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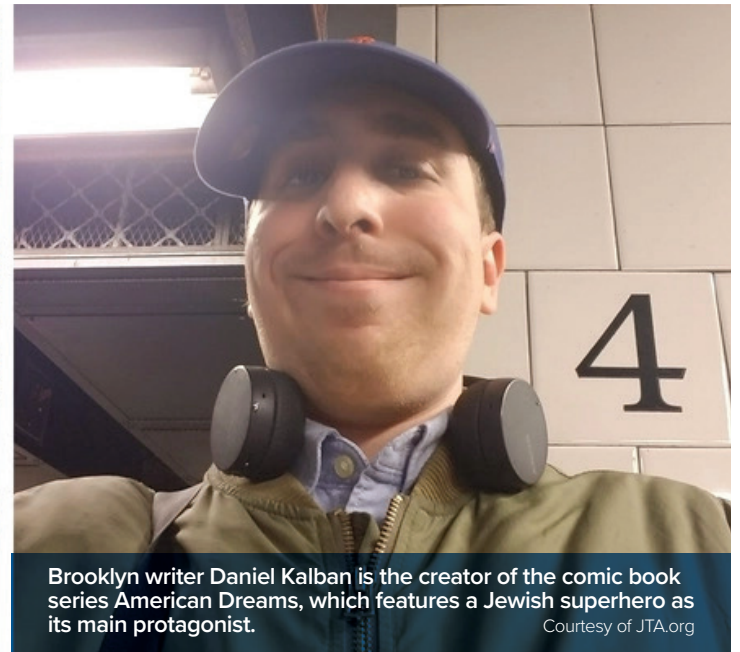
Jewish Superhero Liberty Fights Antisemites in New Comics Anthology

Daniel Kalban is a 33-year-old law firm assistant who lives in Flatbush, Brooklyn. But when he's not working his day job, he moonlights as a comic book writer, in a sort of double-life scenario that's reminiscent of the caped crusaders he's invented.

In 2016, Kalban created "American Dreams," a comic book series centered on Jake Gold, a Jewish New Yorker in 1900 who, thanks to "a Thomas Edison experiment gone awry," gains the ability to fly, as well as super strength to fight monstrous antisemites and other bad guys.

"I was dozing off listening to the score of 'Ragtime' the musical," Kalban told the New York Jewish Week about his inspiration. "I was in a daze, and I was wondering what if superheroes like Batman and Robin were in that same tumultuous time period."

Jewishness permeates the entire "American Dreams" storyline — the protagonist, who comes to be known as Liberty, escaped the pogroms in Russia, for example, and now works at a sweatshop in the Lower East Side. As a superhero, he fights a "bruiser" named Amalek, a biblical enemy of the Israelites. As he makes his way through turn-of-the-20th-century New York, he works for



Brooklyn writer Daniel Kalban is the creator of the comic book series American Dreams, which features a Jewish superhero as its main protagonist.
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legendary Jewish magician Harry Houdini and is encouraged by Jewish activist and anarchist Emma Goldman to use his powers for good.

As a response to the positive feedback the comic has received over the years, Kalban plans

to release an "American Dreams" book, which combines an anthology of the first five issues of the comic with brand-new material. He is funding the project through a Kickstarter campaign.

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KleinLife Launches Summer Camp, After-School Fundraiser for Ukrainian Refugees

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

For a war happening halfway across the globe, the Russian invasion of Ukraine hit close to home for the KleinLife staff.

Six months of organizing and assisting in various fundraisers to raise money for ailing refugees and Ukrainians trying to survive in their war-torn country did not feel like enough.

“All of us are watching the news, and the news is horrible,” KleinLife CEO and President Andre Krug, who is Ukrainian, said. “You feel completely helpless, and you want to do some-

thing, and you can’t.”

The rest of the KleinLife staff and leadership felt similarly. And the answer to their question of how to make a more profound impact came in July in the form of a summer camp.

The KleinLife summer camp, in addition to hosting 140 campers, is now hosting 45 more, all of whom are children who fled Ukraine and are making a new home in Philadelphia. The camp will run through August.

On Aug. 4, KleinLife launched its Grow Hope campaign to raise \$750,000 to sustain the summer camp in 2023, as well as create an after-school program for Ukrainian refugee children. The funds will be used for after-school



Brian Gralnick, director of local grants and partnerships for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, presents a check to Andre Krug, president and CEO of KleinLife.

Photo by Jonathan Moore

transportation and programming, English as a second language classes, emergency food distribution, access to KleinLife’s athletic facilities and job search assistance. The after-school program will accommodate up to 75 children.

“It’s very necessary for the children, it’s really necessary for their parents and it’s a good thing for us to do,” Krug said. “And it feels good that now, finally, we can feel that we’re kind of helping somebody, helping the Ukraine.”

The summer camp was dreamed up, organized and operational within five days, underlying the passion and demand around the project.

Victoria Faykin, KleinLife’s vice president, came up with the idea for the summer camp on July 6 after several Ukrainian mothers approached her for help. More than 90% of their husbands were still in Ukraine, required by Ukrainian martial law to fight in the war. Most women had trouble getting jobs, as they were not granted permission to work when they immigrated to



Victoria Faykin with Ukrainian refugee KleinLife campers

Courtesy of Victoria Faykin

the U.S. Others were unable to apply for work because they had to take care of their children.

A Russian refugee who came to the U.S. almost three years ago, Faykin empathized with the women.

“I cried together with them,” Faykin said. “I came to Andre with tears in my eyes.”

Krug worked quickly with the KleinLife board and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia to get the camp off the ground. KleinLife, with the help of Jewish Federation, raised \$70,000 to operate the camp.



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Originally, KleinLife had 20 Ukrainian campers aged 5-12, then 30, now 45, and KleinLife is receiving 50 calls a week from parents interested in sending their children there. Faykin didn't put out any advertising; interest was all through word of mouth.

The campers' families have access to KleinLife's food pantry. KleinLife is partnering with hospitals and medical centers in Philadelphia to assist refugees with dental and medical care. Faykin enlisted the help of the older siblings of the campers and teenage KleinLife members; KleinLife converted the main room of its staff office to accommodate the campers.

After one month of camp, the impact of the experience is clear to Faykin.

"[There were] eyes full of crying. They looked like scared children," Faykin said. "And now, they smile."

In addition to the typical camp fare of swimming, sports and arts and crafts, the campers take part in art therapy, led by program manager and licensed counselor Mariya Keselman-Mekler.

"We've been working on different ways for them to express themselves, to come together, to utilize coping skills, build coping skills, process things creatively and express themselves creatively," Keselman-Mekler said.

For one project, the campers each created a puzzle piece, which were connected to puzzle pieces made by older KleinLife members, many of whom were Soviet refugees, to create a collage.

The artwork the campers create reflects the trauma they've experienced: the loss of their pets, fathers and life as they knew it. But Keselman-Mekler has noted the resilience of the children, shown in their ability to relate to one another and bring color into their artwork.

"They do have that hope that the future is going to be better and brighter, that the war is going to be ending, that they're going to be reunited with their families," she said. "They're so open to trying new things and having these experiences because their life basically was disrupted."

"That's one of the amazing things about working with kids is the resilience that they have shown," she added. "I believe that that resilience is a huge part of the Ukrainian culture." **JE**

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Tu B'Av Celebrations Mark Evolutions in Jewish Dating

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

The easiest way for Tribe 12 matchmaker Danielle Selber to describe the holiday of Tu B'Av is "Jewish Valentine's Day."

The comparison isn't perfect, but for a minor Jewish holiday that is rarely observed in the United States, the cheeky moniker is the closest descriptor to how Selber understands the day.

Falling on the 15th day of the month Av (or Aug. 11-12 this year), Tu B'Av is a holiday to celebrate love and, in the Temple era, the beginning of the grape harvest. It occurs a week after Tisha B'Av, an annual fast day that marks the destruction of the two temples in ancient Jerusalem.

While Tisha B'Av is a day of mourning, Tu B'Av is a day of jubilation. In Israel, where Selber's mother is from,



After more than two years of COVID-19, Tribe 12 matchmakers Danielle Selber and Michal Naisteter are reconsidering how they host dating events.

Photo by Ed Meisarosh

the holiday is marked with celebrations that resemble New Year's parties where women don all white. Having weddings on Tu B'Av is common and auspicious. If one switched the motif of white with red or pink, they could see the cultural similarities between Tu B'Av and Valentine's Day, albeit with very different religious significance.

Selber's parents are one of many Jewish couples who were married on Tu B'Av. They met in Philadelphia while Devorah Selber, Selber's mother, was on an exchange program. She went on a blind date with her to-be husband, and the two married in Israel six months later. The couple has been together for 38 years.

"It really added some roots to how I met my husband," Devorah Selber said. "This is the way we did it; you just let yourself out there, and something will happen."

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On Tu B'Av, it was traditional for women to wear all white and go to the fields, where men would meet them. Devorah Selber's blind date in Philadelphia was her metaphorical trip to the fields, the chance she took to find love.

For Adath Israel on the Main Line Rabbi Eric Yanoff, frolicking in the fields on Tu B'Av contains a different metaphor: Following Tisha B'Av, one of the saddest days of the Jewish calendar, running through the fields after a week of mourning represents a reprieve from sadness and the opportunities for new beginnings.

"I imagine there would be some sort of cathartic outpouring of positivity," he said. "Coming off of Tisha B'Av, you have this great release ... we get out of that time, and it feels like we've made it, and there's a catharsis. There's a sort of

an outpouring or an outburst of goodness that comes."

Today, young Jews looking for love don't need to look as far as the Mishnah to find meaning in this idea. After three pandemic summers, there's a renewed desire to find love and new beginnings.

Selber, along with fellow Tribe 12 matchmaker Michal Naisteter, is hosting "A Night of First Dates on Tu B'Av" through Tribe 12 on Aug. 11, an opportunity for young Jewish singles to go on a short walking date, then meet up with other singles participating in the event.

The program is representative of the slightly different approach young Jews have to dating, Selber and Naisteter noticed.

"People have gotten much more serious in their search for a mate," Selber

said. "People have this feeling that time was taken from them during the height of COVID when it was very difficult to date or meet people organically."

Logistically, dating looks different today. Singles are more comfortable with online first dates as an opportunity to more quickly tell if someone's vibe matches what they are looking for. They're more likely to relocate if they find a match who lives farther away, Naisteter said.

Though Tribe 12 has hosted Tu B'Av events in the past, this year, Selber and Naisteter had to consider what people were comfortable with in regards to COVID safety. They didn't just want to stick a bunch of people in a small room together, which would make the event more stressful than enjoyable.

Among even more variables to address was the demand that a "love holiday" like Valentine's Day or, in this case, Tu B'Av, would have on a single's expectations to find a partner.

"A lot of times, love holidays put a lot of pressure on people, and we wanted to create something that is light-hearted and not pressure-filled," Naisteter said.

It's a delicate balance to consider: the increased desire to find a partner after years of limited opportunities to do so meaningfully.

"My hope," Naisteter said, "is that people will walk away from this time with a renewed sense of hope of finding their person." JE

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Teacher, Student Reunite After 62 Years

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

Between 1959 and today, 13 different U.S. presidents have taken office; astronauts have gone from being the first known living beings to return to Earth after going into space, to putting a rover on Mars; people have gone from using Western Electric's pink "Princess" telephone to using iPhones the size of their palm.

A lot has happened in the past 62 years, which made the 2022 reunion between a teacher and her student from 1959 all the more surreal for the two Jewish parties.

On Aug. 2, Rose Glassberg, 92, a former English teacher at the now-closed Germantown High School, met with her former student Elaine Waxman, 80, for the first time in more than six decades. The last time they saw each other was at Waxman's 12th grade graduation.

"It was very moving," Glassberg said of the reunion. "Apparently, I did a few things right because she enjoyed my class."

"She was an amazing teacher," Waxman said. "She taught me everything I know about English."

Waxman learned that Glassberg was a resident at Lions Gate Continuing Care Retirement Community in Voorhees Township, New Jersey through the community's newsletter.

"At Lions Gate, we often write stories about our residents in our newsletter that we distribute throughout the community. We were fortunate that Elaine happened to read it and recognize Rose as her teacher from 62 years ago," said Lions Gate Chief Operating Officer Meredith Becker, who helped set up the meeting.

As the two shared tea and pastries, Waxman told Glassberg that she was the reason she went on to become a teacher, teaching elementary school in North Philadelphia and setting up the library at Kenderton School.

"My good teachers were the ones who influenced me to teach," Waxman said.

Despite Waxman's love for English and grammar today, she was not always a star student, despite English being her favorite subject. She sat toward the back of Glassberg's classroom, where Glassberg would visit to ensure all of her students were paying attention.

"I'm glad she came to the back of the class because I was invariably talking to my neighbor," Waxman said.

On Waxman's report card, which she brought to the reunion, she was given a mark from one to three for behavior, with three being the most disruptive. The talkative pupil was consistently given a three.

"Until the very end, and then she gave me a two," Waxman said.

Glassberg was a no-nonsense teacher; she made up for her short stature by standing upon or sitting on the edge of desks. Her love of literature ran deep, and she believed that college students shouldn't be the only ones reading the classics. Glassberg taught the Shakespearean standards: "As You Like It," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Macbeth" and "Hamlet."

But Glassberg's rigidity came from a place of love for education. The child of Eastern European Jewish immigrants, Glassberg was raised with the value of education.

"My mother used to send us off to school every day saying, 'You're so lucky to be able to go to school,'" Glassberg said. "That, I remember."

With little money, the family was evicted from its North Philadelphia home when Glassberg was a child. They relocated to West Philadelphia, where Glassberg graduated from Overbrook High School.

When her older brother graduated from Central High School in 1937, he earned a scholarship to attend college, but the principal took away the scholarship, saying that because the family was on welfare, the young high school graduate was not destined for college.

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Though Glassberg recalls little antisemitism growing up, with only a few students from nearby parochial schools shouting the occasional slur on her commute to high school, she remembers a university student proclaiming that because of her strong Christian faith, she could not be friends with a Jewish student.

After receiving her bachelor's degree,

Glassberg went on to get her master's at Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English. After 11 years of teaching at Germantown High School, she taught English at Glassboro State Teachers College, which later became Rowan University. She earned her doctorate at Temple University in 1972, becoming a full professor a year later.

Though Glassberg taught hundreds of students over her career, her influence is reflected in Waxman, whose love for English is exemplified in the dozens of books she keeps in her home, with stacks nearly touching the ceiling.

"I look up to Rose," Waxman said. "I wish I could teach like she did." **JE**

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- Shalom Cuker, 2021-2022 Diller Teen Fellow



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Rebecca Bar



HEATHER ROSS | STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Bar was born in Milwaukee, but her mission has taken her across the country and abroad.

Bar, 40, moved to Philadelphia with her family right before starting high school. She spent her freshman year of college at Syracuse University before returning to Philadelphia to finish at the University of Pennsylvania. Bar spent a year in Israel and worked with the American Jewish Committee when she again returned to Philadelphia.

Bar lived at the Moishe House for four years while working at AJC, then worked with the Moishe House for another four years, holding regional and national positions. After that, she became the vice president of community partnerships for Honeymoon Israel, where she managed its city directors, focused on alumni initiatives and coordinated with national partnerships to help young committed couples experience Israel with other young couples to build a community.

In 2020, Bar, who has worked in the Jewish community for her entire professional career, took on her next challenge as executive director of Nazun, a student leadership organization that aims to alleviate food insecurity for college students. The organization was founded in 2004 at Scripps College in California by Eli Winkelman as Challah for Hunger. Last year, the organization rebranded itself, changing its name to Nazun (which means “we will nourish” in Hebrew) as a result of feedback from the organization’s student members.

Nazun’s headquarters have been in Philadelphia since 2014.

For Bar, her work at Nazun ties directly to her Jewish identity.

they don’t know where their next meal is coming from or don’t have access to nutritious meal options,” Bar said, citing a statistic that came from a 2019 survey conducted by Temple University’s Hope Center for College, Community and Justice. “No student should have to choose between food and their education. We know that there are so many challenges in college with getting an education and then to have food or access to nutritious food be a barrier to success? I just don’t think anybody should go through that.”

Bar’s next plans with Nazun involve meeting more of the community to witness the impact of its work firsthand and to continue to grow the organization.

It’s really special to me to give back to the Jewish community and to represent the Jewish community in the broader world.

“It’s really special to me to give back to the Jewish community and to represent the Jewish community in the broader world. Living on Jewish time and living out Jewish values in my work is very meaningful to me,” she said.

Even in the face of the pandemic, Bar held tight at Nazun; the organization didn’t lose a chapter — instead growing to include five more.

“I started in January of 2020; I had worked at Nazun for exactly 50 days before we sent everyone home for the pandemic,” Bar said.

Nazun pivoted to selling challah bake kits and hosting bake sessions on Zoom to continue selling challah to fund its philanthropic efforts.

So far, Nazun has donated more than \$2 million from challah sales. Each chapter gives 50% of its profits to local philanthropic efforts and 50% to Nazun’s national partner, Swipe Out Hunger.

According to Bar, they still have a long way to go.

“Thirty-nine percent of four-year students are food insecure. That means

“While we have chapters on 65 college campuses, we also have 13 community sites around the country, and we’re always open to new chapters and initiatives,” Bar said.

Bar’s work at Nazun resonates with the Jewish values she strives to portray in her everyday life.

“Judaism has really strong values around not putting stumbling blocks in front of the blind or embarrassing anyone when they are in need — the value of repairing the world and leaving it a better place than you found it. These values play out in my work,” Bar said.

Even though her career keeps her on her toes, Bar does it all with the support of her husband, Matthew, and their two young sons.

To refresh, she bakes challah (of course), takes walks with her family, works out and entertains friends.

Bar swears by Nazun’s challah recipe, which can be found on its website at nazun.org. The recipe can be modified to be vegan. [JE](#)

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Pelosi to Taiwan. Why?

When House Speaker Nancy Pelosi flew into Taiwan on Aug. 2, she became the highest ranking American official to visit the self-ruled island in 25 years. Her visit also lit the fuse on a weeks-long growing powder keg of an international confrontation with China that was entirely unnecessary.

And now, in the wake of her visit, the world watches apprehensively as China plays out its displeasure through a series of military taunts and confrontational declarations that can lead to no good.

China claims Taiwan as part of its territory and has been trying for years to isolate the island. The Chinese Communist Party claims that the self-governing democracy of Taiwan, which is home to 23 million people, is part of China. That is clearly wishful thinking, since Taiwan's rule by Beijing in the last 125 years has been brief and weak. But China's intentions are well known, and the island, slightly larger than Maryland, bristles under China's domineering presence and threat.

Pelosi knew all of this when she planned her visit. And she knew that

the mere announcement of her plans would escalate tensions between the United States and China. Taiwan has long been a hot-button international relations issue, and it's no secret that the United States supports an independent Taiwan. So there was nothing new in Pelosi's triumphant declaration of American solidarity with Taiwan when she arrived. But why now? And why go through all of this in the face of clear reservations about the wisdom of the trip from President Joe Biden and his National Security Council?

Pelosi was also aware of the complex issues faced by the United States in its continuing efforts to deal with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Those include efforts to keep China from actively providing military and economic support for Russia as the U.S. helps orchestrate the Western response to Russia's aggression. And, of course, there are multiple other concerns regarding things China could do to disrupt world order, if provoked.

Biden talked to China's President Xi Jinping last week and, in a clear reference to perceived U.S. interference



with Taiwan, Biden was told, "Whoever plays with fire will get burnt."

On Aug. 4, China's ambassador to the U.S. was summoned to the White House to receive a formal protest over Beijing's aggressive actions against Taiwan. That evening, China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, walked out of a dinner at a diplomatic forum in Cambodia following criticism by the U.S. and other countries over China's military exercises. Then on Aug. 5, China's Foreign Ministry said that it would suspend talks with the U.S. on issues including climate change, mil-

itary relations and anti-drug efforts.

U.S. allies have released statements condemning China's military moves in response to Pelosi's visit, but none has sought to defend the wisdom of her trip. In commenting upon the folly of the Speaker's trip to Taiwan, a Washington Post editorial observed that "successful foreign policy combines high principle with smart, timely execution. [Pelosi's visit] demonstrated the former — but not the latter." We hope the miscalculation by Pelosi will not have lasting, negative implications. **JE**

Israel Continues Cultivation of Regional Interests

Israel's brief air campaign against Islamic Jihad in Gaza, called Operation "Alot Hashacher" (Breaking Dawn) in Hebrew, ended in a ceasefire brokered by Egypt. By now, the outbursts of violence along the Gaza border are nearly routine. This event lasted three days. We hope the ceasefire holds.

But even as Israel reacts to terror threats and focuses on safety and security concerns, its government continues efforts to establish a mutually beneficial coexistence with neighbors with whom it has a longstanding cold peace or no peace at all. The impetus for some of the efforts may come from the success of the Abraham Accords, or not. It doesn't really matter. What does matter is that we are seeing evi-

dence of increasing improvement in relations with Israel's near neighbors. And that's good news.

In a recent meeting in Amman between Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Jordan's King Abdullah II, the leaders discussed a number of joint ventures, including in desalination, energy, food security, transportation and tourism. Significantly, the Jordanian statement on the meeting mentioned a discussion of the Palestinians and the two-state solution. The Israeli statement did not.

Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty in 1994. The temperature of that peace has been largely driven by the state of Israeli-Palestinian relations. A majority of Jordan's 10 million people are Palestinian. Any warming of rela-

tions between Israel and Jordan, even by baby steps, helps efforts toward a broader Mideast peace.

There is also cause for optimism in the negotiations with Israel's northern neighbor, Lebanon, over their maritime border dispute. The United States is pushing both countries, which are technically at war, to resolve their boundary dispute relating to offshore gas fields. Reports indicate that those talks have made significant progress. While an agreement will not likely lead to an embrace between Israel and the Shiite militant group Hezbollah — the country's largest power center and a vassal of its sponsors in Iran — the fact that any agreement could be reached between the parties is significant.

But we aren't fooling ourselves. The impending agreement with Lebanon is not a peace agreement. It is a business agreement designed to address the dispute concerning a potentially gas-rich 330-square-mile area of the Mediterranean Sea where a major Israeli gas project is set to come online this fall.

We are encouraged by these developments, just as we are encouraged by Israel's closer ties with Egypt, improved relations with Turkey, recognition of Israel by the Kingdom of Bhutan and other international outreach by the Jewish state. All of this adds up to an Israel that is more secure and more fully integrated into the world community. And that is a good thing. **JE**



How to Repair Israel's Relationship With the Younger Generation

BY DAN SCHNUR

When I wrote last week about alarming poll results that show a continuing drop in support for Israel among Democrats and young people, I promised to follow it up with ideas on how to confront this growing problem.

Recent polling showed that majorities of these two groups now hold unfavorable opinions towards Israel, and the numbers are steadily worsening.

Several advocacy organizations, led by AIPAC's new super PAC, the Democratic Majority for Israel, the Jewish Democratic Council of America, the Zioness Coalition and the Urban Empowerment Action PAC, have been waging a highly effective fight against the growing antipathy toward Israel among progressive voters. They deserve immense credit for their work. But the fact that so much time, energy and money must be expended to persuade Democratic voters to support a Jewish state should be taken as a warning sign rather than a cause for celebration.

As I've written before, the antisemitism that emanates from the extreme right is just as pernicious as the anti-Zionism infecting the far-left. But the Democratic Party has been the historic home of the majority of American Jews, so the loss of support among young people and liberals requires a more serious response than simply changing the subject to nationalistic ultra-conservatism. We will never win over the blood-and-soil bigots and racists — nor should we try. But bringing back the young and the left-leaning is a necessary goal to pursue.

First, we must recognize that we do not see ourselves the way most others do. By definition, progressives are invested in helping the dispossessed overcome adversity. After several millennia of oppression, most Jews see ourselves and the Jewish state as having earned that underdog status. But our academic, economic and political successes mean we are now regarded by many of our detractors not as the oppressed but as the oppressors.

We think of ourselves as David. They see us as Goliath. Until we begin to rebuild our relationship with other underrepresented communities, and help them better understand our history — as we make a better effort to learn about theirs — that fundamental misperception will prevent the political left from being comfortable with Jews or Israel.

The challenge is particularly acute in minority communities, as the once-vital relationship

between Jewish and Black advocates has largely withered and nascent connections with other groups have yet to fully take root. But we should be just as concerned with the precipitous drop in support for Israel among young voters as they move into more influential positions of civic and political leadership.

Especially worrisome are the markedly less favorable feelings that young American Jews have for Israel. Millennial and Generation Z Jews

It's not difficult to see how younger Jews have developed such different feelings about Israel than previous generations.

tend to be much more ambivalent about Israel than their parents and grandparents, which will make it much harder to shift opinions among voters of their age groups in the years ahead.

It's not difficult to see how younger Jews have developed such different feelings about Israel than previous generations. Their attitudes were shaped not by independence or the Yom Kippur War, but by more recent news from the Middle East that is overwhelmingly focused on settlements in Judea and Samaria and wars in Gaza.

But us older Jews still assume that these young people will think like we do even while growing up in a dramatically different information environment. Because Middle Eastern politics can be so divisive, many Jewish institutions have stepped back from the difficult but necessary challenge of teaching our young people about the challenges and successes of modern-day Israel.

So Jewish students read about biblical Israel but much less about the modern-day country. They learn about Abraham and Moses, and maybe occasionally Ben-Gurion and Meir, but certainly not Lapid and Netanyahu. The resulting information vacuum is then filled by other, less sympathetic sources.

These conversations can be controversial and sometimes unpleasant. But we must be willing to have these conversations — both within and out-

side the Jewish community. But rather than keeping our next generation of young leaders safe from uncomfortable debate, perhaps it would be better to prepare them for the future challenges they will inevitably face. **JE**

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Rightward Lean Disturbing

I was horrified by multiple opinion pieces in the Aug. 4 paper.

First, an unsigned editorial addressed AIPAC's investment in the MD-4 primary ("Realpolitik in the MD-4 Primary") but ignored AIPAC's other involvements in this year's elections. In the MI-11 primary, AIPAC attacked Jewish Rep. Andy Levin as anti-Israel because of his support for a two-state solution. In addition, AIPAC has endorsed multiple Republicans who voted on Jan. 6 to overturn the results of the 2020 election, including several who were part of the insurrection.

Next, Yishai Fleisher's column ("Ben Shapiro and Binary 'Aliyah'") referred to Shapiro as a thoughtful individual, ignoring his history of racism and sexism and his support for the Jan. 6 insurrectionists.

Finally, Jonathan Tobin rightly condemned Doug Mastriano for failing to quickly and completely disavow Gab and Andrew Torba ("Mastriano Shows How Not to Defuse an Antisemitism Controversy"). But Tobin used the column to bash Democrats and the left for insisting that racism, sexism, homophobia and xenophobia have no place in America. He fails to discuss that Mastriano is a Christian nationalist whose goal is to replace democracy in Pennsylvania with Christian theocracy.

Overall, this set of columns give the impression that the Exponent leans far right and is unaware that most Jewish Americans lean left. Very disappointing. **JE**

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Antisemitism: Back to Square One?

BY BEN COHEN

Monitoring and analyzing contemporary antisemitism, which I do rather frequently, is most of the time a frustrating experience, but no more so than now.

For all the ink that has been spilled in elucidating the resurgence of Jew-hatred in the last 20 years in myriad different countries and contexts, it's tempting to conclude that the Jewish community has made no progress at all in explaining how to even identify antisemitism, let alone combat it.

Some readers might say that I'm exaggerating our predicament; after all, an entire transnational infrastructure has been created to counter the problem. In the United States, we have a State Department position at the ambassadorial level dedicated to combating antisemitism, while governments in Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom have created similar positions in those countries.

Whereas 20 years ago, elected politicians barely gave a thought to antisemitism, now hardly a week goes by without a condemnation from a parliamentarian or a cabinet minister. "There is no vaccine for antisemitism and xenophobia," observed the U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres in January 2021, in comments on the antisemitic conspiracy theories that raged at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. "But our best weapon remains the truth."

Yet seemingly intelligent, rational and considered people are finding it supremely difficult to grasp the most basic aspects of that truth. Nearly 80 years after the Holocaust, with countless movies, documentaries and books on the market and Holocaust memorial museums springing up in provincial towns as well as big cities, one might think that caricatures of Jews with hooked noses and sleazy facial expressions, or comments about the "Jews" owning and controlling a particular activity or sector, would be rapidly and unproblematically identified as antisemitic.

Nope.

Sadly, there are plenty of examples with which to illustrate my point, so I will pick two of the most recent ones. First, in Germany, the city of Kassel is currently hosting the 15th edition of the prestigious Documenta festival of modern art; this year's theme is the "Global South" and its curator is an artistic collective from Indonesia called ruangrupa. During the build-up to the festival in the first six months of this year, there was significant concern over ruangrupa's endorsement of the

anti-Zionist BDS campaign that seeks to quarantine Israel from the international community.

But once the festival opened, those concerns soon gave way to the much starker realization that Nazi-style antisemitism was on display. A large mural that was mounted in the center of Kassel, titled "People's Justice," depicted a rogues gallery of characters ostensibly associated with the Suharto dictatorship in Indonesia, among them an Orthodox Jew with a hooked nose and a fedora hat embossed with the letters "SS," and an Israeli soldier with the face of a pig and a helmet marked with the word "Mossad." About two weeks after the scandal over the mural, a visitor to the exhibition discovered similarly antisemitic caricatures in a brochure celebrating the solidarity with the Palestinians among women in Algeria.

Subtle? About as subtle as my second example, which involves Miloon Kothari, a member of the insultingly named U.N. "Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel," who opined in a late July interview with a viscerally anti-Zionist website that negative reaction on social media to the commission was the result of the ownership and control of social-media platforms by the "Jewish lobby."

Just as the mural on display in Germany didn't take the extra step of coding its antisemitism, neither did Kothari waste time with euphemisms like "Zionists" or "powerful pro-Israel interests" in making a point about Jews. And just as the management team behind Documenta agonized theatrically about how to acknowledge the hurt and fury of Germany's Jewish community without alienating their Indonesian colleagues, resulting in apologies so qualified that they weren't really apologies, Kothari's own somewhat pompous expressions of regret last week can be judged in similar fashion.

Asked about the mural, Sabine Schormann — the director of the Documenta festival who shortly after resigned under the weight of the scandal — recognized its offensiveness to Jews but pleaded for understanding for its creators, who felt that they "were under general suspicion and defamed and sometimes threatened, because of their origin, their skin color, their religion or their sexual orientation." Kothari, meanwhile, penned a lengthy letter to the chair of the U.N. Human Rights Council in which he expressed regret for his choice of words without ever recognizing that these words were antisemitic. They were "incorrect, inappropriate and insensitive," he said, but

the really meaningful step — identifying these words as a faithful representation of the age-old antisemitic trope of "Jewish power" — was never taken. For Documenta and Kothari alike, recognition that both were trading in unvarnished, dangerous antisemitic stereotypes remained elusive.

Yes, of course, there has been widespread condemnation of both Documenta and Kothari, much of it from non-Jews. But as welcome as that chorus is, it doesn't change the fact that the Documenta festival is still exhibiting, and that no one has been charged with antisemitic incitement under Germany's stringent laws, while the U.N. commission remains in operation despite numerous calls for it to be shut down. All that has changed is that these days, condemnation of antisemitism is more widespread and more frequent — but then again, there are plenty of incidents out there to condemn.

If we can't create a watertight consensus around the fact that caricatures of Jews with hooked noses are not just antisemitic, but impregnated with the potential for the violence of the Nazi era, or that casual references to the "Jewish lobby" revive those same tendencies, then we are never going to be successful when it comes to the more coded expressions of antisemitism. Jewish educators, unfortunately, now need to focus on drawing out the intimate links between the antisemitic caricatures of the last century and those in this one. We can no longer assume that basic knowledge of the Holocaust plays an immunizing role, especially as the Nazi extermination program fades further and further into history.

Just as the fight against racism starts with identifying and isolating its ugliest and most dishonest claims (Black men as "natural" sexual predators, Roma and Sinti gypsies as "natural" thieves and so forth) so it is with antisemitism (Jews as "natural" exploiters who cynically damage other people's interests as they pursue their own). As hard as it is to admit, we still need basic education about how to identify and correctly respond to the transparent, uncomplicated antisemitism seen at the Documenta exhibition and in Miloon Kothari's comments. Until we pull that basic task off, all the ambassadors and envoys and members of parliament lining up to condemn antisemitism are in danger of being written off as just so much window dressing. **JE**

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Israel Foiled Islamic Jihad's Effort to Impose a New Equation

BY TAMIR HAYMAN

Within a span of 48 hours, Israel wiped out Palestinian Islamic Jihad's entire senior military command in Gaza.

On Aug. 6, the Israel Defense Forces killed Khaled Mansour, the PIJ's southern division commander, in a pinpoint strike, following the opening salvo of "Operation Breaking Dawn" a day earlier that eliminated Tayseer Jabari, the group's northern division commander. Other field commanders and terrorist cells were also eliminated.

As head of the IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate, I became familiar with these two bloodthirsty terrorists, who planned murderous attacks against Israelis. The world is truly a better place now that they are gone. In many ways, Mansour's removal is even more significant than Jabari's, as he was one of the organization's most important and senior commanders. Over the course of his terrorist career, he helped spearhead PIJ's rocket capabilities, was responsible for its operations and was the dominant figure behind the attack that was planned along the Gaza border in recent days.

The ability to amplify pressure and to take the enemy by surprise every day, even when he knows you're coming, is the key to building deterrence. Beyond the impressive tactical accomplishment, it is worth examining the broader aspects of the operation. First, however, we must keep things in tight perspective — this was a limited operation against a relatively weak organization, likely the weakest among our enemies. The operation was not intended to fundamentally change the reality in Gaza, which will continue to pose a challenge in the future.

The recent series of events began when PIJ responded to the arrest of a senior member in Jenin by preparing to fire anti-tank missiles at Israelis in Gaza-area communities. The initial and necessary Israeli response of imposing limits on civilian transportation in the area encouraged PIJ to up its demands to the point of establishing a new equation, whereby the IDF's activities in Judea and Samaria would lead to a response from Gaza.

This sin of arrogance is what led to the offensive against PIJ, because such an equation is intolerable from Israel's point of view. It appears that Israel's objectives in "Operation Breaking

Dawn" were to foil the planned attack, prevent the establishment of an equation linking Judea and Samaria to Gaza and enhance deterrence against PIJ. Aside from the first goal — which was clearly achieved by ravaging PIJ's chain of command, anti-tank units and other military targets — the success of the other two will be judged in the future. In light of the severe blow suffered by PIJ, it's safe to assume they were achieved.

The coming days will test the preservation of Israel's accomplishments. We must bear in mind as well that nothing is over until it's over. One mistake, either on defense or offense, is enough to tip the balance. This was ample reason from the perspective of Israel's decision-makers to conclude the operation as quickly as possible.

Either way, the Israeli public must now manage its expectations: The Gaza problem isn't going anywhere and will continue being a thorn in our side for years to come. Nothing that happened here over the past few days brings us any closer to a strategic resolution on this front. **JE**

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This Time, It's Different

BY JEROME M. MARCUS

The Jews, in general, and this Jew, in particular, have complained for years about how poorly Israel has explained itself to the world. It's a privilege to be able to recognize good work on this front by the Israel Defense Forces now that it's been done.

In almost all of its previous military confrontations with its neighbors, Israel has been attacked by wild lies, to which it has responded by saying that the libelous accusation is under investigation. After the lie had made its way around the world alone for weeks, a report would be issued by the IDF proving to any objective mind that the lie was a lie. But by then, it was far too late. The lie had embedded itself in the world's "narrative," and the truth was completely irrelevant.

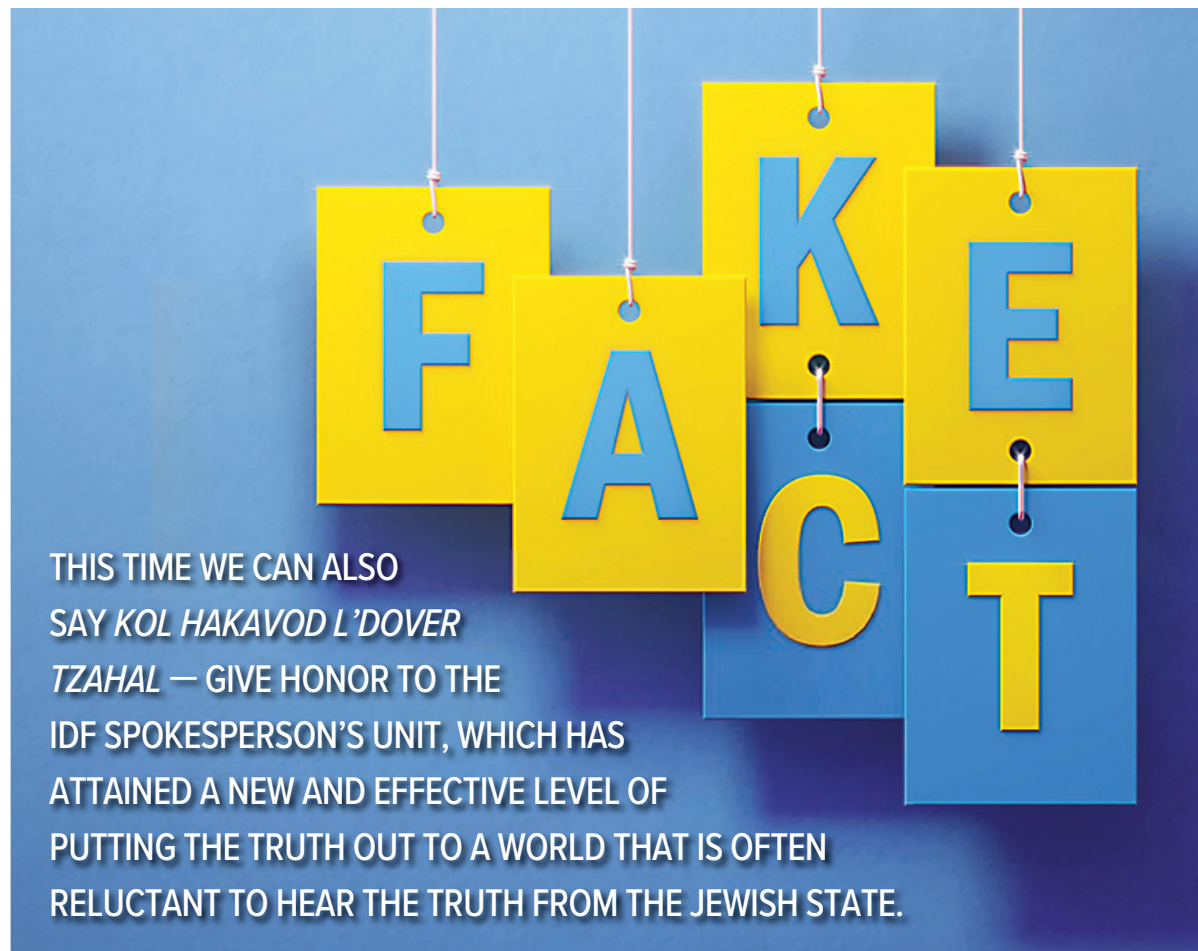
So it was with the "massacre" in Jenin that never happened. So it was with the staged films about Mohammad Al-dura. So it was with any number of attacks on ammunition dumps, rocket launchers and snipers lodged in Gaza's schools, mosques and homes. The world heard about the attacks on these buildings, and it condemned the attacks and the Jewish state for committing them.

Then, weeks later, if you were paying close attention and reading Jewish or Israeli news sources, you might learn what actually happened — that the schoolyard was being used as a rocket-launch pad; that the mosque was filled with explosives; that the apartment building window was the location of a sniper or a Hamas command-and-control operation.

But this time is different. In "Operation Breaking Dawn," which has now concluded, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit is clearly out front. It has been releasing, within a few hours of the events, footage showing exactly what Israel is doing. As important, the footage shows what Israel is not doing; it is showing the many attacks called off because of the nearby presence of non-combatants.

It has been Israel's policy and practice for many years to abort attacks that unnecessarily endanger civilians, as Israel has patiently explained to anyone who cares to listen. But in the past, Israel hasn't revealed to the world the evidence showing this degree of care in action actually being applied in real-time. Now Israel is publishing that proof and doing so very quickly, like on the day of the attack, often within a few hours.

IDF news releases are also showing the errant missiles launched by Palestinian Islamic Jihad — errant, that is, because they killed Arabs instead of the Jewish civilians at whom they were aimed.



It is showing the 20% of PIJ's missiles that land within Gaza, killing the very people the terror group pretends to be fighting for.

The result is a slew of news stories not published in the same old way, libelously attacking the Jewish state. The New York Times has maintained its standard policy of publishing articles only about Israeli military action, with no mention of the hundreds of missiles PIJ is launching at Jewish civilians that explain that action. But even in the Times, the articles contain timely explanations from the IDF of what's being attacked and why.

This relative evenhandedness is not a function of any change by the Times in its political views — it just appointed a fervent Israel-hater as the new editor of its Sunday opinion page — or because politics has somehow been disentangled from the "news" section of that once great newspaper.

The reason the stories are more evenhanded is that it's harder to write completely one-sided articles if the truth is out there for all to see. And now it is.

So, for example (though you would never learn about it from the Times), there is this series of

clips showing four attempts to assassinate Khaled Mansour, the Islamic Jihad leader killed on Aug. 6. In the first three attempts, the attacks are called off because children are nearby. By 11 p.m., the children had stopped kicking a soccer ball in the nearby courtyard. All was safe for an attack that killed no one but the terrorist. And it's all there to watch from the comfort of your laptop or phone.

When Israel's ground operations end — and its sons and husbands come back across Israel's borders after yet again defeating those who would destroy the Jewish state and kill all of the Jews who live there — the bumper stickers and billboards in that country say *Kol HaKavod l'Tzahal*, give honor to the Israeli army, which has yet again protected Israel's citizens from their would-be murderers.

This time we can also say *Kol HaKavod l'Dover Tzahal* — give honor to the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, which has attained a new and effective level of putting the truth out to a world that is often reluctant to hear the truth from the Jewish state. **JE**

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Citing Stolen Antiquities Scandal, Michael Steinhardt Resigns From NYU Board of Trustees

After 27 years in leadership roles at New York University, Michael Steinhardt, the Wall Street businessman and megadonor to Jewish causes accused of trafficking in stolen antiquities and sexual harassment, has stepped down from the university's board of trustees, JTA reported.

"I regret that my antiquities collecting has impacted the university and distracted from the important work of the faculty and global community," Steinhardt wrote in a letter to the board. "As a result, I have decided to step down as a Life Trustee."

His wife, Judy Steinhardt, remains listed as a life trustee, which is a non-voting member of the board governing the university, and NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development continues to carry the family name.

In a deal to avoid prosecution, Steinhardt agreed to surrender \$70 million worth of ancient artifacts that were looted from 11 countries, including Israel. Steinhardt has not admitted to any wrongdoing and his lawyers have suggested he was fooled into buying the stolen relics.

Spanish Town Previously Named Fort Kill the Jews Vandalized Again With Antisemitic Graffiti

A tiny village in northern Spain that from 1627 until 2015 was named Fort Kill the Jews was hit with antisemitic graffiti on Aug. 3, and its mayor said he believes neo-Nazi groups carried out the vandalism because they had heard a Jewish family was moving back into the town, JTA reported.

As reported by the El País daily, the family will soon join another Jewish one that moved to the town earlier this year — the first to do so since medieval times.

Originally named Castrillo Motajudíos, or Jew's Hill Fort, in 1035 when Jews fleeing from a neighboring pogrom settled there, the town was renamed Castrillo Matajudíos — Fort Kill The Jews — in 1627, during a period of extreme religious persecution carried out by the Inquisition.

Vandals spray painted the word Auschwitz, the name of the infamous former Nazi camp, onto one of the village's signs with its restored current name. They also wrote the Fort Kill the Jews name onto a signpost that leads into the town.

Canada Says Jews Were Most-Targeted Religious Minority for Hate Crimes Last Year

Canada's 380,000 Jews were the most targeted religious minority for hate crimes reported to police in 2021, the country's official numbers keeper reported, according to JTA.

Statistics Canada said that the Jewish community, comprising about 1% of the population, were victims of 14% of reported hate crimes. Jews saw a 47% rise in reported hate crimes compared to 2020, according to the bureau.

Only Black Canadians, who make up about 3.5% of the country's population, reported more hate crimes. Overall, 1.3 Canadian Jews in every 1,000 reported being victims of hate crime in 2021.

"Statistically, Canadian Jews were more than 10 times more likely than any other Canadian religious minority to report being the target of hate crime," said Shimon Koffler Fogel, head of the Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs. "This is alarming."

World-Class Tennis Returns to Israel After 26 Years

The Association of Tennis Professionals announced its new tournament in the ATP 250 category: the Tel Aviv Watergen Open 2022, featuring some of the world's top-20 ranked male pro players, jns.org reported.

More than 26 years after Israel last hosted a major tennis competition, the tourney will begin at Expo Tel Aviv on Sept. 25. Singles and doubles finals are scheduled for Oct. 2, with players vying for nearly \$1.2 million in prize money.

The top-tier ATP 250 tournament is coming to Israel because of a joint effort by the Israel Tennis Association and water-from-air technology company Watergen, the competition's sponsor. **JE**

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AIPAC'S HUGE INVESTMENT IN PRIMARY CAMPAIGNS IS PAYING OFF

AIPAC believes it's getting bang for its buck. Big time.

As of last month, the United Democracy Project, one of the two political action committees AIPAC established last December, is the biggest-spending nonpartisan political committee and the second-largest overall this cycle, dispensing more than \$26 million on its favored candidates.

The results: Out of nine candidates backed by UDP, a super PAC allowed to spend unconditionally as long as it does not coordinate with a campaign, seven have won their primaries and two have lost.

Meanwhile, an affiliated conventional PAC — the AIPAC PAC — raised close to \$12 million by the end of June, and of the 212 of its candidates that have faced primaries to date, 207 have won.

"It has become crystal clear that being anti-Israel will have a negative effect on a candidacy," Patrick Dorton, a spokesman for UDP, the super PAC, said.

The two PACs "have already had a significant impact, and they have helped to underscore that it is both good policy and good politics to support the U.S.-Israel relationship," said Marshall Wittmann, a spokesman for AIPAC and its AIPAC PAC.

Message sent. But the outsized spending has the potential to roil a number of longstanding orthodoxies, not just about pro-Israel politics, but elections in general.

Spending by UDP has made Israel, an issue few

BUT AT WHAT PRICE DOWN THE ROAD?

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Americans are invested in, a front and center electoral issue in major races. AIPAC hopes to once again narrow a definition of pro-Israel that liberal groups like J Street have succeeded in expanding in the last 15 years. And, with UDP's focus only on Democratic primaries, the super PAC appears to be proving that a single-issue group is capable of shaping a party to its preferred contours.

The spending has bewildered political veterans and thrust Israel issues into the fore in places and races where there would likely otherwise be little interest.

"Never in Detroit ever have I seen it," Jonathan Kinloch, who chairs the Democratic Party in Michigan's 13th District, one of two in the state where UDP has spent millions on primaries, told The Detroit News. "I've been involved since the early 1980s as a teenager. I've never seen in Detroit a congressional race having this kind of outside money."

In May, The Assembly, a North Carolina magazine,

headlined its deep dive into UDP's spending in its state "Buying a Blue Seat."

Until a year ago, the pro-Israel powerhouse was at pains to explain that it was not, in fact, a PAC. The PAC in its name stood for Public Affairs Committee, and AIPAC did not involve itself directly in elections.

AIPAC's annual policy conferences were at pains to present as welcoming one and all — roll calls at the massive Monday night dinner named congressional guests that included critics of Israel. Lay leaders sternly reminded activists never to boo anyone who had crossed the lobby, and to always make their case without rancor. The lobby was about suasion, and not alienation, at least ostensibly.

Behind the scenes, AIPAC could be ruthless, burying legislative initiatives that were even moderately critical of Israel. And while AIPAC did not directly involve itself in elections, it encouraged its donors to do so. There were big givers to both parties who were unmistakably identified with the lobby, among them Haim Saban, the Israeli American entertainment mogul who backs Democrats, and Sheldon Adelson, the late casino billionaire and GOP giver who had a close relationship with AIPAC until a split in 2007.

Still, maintaining at least a superficial distance from partisan attacks served AIPAC well for decades. But Dorton explained that the shifting political landscape necessitated a direct entry into the fray.

For one thing, political winds change much faster than in the past, and relying on others to shift donor attention to an election AIPAC deemed critical was not cutting it anymore. UDP made AIPAC more nimble, Dorton said.

"There are short windows in these races, and it's important to get a message out, and in a matter of weeks," he said.

Another factor is the growing influence of an Israel-critical wing among progressives in the Democratic Party. A small but vocal number of left-wing Democrats in Congress briefly held up a vote on defense assistance for Israel last year after the country's conflict with Hamas in Gaza, a public display that once would have been unthinkable after scenes of Israelis running for shelter. Insiders say progressives are slow-walking approval for defense expenditures through Congress and subjecting the demands to increased scrutiny.

Keeping Democrats on board with AIPAC's agenda is critical to its bipartisan ethos, Dorton stressed.

"There was rising concern in the pro-Israel community about candidates for Congress who held radical anti-Israel views," Dorton said. "What we're trying to do is build the broadest bipartisan pro-Israel coalition in Congress possible."

AIPAC didn't target prominent Israel critic Michigan Rep. Rashida Tlaib, left, but it spent heavily to defeat Donna Edwards in Maryland.





Wittmann, the AIPAC PAC spokesman, said the PACs helped foster clarity. “The PACs have highlighted who are the pro-Israel candidates and who are detractors of Israel.”

J Street, a liberal Jewish Middle East policy group launched in 2008 as a counterweight to AIPAC to create space for what it describes as policies that are pro-Israel while at times critical of its government, says that while the short-term results may validate AIPAC’s gambit and keep Democrats in line, long term it will have lasting damage.

Logan Bayroff, the group’s vice president of communications, said the heavy-handed spending would alienate Democrats and Americans who will identify AIPAC and the pro-Israel community with bullying.

“Somehow, they expect at the end of the day that all this is going to somehow strengthen support for Israel,” Bayroff said. “I think this is an admission that they can’t win on the merits.”

In some cases, the spending has alienated local politicians who resent out-of-state bigfooting. In North Carolina, Marcia Morey, an influential state representative who otherwise does not have a record on Israel, withdrew her support for Valerie Foushee, a congressional candidate, because of what she called “massive out-of-state donations” from AIPAC’s allied PACs on Foushee’s behalf.

Dorton said the spread of anti-Israel sentiment necessitated the bolder approach.

“The reality is that those radical anti-Israel views have seeped over the last several years into politics in a way that threatens the historic and bipartisan support for Israel in Congress,” he said. “We feel it’s necessary to highlight the contrasts between candidates. These are important races.”

Some of the candidates UDP has opposed have not been pronouncedly critical of Israel. In a Texas race in which UDP backed incumbent Henry Cuellar, his challenger, Jessica Cisneros, has little to no record on the issue, and foreign policy didn’t feature on her campaign website, though she had been endorsed by J Street this year and in 2020, when she came close to unseating Cuellar, who opposes abortion rights and gun control measures. Cuellar edged out Cisneros last month.

In other cases, UDP is not targeting some of the most prominent Israel critics in the House,

such as Ilhan Omar and Betty McCollum of Minnesota and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan.

Dorton said the PAC’s decisions were strategic: It’s hard to oust incumbents, and it was more important to keep anti-Israel primary candidates from gaining incumbency.

“Part of it is evaluating a viable pro-Israel candidate versus a potential anti-Israel ‘Squad’ type,” he said, referring to Tlaib and the small group of other progressive Democrats who push for forceful U.S. pressure on Israel, including withholding aid.

Mark Mellman, the president of the Democratic Majority for Israel PAC, which like the AIPAC-affiliated PACs has also promoted traditionally pro-Israel candidates, said there was no reason to throw good money away.

“We want to be in races where we can make a difference,” said Mellman, whose group has spent over \$6 million on primary races and has so far scored 35 wins and six losses. “There are some races where somebody’s going to win, somebody’s going to lose, and there’s nothing you can do about it.”

J Street’s Bayroff said he perceived the aim of the AIPAC-affiliated PACs as narrowing pro-Israel discourse to the uncritical dimensions that flourished prior to the rise of J Street. He noted that UDP was spending millions in a Michigan race pitting two Democratic incumbents against one another because of redistricting. Pro-AIPAC groups backed Rep. Haley Stevens and opposed the J Street-endorsed candidate, Rep. Andy Levin, a scion of a Jewish political family who is an outspoken promoter of U.S. involvement in nudging Israel and the Palestinians toward a two-state outcome. Levin lost the primary.

“They’re making this an extra-polarizing issue,” Bayroff said. “They seem eager to try to make this a divide.”

David Victor, a past AIPAC president who lives in the Detroit area, said earlier this year in an email that was leaked to Levin backers that Levin’s credentials

are what makes him dangerous; his ostensible moderation gives cover to radicals like Tlaib, he said.

“Andy sincerely claims to be a lifelong Zionist, proud Jew and defender of Israel,” Victor said in the email. “So when Andy Levin insists he’s pro-Israel, less engaged Democratic colleagues may take him at his word.”

AIPAC, now that its affiliated PACs are in the race, is also susceptible to perceptions about its associations.

A number of Democrats have attacked the PACs for taking money from Republicans, and in the case of AIPAC PAC, for endorsing dozens of Republicans

who voted not to certify Joe Biden’s election as president even after former President Donald Trump spurred a deadly insurrection at the Capitol. In a Michigan race, one of UDP’s donors is a Republican industrialist, Edward Levy, who is funneling money through UDP to Adam Hollier, a state senator who backs an initiative that would open up a gravel mining oppor-

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tunity for Levy.

Bayroff said the net effect was that AIPAC appeared to be backing insurrectionists while taking on progressives. J Street’s president, Jeremy Ben Ami, has said the perception is that AIPAC is doing battle with people of color.

Dorton ridiculed the notion, noting that UDP had backed progressives and that most of the candidates AIPAC endorses were people of color. He said the mix of Republicans and Democrats showed unity of purpose.

“These individuals are completely putting aside their partisan agendas to support candidates that are pro-Israel,” he said.

Notably, however, Dorton did not commit UDP to backing its Democratic primary winners in the general election against Republicans who might be equally or even more aligned with AIPAC’s agenda. (Wittmann said AIPAC PAC would support its endorsees throughout the cycle.)

“We’re looking carefully at races and opportunities to expand the bipartisan pro-Israel majority,” was all Dorton would say about November.

If UDP sticks with the Democrats it backed in the primaries, it could put AIPAC in the fraught position of backing one candidate who favors the group’s Israel policies against another.

Mellman said that’s why direct pro-Israel involvement in elections should come from within the party, and not an ostensibly neutral PAC.

“To the extent there’s a problem [about Israel] within the Democratic Party, it’s only going to be solved by Democrats working within the Democratic Party,” he said. **JE**

What to Eat, When You Can't Eat

LINDA MOREL | SPECIAL TO THE JE

Recently a friend from my sisterhood circulated an email, saying she was nauseated and had no appetite. Because most of what she ate made her feel worse, she was hardly eating at all.

She asked what foods would go down easily, so she could keep up her strength.

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- Stick to plain pasta or rice.
- Boiled potatoes are even better.
- Avoid fried foods and spices.
- Have toast with no butter.
- Stay away from milk products.
- Roasted chicken without skin is easy to digest.
- Peppermint tea or sucking candies will settle your stomach.

- Ginger root tea works well, too.
- Try poached apples without the skin.
- Eat chicken broth — preferably homemade.
- Boil skinless chicken and vegetables. Serve them over couscous.
- Go back to basics — eat Saltines and drink flat soda.

From time to time, all of us have suffered from stomach upsets, whether they're caused by a virus, morning sickness during pregnancy or a reaction to chemotherapy. Each family has its remedies for this common ailment.

When nausea struck our family, my mother was a great proponent of cinnamon toast, butter and all. Although that may not be helpful for everyone, I have fond memories of her making it for my brother and me. Her advice about nausea was simple: "If you don't feel like eating something, then don't. It will probably make you sick."

Ginger Root Tea | Pareve

Yield: 1 cup

- 1½ cups water
- 1 inch of ginger root

Pour the water into a small saucepan. With a sharp knife, peel the skin off the ginger root and discard. Dice the ginger finely; then chop it. Move the ginger to the saucepan, and cover it. Bring it to a boil on a high flame for 5 minutes.

Place a small sieve over a coffee mug. Carefully strain the ginger root tea through the sieve into the mug. Discard the ginger. Cool the tea momentarily before drinking so you don't burn your lips and tongue.

Cinnamon Toast | Dairy or Pareve

Serves 1-2

- 2 pieces of challah or white bread
- 1 teaspoon butter or dairy-free margarine
- ⅛ teaspoon cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon sugar

Toast the bread until it's golden. Move it to a plate, and immediately spread the butter or margarine evenly over both pieces of bread. Sprinkle the toast with the cinnamon and sugar. Eat it while warm.

Poached Apples

Serves 1

- 1 baking apple, such as Gala or Fuji
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ⅛ teaspoon cinnamon

Cut the apple into eighths. Cut off the skin, core and pits and discard them. Place the apple slices in a small saucepan along with the remaining ingredients. Cover the pot, and bring it to a boil. Then reduce the flame to a fast simmer. Simmer it until the apple slices are soft and the poaching liquid has



thickened, about 10 minutes.

This can be eaten hot, cold or at room temperature with or without the poaching liquid. If you have no appetite, the apple can be consumed a little at a time over many hours.

Homemade Chicken Broth and Couscous | Meat

Serves 2

- 2 skinless chicken breasts with the bone in
- 3 carrots
- 3 celery stalks
- 1 small onion
- 1 teaspoon dill, chopped
- Kosher salt to taste
- Uncooked couscous for 2 servings

Place the chicken in a medium-large pot. Reserve.

With a vegetable peeler, scrape the carrots and celery. Then dice them. Peel the onion and dice it. Add the carrots, celery, onion, dill and salt to the pot. Pour in enough water to cover the ingredients by an inch, about 4 cups.

Cover the pot, and bring it to a boil. Then lower the flame so the soup maintains a fast simmer. Simmer for 30-40 minutes until the chicken is cooked through.

With a slotted spoon, remove the chicken from the pot, and place it on a plate. When it's cool enough to handle, shred the chicken with a fork, and return it to the soup.

Meanwhile, prepare the couscous according to the directions on the box. Divide the couscous in half, and place it in two large soup bowls. Spoon the soup over the couscous. Serve immediately. **JE**

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OCJAC Debuts Exhibit for Tisha, Tu B'Av

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

Old City Jewish Arts Center is interested in exploring new beginnings this month in more ways than one.

On Aug. 5, the space celebrated its new exhibit in a First Friday opening, with a new guest curator and a new theme “exploring ending and beginning, destruction and rebuilding, grief and resilience.”

The exhibit, open through Aug. 28, falls during both Tisha B'Av, a holiday that marks the destruction of the two temples in ancient Jerusalem, and Tu B'Av, a holiday celebrating love, observed a week later.

The timing of the exhibit was no coincidence: Just as the two holidays transition from themes of sorrow and mourning to rebirth and joy, so too does the art displayed in the exhibit.

“We wanted to find something universal to relate and convey to the masses, for First Friday and exhibit-goers — something from the past of destruction, but not getting stuck in the darkness and instead focusing on how we stand in the present and apply that to the future,” said OCJAC Executive Director Rabbi Zalman Wirchberg.

“With this art, it’s really looking at the past and seeing what we can learn from the darkness, the negativity and how we can transform that into light,” he added.

One piece featured in the exhibit is a room divider made with separate wood panels burned with sodium chloride and a torch to create a decorative floral pattern. Artist Melissa Rothman wanted to balance the masculine and feminine, using a harsh and violent method of burning to create flowing adornments.

Rothman, who is not Jewish but is a frequenter

of OCJAC, wanted to comment on the gendered history of different art mediums, with many crafting mediums being relegated as “women’s work.”

“It shows resilience and that you’re able to sort of make your mark on the art world and create something surprising and fresh, while still harking back to this very old tradition of women’s work,” she said of her piece.

Sally Eisenberg’s painting “A Fresh Start” uses a vibrant pink to catch the viewer’s eye, though the painting is flecked with sunshine oranges and yellows, as well as darker hints of black and blue.

The piece was inspired by the pandemic and the attitude Eisenberg took to endure the difficult period.

“My coping mechanism has been to think of each morning as a new beginning/a fresh start,” she said. “Maybe today will be better. The dance of the paint, marks, gestures and colors enable me to convey hope and positivity.”

Guest curator Leah Appleton was tasked with putting these works in conversation with one another. The artist and Drexel University Leonard Pearlstein Gallery curator considered the specific and universal when selecting the exhibit pieces.



Artist Sally Eisenberg with her painting “A Fresh Start”

Courtesy of Sally Eisenberg

“They’re all very different from each other, which I’m excited about, because grief is a very personal experience, and so is resilience,” Appleton said. “It’s going to have a little bit of my aesthetic skew to do it, but there’s a lot of different ways in which you can think about the subject through the works that were selected.”

Appleton was drawn to the theme of destruction and rebirth that Wirchberg proposed because of their own values and personal experiences.

“My approach to life is that it’s all one continuous pathway,” they said.

As a young person, Appleton struggled with change. As an adult, they’ve come to accept it.

“It’s been really liberating for me to embrace change as constant, and what are perceived as endings to be beginnings of new phases, and for beginnings

to be ends of old patterns,” they said.

The curatorial strategy for the exhibit reflects this. In addition to putting pieces in conversation with one another to help build an understanding of the meanings of the works, Appleton considered how people move through the space.

They imagine the process of walking through an exhibit as a linear one, with an audience viewing pieces one after another, but at the end, there is a full picture of what the exhibit is about. Just as life is an ebb and flow of beginnings and endings, the exhibit reflects this by having pieces that evoke various emotions and experiences culminate to create a complete experience.

“It’s like going through a movie,” Appleton said. **JE**

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Lilian Paikin, Who Worked Well Into Her 100s, Dies at 106

GALL SIGLER | SPECIAL TO THE JE

Lilian Paikin, a Philadelphia native and longtime bookkeeper at Frank Paikin Auto, died on July 25. She was 106.

Few people can claim to witness as many historical milestones as did Paikin. Born in 1916, she lived to see the world wars, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, the Cold War and the moon landing — as well as COVID-19.

In 1978, Paikin began working at her son's car dealership in Glenside as a bookkeeper. She stayed on for more than four decades, until she was 105.

"She was always a bookkeeper, always very good with numbers," said her niece, Ellen Pluto.

The business remains familial to this day. When Paikin's son, Franklin Paikin, died in 2003, his son, Scott Paikin, succeeded him as the head of the business. His wife, Lori Paikin, is the marketing manager.

Paikin was meticulous at her job. She kept records of every car sold.

"She's from an age where people really took pride in their work," Scott Paikin said in a 2020 interview with the Jewish Exponent. "Nobody else has that ethic like she does anymore. She won't go out to dinner with her girlfriend if she knows she has paperwork to do."

Paikin's work ethic was evident in her memories of youth.

"I started work when I was 15 and have really been working ever since. I worked at Woolworth's five-and-dime.

I was selling ice cream sandwiches on a waffle," she recalled in that Exponent story.

Before joining her son's dealership, Paikin worked as a bookkeeper for Fleet Leasing in North Philadelphia.

Paikin was called "Mama Lily" by family members, and her grandchildren felt intimately connected to her.

"She was practically a mother to me as I was growing up," Scott Paikin said in 2020.

Lori Paikin, though not connected to Lilian Paikin by blood, viewed her as a grandmother, too.

"All of my natural grandparents passed by the time I was 26. She's been my only grandmother for more than half of my life now," she in an Instagram post following Paikin's passing.

Paikin lived on Rorer Street for 70 years before moving to Jenkintown 16 years ago at the encouragement of granddaughter Jill Stein.

"It gave her a new lease on life," Pluto said.

Paikin flourished in the Jenkintown apartment house, making new friends, spending time with family and participating in bingo, Scrabble and casino nights.

Family remained at the center of Paikin's life.

"Lilybabysat for all of the great-grandchildren at different stages," Stein said.

Part of Paikin's devotion to family was a commitment to keeping its history alive. Paikin documented her family's history and wrote six stories covering events since 1898 when her mother arrived in the United States.

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Lilian Paikin

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Paikin wrote that “she was the only child that gave Jennie (her mother) a problem, she refused to eat, in those days that was very exasperating to the

parents as they were sure she would die of malnutrition.”

Paikin’s family was comprised of 10 brothers and sisters, which “was

difficult during the many lean years but they managed, Frank supplied the finances and Jennie took good care of the home like a pro,” she wrote.

In writing her stories, Paikin made sure the family’s history was accurate and accessible to future generations. She added corrections and translations from Yiddish to English of words “the young children may not be familiar with.”

“She wanted her grandchildren to see what good stock their family came from, how strong their family was,” Pluto said.

Paikin’s understanding of Judaism was tied to family, as well. She kept kosher but did not frequent a synagogue consistently.

“She would love to celebrate the holidays with her close family,” Pluto and

Stein said.

During the pandemic, Paikin worked remotely from home, and her family would make sure to bring groceries to her.

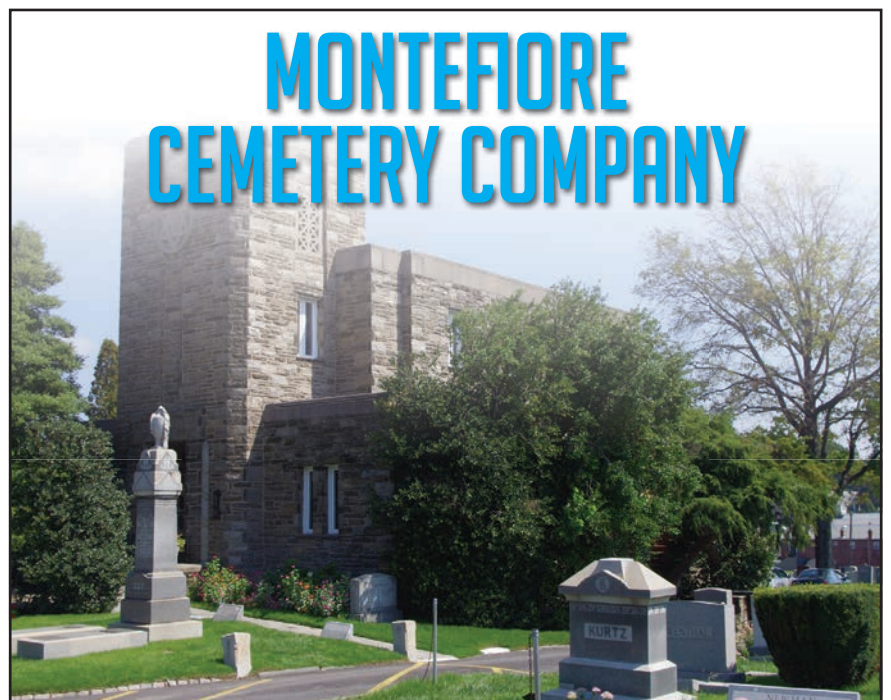
Despite the myriad challenges posed by COVID-19, Paikin took them in stride.

“I’m not bored,” she told Exponent in 2020. “I just go along with whatever occurs, and I don’t worry. I don’t worry about anything because what you worry about may never occur, so what’s the use in worrying about it?”

Besides her grandchildren, Lilian Paikin is survived by five great-grandchildren. **JE**

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BARG

ALVIN, of Merion Station, PA died Tuesday, August 2, 2022. He was a Philadelphia native, born to Harry and Sophie Barg in West Philadelphia. He was a graduate of West Philadelphia High School and Temple University. After college he joined his two brothers Herbert and Bernard working at Aldon Rug Mills where the three brothers went on to own the company. Alvin left Aldon in the mid 1960s after the company went public. He spent the rest of his career as an entrepreneur, a man ahead of his time. In 1952 Alvin met and married Elaine Albert. This began a loving marriage that lasted until Elaine's death in 2021. Alvin had a lifelong love of sports beginning in his formative years in public school where he earned the name of "the rock." This was highlighted during his years as a camp counselor at Pine Forest Camp in the Pocono Mountains. In his adult life Alvin continued to play basketball, tennis, racquetball and handball along with his daily calisthenics and treadmill routine. Philanthropy was also something important to Alvin throughout his life. He had a particular affinity to Jewish charities supporting a variety, such as Technion, Jewish Federation and Temple Adath Israel throughout his life. His family and friends will always remember Alvin as an unassuming man with a positive outlook on life who was loved by all who knew him. Alvin is survived by his sons, Ronald Barg (Debra) and Jeffrey Barg (Kathy), his grandchildren Jason Barg (Holly), Robert Barg (Heather), Paula Dziura (Michael) and Rachel Barg and his great grandchildren Mitchell Barg, Ella Barg, Lily Barg, Dylan Barg, Brandon Barg, Justin Barg and Demi Dziura. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Penn Medicine Hospice, www.PennMedicine.org/hospice-donate, The Hearth at Drexel, www.thehearthatdrexel.org or the charity of your choice.

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BROOKS

ALAN IRWIN, age 88, died August 3, 2022, at Hospice Inn of New York, following a brief illness. Mr. Brooks was born November 30, 1933, in Philadelphia, PA to the late Milton and Estelle Brooks. He grew up in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from Central High School in 1951. He received his undergraduate degree from Lehigh University in 1955 and then enlisted in the US Army from 1956 until 1958. He received his master's degree from Temple University. Mr. Brooks worked as a System Analyst for Sperry Univac for twenty-eight years, and later worked for Burroughs Corporation, and retired from Unisys. He retired to Aiken, SC in 1999 and became a member of Congregation of Adath Yeshurun Synagogue. He was very involved with the synagogue where he was the treasurer. Mr. Brooks was a Life Master and Duplicate Bridge player. He was part-time director of American Contract Bridge League for over fifty years and retired at age eighty-eight as their oldest director. He was a member of the 50+ Men's Club. In addition to his parents, Mr. Brooks was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Regina Stein Brooks. Survivors include a daughter, Toni Racahelle Newman (Alan), East Northport, Long Island, NY; a son, Chad Frederic Brooks (Gloria), Newburgh, NY; and three grandchildren, Miller Daniel, Sophia Brooke, and Edward Grey. Memorial contributions may be directed to Congregation of Adath Yeshurun Synagogue, 154 Greenville St., NW,

Aiken, SC 29801. The Historic George Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 211 Park Ave., SW, Aiken, SC 29801 (803.649.6234), has charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy for the family may be left by visiting www.georgefuneralhomes.com.

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CLYMAN

HARRIET GOTTESMAN born on October 30, 1930 passed away on August 3, 2022 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Donald Brooks Clyman, beloved mother of Jodi Ann Levy (Julian), Jamie Lynne Triplett, and Julie Beth Clyman; loving grandmother of Jessica (Sean), Jason, Sierra and Jacob; loving great grandmother of Carter; and loving sister of Alan Jacob Gottesman (Linda).

FORMAN

RHODA S., November 15, 1939 – July 25, 2022-It is with great sadness that the family of Rhoda S. Forman announces her passing on Monday, July 25, 2022, at the age of 82, in her home with family by her side after a courageous battle with thymic cancer. She is survived by her beloved husband, David, her loving daughters Stacey Forman (Andy Middleman) and Alison (Michael Goldberg), her adoring grandchildren Lexi and Jared Goldberg, and her devoted brother Steven Smith (Andee Herson). Rhoda was a kind, genuine, loving and successful woman who owned and operated a jewelry store, Indulgence by Rhoda Forman, in Haverford, Pennsylvania. Funeral services will be graveside, private, and for immediate family. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Heart Association.

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FRIEDMAN

EDWARD FRIEDMAN – On July 20, 2022, Edward Friedman of Silver Spring, MD, husband to Annabelle and father of Sarah, Aaron, and Lisa, passed away at age 88. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was a ward of the Hebrew Orphans Home from 1939-1951. Edward attended Penn State University, became a CPA and worked for the Federal Government. He later founded the Federal Training Center, achieving his dream of owning a business. Ed was a member of KMS Synagogue in Silver Spring and a lifelong student of Judaism. Contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia.

JERUD

DAVID M. -July 25, 2022, of Atlantic City, NJ. Husband of Lorraine Jerud. Father of Elliot (Alissa) Jerud, Adrienne (Adam) Rosenthal and Ilana (Daniel) Shein. Grandfather of Isaac, Ayelet, Solomon, Wallace, Hillel, Alfred and Maeve. Son of Carolina (Max Rubin) and the late Solomon Jerud. Brother of Betty (Jerry) Orr and the late Barbara (the late Melvin) Jerud Lorch. Contributions can be made to Kellman-Brown Academy, 1007 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Please mention David Jerud in the check memo as these contributions will be used to establish a fund in his memory.

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HAROLD-August 2, 2022 of Huntingdon Valley, PA. Beloved husband of the late Ruth(nee Abrams); loving father of Steven

Katz (Sharon), Ellen Spector (the late Rick) and Joseph Katz (Leontien Ruttenberg); also survived by 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Angelman Syndrome Foundation (www.angelman.org) or Temple Sinai of Dresher, PA (www.tsinai.com).

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LEVINE

JAY H., of Ventnor, NJ, formerly of Cherry Hill, NJ died July 6, 2022 in Atlantic City, NJ. He was the husband of Marsha Levine (nee Wattenmaker), father of Ilene (Steven) Berman and Ellen Northrup, grandfather of Lee (Karly), Holly (Ben), Nina, Kyle and Karli, and great grandfather of Ryder, Van, Ashton, Ryan and Lexi. Services and burial took place at Roosevelt Memorial Park in Trevoise, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Jay to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Checks made out to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation can be mailed to P.O. Box 781352, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1352. Please remember to write in memory of Jay Levine on the memo line of the check. Gifts may also be made online at <http://www.chop.edu/give>.

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MELISSA (nee Weisser) on July 31, 2022. Beloved wife of Raymond; Loving mother of Craig Levy; Dear sister of Brenda Weisser and Sandra Renbaum (Stuart). Contributions in her memory may be made to Crohns and Colitis Foundation, 2 Bala Plaza, Ste 526, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org

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Sharon Makower (Adam Bench); Adoring grandmother of Ilana, Rebecca, Jordan, Daniel, and Matthew. Contributions in her memory may be made to Beth Sholom Cong., 8231 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027 or Jewish National Fund, 78 Randall Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

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PINSK

ARDETH (nee Besterman), 87, on August 2, 2022, peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Predeceased by her parents Albert & Lottie Besterman and her brother Harvey Besterman. Ardeth was the loving wife of Allen for almost 65 years and loving mother of Jeffrey (Francine Carb), Robert (Marian Ormont), and Steven Pinsk. She was a loving grandmother to Joshua, Alexandra, Emily, Connor, Scott, and Jacob Pinsk and Kodiak Carb and great grandmother to Ari Pinsk. To Ardeth, family was everything. She will be missed more than she could ever know. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ardeth's memory may be made to the Crohns & Colitis Foundation (crohnscolitisfoundation.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org).

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SHAPIRO

RUTH passed away on August 2, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Norbert Shapiro. Loving mother of Judi Silk (Murray), Sharon Lipson & Rena Weitz (Eliot); Loving grandmother of Alyson Silk, Robyn Silk Pecarsky (Jonathan), Jonathan Lipson, Adam Lipson (Victoria), Jeremy Weitz (fiancé Abby), Ilana Weitz Nicolou (Lionel); and loving great grandmother of Marin, Bennett, Joshua, London, Sydney & Noah. Graveside Contributions in her memory may be made to Greenwood House, 53 Walter St, Ewing NJ 08628.

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SILVERMAN

SYLVIA (nee Mestel)-Born on April 9, 1921, Sylvia "Mom-Mom" Silverman passed away on July 31, 2022 at the age of 101 and change (lest we forget those additional months!). Wife of the late William Silverman. Mother of Marilyn (Gene) Nelson and Linda (Howard) Denenberg. Grandmother of Jamie Denenberg, Joshua Denenberg, Adam (Arielle) Denenberg, Stuart Nelson and Lauren Nelson. Great grandmother of Ellie, Jack and Sylvie Denenberg, and Daniel Nelson. There was no more positive a force in the world who made every day count. Her loss will be felt by many, but her memory will be carried on by all those that were lucky enough to cross her path. We love you more Mom-Mom. Contributions in Sylvia "Mom-Mom" Silverman's memory may be made to Adath Israel, www.adathisrael.org/funds or call 610-934-1919, or to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, https://give2.chop.edu/.

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SKALINA

DR. MARY ELLEN LEDER, retired neonatologist and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, died on July 29 in hospice at Bryn Mawr Hospital due to complications of Parkinson's disease. She was 70 years old. Mary Ellen was born in Brooklyn, New York. She was always bright, graduating from high school two years early as the valedictorian of her class at Erasmus Hall High School. She went on to graduate from college and medical school and complete a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in neonatology. Over the course of her 30-year career, she saved hundreds of sick babies, some born very prematurely, at Cooper University Hospital, Lankenau Hospital, and Chester County Hospital. She published important early research on hypertension and hypertensive retinopathy in newborns. Mary Ellen was known for her skill as a physician, but perhaps even more for how caring she was with patients and their families and how respectful and inclusive she was with the nursing staff and en-

tire medical team. Her partners and the nurses she worked with throughout her career valued her bedside manner, her ability to remain calm in emergencies, and her sense of fashion, as she was known to show up to the delivery room in scrubs with pearls, perfect make-up, and heels. Mary Ellen met her husband of 41 years, Stefan, also a physician, in 1979, during her fellowship years. They fell in love, married in 1981, had three children, and built a beautiful home together. Mary Ellen was enormously generous, kind, empathetic, and thoughtful. She loved good food, travel, reading, and the arts, and passed on those passions to her children. Mary Ellen was remarkably organized: she kept track of all of the family's activities in her head (although she diligently recorded them in her date book as back-up as well). The family came together for dinner every night, usually to a homemade meal that she had prepared. Her family remembers her for all the little gestures that made them feel so loved— help with projects and math homework, cheering at sporting events, and care packages dropped off at college with gourmet brownies and toilet paper. When she was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2000, Mary Ellen handled it with her usual grace. She didn't want to be treated differently, and she didn't want to stop doing the things she enjoyed. She even suggested a new hobby to her husband – ballroom dancing. For many years, she continued to live her life as she had before, but over time, her symptoms progressed, and she unfortunately had to retire in 2009. Even when she could no longer do so many of the things she had loved, she continued to draw great joy from the births of her grandchildren and watching them grow and meet milestones of their own. Mary Ellen was buried on July 31 at Ohev Shalom Cemetery in Brookhaven, PA. She is survived by her husband, Stefan; her brother, Jonathan Leder (Diana); her children, Lauren (Matthew Zelin), Rachel (Alexander Hutchinson), and Benjamin (Molly); and her grandchildren, Sylvie, Naomi, Alden, and Sidney. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or a Jewish charity of the donor's choice.

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nick (Debra Kay) and Fernelyse Griffith; Dear sister of Doris Horn; Devoted grandmother of Rachel (Jay), Joshua (Danna), and Dakota. Contributions in her memory may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 30 S 17th St, Ste 800, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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ELAYNE (nee Kaplan). July 29, 2022. Devoted wife of the late Dr. Irving Smiler. Loving mother of Hilarie Weiss (Barry), Howard Leon (Hal) Smiler, and Barry Smiler. Beloved bubbly of Scott Weiss (Liz), and Matthew Weiss (Liz). Great bubbly of Nola, Emme, and Brandon. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish National Fund or Hadassah.

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STEIN

SHELDON L. of Willow Grove, PA formerly of Philadelphia, on July 29, 2022. Sheldon turned 95 on July 18th. Beloved husband of the late Helen (nee Felenbok); devoted father to Diedre (Stephen) Cole and Steven Stein; loving grandfather to Jared (Kaline) Cole, Ashley (Michael) Occhiogrosso; loving great grandfather of Henry and Vaughn. Brother of the late Marilyn (Martin) Chaiken. Sheldon was loved by many relatives and friends and everyone who met him. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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TALUS

Lita Talus (nee Staffin) passed away on July 3, 2022, at age 94 Lita is survived by her loving daughter, Cheryl Talus Snyder; her brother, Dr. Gerry Staffin; and her daughter-in-law, Jill Talus Grossman. Grandmother of Karen (Scott) Merves, Jodi (Brett) Rosen, Marc (Allison) Snyder, Zachary (Amy) Talus, and Benjamin (Allie) Talus. Great grandmother of Brandon, Sydney, and Gavin Merves, Jackson and Kate Rosen, and Simone and Vivian Snyder. She is predeceased by her late husband, Burt Talus, and her son, Dr. Bruce Lloyd Talus. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Dr. Bruce Lloyd Talus Memorial Fund at https://www.philafound.org/give-now/?give_cause=Dr-Bruce-Lloyd-Talus-Memorial-Fund

TORRANCE

H. SELWYN-Passed away on August 1, 2022. Husband of Judith Torrance (nee Shadden). Father of Joel Torrance and Gideon Torrance (Rachel Adner). Grandfather of Lori, Jacob, Maddy, Sienna, Ellis and Hadley. Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, www.bzbi.org, or to Cong. Mikveh Israel, www.mikvehisrael.org.

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WEINSTEIN

DAVID on July 29, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Florine "Faygie" (nee Dutkin); Loving father of Lee Weinstein (June), Norman Weinstein (Lita), and Debbie Huml (John); Dear brother of Sonny Weinstein (Beverly); Devoted grandfather of Brielle, Addison, Kaley, Maddi (Kameron), Brett, and Cydney; Adoring great-grandfather of Charlie. Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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What's happening at ... Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid

CBENT Stresses Flexibility to Attract Congregants

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At a time when Conservative congregations are struggling to draw members, Congregation Beth El – Ner Tamid in Broomall takes a unique approach — a synergy of Conservative tradition and Reconstructionist teachings.

Such flexibility, the unaffiliated 160-member congregation believes, is necessary to keep tradition alive.

“We are really steeped in the tradition of the Conservative movement but actively try new things, involving new and different ways to engage with Judaism,” Rabbi Janine Jankovitz said. “We want people to know our doors are open to Jews from all walks of life, and non-Jews.”

The roots of CBENT date to 1956. A few congregants from Beth El in West Philadelphia moved to Broomall, whose Jewish population was insignificant at the time. They resolved to provide congregational services in the suburbs.

One of the founding members of the congregation, Lester Cohen, recalled in a 2013 interview with the Jewish Exponent that the congregation did not initially have a home. Members met at places such as a local Presbyterian church and the Paxton Hollow Country Club.

Once they decided to establish their own synagogue on Paxton Hollow Road, financial constraints did not dissuade them. When the bank asked for insurance, congregation members readily offered their homes as collateral.

Larry Gordon-Marrow has been a member of the congregation for more than 20 years, yet wasn't active until his daughters reached bat mitzvah age in 2011.

Two weeks before his daughter's bat mitzvah, Gordon-Marrow struck a deal with the president at the time — the latter would teach him how to read the Torah and, in return, Gordon-Marrow would participate weekly in a minyan.

Since then, Gordon-Marrow has served as the congregation's treasurer and co-president and has been the exec-



Rabbi Janine Jankovitz Courtesy of CBENT

utive director for the last three years. He continued crafting his Hebrew skills, even taking Skype classes with a tutor in Jerusalem.

“This is a wonderful place to be Jewish,” Gordon-Marrow said. “It is a warm, welcoming place.”

In 2020, Rabbi Barry Blum, who led the congregation for three decades, retired, paving the way for the newly ordained Jankovitz.

Jankovitz, a Philadelphia native and Temple University graduate, was ordained in 2020 by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Judaism was dear to Jankovitz since childhood. Inspired by her local rabbi, Jankovitz developed a love for Jewish learning.

“I love study and Judaism and talking to others about Jewish texts,” she said. “I couldn't believe I was lucky to have a career being able to do something like that.”

Meantime, members of CBENT conceive of the congregation first and foremost as a community.

Christine Strieb and her husband

first became congregation members in 2005. The community's commitment to its members' well-being proved unwavering when Strieb's husband suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

“Our community helped in so many ways — from gift cards for groceries and homemade kosher meals to help shorten my time in the kitchen while caring for three young children and his health care needs,” she said. “Even now, when I am there, people will still ask how I am almost nine years after his passing. Just thinking on that time fills my heart with thankfulness.”

Beth El – Ner Tamid faces its share of challenges. Due to diminishing membership, the congregation underwent two mergers, in 1992 and 2000. And the congregation is struggling with membership to this day. While the congregation comprised 270 families in 2013, it now serves just 160.

Jankovitz believes that a flexible approach to Conservative Judaism is necessary for the maintenance of custom.

“This congregation is really working hard to figure out how we are staying relevant the next 50 years,” she said. “Part of that work is looking within and asking where we need to grow.”

At the core of the congregation's belief is a commitment to inclusivity. As such, Gordon-Marrow is certain

that welcoming interfaith families is paramount to providing congregational services.

“The numbers of interfaith marriages are exploding, and we are trying to re-engage these Jews who are unaffiliated with a synagogue and don't really have a home,” he said.

Crucial to re-engaging Jews in interfaith marriages was welcoming their spouses.

“We have made some changes with regards to interfaith family, where a spouse who is not Jewish can participate in services,” Gordon-Marrow said.

Although Strieb never formally converted to Judaism, she always felt part of the “congregational family,” as she calls it.

“I have never felt unwelcome or thought differently of because I wasn't Jewish. We are a family at Beth El – Ner Tamid,” she said.

The congregation also stresses interfaith interactions as both a way to uphold that value and to strengthen the Jewish identity of its members. For example, the congregation has organized an annual seder with students of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School for more than two decades. **JE**

Gall Sigler is an intern for the Jewish Exponent.



Listen, People

BY RABBI ABI WEBER

Parshat Vaetchanan

Every evening for the last 19 months, my wife and I have completed the same ritual. First, there is the poem: a simple bedtime story that we recite responsively. Then, the song: a familiar and soothing lullaby taken from summer camp.

Finally, the climactic moment: We stand above our baby daughter's crib and ask, "Are you ready to say the Shema?" A smile breaks out on her small face as she brings her hand to her eyes and bumbles along.

The Shema is, perhaps, the most iconic piece of liturgy in the Jewish canon. So essential is this ritual to our people that the Mishnah, the first compendium of rabbinic law, begins with the question, "From what time do we recite Shema in the evening?"

And this centrality has lasted through the generations. A story is told of Rabbi Yitzchak Halevi Herzog, later the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel. After the Second World War, he set out on a mission to locate the thousands of Jewish children who had been hidden in monasteries and Christian homes during the war. Walking into one such monastery in 1946, Herzog turned to the Reverend Mother to thank her for rescuing so many young people. "Of course," the nun replied, "but how will you know which children are Jewish? There are so many children here, and some of them came as infants."

Herzog was undeterred. He gathered all of the children together in a large hall and cried out, "Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad!" Dozens of children instinctively lifted their hands to their eyes, then began to weep and ask for their parents. The ancient words of the Shema opened in them the floodgates of memory.

This unbroken chain of memory begins in this week's parsha, shortly after Moshe begins his recounting of the Israelites' time in the desert. In Moshe's retelling, God speaks directly to the Israelites on Mount

Sinai, adjuring them to follow the Ten Commandments.

Overwhelmed by God's thunderous voice, though, the people beg for Moshe to stand as an intermediary between them and the Divine. Moshe steps in, and among the first words that he transmits from God to the people are those of the Shema. Hear, Israel: Adonai is our God. Adonai is one. Listen, people. God is One. God is our One.

God's transmission to Moshe includes instructions on how we are to continue this transmission for generations to come: Teach these words to your children. Speak them when you are at home and when you travel, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them to your body. Write them on your doorposts. Make them your six-word mantra.

Often, when I get into conversations with non-Jews about Judaism, they ask me about my "faith." This word always catches me off guard. I rarely think of Judaism as a "faith." Judaism, for me, is a practice. It is making intentional decisions every time I eat. It is building a mindful and electronics-free space every Shabbat. It is living in the rhythms of the Jewish calendar, from one holiday to the next. It is being in community with fellow Jews, all of us creating a deliberate alternative to default everyday living in the United States. Judaism is a way of being in the world.

The Shema is clearly a statement of faith. And yet it is through its practice — its ritualized transmission from generation to generation — that the mantra gains its power. When we consciously attend to the oneness and unity of the Divine, we create unity across time and space.

A baby in a crib in Philadelphia joins with rescued children in European monasteries and devout Jews in shtiebels and temples and community centers. We all stand again at Sinai, listening to Moshe share his memories with us. Listen, Israel, he says to us. God is one. We are one. **JE**

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AUGUST 12–AUGUST 19

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

PARSHA FOR LIFE

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

JRA FOOD PACKING

Volunteers for Jewish Relief Agency will pack boxes of food and other critical household supplies from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity for team building and for small and large groups to come volunteer at JRA. **For more information about JRA's volunteer schedule, visit jewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia.**

TU B'AV SHABBAT

Join Rabbi David Glanzberg-Kranin and Cantor Jacob Agar at Beth Sholom Congregation for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service celebrating love and friendship, starting at 6 p.m. **8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

JRA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Join Jewish Relief Agency from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for junior and all ages food packing, as well as food delivery to allow recipients to receive assistance directly to their door, alleviating some of the challenges they may face, such as transportation, language barriers or access. Additional delivery opportunities are available on Monday through Wednesday. **For more information about JRA's volunteer schedule, visit jewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

CEMETERY TOUR



Dead men tell no tales ... but our tour guides do. Follow Laurel Hill Cemetery's expert guides through the cemetery as the sun sets and the full moon rises, starting at 7 p.m. You will hear our residents' stories and then come back to the land of the living and sit fireside with refreshments. **Visit laurelhillphl.com/event/full-moon-history-tours for more information. 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia.**

MONDAY, AUG. 15

MAHJONG GAME

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 16

FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

JT Trinacari will perform at Kleinfeld Rhawnhurst at 1:15 p.m. **2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.**

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Robert Siegel (former senior host of NPR's "All Things Considered" for 31 years) interviews Laurence Tribe (Harvard Law School), Jelani Cobb (incoming dean, Columbia Journalism School) and Jeffrey Rosen (president/CEO, National Constitution Center) at 4 p.m. as part of "Global Connections: Free Speech in an Age of Disinformation." **Free**

registration: globalconnections.splashthat.com.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

FRENCH FOOD FRENZY VIRTUAL TOUR

Wear a scarf or beret, prepare some authentic French food and open some French wine while you virtually view images from Temple Beth Sholom Hazak member Karen's trip to France at 1 p.m. Free for Hazak members; non-members will pay \$10. **Register here: form.jotform.com/221776193381057.**

FROM LIVERPOOL TO ABBEY ROAD

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❶ Beth Sholom Congregation's Men's Club sponsored the Larry Cohen Memorial Deep-Sea Fishing Trip on July 31. ❷ Rena Kaplan of Bala Cynwyd, who will be entering 11th grade at The Baldwin School, participated in Midreshet Lindenbaum's inaugural summer Torah program for high school girls. ❸ More than 500 attendees strolled through six homes in Margate and Longport, New Jersey, as part of the 33rd Annual JFS House Tour on Aug. 1, which raised \$60,000 for The Lynn Kramer Village by the Shore program. ❹ Ben Gurion Society of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's signature Wine and Whiskey Night event returned on July 28 after a two-year absence. ❺ Around 70 mothers from the Greater Philadelphia region traveled to Israel through Momentum on July 5-12.



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Dan Rottenberg

FIGHTS FOR JOURNALISM'S FUTURE

HEATHER M. ROSS | STAFF WRITER

Journalism is not dead. But it is different.

"Most young people these days don't want to go into journalism," Dan Rottenberg said.

Rottenberg, 80, has spent nearly all of his life in the profession. He started when he was 8, working with a one-page newspaper in New York. Since then, he has had many jobs but always in journalism. Throughout his career, Rottenberg has learned a lot about journalism and how the field changes with time and decided the best way to pass that knowledge to the next generation is through a book, "The Education of a Journalist: My Seventy Years on the Front Lines of Free Speech."

Rottenberg believes books have power. He still receives emails and letters of thanks for a book he wrote nearly 50 years ago.

In 1977, Rottenberg published "Finding Our Fathers" to share what he learned while tracing his ancestry. Now, there are many local organizations, research projects and DNA-based approaches to tracking down relatives and ancestors, but in the '70s it wasn't so.

"Jews have a lot of disadvantages in chasing their ancestry, but they have some advantages, [too]," Rottenberg said, "Everybody needs a sense of who they are and where they came from."

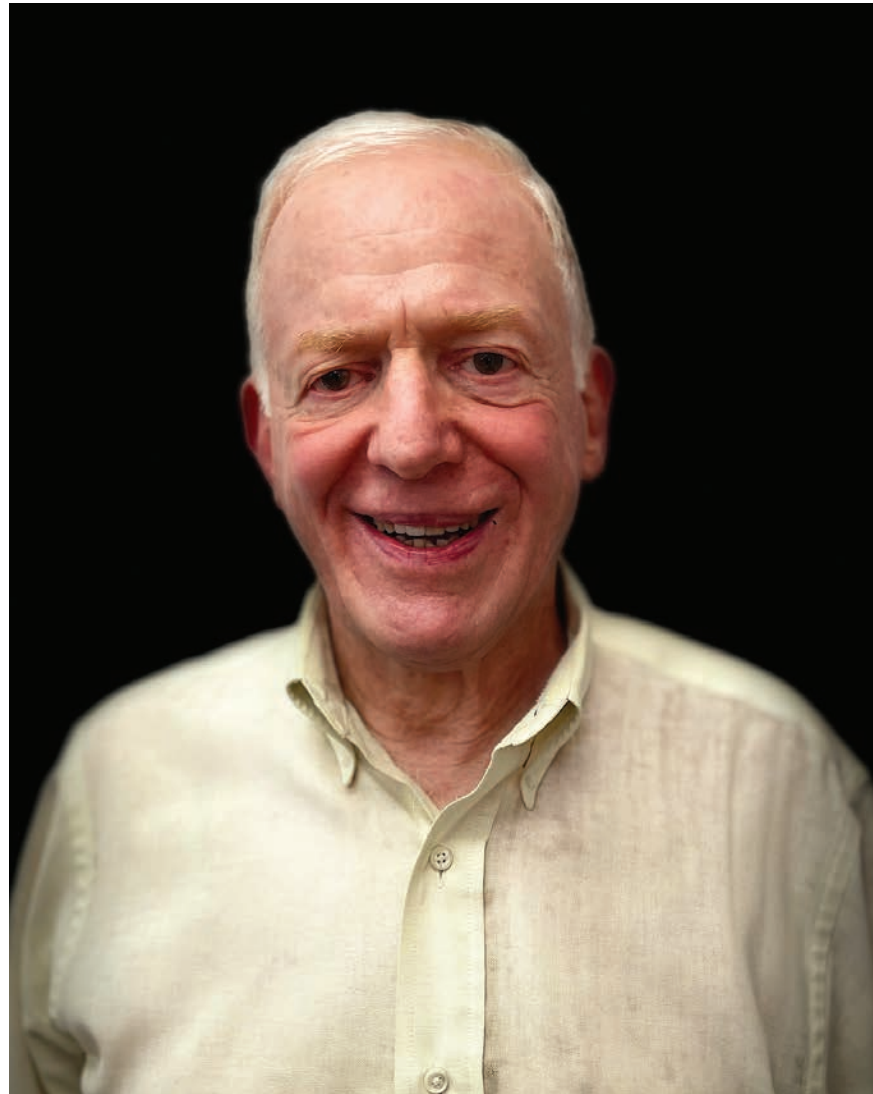
Being Jewish and a journalist has changed since he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Rottenberg said.

"In 1964, it wasn't easy for a Jew to get a job in management at a newspaper. [There were] plenty of Jewish reporters but not at the top ranks," he said.

Things are different now, according to Rottenberg, a member of Society Hill Synagogue for more than 50 years.

Rottenberg returned to authorship to address another need in society, writing "The Education of a Journalist" to encourage students.

"There's always going to be a place



for journalism. People will always need information. They need to find out what's going on," he said.

Rottenberg wants to encourage the next generation of journalists the same way he was sparked. When he was in seventh grade, Judith Crist of the New York Herald Tribune spoke at a school assembly. She spoke passionately about the importance of finding the truth and putting it in print.

"This is your mission: You should find out what's going on and share it with your audience," Rottenberg said, recalling Crist's speech.

Rottenberg's career has included stints as a reporter with The Wall Street Journal, as a columnist with

The Philadelphia Inquirer and editing positions with Philadelphia Magazine, Welcomat (now Philadelphia Weekly) and Broad Street Weekly, among others.

Everywhere he went he was following his passion, he said, which was chasing the truth. Sometimes he chased truth into trouble: He was sued seven times during his career, winning all seven cases.

"I was a pioneer of the alternative journalism movement," Rottenberg said.

He explained that the movement was about newspapers rebelling against the establishment, with alternative newspapers not being oriented toward money but instead trying to change

things for the better. Rottenberg said the goal was to "cover the stories other papers weren't covering. We used the power of embarrassment to improve things."

Rottenberg said that much of the cultural revolution of the '60s was missed because larger, established papers were missing Blacks, women and young people.

"If you don't like your local newspaper, you can start your own. With the internet, anyone can be a journalist or pretend to be a journalist," Rottenberg said, also emphasizing the importance of a journalistic education. "Today, there is a need for authoritative professional journalists."

With newspapers moving their content online, many people find it difficult to know which sources are news, which are opinion and which are satire or misinformation.

Rottenberg covers the shift to the internet in the book's last chapter, "Be Careful What You Wish For."

However, Rottenberg remains optimistic about the future of online journalism.

"We are not at the end of history. The internet is a (relatively) new phenomenon, and people are going to figure out how to know what is reliable and what isn't," he said.

Rottenberg has advice for discerning fact from rumor online: "It's a matter of developing a sense of skepticism. Just because something is online doesn't mean that it's true. Treat the media the way you treat your friends — there's some you trust more than others. You have to develop that sense of who is trustworthy and who isn't."

Rottenberg believes that people can, and will, adjust to the movement of news from print to online.

Rottenberg said his persistent optimism and success can be attributed to his longstanding marriage to his wife, Barbara.

"To have a spouse, a partner. When the whole world is telling me how terrible I am, it's nice to come home, and there's someone happy to see you," Rottenberg said. **JE**

Courtesy of Dan Rottenberg



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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on
8/11/22 with respect to a proposed
nonprofit corporation, **Temple Care,
Inc.**, which has been incorporated
under the Nonprofit Corporation Law
of 1988.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pur-
suant to the provisions of Act of
Assembly No. 295, effective March
16, 1983, of the filing in the office
of the Department of State of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, an
application for the conduct of a
business in Philadelphia County,
Pennsylvania under the assumed or
fictitious name, style or designation
of Name: **Ford Pro FinSimple, Inc.**,
with its principal place of business
at: One American Rd, MD 7440,
Dearborn, MI 48126. The names
and addresses of all persons or
entities owning or interested in said
business are: Ford Motor Credit
Company LLC, One American Rd,
MD 7440, Dearborn, MI 48126.
The application has been filed on
5/5/2022.

Pursuant to the requirements of
section 4129 of the Pennsylvania
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notice is hereby given that **Goal
Global Recoveries Inc.**, a Delaware
corporation, transacted business in
Pennsylvania with its registered of-
fice in the Commonwealth at c/o M.
Burr Keim Company, 2021 Arch St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19103 and the prin-
cipal office address in Delaware is at
c/o Corporations & Companies, Inc.,
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DE 19803 filed a Statement of
Withdrawal terminating its registra-
tion as a foreign association.

Shaun Smith Marketing Inc. has
been incorporated under the provi-
sions of the Pennsylvania Business
Corporation Law of 1988.

**African Communities Together,
Inc.**, a Nonprofit Corporation orga-
nized under the laws of the state
of New York, has applied for reg-
istration in Pennsylvania under the
provisions of Chapter 4 of the
Associations Code. The address of
its principal office under the laws of
the jurisdiction of formation is 127
W. 127th St., Ste. 221, New York,
NY 10027 and the address of its
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Granted Petitioner's Oral Motion
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ESTATE OF DARLENE JACOBS,
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ESTATE OF ALBERTA C. SMITH,
DECEASED.
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DAVID E. PEARSON, EXECUTOR,
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19004,
Or to his Attorney:
ARNOLD MACHLES
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ESTATE OF ANNA FEDOR,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
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ESTATE OF CATHERINE L. CHAMPION
CHAMPION, CATHERINE L.
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
Margaret Barnwell, c/o David W. Crosson, Esq., Crosson Richetti & Daigle, LLC, 609 W. Hamilton St., Suite 210, Allentown, PA 18101, Administratrix.
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ESTATE OF CHARLES T. TOMCZAK, DECEASED
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
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ESTATE OF EDGAR NORMAN MCCLAIN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA

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ESTATE OF ELEANOR A. MARR aka ELEANOR MARR
Marr, Eleanor A. aka Marr, Eleanor late of Philadelphia, PA. Lisa A. Levin, c/o Jeffrey S. Michels, Esq., 1234 Bridgetown Pike, Suite 110, Feasterville, PA 19053, Executrix.
Jeffrey S. Michels, Esq.
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ESTATE OF FRANCES D. BIDDLE DECEASED
Late of Lower Merion Township, PA
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or to DANIEL R. BIDDLE, CO-EXECUTOR, 4621 Pine St, Apt G405, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

ESTATE OF FREDRICK ANTHONY DEMURO a/k/a FREDRICK A. DEMURO and FREDRICK DEMURO, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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Or To her Attorney:
HARRY METKA
4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9
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ESTATE OF GLORIA HIRSCHHORN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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ESTATE OF GREGORY JOSEPH MCCANN aka GREGORY J. MCCANN
McCann, Gregory Joseph aka McCann, Gregory J. late of Philadelphia, PA. Joanne Cuffey, c/o Jeffrey S. Michels, Esq., 1234 Bridgetown Pike, Suite 110, Feasterville, PA 19053, Executrix.
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ESTATE OF JUDITH C. MILLER
Miller, Judith C. late of Philadelphia, PA.

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Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF KATHRYN DAHILL a/k/a KATHRYN ANN DAHILL, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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Or to his Attorney:
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Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF MARY JANE WEIDMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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ESTATE OF MICHELLE McCANDLESS, DECEASED.
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Or to her Attorney:
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ESTATE OF RITA WALLACE, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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Or to her Attorney:
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KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Place
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ESTATE OF SAZA MARTINEZ, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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Late of Philadelphia County, PA
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