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## Coming Home: An Interview With New Jewish Federation President and CEO Michael Balaban

BY GABE KAHN | JE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

AFTER A DECADE AWAY, Michael Balaban returned to his roots in June for his new position as President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Now that he's had a couple months to get up to speed, Balaban sat down with The Jewish Exponent to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the Philadelphia Jewish community, how it differs from a Florida Federation where he served in the same position since 2016, what COVID showed about the local community and more.

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▲ A couple at The Barn on Bridge in Collegeville

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## Delta Variant Could Impact Fall Event Season

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

FOR BIG EVENT PLANNERS, it feels like March 2020 all over again.

With the delta variant in the air, couples and families are considering postponing or downsizing their weddings and bar or bat mitzvahs.

So, just like they did after the pandemic broke out, venues, planners, caterers and

florists are taking it "day by day."

As of now, the much-anticipated, jam-packed fall 2021 schedule — the season that's supposed to make up for 2020 cancellations — is still on. But vaccination or test ultimatums, and masks for those who opt for tests over vaccinations, seem more likely by the day.

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# Local Orthodox Jews React to ‘My Unorthodox Life’

**LOCAL**  
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**THE NETFLIX REALITY** series “My Unorthodox Life” has an entire section on its Wikipedia page devoted to the critical response from the Jewish community.

Among Orthodox Jews in the Philadelphia area, the sentiment about the show, which premiered in July, isn’t much different.

Rabbis and community members alike denounced the series based on the story of Julia Haart, a woman who left her Orthodox community to become a fashion designer, as well as “Unorthodox,” another recent Netflix show starring Israeli actress Shira Haas, about a girl who escapes

her Orthodox community. Haas was nominated for a Golden Globe Award and a Primetime Emmy Award for “Unorthodox.”

For the most part, Jews in the local Orthodox communities didn’t criticize the shows as antisemitic or anti-Orthodox. Rather, they said the shows are superficial and specific to the experiences of the real characters behind their stories, Haart and Deborah Feldman, the woman whose 2012 autobiography, “Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots,” inspired “Unorthodox.”

Sensational stories and exaggerated portrayals of communities perceived as rejecting modern values, like liberation and unbounded

self-actualization, are more likely to stand out in a crowded content space, according to local Orthodox community members. Shows like these confirm secular values and otherize people who aren’t secular.

“It’s a very sensational story, so they can portray a certain element of Jews as backward, outdated, restricted,” said Rabbi Yehuda Shemtov, the executive director of the Lubavitch of Bucks County. “It just fits their narrative.”

Several local rabbis said they didn’t watch either Netflix show and don’t believe their congregants have, either. Some added that they don’t even watch television.

One rabbi who fits into that group, Yitzchok Leizerowski of Congregation Bais Medrash

Harav B’nai Jacob, is nonetheless familiar with the shows and the conversations around them.

Leizerowski said that women like Haart are part of the “miniscule percentage that go off the path of their Orthodox upbringing.”

“Every religious and social group has exceptions,” Leizerowski said. “They do not represent the group.”

The rabbi pointed to a May 2021 Pew report as evidence that the Netflix shows didn’t capture the story of modern Orthodoxy. In the report, Pew found that 17% of Jews between the ages of 18 and 29 identified as Orthodox, a number that rose in the past decade.

“The Orthodox community is not worried about this lady,” said Leizerowski, referring



▲ Jacob Oslick said portrayals of Orthodox Jews in popular culture are too often stereotypical.  
Courtesy of Jacob Oslick

to Haart. “We have been increasing at a faster rate than any Jewish group.”

Gevura Davis, a Bala Cynwyd resident, grew up Reform but transitioned to Orthodox Judaism as an adult. She views the Netflix portrayals



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▲ Despite the controversy, Gevura Davis is excited that Netflix viewers are taking an interest in traditional Judaism. Courtesy of Gevura Davis

as caricatures. But she said the public attraction to the recent slate of shows focusing on the Orthodox world reveals the same conclusion as the Pew report: There's a growing interest in traditional Judaism.

Davis views the audience's curiosity as genuine.

"We have to be open and inviting if people are curious about our lifestyle," she said.

Davis chose to be Orthodox in college about 20 years ago. She married Rabbi Binyomin Davis, and they have five children and run Aish Chaim, a Jewish outreach organization that offers classes, programs, events and trips for Jews to pursue "Jewish living and learning in meaningful ways," according to its website.

Like Haart, Davis has self-actualized. Unlike Haart, she has done so by choosing to become part of the Orthodox world, not by escaping from it.

"We're all trying to live our best lives," Davis said.

There is, at the very least, one Netflix portrayal that offers a more nuanced window into the Orthodox world, according to Jacob Oslick, a congregant at the Center City synagogue,

Mikveh Israel: It's "Shtisel," a dramatic series, also on Netflix and now three seasons in, about a Jerusalem family and its traditional community. Haas plays a prominent role in that show, as well.

"It's more difficult to narrate than to lecture. That's the difference with 'Shtisel,'" Oslick said. "They were trying to narrate the lives of the characters, rather than lecture that religion is bad."

Oslick would still like to see more nuanced depictions of Orthodox communities on television and other streaming platforms, but said too many portrayals — of religion as burdensome and oppressive — are like those of "MyUnorthodox Life" and "Unorthodox."

"They're catering to an audience that agrees with them," Oslick added.

Rather than watch, for those who are genuinely interested, Oslick recommends visiting Orthodox communities. And not as tourists or anthropologists.

"But as people seeking to learn." •

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# Doctor Takes on Vital Role During COVID Crisis

## LOCAL

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**BEFORE COVID**, Dr. Steven Sivak was a veteran physician who had risen to the administrative level, overseeing the Einstein Healthcare Network's practice locations and hospital patients in the Philadelphia medical center.

After COVID broke out, he became the medical equivalent of a wartime general, responsible for building pandemic processes on the fly and then, once the vaccine became available in December, organizing a community inoculation program on the fly, too.

The Jewish doctor rose to the unprecedented challenge, according to Einstein colleagues.

"The staff pulled together," said Dr. Eric Sachinwalla,

Einstein's medical director for infection prevention and control.

"He said, 'It's not just about the people within our walls,'" recalled Juanita Way, who is running the network's Tabor Road vaccine site. "It's about the people in our community."

In the spring of 2020, Sivak's goal was to prevent people from dying.

Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia was caring for 65 ventilator patients at a time, up from pre-pandemic norms of about 20. It also had a packed emergency room of about 200 patients.

Sivak, then 68, was meeting daily with his team and working 100-hour weeks. Despite their best efforts, like most hospital workers then, they saw a lot of deaths.

But, according to Sivak, Einstein's death rate was lower

than other area hospitals. And no Einstein employees got COVID infections from caring for sick patients.

Sivak attributed the success to processes that his team developed over those early months.

Einstein employees started screening people at the doors and enforcing pandemic rules, like mask-wearing and social distancing, inside facilities. They quarantined all positive patients into COVID-specific units.

They also started using all types of doctors, including cardiologists and other specialists, as critical care doctors. Sivak's team even called up medical residents to the emergency room.

"We had to accommodate a sudden influx of critically ill patients that far exceeded our capacity to manage patients,"



▲ From left: Drs. Steven Sivak and Eric Sachinwalla discuss the COVID vaccination rollout at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia.

Courtesy of Einstein Healthcare

Sivak said.

By the winter, though, Sivak's team was able to use vaccines to help people live again.

For the first month of the vaccination process, like most hospital systems, Einstein jabbed its essential workers. Using the Philadelphia hospital's largest auditorium, Sivak's

team set up six vaccination stations, did 500 shots a day and inoculated 75% of the staff.

"It was exhilarating," Sivak said. "You could feel a sense of relief come over the whole organization."

After that first month, Einstein extended the shots to

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## JFNA Head Advocates for Security

### NATIONAL

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ERIC FINGERHUT, president and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, testified to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Aug. 3 as part of a hearing on the prevalence of “racially, ethnically, religiously and politically motivated” terrorist and extremist attacks.

Fingerhut’s testimony primarily focused on the demand to increase the budget of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which provides funds to organizations looking to enhance security measures for communities often targeted by violent extremism or domestic terrorism.

“Security has always been a core concern of Jewish Federations,” Fingerhut said. “We know that the ability and the confidence of our community to participate fully in Jewish religious and cultural life depends on feeling safe.”

Spurred by 9/11 and created in 2004 through the Department of Homeland Security, NSGP funds between 140 and 1,500 organizations, with annual expenditures of \$35 million, small by federal standards, according to Fingerhut. Though this year’s budget ballooned to \$180 million, the program still couldn’t accommodate many applicants.

Jewish organizations are the primary grant recipients, with \$115 million out of this year’s \$180 million allocated to Jewish organizations nationally.

Since the program’s inception, organizations in the Philadelphia area have received more than \$2 million in grants, according to Robin Schatz, director of Government Affairs for the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation. This year, four Philadelphia organizations received grants totaling \$413,389.

“It’s really been a boon to our area,” Schatz said.

Schatz secured two grants for the Jewish Federation in past years, and increased funding of the program would allow the organization to apply funds from future grants to expanding security measures elsewhere.

Generally, the allocations fund jobs for security guards, installation of security cameras and other security infrastructures.

According to Shira Goodman, regional director of Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia, though 2020 saw a small dip in local antisemitism, Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware counties remain the state’s antisemitism hotbeds.

“We have seen people who are motivated by hate emboldened in recent years,” Goodman said.

Along with the national grant program, Pennsylvania organizations can apply to a similar state-based grant program through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Because these programs fund primarily faith-based organizations, advocacy from the Jewish community to increase program funding is a way to stand in solidarity with other religious communities.

“It’s a good opportunity for us all to realize the things that unite us rather than divide us,” Goodman said. “It’s important both for official lobbyists, but also people on the ground who are working with those communities, to keep building those ties.”

ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt was among the other faith-based leaders who testified on far-right extremism. Both Fingerhut and Greenblatt expressed their support for the Pray Safe Act, a bipartisan bill that would provide additional resources for faith-based organizations. •

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# Restaurants Take Precautions As COVID Rises

### LOCAL

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**HYMIE'S DELI OWNER** Louis Barson is considering putting away the pickle bar again, less than a month after putting it back in the Lower Merion deli's dining area, worrying about the spread of germs.

Barson, like some other Jewish restaurant owners, is concerned about the impact the more contagious delta variant of the coronavirus will have on the health of his workers and on his business.

COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania have risen 164% since two weeks ago, according to The New York Times and Department of Health and Human Services. In the United States, 80% of new COVID-19 cases are the delta variant.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Aug. 3 that, in the coming weeks, vaccinations would be required for patrons of restaurants, gyms and other indoor venues.

Philadelphia does not have a citywide vaccine requirement, but some restaurants in the city, such as Martha, Le Virtu and Vetri Cucina have taken it upon themselves to enact a vaccine mandate.

Michael Solomonov and Steve Cook will require proof of vaccination for indoor dining at restaurants Abe Fisher, Zahav and Laser Wolf starting on Aug. 31. They will have no requirements for Goldie, Federal Donuts, K'Far and Dizengoff, and Solomonov and Cook declined a request for further comment.

Hymie's will not require proof of vaccination at this point, but the restaurant has reinstated a masking policy for

its staff; all employees must now wear a mask, though most are vaccinated. If cases in the area keep rising, Barson will ask customers to do the same when they enter the restaurant.

"Hopefully this is just a half a step back, not four steps back," Barson said.

Barson reached out to Montgomery County Health Department to see if it had any insight on whether the state or county would enact any new precautions. It didn't, Barson said, but Hymie's will be cautious anyway.

Barson recently ordered a sign to post outside the restaurant "kindly" asking customers to wear a mask. He said he didn't want to get into politics with anyone or argue, especially if there wasn't a law in place that required patrons to wear masks or to get vaccinated.

However, according to Barson, more and more customers were wearing masks these past few weeks.

Along with increased precautions is also increased fear. Barson noticed that his customers' mannerisms are different: People are more conscious of others getting too close to them, a behavior Barson thought dissipated in June and July, when COVID-19 cases were lower.

"It's sad to see," Barson said. "That's not the way it's supposed to go."

Schlesinger's owner Allan Domb, the real estate developer and city councilman, also noticed more mask-wearing in his deli's dining room.

Schlesinger's never completely returned to its pre-pandemic layout: the tables in the deli are still spaced out, and plastic boundaries above the cash register remain.





▲ Hymie's Deli will ask customers to wear masks in the restaurant if COVID-19 cases in the area continue to rise. Courtesy of Hymie's Deli

The deli also recommended mask-wearing but doesn't require it.

Schlesinger's precautions do not include a vaccine requirement and won't unless the Philadelphia Department of Public Health says otherwise.

"We're going to follow the city's direction and will comply with everything the city requests us to do," Domb said.

A handful of Jewish-owned restaurants in the area declined comment on whether they would require vaccination for

their patrons; the topic is polarizing and politicized. Though the number of restaurants with vaccination policies is growing, they total fewer than 15 in Greater Philadelphia, as of Aug. 10. One of the Philadelphia

restaurants that implemented a vaccine requirement, Martha, which is not Jewish-owned, recognized that. It hopes that, by creating the policy, other restaurants will have the confidence to follow.

"We are not telling people to get the vaccine; we are not turning people away," said Olivia Caceres, Martha's general manager.

Instead, if a customer is not vaccinated or does not present proof of vaccination, the restaurant will seat them outside.

Martha wants to protect its employees, who are not able to qualify for unemployment benefits if the restaurant shuts down again.

"We're trying to do what we can to prevent another shutdown by putting this policy in place, which is small, and it's something we can only do within our space," Caceres said. "But if other bars and

restaurants are doing that as well, that makes a bigger impact."

Like Caceres, Domb is also worried about staffing, but for other reasons; since the start of the pandemic, he's had several employees leave and has been short-staffed. The other month, Domb was a server all day on Sunday. Three weeks ago, the deli closed for the day because there were not enough staff.

Domb is concerned about what the lasting impacts of the pandemic will be on all restaurants in the Philadelphia area, but also on businesses like his: old-school, nostalgic delis.

"To many people, going to a delicatessen brings back tremendous memories of being with their parents and their grandparents," Domb said. "People love it." ●

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the challenges you’ve found since you came on?

**Michael Balaban:** From a worldwide challenge, there are three core areas that keep me up at night — and likely keep many in the Jewish world up at night:

First, the rise of antisemitism. No matter what direction you turn, it seems to be approaching us, whether it’s from domestic issues to global issues. It raises the question of, will we be safe as Jews, especially in a land that we thought we were pretty secure in? I would encapsulate with that the anti-Zionism, anti-Israel and anti-Jewish [sentiment] that has boiled up over the most recent years. I think we all knew it was under the surface. Now it’s attacking us in broad daylight in all sorts of places in the world.

Second, Jewish Federation’s purpose is to care for the needs of the Jewish people and work to build a more vibrant Jewish future. In caring for the needs, there’s greater disparity for the vulnerable out there today. And COVID has exacerbated this, whether it’s aging populations, frail Holocaust survivors,

individuals with disabilities or individuals who are financially insecure. We’ve seen an explosion of need transpire over the course of the past 18 months.

Third, it’s really the question — and maybe it’s because of the age that I’m at, will my grandchildren be Jewish? And what does that look like? I worry about the state of Jewish vibrancy — how do we engage more of our youth, the next generation, to desire to join in rather than opt out? How do we ensure, in a world where denominationalism has dissipated, in a world where we’re seeing far more interfaith marriages going on, how do we embrace as opposed to judge and project?

**JE:** And how do you plan to address all that?

**MB:** It starts with a business plan. I don’t know of a successful business that operates by luck, or without a plan. We’re a legacy institution, and like many legacy institutions, you get caught up in this trap of thinking we’ve been here forever, we’ll continue to be here forever. But the world continues to rotate on its axis. That means we need to keep evolving and changing. At some point, we

stopped evolving, we’re still utilizing the age-old model for philanthropy that we were founded under. Yes, we made tweaks along the decades, but it is time for a major change of how we do business. We’re looking at all of our strategic core operating elements in order to retool.

The basic elements are to move from a sales model to a service model. To elaborate, we typically pick up the phone and ask a person the following: “Last year you gave X, will you renew your gift to the community and give Y?” That was a model that worked for 100 years. We need to view our customer, the donor, as a philanthropic investor. Investors look for a return, our job, our service, is to provide the best solutions and opportunities for their philanthropic investment to make the most impact in the Jewish world.

**JE:** What’s your timeline?

**MB:** I am really excited that Mark Fishman and Ben Kirschner are chairing the strategic plan for us. I anticipate being done with the plan in six months, but the implementation is where the rubber meets the road. My goal is for us to have some quick wins for



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the community, but for transformative change to take root, it will take time.

**JE:** What was your impression of the Jewish Federation when you came aboard?

**MB:** While I may be a recent returnee to Philadelphia, I’ve been in the Jewish Federation

and nonprofit world now for well over 30 years. There’s a saying, where you stand depends on where you sit. When I last worked in Philadelphia, I was a Director of Development for Penn Medicine, so my vantage point on the Jewish

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## Area Restaurants Seek Hechshers

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AFTER BEN & JERRY'S announced it would stop selling ice cream in Israel's West Bank settlements, pro-Israel organizations such as Brooklyn-based Amariah demanded that the ice cream company's hechsher, or kosher certification, be removed. Some Australian grocery stores, as well as Australia's Kashrut Authority, have removed Ben & Jerry's from lists of kosher items.

But this is not the same as removing the brand's hechsher, the process of which is not so simple. Kof-K, the Teaneck, New Jersey-based organization that certifies Ben & Jerry's, has a contract with the ice cream company's Israeli distributor that doesn't expire for another year-and-a-half. Though the organization's hands are tied until then, it is working with Unilever, Ben & Jerry's parent company, to pressure Ben & Jerry's to reconsider its stance.

"We hope that we'll get it reversed," said Rabbi Yehuda Rosenbaum, a Kof-K administrator.

But while some are fervent about wanting the hechsher removed from Ben & Jerry's, some Philadelphia establishments are just as eager to get their own kosher certification.

Jessica Boese, co-owner of Cherry Hill, New Jersey's new location of Nothing Bundt Cakes, isn't Jewish but wants her franchise bakery location to be kosher to accommodate Cherry Hill's Jewish population.

"It's relatively simple for the amount that it is appreciated by the community," Boese said.

Because she, along with her husband and co-owner, Steve Boese, knew they wanted a kosher establishment before opening, they didn't need to worry about buying new equipment or making new rules about staff bringing non-kosher food into the kitchen.

For franchises like Nothing

Bundt Cakes or Insomnia Cookies, getting a hechsher is straightforward.

"They have standardized ingredients that are coming in: They're bound by the rules of their franchise agreements to only use certain suppliers that are coming in, all with their own certifications on it," said Rabbi Yonah Gross, an administrator for Keystone-K, the Philadelphia organization that supervises those area franchises.

One factor that complicates the process of getting a hechsher, according to Gross: serving meat.

Preparing meat at a kosher restaurant requires not only separation from dairy, but the constant supervision of a Jewish person to ensure the product is being appropriately handled. That can be a non-starter for many restaurants that are most profitable on Friday and Saturday, as, besides not being able to cook meat on Shabbat, they wouldn't be able to hire a Shabbat-observant supervisor, either.

"I don't think we'd be able to supervise a meat restaurant that's open on Shabbos," Gross said.

Dairy restaurants also often require continuous supervision, but there are still more kosher dairy than kosher meat restaurants in Center City.

Plant-based restaurants Bar Bombón, Charlie Was a sinner, and several HipCityVeg locations around the city all received kosher certification from the International Kosher Council on July 27. Supervised by Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch of Mekor Habracha Center City Synagogue, these restaurants join the ranks of other vegan kosher restaurants in the area supervised by IKC, such as 20th Street Pizza and Goldie.

"It really aligns with our mission to bring plant-based foods to people everywhere," said Nicole Marquis, founder and CEO of Bar Bombón, Charlie Was a sinner, and HipCityVeg. "Because we really believe it's the single most important thing we can do to have a positive impact on

our health, and, of course, on the environment." Marquis hopes for her restaurants to become halal, further expanding her clientele.

Like kosher establishments that serve dairy or meat, vegan restaurants also have to be vigilant when washing produce and checking them for bugs. Though they don't require constant supervision, restaurants are still required to have administrators provide periodic checks to ensure their standards are being upheld.

Not all vegan restaurants are interested in becoming kosher, Gross said. Some restaurants source sauces with animal byproducts because customers requested them. That these restaurants still advertise themselves as vegan underscores the importance that a kosher certification has on guaranteeing transparency between restaurants and customers.

Gross said he has noticed a steady increase in restaurants in the Philadelphia area applying for certification. Marquis said that she has seen a growing demand for plant-based restaurants, and members of the Jewish community have asked for her restaurants to get certified.

Despite Marquis' anecdotal evidence, there doesn't appear to be a major push from Philadelphia-based restaurants to become certified. Even so, the establishments that are becoming kosher — largely chains and vegetarian and vegan restaurants — indicate the growing desire of restaurants to gain a more inclusive consumer base, as well as become more conscious of where they source their food.

Conversely, kosher restaurants may get the short end of the stick if clientele are mostly limited to the kosher-keeping community.

"For kosher restaurants to be able to gain market share from the non-kosher community, that's a big challenge for them," Gross said. •

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community was very different. I'm trying not to come into this role with a preconceived notion. Right now it is about listening. I want to make sure that as I'm making decisions and retooling the organization, it addresses Philadelphia's specific and unique needs.

**JE:** How would you characterize the Philadelphia Jewish community?

**MB:** There's a uniqueness about Philadelphia. There are some similarities to Broward County, Florida, where I came from. The Greater Fort Lauderdale area was nestled between Miami and Boca, two deeply rooted Jewish communities that were seen as mega producers. Here we're situated between New York and Washington D.C., and it can cause one at times to look to our left or to our right, or up the coast or down, as opposed to taking a look inward at who we are and what we can accomplish. We found in Florida that once we stopped trying to compare ourselves to the others around us and started diving into who we could be, we grew and were able to really

create excitement, create a lot of wins for ourselves and ultimately had those other two communities chasing us instead of us chasing them. There's something about the psyche here that is a little similar to that.

**JE:** And how is the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia different than the Federation in Broward County?

**MB:** There's much more deep-seated legacy here than was there, because no one's from Broward County, Florida. Everyone I dealt with, for the most part, was a transplant. But you've got diehard Philadelphians here, and there are things that are rooted in the nature and culture of this community that Florida just didn't have. And that's a good thing — that's a great thing — in many respects. However, sometimes you have to let go of ghosts of the past in order to rebuild your future. The pursuit of perfection can impede improvement, and sometimes the ghosts of the past also impede. So we've got to make sure we balance that proper respect for what was,

but we have to be willing to move forward. Part of my job is pushing and pulling people over that threshold.

**JE:** Why did you decide to come back to Philly?

**MB:** We came back for family, and the opportunity to reset the future for the Jewish community that my family grew up in. It's an honor, and a responsibility that weighs heavily. But I'm fortunate to know that the weight of that is carried by a tremendous group of lay leaders and an amazing staff of professionals here.

**JE:** What are some of the effects COVID had on the Jewish Federation?

**MB:** I look at the Jewish community as a wheel with spokes. And over the years, the spokes between Federation and its agency partners have gotten further and further apart. Not out of purpose — just out of organizations working to fend for themselves, trying to find their own way. So COVID helped, on some levels, rebalance the fact that the community needs a hub. A wheel without a hub isn't

going to go anywhere fast. COVID helped the Federation to realize that it needs to play a greater role in bringing the spokes all closer together as partners working together. It's important to point out that the Federation never closed during COVID. We may have stopped working out of 2100 Arch, but we never closed. Equally, it was the same for our agency partners. They are a team of unsung heroes who are working in childcare centers, synagogues, schools, JCC, Federation housing, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Jewish Vocational Services, JLV, JChai, Hillel and many, many more committed agencies. It's a group of people who are incredibly committed to their clients and to their customers. The world doesn't stop turning, and COVID and this delta variant is a reminder that life speeds up around you, so you better learn to run faster.

**JE:** How is the extreme partisan polarization in our country and our community affecting the Jewish Federation?

**MB:** We've got to find a

way to bring people to the center. I don't mean that in the political perspective; I mean that in the sense that the world has moved to a place where if I'm right, you must be wrong. This happens on a whole host of issues, be it politics, be it masks, you name the subject, someone's going to have an opinion. And those opinions have started to create silos in the community and push people away. We need to be able to come together and learn how to listen to each other. We need a community focused on caring for the needs of the Jewish people and building a more vibrant Jewish future.

**JE:** That's a tall order.

**MB:** There's so much opportunity in this community. I have faith and the determination to ensure that we will be at the top and become one of the best nonprofits and communities out there for people to envy. It's going to take a little bit of time, but we're going to get it done. •

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Philadelphia and suburban counties surpass 5%, which the CDC considers dangerous.

"We're definitely getting nervous," said Michelle Durinzi, the marketing director for Robert Ryan Catering in Collegeville, which also operates three wedding and bar/bat mitzvah venues in the suburbs. "We'd be silly not to after the past year."

According to Durinzi, the company's October schedule is the busiest in its 29-year history, with 41 weddings.

Due to cancellations, in 2020 Robert Ryan's revenue plummeted \$2 million compared to a normal year. Revenue is still down about \$1.5 million for 2021 due to COVID capacity limits from the first half of the year.

Half of the company's events for 2021 are booked for September and October. All are going to be open to capacity crowds of more than 125 people ... at least for now.

"We'll just keep crossing our fingers," Durinzi said. "We'll see what comes and address it when it comes up."

Some owners and managers, though, are not waiting to make contingency plans.

At the Artesano Gallery in Philadelphia, Jewish owners

Jaime and Mildred Kaplan will soon meet with their event manager, Talia Kassie, to decide on official delta variant protocols for their packed September and October schedule.

The facility already requires employees to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test from the past 72 hours before each shift. Then, when they are on duty, all unvaccinated employees need to wear masks.

Kassie said she is already starting to ask couples to make the same requests of their wedding guests. Most are happy to do it to keep their weddings on schedule. Some, though, have already postponed their big days.

The event manager wants Philadelphia to implement public restrictions, like New York City's proof of vaccination requirement for indoor activities, to take some of the pressure off of venues.

"No one wants to be that venue that becomes the super spreader," she said. "But we don't want to lose business, either."

Susan Norcross, owner of The Styled Bride, plans Jewish and non-Jewish weddings in Philadelphia, the Main Line and New Jersey.

In a normal year, she books 20 to 30 weddings. In 2020, she did just six, and most were

micro-weddings with 12-20 guests. This year, she is on track to throw more than 30 celebrations.

"I've lost count," Norcross said.

She also said she's not too worried. The fall of 2021 is different from the spring of 2020.

After the pandemic broke out, the safest choice was to postpone big events. But with the vaccine, it's possible to pull off big parties even with the delta variant and perhaps some restrictions.

Norcross has five weddings in August, and only one has seen a dropoff in confirmed attendees due to the delta variant. Many of The Styled Bride's couples have all vaccinated guests. And, for the most part, her partner vendors' employees are all vaccinated.

Some couples that don't have fully vaccinated guest lists are starting to ask Norcross about rapid testing.

"That's the other thing: You can ask guests to be rapid-tested," she said. "You can do due diligence to see the family members and friends that you're going to see."

But Norcross acknowledged that, just like in March 2020, we still don't know what's to come.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the

essential employees.

"We were vaccinating anybody who came our way," Sivak said.

Finally, the city gave Einstein a \$300,000 grant to open the Tabor Road site. Almost 10,000 people have gotten vaccinated there, Way said. Einstein has vaccinated about 60,000 in all.

Sivak credited other hospital networks, like Jefferson Health, Temple Health and Penn Medicine, for playing significant roles in the local process, which has inoculated millions.

"Medical centers took on the role because the city didn't have the infrastructure to do it," Sivak said.

The doctor said his expanded role isn't likely to scale back anytime soon, either. With the delta variant causing a new round of cases and restrictions, his goal now is to get everyone vaccinated.

"If you get it from the delta variant and are vaccinated, you're very unlikely to end up in the hospital or die," Sivak said. •

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chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden, is warning that a new variant, one that has proved adept at evading COVID vaccines, may emerge if more Americans don't get vaccinated. To date, about half of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated, according to CDC numbers.

"I can't speculate," Norcross said. "But I do think over the next several months, this is going to be a new normal for us as we try to figure out what this looks like in the hospitality industry." •

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its most at-risk patients.

Then, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia reached out and asked if the hospital could vaccinate area Holocaust survivors. So, Sivak's team moved the operation to Einstein's Elkins Park facility and vaccinated a few hundred survivors.

Later, Philadelphia asked the network to help inoculate SEPTA workers. So, Sivak's team vaccinated between 800 and 1,000 of the region's most

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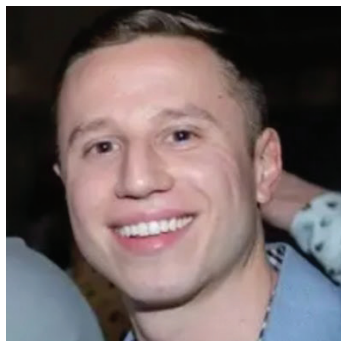
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# Lessons Learned Along the Road to Aliyah



BY ELI COHEN

FOR MORE THAN 20 years, I never had any inclination to visit Israel. Yet during a Shabbat dinner at Temple University, the Chabad emissary on campus asked me, “Why don’t you give it a shot?”

Rabbi Baruch Kantor’s suggestion activated an idea that was already in the back of my mind from conversations with family and friends as well as others during my childhood. I went on to sign up for a Birthright Israel trip before graduating college and, eight days after completing my last exam in August 2019, I embarked on the tour.

Being in Israel for the first time helped me understand who I am on a much deeper level. I hadn’t felt a connection

to Judaism until I connected with Israelis and their culture. At the time, I was certain I’d return to Israel, but I just didn’t know exactly when.

Finally, that moment arrived, following my immigration to Israel with Nefesh B’Nefesh on July 21. From starting a business to navigating a pandemic, the road to aliyah was paved with pivotal life events — and at each juncture, I gleaned lessons that I believe can help inform the journey for prospective *olim* (immigrants to Israel).

## Understand that Israel is different

Before visiting Israel, I didn’t identify culturally or religiously as a Jewish person in the United States. I never had exposure to people who were Jewishly observant but were also culturally ingrained in their broader community.

Israel is different — it’s not America. It’s important to be open-minded and accepting about Israeli society if you’re going to make the move, and then you need to take responsibility for your own life once you land.

While growing up, I had

exposure to the observant Jewish community in the U.S., but not much exposure to Israeli culture. My Birthright trip opened my eyes to that culture and helped me understand its differences with American society, and that knowledge is making my aliyah experience more comfortable today.

## Identify your value

Some *olim* say they moved without a plan, and then lament how it didn’t work out. This pitfall can be averted by first identifying the value that you want to bring to Israel.

I co-founded my e-commerce business, Ageless Natural Beauty LLC, after graduating from business school at Temple. We work with Israeli companies (web advertising platforms like Taboola and Outbrain) and use Israeli advertising technology to effectively target and reach more potential customers over the internet. I made aliyah knowing exactly how I wanted to contribute to Israel and its economy: scaling my company by eventually hiring Israeli employees and building a team here.

This made aliyah a match made in heaven. Not only is

Israel a hotspot for my professional specialty of internet marketing, but the Jewish state’s existing workforce is also a fertile ground for exactly the type of talent that’ll help me scale the business. This is a win-win scenario for my business and for Israel, as I arrived with a built-in way to contribute to the economy.

No entrepreneur grows a venture alone. There’s an entire team of people behind any successful brand. I moved to Israel knowing that it was the ideal place where I could share and spread opportunity and have other people succeed with me.

## Let go of the notion of perfect timing

After my trip to Israel was canceled in the summer of 2020 due to the pandemic, I decided to double down and just focus on growing the company. I started the aliyah process in the fall of 2020 and now, in the summer of 2021, I’m here and the company is growing. At the moment, we don’t have Israeli employees (yet), but over time we’ll grow the team here.

With no clear end in sight to the pandemic, the choice

surrounding aliyah was clear: now or never. I believe my decision resembles the story behind the state of Israel’s creation: If you’re going to do something, you do it now. You dive in headfirst and don’t look back.

There’s never a perfect time to move halfway around the world, but if you want something, you seize it. There are elements to life that’ll always be outside your control; don’t fixate on altering those circumstances. The pandemic is precisely the time to ask yourself: What can I do to get closer to who I am and what I want to do?

Aliyah makes complete sense for where I’m at in life right now. I’m bringing opportunity to Israel, but also benefiting from the various opportunities that this country, its economy and its culture have to offer. These are opportunities that I wouldn’t have anywhere else. I’m choosing to live life in the driver’s seat. I decided to make aliyah, and there was no looking back. •

Eli Cohen, a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of Temple University’s Fox School of Business, made aliyah from Las Vegas on July 21.

# Remembering Ilan Naibryf, Jewish Surfside Victim

BY JOSH SATOK

I’M WRITING THIS from Miami, 10 minutes from the beach. There are many reasons to be here — the beach, the sun, the culture. And there are many reasons not to be here.

As my grandma keeps calling to tell me, COVID rates are skyrocketing in Florida, and maybe it’s not the best place to be right now. But none of these considerations really mattered to me. I came for a reason nobody should have to come for: to be at the shiva of a former student of mine,

Ilan Naibryf, who was one of the victims of the Surfside building collapse.

I came to see his sister Tali, another former student of mine, to be able to give her a hug, and to show up to synagogue as his sisters and parents said the Kaddish, the mourner’s prayer, for Ilan. I came to remember Ilan, to provide some tiny modicum of comfort to his family, and ultimately, to remember what’s really important.

From 2014-2015, I spent a year working at a Jewish boarding school in Greensboro,

North Carolina, the American Hebrew Academy. The school no longer exists, but for a year, I lived on the campus, doing a little bit of everything as a “fellow.”

I’ve worked with lots of Jewish teenagers in my life, but there’s something special about the bonds you create in spending an entire year living on campus with students.

Ilan was, simply put, a good kid. Even as a freshman, he was a star soccer player and a laser-fast runner. His smile lit up the room, and he was kind, curious and had boundless energy.

After the year we both spent at AHA, Ilan finished high school in Hawaii and then went to the University of Chicago, where he was the student president of Chabad and would have entered his senior year this fall.

Ilan was in the Surfside building with his girlfriend Deborah, in her family’s apartment, to go to the funeral of someone they knew from their time at Camp Judaea in North Carolina. He was the kind of kid that anyone who works with teens is lucky to get to meet, to teach, to spend time with. And so is his sister

Tali, who was the *madricha* (senior who lived in a house with younger students) for the house of 11th grade girls right next to my 10th/11th grade boys house. My heart breaks that he’s gone at only 21, way too early.

From the moment I heard he was missing, I felt a compulsion that if the worst came to pass, if I could make it work, it felt like I needed to go down to Surfside. If there’s one important lesson I’ve learned in my 30 years of life, it’s that when you can, if you can, always try and show up



for people, especially in their moments of pain.

Being there for someone — whether they expect you, whether they know you well, no matter how far the distance — matters. It was clearly a lesson Ilan himself had already learned, being there in the Surfside building in order to pay his respects to a fellow member of his community.

Especially after our last year and a half, when so many have been separated from the people we care for, unable to be

physically present with them in their joys or in their sorrows, I couldn't stop thinking that just being there, even for a brief moment, mattered.

And I hope it did. I saw Tali for the first time in seven years. I got to give Ilan's parents and his other sister, Mica, a hug, and say something about how special Ilan was, how much of an impression he left on me. And I got to walk to Surfside, to see the empty space where the building stood and the memorial to the victims now

is. It was a lot. It was intense. And it was important.

Let me be clear: I'm not the protagonist in this story. Ilan is. This is about Ilan and the 97 other victims who were in the Champlain Towers. It's about his sisters, Mica and Tali, his parents, Carlos and Ronit, and all the other families who had to endure the horrible limbo of not knowing if they'd see their children or their parents or their husbands or their wives or their brothers or their sisters alive again. Who held

onto hope when not much remained, and who, at least now, have some closure and the ability to properly mourn their loved ones.

What can we take away from this unthinkable tragedy? I hope we can be a little more grateful for what we have, that we can hold onto our loved ones a little tighter, that we can give our grandmothers another call, send our friends another text to see how they're doing. So many have lost so much this past year, and it's important

to put it in context. The fact that I missed out a year of going on dates or traveling to new places or going to movies is tiny compared to losing a person, especially one so young, forever.

So let's be there for each other, through the good, and especially through the bad. And let's remember Ilan, a shining star taken from us way too soon. •

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## Rabbis Are Supposed to Offer Hope on the High Holidays. What if I Can't?



BY RABBI RACHEL BARENBLAT

**I WAS A WRITER** before I became a rabbi, and High Holiday sermons usually come easily to me. Some years I have so many ideas and teachings and hopes to share that I accidentally write more sermons than I need to give.

Not this year. This year I haven't felt able to begin writing at all.

The enormity of what's broken in the world feels paralyzing. In recent weeks we've seen unprecedented heat and wildfires in the Pacific Northwest, a flaming oil spill turning part of the Gulf of Mexico into an inferno and extreme flooding across Europe. "Who by fire, who by water," the words of the Unetaneh Tokef prayer, land differently this year. Dayenu, that could be enough to still

my pen — but there's more.

Last year, leading High Holiday services via Zoom from home, I spoke about our obligation to take care of each other by staying apart. I turned to the rabbi of the Warsaw Ghetto for his teachings about hope during adversity. I imagined Rosh Hashanah 5782: Surely we would be vaccinated and safely back together!

The past 18 months of pandemic were hard even for those of us who have it easy (a job, a place to live, no illness). For many the isolation of sheltering in place was crushing, or numbing. For many without stable income or a roof overhead, the pandemic has been unimaginably worse. So, too, for frontline workers and those whose jobs are "essential" and often unseen.

When vaccines became available, my heart soared on wings of hope. But I hadn't reckoned with the power of social media influencers lying about the putative risks of the vaccine, or claiming the virus is a hoax or "not that bad." The simple truth that vaccines save lives became perversely inverted — and weaponized. Now vast numbers of my fellow Americans are refusing vaccination, claiming "personal

freedom" at the expense of the collective good.

I keep thinking of the parable of the guy in the boat drilling a hole under his own seat. He doesn't seem to notice that his personal freedom is going to drown everyone else. As a parable, it's tart and a little bit funny. In real life, it's horrifying. Dayenu: that too could be enough to spark despair. But there's more.

The governor of Texas recently made it illegal for municipalities to require masks. To many, masks have become a symbol of government control. A mask is literally the least we can do to protect the immunocompromised (and all children under the age of 12). Refusing to wear a mask during this pandemic is like leaving your lights on during the London Blitz.

Combine the anti-maskers, and the anti-vaxxers, and the new delta variant (more contagious than chicken pox, and vaccinated people can spread it), and cases are rising again. We're facing another long winter of isolation and mounting death counts — and it didn't have to be this way.

Between what we're doing to our planet (which disproportionately harms those who are most vulnerable), and the impact of

anti-maskers and anti-vaxxers on public health (ditto), and the persistence of the Big Lie that the presidential election was "stolen," and the lack of accountability around the Jan. 6 insurrection, it's hard not to despair. How can I write sermons from this place? I'm pretty sure no one comes to High Holiday services to hear their rabbi admit that she's given up hope.

I poured out my heart about this to my hevruta partner, who reminded me that in Torah even God sometimes despaired of humanity. When God despaired of us, it was our ancestors' job to push back and remind God of reasons to hope for humanity's future. This is part of why we live (and learn!) in community: to help each other find hope when our hearts despair.

Indeed, the Torah readings most of us will encounter on Rosh Hashanah cue up that inner journey. On the first day we read about the casting-out of Hagar and Ishmael. On the

second day, the stakes may feel even higher with the binding of Isaac. Yet these same Torah stories also remind us of the hope to be found in tough times. An angel opens Hagar's eyes to a flowing spring, and she and her son are saved. An angel opens Abraham's eyes to the ram caught in the thicket, and Isaac's life is spared.

Our task is to see the traumas of this moment clearly — and also to cultivate the ability to look beyond our own despair. The Days of Awe open the door to new beginnings, even when (or especially when) we can't see our own way back to hope for change. We just have to be like those biblical angels for each other: helping each other see the hope we can't find alone. •

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# From Generation to Generation: How do you raise your children Jewishly?

In honor of *l'dor v'dor*, a Jewish saying that means “from generation to generation,” we spoke to young families to find out how and why they raise their children Jewishly.



**The Hoffman Family**

“We live Jewishly in the little details of our lives. We teach our children about giving back and donating their time to others. We have a Shabbat meal every Friday night and include friends in our community or extended family. We find a true connection to our synagogue. That’s our personal Jewish journey, but there are so many beautiful ways that Judaism can enter our lives on a daily basis. From helping a friend, to being kind, to simply being respectful — we try to model Jewish values as best we can.”

Joy and Ryan Hoffman with their children: Ella (14 y.o.), Ethan (12 y.o.), Emily (10 y.o.) and Evan (4 y.o.)



**The Heller Family**

“The Jewish community allows for children to understand their part of something greater than themselves and their immediate family. Something their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were a part of and that they will have the same responsibility to pass on to their children. We sent our children to Jewish preschool, where they got their foundation in Judaism as well as going to Hebrew School. More than that, they see it reflected in the time spent with our families celebrating holidays.”

Rachel and Corey Heller and their children: Julia (6 y.o.) and Joey (9 y.o.)



**The Varon-Mosquera Family**

“Raising Sarah Jewish is a mitzvah of high priority for us. Raising her with Jewish values as a foundation is a great gift we are giving to her and to the world. Also, for my husband Daniel, it is a way to honor his Jewish heritage. As a mother who has embraced Judaism, I feel very happy to be part of the commitment to help strengthen Sarah’s Jewish identity and pride. We want our daughter to grow up loving being Jewish, and being aware of the social responsibility that this entails and the positive impact that she can have on the world.”

Daniel Varon and Ivonne Mosquera with their daughter: Sarah (7 y.o.)



**The Rosen Family**

“Neely is the grandchild of Holocaust survivors so *l'dor v'dor* – the passing down of traditions – is fundamental to who we are. Raising kids Jewishly means creating a home filled with Jewish ritual and sensory experiences – the sounds of Carlebach around the kitchen table, the smell of the *Havdalah* spices, the feeling of braiding challah or shaking a *lulav*, the ritual and rhythm of Shabbat – and modeling a commitment to community and a connection to Israel. We supplement public school with Hebrew school and Jewish day camp.”

Neely and Leon Rosen and their children: Symon (8 y.o.) and Aleah (10 y.o.)

## Young families in our community are counting on you!

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia proudly supports a number of organizations, programs and initiatives that support young families and their ability to pass on the traditions and values of Judaism to the next generation.

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## 3 Ways For Local Families With Kids To Live Jewishly

Check out these Jewish Federation supported programs and see the full list at [jewishphilly.org/youngfamilyguide](http://jewishphilly.org/youngfamilyguide)

- 1 Calling all bookworms! Sign up for PJLibrary and receive free Jewish children’s books every month.
- 2 If you’re raising an interfaith family, read up on 18Doors and their resources for interfaith families (and couples without kids!) to engage in Jewish life.
- 3 Got a budding David Beckham (he’s Jewish!) in your family? Check out the Kehillah soccer league, which starts in September.



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# Make the Most of August Produce

FOOD

LINDA MOREL | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

**I LOVE LATE AUGUST!** Farmers markets and backyard gardens are jumping, offering the summer's best yield.

Think of crisp string beans, firm cucumbers, plump tomatoes, sweet corn on the cob, summer squash, baby eggplants and big, round berries.

I buy bunches of basil, parsley, dill and mint. Whatever I don't use in a couple of days, I chop, place in individual Ziplock bags and store in the freezer. I recently discovered you can cut uncooked corn off the cob and freeze it, preserving the best of summer far into the fall.

August is the last full month of summer. By mid-September, there's a nip in the air and the angle of the sun has tipped toward autumn. Of course, it is feasible to find many of the same local fruits and veggies in September, but they won't be quite as juicy and delicious.

So, while a cornucopia of summer produce is available, I joyously fill my shopping basket with foods that flourish in the sun's last strong rays of the year, relying on recipes that are as easy to prepare as lounging on a hammock during Sunday afternoons in August.

**GRILLED BABY EGGPLANTS | PAREVE**  
Serves 4-6

- Nonstick vegetable spray
- 3 baby eggplants, peeled and sliced about 1/4-inch thick
- 1/4 cup olive oil, or more if needed
- Kosher salt to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, or more if needed

Equipment: a barbecue grill and a vegetable grill basket

Preheat your barbecue grill. Place the eggplant slices on a plate. Pour the olive oil into a small bowl. Dip a pastry brush in the oil and coat the top side of the eggplant slices with oil. (If you don't have a pastry brush, drizzle on oil with a teaspoon.) Sprinkle on salt and garlic powder. Turn the eggplant slices over and repeat on the other side.

Lightly coat your grill basket with nonstick vegetable spray. Move the prepared eggplant slices to the grill basket. Place the grill basket on the grill rack. Grill the eggplants for 4 minutes on each side, or until cooked through and crisping. Serve immediately or at room temperature.

**BARBECUED CORN ON THE COB | PAREVE**  
Serves 6

- Nonstick vegetable spray
- 6 ears of fresh corn on the cob
- Kosher salt to taste

Equipment: a barbecue grill and barbecue tongs

Before preheating, spray the rack of your grill with nonstick vegetable spray. Preheat your barbecue grill.

Remove the husks from the corn and discard. Place the corn on the grill. Using barbecue tongs, turn the corn about every two minutes so that all sides are exposed to the grill's flame. Grill for about 10 minutes, or until the corn is caramelized and golden to slightly brown.

Remove the corn from the grill and sprinkle salt on all sides. Serve immediately.

**MIXED TOMATOES AND HERB SALAD | PAREVE**  
Serves 4-6

**Salad:**



- 2 1/2 pounds tomatoes in a variety of colors (red, orange, yellow, etc.)
- 1/8 cup basil leaves, chopped
- 1/8 cup dill fronds, chopped
- 1/8 cup chives, chopped

Core and slice tomatoes thin. Arrange them on an attractive platter, overlapping the colors. Sprinkle the basil, dill and chives over the tomatoes. Reserve.

- Dressing:**
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
  - 1/4 cup olive oil
  - Kosher salt to taste
  - Freshly ground black pepper to taste
  - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Place all the dressing ingredients in a small bowl and whisk them together until they are well combined. Slowly drizzle the dressing over the tomatoes. Serve immediately or within a couple of hours.

**BERRY DELIGHT | DAIRY OR PAREVE**  
Serves 6

- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, or coconut or lemon sorbet
- 3 cups assorted: blueberries, raspberries and sliced strawberries
- 6 sprigs of mint
- 6 gingersnap cookies (store bought)

Optional: Glass bowls show off this stunning summer dessert to advantage.

Into each of six bowls, scoop 2 heaping tablespoons of ice cream or sorbet. Arrange the berries attractively over

the ice cream or sorbet. Scoop 1-2 tablespoons of ice cream or sorbet over the berries.

Top with a generous sprig of mint. Slide a ginger snap into the ice cream or sorbet at an attractive angle. Serve immediately. •

## FAMILY REUNION

The family of Yitzhak and Marya Belitsky of Anashushek, Lithuania will be holding a reunion on the weekend of August 21 and 22, 2021.

If you believe you are a descendant of Yitzhak and Marya Belitsky and/or their children, Jacob, Joseph, Morris and Herman Belitsky or Jennie Belitsky Morganstern, please contact [drbelitsky@aol.com](mailto:drbelitsky@aol.com) or Jack Belitsky @ **215-694-7130** to seek further information.



# GPJFF Season Concludes, Spotlights Kurt Weill

## FILM

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

**FILM PRODUCER** Stuart Samuels describes his long-time friend Ruth Perlmutter as a “cultural jeweler” for her ability to discover cinematic gems.

Perlmutter, 93, who founded the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival in 1980 alongside her late husband, Archie, will be honored through the Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival’s final program of the season.

The program, Ruth’s Reels and Archie’s Archives Double Feature of “The Threepenny Opera” and “September Songs: The Music of Kurt Weill,” will run virtually until Aug. 16.

The program pays homage to Kurt Weill, a 20th-century German stage composer

whose music is emblematic of Germany’s Weimar Republic and who shaped the creation of opera in America.

The first of the two films, “The Threepenny Opera,” is director G.W. Pabst’s interpretation of the compositions of Weill and the writing of Bertolt Brecht from 1931. The story of criminal Mack the Knife and his pursuit of Polly Peachum, whose father controls London’s beggars, is Brecht’s socialist critique of capitalism. As the Ruth’s Reels selection, the film will make its GPJFF debut at this program.

“The Threepenny Opera” is complemented with “September Songs: The Music of Kurt Weill,” a 1995 film by Larry Weinstein, which features an eclectic and eccentric collection of interpretations of Weill’s music by

Nick Cave, Lou Reed and Elvis Costello, among others.

The program also includes an interview with Weinstein moderated by Samuels, a former history professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Weill was ambitious in the content of his music, writing about his grievances toward Shell Oil, a controversial subject matter in the 1920s, Weinstein said. Unlike modern composers who write but don’t arrange their music, Weill also orchestrated all of his pieces, a time-consuming process.

“I love that he was a European artist who could evolve, who could adapt, who could reinvent himself,” Weinstein said.

Weinstein had always been interested in writing films about composers and musicians and was first introduced to Weill’s



▲ An image of Kurt Weill projected in the warehouse where “September Songs: The Music of Kurt Weill” was filmed  
Courtesy of Larry Weinstein

music in 1985 after hearing Hal Willner’s “Lost in the Stars: The Music of Kurt Weill,” a tribute album.

Willner was planning a new

project about Weill, pitched as a different director — Federico Fellini, Orson Welles

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# Teacher Completes Summer C-SPAN Fellowship

## LOCAL

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

**OVER 24 YEARS** as a social studies teacher, Michael

Horwits has developed an effective approach to his craft.

“Get the kids to think and be analytical,” said Horwits, now in his 17th year at Central High School in Philadelphia.

So in July, during his vacation from school, Horwits spent three weeks exploring methods and source materials for stimulating young minds.

The Jewish teacher was one of



▲ Michael Horwits

Photo by Ashley Zeserman

five educators across the country selected for C-SPAN’s Summer Fellows program. He received a \$1,000 stipend for participating.

In the program, which was remote due to the pandemic situation, the teachers used the cable channel’s deep library of primary source materials to develop classroom lessons.

Then they would meet once or twice a week with C-SPAN’s team to discuss their projects.

Horwits’ main project was a March Madness-style bracket in which students can rank all 46 U.S. presidents. For the lesson’s opening activity,

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# The Parameters of Justice

BY RABBI JON CUTLER

## Parshat Shoftim

**THIS WEEK'S TORAH** portion, Shoftim (judges), offers an introduction to Jewish jurisprudence and offers important lessons about how a just society functions. Moses in his final discourses to the Israelites instructs them to build a just and moral society in the Promised Land they are poised to enter.

The most famous verse from this parsha states “*Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof*” – “Justice, justice shall you pursue, so that you may thrive and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 16:18)

The obvious question is as follows: Why did the word *tzedek* (justice) need to be repeated? Would it not have been sufficient to state “Justice shall you pursue?” The rabbis answered that the repetition of the word justice is to teach us that justice needs to be achieved through just means. For example, even if one’s cause is just, one must not influence the court with tainted evidence, bribery or other forms of corruption.

In Jewish law, the ends do not justify the means. We need to be careful in administering justice with equity.

Jewish law demands that we must never favor the rich over the poor. But neither may the poor be favored over the rich. Each case must be judged by its own merits, not by the social, economic or racial background of the litigants. If we can judge with true impartiality, then we are well on the way to achieving true justice.

Whose obligation is it to make sure that there is a just legal system operating for the people?

The Torah opens with a solemn injunction: “Place for yourself, in all your gates ... judges and officials, so that they will judge the people in righteousness.” (Deut. 16:18) The text continues to emphasize how important justice and righteousness is for “Place for yourself,” says the verse. The verse is phrased as a direct address to the individual. The authority wielded by judges and other officers of society ultimately derives from their mission as messengers of each of us.

We are personally commanded to pursue justice. Part of our obligation is purely

personal, of course — to act justly and treat each other fairly and without prejudice or violence. But another part of our personal obligation is to create social structures that extend beyond the capacities of any one person, to ensure that justice applies everywhere, to everyone.

But while many of us are quite confident in our own moral uprightness, we are forced to confront, on a daily basis, how flawed our justice system is on a social scale. The command to pursue justice on a societal scale is a very difficult obligation to undertake.

For example:

*“If one is found slain ... Lying in the field and it is not known who has slain him ... The elders of the city nearest the slain man shall wash their hands and say our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it ...”* (Deut. 21:1, 7)

If a man is found slain in the field, and it is not known who has slain him, a just society assures the safety of all in its midst. Life matters even when the identity of the victim is unknown. To pursue justice is not solely justice for the residents of the community or for its privileged members.

The pursuit of justice demands embracing the underprivileged, the stranger, the “other.” It’s an ongoing task requiring commitment and determination. Society is to be proactive in establishing and maintaining the highest standards of righteousness and integrity.

If an apparent victim of violence is found in the field and not within the boundaries of any community, it’s easy to dismiss it as another unsolved crime, but not so in this instance. Here all the elders of the city closest to where the body is found must gather at the nearest “mighty stream” with a year-old heifer and engage in a profound rite. They are to break its neck and then washing their hands in the brook proclaim their innocence by reciting, “Our hands not shed this blood.”

The Talmud notes it is inconceivable that the elders committed this crime. Why then this profession of innocence? This was to proclaim that this stranger did not enter their city only to be denied hospitality and departed without provisions and an escort to guide

and protect him on his way. The elders speaking for their community were affirming that the stranger’s life was of consequence. Life matters. All life matters — even that of the stranger. The pursuit of justice demands we be concerned about the welfare and safety of the outsider and “other.”

This rite is rooted in the biblical and rabbinic teachings that the stance of “live and let live” is contrary to the obligation to be proactive in the pursuit of justice. We are mandated to assume responsibility for the safety of others and that basic needs of food, shelter and security are assured to all. ●

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## Weill

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and Francis Ford Coppola had signed on for the project — directing a unique video component. Weinstein was too green for the project, which was never filmed, but he was given a second chance to create his own tribute to Weill a decade later, enlisting the help of Reed, his personal deity.

While working on his film, Weinstein acquired an even deeper appreciation for the composer, considering him “a quiet friend.”

“Kurt Weill himself was just this quiet, gentle genius,”

Weinstein said.

Samuels believes that the interview he conducted with Weinstein will help to augment the viewing experience.

“It gives people a chance to take an expansive experience, which is to listen, to watch these two works of art and creativity, and also be able to go beyond that and find other depths that you can’t find with the traditional mediums of traditional film or old archives,” Samuels said.

According to Samuels, the Perlmutter had deep familial ties to Germany and an interest in German film and culture; Ruth Perlmutter is a music-lover.

Samuels met Perlmutter in the 1970s when they teamed up to create a film and video center on the third floor of the Walnut Street Theatre. Prior to then, Samuels said, there weren’t any other film centers in the area outside of universities or the Theatre of Living Arts.

“We had films every night, people lecturing and talking,” Samuels said. “It wasn’t a great, popular success, but it was a seeding of the ground for Philadelphia.”

Perlmutter was always avant-garde, according to Samuels, and had a way of connecting with young people

that made her a compelling mover and shaker in organizing cultural events in the city. She and Archie Perlmutter, a businessman with a love of the arts, would bring joy and fun to whatever social gathering they attended.

“She’s one of those unknown forces that exists in a city like Philadelphia, that continues that kind of tradition of art, pop culture and film,” Samuels said.

Though Perlmutter, who served as GPJFF’s artistic chair emeritus, retired from chairing the screening committee several years ago, she sponsors

Ruth’s Reels and Archie’s Archives as a way to stay involved in the film community and continue her legacy of introducing audiences to new and novel films.

“She was certainly instrumental in nurturing a truly vibrant film scene in Philly,” said Olivia Antsis, executive artistic director at GPJFF.

Additional information about and tickets for the events can be found at [pjff.org/event/double-feature-2021](http://pjff.org/event/double-feature-2021). General admission for the program is \$12. ●

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## BIRTHS

### ► EDEN CHAVAH PRINE

Amanda (née Littman) and Marc Prine of Philadelphia announce the birth of their daughter, Eden Chavah, on July 1. Eden is welcomed by her sister, Golda, along with grandparents Meryl and Gary Littman of Ardmore and Alice and Richie Prine of Manalapan, New Jersey.

Sharing in their happiness are great-grandfathers Bernard Littman of Philadelphia and Sidney Prine of Tamarac, Florida. Eden is named in loving memory of her great-grandmother Edith Podolsky and her great-great-grandmother Celia Lent.



Courtesy of the Prine family

### ► MAREN JANE TENER

Dr. Trilby J. Tener, of Livingston, New Jersey, announces the birth of her daughter, Maren Jane Tener, on June 11.

Maren Jane is named in loving memory of her maternal grandfather, Morton Tener, and maternal grandmother, Ronne Jane Tener.

Maren Jane is the sister to Romy Jane.

Photo by Wendy Moynihan



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Philanthropic Pickleball Tournament Set for September Down the Shore

**THE PHILANTHROPIC FUNKY PICKLE** Ventnor Classic is set for Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 5600 Atlantic Ave. in Ventnor, New Jersey, with proceeds benefiting the All Clear Foundation, which provides resources and mental health services to emergency responders and their families.

"Pickleball saved my life last year during COVID. It filled the void of social interaction and inability to produce experiences for people," said Alexander Greer, a Funny Pickle Productions co-founder, along with Maggie Corrado. "I fell in love with pickleball because of the community that exists around the sport. It's intergenerational and inclusive. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age, size, shape

or experience."

The tournament portion of the event will be broken down into two mixed doubles brackets: Social (Get Funky) and Advanced (Pickle Down), with players hailing from throughout South Jersey and the Philadelphia region.

Along with food options, the inaugural event will feature the AMI Foundation Mammo Van, an on-site mobile digital mammography van offering free mammograms to attendees, craft pickle juice cocktails and the opportunity to challenge professional pickleball players through a variety of contests.

For further details, visit [funkypickleproductions.com](http://funkypickleproductions.com).

### NJ JFS Receives \$20K United Way Grant

Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties received a \$20,000 grant from the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. The money will be used for JFS general operating support.

"The generous United Way grant will assure those in need will continue to have access to the programs, services and assistance they have come to rely upon us for," JFS CEO Andrea Steinberg said.

JFS programs and services include older adult programming, counseling, the Atlantic Homeless Alliance, a food pantry, a Pathways to

Recovery program and vocational services.

### NMAJH Jewish Music Series to Feature Ladino and Cuban Artists in Coming Weeks

The National Museum of American Jewish History's "Songs of Our People Songs of Our Neighbors" series will feature Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) and Latin artists in the coming weeks. The series explores music from varied Jewish traditions and diverse cultures.

Ladino musician Susana Behar will perform at 8 p.m. on Aug. 18. Now based in Miami, Behar was born in Havana, Cuba, and also lived in Venezuela for 17 years. She was most recently the artist-in-residence at Miami History Museum. She will be accompanied by guitarist Michel Gonzalez for the live performance portions of the program.

And at 8 p.m. on Sept. 2, Grammy-nominated Afro-Cuban percussionist and vocalist Pedrito Martinez, a Santeria priest who was born in Havana, Cuba, will perform. He's a member of the Nuevo Jazz Latino program at Lincoln Center and has collaborated with Paul Simon, James Taylor, Wynton Marsalis and Quincy Jones.

Both events are virtual on Zoom, Facebook and the NMAJH website. The public may tune in for free, although there is a \$10 suggested donation. Visit [nmajh.org/virtual-museum](http://nmajh.org/virtual-museum) for details. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



▲ Pickleball

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## Fellowship

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he compiled a series of clips of scholars and other experts explaining their own rankings.

“You get kids to think, are these accurate?” Horwits said. “And if they were different, how would they be different?”

And then they fill out the bracket. It’s both thought-provoking and fun, according to the Philadelphia teacher.

“Kids should have fun,” he added.

During the fellowship, Horwits also put together clips of experts talking about initial public offerings, the stock market and other financial topics during congressional hearings.

Central students have been asking teachers for units on personal finance in recent years. In response, Horwits started using a lesson on investment options. But he wants to go deeper on the subject because of its applicability to real life.

“At the end of the day, it’s about the kids,” he said. “We have to help future generations.”

In 2009, Horwits discovered that C-SPAN could be a valuable resource. He applied for and received a visit to Central from the public affairs channel’s educational bus.

The teacher brought his students onto the bus to listen and ask questions to C-SPAN employees. Students learned what it was like to be in a congressional hearing and part of a television broadcast. The C-SPAN team also explained how the nonprofit got federal money to continue operating.

After that visit, Horwits started digging into C-SPAN Classroom, the channel’s online database for educators, for primary source materials. Once he found good materials, he began building lessons around them.

For a lesson on Supreme Court cases, Horwits pulled clips of scholars talking about *Marbury v. Madison*, the 1803 decision that



▲ Michael Horwits, center, and William Graham, left, at Central High School’s graduation ceremony at the Kimmel Center in 2017

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established the Constitution as a basis for legal rulings.

For a lesson on federalism, the teacher compiled clips of experts talking about our labyrinthine system of federal, state and local governments, as well as who has responsibility over voting laws.

And for a more recent lesson on whether the federal government should forgive student debt, Horwits put together a list of videos of a Washington Post reporter, a Temple University professor, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Sen. John Thune and a George Mason University

fellow discussing the issue from different angles.

“Six perspectives,” he said. “All different areas.”

During the pandemic, Horwits started using C-SPAN’s library not just for select lessons, but on a regular basis. From a virtual distance, it was a great way to keep students focused on class materials, as opposed to all the non-school distractions around them at home.

This past spring, Horwits spotted the fellowship opportunity on C-SPAN’s website. He applied in May and heard back in June.

“This is right in line with his M.O.,” said William Graham, Horwits’ social studies colleague at Central. “There’s nothing better than hearing right from the horse’s mouth with policy-makers and people like that.”

Graham also said that, in the age of social media, and its blizzard of information and misinformation, Horwits’ approach is more important than ever.

“Just to be able to analyze it yourself,” Graham concluded. “What’s your take on this? What was the president doing here?” •

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The Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care record with sorrow the passing of their esteemed colleague and friend

**Arnold S. Hoffman, z”l**

whose commitment to Jewish causes and philanthropy benefited the seniors served by Abramson Senior Care, and who served as an example to the entire community.

Arnold joined the board of trustees in 1983 and has been a steadfast supporter of Abramson Senior Care’s mission of providing high-quality care to seniors throughout the Philadelphia region. He tirelessly gave of his time and expertise, serving as Board Chair from 2002 – 2005 and on the Cabinet, Compensation, Development, Hospice & Palliative Care, Investment, Strategic Ad Hoc, Building for Life, and Finance & Insurance Committees. As Board Chair, Arnold’s leadership helped lay the groundwork for the development of many new lines of business to meet the needs of our most vulnerable seniors. His guidance and dedication to our organization knew no bounds and we are deeply indebted to all that he contributed to help make Abramson Senior Care a first-class provider of healthcare for seniors.

Since 2009, Arnold and his wife, Bette, have been the lead benefactors of Abramson Hospice. This support has brought high-quality hospice care to countless patients and family members and helped position Abramson Senior Care’s expansion of community services.

Always looking for new and innovative ways to help the seniors in our care, Arnold and Bette funded the Tech Center at the former Abramson Residence and created a scholarship that allowed for Penn State students to teach computer skills to seniors.

Cherished members of the Abramson Senior Care community, Arnold and Bette served as gala chairs twice. Additionally, their ongoing generous support of our Annual and Endowment Funds, and Capital Campaign have helped ensure that Abramson Senior Care will be able to provide much needed care for generations of seniors to come.

Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were truly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Arnold’s time, leadership, and enduring tzedakah.

To his wife, Bette; children Daniel (Cinde), James, Jeffrey (Debra), and Andrew (Allison); his ten grandchildren; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that his dedication, generosity and good works will serve as a living tribute to him and will benefit future generations.

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Alongside his beloved wife, Audrey, Stanley generously gave to our Annual Fund, Gala and Capital Campaign. Their dedication has helped to ensure that Abramson Senior Care will be able to provide much needed care and services for generations of seniors to come. Most recently, their thoughtfulness helped us through the COVID crisis with a gracious donation to our COVID Campaign, and a dedication of the rehabilitation gym at Birnhak Transitional Care at Lankenau Medical Center has helped bring first-rate transitional care services to the Main Line.

Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were truly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Stanley’s time, leadership, and enduring tzedakah.

To his wife, Audrey; children Jennifer (Brian) Robbins, Amy (Mark) Friedman, and Elizabeth (Peter) Bein; grandchildren Nicholas and Jason Robbins, Frederick and Isaac Breslow, Emily (John) Capodilupo, Rebecca (Tim) Clark, Jacob and Alexander Bein, and Eva (Elan) Aiken; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that his dedication, generosity and good works will serve as a living tribute to him and will benefit future generations.

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##### BLACK

Marcia Sikowitz Black of Elkins Park on July 31, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Jan F. Black. Devoted mother of Steven, Morgan, Neil, Sherri, Adam, Fiona and June. Loving grandmother of Evan, Harrison, Sydney and Samantha. Sister of Mark and Rhonda Sikowitz, Linda and Larry Brandt, Mel and Debbie Black, and Laura Sikowitz. Daughter of the late Nathan and Pearl Sikowitz. Contributions in her memory may be made to Old York Road Temple Beth Am.

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##### CHEIFETZ

Louis Cheifetz on August 3, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline (nee Altaker); Loving father of Craig (Linda Chesterman) and Stuart (Jennifer); Dear brother of Carol (Tom Riley) Mazer; Devoted grandfather of Michelle, Erin, Ryan, and Ethan. Contributions in his memory may be made to Old York Road Temple-Beth Am, 970 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 19001 or National Parkinson’s Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Ste. 800, Miami, FL 33131.

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##### CALTUNE

Shirley Caltune (nee Kurnitsky) on August 3, 2021. From West Palm Beach, FL. Beloved wife of the late Joseph “Joe” Caltune: Adoring mother of Craig Caltune and the late Michelle “Shelly” (Bob) Passehl; Sister of Arnold Kurnitsky and the late Anne Gabler; Daughter of the late Dora (nee Gerberg) and Louis Kurnitsky. Shirley was born and raised in Strawberry Mansion, Philadelphia. She graduated from Simon Gratz High School and went on to have a career for over 30 years as a Legal Secretary for Senior Partner Bob Freedman at the law firm of Cohen Shapiro (Drinker Biddle) in Center City Phila. The highlight of her life was being a proud Mom-Mom to Jason Passehl and Nicole (Jeff) Ventura, as well as Bubbie to Macie, Avery and Emma Ventura. Shirley was also blessed to be the partner of Harry Kabo for 18 years. His children, Michael (Ellen) Kabo and Bonni (Jerry) Shinfeld, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were loved by Shirley. A once in a lifetime woman whom words cannot adequately describe. Shirley was an amazing friend to all who knew her, but especially to Natalie Pearlman for over 60 years and her cousin Jackie Baseman since birth. Shirley’s smile lit up every room and everybody loved her, as she was magnetic, fun and classy. She loved to share the joy in the good times and always looked on the bright side of life. Shirley will be remembered for her strength, her sense of humor, her poems, her style and her love for shopping. She had a love for singing show-tunes, going to the theater, playing Mahjong and Canasta, going for lunch with the girls, spending time in Atlantic City and Florida, and traveling all over the world. She lived a magnificent life, one that will be cherished forever. In honor of her daughter Shelly, Contributions in Shirley’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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##### GOLDBERG

Evelyn Goldberg (nee Daroff), age 92, died peacefully at home July 26, 2021 in Springfield, VA. She resided in Cheltenham, Northeast Philadelphia and Logan before moving to Virginia in 1999. Devoted wife of 53 years to the late Jack E. Goldberg. Cherished mother of Michael (Cheryl) Goldberg, Myrtle Beach, SC; and Ivy (Mark) Richards, Pacific Grove, CA. Loving grandmother of Julie Alexander, Eric Goldberg and Lori Rosenblatt; great-grandmother of six. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. Born in Strawberry Mansion, she was the daughter of the late Max and Ida Daroff and sister of the late Faye Daroff Goldberg, Morris (Maish) Daroff, Albert Daroff, Nathan Daroff and Morton Daroff. Graveside services to be held promptly at noon Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at Haym Salomon Memorial Park (Section AA-5A), Frazer, PA. Arrangements by Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care, Inc., Rockville, MD. Contributions, if desired, may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice. ([www.sagelbloomfield.com/obituary/Evelyn-Goldberg](http://www.sagelbloomfield.com/obituary/Evelyn-Goldberg))

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##### HOFFMAN

Arnold Shawmut Hoffman, August 4, 2021 of Sarasota Florida, formerly Rydal, PA; beloved husband of Bette (nee Gichner); loving father of Daniel (Cinde) Hoffman, James Hoffman, Jeffrey (Debra) Hoffman and Andrew (Allison) Hoffman; cherished grandfather of Henry, Edward, Sophie, Bailey, Jadon, Levi, Colby, Cooper, Vin, Ari and the late Trevor. Contributions in Arnold’s memory may be made to the Sarasota Orchestra or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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##### ISAACSON

Michael Maxwell Isaacson, 80, style leader in men’s fashions, died at his home in Los Angeles, California. Born in Philadelphia to Albert and Hessie Isaacson on February 22, 1941 growing up in Wynnefield and passing on July 4, 2021. Father of Tanya and Andrea, brother of the late Marlene Zarwin and grandfather to Sofia and Cameron. Michael leaves a loving legacy of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends around the world. Michael was a generous friend, respected industry professional and devoted colleague. He was beloved by his employees for his kindness and leadership. Michael was best known for seeking out future trends in men’s fashion and re-creating them at an affordable level. He was demanding that the style and look of every garment represented the quality brands of Tuliano and Sky High. Always the showman and entertainer, he simply enjoyed being with people and created memorable moments for all.

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##### KOLLER

Irwin “Irv” Koller, on August 5, 2021. Loving father of Sue (Rick) Palman, Dan (Jessica) Koller, Steve (Shanna Gumaer) Koller and Mark (Natalie) Koller; Dear brother of Dr. Harold (Cookie) Koller and Charlene Koller; Devoted grandfather of Stefanie (Mase), Scott (Brittany), Gabriel, Zachary, Isaac, Iris, Sienna, Scarlett, and Giada; Adoring great-grandfather of Madison, Ryan, and Jack. Also survived by his beloved companion Cheryl Dabrow and her children, Landon, and Lauren Lichterman. Contributions in his memory may be made to Next for Autism or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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##### KURTZ

Dr. Harold Ronald Kurtz of Holland, PA (October 20, 1942 – August 1, 2021) Beloved Husband of Joy (nee Fingard) for 56 years, Father of Andrew (Julie), Daniel (Lisa), June (Bob), Fred (Leslie), and loving and special Pop-Pop to; Regan, Connor, Evan, Harrison, Olivia, Sydney, Everett, Emma, Sam and Benjamin. Also survived by his sister Harriet (Marshall) and brother Alan (Andrea) and many loving nieces and nephews. Harold had an unlimited capacity to give of himself to everyone. His sincerity and genuine concern for others made everyone who knew him feel special. Whether you had just met him, or had known him since childhood, you felt like he always had and always would be there when needed. His endless interests and passions led to meaningful connections and friendships worldwide, and his quiet calm at the center of that global community was inspiring and grounding for everyone that knew and loved him. A lifelong educator, Harold dedicated his life to the well-being of others. He was a Philadelphia School District principal, Superintendent of Schools in Clayton, NJ and Pennsauken, NJ and founder of Synergy Educational Consultants. Harold was involved in many philanthropic and volunteer endeavors. He was a founding member and President of B’nai B’rith Educators Unit, former Association Director for NJ Odyssey of the Mind, a board member of Maccabi USA, Lincoln Leadership Academy Charter School, Creative Odyssey Unlimited (COU), The Symphonic Mastersingers of Ft. Myers and an avid supporter of the arts, especially the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra in Ft. Myers, Florida. He was never without a book, loved to travel, enjoyed summers on the beach in Ventnor and winters in Florida. He cheered and cursed in equal measure while watching his Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies! He lived life to the fullest. But most important to Harold was his family, by whom he will be greatly missed. Contributions in his memory may be made to Gulf Coast Symphony, [www.gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://www.gulfcoastsymphony.org), Symphonic Mastersingers of Ft. Meyers, [www.mastersingersfm.com](http://www.mastersingersfm.com) or to the Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU) c/o Odyssey of the Mind, 406 Ganttown Rd., Sewell NJ 08080.

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KUSHNER

Ferne Rodale Kushner, 92, of Allentown, passed away May 26, 2021 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the widow of Jack J. Kushner, who passed away in 2014 and with whom she shared 62 years of marriage. Born in Brooklyn, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Brooks) Rodale. She was a 1947 graduate of Allentown High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in 1951 from Penn State University. Ferne was an early education teacher at the Allentown Jewish Community Center, where she was a member and board member. She was a member and board member of Congregation Keneseth Israel and a member of Jewish Family Services. Survivors: Children JoAnne Abrams (Robert), David Kushner and Leila Covrigaru (Arie); Grandchildren Kori (Taryn), Barr (Jill) and Avi; Great Grandchildren Jack, Max and Leo. She was predeceased by a daughter, Kathy. Due to COVID 19, services will be private. Arrangements entrusted to Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, Allentown. Contributions may be made to Congregation Keneseth Israel, 2227 W. Chew St., Allentown, PA 18104.

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MERVES

Dr. Stanley Merves, August 2, 2021, beloved husband of Audrey (nee Stein), adored father of Elizabeth (Peter) Bein, Amy (Mark) Friedman and Jennifer (Brian) Robbins; dear brother of Mildred (late Harold) Fisher; also survived by 9 loving grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple University's Dr. Stanley Merves Fox School of Business Memorial Fund, Temple Univ. Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 827651, Phila., PA 19182-7651 or Abramson Senior Care, LB# 8157, P.O. Box 95000, Phila., PA 19195-0001 or Harrington House, 500 Harrington Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

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ORAZI

Eileen Orazi, July 29, 2021 of Audubon, PA, formerly of Penn Valley. Beloved wife of the late Dante Orazi; Loving mother of Alan Chernick, Carolyn (Mitchell) Davis, Barbara Harris, Joanne Bovel, Donna (Michael) Viglianti, Carol (Edward) McKinney and Doris (George) Swartz; cherished grandmother of fourteen and great-grandmother of eight. She was also devoted to her sisters, Sharon Spitzer and the late Marcia Dimou and to her brother Henry Harad. Contributions in Eileen's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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SALTZMAN

"Aunt" Carole Saltzman passed peacefully on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2021. Beloved wife of Stevan Saltzman. Loving Mother of Joanne and Suzanne. Grandmother of Adam, Evan, Ethan, and Wendy. Great Grandmother to Emerson. Funeral arrangements will be private. She will be remembered by many for her kindness and was often awarded for her philanthropic generosity. She has donated her body to www.sciencecare.com to support medical research, education and training around the globe. Loved hosting parties for friends and family. Organized her high school reunions for Cheltenham class of 1954. Loved to dance. Graduate of Shippensburg College for early childhood education. Spent most of her life working with children at Camp Canadensis. Contributions in her memory can be made to Golden Slipper Camp 215 Presidential Blvd Ste 1 Bala Cynwyd PA 19004 www.goldenslippercamp.org



SCHARF

Natalie Scharf (née Mehlman) age 95, of Northeast Philadelphia passed away peacefully on August 1, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Ms. Scharf, whose Hebrew name is Necha bat Rasel, was born in Jaworzno, Poland in 1925. The Holocaust decimated her family - her parents, Yitzhak and Rasel, and three sisters, Chava, Rivka, and Sarah, were killed along with many others; she survived but spent several harrowing years in the Gabsersdorf labor camp. Her brother, Leon, and one sister, Yadjia, also survived. She met her husband, Bernard, in a displaced persons camp after the war and in 1947 they settled in Philadelphia. Ms. Scharf worked as a seamstress for many years and was a member and choir singer with the Association of Jewish New Americans. She overcame her experiences to build a loving family and is survived by her son, Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Nancy, and her daughter Andie and son-in-law Yehuda as well as grandchildren Joshua, Michael, Cara, Niva, and Jonathan, and great grandchildren Aidan, Daria, and Benjamin, plus many other family members both blood and chosen. In remembering her we are drawn to the MLK quote: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Mary Hospital, Office of Philanthropy, 1207 Langhorne-Newtown Rd, Langhorne PA 19047.

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SILVERMAN

Ronna B. Silverman (nee Berger). July 27, 2021. Devoted wife of Donald M. Loving mother of Marc Silverman (Randi) and Stacey Silverman. Beloved grandmother, "Om", of Alex and Michael. Funeral services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Holy Redeemer Hospital-Palliative Care Department, 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

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VEDERMAN

Irwin J. Vederman, 91, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at HopeHealth Hular Hospice Center. He was the beloved husband of Susan (Hyman) Vederman for 54 years. Born in Philadelphia, PA, a son of the late Samuel and Dora (Jaffe) Vederman, he had lived in Warwick for 51 years. Irwin served in the US Army from 1948-50, stationed in Fort Devens, MA. He was a lifetime jewelry salesman, retiring in 2007. Irwin was a member of Temple Sinai. Devoted father of Samuel Vederman (Jennifer Griffiths) of Lake Havasu City, AZ and Harris Marc Vederman (Carol) of Dickerson, MD. Loving "Papi" of Cecelia and Adeline. Dear brother of the late Adele Rakoff, Norma Mirow and Robert Vederman. Uncle Irv to devoted nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his fluffy companion, Lulu Vedercat. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 5, 2021 at SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. For online condolences, please visit ShalomMemorialChapel.com. SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL Cranston, RI

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WEINGRAD

Joan Laurie Weingrad (nee Segall), August 2, 2021, of Yardley, PA. Beloved wife of Murray Weingrad; step-mother of Cheryl (Allen) Sandrow and Mark (Michelle) Weingrad. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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ZITIN

Audrey (nee Weisman). August 3, 2021 of Media, Pa. Wife of the late Merton. Mother of Effie (Barry) Brenner, Jay (Susan) Erlichman and Marcia (Robert) Katz. Step-mother of Michael (Amy Berkowitz) Zitin. Sister of Elaine (Richard) Gogel. Also survived by ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services and interment were private. The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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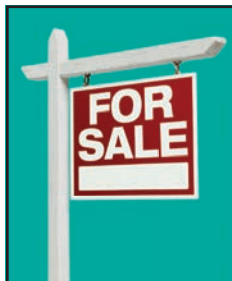
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Christian Foundation for Girls and Aging has been incorporated under the provisions of the PA Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988. Clark Pease, Esquire  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, on 6/28/2021, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State for FRANKLIN SQUARE FILMS, a nonprofit corporation organized under the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, exclusively for charitable purposes. Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, LLP, Solicitors, 1735 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-7505

The David Diamond Company filed a Foreign Registration Statement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office under the laws of its jurisdiction is 16255 Ventura Blvd., Suite 800 Encino CA 91436. The Commercial Registered Office is 135 S. 19th St. Apt. 1010 Philadelphia PA 19103 in the county of Philadelphia. The Corporation is filed in compliance with the requirements of the applicable provision of 15 Pa. C.S. 412.

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### ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE OF BRADIN AUSTIN MERCADO, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ELEVY FEINMAN, EXECUTRIX, 1300 Spruce St., Apt. 1F, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

### ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE OF ANNABELLE D. FREEMAN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF ANNI LEES, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia, PA  
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ESTATE OF CHARLES A. MILBURN a/k/a CHARLES ARNOLD MILBURN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF CHARLES V. GAUBAS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ROSEMARY R. FERRERO, EXECUTRIX, c/o Kathleen M. Thomas, Esq., 116 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901, Or to her Attorney: KATHLEEN M. THOMAS HIGH SWARTZ, LLP 116 E. Court St. Doylestown, PA 18901

ESTATE of Christina Elizabeth Davis aka Christina E. Davis; Davis, Christina Elizabeth aka Davis, Christina E., Deceased  
Late of Philadelphia, PA  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Pauline Harris, c/o Hope Bosniak, Esq., Dessen Moses & Rossitto, 600 Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090, Executrix. Dessen, Moses & Rossitto 600 Easton Rd. Willow Grove, PA 19090

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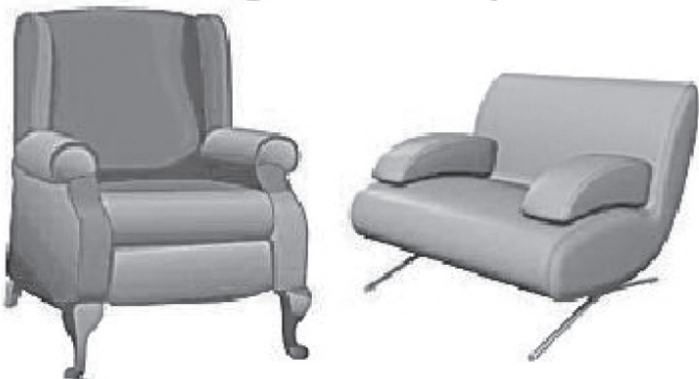
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IN RE: ADOPTION OF }  
B.G.S. } No. 31 of 2021

To: All putative fathers

A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, who was born on May 1, 2021, in Philadelphia, PA. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending rights to your child. That hearing will be held via video conference, using the Zoom Cloud meeting program/app before Judge Gingrich, on August 26, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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Respectfully submitted,

The Law Offices of Denise M. Bierly

By:

Denise M. Bierly, Esquire  
Attorney I.D. No. 58860  
486 Nimitz Avenue  
State College, PA 16801  
(814) 237-7900

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
MIFFLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHAN'S COURT DIVISION

IN RE: ADOPTION OF }  
B.G.K. } No. 30 of 2021  
a/k/a J.K.

To: \*Michael and all putative fathers

A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, who was born on May 2, 2021, in East Norriton, PA. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending rights to your child. That hearing will be held via video conference, using the Zoom Cloud meeting program/app before Judge Gingrich, on August 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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ESTATE OF DAVID NORMAN JEFFRIES, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF EDRICK McKNIGHT, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF EDWARD JOSEPH RYAN, DECEASED.  
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ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN FAGAN a/k/a ELIZABETH A. FAGAN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to THOMAS P. SCHMIED, SR., EXECUTOR, c/o John P. Crampton, Esq., 1500 Market St., Ste. 3500E, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Or to his Attorney: JOHN P. CRAMPTON DILWORTH PAXSON LLP 1500 Market St., Ste. 3500E Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF GAIL M. SLOSKY a/k/a GAYLE SLOSKY, GAIL SLOSKY, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARLENE EDLER, EXECUTRIX, c/o Stephen M. Specht, Esq., 2332 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19145, Or to her Attorney: STEPHEN M. SPECHT GREEN & SCHAFLE, LLC 2332 S. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19145

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ESTATE OF JAMES PETER REPICE, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE of Joann Moll; Moll, Joann, Deceased  
Late of Philadelphia, PA  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Taylor Moll, c/o Ned Hark, Esq., Goldsmith Hark & Hornak, PC, 7716 Castor Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19152, Administrator.  
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ESTATE of JOHN E. HILDEBRAND, Deceased  
Late of Philadelphia County  
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ESTATE OF JOHN R.J. RYAN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF JOSELYN DIBAI, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. FERRIER, JR., DECEASED.  
Late of Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, PA  
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ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE OF JOSEPH SULLIVAN BROWNE, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE of JOSEPH ZUBRAS; ZUBRAS, JOSEPH, DECEASED  
Late of Philadelphia, PA  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Dorothy Zubras, 2601 Pennsylvania Ave., Apt. 150, Philadelphia, PA 19130, Executrix.

ESTATE OF KENNETH E. BLOCK, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JASON BLOCK, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Catherine Domineske, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: CATHERINE DOMINESKE THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF LARRY I DAYEN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to RENE M. MILLER, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Peter L. Klenk, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: PETER L. KLENK THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK, & ASSOCIATES 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF LEROY W. SPEECHLEY a/k/a LEROY WILLIAM SPEECHLEY, III, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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Or to their Attorney: DAVID C. HARRISON 1901 JFK Blvd., #2412 Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF LORETTA R. KNEEDLER a/k/a LORETTA KNEEDLER, LORETTA KNEDLER, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BARRY JOHN KNEEDLER, EXECUTOR, c/o Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to his Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF MARCIA ABRAHAM, DECEASED.  
Late of Northampton Township, Bucks County, PA.  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to RONALD ABRAHAM, EXECUTOR, care of Mark S. Blaskey, Esquire, 3000 Two Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: MARK S. BLASKEY TROUTMAN PEPPER HAMILTON SANDERS LLP 3000 Two Logan Square Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF MARY MOZELLE SMITH a/k/a MARY SMITH, DECEASED.  
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ESTATE OF MONA DOYLE a/k/a MONA FORMAN DOYLE, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MOLLY ELISABETH DOYLE, EXECUTRIX, c/o Andrew Gavrin, Esq., 306 Clairemont Rd., Villanova, PA 19085, Or to her Attorney: ANDREW GAVRIN 306 Clairemont Rd. Villanova, PA 19085

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ESTATE OF PAUL W. YOUNG, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to LINDSAY KENNEY, ADMINISTRATRIX, care of Laura M. Tobey, Esquire, 229 West Wayne Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087, Or to her Attorney: REIDENBACH & ASSOCIATES, LLC 229 West Wayne Avenue Wayne, PA 19087

ESTATE OF PETER A. BRANCA a/k/a PETER BRANCA, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to TRACEY J. ZIMMER, EXECUTRIX, c/o Marc Vogin, Esq., 1700 Sansom St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: MARC VOGIN KLEIM, VOGIN & GOLD 1700 Sansom St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF RENEE D. GUADALUPE LEAK, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SAUL GUADALUPE LEAK, Administrator, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: ADAM S. BERNICK LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK 2047 Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ROBERT B. LENENFELD, DECEASED  
Late of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to: LINDA LENENFELD, Executrix 191 Canterbury Lane Blue Bell, PA 19422  
Or to her attorney: BRUCE PREISSMAN, ESQ. 1032 Mill Creek Drive Suite 204 Feasterville, PA 19053

ESTATE OF ROBERT SMITH, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BERTHA SMITH, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Michael P. McIlhinney, Esq., Two Penn Center, Ste. 800, 1500 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Or to her Attorney: MICHAEL P. MCILHINNEY ORPHANIDES TONER Two Penn Center, Ste. 800 1500 JFK Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF RONALD MARCUS a/k/a RONALD WAYNE MARCUS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION c.t.a. on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MONIQUE N. MARCUS, ADMINISTRATRIX c.t.a., c/o Angela D. Giampolo, Esq., 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Or to her Attorney: ANGELA D. GIAMPOLO GIAMPOLO LAW GROUP, LLC 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202 Philadelphia, PA 19107

ESTATE OF SHAHEEN J. DIBAI, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to NICK DIBAI, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Danielle M. Yacono, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: DANIELLE M. YACONO THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF THOMAS J. KIRBY, SR.; also known as THOMAS J. KIRBY, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to THOMAS J. KIRBY, JR., EXECUTOR, care of Harry Metka, Esquire, 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard, Suite 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to his Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard Suite 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. JONES a/k/a WILLIAM ARTHUR JONES, SR., WILLIAM ARTHUR JONES, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to WILLIAM A. JONES, EXECUTOR, c/o Alan R. Zibelman, Esq., Two Penn Center, 1500 JFK Blvd., Ste. 1030, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Or to his Attorney: ALAN R. ZIBELMAN ZIBELMAN LEGAL ASSOCIATES, P.C. Two Penn Center 1500 JFK Blvd., Ste. 1030 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. WILSON, JR.; also known as WILLIAM JAMES WILSON, JR. and WILLIAM WILSON, JR., DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ERICA JOYCE HOUSE, EXECUTRIX, care of Harry Metka, Esquire, 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard, Suite 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to her Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard Suite 9

Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE of William W. Whitehouse, Jr.; Whitehouse, Jr., William W. , Deceased  
Late of Philadelphia, PA  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Evelyn Whitehouse, c/o Ned Hark, Esq., Goldsmith, Hark & Hornak, PC, 7716 Castor Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19152, Administrator.  
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## NEWSMAKERS

Beth Sholom Congregation celebrated a throwback Kabbalat Shabbat with the Neshama Band on July 30.

► From left: Tess Zakrzewski and Lisa Stein on guitar, Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Steve Blechman on keyboard and Mitch Harris on drums  
Photo by Elliot Miller



## COMMUNITYCALENDAR

### ▼ FRIDAY, AUG. 13

#### 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](http://ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html) to receive the Zoom link and password.

#### Film Double Feature The Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival

is ending the summer with a double feature — two throwback films honoring the legacy of legendary composer Kurt Weill: *The Threepenny Opera* (1931) and

*September Songs: The Music of Kurt Weill* (1995). The films are streaming until Aug. 16 at [pjff.org/event/double-feature-2021/](http://pjff.org/event/double-feature-2021/), and the cost of the event is \$12.

### ▼ SUNDAY, AUG. 15

#### Food Distribution

Join the **Jewish Relief Agency** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for its Rosh Hashanah food distribution. Grab a box, hop in line and help pack boxes of food and critical household items for more than 6,800 individuals in our community coping with food insecurity. Packing takes place at JRA's warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia at 10980 Dutton Road. Advanced registration is required:

[form.jotform.com/211933892820156](http://form.jotform.com/211933892820156).

### ▼ MONDAY, AUG. 16

#### Mahjong Game

**Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood** invites the community to its weekly mahjong game, Mondays 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](mailto:office@mbiee.org). MBIEE is at 8339 Old York Road in Elkins Park.

### ▼ TUESDAY, AUG. 17

#### Summer Food Truck

All returning and prospective members of **Temple Sholom** in

**Broomall** are invited to join us for a pizza food truck night at 6 p.m. Parking is in the front lot, to the side of the building and by the preschool/annex. Food truck is free, and preregistration is required by using SignUpGenius or calling 610-356-5165. Contact Marissa with questions at [community@temple-sholom.org](mailto:community@temple-sholom.org).

### ▼ WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

#### Job Search Webinar

Are you unsure how to look for a job following such unprecedented times or how to adapt your interviewing style to a virtual format? Join **JEVS'** expert career advisors at noon for a free Zoom webinar to discuss

establishing short- and long-term goals, connecting on LinkedIn with purpose and finding a mentor to help you grow your network.


### ▼ THURSDAY, AUG. 19

#### Career Expert Q&A

Join **JEVS** at noon as we provide the opportunity for you to ask our professional career advisors specific questions regarding your job search process. Anything about resumes, interviews, applications, networking, career transitions, returning to work during COVID, etc. The event will be held at [jevshumanservices.org/event/qa-ask-a-career-expert-anything/](http://jevshumanservices.org/event/qa-ask-a-career-expert-anything/). •

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