III, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Stephanie A. Henrick, Esq., 1001 Conshohocken State Rd., Ste. 1-625, West Conshohocken, PA 19428,
Or to his Attorney:
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MAXWELL & HIPPEL LLP
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West Conshohocken, PA 19428

ESTATE OF THOMAS RISPO, 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 VINCENT RISPO, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to his Attorney:
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ESTATE OF SIDNEY Z SEBST, 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 STEVEN M SELBST, EXECUTOR
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Fictitious Name Registration
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 27, 2021 for **DGARTS** at 818 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is David Gandolfo at 818 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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