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## Jewish Labor Efforts Endure Over Century

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ASKING WHAT LOCAL radio station journalists, public school teachers, bus drivers and train conductors have in common may sound like the beginning of a bad joke.

But their shared dismay with poor working conditions is far from a punchline.

This month, unionized workers from WHYY Union, Philadelphia schools and SEPTA, among other companies, sat down with their employers around the bargaining table, asking for fair contracts, fair wages and coronavirus protections.

At the helm of some of these efforts are a handful of Jewish leaders, holding onto a century-long Jewish tradition of labor organizing in the United States.

Arthur Steinberg, president of the American Federation of Teachers Pennsylvania, is urging state officials to adopt a mask mandate for students, staff and teachers in state schools.

"The science is very clear that mask mandates are a critical part of a multi-layered mitigation strategy," Steinberg said.

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▲ Camp Saginaw in Oxford, summer 2021

Courtesy of Camp Saginaw

## Jewish Summer Camps Reflect on 2021 Experience

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

AT JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS, the motto is often "10 months for two." Campers wait out the other 10 months of the year for the two magical ones at camp.

In 2021, though, it was "22 months for two," said Sarah Sideman, director of the JCC Camps of Medford, New Jersey. Kids

ended camp in 2019, mostly sat out the canceled pandemic summer of 2020 and finally returned in 2021.

As a result of the extended — and unwelcome — break, Sideman said, "There was a lot of anticipation."

And the summer seems to have lived up to the hype.

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SUMMER RAMBO APPLES FOR ROSH HASHANAH

Summer Rambo apples have nothing to do with Sylvester Stallone's iconic Vietnam War-era antihero, but the variety that originated in France is worth seeking out, according to food columnist Keri White. If you like Granny Smith apples, you'll probably like these as well, and they'll pair nicely with honey at your Rosh Hashanah dinner table. Read her online blog, Philacatessen, for details. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. [jewishexponent.com/2021/08/23/summer-rambo-apples-for-rosh-hashanah/](http://jewishexponent.com/2021/08/23/summer-rambo-apples-for-rosh-hashanah/)



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BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT AS Defense Minister, Ariel Sharon discusses his plans for the West Bank with a group of visiting American dignitaries including banker David Rockefeller (center).  
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### Sharon's Bombshell Startles Israeli Arabs

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A week after assuming his duties as Israel's new defense minister, Ariel Sharon, generally regarded as one of Israel's most hawkish personalities, startled Israelis and Arabs alike by announcing a new conciliatory policy toward Arabs living in the administered territories.

THE CHANGES WERE EMBODIED in a series of directives issued by the Defense Ministry. Ministry sources said the purpose of the new policy was to speed resumption of dialogue with local Palestinian leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

- The directives stipulate that:
- Terrorists and civilians will be treated differently.
  - Efforts will be made to prevent acts which might humiliate the Arab residents in daily contacts between them and the Military Government.
  - Soldiers will stop entering schools to disperse demonstrations.
  - Collective punishment of villages or neighborhoods for security violations within their areas will be halted.
  - Israeli soldiers will be instructed to show greater courtesy to Arab residents, particularly when holding them for roadblock checks.

THE NEW POLICY WILL AIM to create a joint framework of "common life" with the Arabs "in a spirit of mutual respect, to implement the policy of the government, as set up in the Camp David agreements," in the words of the ministry sources.

- There will be an "open door and a listening ear" to Arab leaders who are willing to cooperate with Israel in resolving the autonomy issue.
- An effort will be made to create a situation in which such potential Arab partners to the negotiations will not remain silent out of fear of the Palestinian terrorist groups or of the Israeli government.

Within adherence to the policy of no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, there is to be a concerted effort to increase the influence of "moderates" in the territories, to include physical protection of such Arabs so that they will not fear to speak out.

THE SHARON PLAN CAUGHT most Arab public figures off guard. Generally, they had expected the new defense minister to live up to his reputation as a hard-liner by further limiting their political freedom.

The response of those Arabs to what appeared to be a desire by Sharon to open a new page was to welcome the easing of the "iron-fisted" policy of the Military Government. They also welcomed Sharon's intention to start meetings with the moderates.

Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem welcomed the new policy, calling Sharon "courageous," adding he hopes to meet with Sharon soon. Freij also expressed the hope that the new policy plans would lead to greater understanding between the Arab residents and the Israeli government.

Gaza Mayor Rashad A-Shawa took a different view, declaring that the orders to the Israeli army to treat the Arab residents better is a side issue. He said the real question is the Palestinian right to self-determination, which he said Israel avoided.

Karim Khalaf, Ramallah's radical mayor, refused to

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# Kaiserman JCC to Eliminate All Fitness Classes

LOCAL

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THE KAISERMAN JCC hasn't yet decided whether to eliminate fitness as part of its business model entirely.

But it is getting rid of personal training and all 11 of its fitness classes.

All but two of those programs have been virtual since the pandemic broke out in March 2020. Only a Sunday boot camp workout, focused on cardio and strength training, and a Saturday dance party were running in person.

Kaiserman's summer offerings will finish their season, ending Sept. 4.

The fitness programs have been losing money, according to CEO Alan Scher. Last week,

he saw two people in a class. He acknowledged that number is pretty standard at this point.

"We're ending this virtual suite of programs that started with the pandemic," Scher said. "There's an opportunity to refresh."

But for the new leader, who started July 1, the question remains: Refresh to what?

Pre-pandemic, the Wynnewood facility offered 50 fitness classes, youth sports programs, personal training, a gym, basketball courts and a pool. After Sept. 4, though, only some youth programs, the courts and the pool will remain available.

"As a non-profit organization, we make decisions about where our resources go based on how much impact we can make with them," Scher wrote



▲ A boomers boot camp class in 2017

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▲ Pre-pandemic, numerous fitness classes were held inside the JCC.

in a weekly newsletter to JCC members. “Our fitness offerings have not been healthy, and our current attendance levels do not support the costs to continue to run this program.”

Scher said the fate of the fitness center is yet to be determined.

“This is not a decision about the Fitness Center. This is only a decision about our current fitness classes and personal training,” he wrote. “We will be sharing more about the future of our fitness and aquatics center after the Jewish Holidays.”

Dorilona Rose of Ardmore is in her sixth year in Kaiserman’s yoga class. She is disappointed to see it go. But she also understands that Scher needs to come up with a new, modern vision for the aging JCC concept.

“The history of why JCCs started is that Jews couldn’t work out in another location,” Rose said. “But that has shifted.”

Scher believes that a JCC needs three business models to thrive, and Kaiserman has two. Its day camp, Camp Kef, served between 450 and 465 campers this past summer. And the facility’s Robert J. Wilf Preschool will be at capacity this fall with 140 students.

But in 2021, fitness is hard, according to the CEO. It requires annual investments to update equipment and retain instructors.

Offering virtual fitness is just as difficult, if not more. To

do it well, Kaiserman needs to make the same investments, just in technology instead of equipment.

“We’re not Peloton,” Scher said. “The JCC is not a tech behemoth with endless amounts of money.”

But it can still be a community sports institution, he said.

This fall, Kaiserman will start a new girls basketball league for kids in grades 8-12. The girls league will join an existing boys basketball league, a gymnastics program and several other youth offerings.

Kaiserman is also bringing back its after-school program for the first time since the pandemic began.

For now, Scher wants a variety of programs to fill the fitness void. At the same time, he knows he still needs to find that third business model.

“We’ll use the next several months to consider and expand our program,” the CEO said.

Even without her yoga class, Rose plans on continuing to use the JCC. She has two daughters, ages 12 and 9, who enjoy Camp Kef each summer.

But Rose is hoping that Kaiserman can align fitness with the rest of its vision.

“Looking at fitness as a standalone doesn’t make sense,” Rose said. “You have to look at the JCC as a whole.” •

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**JUST AS FOR MANY** others, the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 felt normal for Virginia Buckingham, operator of Boston's Logan International Airport. She and her husband got ready for work and dropped their 2-year-old off at day care.

As she was driving to the airport to catch a flight to Washington, D.C., Buckingham heard over the radio that a plane had flown into the north tower of the World Trade Center complex in Manhattan. She thought it was an accident. After the second plane struck the south tower 18 minutes later, Buckingham knew otherwise.

When Buckingham received the call later that day that the planes originated from Logan International Airport,

she was shocked and horrified. In the weeks that followed, Buckingham was blamed for the attacks, as others alleged that she was responsible for a breach of airport security that allowed the plane's hijacking.

Six weeks after 9/11, Buckingham resigned from her position and, two years later, was sued in a wrongful death lawsuit, only one of two individuals sued for that claim.

For the past two decades, Buckingham has lived with blame and guilt, but transformed it into a lifelong lesson of the value of resilience.

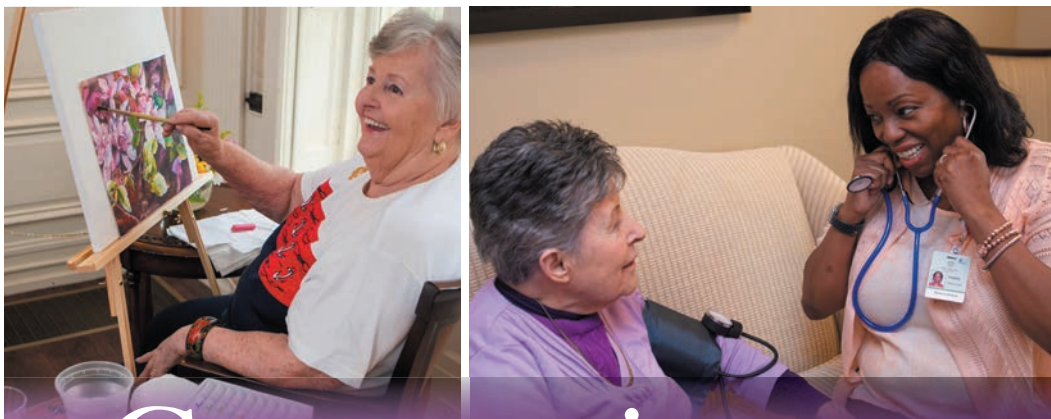
Buckingham's experience in the aftermath of 9/11 and the strife and growth that followed inspired her memoir "On My Watch," published last year, but timely as ever as the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches.

Buckingham will share her

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▲ Virginia Buckingham will share her story virtually at Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El on Aug. 28 at 8:15 p.m. Photos courtesy of Virginia Buckingham



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**If we remain on course and can continue to fund raise, we hope to be self-sufficient before the end of 2022.**

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Poland Approves Law Limiting Holocaust Restitution Claims

POLISH PRESIDENT ANDRZEJ DUDA signed a law restricting Holocaust restitution claims by Jews and others whose property was stolen by the Nazis or Soviet-backed occupation forces during the World War II era, JTA reported.

The law gives all property restitution claims a 30-year time limit from the alleged theft — effectively wiping out any claims.

Israeli officials and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is Jewish, were among those expressing concerns.

“Poland today approved — not for the first time — an immoral, antisemitic law,” Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said.

Duda and other Polish leaders say the bill simplifies the country's property laws and ends a period of corruption and confusion over restitution claims. Most of the claims were made by non-Jewish Poles.

### Lithuania Drops Plan to Build Atop Jewish Cemetery

Lithuania's government halted controversial plans to build a conference center on the site of a former Jewish cemetery in its capital city of Vilnius, saying the pandemic “has changed the conference tourism market and environment.”

A decaying former sports complex that closed in 2004 already sits on part of the former Piramont Cemetery. Thousands of bodies — including Jewish luminaries such as 18th-century sage Vilna Gaon — still lie there. The government wanted to turn the old complex into a \$25 million conference center.

Opponents of the plan had argued that the concept insulted the memory of those buried there. Lithuania's Jewish population was nearly wiped out in the Holocaust.

### Argentina Marks 100K COVID-19 Deaths with Jewish Tradition

Argentines placed stones in front of a government building Aug. 16 — echoing the Jewish ritual of placing small rocks atop gravestones — to mark the country crossing the 100,000-death threshold from COVID-19, JTA reported.

“The March of the Stones” in Buenos Aires developed spontaneously through social media protests of how the Argentine government has handled the pandemic. Those who marched on the Casa Rosada government building carried stones inscribed with the names of COVID victims, whose numbers have climbed to more than 110,000. At the main site, stones were placed in a plaza.

Among the stones visible in social media posts was one for Rabbi Baruj Plavnick, who died at the age of 69. He had volunteered his synagogue as a vaccination center and declined vaccination opportunities before he was eligible.

The government collected the stones for use in a future permanent tribute site.

### Yeshiva Student Shot and Killed in Denver

Four young men were arrested for shooting and killing a Jewish yeshiva student in Denver during a violent crime spree on Aug. 17, although police said there's no indication antisemitism motivated the crime, JTA reported.

Victim Shmuel Silverberg, 18, was an Orthodox Jew from University Heights, Ohio. He was killed outside Yeshiva Toras Chaim, the religious school where he was studying. Police said he ran from his attackers, who chased him inside the school after shooting him. •

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## HEADLINES

# Kol Tzedek Aims to Alleviate Medical Debt in Shmita Year

### LOCAL

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**RECONSTRUCTIONIST** synagogue Kol Tzedek in West Philadelphia is working on abolishing the equivalent of \$2.5 million in medical debt.

Congregant Adrian Shanker is asking the temple's 350 families to help raise \$25,000. According to Shanker, \$25,000 can eliminate \$2.5 million in health care bills because hospital systems sell unpayable debt at discounted rates. In other words, if patients can't pay, hospitals just try to get what they can. Shanker says that every \$100 is equivalent to \$10,000 in unpaid health care costs.

Temple members chose a tzedakah effort that was particularly appropriate because the upcoming Jewish year, 5782, is a Shmita year. According to the Torah, Shmita is the seventh year of the agricultural cycle. During those 12 months, Jews must take off from working the land and need to forgive all debts. Kol Tzedek congregants believe that medical debts are especially immoral.

"Health care is a human right," Shanker said. "We don't believe medical debt should exist."

Kol Tzedek's effort is designed to help low-income Philadelphians. The synagogue is partnering with RIP Medical Debt, a national charity that works with hospitals.

Penn Medicine is a frequent RIP partner, and doctors from Kol Tzedek have contacted Penn about participating in the effort.

Kol Tzedek has already raised \$20,000, according to Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari. It plans on continuing the initiative through the High Holidays and into October. Also in the fall, it will reach out to other hospital systems, like Main Line Health and the Children's Hospital of

Philadelphia.

Fornari said the ultimate goal is to raise \$40,000.

The temple is asking for donations as people sign up for small-group and virtual High Holiday services. Members can also contribute during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

On Aug. 25, Fornari hosted a virtual talk with RIP co-founder Craig Antico. The topic was Jewish values as they relate to debt abolition.

"A core Jewish value is economic justice and caring for those most vulnerable," Fornari said. And, the rabbi added, there is no justice in the American health care system, only vulnerability.

Keeping yourself healthy, and perhaps even alive, is not just an economic decision, Fornari said. But it's one that can cost thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars. You don't even get to hear the price up front.

For a low-income person, the choice is often impossible: a necessary procedure or years of debt, according to the rabbi.

"Even with insurance, the bill can be astronomical," Fornari said. "It's completely predatory."

Shanker, who leads an LGBTQ+ community center in Allentown, encounters the medical billing process on a regular basis. Often, it's not the bill that gets people; it's the collection process from not paying the bill, which compounds the debt and hurts your credit report, Shanker said. And with bad credit, it becomes difficult to rent an apartment, or to buy a house or car.

Fornari and Shanker



▲ Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari Photo by Chris Baker Evans

are hoping to inspire other communities. The rabbi said they've already reached out to Reconstructionist synagogues in other cities.

The New Synagogue Project in Washington, D.C., Congregation T'chayah in Detroit and Kadima in Seattle are considering their own drives.

Shmita begins in September and lasts for a full year.

"Shmita is often talked about as environmental issues and land stewardship. That's very important," Shanker said. "But part of what happens in a Shmita year is release from debt."

"The vision of the Shmita year is environmental and economic justice," Fornari said.

The rabbi said the synagogue is trying to do its part by asking for small donations. But he said it would welcome a bigger contribution.

Shanker's math problem — a \$100 donation equals \$10,000 in alleviated medical costs — can be extrapolated, too.

"If someone writes a check for \$10,000, they are eliminating \$1 million in medical debt," Fornari said. "This is going to make a big difference in individual lives." •

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## Kedma Launches ‘Marking Milestones’ Program

### LOCAL

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**ISRAEL-BASED** nonprofit Kedma hopes that b’nai mitzvah and wedding celebrations will be more than just parties.

Orit Seif, Kedma’s director, created “Marking Milestones,” a customizable volunteer experience and chesed opportunity for those celebrating simchas, to help do just that.

Marking Milestones, which launched last month, gives Jewish families from across the globe the opportunity to partner with an Israeli organization of their choosing and help design a volunteer experience that is personal to the family and will have a lasting positive impact on Israeli society.

“Our goal is to tailor the volunteer experience to the interest of the family, so that the family feels that what they’re doing is adding a lot of meaning to their celebration,” Seif said.

Founded in 1996, Kedma has a myriad of programs geared toward students taking a gap year in Israel or those

outside of Israel looking to give back to the country.

“Our mission is not just to support Israeli society, but to really get to know Israeli society and feel connected to it through volunteerism, and to strengthen the ties between diaspora and Israeli Jewry,” Seif said.

The Kedma Volunteer and Cohort Programs matched hundreds of volunteers — many of whom were gap-year students from the United States, Great Britain and France — to Israeli organizations such as Leket Israel and Girls Town Jerusalem. Volunteers helped organize food donations and plan parties for immigrants and disadvantaged youth.

Marking Milestones emerged as an organic next step for Kedma, as it provided a way for more personal bonds to be made between volunteers and Israeli organizations.

For Sharon Weinstein’s family, Marking Milestones gave them the opportunity to connect more deeply with Israeli society. They made aliyah from New Jersey to Ma’ale Adumim five years ago, when their son Ayal was 8.

The program’s inaugural participants decided to work

with The Michael Levin Base for their son’s bar mitzvah chesed project.

“He naturally connected to the idea of lone soldiers who, like him, immigrated to Israel and had to figure out how to acclimate to society here,” Weinstein said.

The Weinstein family attended The Base’s draft party, where soldiers received essential supplies. The family helped organize and distribute the supplies, with their children personalizing each package with a thank-you note to the soldiers. They asked friends and family attending the bar mitzvah to bring supplies to customize and distribute to soldiers.

Because it was a way of integrating into Israeli society, having a chesed project for the bar mitzvah was important to the family, Weinstein said.

“Having some help in crafting a chesed component helped ensure that this integral aspect didn’t get lost in the shuffle,” she said.

Though the Weinsteins held their Marking Milestones event in Israel, *olim* aren’t the only ones who can volunteer through Kedma.

Kedma’s remote programs

helped pave the way for Marking Milestones, which is available remotely and for those living in Israel.

When COVID-19 began, Kedma expanded its mission to help those isolated by the pandemic, initiating a host of remote volunteering opportunities. It launched Dial-A-Savta, encouraging volunteers to connect over the phone or Zoom with seniors and those who were immunocompromised. It also created Homework Helpers, a remote tutoring program for gap-year students to assist young students in the U.S.

In December, Kedma connected with the Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia through Homework Helpers, a school to which Seif has personal connections. A Philadelphia resident for 12 years, Seif had some of her six children attend the school.

Seif reached out to Nicole Afriat, the school’s coordinator of student needs, and they partnered volunteers in Israel with students at the Torah Academy who were in danger of falling through the cracks



▲ Gap-year students volunteer at Leket Israel and learn about the importance of food rescue in Israel. Courtesy of Orit Seif

after the transition to remote learning. According to Afriat, the program was a success.

“The volunteers are just lovely, helpful, eager people who really have a heart in helping these kids,” Afriat said.

Seif hopes that Marking Milestones will bolster Kedma’s impact of helping those in need and growing local relationships to Israel, particularly as the pandemic continues to hinder international connections.

“We see Marking Milestones as a way to reignite that fire,” Seif said. ●

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# 9/11

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Virginia Buckingham published her memoir "On My Watch" last year, but it remains a timely story as the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches.

story with Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El in a conversation with Rabbi Charles Sherman on Aug. 28 over Zoom as part of the synagogue's Selichot services.

Sherman believes that Buckingham's story is an important one for Jews to hear, especially during Selichot, the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah that begins the period of reflecting and repentance leading to the High Holidays.

"Her messages were not just about 9/11," Sherman said. "She is really dealing with a message that a lot of us deal with: How do you get up the next day, when you find yourself in this dark, dark, dark place?"

Sherman is no stranger to tragedy and life's unexpected turns. After the death of one of his sons several years ago, Sherman published another memoir, "The Broken and the Whole: Discovering Joy after Heartbreak," in 2014. He knows firsthand that the message of finding strength in loss is easier said than done.

Buckingham's journey to acceptance was similarly rocky.

After the wrongful death lawsuit, Buckingham hit a low point. She focused on parenting her children as a way

of keeping afloat.

In 2015, her life took another turn. She was accepted into a program called Presidential Leadership Scholars, a leadership development program created by the presidential libraries of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. For her leadership project at the program, she completed her book.

Buckingham compares resilience to sea glass in her memoir: "Something that originates from a bottle, but that's in a form that it doesn't resemble at all by the time it gets tossed around in the waves, in the salt, in the sand for 20, 30, 50 years."

She offers that an individual is not the same as they were before experiencing terrible loss.

"You're different forever, but that doesn't mean you don't offer meaning, can't provide joy and build a meaningful life," Buckingham said.

Sherman's hope is that after hearing Buckingham speak, the audience will leave with a feeling of empowerment when weathering hardships and the unknown.

"Life is not about endings; it's about beginnings," he said.

This theme is reflective of Rosh Hashanah, said Sherman,

who tries to find balance in the tradition of the holidays, while also honoring the new year.

"On one hand, there's a sameness to the liturgy and there's a sameness, really, to the rituals. But I'm not the same person I was last year," Sherman said.

Though Buckingham isn't Jewish, she finds meaning in the Jewish people's story of resilience.

Buckingham's husband is Jewish, and they made the choice to raise Jewish children. She remembers going to synagogue with her family shortly after 9/11 and hearing Debbie Friedman's Mi Shebeirach: "Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing." The line resonated with her.

"The Jewish people who have gone through so much pain over the centuries, yet still live lives with such incredible joy," Buckingham said.

The event will take place virtually at 8:15 p.m., followed by Selichot services virtually or in-person at 9:45 p.m. Visit [mbiee.org](http://mbiee.org) for more information. •

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## HEADLINES

### ISRAEL BRIEFS

#### Israeli Economy Grows 15.4% in Q2

ISRAEL'S ECONOMY GREW 15.4% in the year's second quarter compared to the previous quarter — an increase attributed to the removal of COVID-19 restrictions, Globes reported, citing data from the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Overall, the economy grew 5.3% in the first half of 2021, compared to the final six months of 2020.

A sharp increase in car imports contributed to 12.4% gross domestic product growth. GDP per capita rose by 13.5% and private consumption grew by 36.3%.

Israel's quarterly growth figure was higher than Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries Belgium (14.5%), Canada (13.8%), United States (12.2%) and Austria (11.4%), but less than Portugal (15.4%), Italy (1.3%) and France (18.7%).

#### Major Wildfire Near Jerusalem Contained

A large wildfire near Jerusalem that was considered contained as of Aug. 17 reignited two days later, requiring additional firefighting efforts, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Evacuated residents were initially allowed to return home except in some areas in Ramat Razi'el and Giv'at Ye'arim.

More than 6,000 acres were burned in the mountains of Jerusalem. About 150 Fire and Rescue teams worked with the Israel Air Force, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund, Home Front Command, Israel Nature and Parks Authority, and Palestinian Authority firefighting teams from Jericho and Ramallah to contain the fire. More than 1,500 firefighters participated.

"The devastation is unimaginable," Environmental Protection Minister Tamar Zandberg said. "There is extensive damage to the environment. Entire ecosystems have been completely destroyed. The nature of the Jerusalem mountains [means it] will have a hard time rehabilitating itself."

#### IDF Troops Compete in Capture the Flag Tournament

Forty-five Israel Defense Forces troops from the joint Cyber Defense Division were among the teams from 10 countries participating in an international Capture the Flag cyber tournament hosted by U.S. Army Cyber, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Israel's team placed second in the event, which involves the teams defending their cybersecurity systems from would-be hackers — a take-off of the staple child's game where two teams seek to retrieve the opposing team's flag from their territory.

"This was a great way to train our people in a new environment that they are not used to, and take their skills and test them in a new environment," said Lt.-Col. O, a senior officer in the JCDD. "It's four to five hours where your mind is tested in the most extreme way to find new challenges."

#### Israeli Grower to Begin Avocado Production in Morocco

Mehadrin, which is Israel's largest citrus grower and exporter, entered into an agreement to grow avocados in Morocco, The Jerusalem Post reported.

"Planting the avocados in Morocco is part of a larger plan to be able to supply our European customers more easily than from Israel in terms of geography and in terms of more competitive costs," Shaul Shelach, CEO of Mehadrin, told The Algemeiner.

Mehadrin now exports Israeli avocados during its growing season from October to either March or April. Demand is outstripping supply, and avocados are expected to be the fastest-growing commodity among fresh tropical fruits. •

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**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA** is an intriguing microcosm of the contemporary American South.

A city of many facets, it is a wonderful place for travelers to explore in depth. With a regional population of 1.15 million, it is the 49th-most populous urban area in the United States. It possesses an extraordinarily interesting combination of modern commerce, museums, candid recognition of its checkered history and a commodious contemporary evolution of traditional southern hospitality.

From the post-Civil War Reconstruction era until the middle of the 20th century, Birmingham was the industrial hub of the South. When

its steel industry declined, Birmingham was forced to modernize. Today, its economy is a locus for rail commerce, health care, banking, primary and fabricated metals manufacturing, tourism, distribution, financial services and emerging high-tech, enhanced by the influence of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Birmingham does not ignore its history. It honors its industrial history with the restored Sloss Furnace historical site and statuary at Vulcan Park.

But the most prominent part of Birmingham's historical consciousness is its honest recognition of its checkered history of segregation, racism and attempted suppression of the civil rights movement. Far from ignoring its past of Ku Klux Klan bombings, the brutality of Safety Director Bull Connor against civil rights marchers and the racial strife of the 1960s, Birmingham has memorialized them with a beautiful Birmingham Civil Rights Institute museum and an impressive interpretive park in what is now known as the civil rights district, now a national park.

Southern hospitality is also alive in 21st-century Birmingham. The city offers

interesting museums, commodious lodging with beautiful boutique hotels and contemporary lodging palaces and a lively culinary scene. It lives up to its billing of itself as the "dinner table of the South." The town abounds with great restaurants up and down the price and food choice spectrum.

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## Getting There:

Birmingham can be easily reached by highway, air or train.

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- By air, the nearest airport is Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM), 6.9 miles away.
- By train, the Amtrak station is centrally located less than a half-mile from downtown's Railroad Park.
- Mobile is the nearest cruise port, normally served by Carnival, 257 miles away. Check with Carnival dates for resumption of cruises from Mobile.

## Must-Sees for a Short Trip:

- The Civil Rights District, Kelly Ingram Park and the adjacent Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- The Sloss Furnace National Historical Landmark
- The 16th Street Baptist Church and the historic Bethel Baptist Church
- A gourmet meal at the Hot and Hot Fish Club,



▲ Tour guide and historian Barry McNealy in front of an impressive sculpture in the Birmingham National Civil Rights District  
Photo by Jeff Orenstein



▲ Railroad Park is a popular venue for concerts, hikes, picnics and train-watching in the heart of Birmingham's downtown.  
Photo by Fred Tucker



The Sloss Furnace National Historical Landmark is a restored blast furnace and steel-making facility showing a typical Birmingham industrial complex at the height of the steelmaking era of the previous century.  
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Highlands Bar and Grill or other award-winning restaurants

- A visit to Railroad Park, a delightful urban oasis

## If You Have Several Days:

- Vulcan Park and Museum
- Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum
- The Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- Birmingham Museum of Art
- Rufner Mountain

## Ginny O's Tips for Dressing:

As a business center, dress is not overly casual during the day. People dress for dinner at upscale restaurants, although a coat and tie is not necessary. Tourists should think neat resort casual wear.

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**Special Travel Interests:** Civil rights and industrial history •

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▲ The historic Bethel Baptist Church, bombed three times during the civil rights struggle in 1960s Birmingham and still standing, was the headquarters of fiery preacher and civil rights leader Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. Photo by Jeff Orenstein



▲ This sculpture in Kelly Ingram Park depicts the brutality of Bull Connor's police against civil rights marchers, including children. Photo by Jeff Orenstein



▲ The statue of Vulcan, Roman god of fire overlooks Birmingham at Vulcan Park. Photo by Art Meripol



▲ This sculpture in Kelly Ingram Park in the Birmingham Civil Rights District memorializes the four young girls killed when the 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed in 1963. Photo by Jeff Orenstein

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# Jewish Birmingham

**BIRMINGHAM HAS THE LARGEST** Jewish community in Alabama. About 6,300 of the approximately 10,000 Jews who call Alabama home reside in Birmingham, according to jewishdatabank.org. Most live on the city's south side and are reasonably well-integrated into the city's civic and business life.

When the city was established in the 1870s, Jews were among its first settlers. However Jewish communal life did not begin to develop in earnest until 1882, when Birmingham had a total population of about 3,100. Jewish merchants started most of Birmingham's department stores, and Jews entered many other phases of civic life. In the financial panic of 1893, the Steiner brothers of Steiner Bank kept the city from going bankrupt.

In the 1920s, antisemitism flourished in the region, and the Ku Klux Klan presence in Birmingham grew to more than 20,000 members. The Klan's anti-immigrant and anti-Semitic rhetoric, as well as its violent tactics, caused alarm among members of all three congregations.

A bomb with enough dynamite to level a city block was discovered outside Temple Beth-El in 1958. It had malfunctioned just short of detonation. White supremacists also threatened numerous local Jews who spoke out on behalf of civil rights, and much anti-racial integration literature and sentiment was overtly antisemitic. Though they had a lot to fear, many local Jews worked behind the scenes to end racial strife and change the city's form of government in the 1960s.

Despite its small size, the Birmingham Jewish community maintains five congregations and supports several Jewish institutions, including a Jewish Federation, a Jewish Foundation, the Levite JCC, the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School and a Jewish Family Services organization. The Deep South Jewish Voice newspaper started publication in 1990 and is now Southern Jewish Life Magazine.

The three historic congregations (Reform Temple Emanu-El and Orthodox congregations Kneseth Israel and Temple Beth-El) continue to prosper, and they have now been joined by a Chabad Center in Mountain Brook and the Or Hadash Humanistic Judaism Congregation, which meets in members' homes. ●

— Jeff and Virginia Orenstein



## Labor

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The desire for increased COVID-19 protections in the classroom is a new demand this year for AFT Pennsylvania, as this is the first school year of managing the pandemic with in-person learning at the outset. It's become a more politicized issue, making it difficult for the union to gain traction in some counties with its argument, according to Steinberg.

He is not alone in his efforts to protect Pennsylvania's workers.

The Philadelphia chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee recently came out in written support of the WHYU Union, which is organizing with the Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, promoting its rally in support of fair contracts. The chapter also expressed solidarity with Penn Museum employees, who complained about low wages, workplace harassment and poor job stability.

Michael Hersch, director of the PJLC, said that these employers can be paternalistic in their approach to the workplace.

"The working people are not considered," Hersch said.



▲ Garment workers on strike in New York City in 1913  
Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

"There isn't transparency, and there's the notion that, 'Hey, you're lucky to be working here,' rather than a sense of teamwork and collaboration."

For both Steinberg and Hersch, advocating for workers is baked into their Jewish values.

"Judaism has social justice and social issues embedded in it," Steinberg said.

Jews have long been part of the labor organizing efforts in the U.S., with Jewish union participation dating back to the 19th century.

Though most unions weren't Jewish unions, many had sizable Jewish populations. First-generation immigrants who were tailors in their home countries — and were disproportionately Jewish — joined garment workers unions.

According to Lila Corwin Berman, a professor of history at Temple University and



▲ Arthur Steinberg (center, blue shirt) at Overbrook High School rallies for school funding on June 11 with members of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus.  
Courtesy of Joseph Corrigan

director of the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Jews were familiar with collective organizing practices, as they were often minorities fighting for workplace protections in the countries from which they emigrated.

In the 20th century, unions didn't exist in a vacuum. Rather, they informed a cultural infrastructure for Jews.

"It was very much connected to a broad culture of the left," said Beth S. Wenger, associate dean for graduate studies and the Moritz and Josephine Berg Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania. "The United Hebrew Trades, the Workmen's Circle and the Jewish press — especially the Jewish Daily Forward — all

these were very much part of the culture that supported labor and supported unionism."

Beyond advocating for better working conditions, unions, such as the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, had labor banks; the International Ladies Garment Workers Union had an education department and offered classes in English, economics and history.

Though vestiges of Jewish labor organizing from last century remain, such as The Forward and the Workers Circle, Jewish union culture has dwindled. Many Jews, as they became second- and third-generation immigrants, began to climb class ranks and work jobs where union efforts

were less common.

Berman believes that though Jewish union membership is nowhere near its peak in the early 20th century, the spirit that drove union efforts then persists now.

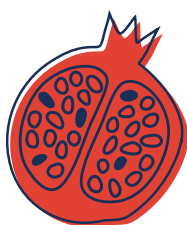
"The political kinds of proclivities of believing in supporting workers, paying them a living wage, treating workers as whole people ... people who deserve access to recreation, people who deserve access to education — at least among a sizable subset of American Jews — did endure even longer than the cultural or social infrastructure."

Hersch hopes Jewish union participation won't dissipate completely. The grandson of four Holocaust survivors, Hersch is protective of those in precarious positions of power.

Though many Jewish people work in industries that do not require labor organization, union involvement is an added layer of protection for a group of people that have historically been ostracized and driven from their homes and jobs, Hersch said.

"It's important for us not to forget our roots," he said. •

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## Camps

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campers 12 and over were above 90% at most camps, and at the start of the summer, COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths were relatively low across the U.S.

So, camps throughout the Philadelphia region hosted full seasons. Kids smiled, laughed and just hung out. Counselors motivated them to participate in the various activities. Head staffers oversaw the operation.

It was exactly what the kids needed after a summer away and a year of virtual schooling.

“Utopia,” said Rabbi Joel Seltzer, director of Camp Ramah in the Poconos.

Sideman’s JCC Medford team started planning 2021 in March 2020. Most area day and overnight camps began preparing their summer sessions around the same time.

Day camps built plans around checking people for COVID symptoms at the start of each day. That way, if directors spotted even minor signs, they could send kids home to quarantine.

Overnight camps built a “controlled environment,” as they called it. They mandated tests before the summer started, on the first day and within the first week. They eliminated out-of-camp trips from the schedule. They even required counselors to stay in camp on off days.

Southampton Summer Day Camp in Bucks County canceled 2020 after 47 consecutive summers. It reopened this year with only 350 campers, instead of the normal roster of 500. The goal, according to owner Rick Blum, was to keep bus loads small and bunk/activity cohorts at 12-15 kids each.

Southampton parents had to answer a COVID questionnaire, via text, every day at 6 a.m. Then counselors took kids’ temperatures before they allowed them onto buses.



▲ Camp Nock-A-Mixon in Kintnersville, summer 2021

Courtesy of Camp Nock-A-Mixon

Only one camper got COVID all summer, and it came from his sister’s day care center, not Southampton.

“It was amazing to see all the smiling faces out there,” Blum said of the 2021 season.

Camps Saginaw, Green Lane and Nock-A-Mixon, overnight camps in the suburbs, canceled 2020 because directors didn’t know enough about the virus and wanted to maintain trust with families after almost a century of continuous operations.

In 2021, though, all three camps hosted full loads of between 300 and 500 campers. Once they got through their final testing period early in the summer, directors let everybody take their masks off. Saginaw campers and staff members gathered on the upper field and threw their masks in the air. The owners, Mike and Jessica Petkov, recorded the moment with a drone.

“We’ve made it this far,” Mike Petkov said. “Let’s keep going.”

All three camps finished the summer with no COVID cases.

Gary Glaser, the director of Nock-A-Mixon, said fighting and homesickness were down this summer, and that campers seemed happy just to be out of their houses and together.

But Glaser and the Petkovs called their counselors the

heroes of the summer.

Nock-A-Mixon allowed 12-hour off days, where counselors could only go home, not out and about. They also had to be accessible via FaceTime. Saginaw, like other

overnight operations, required counselors to stay in camp on off days.

Counselors knew this situation going into the summer and accepted it.

“They had to make sure the kids were having a good time, and they excelled,” Petkov said.

Some day camps, like Achdus in Northeast Philadelphia and the JCC of Medford, were open in 2020. But Achdus cut its camper quota from about 90 to 60. JCC Medford dropped its total from roughly 1,300 to 200.

This year, both places opened in full and finished their seasons. Achdus staffers just kept their eyes open for symptoms, according to Director Moshe Segelman. JCC counselors kept kids in cohorts and enforced masking when different groups interacted.

“Families were so ready to

come back,” Sideman said.

Camps lost money last year, but in 2021, they learned that their families remained loyal.

So going into 2022, they are confident. They aren’t too worried about the new delta variant, either, nor the recent increase in cases and restrictions. Even if the COVID era continues, directors now have systems in place to handle it.

Blum turned Southampton’s approach into a 20-page handbook. The Bucks County Health Department recently asked for it to use as a guidebook for local recreation programs.

“These are things we’re going to continue to do,” Blum said. “I don’t see that we’ll eliminate that until COVID is out of here.” ●

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# The Importance of Multifaith Cooperation and Dialogue



BY SAUNDRA STERLING EPSTEIN

FOR MANY YEARS, I have been honored to be involved in the extremely important work of building relationships among different faith communities, as well as within the different strands of our Jewish community in its largess.

At this point in our lives — individually and collectively — it appears to me that all of us who are knowledgeable and comfortable in engaging in these efforts should reach out and do so, especially those who are on the more-halachically observant

side of the spectrum, which is too often poorly represented. (I have been the only one in the room too many times!).

To do so is healing, serves as important advocacy and is validating to all of us who are people of faith. Moreover, it makes a powerful and necessary statement in our fractured world at this time when the strength and ethical pitch of our religious teachings are more necessary than ever.

Pew Research Center findings indicate that in our general population we have approximately 30% religious “nones” — that is, people who do not identify with any faith tradition or community. This percentage is higher for those who are not involved in ongoing religious life involvements on any level, with the numbers of unconnected individuals increasing in the younger age brackets.

This problem of continuity of our religious traditions and way

of life is a challenge shared by all of our faith communities, as indicated in my conversations with my Muslim, Christian and Catholic colleagues, specifically. Concerns about human rights issues and religious teachings that, in their eyes at least, contradict their social values are often causes for which our young people do not feel that their respective religious heritages are responsive.

Also, members of all of our respective communities are suffering from food insecurity, threatened loss of homes, social isolation, work insecurity, sexual abuse and violence, the opioid crisis and other ailments that are pervasive at this time and desperately need access to services. We are all aware of this, as well as the drain on our service organizations in trying to continue to meet mounting, seemingly infinite, needs with finite resources. Additionally, we need to remind each other the power of our faith in

supporting us spiritually while we tend to the needs of our physical realities.

To address these shared challenges, there is an ongoing effort to streamline our area’s multifaith work, bringing together the 20-year-old Cheltenham Area Multi-Faith Council founded as a response to 9/11 by Rabbi Lance Sussman and a group of Christian clergy members and lay leaders; a newly formed consortium of Muslim, Christian and Jewish community leaders; and the developing Montgomery County Multi-Faith Coalition in a newly branded cooperative where we crowdsource our services and provide opportunities for shared learning and interaction with each other.

These collective efforts are already yielding important results, such as ensuring there are food pantries that provide food for people in need who have religious dietary restrictions, offering resources for women

and men from different faith communities who are victims of domestic violence, accessing counseling services sensitive to different faith communities’ sensibilities and so on.

Additionally, we are committed to sitting together to learn more about our respective faiths and foundational texts, marveling at how much we share as well as becoming more sensitive to, and respectful of, our differences. As my treasured colleague and friend, Aziz Nathoo, a Muslim community leader and Sheikh, often reminds us, “We are here to converse, not to convert.” •

Sandra Sterling Epstein is the director of BeYachad: Bringing Jewish Living and Learning Together. Upcoming events include an Oct. 5 program entitled “GRASP: Gathering Resources Addressing Suicide Prevention” and another on Nov. 15, “Thanks-Grieving.” For more information, contact Epstein at shulisrose@aol.com.

# When I Faced Antisemitism on Campus in 1985, I Felt Alone. I’m Glad Today’s College Students Have Each Other



BY HOWARD LOVY

IN 1985, I STOOD in the corner of a crowded meeting room at the Wayne State University Student Center, stone-faced, while people I did not know lined up at a microphone to denounce me before the Student Newspaper Publications Board.

“I don’t think Howard Lovy should be editor of The South

End because he is biased toward Israel,” said one, referring to the student newspaper, where I was up for the editor’s position.

The board would decide if I should take the top job. By virtue of my role at the paper, I was in position to assume the top editor slot.

“Howard is a Zionist,” said another critic, “so he should be disqualified from this important job as editor of The South End.”

Some of them said something about the racist rabbi, Rabbi Meir Kahane. Another said something about the massacre of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon three years previously by an Israel-allied militia group and with the knowledge of the Israeli army. Apparently I was responsible for all these things

and people. I should not have been surprised.

A few anti-Zionist students had targeted me months earlier, not only peppering the paper with letters to the editor about me, but showing up at The South End office specifically to harass and threaten me.

But at this hearing, there were not dozens, but hundreds, of people I had never met telling the board about what a lousy journalist I was because I had written pieces on the opinion page in support of Israel. The Student Newspaper Publications Board, wary of controversy because of a previous editor’s anti-military activism, rejected me, and I did not get the job.

I was 19 years old at the time. I’m 55 now and over the shock, but I look back on it as a key

event in my development as a Jew and as a journalist. It was an important lesson for me in how isolating antisemitism could be.

It was difficult for me to explain to my friends and colleagues that this even was antisemitism at all. I mean, it seemed perfectly reasonable to many that my “bias” in favor of Israel’s existence compromised my impartiality. But what was the “other side” I was supposed to take equally? Israel’s nonexistence? In 1985, at the age of 19, I lacked the words to explain to anybody that I was being targeted for harassment specifically because I was a Jew.

In this way, I understand what is happening on campus today, with the rise in antisemitism masquerading as anti-Zionism.

The AMCHA Initiative has been tracking antisemitic incidents and activities on U.S. college campuses since 2015. Out of curiosity, I punched Wayne State into their database and found 16 incidents of “antisemitic expression” and activity in support of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement targeting Israel from March 2016 to June of this year.

The argument, of course, can be made that all these events are not antisemitic, that they simply express solidarity with Palestinians. And if you’re not a Jew on campus and don’t see and feel for yourself how these things manifest themselves in reality, it is difficult to explain this gray area between pro-Palestinian activism

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# I Used to Judge Ex-Orthodox Jews. Then I Started Listening



BY RIVKA NEHORAI

TEN YEARS AGO, I sat shocked watching a new music video from one of my creative Jewish heroes, Matisyahu. Newly married and studying in yeshiva, my husband and I were trying to figure out how to uplift the art world in alignment with our Orthodox Torah ideals.

continue to suppress his own truth and voice, and for him to toe the expected “traditional” Orthodox Jewish line out of my fear of what non-Jews might think. At the time, I believe he owed it to all of us.

A few years after we left Israel, my husband and I began hosting gatherings in Brooklyn for creative, out-of-the-box Jewish thinkers. Our guests included a significant number of what are derogatorily referred to as “off-the-derech” Jews: those who had been raised in the ultra-Orthodox community but had left it. Many of them no longer followed many or most of the traditional Orthodox interpretations of Jewish law. But, my God, their Jewish spirit and

creating art that is critical of your community are your greatest teachers.

They have seen the belly of the beast, and they have valuable information for you. They know how to make your world healthier, safer and more just. And they love the Jewish people and Judaism perhaps more than you will ever understand.

Instead of worrying about the optics of a celebrity Chasid going his own way, I should have been worrying about those who are hurting, who are being abused by the systems that structure the Chasidic world. Those who want a different life but can’t escape. Or those who escape with scars.

Just listen to their stories, I would tell my past self, and see

The denominations limit us. Especially within Orthodoxy, it becomes more about proving you fit in than about being part of an ongoing conversation.

Our creative community in Brooklyn was filled as well with those who jumped between cleaving to tradition and listening to the reality on the ground of what was and wasn’t working and shifting because of it.

This past year, I moved far away from everyone who shared their stories with me in the last decade. I now live in Long Beach, California, outside of an observant Jewish community. It’s quiet here, as my husband and I try to untangle for ourselves how Jewish practice and belief can

serve us in contributing most to the world.

One thing has become clear to us: We need to listen to the critics, no matter where we are. Don’t worry about what the non-Jews will think. Don’t worry about a “backlash” from white supremacists or antisemites or other Jews.

Just listen. The future belongs to those who struggle and question and search and shift — and can inspire us to create a better Jewish world, if only their stories are taken seriously. •

Rivka Nehorai is an artist, art educator and community builder in Long Beach, California. Her work can be viewed at [rivka.gallery](http://rivka.gallery).

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Yet here was my icon, Matisyahu — who rose to fame singing about his faith and wearing the black hat and modest suit of a Chasidic Jew — dancing around in a Santa suit for his “Miracles” video with a shot of an immodestly dressed woman and a guy dressed up as Antiochus using the word “babes.” Outraged, I wrote a blog post imploring the singer to remember that he was a “poster child” for a serious, beautiful and deep people.

A few months later, I ran into Matisyahu himself in a random little shul on Shabbat. I introduced myself after services and took the quick opportunity to bless him in coded language that he should “continue helping the Jewish world.” He bowed his head in thanks and I walked away feeling good about what I had said.

I understand now that I was really blessing him to

the depth of their insights blew me away.

I can still hear the haunting, booming melody of one man who occasionally came. Born and raised in a strict Chasidic sect, he cherished his memories of singing together with his father and brothers on Shabbat. He had chosen to leave that community because he needed to search for a truth and a life beyond it, but he loved Judaism so fiercely and deeply that I can cry just thinking about what it was like to hear him sing.

If I could say one thing to my outraged self-watching Matisyahu shift directions 10 years ago, and what I would say to Orthodox Jews today who say they are hurt by “My Unorthodox Life” and any of the other critical examinations of the Orthodox world, it is this: Listen.

These Jewish people who have “left” and are now

how you can be a part of the change.

I know that many thrive in Orthodoxy. But the point isn’t that the system works for some or even most people. The point is that when someone is sharing their story of what didn’t work for them, it creates an opportunity to discuss the change that can be made, from giving yeshiva students an adequate secular education to changing the way homosexuality is viewed.

If those critical of the Orthodox world are dismissed as traumatized, mentally disturbed or bitter, we miss out on the greatest gift our society could receive. To become whole. To become better. To end abuse. These voices are the checks and balances for a society.

For the past 20 years, I classified myself as “Orthodox,” although I always identified more as “post-denominational.”

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### Op-ed an Example of Cancel Culture

I was left aghast when I read the opinion piece penned by Leon Malmud (“Ben and Jerry’s Noxious Fuming,” Aug. 5). In that op-ed, the writer demands that his readers disavow all support for Ben & Jerry’s ice cream because of the company’s willingness to “suspend their principles when they get in the way of making money.”

Malmud instructs the reader to rethink decisions around the ice cream one purchases because he takes issue with the purported inconsistency of former owners Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield in the realms of social justice and climate change, among many other areas of legitimate global concern.

However, I thought nothing of such things the last time I purchased a pint of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream. Neither did many of my family and friends from various political stripes. Are we worried about such things in relation to our ice cream? Not quite. Like many of us, they simply enjoy a good serving of ice cream from time to time, independent of the company’s stances on the aforementioned issues.

So why then should we value Malmud’s opinion? I’m not entirely sure of the answer. But I am certain of one thing: The op-ed is yet another unfortunate example of “cancel culture” in today’s society. •

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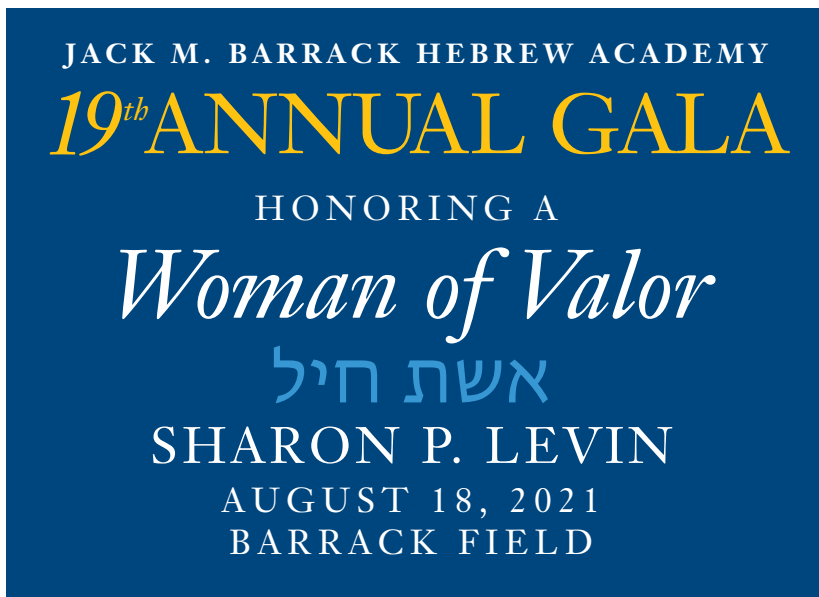


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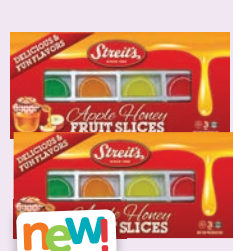
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# Rosh Hashanah Brunch Sweets

## FOOD

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**I HAVE FOND** (pre-COVID) memories of a dear friend who hosted an open house brunch every year on Rosh Hashanah for friends and fellow members of his synagogue.

The idea was that he loved to celebrate the holiday with friends, but most people were booked for dinner with family, parents, in-laws, etc., as was he. The brunch gave him a chance to wish his community a happy new year, share fellowship and a nosh, and still keep dinner open for families.

He always put out a wonderful spread of bagels, lox and white-fish salad, along with delicious breakfast pastries. Although we have not had the gathering for the last two years, I will make these treats to symbolize a sweet year to come, and raise a glass to friends and family far and near in hopes that we can all safely gather soon.

### BLUEBERRY SCONES WITH LEMON GLAZE

*Makes about 12 scones*

Since the holiday falls in early September this year, blueberries are still fresh and local. This is a great way to use them, and the lemon complements them beautifully. If you prefer the scones plain, you can skip the lemon glaze. They are delicious on their own!

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold, cut in chunks
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 cup heavy cream, plus more for brushing the scones

Heat your oven to 375 degrees F.

Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl; add the butter and beat it with an electric mixer until it resembles coarse crumbs. Then mix in the cream. Gently fold the blueberries and grated lemon rind into

the batter. Go easy so as not to break the blueberries.

Using a ¼-cup measuring cup, scoop the dough onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Place the scones on an ungreased cookie sheet and brush the tops with a little heavy cream. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until lightly brown. Let the scones cool before you apply the glaze.

#### Lemon Glaze

This glaze is wonderful on the scones, but it is a great recipe for cooks to keep in our back pockets. It can dress up a Bundt cake, a pound cake or even a store-bought angel food or sponge cake.

- ½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest

Mix the lemon juice and sugar until completely blended and the sugar is dissolved. Whisk in the butter and

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lemon zest. If the butter is not blending well, microwave the glaze for 20 seconds, and whisk again until smooth. Drizzle the glaze over the top of the scones. Let the glaze set a few minutes before serving.

DATE NUT BREAD

Makes 1 loaf

This bread is slightly retro; it was everywhere in the 1970s, usually spread with cream cheese. When I taste it now, I wonder why it ever faded in popularity; it's delicious!

- 8 ounces dates, chopped
- 1½ cups boiling water
- 2 sticks butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2½ cups flour

- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease a 9-inch-by-5-inch loaf pan.

In a small bowl, mix the dates, boiling water and butter. Let it sit 15 minutes until the butter is melted. Cool slightly.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs with the sugar, and add the flour, salt and baking soda.

Add the date mixture to the large bowl, and add the vanilla and nuts. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. ●



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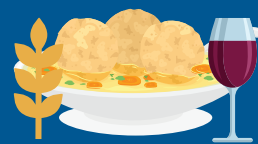
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# Rosh Hashanah: Last-Minute Recipes

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**ROSH HASHANAH** IS catching many people by surprise this year.

Falling on the heels of Labor Day weekend, the Jewish New Year begins on the eve of Sept. 6 — when you're usually winding down from vacation. Summer is hardly over. You haven't put away the beach towels for the season.

Because the temperature hovers on the high side, it's too hot to crank up the oven.

Yet you want to celebrate the Jewish New Year in a respectful, festive way. You want the holiday to be as special as it's always been. Although you usually rely on make-ahead Rosh Hashanah foods, a new strategy would be more helpful at this point. Forget labor-intensive recipes that require a lot of work, long lists of ingredients and complicated directions. You don't have time for that.

Now that summer is colliding with fall, you need a menu that is quick and refreshing. You need elegant recipes that come together at the last minute — recipes that exude simplicity and keep you calm as you prepare easy, yet stunning, foods at this busy time of year you never saw coming.

### COLD POACHED SALMON | PARVE

*Serves 4-6*

Equipment: a fish poacher, a wok with a rack or a deep sauté pan fitted with a rack and lid

- 1 cup dry white wine, such as pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc
- 2 cups water

- 3 branches of fresh dill, plus more for garnish
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and cut in half
- Nonstick vegetable spray.
- 2½-pound piece of salmon fillet
- Kosher salt to taste
- 1 lemon, sliced

Into the bottom of the fish poacher, wok or sauté pan, place the white wine, water, three branches of dill, onion and garlic. Spray the top side of the rack with nonstick spray and put it in place.

Place the salmon on the rack, skin side down. Sprinkle it generously with salt. Place the lid on top. On a high flame, bring it to a boil. Reduce the flame and steam on a fast simmer for 10 minutes, or until the salmon flakes when a knife point is inserted into the thickest part.

Using a wide spatula, carefully move the salmon to a platter and cool it to room temperature. Cover it with plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled, at least 3 hours, or up to 24 hours.

When ready to serve, garnish the salmon with a generous amount of dill fronds and sliced lemon. Serve with Dijon Mustard Sauce (below).

### DIJON MUSTARD SAUCE | PARVE

- ½ cup reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

Place the ingredients in a small bowl and mix them together with a spoon until thoroughly combined. Cover

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it with plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving.

TOMATO CANTALOUPE SALAD | PARVE

Serves 4-6

- 3 tomatoes
- 1 small cantaloupe
- 1 English cucumber or hothouse cucumber
- 2 mini sweet peppers (either orange or yellow)
- 15-20 mint leaves
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Kosher salt to taste

Core the tomatoes. Cut them into 8 slices. Then cut the slices in half into wedges. Remove the cantaloupe seeds and dice it into ¾-inch pieces. Cut the cucumber in half and remove the seeds. Dice it into

¾-inch pieces. Cut the tops off of the peppers. Under cold water, rinse out the seeds. Cut the peppers into thin rings.

After cutting up the produce ingredients, place them in a large mixing bowl.

Add the mint, olive oil and salt. Toss the ingredients until they are well combined.

The recipe can be served immediately or refrigerated for 12 hours before serving.

RADISH SALAD | DAIRY

Serves 4-6

- 2 bunches of radishes, cleaned and sliced
- 4 tablespoons white vinegar
- ¾ cup sour cream
- 1 bunch of scallions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons dill, chopped
- Salt to taste



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Combine the ingredients in a bowl. The ingredients will loosen and become as liquid as salad dressing. Serve immediately or chill and serve a couple of hours later. ●

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# Area Abounds in Pick-Your-Own Apples

## FOOD

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IT MAY STILL be hot out, but Rosh Hashanah is mere days away. And considering that dipping apples into honey can symbolize hopes for a sweet year, you might want to consider a pick-your-own farm for procuring said apples.

There are numerous orchards and farms that now offer pick-your-own options for picking apples. Many of these orchards and farms have commercialized into operations with numerous agriculture-themed activities fit for the whole family. Aside from apple (and all sorts of other fruits and vegetables) picking, you may find hayrides, pumpkin patches, farm markets, corn mazes and petting zoos, among other things. Some even have more adult-themed events, such as wine tastings.

Here are 10 pick-your-own possibilities — and this doesn't even include Lancaster County and Pennsylvania Dutch country, where orchards abound.

### Linvilla Orchards

137 W. Knowlton Road,  
Media, [linvilla.com](http://linvilla.com)

Generations of Delaware County residents have enjoyed Linvilla Orchards, which offers pick-your-own apples of several varieties through late October. There's a \$7 minimum charge per person to pick, which is applied toward whatever you pick. There's a lot more to Linvilla than just apple picking. Not only are other fruits and vegetables available for picking, but there's a farm market, swim clubs, hayrides, a Pumpkinland, fishing, playground and barnyard animals to see.

### Indian Orchards Farm

29 Copes Lane, Media,  
[indianorchardsfarms.com](http://indianorchardsfarms.com)

Not far from Linvilla is the lesser-known family-run



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Indian Orchards, which also offers pick-your-own options that include fall apples. There's a \$2.50 admission fee per person to pick at this 100-year-old-plus farm that touts pesticide-free growing techniques.

### Solebury Orchards

3325 Creamery Road, New Hope,  
[soleburyorchards.com](http://soleburyorchards.com)

This Bucks County orchard anticipates apples will be available from approximately Aug. 20 through Nov. 7, with flowers and cherry tomatoes available into September. About 30 apple varieties — including many you've never heard of — are available during the course of the season, although they all ripen at different times. Reservations are required on weekends from mid-September through October.

### Duffield's Farm & Market

280 Chapel Heights Road,  
Sewell, New Jersey,  
[duffieldsfarm.com](http://duffieldsfarm.com)

Not surprisingly, the state nicknamed The Garden State

has its share of pick-your-own places. Duffield's Farm, which dates to 1930, is big on fall apple and pumpkin picking. A fifth generation runs a farm that includes a market, deli and bakery, while offering birthday parties, hay rides and educational field trips.

### Hill Creek Farms

1631 State Highway 45,  
Mullica Hill, New Jersey,  
[hillcreekfarms.com](http://hillcreekfarms.com)

Also in Gloucester County is Hill Creek Farms, which touts three orchards containing 17,000 apple trees. There's general admission to the farm on Fridays, but Saturdays and Sundays require reservations. Along with other events for the kids, there's a wine garden for adults.

### Johnson's Corner Farm

133 Church Road, Medford,  
New Jersey, [johnsonfarms.com](http://johnsonfarms.com)

Like many of the farms/orchards included on the list, Johnson's Corner Farm goes well beyond apple picking, with things like a Sunflower

Celebration, hayrides and a Discovery Barnyard & Animal Farm. Picking includes a variety of fruits and vegetables. Hayrides take you to your desired picking destination for \$6 per person.

### Highland Orchards

1000 Marshallton Thorndale Road, West Chester,  
[highlandorchards.net](http://highlandorchards.net)

Highland Orchards offers a variety of farm-like offerings akin to many of its brethren on the list — a farm market, bakery, plants for sale and a host of events, not to mention a wide variety of pick-your-own options. About 20 varieties will be available through the season. Reservations are required.

### Shady Brook Farm

931 Stony Hill Road, Yardley,  
[shadybrookfarm.com](http://shadybrookfarm.com)

Aside from wine, mulch, garden supplies, music and sandwiches, fruit picking, including apples, is on the menu of this Bucks County attraction. Tickets are required

and cost \$7 online and \$8 at the gate; that includes wagon rides to the pick-your-own sites on the farm.

### Styer Orchard

97 Styers Lane, Langhorne,  
[styerorchard.com](http://styerorchard.com)

Starting with plums in mid-July, Styer Orchard offers a multitude of herbs, fruits and vegetables available for picking. Including apples, which take center stage in August through early November. The orchard encourages people to call ahead to check on the availability of all crops.

### Tabora Farms

1104 Upper Stump Road,  
Chalfont, [taborafarm.com](http://taborafarm.com)

Tabora has been an operating farm since colonial times, transitioning from dairy to fruit to agribusiness, complete with a deli, bakery (they make 160 different items daily), farm market and assorted pick-your-own options, including fall apples. •

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# ‘The Viewing Booth’ Encourages Media Skepticism

## FILM

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**RA'ANAN ALEXANDROWICZ** claims he was not conducting an experiment while filming “The Viewing Booth.”

The Israeli writer and director is known for his critical views of Israel, with his portfolio containing several documentaries depicting Palestinian strife in Israel and Gaza. At the beginning of “The Viewing Booth,” Alexandrowicz’s intentions seem no different.

Alexandrowicz, a graduate student at Temple University during the film’s production, invites a handful of Jewish-American Temple students and alumni to sit in a dark room in the university’s video lab. As the subjects watch video clips of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

from various media sources, Alexandrowicz observes from the adjacent room, asking them afterward if the videos shaped or changed their beliefs about Israel.

The film, now streaming on BBC Reel, spotlights one subject: Maia Levy, a Temple graduate who studied archeology. Her parents are Israeli and she is a stalwart supporter of Israel. Throughout the documentary, Alexandrowicz becomes less concerned with changing someone’s else’s opinion about Israel and more interested in just how opinions are shaped in the current climate of polarizing media and subjective truths.

In this way, the documentary becomes a very real experiment, or at least places media consumers — in the film and everywhere — under a

microscope.

Levy is reflective and observant, the perfect prism through which to explore this project.

As she begins watching one of 40 available video clips, Levy is skeptical of what she sees. She shakes her head a bit, rolls her eyes, but watches each clip intently nonetheless, brows knitted in concentration.

The clips Alexandrowicz shows are disorienting. For an ignorant American ear who can’t tell the difference between Arabic and Hebrew when spoken muffled through masks and shouting, it’s challenging to tell who, Israeli or Palestinian, is the victim and aggressor in each clip.

Levy encounters the same issue. In one video, some Israeli boys are throwing rocks and shouting obscenities at a window of someone filming,

likely an Israeli Arab. Levy leans into the screen a little closer, squints her eyes and pauses the video.

“These are Arab kids,” she repeats, first as a question, then as a statement with conviction.

As she watches the video, however, she realizes that, in this instance, the young Israeli boys are the aggressors. Levy is dismayed and disturbed, but cynical.

“Then again, you have no idea what just happened before this,” she says.

Levy says this about a lot of the clips she watches, many of which are from B’Tselem, a resource center and video database that describes itself as “striving to end Israel’s occupation.”

The media source is clearly biased, cunningly using violent imagery and emotionally evocative sounds (sirens, babies crying) to elicit a response from its audience.

Yet Levy admits that she’s biased, too. Six months after her initial time in the viewing booth, she returns, this time watching her own reactions to video clips from half a year prior.

Alexandrowicz points out that the viewer has control over what they view. They make the choice to sometimes see only what will confirm their own opinions.

“I love Israel. This is personal ... Of course, I’m making active choices,” Levy says.

Even with her acute self-awareness, Levy is unswayed by the video clips she watches.

At the end of the second viewing session, Alexandrowicz asks Levy through the intercom if she’s changed her mind, her beliefs, about Israel.

No, Levy answers.

Though Alexandrowicz perhaps set out to create a film to make a political statement about Israel, “The Viewing Booth” is not only a film about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For many American Jews, who are deeply, personally invested in Israeli politics, the conflict is a microcosm of an individual’s relationship with the media and how they wade through politics.

Since filming the documentary in spring 2018 and after the escalation of the Israel-Hamas conflict in May, Levy’s views of Israel remain unshaken, despite her many conversations with Alexandrowicz.

“I don’t think that we’ve particularly changed other’s minds; I think we’ve opened each other’s minds,” Levy said.

After her experience in “The Viewing Booth,” Levy is wary of media sources, recognizing how the media sensationalizes information, convoluting the truth.

“I definitely think media is really becoming entertainment,” she said.

“The Viewing Booth” exemplifies this: Rather than filming Levy directly, Alexandrowicz chooses to show her through a window or a computer screen at times. Instead of showing the clips Levy watches directly on the screen, a camera points at a computer monitor that is playing the clips. Even the audience incurs degrees of separation from what we’re watching.

In the face of the shortcomings of contemporary media, Levy offers a solution of moving through the world with careful curiosity. She encourages others to hold difficult conversations with those who have different perspectives, but also says to make up one’s own mind of what is factual beyond what is seen on a screen.

“It’s really important to remember what the goal is,” she said. “I don’t think the goal is particularly for one side or the other side to be right. The goal is to explore.” •

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## Parshat Ki Tavo

IN A WEAK VOICE that touched my soul, the weeping woman asked: “Why am I being punished, rabbi? I have been a good person. Why am I cursed? What did I do?”

I, a student chaplain, stood at her bedside, unable to think of what I could say to comfort her. I didn’t know her, but I could feel her pain and wanted to help. But what could I possibly do to help ameliorate her torment and not increase her suffering?

Fast-forward 20-plus years.

I have heard this plea many times, from patients struggling with pain and fear of dying and not able to comprehend from where their suffering has come. Looking for reasons, blaming themselves, the doctors, God. Entering a new land, fearful of what is coming and tired of the pain of living.

Now, I still don’t have adequate answers. I do know that this is not a time for reasons.

And, just as many times, perhaps more often, I have heard from patients — “Rabbi, I am ready. I have had a good

life; I have been blessed.” They are ready to leave the land of the living, but not quite ready to enter the new land.

If they are fortunate to have family members at their bedside, there is a poignant moment when they need to find a way to say goodbye.

Feeling cursed or blessed, moments of great transition need to be honored. It is a time to call upon the rituals that our tradition has bequeathed to us.

Why a ritual? And what has this to do with our parsha, Ki Tavo?

First, why a ritual? Let’s look at the elements of a ritual:

- It creates a safe “container” for expressing thoughts and feelings.
- It provides a common focus for the participants.
- It connects the participants via a shared experience.
- It engages body/mind/spirit.

The Viddui is the Jewish end-of-life ritual, done when death is imminent.

In its most basic form, it is a prayer that can be recited by the dying person, a rabbi or another person. It invokes the ancestors,

affirms one’s gratitude for having lived their life, asks for and offers forgiveness, asks for lovingkindness for family — and ends with a recitation of the Shema.

Simply chanted, it has great resonance because of the language, especially if in Hebrew; the cadence of the chant; the connection with a long line of ancestors — and the other elements of gratitude, forgiveness and hopes for family. And, saying or hearing the Shema, our affirmation of Divine Oneness, can stir the heart, soothe the mind and bring peace.

When the Viddui is incorporated into a ritual that the family can participate in, it becomes the center of a shared experience of sharing love and memories, through stories, songs, touch tears, even laughter.

I have found this ritual is a potent response to a dying person’s experience, increasing the sense of blessing and diminishing the fear of punishment. And it is a powerful way of saying goodbye for the family, leaving positive images emblazoned on their minds, to remember and comfort them as they mourn the loss of their

beloved, knowing they have shown their love and respect.

So why do I bring this into Ki Tavo?

*“When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a heritage, and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of every first fruit of the soil, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God will choose to establish His name”* (Devarim 26 1-2).

What a moment! *When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a heritage ...*

We have finally entered the land! We have settled it. We have harvested the first crops from our land. We must do something to mark this moment. And what we are asked to do is very simple, and very difficult. These crops were hard-won — the history of our lives, from slavery, through exodus, to this moment, are in these fruits. And now we are commanded to take these precious fruits and offer them, give them away, we commit to living a generous life, beyond

our personal needs, to attend to the needs of others.

Giving these fruits, ritualizes in community, our commitment of living in relationship with the Divine One, the source, Adonai — with all creation, with gratitude. The ritual creates a communal focus, memory and intention. Much as the Viddui ritual does at the final moments of harvest of our lives.

As we enter the Land of 5782, may we all find the ways to nourish us, guide us and inspire us to live a life of blessing, generosity and gratitude. ●

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## Lovy

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and antisemitic hate speech. You just know it when you feel it.

Ultimately, Jews are gaslighted with the phrase “Criticism of Israel is not antisemitism,” which creates a nonexistent caricature of a Jew who takes offense at every criticism of Israel.

What got me into the whole mess, and sent me down a path I continue to this day, was a story I wrote about a pamphlet. Earlier in ’85, the director of the campus Hillel approached me at the Wayne

State Student Center. He tossed a book near my lunch tray and asked, “Guess what I found the Muslim Students Association selling at Manoogian Hall?”

It was “The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion,” the infamous czarist-era Russian forgery that sets out the Jewish plan for world domination. The Hillel director knew I wrote about Jewish issues, so he challenged me to write a story about this.

“It doesn’t matter if the ‘Protocols’ are fiction. Maybe they are, maybe they aren’t,” the head of the Muslim Student Association told me in an interview at the time. “But you cannot

deny that many of the prophecies in this book have come true. Jews run the financial systems.”

This student became my nemesis. Every time I’d write anything in *The South End*, there he was to refute it. Not only that, but it became a campaign. The Muslim Student Association began tracking everything I wrote. Once I ran into one of its members while shopping at Detroit’s Eastern Market. I heard him say “Zionist” as I walked by.

OK. Yes. That was, and is, true. I am a Zionist. So how do you describe to non-Jews that for anti-Zionists, “Zionist” is

the equivalent of saying “dirty Jew”? How do you tell people that this was not “just criticizing Israel” when it’s part of a coordinated campaign to attack everything a Jew writes and, ultimately, prevent him from attaining the editor’s position?

I was alone in 1985, but today, Jewish students can find solace in online communities.

Of course, none of those things were available to me in 1985, so I did the next best thing: I interned for the Detroit Jewish News. This unexpectedly led to my career as a “Jewish journalist.”

Today my college experience is wrapped into a lifetime of experiences in recognizing the various shades of antisemitism. It is difficult, I know, for college students. But I am also optimistic that even though it may look worse than it was “in my day,” young Jews are working together to help define and fight the problem of campus antisemitism. ●

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## BIRTH

### ► SOPHIA MCMICHAEL KLINE

Carol Stern McMichael of Bala Cynwyd and Lawrence McMichael of Philadelphia and Janice and Martin Kline of Yardley announce the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia McMichael Kline, on March 26 in Alexandria, Virginia.

She is the daughter of Elizabeth McMichael Kline

and Howard Kline of Alexandria and the sister of Jacob Aaron Kline.

Sophia is named in loving memory of her Selinger and Stern forebears.

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### Shore Residents Can Donate Surplus Food

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE** of Atlantic & Cape May Counties is asking summer Jersey shore residents to consider donating any surplus nonperishable food they prefer to not bring home.

JFS will accept nonperishable goods, such as peanut butter, jelly, tuna, soups and snacks. Food may be dropped off at the JFS Pantry Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or deposited in the collection bin outside of the Margate office at 607 N. Jerome Ave.

In 2020, JFS fed more than 7,335 people, including 2,487 children and 30 Holocaust survivors. This year, JFS anticipates distributing more than 100,000 pounds of food. The agency recently tripled the size of its pantry and now offers fresh fruits and vegetables, poultry, meats, frozen foods, baby formula, diapers, wipes and more.

For more information on the JFS Food Pantry, contact Vanessa Smith at [vsmith@jfsatlantic.org](mailto:vsmith@jfsatlantic.org) or Mary DeMarco at [mdemarco@jfsatlantic.org](mailto:mdemarco@jfsatlantic.org).

### Nearly 50 Area Teens Participate in NCSY Summer Programs

More than 45 Philadelphia area teens were among more than 2,300 teens participating in 23 NCSY summer programs in Israel and the United States this summer. NCSY is a youth movement of the Orthodox Union.

With government border guidelines in constant flux and many teens not being eligible for vaccines in their local states until just weeks before their scheduled flights, NCSY added U.S.-based programs to its multitude of offerings this season.

"The summertime is such a pivotal time and opportunity for our teens to connect with their heritage and for informal education to take root in inspiring



▲ The expanded JFS Pantry

Photo by Tom Briglia

their religious growth," NCSY International Director Rabbi Micah Greenland said. "Unfortunately, last summer we were forced to cancel our programs due to the pandemic, making this summer's programs even more meaningful."

### Moshava Food Truck Back in Action

Moshava, an Israeli-owned food truck, will take part

in the Aug. 29 "Food Truck at the Shore" event hosted by Jewish National Fund-USA Eastern PA.

The event from 4-7 p.m. will be at Shirat Hayam, 700 N. Swarthmore Ave. in Ventnor, N.J.

Moshava also will be at a Philadelphia event from 1-3 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Lemon Hill Playground, 39 State Route 3007 (33rd Street and Sedgley Avenue). •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



## DEATH NOTICES

### DANZIGER

Michael S. Danziger of Bryn Mawr died on April 11, 2021. He died of pneumonia, and was in treatment for CLL at the time of his death. Michael was born August 26, 1954. He grew up in Woodmere, NY. He held degrees from Northwestern University, and Brooklyn Law School. Michael was an Attorney, and served as an Administrative Law Judge in New York City. He is survived by his wife Rebecca Klauder Danziger, his mother Eleanor Danziger, and his sister Kathleen (Jerome Fortier). Three months after Michael was buried his beloved brother Peter Danziger also died. Peter's wife Joan (Nelick) Danziger, three daughters and six grandchildren survive him. In addition to the persons mentioned above, the children and grandchildren of Kathleen Fortier, Aunt Daisy Rosner, and seven Rosner cousins mourn the loss of the brothers. Contributions in memory of Michael may be made to Camp Eagle Island (eagleisland.org) or Jewish National Fund (jnf.org).

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### GOLDRING

Doris Helene Riebmam Goldring, 89, a long-time resident of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Doris was the youngest of 6 children born to the late Harry and Fanny Riebmam. She was raised in Coatesville, PA and attended Coatesville High School. She graduated from Penn State University where she was a member of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. After graduating college, Doris moved to Philadelphia to teach kindergarten. Mutual best friends set her up on a blind date with Edward Goldring. It was a date that would turn into a love story that lasted over 65 years. Doris and Eddie raised 3 children in Wynnewood, PA. They spent summers in Margate, NJ, where Doris loved nothing better than to host her family and friends at their summer home. Doris loved all things "Hollywood" and could name and tell you stories about every actor and actress on the big and small screen. She loved to decorate and was always finding ways to make her home more beautiful. Doris is survived by loving husband Edward Goldring, her children and their spouses, Fred (Gale) Goldring, Karen (Abe) Gutman and Lee (Deborah) Goldring. In addition she is survived by her loving grandchildren, Stephanie Halperin Katz (Evan), Zachary Halperin, Jenna Goldring Lahcanski (Nikola), Cassie Goldring, Rebecca Goldring Wolf (Zachary) and Charles Goldring. She is also survived by her great grandchild Tess Emelia Katz. Doris was not only a beautiful woman on the outside, but she was especially beautiful on the inside. She was caring warm, generous, funny and kind. She was doted on by her devoted husband Ed, who remains her most ardent fan. She will be greatly missed by all her were lucky enough to know and love her. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the many caregivers and employees that touched her life. Memorial donations may be made in Doris's memory directly to MPN Research Foundation website mpnresearchfoundation.org or by sending a check to 180 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 1870, Chicago, IL 60601.

## DEATH NOTICES

### EISENSTAEDT

Marilyn Eisenstaedt (nee Witlin), August 16, 2021 of Tampa, FL. Wife of the late Harry Eisenstaedt. Mother of Robert (Carole) Eisenstaedt. Grandmother of Beth and Samantha. Contributions in Marilyn's memory may be made to Lifepath Hospice Florida.

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### KRAMER

Louis B. Kramer, August 7, 2021, of Voorhees, NJ. Husband of Janet E. Kramer. Father of Joel S. (Debbie) Kramer, David J. (Betsy) Kramer and Paul M. Kramer. Brother of Glory (Norman) Goldman and the late Minnie Solomon. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Jewish Family and Children's Services www.jfcssnj.org

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### LEHRICH

Anne Lehigh on July 19, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Melvin L. Lehigh. Mother of Julie Persofsky, Kathie Lehigh and Robert (Donna) Lehigh. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Ann's Choice Chapel, 30000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974 on August 31, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

### LISS

Leah E. Liss (nee Barsky), passed away peacefully on August 14, 2021, in Ewing, NJ, a month shy of her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. She was the oldest daughter of Morton and Rose (Leibovitz). Her father was a jeweler, and her mother was a seamstress and supervisor. After graduating from Olney High School, Leah worked as a secretary. She was introduced to her future husband Alan by a mutual friend and were married for 56 years. Leah was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. Her focus was on raising her children and following her grandsons. Leah really enjoyed needlepoint, creating works that reflected her family and their interests. She was most happy in recent years with larger family gatherings, especially celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with extended family. Leah lived her entire life in the Phila. area, including raising her children in Langhorne, before moving to Abrams Residence several years ago. Despite dealing with multiple serious health problems in recent years, she maintained a sense of stubbornness to deal with these issues and continue on. The staff at Abrams Residence and Greenwood House said she maintained her sense of humor all throughout her stay. She is survived by her husband Alan, Langhorne, PA, children Audrey Liss, Newtown, PA and Michael Liss (Beth), of Kansas City, MO; her sister Sandy Kravitz (Kenny), Elkins Park, PA, her grandsons Zachary and Drew Liss, Kansas City, MO; her extended family and her close friends Vivian Specter and Esther McGill. The family wishes to acknowledge Abrams Residence and Greenwood House for the compassionate care provided to Leah over the last several years. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts in Leah's memory be made to Abrams Residence at Greenwood House Ewing, NJ, www.greenwoodhouse.org or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### MADWAY

Hillard Madway on August 13, 2021. Beloved husband of Janet (nee Diamond); Loving father of Carol Collier (Richard), David Madway (Ruth Caine), Randi Berman (James), Robin Green and Betsy Madway (Steven Goldstein) Devoted grandfather of Bess (Brian Schwartz) Collier, Lauren Collier, Matthew Collier, Peter (Madeleine) Berman, Jenna (Scott) Oberlander, Jill (Jed) Bergman, Julie (Daniel) Wilen, Emily (Gabriel) Howard, Lily, William and Henry Goldstein; Adoring great-grandfather of Teddy and Leo Schwartz, Sloane and Jesse Wilen, Drew and Izzy Howard, Hayden Bergman, and Mason Oberlander. He will be remembered for his integrity, pride, generosity, unwavering concern and care for his family and his love of dessert. Services and interment are Private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### PRYWES

Ruth Weinstein Prywes, Ph.D. passed away on August 10, 2021. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1927. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh around 1948 and received a Masters in Social Work from Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University) around 1951. In 1952, she married Noah S. Prywes, an Israeli doing his Masters degree at Carnegie Tech. She worked as a case-worker and moved to the Philadelphia area in the 1950s. The family settled in Bala Cynwyd, where she raised three sons. Ruth returned to academic studies at Bryn Mawr College, and received her Ph.D. in social work and social research in 1974. She worked for a social research organization before starting to teach at colleges in the Philadelphia area. She taught the most at the business school at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She turned her course on labor policies into a book entitled "The US Labor Force: A Descriptive Analysis" (2000). Dr. Prywes was active in Democratic Party politics, serving as a local committee-woman. She was married to Noah Prywes z"l for 68 years and is survived by three sons, Menahem, Daniel and Ron Prywes, and seven grandchildren.

### RUDMAN

Donald Rudman, August 8, 2021. Donald was an honors graduate of Temple University and a CPA. He worked as an audit manager for Laventhal, Krekstein, Horwath and Horwath and later as hotel controller for various hotels including the Cherry Hill Inn and Lodge, Northeast Hilton and Bally's Casino in Atlantic City. Donald was a Mason and a member of both Shekinah-Fernwood Lodge in Philadelphia and the Valley of Reading. Donald and his beloved wife, Lois, who were married for 60 years, met at Temple University when they were students in the same freshman English class. Donald was the loving father of Aimee (Alan Vladimir) and Allison and the devoted grandfather of Eli, Sarah, and Adam. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### SCHWARTZ

Dr. Gordon F. Schwartz, age 86, passed away August 16, 2021. Beloved husband of Rochelle Schwartz (née Krantz). Loving father of Amory Schwartz (Catherine) and Susan Schwartz (Akis). Adoring grandfather of Rebecca and Hannah. Dear brother of Margaret "Peggy" Shapiro (Ruben). He is also survived by Philip Snyder, "Uncle Phil". Contributions in his memory may be made to www.savevenice.org/donate.

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### SPIEGEL

Lawrence S. Spiegel, August 12, 2021, of Phila.; husband of Frances L. (nee Rubenstein); loving father of Stacie Spiegel and Andrea Miller (Matthew); devoted brother of Edward Spiegel (Amy) and Francine Elvin (Robert); cherished grandfather of Ryan and Emily. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish War Veterans (jvw.org) or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### WEISBERG

On Sunday, July 25, 2021, Dr. Steven L. Weisberg, loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away following cardiac and respiratory arrest at age 80. Steve was born on March 21, 1941 in Phila, PA to Solomon and Betty (Matz) Weisberg. He attended Olney High School, Ursinus College, and Temple University before receiving his DDS from Temple University School of Dentistry. He served as Captain in the U.S. Army, and then ran dental practices in Pennsylvania and NJ until retiring in 1992. He married Ethne (Gaitelband) on February 27, 1994 and later moved to Lake Worth, Florida where he lived a joyous, country club life, playing golf and stickball surrounded by friends and social activities. Steve was preceded in death by his father, mother, and youngest daughter Karen from a prior marriage. He is survived by wife Ethne, sister Arlene, children Jill and Rick (Lei), and grandchildren, Jenn, Julielle, Melody, Riley and Alora. He rests in peace at South Florida Jewish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Diabetes Association, a nonprofit dear to him.

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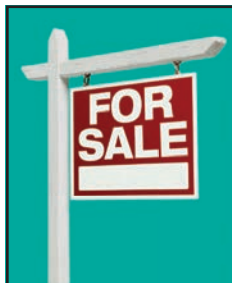
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### COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILA. COUNTY, PA - ORPHANS' COURT - NO. 20200119DE - ES-TATE OF HELEN GLORIA PLATTENBERGER - To: SEAN PLATTENBERGER - NOTICE - Pursuant to a Preliminary Decree dated 1/6/21, the Orphans' Court Div. of the Court of Common Pleas of Phila. County, has issued a Citation directing to you to show cause, if an there may be, why you should not be removed as Administrator of the Estate of Helen Gloria Plattenberger. If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objections in writing with the Clerk of the Orphans' Court Div. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you without notice for the relief requested by the Petitioners. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS NOTICE 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. Phila. Bar Association LRIS, 1101 Market-Frankford Line, Phila., PA 19107, 215.238.6333. Rebecca Sallen, Esq., 325 Merion Rd., Merion Station PA 19066, 215.992.9662.

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that the directors and shareholders of 1113 WALNUT STREET, INC., a PA corp., have approved a proposal that the corp. voluntarily dissolve, and that the company is now engaged in winding up and settling the affairs of the corp. under the provisions of Section 1975 of the PA Business Corp Law of 1988, as amended. GARY M. PERKISS, Solicitor, GARY M. PERKISS, P.C., 801 Old York Rd., Jenkintown, PA 19046.

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PETER L. KLENK  
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ESTATE NOTICES

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PETITION NAME CHANGE

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE  
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, July Term, 2021 No. 1769. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 22nd, 2021 the petition of Vanessa Annette Silva was filed, praying for a decree to change her name to Vanessa Annette Soto. The Court has fixed September 16th, 2021 at 10:00am in Room 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE  
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The Jewish Residents Council of Ann’s Choice in Warminster hosted a service for about 100 residents on Aug. 23 for the month of Elul. Rabbi Adam Wohlberg and Assistant Rabbi Sam Hollander of Temple Sinai of Dresher conducted a short service and a blowing of the shofar. Wohlberg carried the Torah around and allowed residents the opportunity to hold it as well.



▲ From left: Education chair Joe Shrager, Vice President Barbara Steiner, President Phyllis Halpern, Rabbi Adam Wohlberg and Assistant Rabbi Sam Hollander



▲ Ann’s Choice residents  
Courtesy of the Jewish Residents Council of Ann's Choice

Beth Sholom Congregation welcomed Congregation Kol Ami at a mixer on Aug. 18. Kol Ami will share some of the facilities of Beth Sholom beginning Sept. 1.



▲ From left: Congregation Kol Ami cantorial soloist Rebecca Schwartz; Ben Adams and Gary Turetsky, Kol Ami co-presidents; Herb Sachs, president of Beth Sholom Congregation; and Kol Ami Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

► Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin (standing) with congregants of Beth Sholom Congregation and Congregation Kol Ami  
Photos by Elliot Miller



COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, AUG. 27

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. Visit [ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html](http://ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html) for the Zoom link and password.

▼ SATURDAY, AUG. 28

Selichot Discussion

Join **Melrose B’nai Israel Emanu-El** at 8:15 p.m. for a conversation with Virginia Buckingham. It’s been 20 years since 9/11 — Buckingham was in Charge of Boston’s Logan Airport where both planes that crashed into New York’s Twin Towers originated. Selihot services follow at 9:45 p.m. Event is in-person or on Facebook and YouTube. For more information, call 215-635-1505 or email [office@mbiee.org](mailto:office@mbiee.org). 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ MONDAY, AUG. 30

Mahjong Game

**Melrose B’nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood** invites the community to join our weekly friendly 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). 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park. ●

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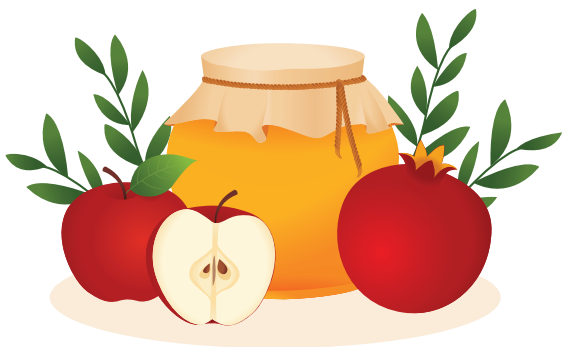
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**MAY THE NEW YEAR  
BE EVER JOYOUS  
FOR YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY**

YOUR NAME

**B**  
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*May you be inscribed  
in the Book of Life  
for a happy and  
healthy year.*

YOUR NAME

**D**  
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## Shana Tova

Greetings  
and best  
wishes for  
a Happy  
New Year.

YOUR NAME

**C**  
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May this be a  
year of peace  
for all.

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