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Levine Confirmation a Milestone for Trans Community

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DR. RACHEL LEVINE made history on March 24 when she became the first openly transgender federal official to be confirmed by the Senate.

After a 52-48 vote, the former Pennsylvania health secretary will serve as assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health and Human Services.

"When I assume this position, I will stand on the shoulders of those who came before — people we know throughout history and those whose names we will never know because they were forced to live and work in the shadows," Levine, 63, told The New York Times.

Levine gained public attention as the leader of Pennsylvania's COVID-19 response and became the face of the health campaign by regularly holding press briefings. As assistant secretary for health, she will help lead the federal response to the crisis.

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▲ A cohort of campers play at JCC Camps at Medford in 2020.

Courtesy of Sara Sideman

Summer Camps Plan 2021 Safety Protocols

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

ALTHOUGH THE SECOND summer of the pandemic is approaching, Rabbi Joel Seltzer knows this camp season will be different from the last.

"Last year was entirely occupied by the question of, 'Can we have camp safely?' Whereas this year, the entire year has

not been a question of can, but how," the executive director of Camp Ramah in the Poconos said.

Last year, Ramah was one of many sleepaway camps in Pennsylvania that canceled its season due to the health risks of COVID-19. Now, updated facilities and stringent safety protocols are helping these organizations plan to welcome kids back.

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CARAMELIZED ONION COD

If you're patient, caramelized onions deliver much more than the sum of their parts. And food columnist Keri White used them recently to help prevent the cod she was preparing from drying out, while also infusing the fish with a complex flavor. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.
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Soviet nuclear disaster stirs fear in Israel

By **NECHEMIA MEYERS**
Special to the Exponent

REHOVOT — The rain that fell in Israel this week would ordinarily have been welcomed with open arms, coming as it did after a parched winter and spring.

But instead it aroused great anxieties, for people feared that it might be "Russian rain" — precipitation carrying nuclear fallout from distant Chernobyl.

Sensing the public's mood, Israel's health authorities immediately issued reassuring announcements that the unseasonable May showers did not contain more than slight traces of radioactive debris from the Ukraine.

The Environmental Health Institute has been monitoring reports of radioactive fallout over Europe since the news of an apparent meltdown late last month, but Dan Michaeli, director general of the Health Ministry, said over the weekend that the nuclear disaster did not seem to pose a health threat for Israel.

But nothing said here could calm the 200,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union who feared that their relatives — particularly those in the Kiev area — might be in real danger.

Israelis who managed to reach their loved ones in the USSR found most of them calm and, because they are dependent on the Soviet media for information, barely aware of what had happened.

Furthermore, when the Israelis began to discuss details of the disaster with their relatives still in the Soviet Union, the

Moscow-Tel Aviv telephone link was suddenly cut, many reported.

Kiev has a Jewish population of between 300,000 and 400,000 out of a total population in the city of 2½ million.

Many Russian immigrants said they were well able to understand why the accident had occurred and why information about it was held back so long.

Boris Tokarsky, who came here in 1978 after 14 years of working on the construction of nuclear power stations in the USSR, said the Soviet obsession with secrecy was largely responsible for the poor design of their reactors.

Designers were not given a full picture of the demand that would be made on the reactors, and people in one department did not keep those in another adequately informed of what they were doing, Tokarsky said; thus, proper coordination was out of the question.

Finally, Tokarsky added, scientists were ordered to achieve results that, given the low level of technology available, could not be safely attained.

Zecharia Amit, a Soviet immigrant who once worked for Russian radio and now has a job with the Voice of Israel, recalls that in the USSR he was forbidden to report on accidents or natural disasters unless given specific permission to do so.

Permission came only when the news had already leaked out — or seemed likely to leak out, to the West. In the case of Chernobyl, Amit said he assumed the Soviet authorities were hoping that radioactive debris would not be blown toward Russia's neighbors or at least that it wouldn't reach them until

after Soviet May Day celebrations had taken place.

In Israel, as elsewhere, the accident rekindled the debate over the use of nuclear energy for power production.

Israel has only one nuclear power plant, located near Dimona in the Negev, but the country has been planning to add to its nuclear power capacity.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres is reported to have discussed the purchase of a French nuclear reactor when he visited France last month.

Hours after the first report of the Chernobyl incident, a left-wing Knesset member, Yair Zaban, denounced what he called Peres' "mad rush to sign an agreement for the purchase of French reactors, even though the question had not been properly discussed by either the Knesset or the public."

Peres has yet to reply, but other public figures have expressed their opinions on the issue. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said he favors the acquisition of power reactors if the electricity they produce is cheaper than that available from other sources.

It is for precisely economic reasons that Knesset member Yuval Ne'eman — a world-famous nuclear physicist who served as minister of science and technology in the Menachem Begin government — opposes the purchase of French reactors at this stage.

According to Ne'eman, the use of nuclear power to generate electricity is not urgent at the moment because of the low price of oil and coal.

However, he does favor research on an Israeli reactor that would be built underground in order to protect it against enemy attack and to facilitate damage control should an

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Jewish Judicial Candidates Make Their Case

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IN THE MAY 18 primary election, Pennsylvania's voters will select candidates from their party to run in the November general election. In the state court system, there will be openings on benches at every level, from the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to the magisterial courts.

Seven Jewish candidates responded to our request to complete questionnaires. Their responses are listed in alphabetical order.

Wendi Barish

Running for: Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, 1st Judicial District

Why are you running?: I was born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia in the home of my grandparents, Muriel and Jerry Snyder. I received social services as a child and want to give back to the Philadelphia community, which I attribute to helping raise me. We are in the midst of a new type of civil rights movement. I have been working as a lawyer for nearly 25 years to protect the rights afforded under the Civil Rights



▲ Wendi Barish Photo by Laura Eaton

Act of 1964, and I now want to serve as a judge and ensure people's inalienable rights are protected. No matter what you look like, where you were born, where you do or do not worship, or who you love, all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?: There is a portion of the Torah, Deuteronomy 16:19, which addresses this very issue: "You shall not judge unfairly; you shall show no partiality; you shall not take bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the discerning and upset the plea of the just."



▲ Jill Beck Photo by Brandy Ringer

Being Jewish has instilled a sense of community and justice within me that I will carry to the bench.

Jill Beck

Running for: Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

Why are you running?: I am running for Superior Court to fulfill my goal and passion of ensuring a fair and equitable court system in Pennsylvania. I have spent my legal career helping people and entities achieve substantial justice on both sides of the Superior Court bench — as a law clerk and as an attorney — working to ensure that all



▲ Craig Levin
Courtesy of Craig Levin for Judge

Pennsylvanians, particularly the most disadvantaged among us, have equal access to justice. I now hope to take that dedication, experience and integrity to one of Pennsylvania's top appellate courts.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?: My Jewish upbringing stressed service to others, equity, and equal treatment of all people. I have always been an active volunteer, and from the time I began working at 16, I worked to help those in need. I can put a name and a face to nearly every kind of case that the Superior Court reviews. I will never cast a case aside as unimportant because I know each case is unquestionably the most important case to the litigants involved. Every decision is driven by the law as written by the General Assembly, but interpreted by the court, and the precise facts of the case. I will ensure the record is reviewed completely, the law is thoroughly reviewed, and the decision is written in a manner that everyone — from the most seasoned lawyer to the pro se litigant — can understand.

Craig Levin

Running for: Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, 1st Judicial District

Why are you running?: I have always wanted to be a



▲ Maria McLaughlin
Photo by R.D. Gallego

judge. I recognize the immense opportunity that I will have every day to make a difference in people's lives. As a lawyer, my job has been to seek justice for my clients, to right wrongs, whether it's a business dispute, an injury or a criminal matter where just consequences have to be determined. As a judge, I will have the privilege and great responsibility to administer justice.

I have been a trial lawyer in Philadelphia for 31 years. I have personally handled over 2,000 cases and tried over 500 cases. I am running now because I know I can make a difference and we need people who care in positions of high responsibility. I have seen and experienced all kinds of judges and judging styles, from good to bad and everything in between. I know that I will be one of the good ones because I really care. It's an incredibly exciting time to be able to take an active role in our democracy.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?: Some fundamental aspects of Judaism have and will continue to serve as a philosophical and ethical framework, not only professionally but personally as well. First, the concept of tikkun olam, to repair the world, to make the world a better place and more just. This, coupled with the fundamental Jewish



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tradition of questioning everything, studying and learning, will inform my approach and guide me as I decide, “what is just?”

What is justice? It depends. In whose eyes? From what perspective? The victim, the accused? Justice cannot be served if we do not recognize that all people, especially in the criminal justice system, are deserving of dignity and respect, no matter the alleged offense. This does not mean the consequences will not be severe where warranted. However, it is a baseline from which to start that will permit understanding what is just with regard to that particular individual.

Maria McLaughlin

Running for: Judge, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Why are you running?:

I am running to be a justice on our Supreme Court of Pennsylvania because there is no greater honor than to serve. I am a lifelong Pennsylvanian and giving back was instilled in me at a very young age. It's what I've done my entire life and what I've brought my children up to do as well. I took an oath as a young assistant district attorney to serve, because I knew the importance of doing for the greater good. I had the privilege of taking another oath as a Court of Common Pleas judge because I knew I could make an even bigger impact on the bench. When I was sworn in as a

judge on our Superior Court of Pennsylvania, I had the honor of taking that oath once again. I promise that if I have the privilege of serving as a justice on our state's highest court I will make Pennsylvania proud.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?:

There are codes of conduct within Jewish law that help guide me every day. To judge people fairly, to balance humility and self-esteem and to value the truth are just some examples of how being Jewish has informed the manner in which I conduct myself as a judge and human being. To me, leading an ethical and moral life rooted in my Jewish faith is something I bring with me when ruling on decisions that affect the lives of so many.

Amir Stark

Running for: Judge, The Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, 7th Judicial District

Why are you running?: My decision to run for judge arises from my unwavering belief in the importance of conservative values on the bench and my steadfast desire to preserve the legacy of the retiring Hon. Alan M. Rubenstein, whose soon-to-be vacant seat on the bench I seek to fill. A judge must never legislate from the bench. Rather, a judge must apply the existing law to the particular circumstances of

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Series Examines Legacy of Sen. Joe McCarthy

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DICK LEVINSON knows the tumultuous political climate of the past five years didn't appear out of thin air.

When he heard political pundits claim President Donald Trump was unlike any leader who came before, he was troubled that they didn't seem to be aware of Trump's connections to another prominent Republican: Sen. Joe McCarthy, who spearheaded the Red Scare of the 1950s.

Levinson, who works as librarian II at the Free Library of Philadelphia, and his colleagues are hosting "Trust No One: Joe McCarthy and the Politics of Fear." The lecture series about the legacy

of McCarthy is designed to put current events into perspective.

"One of the reasons we're doing this program is that Joe McCarthy is really the guy who wrote the political playbook that was used throughout the Trump presidency and is now used by politicians in both political parties," said Levinson, who is Jewish.

McCarthy was the namesake of McCarthyism, the practice of lobbying sensational accusations of treason, subversion and communist activity at political opponents. The right-wing politician from Wisconsin warned the American public that communists had infiltrated American society and sought world domination. He gave a speech claiming to know the number of card-carrying communists

in the State Department.

"That number was constantly fluctuating, and every time people in the media attempted to pin McCarthy down about what he was doing or why the figures were always changing, he always had some lie and he always had some excuse," Levinson said.

With the help of aide Roy Cohn, who went on to mentor Trump; FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover; and other Republicans in Congress, McCarthy launched a series of probes into largely baseless allegations of communist activity in the State Department, the White House, the Treasury Department and the Army.

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▲ Sen. Joe McCarthy

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were interrogated and jailed, despite the fact that they had committed no crimes, or fired and barred from future employment, a process known as blacklisting. Congress subpoenaed hundreds of people to testify before investigative bodies like the House Un-American Activities Committee under threat of jail or blacklisting.

As the anti-communist campaign gained traction, schools, film studios, manufacturers and other employers began using the same scrutiny McCarthy and his allies directed at civil servants toward their own employees. College professors, school teachers, writers, labor organizers and anyone with left-of-center political views were targeted for blacklists.

Peter Siskind, associate provost and professor of history at Arcadia University, said that

while McCarthy did not engage in overt anti-Semitism, many of his actions covertly targeted Jews, who were already easy to scapegoat. Many of the workers he went after during his investigation of the Signal Corps complex in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, were disproportionately Jews who had lived and studied in New York.

There's no question that anti-Semitic innuendo and actual focus on Jewish figures and Jewish activists was a part of Joe McCarthy's arsenal, if you will."

PETER SISKIND

"There's no question that anti-Semitic innuendo and actual focus on Jewish figures and Jewish activists was a part of Joe McCarthy's arsenal, if you will," Siskind said.

Levinson said one Jewish Philadelphia resident reached out to tell him that her parents

were among the accused during the Red Scare and that investigators followed their movements and interviewed their coworkers about their behavior.

McCarthy eventually met his downfall during the Army-McCarthy Hearings. Siskind, who is Jewish, said that when attorney Joseph Welch

Graduate Center of the City University of New York and a lecturer in the series, said the effects of McCarthy's witchhunt lasted long after he lost power. He succeeded in emptying the State Department of experts on China and Vietnam, leaving government leaders devoid of knowledge of East Asia during the Vietnam War, Nasaw said.

Nasaw, who is Jewish, said McCarthy also used investigations as political weapons to portray Democrats as soft on communism. He attacked the social welfare programs of the New Deal for being communist, generating an overall distrust of government

intervention among the public.

"Why are we the only country in the world without any national health program? Because McCarthy successfully lambasted those who supported such programs as doing so because they were communist or communist-adjacent," Nasaw said. Siskind added that segregationists tried to discredit civil rights activists with accusations of communist activity.

Siskind will present his lecture, "Death by A Thousand Cuts: How A Broken Promise Destroyed Joe McCarthy," on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. The last installment in the series, "The Strange Afterlife of Roy Cohn," will take place on May 10 and be presented by Marie Brenner, writer-at-large for Vanity Fair. Registration is available at freelibrary.org/blog/post/4494.

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Penn Commencement on Shavuot Sparks Petition

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NEARLY 1,600 PEOPLE signed a petition urging the University of Pennsylvania to change the date of commencement for the class of 2021.

Set for May 17, the ceremony falls in the middle of Shavuot. Observant Jewish students would have to forgo the in-person commencement ceremony — the only in-person commencement event for the class of 2021 — and are similarly precluded from watching the livestream, as observance of the holiday requires one to refrain from the use of technology.

Should Penn refuse to change the date, according to the March 24 petition, it “will force graduating students who practice Orthodox Judaism

to choose between attending sacred religious festivities and attending their once-in-a-lifetime college commencement ceremony.”

About 17% of undergraduates at Penn are Jewish, according to Hillel International estimates.

University spokesperson Stephen MacCarthy responded to a request for comment by forwarding an email sent by the Office of the Chaplain to around 40 students. Those students were identified by Yoni Gutenmacher, a senior from Queens, New York, and a leader in the campus’ Orthodox community; the office asked him to identify students who would be likely to find commencement in conflict with Shavuot. The letter to those students noted that “we consulted extensively with our colleagues in Penn Hillel as well as student leaders beginning in 2018 when



▲ Abby Stein, Eva Spier, Simcha Stadlan and Yoni Gutenmacher, at a Penn Hillel event in December 2019. Stadlan and Gutenmacher are part of the student-led effort to change the date of commencement. Courtesy of Yoni Gutenmacher

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we identified this conflict.”

“We want to emphasize that we are committed now, as we were then, to making sure any eligible observant senior can take part in the in-person ceremony if they choose to attend,” the letter reads. It goes on to detail the accommodations that will be made for students who plan to attend the in-person ceremony, and explain options for those who will not be able to attend or view the livestream.

Gutenmacher wrote an op-ed for The Daily Pennsylvanian on the subject and crafted the petition with another Penn undergraduate, his friend Simcha Stadlan. Though they were aware of the potential for conflict when the academic calendar for 2020-2021 was set in 2018, the fluid nature of university scheduling during the pandemic led Gutenmacher to believe that there could be some flexibility when it came to commencement.

When Penn announced on March 9 that it intended to hold the commencement ceremony in person 10 weeks later, Gutenmacher was surprised.

“If they’re only doing one in-person event, why does it have to be that day, specifically?” Gutenmacher said.

■ If they’re only doing one in-person event, why does it have to be that day, specifically?”

YONI GUTENMACHER

“And if they’re planning it so last-minute, why did they choose that date, when they should know about the needs of students?”

Stadlan, who graduated in December 2020, was looking forward to taking part in commencement. He was a part of the original conversations about that conflict in 2018, which ended abruptly with the onset of

the pandemic. It was the March 9 announcement, he said, that “sparked the revived disappointment” now being expressed.

According to The Daily Pennsylvanian, “student leaders in the Jewish community, including Gutenmacher ... Stadlan, and 2021 Class Board President Lizzie Youshaei, also sent an email on March 18 asking Penn administrators to reconsider.” The newspaper wrote that the students have not received a response.

Both Gutenmacher and Stadlan said that they’d received heartening support from non-Jewish students at Penn, as well as from alumni, some administrators in the Office of the Chaplain and Jewish students

unaffected by the holiday.

Youshaei, a senior from Chicago, supported the efforts of Gutenmacher and Stadlan, her friends since they all shared a freshman dorm, and she’s had success in the past when special events coincided with religious holidays: She helped arrange for meal service when university programming conflicted with Ramadan. But there was no such luck here.

“It came down to Penn not delivering on its promise of making Penn a safe and inclusive place for all that celebrates diversity in a way that goes beyond performative actions,” Youshaei said.

Much of the alumni response

and support, Gutenmacher said, focused on that aspect of the decision, casting the lack of accommodation as hypocritical.

“For them, it fit into the narrative of secular universities being anti-Semitic, or creating an environment where tolerance of other groups is prioritized over tolerance of Jews,” Gutenmacher said.

He disagrees with that characterization, but understands why the idea finds purchase. In 1975, Penn moved its commencement ceremony when there was a conflict with Shavuot, according to The Daily Pennsylvanian.

“The university has, only since then, become, much more progressive and inclusive of all students,” Gutenmacher said. “So it’s kind of just bizarre that they can’t do it now.” •

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A RECENTLY COMPLETED Kickstarter campaign will fund the publication of a new edition of the “The Notebooks and Drawings of Louis I. Kahn,” a collection of the famed Philadelphia architect’s sketches.

Originally published in 1962, with a second edition printed in 1973, the collection has been out of print ever since.

Now, after raising more than \$130,000 between Feb. 18 and April 2, Designers & Books, an independent publisher based in Brooklyn, will publish an exact facsimile of the original, alongside new material collected in a Reader’s Guide.

The Reader’s Guide will

include a new essay from TED Conferences founder Richard Saul Wurman, Kahn’s one-time student, mentee and the original creator of the book; Kahn’s three children, including Nathaniel Kahn, who directed an Academy Award-nominated documentary about his father; Larry Korman, owner of the Kahn Korman House in Fort Washington; Jonathan Salk, son of Kahn’s friend Jonas Salk; the famed architect Moshe Safdie; and many more.

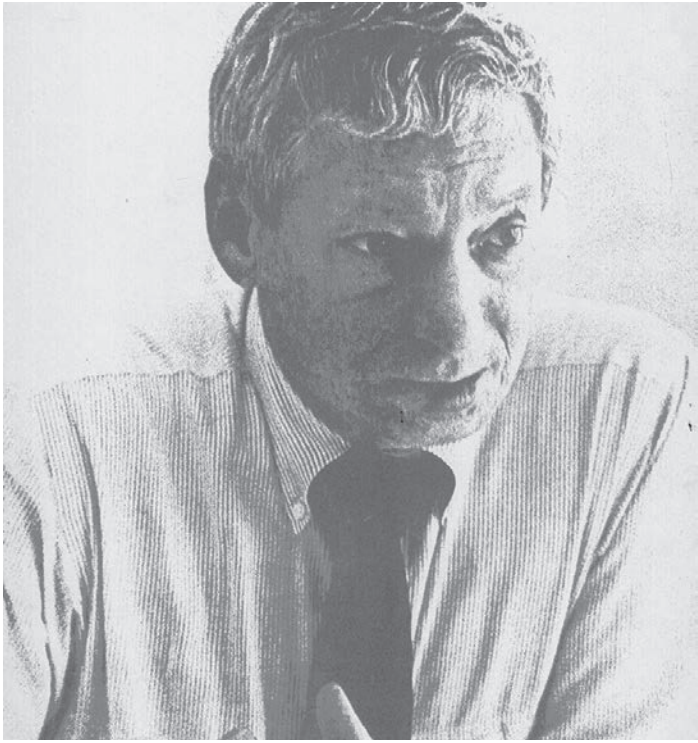
“When I came across it and actually had the chance to see it, I immediately knew that it was a book that I wanted us to publish,” said Steve Kroeter, editor in chief and founder of Designers & Books.

After Kroeter saw the book’s original version for the first time

a few years ago, he reached out to Wurman with the idea to do a reprint. Wurman agreed on the condition that the reprint be accompanied by a detailed Reader’s Guide. Arrangements were made, the funds were raised and the two books are now available for preorder at louisikahn.com/shop.

Kahn, born Itze-Leib Schmuilowsky in 1901 on an island off the coast of Estonia, came to Philadelphia when he was 4. He displayed a knack for drawing from a young age — he was offered a full scholarship to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, according to the Kimbell Art Museum — but instead pursued architecture studying at the University of Pennsylvania after graduating from Central High School.

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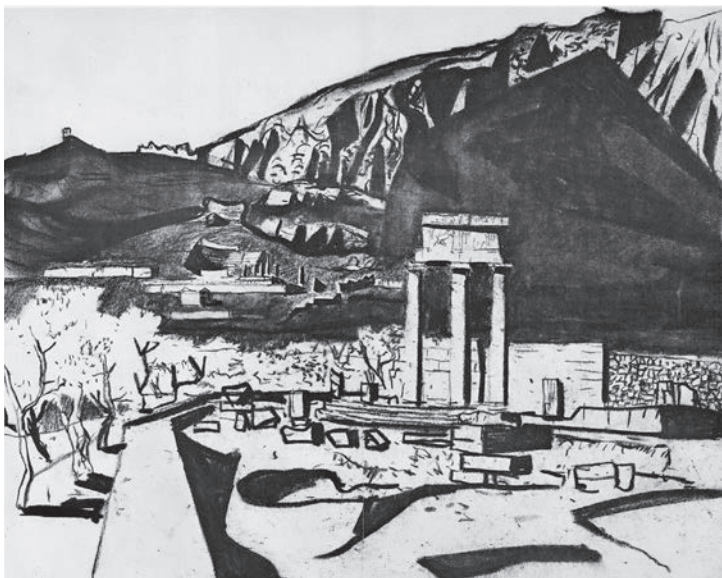


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▲ Louis Kahn's 1951 crayon drawing of Delphi, included in "The Notebooks and Drawings of Louis I. Kahn"

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career, Kahn, who was based in Philadelphia for much of his life, distinguished himself among architects as a singular thinker and builder, sought after across the world, according to Wurman. He designed everything from Philadelphia Housing Authority projects to the National Assembly Building in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He designed museums, homes, churches, schools and synagogues; Kahn built JCCs, research centers, factories and libraries.

He frequently took Philadelphia as his subject, even if his grander ideas for a redesigned, carless Center City (or Congregation Mikveh Israel) never came to fruition. He died in 1974, leaving behind a trove of drawings, writings, speeches and other papers collected today in the Louis I. Kahn Collection at the Architectural Archives of the University of Pennsylvania.

Wurman, a Philadelphia native who studied architecture at Penn, learned and worked under Kahn for years, and became a devotee of his work. When he was just 25, Wurman asked Kahn if he might allow Wurman to collect some of his sketches and texts into a book,

a request that Kahn granted. Working with experimental printer Eugene Feldman, Wurman collected Kahn's travel sketches from Greece, Egypt, Italy and France, alongside early drawings of his completed projects, like the Richards Medical Research Laboratories at Penn.

There are also renderings of Kahn's ideas for Center City, never realized. Wurman interspersed the drawings with text — adaptations

of Kahn's speeches that he'd recorded and transcribed himself.

The book's 2021 edition will be a reproduction of the 1973 second edition, produced by MIT Press, which added a letter from Kahn to Wurman and Feldman reflecting on the original.

"Lou Kahn was and is my mentor," Wurman said.

Since Kahn's death, Wurman has enjoyed success and multiple honors — a Guggenheim Fellowship,

grants from the National Endowment for the Arts — and founded the TED conference in 1984. But Kahn's work speaks to him through the decades, communicating ideas and a passion for craft.

"It changes your life, when you listen, and are one of those people who is interested in absorbing what he had to say, actually *listening* to what he had to say," he said. ●

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Former Team Israel Baseball Player Sam Fuld Tries to Revamp the Philadelphia Phillies

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ROB CHARRY | JTA

SAM FULD, the new general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, says he's just getting acquainted with one of his predecessors, Ruben Amaro Jr., now a broadcaster for the club.

Their paths to the post are similar: Both have Jewish roots, attended Stanford University and had an eight-year major league playing career.

"We've gotten to know each other a little bit," said Fuld, who played for Team Israel in the 2017 World Baseball Classic. "I've known him from afar for a little while now."

Fuld, 39, joined the Phillies organization in 2017 as

major league player information coordinator, a position intimately involved in analytics, diving inside statistics.

How'd he move up so quickly in the team's hierarchy?

"People in the organization spoke in glowing terms, at all levels, about him, with his

longtime baseball executive. "I was also impressed with the way he presented himself about his responsibilities and about how he understood the nature of being a big league player."

Fuld said he had an open mind as he embarked on a post-playing career.

to see Jewish executives in Major League Baseball — over half a dozen teams have Jewish GMs, and there are several team presidents — it is unusual to see ex-players make the climb into the executive suite.

Fuld thinks that could be changing.

now are being exposed to the information side of the game in a greater fashion, you're going to see the pendulum swing back a little bit."

Fuld played his last game in the majors in 2015 with the Oakland A's. He spent the 2016 season on the disabled list after tearing his rotator cuff in spring training and retired in 2017.

That was the year he played for Team Israel. Fuld had never been to the country before.

"In the months leading up to the tournament, they invited eight of us to go see Israel for four to five days. I went over with my father, met some of my future teammates and just had a tremendous experience there."

Israel, which was ranked 41st in the world going into

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SAM FULD

knowledge, with his personality, the way he gets along with people — I've heard about his intellect in the past," said Dave Dombrowski, the new Phillies president and a

"I felt like there was a lot on the uniform side that was exciting to me," he said, "but also on the front office side. That's been my mindset to date." While it's not unusual now

"We're actually seeing what's likely to be a trend back in the other direction, where you might see some former players infiltrate the GM ranks in years to come," he said. "As players



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▲ Sam Fuld poses in a Phillies uniform.
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the tournament, became its feel-good story, finishing sixth.

“We just missed out on getting to the final four. We definitely felt like we had a good amount of support from Israel, and from the Jewish community in the U.S.,” Fuld said. “They appreciated that a number of us had taken some time to visit the country and learn more about their culture. A number of other teammates had already been there through Birthright, and we had a couple of native Israelis on our team.”

It was a close-knit squad with a big assist from their mascot: a stuffed toy known as the Mensch on the Bench. Fuld called it “definitely the centerpiece of a lot of the team bonding.”

“If we ever felt pressure as

we worked our way through the tournament, having a giant stuffed mascot staring goofily at you in the dugout, in the clubhouse and even on the plane was a great way to lighten the mood and keep everyone loose and having fun,” he said.

With current Jewish stars like Alex Bregman, Max Fried and Joc Pederson, along with recently retired standouts such as Ian Kinsler and Kevin Youkilis and the plethora of Jewish executives, this appears to be a golden age for Jews in baseball.

Fuld says there is a camaraderie among Jewish players, enhanced for him by playing for Team Israel.

“That was a unique connection that we all felt, and it extends to the U.S. as well,” he

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said. “Everybody feels differently and has different levels of ties to Judaism and to Israel. There’s certainly a bond there, there’s no denying it, I’ve felt that. I’ve had a few Jewish teammates in my career. You feel an immediate connection.”

Though Fuld said he has never encountered anti-Semitism in baseball, he’s not naive enough to think it doesn’t exist.

“I have heard from other Jewish teammates and friends that that isn’t the case for them,” he said. “I was fortunate enough to never experience any. I feel lucky in that way.”

Fuld, the son of a Jewish father and Catholic mother, grew up in Durham, New Hampshire, and celebrated Jewish holidays. His favorite is Chanukah.

to speak out on social justice issues like Black Lives Matter.

“We have to recognize that as athletes you are under a microscope and you do have a platform,” he said. “If you have a desire to do so, a desire to speak your mind in a respectful, professional way, I absolutely support that. There is a time and place for athletes to take advantage of that platform.”

Fuld said his parents instilled in him an open-mindedness about people.

“They were never tied to preconceived notions or traditions that no longer fit in the current environment,” he said. “They appreciated people for their kindness and humility, and I am grateful to have grown up in a household that embraced such values.” •

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“It’s extra exciting when those eight days don’t fall on Christmas. It felt like an extended holiday period as a kid,” he said. “I had fond memories of lighting the menorah with my dad and mom and sister and reading prayers. Just another way of spending time with my family and getting to know more about my dad’s side of the family and their history.”

Living slightly more than an hour outside of Boston, like many New Englanders he was a die-hard Red Sox fan.

“I had no choice in the matter,” he said.

As GM — and one who played the game with the people skills Dombrowski noted — Fuld said he plans to support the players if they wish

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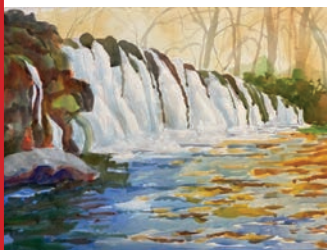
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Levine

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When the Harvard College and Tulane University School of Medicine graduate became Pennsylvania's physician general in 2015, she spoke to the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle about her Jewish identity. She grew up in Massachusetts, where she attended a Conservative shul and had a bar mitzvah, and said she has seen acceptance of LGBTQ individuals improve in the Jewish community since she was young.

will have such a prominent position, but also feels sad she will no longer work for the commonwealth.

"I hadn't followed her career much before the coronavirus, but I was very impressed with how she was handling everything, and then I found out that she was ... one of the highest level openly transgender people in the country, even before she was appointed," said Meyers, who lives on the Main Line.

Meyers also referenced Tara Hunter, a Black trans woman who died 20 years ago after she



▲ Dr. Rachel Levine gives a press conference.

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Levine's confirmation represents a significant milestone for trans representation in government and medicine, particularly for the trans Jewish community.

Hannah Simpson, a trans Jewish activist based in New York, said seeing Levine take on the role was meaningful after her own experiences leaving medical school due to discrimination from administrators.

In an email, Simpson wrote that in addition to Levine being qualified for the role, she benefits "from the lived experience of facing the very barriers she aims to break down through improving legislation, training and aggressively combating misinformation."

Jess Harper Meyers, director of candidate relations for We Can Run, was impressed with Levine's handling of the pandemic and is happy she

was in a car crash and denied care by first responders who cut off her pants, as an example of the dangers trans people face when they need access to health care.

"It's extremely important to have trans people in charge of health care, of people from diverse populations in charge of health care, to make sure that the marginalized populations they represent are represented, so that we can see ourselves in doctors, in politicians, in secretaries of health, and also so that they can make policies that protect people that most need to be protected," Meyers said.

Dr. Aimee Ando, a Jewish family medicine physician and director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Penn Medicine, treats trans patients and sees Levine's appointment as cause

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Camps

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“We know our staff and our campers are really excited about going back to camp,” said Alan Silverman, camp director at Camp Moshava in Honesdale. “It was very disappointing for us last summer when we were not able to open, and so there really is tremendous excitement from all involved.”

Joshua Sternburg, director of finance and operation at Camp Havaya in South Sterling, said the main tools at camps’ disposal for ensuring a fun, safe summer experience are non-pharmaceutical interventions, or NPIs. These include masking, distancing, cleaning regiments, hand washing and creating small pods of campers.

Testing is also a key component of reopening.

At Ramah, campers will be encouraged to get tested 10 days before they arrive. They will be tested on arrival to closely monitor the potential for any outbreaks. Camp Nock-A-Mixon in Kintnersville plans to test each camper at least four times during their stay. Havaya, Moshava and Camp Harlam in Kunkletown have similar strategies in place.

For indoor spaces like bunks, infirmaries and dining halls, camps are using a combination of new ventilation equipment, outdoor tents and limited capacity to ensure adequate distancing. Havaya is covering its dining hall porch so campers can eat outside, Harlam is splitting meal sessions and Ramah is moving dining under large outdoor tent pavilions.

One aspect of camp that will not return this year is trips beyond the campgrounds and hosting visitors. Ramah, Havaya, Nock-A-Mixon, Moshava and Harlam have no intention of moving campers off-site to the usual amusement parks or naturescapes during the season. Silverman said Moshava also has no plans to welcome guests for Shabbat,



▲ The open-air Coliseum at Camp Nock-A-Mixon.

Photo by Jay Gorodetzer

which would happen in a normal season.

“Once campers arrive, we will not be letting anyone, so to speak, in or out, unless it’s an emergency or some kind of very special thing,” he said. Staff will also be expected to remain on-site on their days off.

If these safety measures hold, camp leaders believe that kids will be able to have relative freedom of movement and partake in the activities they know and love, from outdoor sports to arts and crafts.

“We’re not really eliminating any activities,” Sternburg said. “It’s going to be limited to only, you know, the groups with their pods, but other than that we’re really trying to offer most or all of the programming that we normally would.”

Campers will be able to socialize with peers, a precious opportunity for many after a year of remote learning and isolating with family.

“Something that’s probably on everybody’s mind is just how hungry everybody seems to be for camp,” said Gary Glaser, director of Camp Nock-A-Mixon. Camp was already a beloved experience, and now it offers an escape from the relentless negative news kids may be exposed to elsewhere.

“Camp might be the first time where you feel back to normal,” he added.

Camp leaders are also aware that many of their campers are experiencing increased stress and anxiety due to the difficulties of the past year.

“This is an area in which Harlam has already invested significant resources,” said Lisa David, director of Camp Harlam. “We have a full camper care team; those are social workers, educators, mental health professionals who are there to work with our families, and then also share information with our staff and train our staff to work directly with kids and to be there as needed to manage any issues that pop up.”

Glaser said the consistency of life at Nock-A-Mixon is comforting to children in the face of uncertainty.

“A camper who’s nervous can ask, ‘What’s going on tomorrow?’ And you know we have an answer,” he said.

David said Harlam is also distributing a brit kehillah, or community covenant, to families that explain the rules of returning to camp this summer and emphasize the Jewish values of caring for each other. She said the past year has made kids aware of the need for masks and distancing, and doesn’t expect to need a punitive approach for campers breaking the rules.

For day camps that did not close last summer, the upcoming season is an opportunity to implement the lessons they learned last year. Sara Sideman, camp director of JCC Camps at Medford in New Jersey, said the organization plans to run full programming, transportation and meal service this year with safety protocols in place.

Last summer, JCC ran a

modified program with 200 campers rather than the usual 1,300. Campers were separated into cohorts, or small numbers of kids similar to pods. Rather than switching classes throughout the day, cohorts did activities together to minimize exposure. Face masks were required any time someone goes indoors or cohorts interact with each other.

Meals were individually wrapped rather than served family-style and eaten outdoors instead of in the dining hall. Since the camp has little indoor space, kids played under open-air pavilions on rainy days.

All of these safety measures will be implemented again this year for more children. Sideman doesn’t expect to be back to full capacity this year, but the numbers will be closer to a standard season.

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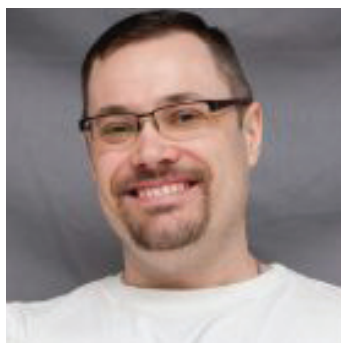
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What It's Like to Celebrate Passover in Prison



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OVER THE PAST few years, I have been honored and blessed to experience — with good friends — some Jewish traditions and holidays. Passover has always been one of the traditions I've most enjoyed. Yes, the good food we are blessed to receive plays a role — a true rarity in prison — but most important is the opportunity to experience some of my friends' culture and their family traditions in celebrating them. To me, there is no higher honor to be shared with another — family, tradition, food and culture.

Last year during Passover, the virus was raging across the world. Stay-at-home orders were given across the United States and countries were going on complete lockdown — better resembling ghost towns than the lush and beautiful countries they were only months before, bursting with life.

The experience within the

prison was no different — we were sitting in a tinderbox as we waited for it to catch fire. Which it eventually did. The news painted grim pictures of overcrowded environments, like prisons and nursing homes, exploding with excessive amounts of positive cases of COVID-19.

The unstable state of the world forced us to spend the 2020 Passover locked in our cells, alone and isolated. Our meals were supplemented to match the traditional holiday, but the time for stories and friendship was nowhere to be had — nothing like the incredible experiences I had in previous years.

As our prison continues to remain on an extremely restricted movement structure, still recovering from an outbreak that infected over 90% of my living unit, many of us figured Passover 2021 would resemble Passover 2020.

However, as Passover approached this year, the prisoners at the Monroe Correctional Complex were told we could come together and have a small service in the Religious Activities Center here. It was a blessing many of us thought wouldn't be possible, but one we welcomed quickly, eager to spend time with each other.

In the midst of a pandemic, Passover behind these prison walls would again become a

festive time due to the kinship formed among prisoners of all races and religions being able to unite in celebration.

Gathered in the RAC, we were able to share in ancient stories that connect to a modern message. A tale of unity, faith, overcoming adversity, racism, slavery and oppression. It's a story that many from all walks of life can share in for the evening, on that first night of Passover, we celebrated as one.

The guest list was more diverse than a New York City subway: Jews, Christians, Muslims, Druids, atheists, Buddhists, Asians, Blacks and whites. Human beings who had a tough year shared in ancient tradition, a good meal, laughs and storytelling. Everyone was welcoming, open and caring — no judgment to be had.

When I got back to my cell that night, laying on my thin plastic mattress, I felt a sense of real happiness. I couldn't help but think how much better life would be if we could all just take a moment to understand each other. It was a moment that was truly needed after the year we've been forced to endure.

"This year's Passover seder brought multiple cultures together in celebrating a Jewish tradition," said Ezra, a prisoner who attended. "As someone who is Asian, and living in a time when violence against Asian Americans

has severely increased, it was refreshing to be in the company of people who look past each other's differences."

He went on to say, "If we have individuals in prison who have made terrible mistakes that can overlook cultural and religious differences and come together as one, there is no reason people on the outside of prison can't do the same."

Ezra is right. We should be able to look past the things that make us different because in the end, we are not really all that different. We have cultures and experiences that may be different and unfamiliar to one another, but if we all took the time to learn about each other, it would allow us to see what we have to offer is beautiful and unique. I have found it's a blessing to participate in another's cultural practices, not a burden or a threat to my way of life, but a way to grow.

The Passover meal was kindly provided by Jewish Prisoner Services International. It consisted of everything needed to conduct a proper Orthodox seder, including a guided story booklet that was read by Bryan Glant, a Jewish community liaison within the prison. He led the group through the history of Passover while explaining the details and importance of sacrifice and the ritualistic food we partook in. He explained how

bitter herbs were to remind us of the bitterness of slavery and oppression of the Jewish people, and he continued winding us down a path of stories and traditions, even educating us on the 10 plagues it took to change Pharaoh's mind into having compassion for the Jewish people — signifying how difficult it can be to bring change to those who carry such a hard heart.

As men who are not free ourselves, the irony of the story and the whole seder experience, was not lost on us, as we ourselves are hiding from plagues in isolation and wanting to be redeemed. After a long year of struggles, exile and solitary, the night was a good reminder that all storms shall pass — no matter how mighty they may seem — and like the hardships of the past, we too will move forward into brighter times.

Please take a moment to share who you are with someone and to learn about others. Many blessings. •

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Philadelphia Models Brotherly Love, Sisterly Affection When it Fights Anti-Semitism



BY JIM KENNEY AND MARCIA BRONSTEIN

IN RECENT YEARS, Philadelphia has witnessed its share of alarming incidents of hate targeting Jews. A man etched Nazi symbols into pillars at the Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza. A vandal splashed blood red

paint on an Israeli flag waving above Benjamin Franklin Parkway. High-profile figures circulated anti-Semitic memes on Twitter and Facebook.

So, when the U.S. Conference of Mayors and American Jewish Committee recently called on municipal leaders across the country

to condemn anti-Semitism, Philadelphia was one of the first to join the Mayors United Against Anti-Semitism movement. Since then, more than 525 mayors from 43 states and the District of Columbia have joined. As Republicans, Democrats and Independents, these mayors stand united

against hate targeting Jews in all its forms and declare unequivocally that anti-Semitism is incompatible with American values.

Anti-Semitism is not only a problem that threatens the lives of Jews, it is a societal problem

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Israel Should Help All Palestinians Get Vaccinated — Obligation or Not

BY MATAN ARAD-NEEMAN



WHILE THE WORLD tries to quickly and safely vaccinate as many people as possible against COVID-19, I've watched a particularly inane legal debate with horror and frustration.

Some defenders of Israel seem to be looking for any technicality in international law that would relieve Israel of its obligation to vaccinate Palestinians. The international legal consensus is that Israel, as an occupying power, is obligated to vaccinate the Palestinians per the Geneva Convention; Israel maintains that the Oslo Accords place the responsibility with the Palestinian Authority.

When Jewish Israelis and supporters of the state lose ourselves in such petty debates, we reduce ourselves to a nation of callous people. No provision in any treaty can obviate the moral reality that if we can help vaccinate others, then we should.

Vaccinating the entire Palestinian population "is an important objective, from a public health point of view, and of course also from a humanitarian point of view," Itamar Grotto, the former deputy director general of Israel's Health Ministry, told NPR. As an Israeli American raised with pride in Israel's resilience and its medical and scientific prowess, I believe we also have the means of doing so.

Israel grabbed headlines around the world for a highly effective campaign to rapidly

vaccinate Israelis, half of whom have been fully vaccinated. In contrast, the vast majority of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip remain unvaccinated. Israel has begun to vaccinate the 133,000 Palestinians who work as day laborers in Israel and Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, and has donated 5,000 additional doses to Palestinian areas following public pressure, but it has no plan to vaccinate the millions of other Palestinians.

Some have claimed that the Palestinian Authority did not request assistance from Israel early in the vaccination campaign. However, since December, the Palestinian Authority has been requesting vaccine doses from Israel. In January, the Palestinian Foreign Ministry released a statement saying that Israel has an obligation to provide the vaccine to all Palestinians. Even if the Palestinian leadership were not vocal in asking Israel for assistance, Israel could work with the PA to provide these vaccines as a goodwill gesture, building trust in the crucial months just ahead of rare Palestinian elections.

World Health Organization data show that Palestinians in the West Bank have received 20% of its vaccine needs from the international COVAX consortium, backed by the WHO, including 10,000 doses of a Russian-made vaccine. The World Bank has urged Israel to consider donating doses it has ordered but does not need to the Palestinians, beyond the 5,000 doses Israel says it has already delivered to the West Bank.

Even with a patchwork of vaccines donated by the United Arab Emirates and other nations, most Palestinians will remain unvaccinated for the foreseeable future without significant additional donations.

Since February, according to

the BBC, there has been a sharp increase in both COVID-19 infections and deaths in the West Bank and Gaza. On one side of the Green Line, restaurants and businesses are filling up with vaccinated Israelis; on the other side, Palestinian hospitals are filling up with COVID-19 patients.

In many global humanitarian crises, Israel rightfully takes pride in being the first boots on the ground to help clean up the resulting mess. Why is mobilizing on the COVID-19 crisis any different from deploying medical volunteers to far-flung disaster zones?

It is fundamentally true that Israel is a country with the resources and ingenuity to vaccinate not only its own citizens, but Palestinians living under its occupation in the West Bank and Gaza. The Israeli government and nonprofits should begin prioritizing vaccination of Palestinians close to home.

Foregoing vaccinations for Palestinians does not help Israelis. If anything, ensuring Palestinians can be vaccinated would make us safer and help speed up the country's economic recovery. As we've learned, COVID-19 pays no regard to nationality. The virus will continue to mutate until we vaccinate a critical mass.

I grew up believing that Israel is a nation that seeks to do right, that has a generosity of means and a generosity of spirit that is rooted in Jewish values like *tikkun olam*. I grew up believing that to save a life is to save the entire world. If Israel is that nation, I can't think of a better way of showing it than by vaccinating all Palestinians — and doing so in a spirit not of obligation, but of shared humanity. •

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KVETCH 'N' KVELL

ADL: Pennsylvania 'Shamefully' Behind on LGBTQ+ Protection

ADL PHILADELPHIA SUPPORTS Stacy Schusterman's call to action for the Jewish community to demand comprehensive and inclusive protections for members of the LGBTQ+ community ("LGBTQ People Lack Full Legal Protections in Every State. Jews Need to Be Part of the Solution," April 1).

We must support and advocate for the federal and state versions of the Equality Act, which, as Schusterman writes, will help ensure the fair and equal treatment of LGBTQ+ people. Pennsylvania remains a state where the housing and employment rights of members of the LGBTQ+ community are not protected. The harm and fear this causes cannot be overstated — in hearings and in press conferences, individuals have testified about the discrimination they have suffered due to this critical gap in the law.

In addition, Pennsylvania shamefully remains a state where members of the LGBTQ+ community do not enjoy the same protections from hate crimes as do others. The PA Ethnic Intimidation statute does not cover crimes in which the victim is targeted because of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or disability. Bills to remedy this have been introduced in successive legislative sessions with no action. This sends messages to the unprotected communities, to law enforcement and to perpetrators that some communities are not worthy of the same protection. This is simply unacceptable.

As ADL has always believed, we cannot fight anti-Semitism unless we fight all forms of hate. It is incumbent on the Jewish community to be advocating for a fully inclusive hate crimes statute as well.

Shira Goodman | ADL Philadelphia regional director

Haters Not Strangers

The article about white supremacists in Pennsylvania ("PA Near Top for White Supremacist Propaganda," April 1) filled me with the mixed emotions of anger and sadness and pity. I am angry because these haters are not strangers.

They are our neighbors. They know us, and they hate us anyway. That so many people are filled with so much hate fills me not with more hate but with sadness for their wretched selves. Psychology can help us understand the "why" and how we can combat evil — for surely it is evil. •

Sheryl Kalick | Philadelphia

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Immersion Blender — Can't Live Without It

FOOD

LINDA MOREL | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

MY HUSBAND introduced me to a new love — an immersion blender.

I wasn't in favor of adding another appliance to our small kitchen, but he went ahead and bought one anyway. I have to admit, once I saw how much simpler it was than a standard blender for pureeing, chopping, frothing and whipping small batches of food, I started using this mighty emulsifier daily.

Making creamed soups, sauces, hummus, salad dressings and whipped cream became a snap. The immersion blender broke up canned tomatoes for red sauces, whisked up fluffier scrambled eggs and omelets, and beat the lumps out of sauces. It spun silky pesto, dips

and mayonnaise. It produced single portion smoothies and milkshakes. Its most dazzling skill was frothing up milk for lattes and cappuccinos.

But there are a couple of downsides to this versatile gadget. Think soft when using an immersion blender. Hard foods, such as nuts and seeds, or fibrous foods, such as kale, carrots and pineapples are too challenging. While it works wonders for small jobs, its mini blade can't tackle large quantities of food. Standard blenders and food processors are better suited to tackle sizable jobs.

Most immersion blenders have two attachments: a whisk for whipping cream and frothing milk, and a cutting blade for most other jobs. Newer models have

a hooded guard around the cutting blades so people don't get injured and food doesn't spatter. It prevents pots and pans from getting nicked.

There are certain acquisitions that are life altering, such as self-cleaning ovens, freezers with icemakers and smart TVs. The immersion blender is one of them.

HOME BARISTA LATTE | DAIRY

Serves 1

Latte recipes call for espresso coffee, which forces most people to buy lattes at pricey coffee houses. But lattes can be made at home without the tricky business of brewing espresso. Select strong coffees, such as French roast or Viennese roast. Do not add extra scoops of other varieties to coffee makers as you'll produce bitter coffee.

Ground coffee to prepare
one cup of coffee
½ cup whole milk

Brew the coffee and pour it into an attractive mug.

Place the milk in a pint-sized, microwave-safe measuring cup, such as Pyrex. It is preferable for the measuring cup to have a spout. Heat it in the microwave at full power for 60-90 seconds, until the milk is hot and bubbling at the edges.

Using the whisk attachment of the immersion blender, whip the milk until a thick foam forms. Slowly tip the measuring cup so the milk under the foam flows into the coffee. Spoon the foam on top of the coffee and serve immediately.

BANANA FRENCH TOAST | DAIRY

Yield: 3-6 servings

1 ripe banana
3 eggs
Pinch of granulated salt
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon milk



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6 slices of challah
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, or more if needed
Optional accompaniments:
maple syrup (preferably Grade A Amber), or fine fruit preserves.

Slice the banana. Move it to a medium-large sized bowl, preferably with a flat bottom. Fit the immersion blender with the cutting blade, and mash the banana until there are no lumps. Add the eggs, salt, cinnamon and milk. Using the immersion blender, whip the ingredients together until eggs are foamy.

Slide the challah slices into the egg mixture. Make sure at least half of the slices are submerged. Every couple of minutes, move the top slices in the pile to the bottom, so every slice gets a good soaking through to the center. Using a thin skewer or a toothpick, gently poke holes in the challah to encourage the slices to absorb the egg mixture.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over a medium flame. Because the challah slices are so infused with the egg mixture, they can fall apart, so with a spatula, carefully slide them into the melted butter. Fry

them until the bottom sides are golden brown. Flip each challah slice, repeating until the slices are golden brown on both sides. Add more butter, if needed.

Move the French toast to a platter and serve immediately. Pour on maple syrup or serve with preserves, if using.

CRISPY EGG WHITE OMELET | PAREVE OR DAIRY

Serves 2-3

Equipment: 8-inch skillet

3 stalks of thin asparagus
½ tomato
2 tablespoons olive oil, or more if needed
1 small shallot, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
Kosher salt to taste
6 egg whites
2 tablespoons grated cheddar cheese, optional

Break off the fibrous ends of the asparagus and discard. Cut the asparagus into thin slices. Dice the tomato fine. Reserve.

Heat the oil in an 8-inch skillet over a medium flame until warm. Sauté the shallot and garlic until fragrant. Add the asparagus and tomato and

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‘American Birthright’ Asks, ‘Why Be Jewish?’

FILM

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

WHEN BECKY TAHEL learned her younger sister Gal was going to marry a non-Jewish man, she began to grapple with whether she should marry Jewish herself.

Her new documentary, “American Birthright,” catalogues her search for answers and a greater understanding of religion, love and identity.

“The more I learn about this, the more I recognize I know absolutely nothing,” she says during the film. “How do I, as a Jew, educate myself about what Judaism is?”

Throughout the film, Tahel travels across America and Israel to consult a diverse range of rabbis, educators, activists, interfaith couples and children of interfaith couples about why the question of interfaith marriage is so complicated, and how it might shape her future relationships.

Tahel was born in Israel to a Moroccan Jewish mother and an Ashkenazi Jewish father whose family members experienced the Holocaust. As a young child, her family immigrated to Philadelphia, where she grew up attending Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. As an adult, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting and filmmaking.

Part of the documentary is filmed in Philadelphia, where Tahel visits her grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, to talk about her sister’s decision. She also speaks with her childhood rabbi, Neil Cooper of Beth Hillel-Beth El, when she revisits the site of her bat mitzvah, and he talks to her about how intermarriage impacts the longevity of the Jewish tradition.

“We have to look at the critical mass of Jews in this country and wonder how many more generations we have,” he says.

When she travels to Grenada to visit her sister, who is



▲ Becky Tahel (right) and her sister Gal Bordo discuss relationships. Courtesy of Becky Tahel

attending medical school there, they discuss how Jewish identity factors into their lives and relationships.

“It’s not like I’m going to marry a non-Jew and abandon all of these things, those things are very, very important to me,” Tahel said of her Judaism.

Baruch Rozmarin, a Grenada rabbi, disagrees.

“And what Gal is doing is she’s cutting this chain, and she’s doing it after thousands of years of her family being Jewish,” he says in the documentary.

Other rabbis have a more favorable outlook on intermarriage and emphasize the importance of an individual’s connection to Judaism and supportive relationships with partners.

After speaking with a head-spinning number of people and arranging for Gal and her fiancé Justin to meet with an interfaith premarital counselor, Tahel realizes that her sister’s decision will never give her answers about the role she wants religion to play in her life, or about her relationship to Torah. So she decides to travel to Israel in search of answers to her questions, which have changed from variations of “Should I marry Jewish?” to “Why be Jewish?”

She enrolls in an Orthodox women’s seminary in Jerusalem, where she continues to interview Jewish leaders about topics like

modesty, prayer and Torah. Even though Israel inspires her and she immerses herself in Jewish study, she still feels like she has more questions than answers.

Clarity doesn’t arrive until she visits Haifa and experiences emotional reunions with both sides of her family. The encounters make her realize she wants to commit to actively carrying on Jewish traditions, which her relatives sacrificed so much to pass on, and find a partner who feels the same way.

The documentary ends by showing Tahel celebrating at her sister’s wedding and flashing forward to her own Jewish boyfriend getting down on one knee. She says yes, and a little more than two years after filming, they are married and have a 5-month-old child together.

In a separate interview, Tahel

said her experiences making the documentary inspired her to embrace a more observant form of Judaism, and she now keeps kosher, observes Jewish holidays, and dresses more modestly than she did in her 20s.

“That’s definitely been an interesting thing to navigate as a producer in the entertainment industry,” she said. “There are many Jews in Hollywood, but there aren’t that many observant Jews.”

By including so many diverse voices and celebrating the decisions by both sisters, the documentary refrains from dogmatically pushing a single message about Jewish faith and intermarriage. Rather, audiences see the sisters’ unique personal journeys and are given questions to help them reflect on their own lives.

Tahel also wanted to make

sure the film didn’t pressure anyone to be more observant.

“I did feel like this was the optimal choice for me as a Jew who wants Judaism in her life, and I felt like I wanted that choice to be loud and proud, but I didn’t want it to be at odds with celebrating my sister’s life,” Tahel said in a separate interview. “No one ever got closer to their faith or their family or themselves because they were judged.”

“American Birthright” garnered awards at several film festivals, including the Audience Choice Award at the Seattle Jewish Film Festival and the Indie Spirit Award at the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema. It will screen virtually at the Miami Jewish Film Festival beginning on April 15. ●

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Local Author Pens Book on Jewish Festivals

BOOKS

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

RONIT TREATMAN, a local writer and the former president of the Philadelphia Jewish Voice, published a book intended to explain Jewish festivals to people who may be connecting to their Jewish ancestry for the first time.

"Hands-On Jewish Holidays" is available in English, and translations of the nearly 300-page self-published book will be

available in Russian, Spanish, Portuguese and Hebrew in the near future. All versions will be accessible in both paperback and as an e-book, via Amazon.

To Treatman, the multi-lingual daughter of Israeli diplomats, "Hands-On Jewish Holidays" is the culmination of two years of writing, an expression of her long-held values and a practical solution for newly conscious Jews.

"This is kind of a mash-up of a parenting book and a Jewish

traditions book, built on the holidays," she said. "We are our children's first teachers, all of us."

Treatman, 53, grew up in Israel, Ethiopia and Venezuela, and lives in Center City with her family. She served in the Israel Defense Forces, working in the Liaison Unit to Foreign Forces and studied at Hebrew University and Temple University, earning a degree in international business.

She's has long been interested in transmitting Jewish ideas

and practices through holidays and recipes, whether through her blog or the Philadelphia Jewish Voice; "Hands-On Jewish Holidays," named after her long-running blog, marries that interest to her passion for the Bnei Anousim — the millions of people around the world who trace their Jewish ancestry back to forcibly converted Spanish and Portuguese Jews.

For the last eight years, Treatman has been involved with Reconectar, an Israeli group that seeks to serve those Bnei Anousim as they try to make sense of their connection to Judaism. Founded in 2015 by Ashley Perry, director general of the Knesset Caucus for the Reconnection with the Descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Communities, the organization is inundated with questions about Jewish customs, practices and festivals.

About two years ago, Treatman, who was faced with the same flood of queries, started researching and writing ideas, and didn't stop until recently. Writing in simple language intended for those encountering Jewish customs and festivals for the first time, "Hands-On Jewish Holidays" covers everything from the basics of Shabbat to instructions for crafting a model of the Beit HaMikdash on Tisha B'Av, and even features a lengthy bibliography, courtesy of Treatman's son, David.

"This book wrote itself with children in mind, specifically my children," Treatman writes in the introduction. "When I was a new mother I needed to step up to the challenge of transmitting Judaism to my kids. Much of what I found around me was not very inspiring. I needed to come up with creative ways to engage them. Here is a compilation of how we immersed ourselves in the Jewish holidays. We are all children at heart. I hope this book inspires you to engage with the Jewish holidays in a creative and meaningful way."



▲ Ronit Treatman wrote "Hands-On Jewish Holidays" over two years.
Courtesy of Ronit Treatman

Since its March 14 publication, Reconectar has touted "Hands-On Jewish Holidays" as a resource to its Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking constituencies. Treatman's book, according to Perry, is a perfect encapsulation of its mission.

"There is such a thirst for Judaism and to understand Jewish traditions amongst the Bnei Anousim and other emerging communities, so it is so important that there is easy to understand and accessible content for those who were not raised in a formal Jewish community," Perry said in a press release. "It is so important for us in the formative Jewish community and in Israel to help these people reconnect, because their story is one of centuries-long survival against the odds and it is the greatest challenge and opportunity for our generation."

Though the impetus for the book was her work with Reconectar, Treatman saw the obvious fungibility of the idea for other emerging Jewish communities. Treatman translated the book into Spanish on her own, and hired translators for the forthcoming Russian, Portuguese and Hebrew versions.

All of Treatman's efforts were volunteered.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from this work," she said. ●

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Sunday, April 18th, 12noon - Baking with Chana
Celebrate baking and check out the kitchen situation with Chana Weinstein of Newtown, PA! Her "Sitch in the Kitch" program is the perfect opportunity for kids who love cooking and baking and also like to cook along or watch! Learn how to make zebra cookies!! After registering you will get the ingredient list in case you want to bake along with Chana!



Sunday, April 18th, 1:00pm - Rabbi Pickle, of the Kosher Pickle Factory on Pickles; get ready to make pickles!
Rabbi Pickle will lead a hands-on demonstration on making pickles using the same method as the original pickle masters of the famed Lower East Side of New York. Participants will learn the history behind the art of pickle making, the method, learn about and gain insight to the deeper meaning of many of the ingredients and make your very own container of pickles. After registering you will get a list of ingredients.



Saturday, April 24th, 9:00pm - Film and Discussion, Let Yourself Go
Watch this entertaining and humorous Jewish film at your leisure and come together on Saturday evening the 24th for a discussion about the film!
"A comedy about a self-involved psychoanalyst's (played by Tony Servillo) tightly ordered world is thrown for a loop by two women: Claudia, a high-spirited fitness instructor, and Giovanna, his ex-wife who lives next door and still does his laundry." Registrants will receive the link for the film by April 20th.



Sunday, April 25th, 7:00pm - Evening of Muzika around Bucks County
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Look Both Ways Before You Cross

CANDLE LIGHTING

April 9
April 16

7:15 p.m.
7:22 p.m.

BY RABBI DAVID ACKERMAN
PARSHAT SH'MINI

“LOOK BOTH WAYS before you cross!” That’s guidance we’ve all heard, likely drilled into us as children. The deep story of Pesach, I suggest, is a tale of looking both ways before crossing.

Pesach’s last days commemorate the crossing of the Red/Reed Sea, in many ways the climactic moment of the Exodus. The liturgy of the seventh (biblically, the last) day of Pesach centers on the reading of *shirat haYam* — the triumphal “song of the sea” after they crossed through, completing the first stage of their journey from slavery to freedom. And the medieval prayer book added dozens of *piyyutim* — liturgical poems that became part of the worship service in many communities — that riffed on the themes and the very words of the Bible’s original song.

One *piyyut* — a 12th-century composition written by Yekutiel bar Yosef — utilizes the Torah’s words to lay out the look both ways idea with great power. He calls the crossing of the sea *Pesach Mitzrai* — the actual historical moment of redemption recounted

in the Bible.

The companion to the Torah’s Exodus is something that our poet calls *Pesach le-Atid* — the anticipated great redemption of the future. As the note in Siddur Lev Shalem (where a portion of the *piyyut* appears on p. 360) puts it: “throughout the generations Pesach was not only a commemoration of a historical event but a signal of a future redeemed world.” In other words, look both ways before you cross.

Rabbi Yitz Greenberg beautifully captures Pesach’s look both ways dynamic: “What it did was set up an alternative conception of life. Were it not for the Exodus, those humans would have reconciled themselves to the evils that exist in the world. The Exodus reestablishes the dream of perfection and thereby *creates the tension that must exist until reality is redeemed*. This orienting event has not yet become our permanent reality ... But it points the way to the end goal toward which all life and history must go. Every generation comes to grips with its own reality: *it is something to be lived in, and also to be challenged and overcome*.” (The Jewish Way, p. 36, emphasis added)

This Shabbat we encounter

Parshat Sh’mini, often read on the Shabbat immediately after Pesach. In less dramatic, but more quotidian and arguably more realistic fashion, Sh’mini too presents to us the challenge and necessity of looking both ways before we cross. Professor Tamar Kamionkowski’s summary (taken from her beautiful and elegant Leviticus commentary on p. 75, emphasis added) of the passage I have in mind sets the stage.

“The final verses of Leviticus 10 describe an argument between Moses and Aaron. *Although the text is somewhat elusive*, it seems that Moses becomes angry because he notes that while the grain and well-being offerings were consumed by the priests, the meat of the purification offering had not been consumed as instructed in Leviticus 6:26. Moses rebukes Aaron’s sons and claims that YHVH would not accept the purification offering on behalf of the people. *The specific content of Aaron’s response is difficult to understand, but it is clear that Aaron is claiming the authority to interpret the law and that Moses submits to Aaron’s authority regarding ritual law*.”

What makes this a look both ways moment is that, according

to the Talmud (Bavli Kiddushin 30a) the opening words of this passage — in Hebrew *darosh darash* (inquired emphatically or explored deeply) — are the middle words of the Torah! The ancients (lacking streaming and social media and the like) spent a lot of time with holy writings and knew the words inside and out. The Talmud tells us that one group of early sages were called *sofrim* — usually translated as “scribes” — because they counted (*lispor*) the words, verses, even letters of Scripture and tabulated them. Say the *sofrim* (on Leviticus 10:16): “The midpoint of the Torah according to words; *darosh* from here, *darash* from here.”

A technical point perhaps, but consider what that phrase *darosh darash* really means. Something like “inquire deeply” or “explore intently” or “pursue meaning” or “interpret and interpret.” And following the directional guidance of the *sofrim* all of that is to be engaged by looking both ways, forward and back, or from more than one perspective, at the same time.

As one 16th-17th century commentator, R Shmuel Edels (Maharsha) expresses it: “Every word has meaning in the direction of purity and in the

direction of impurity ... the two are one ... they are (the) two aspects of the Torah.”

The ancient rabbis surely knew something about the Roman god Janus, the god of doorways, thresholds and crossings, who was often depicted with two faces oriented in opposing directions. The rabbinic version of looking both ways belongs to us, regular people, and not just the gods.

While often elusive and unclear, we’re called upon to live in the tension created by looking back into our history and forward toward our future, simultaneously seeing the impurity that exists today and the purity that may yet come to be tomorrow. ●

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Blender

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sprinkle with salt. Sauté for 1-2 minutes, until sweating. Remove the pan from the flame for 3-5 minutes so the vegetables don’t overcook.

Meanwhile, crack the egg whites into a medium-sized bowl. Using the cutting blade of the immersion blender, whip them until foamy.

Return the pan to a medium-low flame. If the pan is dry, add more olive oil at any time. Pour the whipped egg whites into the pan. Fry until the edges brown

and the center is firm. Sprinkle grated cheddar cheese, if using, on half of the omelet. Fold the other side of the omelet over the cheese. Fry it until the bottom browns. Flip over the omelet. Fry it until the cheese melts and the omelet is an appealing crispy brown. Serve immediately.

GARLICKY POTATO LEEK SOUP | MEAT
Serves 8

3 large leeks
4 large potatoes
1½ tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon margarine
1 shallot, chopped

Kosher salt to taste
5 cloves of garlic, minced
¼ teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
½ teaspoon cumin
5 cups of chicken broth
2 bay leaves
Pinch of white pepper
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 (13.5-ounce can) coconut milk
Optional garnish: 3 tablespoons minced chives

Cut the leeks in half lengthwise. Under cold running water, fan open the leek halves one at

a time until the dirt nestling between the leaves is rinsed out. Dry them on paper towels.

Cut off the dark green part of the leaves and discard. Slice the white and light green parts into thin circles. Peel the potatoes and dice fine. Reserve.

In a large pot, heat the oil and margarine over a medium flame. Add the leeks, shallot and a pinch of salt. Sauté them until wilting and fragrant, about 5 minutes. Add the potatoes, garlic, rosemary and cumin. Sauté it for 5 minutes on a low flame. Add the chicken broth, bay leaves and white pepper.

Raise the flame to medium,

until the broth comes to a low simmer. Add more salt, if needed. Simmer for 20 minutes or until the potatoes soften in the center.

Move the pot from the flame. With a slotted spoon, remove the bay leaves and discard. Pour in the lemon juice and coconut milk, including the cream at the top.

Fit the immersion blender with the cutting blade, and whip until pureed. Warm the soup briefly over a medium flame. Serve immediately in a tureen or in bowls. Top with chives, if using. This recipe can be refrigerated or frozen. ●

JEWISH FEDERATION'S IMPACT ON

THE COMMUNITY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL



Recognizing the importance of Israel to each and every one of us, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia connects the local community with Israel, including the Partnership2Gether region of Netivot and Sdot Negev. Through close partnerships, these communities learn and grow together. Each Jewish Federation Israel initiative is designed to encourage engagement, build cultural bonds, advocate for peace and security, and provide for those in need.

Of Jewish households in Greater Philadelphia*:

- 66% feel it is important to care about Israel
- 37% of Jewish adults have traveled to Israel
- 33% of Jewish adults believe it is important to donate to Israel
- 61% of parents raising Jewish children say it is important for their children to have a strong connection to Israel

Impact by the Numbers (Fiscal Year 2020)

350+	\$454,000	\$2.5 MILLION+
Philadelphians travel on Jewish Federation missions to Israel, and visit the city of Netivot and the Sdot Negev region each year	distributed through the Women of Vision Fund and other restricted endowments to Israeli organizations and US-based Israeli-related programs such as Birthright	granted through the Jewish Community Fund to agencies in Israel supporting 242,286 individuals



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A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

“I escaped death during the Holocaust and arrived in Israel in 1946 where I am proud to have helped build this country. Today I live off of social security and what little I receive as a Holocaust Survivor. Latet doesn’t just give me a food box - the girl who brings me a box sits with me; we talk; she’s my friend. Thank you to all who think of us and donate. When one helps another somehow, it will get back to him.”

AREAS OF IMPACT IN ISRAEL

- Emotional support for at-risk populations
- Food insecurity
- Academic and career services for teens and young adults
- Celebrating Israel’s culture and history
- Advocacy for Jewish pluralism



* According to the Jewish Federation’s 2019 Community Portrait
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ENGAGEMENTS

► ASSOUR-KIRSCHNER

Hope and Lee Kirschner of Bala Cynwyd and Merle and Isaac Assour from Huntingdon Valley announce the engagement of their children, Bryan Aaron Kirschner and Danielle Lily Assour.

Bryan is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, in addition to having a master of education degree. He is a teacher at Perelman Jewish Day School.

Danielle is also a Penn State graduate and director of client strategy at Stream Cos.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are Brittany Kirschner and Blake Rosen and Hannah Assour and Ben Assour.

The couple reside in Center City and plan a fall 2022 wedding in Philadelphia.

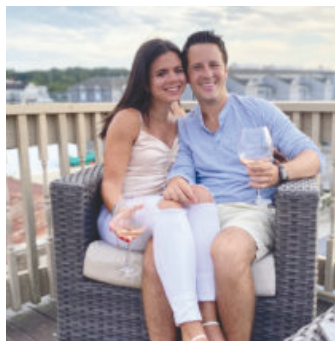


Photo by Hope Kirschner

► BARNETT-LAPIN

Sara Barnett, daughter of Vivian and Andrew Barnett of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Jonathan (JJ) Lapin, son of Cynthia and Avrum Lapin of Elkins Park, announce their engagement.

Sara is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University. She works as a pediatric occupational therapist in the Southeast Delco School District.

JJ is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Temple University. He is a first-year pharmacy resident at the Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania, heading to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for his second-year pharmacy residency to complete his training in infectious diseases.

Sara and JJ live in Philadelphia and are getting married in New Hope in August 2022.

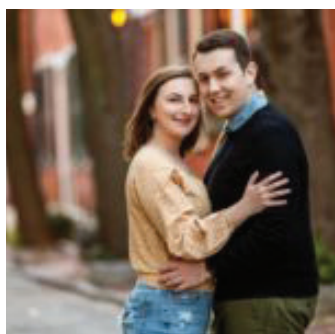


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► THOMAS-MORGOVSKY

Sue and Jeff Thomas of Fox Chase and Irene and Gregory Morgovsky of Somerton announce the engagement of their children, Marjorie D. Thomas and Alexander Morgovsky.

Marjorie is a graduate of Central High School and Temple University. She is a television producer in Philadelphia.

Alexander is a graduate of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, University of Pennsylvania, and LaSalle University, where he obtained his MBA. He is a DevOps specialist in Philadelphia.

Marjorie is the granddaughter of the late Sylvia and Morris Thomas and the late Rosa and Julius Katz. Alexander is the grandson of the late Bronya and Mikhail Burda and Ida and the late Yakov Morgovsky.

A summer 2022 wedding in Philadelphia is planned.

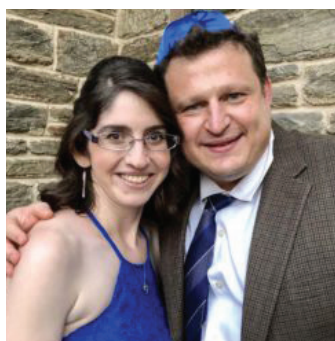


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BIRTHS

▼ MAXWELL BYRON (ISRAEL) PRUSKY

Maxwell Byron (Israel) Prusky was born Jan. 18 to Kelly and Ben Prusky.

He is named in honor of his grandmother Maria and his grandfather Byron Prusky and paternal great-grandfather Israel Prusky.

Sharing in their happiness are grandparents Myra Prusky (née Manis) of Bala Cynwyd and Maria Hearn of Danbury, Connecticut. Also welcoming Maxwell are uncles Jim Prusky of New York, Andrew Prusky of Plymouth Meeting and Junior Silva of Danbury, along with their wives and families, and his sisters Bryn and Jane.



Photo by Ben Prusky

► BAYLA MAE SIEGEL

Burt Siegel and Joy Pollock of Meadowbrook and Lynn Higgins of The Villages, Florida, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Bayla Mae Siegel, born Feb. 20.

Bayla is the daughter of Julianne Remus Siegel and Joshua Siegel and the sister of Adelaide Rose of Elkins Park. She is named in loving memory of her grandmother Barbara Siegel and her great-grandmother Mildred Remus.



Photo by Julianne Remus Siegel

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Camp Harlam Receives Inclusion Grant

CAMP HARLAM IN Kunkletown was among 13 camps receiving a total of \$2.6 million from the Foundation for Jewish Camp's Yashar Initiative to increase accessibility for campers and staff with disabilities.

The initiative funded by The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is responsible for improvements to accessibility and inclusion at camp, providing money for capital improvements, professional development, staff training, research and evaluation. The programs support those with autism spectrum disorder, as well as those with intellectual,

developmental, physical and sensory disabilities.

Each recipient committed to increasing their total campers with disabilities to at least 5% of the total camper population.

This is the third round of grantees through the Yashar Initiative. Since the program launched in 2019, FJC has awarded more than \$8 million in grants to 39 camps.

Also receiving grants in the latest round were NJY Round Lake Camp in Milford, Pennsylvania; Neil Klatskin JCC Camp in Tenaflly, New Jersey; and JCC Camp Ruach in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Establishments Receive Kosher Certification

Community Kashrus of Greater Philadelphia (Keystone-K) announced that three area establishments were certified kosher under its supervision.

The Wynnewood and Springfield locations of Nothing Bundt Cakes were certified kosher-dairy.

And Rikki's Cupcakes of Allentown was certified kosher-parve-pas Yisroel.

In addition, Insomnia Cookies announced that its Bala Cynwyd and University of Pennsylvania bakeries received kosher-dairy certification from Keystone K. •

DEATH NOTICES

BARG

Elaine Barg (nee Albert), 89, of Merion, PA, died on March 26. Wife of Alvin; mother to Ron (Debbie) and Jeff (Kathy); grandmother to Jason (Holly), Robert (Heather), Paula (Mike) Dziura, and Rachel; great-grandmother to Mitchell, Ella, Justin, Lily, Dylan, Brandon, and Demi. Elaine always put family first, starting with her parents Sam and Fannie Albert and most recently her great-grandchildren. Talented in needlepoint and cultivating cacti, Elaine loved sharing meals and laughs with family and friends. Contributions in Elaine's memory may be made by planting a tree in Israel through the Jewish National Fund, usa.jnf.org/jnf-tree-planting-center.
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BLUM

Ethel Unger Blum, March 31, 2021, age 103. Beloved mother of Susan (Barnett Rubin) Blum, cherished wife of the late Theodore Blum, sister of Victor and Leah Unger and the late Irving Unger, and aunt of eleven nieces and nephews and their children. Ethel's family also comprised the students, faculty, and staff of Akiba Hebrew Academy, where she served for two decades as administrator, guidance counselor, and assistant principal, and generations of campers and staff at the YMHA's Camp Rita, where she served as Director. May her memory be a blessing. Contributions in her honor may be made to the charity of your choice. Gravesite services were private.
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DAVIS

Elma Davis (nee Gwartz) passed away peacefully at her home Monday, March 29th, 2021, a few weeks after her 97th birthday. She is survived by her three children Debra (Stanley), Fran (Jim) and Howard (Barbara), her seven grandchildren, Leslie (Ben), Jill (Sam), Jeff (Jordan), Lisa, Sara (Adam), Amanda (Jake) and Eliza, as well as seven great grandchildren, Kylie, Henry, Blake, Ryan, Georgia, Ava and Davis. Her beloved husband of 71 years, Herbert, passed away in 2018. Before her marriage, Elma worked as a secretary for National Jewish Hospital. Together, Elma and Herbert, along with Elma's father, Jay and later their daughter, Fran, built a respected and successful probate genealogy firm. Her shorthand and typing skills were great assets, but Elma's value went far beyond her administrative abilities. She was a trusted partner and confidante in the business for over sixty years. Elma had a natural gift for language and a love of travel. From Egypt to Australia to Japan, she and Herbert explored the world together. She truly lived a remarkable and full life. Above all else, however, Elma loved her family. She remembered and celebrated every special part of her children and grandchildren's lives from the smallest of accomplishments to the most momentous occasions. And in return, she was adored and treasured by each and every member of her devoted family. A private graveside service for family members was held on March 31st at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to either Abramson Senior Care or a charity of the donor's choice.
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GOLDER

Ruth Golder (nee Blumenfield), March 28, 2021, of Audubon, PA; beloved wife of Mervyn; loving mother of Cindy Golder Miller, Herb Golder and Ted Golder; cherished grandmother of Olivia and Morgan. Services were private. Contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood, PA (mlrt.org) or the Jewish Federation of Greater Phila. (jewishphilly.org).
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JAHN

Sima Jahr (nee Adar), age 85, of Langhorne, PA, on March 24, 2021. Predeceased by her parents, Esther (Greenberg) and Harry Adar, former husband, Benjamin Jahr and companion, Melvin Weisbord. Survived by dear sister Pearl Berkson, devoted children, Harriet (David) Jahr-Philips, Steven (Pearl) Jahr, and Howard (Wendy) Jahr and grandchildren: Hannah and Nate Philips, Jessica, Taylor, Brendan and Ryan Jahr. Private interment was at Montefiore Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to Old York Road Temple-Beth Am or to the Capital Health Cancer Center:
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LASEROW

Irving Harry Laserow passed away on March 28, 2021. Husband of the late Arlene (nee Levy). Father of Leslie Weinfeld and Scott (Roe) Laserow. Grandfather of Stephanie and Joshua Weinfeld. Private Graveside Services were held at Montefiore Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 30 S. 17th St., Ste 800, Phila., PA 19103, www.nationalmssociety.org.
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LAVAN

Dr. Donald LaVan, on April 1, 2021. Beloved husband of Joan (nee Schreiber). Devoted father of Frederick LaVan (Marthe Adler). Dear brother of Byron (JoAnn) LaVan. Loving grandfather of Michaela LaVan, Matthew LaVan (Karen) and Aram LaVan. Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to WRTI FM.
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LEEPOND

Sylvia Leepond (nee Adler), March 27, 2021 of Philadelphia, PA; beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Susan (Dr. Steven) Present and Arlene (Robert) Weibel; adoring bubbie of Julie (David) Koller; cherished great grandmother of Sarah Rose and Jonah Eli; devoted brother of Leon Adler, the late Beatrice Shapiro and the late Dr. Arthur P. Adler. Graveside Services were held on Wednesday, March 31 at Shalom Memorial Park in Huntingdon Valley. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of Abington, PA or Grandma Honey's Kitchen at Chabad Jewish Center for Students, 1432 Catharine St., Phila., PA 19146.
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LEWIS

Bonnie S. Nobel Lewis (nee Goldberg), March 26, 2021 of Paoli, PA. Beloved wife of the late Albert Lewis and loving mother of Erika Nobel Hendzel, Joshua Nobel, and Sharon Anne Bennett; adoring grandmother of Nicolle. Bonnie was born on March 5, 1940 in Cambridge, MA and graduated Bryn Mawr College with a degree in English literature. A passionate supporter of the arts, she attended many galleries, live performances, and cinemas. She excelled as a senior account executive with two Philadelphia advertising agencies before starting, a small graphics design firm with her late husband. Bonnie made friends easily and briefly served as a senior model. With a contagious smile and laugh, she always lit up the room. Never afraid to be her own person, Bonnie inspired others with her energy and love of life. She will be missed terribly. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.
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LIEBERMAN

Morton Lieberman, Past President of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County and its Men's Club, on March 31, 2021. Husband of Eileen M. (nee Herman), father of Jodi (Eric) Johnstin and Eric (Melissa) Lieberman, brother of Barry (Anita) Lieberman, grandfather of Abby, Hope and Micah. In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County, 2909 Bristol Rd, Bensalem PA 19020.
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LOVE

Dorothy Love (nee Kaplan), March 30, 2021 of King of Prussia, Pa. Devoted wife of Barry Love. Cherished mother of Sherry (Michael) Gressen and Marcy (Samuel) Abloesser. Proud grandmother of Jamie (Steve), Mark (Ashley) and Andrew (Jessica). Beloved great-grandmother "Gigi" of Brayden, Jack, Hailey, Patrick, Ben and Danny. Contributions in her memory may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
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NEFF

Gloria Ann Neff (previously: Gaylon; nee: Kay) formerly of NE Phila and Lower Merion, and for 20+ years of Boca Raton and Delray Beach, Florida, passed away at home peacefully on Monday, March 29th just 4 days after her 69th birthday surrounded by her husband Larry Neff and her daughters Robin (Jeff) Gaines of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, and Alisa Gaylon of Chicago, IL. She is also survived by two adored grandchildren Katie and Gavin Gaines. A long and arduous battle was fought against Myelodysplastic Syndrome Leukemia at MD Anderson hospital in Houston and again in Boca Raton all to no avail. Donations would be appreciated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

DEATH NOTICES

PAUL

Sylvia Paul (nee Miller) on April 2, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Harold; Loving mother of the late Warren and the late Stephen. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Beth Sholom Congregation, 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.
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SNYDER

Edwin Donald Snyder, 91, passed away peacefully at home in Margate, New Jersey, on Tuesday, March 30, one day shy of his 92nd birthday. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, graduated from Central High School, Pennsylvania State University, and Temple University Dental School. He practiced dentistry in Philadelphia and Jenkintown, PA, and was an adjunct instructor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine before retiring and moving to Margate. He loved boating on the Chesapeake and at the Jersey shore. He was an active member of the Avoda Club, the Jewish War Veterans Post 39 of Margate, the Democratic Club of Margate, and Congregation Beth El. But his greatest pleasure in life was spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 68 years, Janet (nee Brodsky), his loving children, Linda Huginir (Lee Coplan) of Baltimore, MD, Robert Snyder (Hillary Michelson) of Voorhees, NJ, and Debra Hirsh (Richard) of Bucks County, PA and Cape Coral, FL. He is also survived by grandchildren Nicole Huginir (Henry Melcher), Adam Huginir (Katie Griffin), Jordan Snyder, Whitney Snyder (Kevin Clark), Zachary Hirsh, Jason Hirsh, Lindsay Hirsh, and Rebecca Law. He was predeceased by his parents, Samuel and Sara (nee Gordon) Snyder and his brother Jerald M. Snyder. The entire family would like to express enormous gratitude for the loving care that Nana Ampofo provided for Ed in the last two years of his life. Contributions in his memory may be made to Avoda Club, Box 3120, Margate, NJ 08402.
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STEIN

Marvin Stuart Stein of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully with his children by his side on Monday December 28, 2020 at age 88. Marvin is survived by his 3 children, Steven Stein, Rhonda (Dan) Barrison, Marc (Skye) Stein, 5 grandchildren, Dr Lauren Barrison, Lindsey Barrison, Rachel Stein, Jonathan Stein and Elizabeth Stein as well as several nieces and nephews. After serving in the US Air Force, Marvin held executive roles at CFR Leasing Corp and Lend Lease Cars until he retired. After retiring, he continued on his own to be active in the leasing business. Marvin loved sports. In his prime he was an avid volleyball player and continued to play tennis until he was close to 80. He also followed football and basketball, especially when the Eagles or 76ers were playing. Later, Marvin passionately followed the Univ. of Michigan Wolverines football and basketball teams and looked forward to critiquing each game with his granddaughter. In addition to sports, Marvin enjoyed going to the movies and playing the stock market. But he always said that his favorite moments were spending time with his family every chance he could. Marvin chose to donate his body to Humanity of Life for the advancement of science. His hope was that there would be a cure someday for Ulcerative Colitis, having had to live with this disruptive and destructive disease himself for decades. A disciplined person, he proudly managed his condition on his own until his final days. Donations in Marvin's memory can be made to the Crohns & Colitis Foundation at <https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/> or to the charity of your choice.

YASKIN

Harold Yaskin, Esq., on April 1, 2021. Brother of Tamara (late Sid) Axelman and the late Mary (late Irwin) Balefsky. Uncle of Lee (Kathy) Balefsky, Esq., Sharon (Chip) Eisenberg, Micolle Rubinson, Brett Rubinson and Gregory Rubinson. Mr. Yaskin was an attorney for the Defender Association of Philadelphia for 51 years. Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.
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Judicial

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each case, utilize insight and experience to weigh the facts, have the courage to be decisive, and the integrity to articulate the court's ruling. Justice also demands that all citizens are entitled to fairness, dignity and impartiality that is free from prejudice. These are the principles that define a sound judicial philosophy. If elected, these are the principles that will define me as a judge.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?:

Justice is an integral concept in Jewish teachings which have been a part of my education since starting first grade at a yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York. The Torah emphasizes the moral and ethical imperatives of justice and this, in turn, informs our secular concepts of justice. Particularly, the concept of compassion in justice transcends the religious and secular divide. A conservative judicial philosophy ensures the greatest and most equal justice and is, therefore, a vehicle of compassion, which is tikkun olam.

Daniel Sulman

Running for: Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, 1st Judicial District

Why are you running?:

I seek to maintain my seat on the bench because the public is entitled to a qualified and experienced judiciary consisting of committed public servants with integrity, independence and compassion. For nearly two decades, I have dedicated my legal career to public service and to the protection of Philadelphia's children, families and victims of domestic violence. Of all the candidates seeking election to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, I have the most judicial experience, with nearly three years of service as a Family Court judge. Now more than ever, it is vital that



▲ Betsy Wahl
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our courts render fair and compassionate decisions which respect the rights and dignity of all who enter the courthouse, regardless of gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socioeconomic background.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?:

As a child, I attended Hebrew school at Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center and later attended Jewish Community High School in the summer and on Sundays. My Jewish upbringing and education has instilled in me the belief that all human beings should be treated with fairness, dignity and respect. As a person who believes strongly in the importance of tikkun olam, I have dedicated my professional life and legal career to the service of some of the most vulnerable people in the city of Philadelphia, including children and victims of domestic violence. I am proud of my long career in public service and I strongly believe that my religious education and life experience as a husband and father of two children has prepared me to exercise the important duties of a judge with humility and compassion.

Betsy Wahl

Running for: Judge, Philadelphia

Court of Common Pleas, 1st Judicial District

Why are you running?:

I started my legal career 35 years ago at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. I've tried thousands of cases, including representing high-profile juvenile offenders. I'm also a trained mediator and have taught criminal law. For the last 20 years I've run a courtroom in Juvenile Delinquency Court, determining outcomes for thousands of the city's most vulnerable youth. My work is my passion. Every day I do what I can to get these youth on the right track. That means making sure that when these young people are finished with court supervision, they are high school graduates, crime free, drug free and work-ready. If I were a judge, I would be able to have an even greater impact. Our youth deserve a chance to succeed, and Juvenile Court can play a tremendous role.

How does being Jewish influence your judicial philosophy/professional ethics?:

I have always believed that my public service, and specifically my work in Juvenile Court, is my version of tikkun olam. We can only repair the world if we fight for one person at a time, and that starts with young people. I fight for social justice every day, one youth at a time. I sent my son to pre-school at the Germantown Jewish Centre where he also learned the importance of justice and fairness. "Tzedek tzedek tirdof;" justice, justice thou shalt pursue. I pursue justice every day for all, that they may have the same opportunities for success, regardless of income, race, gender or disability. It is my wish that every child I see in Juvenile Court will come away with the same lessons that formed my son at GJC. ●

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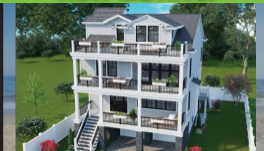
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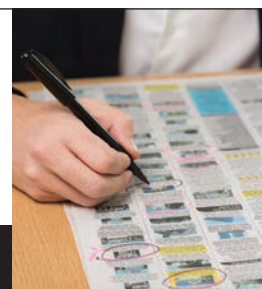
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for celebration.

"She really was such an amazing guide, particularly during the COVID pandemic and then a lot of her important work around the opioid crisis that we're facing here in the state," Ando said. "I'm just really thrilled that a highly skilled, led-by-the-science clinician that I trust deeply as a colleague and as a leader is now in the position for assistant secretary of health for the U.S."

Ando and Meyers said Levine's leadership is especially important in the face of the recent spate of anti-trans

legislation, several of which target trans people's access to health care. In Arkansas, the state Senate passed a bill that would prohibit doctors from providing trans youth under 18 with hormone blockers.

"I just have such concern and empathy for the trans youth, particularly in the Midwest or the South who feel, as we all do as teenagers, like it's really hard to see beyond the teenage years. It's really, really tough," Ando said.

Other states, including Alabama and Florida, are introducing bills that would prohibit trans youth from competing on sports teams that do not match the gender

they were assigned at birth.

"There's no federal protection for people in states like Arkansas, in states like Alabama, and states like Idaho, where the legislators have been trying to legislate trans people out of existence for a long time," Meyers said.

Ando hopes Levine will use her new position to advocate for health equity, and has no doubt that she will "continue to chip away at health care disparities, whether or not they exist on the axis of race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability." •

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that jeopardizes democracy. Just as America cannot model democracy if it does not combat anti-Semitism, Philadelphia cannot model brotherly love and sisterly affection if it does not fight the world's oldest and most pernicious hatred.

AJC's 2020 State of Antisemitism in America survey found that while 88 percent of American Jews believe anti-Semitism is a growing problem, nearly half of U.S. adults do not even know what the term means. That is why social studies and history teachers in Philadelphia's public schools have been working closely with the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation to draw a connection between the sins of Nazi Germany and the prejudice that faces all minority groups. Lesson plans include the remarkable story of the late Benjamin Franklin High School principal Leon Bass, whose service in an all-Black unit of the Army and role in liberating the Buchenwald concentration camp taught him that hate comes in many forms.

The present danger to Jews on American soil was clear in

2017 when white supremacists in Charlottesville chanted, "Jews will not replace us." A year later, 11 worshipers inside Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue were tragically killed in the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history. Since then, Jews have been murdered in Poway, California; Jersey City, New Jersey; and Monsey, New York simply for being Jews. The perpetrators of these violent attacks, as well as other incidents of anti-Semitic threats and assaults, have a range of political affiliations, bound by a shared hatred of Jews.

Moreover, the internet and social media are often exploited to promote anti-Semitism and other hatreds by spreading malicious memes and disinformation. Calling out and correcting bigotry online and offline when we see it is imperative.

As our country continues to grapple with racial justice, a global pandemic and reconciliation after a divisive election, we need antidotes that provide healing and unity. Philadelphia took an important step in signing on to the national mayors' statement, which condemns all forms of anti-Semitism, including prejudice,

stereotypes, conspiracy theories about Jews, Holocaust denial or distortion, and denying the Jewish state's right to exist.

But in addition to proclamations, municipal leaders must have the tools and resources to protect all residents from acts of hate and bigotry. Passage of the National Opposition to Hate, Assaults, and Threats to Equality (NO HATE) Act must be a priority for Congress and the Biden administration.

The bipartisan bill would improve hate crime reporting with grants to empower state and local governments to train law enforcement, create reporting hotlines, direct resources to minority communities and conduct public educational forums. In exchange for federal funds, agencies would be required to submit hate crimes data to the FBI.

Those who target Jews never stop with Jews. When we protect one of us, then we have protected us all. Understanding and embracing this truth is part of the cure for America's ills. •

Jim Kenney is the mayor of Philadelphia and Marcia Bronstein is the regional director of American Jewish Committee Philadelphia.

COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Virtual 5k

Walk outdoors, run inside on the treadmill or spin through this 5K weekend to benefit the children and families served by **FamilyMatters, a JAFCO Support Network**. Event will take place from April 9-12. Email info@familymattersnetwork.org for more information.

▼ SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Concert and Conversation

Join **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel's** organist Andrew Senn at 7:30 p.m. as he puts the Phyllis K. Goldsmith pipe organ through its paces in an action-packed virtual concert. Cost \$36 per household, Zoom link provided upon registration. Call 215-887-8700 for more information.

▼ SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Jewish Festival

Join **Bucks County Kehillah** at 10 a.m. and visit Jerusalem virtually with Yonina, an Israeli music duo, and enjoy their positive music. This is the first of five Bucks County Jewish Festival 2021 events. Register at bit.ly/38ovA4A and visit jewishphilly.org/bucks for more information.

Holocaust Memorial

Join the **Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia** at 1 p.m. in observing Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Commemorate the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and honor the survivors in our communities. Register for the virtual ceremony at jewishphilly.org/get-involved/signature-events/holocaust-memorial-day/.

Interfaith Reflections

Join **Women of Keneseth Israel** for a Zoom interfaith program on what communities have learned from COVID-19 and how they may emerge stronger together. 7 p.m. RSVP by April 9 at us02web.zoom.us/j/8456456456.

▼ TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Zoom Trivia

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood presents an evening of Zoom trivia at 7 p.m. There will be prizes for the winners and all are welcome. Cost is \$15 attendance for non-Sisterhood members. Contact 215-635-1505 for more information.

Baby Shower Project

The **Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will host an annual virtual baby shower mitzvah project meeting at 7:30 p.m. Donations of items for babies from toddlers through age 5 will be accepted and donated to the clients of Jewish Family and Children's Service. Call 215-677-1600 for details concerning donations.

▼ THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Family History Today

Garri Regev, president of the Israel Genealogy Research Association, will provide an overview of the types of records available online and where to focus when researching family history in Israel during this 2 p.m. webinar for the **Center for Jewish History** in New York. Attendees can pay what they wish for tickets. Contact 212-294-8301 for more information. ●

NEWSMAKERS

Members of the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section participated in a collection of household items to support Dawn's Place. Since 2009, Dawn's Place has offered a safe residential setting for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation or sex trafficking.



► From left: Lynne Jacobs, Linda Lempert, Aileen Salus, Linda Broskol, Pearl Tragash, Carol Stein, Faye Benschetler, Betsy Parziale and Ann Pollock

Courtesy of National Council of Jewish Women

With support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks and The Pincus Fund for Hunger Relief, Federation Housing created and distributed Passover "to-go" boxes to more than 450 of its low-income seniors.



◀ "To-go" boxes, with meals by Betty the Caterer, packed and ready to be distributed from Samuel A. Green House

► Djennet Rusanova and Rita Palumbo, staff members at Miriam & Robert M. Rieder Apartments/ Evelyn & Daniel Tabas House /Center Park III, show off the contents of the "to-go" boxes.

Courtesy of Federation Housing



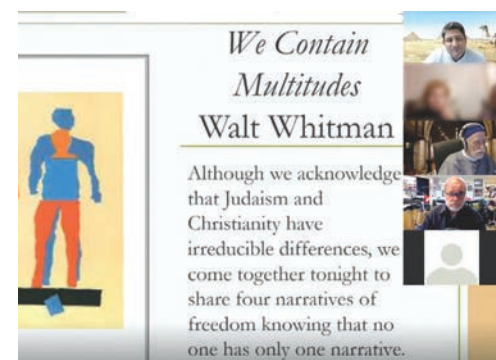
Barry Kahan and his sister, Judy Sander, honored the memory of their late mother, Pearl Kahan Borten, by donating 350 kosher-for-Passover cakes to the KleinLife Home Delivered Meals Program. Kahan and Sander engaged the services of Savvati Gourmet, a local kosher caterer, who prepared the cakes and packaged them with a cover photo of Borten and an explanation of the donation.

Photo by Stephanie Hampson

On March 31, congregants at Congregation Adath Jeshurun and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elkins Park hosted a Zoom-based "Freedom Seder," combining Jewish and Christian traditions and histories. Attendees explored the idea from Jewish mystical tradition that the exodus from Egypt was the way out of a narrow mindset, along with other aspects of the Passover story.

► From the top: Rabbi Shai Cherry, Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid and David Seltzer.

Photo by Rachel Palito



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JEWISH EXPONENT

OUR MISSION EXPANDS ITS REACH

Abramson Senior Care has served as a safety net for the frail Jewish elderly for 150 years. And while the senior care landscape has changed around us, we have remained passionately committed to this mission.

From 2008 through 2019, we gradually expanded our reach through services such as Transitional Care, Home Care, Hospice, Care Advisors, Medical Adult Day, Outpatient Memory Care, Primary Care and Palliative Care. This array of services now provides care to nearly 5,000 seniors throughout our community each year—wherever and however they need us.

THROUGH BOLD LEADERSHIP

In 2020, with Medicaid increasingly directing seniors away from nursing homes and toward home-based care, and with more seniors expressing a preference for aging in place, we made the difficult decision to sell our treasured Horsham campus, the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. While we share in our community's many emotions about this sale, it was necessary for sustaining our vital work.

TO SERVE MORE SENIORS

Today, **Abramson Senior Care** means a spectrum of caring services that empowers seniors to remain safely independent at home for as long as possible—choosing a nursing home only when absolutely necessary—aging in place with dignity, purpose and choice. It means support not only for seniors, but for the families who love them.

The vulnerability of our seniors has never been more painfully apparent. We continue to ask—how can we serve them better? Our evolution began years before the pandemic, but the many lessons learned this past year inform our path forward.

FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

We are humbled and privileged that the community has entrusted us with caring for seniors since 1866. We will continue to be here for you and your family for generations to come as we navigate the aging journey together.


— **Carol Irvine**
President and CEO


— **Lorraine Drobny**
Chair


— **Howard Davis**
Immediate Past Chair

Follow our journey by visiting us at www.abramsonseniorcare.org.



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Healthy Brain & Memory Center**
Care Advisors

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Palliative Care Program**
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Hospice
Medical Adult Day Services
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