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In Pandemic's Wake, Synagogues Address Accessibility

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FROM MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2020, Zoom's revenue skyrocketed by 3,300%, according to a CNN report, and it's no secret why.

The application became a ubiquitous tool for connection and opened up new possibilities for synagogues to confront and navigate the question of accessibility for disabled congregants and community members.

"During the height of a pandemic, I was largely unable to safely leave my home," said Rabbi Julia Watts Belser, a professor of Jewish studies and disability studies in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Georgetown University and a wheelchair user. "Yet, in many ways, 2020 felt like the year that I had access to everything."

Zoom not only allowed for events to have greater audiences, but provided opportunities for those who could not otherwise attend religious events or programs to

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▲ Campers now have to wear masks at Camp Kef following a COVID outbreak in late July.

Photo by Janine Nelson

COVID Outbreak at Camp Kef Cancels Week

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

FOR MOST OF THE SUMMER, Camp Kef thrived.

Between 450 and 465 kids enjoyed a maskless, post-COVID experience at the Kaiserman JCC.

But in late July, a COVID outbreak spread to 12 campers and staff members,

forcing JCC officials to close camp for a week.

Camp Kef reopened Aug. 2 with mask, social distancing and testing mandates for all campers and staff members. Kaiserman CEO Alan Scher said the last week will not be made up in August due to post-camp programming. But he also said that parents who want their money back

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Philacatessen

APPLES: EARLY-SEASON HARVEST

Apples are more commonly associated with the fall, but food columnist Keri White spotted new varietal of the apple at a local farmers market and was intrigued. The Lodi is an early harvest apple best suited for baking or applesauce and tastes a bit like a Granny Smith but without the hint of sweetness. Read her online blog, Philacatessen, for details. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.

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Dropping a bombshell: King's West Bank withdrawal.

King Hussein's surprise announcement that Jordan is renouncing its claim to the West Bank has rocked the international diplomatic community. Some observers have conjectured that the Jordanian monarch is engaged in a game of political hardball with Yasir Arafat and his Palestine Liberation Organization and has no intention of permanently removing him-



King Hussein
Wide World Photo

self from the territories now administered by Israel. Meanwhile, Israeli and U.S. officials were weighing the effects Hussein's move could have on the already sputtering Mideast peace process, as rumors spread through Jerusalem that Jordan is determined to go ahead and adopt further, more drastic measures against the residents of the West Bank. — Page 4

Give Your Recipes The Golden's Taste


VEGETABLE STIR-FRY
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1/2 cup soy sauce
1 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup Golden's Spicy Brown Mustard
1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 cup or 1/2 large chopped Spanish onion
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8 oz. fresh bean sprouts
Cooked rice

Premix cornstarch with soy sauce. Mix together soy sauce mixture, chicken broth, mustard, and ginger. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet. Stir-fry onions and peppers for 3 minutes. Stir in pea pods and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Stir in soy sauce mixture. Bring to a boil while stirring constantly. Gently stir in bean sprouts. Heat to warm. Serve over rice. Makes 4-6 servings.

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Locals Mostly Oppose Ben & Jerry's Decision

LOCAL

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BEN & JERRY'S DECISION to no longer sell ice cream in what the company referred to as the "Occupied Palestinian Territory" sparked a social media firestorm and backlash from Israeli leaders — and has some local ramifications as well.

Local Ben & Jerry's franchises, who are self-sufficient besides the brand, did not wish to follow their parent company into the

geopolitical fray. Managers and owners expressed a desire to just sell ice cream.

But Jewish consumers in the Philadelphia area were more than happy to share their thoughts. Some supported Ben & Jerry's decision. Most did not.

Against

Don Sable of Elkins Park promised to boycott all Ben & Jerry's products moving forward. Sable called the company's actions "despicable and antisemitic."

"The boycott of not selling their ice cream across the Green Line is a statement that Muslims and Christians can live on both sides of the Green Line, but Jews are not to be afforded the same rights," Sable said.

Sable further explained that if company founders Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield — who no longer own the company, but expressed support for the decision — cared about peace in the Middle East, they wouldn't be supporting the "Arab Palestinian rejectionism" of

Israel that dates to the United Nations' partition plan in 1947. He concluded that Ben & Jerry's is playing right into the hands of Palestinian leaders, who perpetuate their victimhood cycle to generate sympathy from political progressives.

"As long as they keep saying no to peace, money from around the world keeps coming in and they get to enjoy playing the victim," Sable said. "Through their boycott, Ben & Jerry's has also shown support for that ridiculous situation and paradigm."

Brian Smith of Philadelphia called the ice cream company's actions "cowardly" and "ignorant." He said he never bought the ice cream in the past and never would even consider doing so now.

Smith explained that Cohen and Greenfield were drinking the "antisemitic Kool-Aid propounded daily by the Associated Press." For Smith, this amounted to two primary falsehoods: That Palestine, which is still not recognized as a state by many major countries, including the U.S., has territories and that Israel is occupying them.

"Perhaps we should see if Ben or Jerry starts hawking free copies of 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' with every five pints purchased?" Smith concluded, referring to the false and antisemitic book describing a plan for Jewish world domination.

Gail Schwartz of Philadelphia and Marc Ullman of Galloway, New Jersey, said they would take it a step further than boycotting Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Ben & Jerry's is now owned by Unilever, the multinational consumer goods company.

Unilever owns hundreds of popular brands, including Dove, Hellmann's and Lipton. Schwartz and Ullman will no longer use any of those products.

Ullman loved Ben & Jerry's before. He would always stack his freezer with the company's wacky flavors for the Shabbat

dinners that he hosted with his wife. His wife loves Hellmann's mayonnaise and refuses to use any other brand.

Now, though, they will have to find new products.

"I hate it," Ullman said.

But, he added, "anti-Zionism is antisemitism."

Schwartz said that Unilever could at least salvage its other brands by dissociating from Ben & Jerry's.

"I will continue to boycott Ben & Jerry's and all Unilever brands as long as Unilever refuses to dissociate itself with B&J's horrendous decision," she concluded.

For

Sara Atkins is an Orthodox Jew who lives in Penn Wynne. She is also a supporter of Israel. But she is sticking with her favorite ice cream brand.

"This has been overblown," she said. "The company has a right to sell where they want to sell and not to sell where they don't want to sell."

Atkins also said that it's inaccurate to compare this decision to the boycott, sanctions and divestment movement. Ben & Jerry's is, after all, still selling ice cream in Israel, just not in those territories.

Finally, she explained that the company has taken progressive stances in public in the past, too. Ben & Jerry's publicly opposed former President Donald Trump and supported same-sex marriage and climate activism, among other stances.

"I've always known where the company was politically, and it's never stopped me before," Atkins said.

Perhaps more importantly, though, Atkins just loves the company's flavors, like Karamel Sutra Core and Netflix and Chill'd.

"It's still the best ice cream on the market," she said. •

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A Letter to the Jewish Community of Greater Philadelphia

Like many legacy nonprofits, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has long rested on the assumption that our deep communal roots were strong enough to last the test of time. However, with changes taking place all around, in philanthropic trends, an explosion of options in personalized philanthropy, technology altering how individuals connect and with the Jewish community, these assumptions no longer hold.

Twenty-first century Jewry requires inspired thinking rather than rote learning. It requires an awareness of the elements that make Jewish living joyful rather than obligatory. The Jewish Federation must be relevant, meaningful to those involved, trustworthy, and transparent. The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will become a high performing, cutting-edge, twenty-first-century organization. I am honored to have been chosen to lead this charge.

As President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, I am committed to fostering an environment where we celebrate and acknowledge all of our skills and cultivate an environment for growth. All of our colleagues must have clarity on our goals and the role each of us plays in achieving them. Finally, our culture must be one that fosters the utmost of respect, builds trust, ensures a safe workplace and embraces everyone's unique talents, diversity, and perspectives.

To meet these challenges, needs, and opportunities, the Jewish Federation will rededicate itself with a new strategic focus. To do so, we will soon embark on creating Jewish Federation's first strategic plan in over a decade. I am pleased to announce that Ben Kirshner and Mark Fishman will lead this committee that will represent the diverse geographic and demographic characteristics as well as, thoughts and opinions of our stakeholders. We expect to get started in the next few weeks with this vital task.

The strategic plan will realign and restructure how the Jewish Federation conducts its business internally and how it relates to its historic funding partners. This plan will inform the Jewish Federation's operating values, staffing structure, its decision-making processes, volunteer and donor engagement strategies, and choices for how we work to impact the community. We are committed to taking additional steps to be even more inclusive of the rich diversity of our staff and the Jewish community at large in terms of differing backgrounds, experiences, interests, challenges, etc. We will welcome feedback so we can listen, learn, and grow.

The Jewish Federation has stood firmly for more than 120 years. Today we will not waiver. We will stand together and move this organization forward. I am excited for our future and can't wait to see what we will achieve together.

Michael Balaban,
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SJ Jewish Farm Debuts CSA Amid Challenges

LOCAL

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WILLIAM LEVIN'S GREAT-great-grandfather Moses Bayuk, along with 42 other Russian Jewish families, settled on the patch of land in Vineland, New Jersey, in 1882, turning to subsistence farming in the United States after fleeing the pogroms in Russia, though they had little experience farming.

In 2014, more than 130 years after Levin's family settled on the land, Levin's father was getting ready to sell it. Levin and his wife Malya, both of whom had recently become involved in the Jewish farming movement, bought family members' land shares and, in 2016, began Alliance Community Reboot, reviving the farming roots of Bayuk's original settlement of farming Jews: Alliance Colony.

The Levins founded ACRE as a "Jewish farming community" in Vineland with the hopes of escaping the stressors of their urban New York lifestyle and reconnecting themselves — and fellow Jews — with the land.

On Aug. 5, ACRE launched

its inaugural Community Supported Agriculture program, hoping to share its harvest with locals in South Jersey and Greater Philadelphia.

It hasn't been an easy road.

"Similar to William's ancestors, we weren't farmers," Malya Levin said.

Malya Levin is a lawyer in Brooklyn advocating for seniors who have experienced elder abuse; William Levin is a cartoonist. (He penned a cartoon for The Jewish Exponent 15 years ago called "Shabot 6000" about a Jewish robot).

The Levins struggled to find the help of local farmers who would help the couple who were so green to farming, especially as they wanted to grow organic crops, which was anomalous among the fields of conventional farming with pesticides and chemical fertilizers in the area.

They eventually found the guidance they were looking for from Joe and his grandson Kenny Barteas, organic farmers from Brotmanville, New Jersey, who were willing to partner with the Levins to help ACRE grow organically.

In June, the Levins held an event on their farm for



▲ ACRE partners with the Barteas family to grow organic crops.

Courtesy of Alliance Community Reboot



▲ William Levin co-founded Alliance Community Reboot with Malya Levin to reconnect with ancestral land.

interested potential donors to see ACRE and meet the Barteas. It was then that the Levins, with the help of friend and journalist Ben Harris — who has a decade of farming under his belt — hatched their CSA plan.

Harris believed that CSAs are a boon for some farmers. During COVID, buying produce from farms was sometimes more reliable and safer than buying from grocery stores.

"When people were afraid to go to supermarkets, there was something nice about having a local farm," Harris said. "All of a sudden, we recognized how susceptible and vulnerable our food systems truly are."

Even though the CSA would potentially grow ACRE's audience, the Levins were underprepared to begin one so quickly.

Most farms begin their CSAs in June, and they run for 16-20 weeks. ACRE just began to organize its 12-week CSA in June.

"To be honest, I don't think it's something I felt we were truly ready for," William Levin said.

And the CSA was a steep investment: The Levins had to buy proper refrigeration units to store and help transport their crops.

Now, even with tomatoes, watermelon, eggplants, corn, squash and more growing abundantly, they are still having trouble drawing an audience.

As of the end of July, ACRE had seven committed customers for their CSA; they hoped to get 30. With the help of several donations, the Levins broke even in their investment, but would still rather share their fruits and vegetables with those interested in building the specific farmer-community relationship CSAs allow.

William Levin said that in South Jersey, lesser-known vegetables like kohlrabi are off-putting to potential CSA-buyers. Generally, CSAs don't allow their consumers to pick which crops they distribute.

"People wanted to be assured what vegetables they were going to get," William Levin said. "They didn't like certain vegetables, and they thought they wouldn't ... be able to cook enough of it. That's kind of the antithesis of a CSA."

The Levins hope to find a Philadelphia pick-up location to expand ACRE's CSA consumer base. In the meantime, they continue to find ways to connect Judaism and agriculture.

ACRe has hosted Shabbatonim, High Holiday services and, recently, a Tu B'Av event for single area Jews. Many of the events are held at the Alliance Synagogue, constructed by Bayuk more than a century ago.

Sean Kashani, who has helped the Levins with CSA distribution, believes that the spiritual connection between farming and Judaism is clear.

"It's a way to see God's hand in creation," he said. "You watch a seed deteriorate underground and, with the right soil and water, it grows into plants or flowers."

According to Malya Levin, bringing the farm back to life meant not only connecting with other Jews, but connecting their three young children back to the land on which William Levin's family had built their home.

"Celebrating with them, in the shadow of these buildings and locations that their ancestors lived and worshipped on, has created this new feeling of a Judaism that's rooted in a place in a way that I never experienced," Malya Levin said.

Information and registration for ACRE's CSA can be found at csa.acreboot.org/. •

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Local Leaders Show Solidarity to Israel Via Mission

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GOING INTO A solidarity mission to Israel organized by the Jewish Federations of North America, Sherrie Savett, Sharon Kestenbaum, Tracy Ginsburg and Gail Norry all knew that Israel faced immense challenges.

But even with that knowledge, the journey opened their eyes and deepened their commitment — emotionally and financially — to supporting the Jewish state through their work with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

A few weeks ago, Savett, Kestenbaum, Ginsburg and Norry, who are all active in Jewish Federation, joined

more than 30 other Federation donors, leaders and volunteers from across the United States for the mission. The four-day educational trip included a meeting with Knesset members and visits to several communities.

This year's mission took place after the latest Israel-Palestine conflict, in which Israeli citizens hid in safe rooms and bomb shelters during heavy rocket fire. The intention was to give the group a deeper understanding of the oft-tragic situation in the Jewish state.

And there was no sugar-coating the narrative.

They met with the parents of a 5-year-old boy, Ido Avigal, who was killed by a rocket on May 12 in Sderot. They visited a kibbutz, Kfar Aza, near Gaza

that faced heavy rocket fire during previous conflicts, too. They even visited a community center trying to bring people together in Lod, a city that saw rioting between Arabs and Jews during the crisis.

"It's mind-boggling how the Israelis deal with all this adversity," Ginsburg said. "They are an incredible people."

By the end of the trip, the participants were no longer in shock over the intractable conflict. Instead, they were hopeful about future relations between the Jewish and Arab citizens within Israel's borders.

As Knesset members told the group, the current body has more Arab members, 14, than any previous government.



▲ The four Philadelphia-area leaders who went on the solidarity mission to Israel in July are, from left, Sharon Kestenbaum, Sherrie Savett, Tracy Ginsburg and Gail Norry. Photo Courtesy of Sherrie Savett

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ADL, Hillel Documenting Campus Antisemitism

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OVER THE LAST YEAR, Jewish college students took it upon themselves to combat antisemitism at their schools. Now, two major Jewish organizations are working together to play a stronger role in fighting antisemitism on campus.

Some of the student activists documented incidences of antisemitism at colleges

nationwide, often submitted anonymously, while others have taken a confrontational tone on social media. With some portraying themselves as the ideological successors to early Zionist activists, the students often argue that anti-Zionism and antisemitism overlap.

In a new partnership, Hillel International and the Anti-Defamation League are aiming to take a more traditional approach to the same issues — one that they say will not

always treat anti-Israel activity as antisemitism.

Hillel and the ADL will together create a college-level curriculum on antisemitism and jointly document antisemitic incidents on campuses in the United States. But not every student government resolution endorsing the movement to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel, known as BDS, will wind up in the groups' database.

"Anti-Israel activism in and of itself is not antisemitism,"

an ADL spokesperson said. "Situations vary widely with BDS. We will carefully evaluate each one and make a determination based on our criteria for antisemitism."

For example, the ADL spokesperson said, a BDS resolution alone would not count as antisemitism, "but if a student was excluded from the debate because he or she was Jewish, then it might be counted."

The Hillel-ADL partnership, which will begin in the coming academic year, follows a spike in reported antisemitic incidents on campus. In the school year that ended in 2021, the ADL tallied 244 antisemitic incidents on campuses nationwide, an increase from 181 the previous school year. Hillel has a presence on more than 550 campuses and says it serves more than 400,000 students.

Accusations of antisemitism on campus have received significant attention from large Jewish organizations for years. Some Jewish leaders have long said anti-Zionist activity on campus constitutes antisemitism, especially as a string of student governments endorsed BDS.

Hillel International prohibits partnerships with, and the hosting of, campus groups that support BDS. Anti-Zionist groups have at times targeted Hillel; last week, Students for Justice in Palestine at Rutgers University criticized the school's Hillel in a statement endorsed by other campus groups.

In addition, the ADL has documented white supremacist propaganda campaigns on campuses nationwide.

Multiple national groups have filed complaints with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights based on campus antisemitism allegations. In 2019, President Donald Trump signed an executive order mandating "robust" enforcement of civil rights protections for Jews on campus and including some anti-Israel activity in the definition of antisemitism.

Pro-Palestinian activists said the order would have a chilling effect on free speech on campus.

The ADL and Hillel International plan to develop a curriculum about the history of antisemitism and how it manifests currently. They will also survey schools nationwide to provide a better picture of the state of antisemitism on campus, and will create a dedicated system to tally incidents of antisemitism at colleges and universities, including a portal for students to report incidents confidentially.

The ADL did not detail how it would verify whether confidentially submitted incidents actually occurred, beyond saying they would be judged by the methodology the group uses in its annual audit of antisemitic incidents. The methodology states that "ADL carefully examines the credibility of all incidents, including obtaining independent verification when possible."

In recent months, the student activists have formed their own organizations to further their online activism, called the New Zionist Congress and Jewish on Campus. The New Zionist Congress hosts an online book club and discussions about Zionism, while Jewish on Campus records stories of college antisemitism on its Instagram account, which has 32,000 followers.

The ADL said its partnership with Hillel would "complement" student activism and that the group "will firmly support well-meaning student-led efforts to push back against antisemitism on campus."

The effort with Hillel is also the third partnership with an external organization that ADL has announced in the past two weeks. It recently launched a partnership to combat antisemitism with the Union for Reform Judaism, and last week began an initiative with PayPal to research how extremists use online financial platforms. •



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Makom to Hold Second Annual Conference

LOCAL

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MAKOM COMMUNITY, a Jewish enrichment center for children, will host its second annual conference from Aug. 8-10 to lead training in their pedagogy of Jewish placemaking.

Fifty to 70 attendees from more than 20 educational and religious organizations will attend the virtual conference, funded in part by two grants from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, in hopes of finding ways to apply Jewish placemaking to their religious and after-school programs.

Makom Community provides after-school programs, b'nai mitzvah training and summer camps to children from pre-kindergarten through



▲ Beverly Socher-Lerner (center) is Makom Community's founding director and conference co-organizer. Courtesy of Makom Community

seventh grade in Center City Philadelphia through the lens of this pedagogy, which emphasizes the application of Jewish texts to how children move through their lives and

interact with others.

"It brings our engagement with Jewish wisdom and with Jewish texts into our physical space," said Beverly Socher-Lerner, Makom's founding

director and conference co-organizer. "It gives kids and families lots of agency to be interpreters of Jewish tradition."

Among the conference attendees is Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun in Erdenheim. According to synagogue Rabbi Roni Handler, the conference will help inform how the synagogue's after-school religious school program can instill even more joyful engagement in Jewish learning. The religious school transitions from an online to an in-person format next year.

"We all needed to take a step back over the last 18 months or so and really look at what we're doing and why we're doing it," Handler said. "As we start to put the pieces back together, I don't want to just go back to

what was because that's what we've always done."

The conference, which will take place three hours per day over three days, differs from its first iteration last summer.

Though both conferences are remote over Zoom, last year, Jewish educational organizations shared how they were navigating programming over the pandemic year, and the conference wasn't centered around Jewish placemaking consistently.

This year, Makom will provide the conference's entire curriculum and program, focusing on applying the pedagogy to in-person teaching and learning. Makom Community also hopes to learn from this year's conference

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Bereavement Group Becomes Widow ‘Lifeline’

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RIVKA POWERS WAS unsure about starting a bereavement group on Zoom during the pandemic.

Powers, who is the director of bereavement services at Goldsteins’ Rosenberg’s Raphael-Sacks, didn’t think it would work as well as meeting in person. But with a group of six Jewish women who had lost their husbands between the end of 2019 and the spring of 2020, she decided to try the online experiment that society was attempting at the same time.

It could not have worked out better.

About seven months after meeting for the first time — and about three months after completing Powers’ 12-session



▲ Jackee Yerusalem-Swartz

Courtesy of Jackee Yerusalem-Swartz



▲ The bereavement group women are done with their 12-week class, but they still get together twice a month, once online and once in person.

bereavement class — the six Philadelphia-area women call each other sisters. They get together twice a month, once in person and once over Zoom.

On Aug. 2 and 3, they even

had a group sleepover at a member’s shore house.

“Here’s what this group has helped us do: Make our lives something different,” Joyce Heisen said. “Because it could never be the same as when we were with our husbands.”

In their first Zoom meeting, the women just connected, according to Powers.

The director didn’t let any of them join a bereavement group right after their husbands died. She said it was too soon, that the women were still numb and that they needed more time to process.

But by the time they got together, the women were ready.

Heisen, Jackee Yerusalem-Swartz, Marcy Berlin-Burton, Eileen Whitman, Amy Berkowitz and another member realized that they were going through similar feelings and experiences: shock, sadness, guilt and the immense difficulty of building a new normal after decades of marriage.

Berkowitz, 68, is the youngest member of the group. She lost her husband of 45 years, David Berkowitz, in November 2019.

Berkowitz had been with her husband since she was 18. She was also the first widow in the couple’s friend group.

She knew no other adult life

than the one with her husband; and no one from that life could understand what she was going through.

“It was a lifeline,” she said of the bereavement group.

Whitman lost her husband, Robert Whitman, in December 2019 after 65 years of marriage. She said the ensuing pandemic and lockdown only compounded her loneliness.

She was just stuck in her house, and suddenly responsible for chores that her husband used to handle, like fixing the circuit breaker.

But when she opened her computer for the first Zoom meeting, she wasn’t stuck anymore.

“Having the girls, it was just lucky,” Whitman said.

Yerusalem-Swartz and Berlin-Burton lost their husbands, Allen Swartz and Charlie Burton, in the final months of 2019 after 53 and 25 years of marriage, respectively.

In 2020, before she started the bereavement class, Yerusalem-Swartz was questioning herself for allowing her husband to take morphine while in hospice. Berlin-Burton was second-guessing her decision to not guide doctors to be more aggressive against her husband’s prostate cancer.

But after talking to

Berkowitz, a hospice nurse, both women realized that such feelings are common among widows. They also grew to understand that, even though the feelings are common, they aren’t necessarily valid.

“We all seemed to feel, what if?” Berlin-Burton said.

“Amy was able to explain to me that I was being as kind as possible to my husband by allowing him to have the morphine,” Yerusalem-Swartz said.

Heisen’s husband, Peter Heisen, passed away in February 2020 after 56 years of marriage. Heisen is 76, so like Berkowitz, she knew of no adult life without her partner.

The widow also described herself as “not a joiner.” But then she joined the bereavement group, made a new group of friends and recognized something important.

“I was doing things I may never have done with my husband,” Heisen said.

Later, she joined a community group that holds events in the park. Last week, she visited her sister down the shore and organized a mahjong party.

“If I want to do something, I do it,” she said. ●

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cohort what challenges and successes they have encountered when designing and executing educational programming. In this way, Makom hopes to learn from its attendees and mirror the bi-directional learning environment it hopes to instill in its students.

“We always approach our educational interactions as just that — as an interaction — and less like a top-down funnel,” said Gaby Marantz, Makom’s Jewish enrichment lead educator and conference co-organizer.

Additionally, through an accelerator funded by the Jewish Federation, a handful

of organizations who participate in the conference will be able to follow-up with Makom through monthly seminars and coaching sessions to help reinforce the conference’s teachings.

The conference begins in conjunction with the opening of Makom’s new South Philadelphia location, which opens next week at 1505 S. 13th St. Makom serves almost 50 children between its after-school programs and b’nai mitzvah training at its Sansom Street location. Already more than a dozen families are enrolled in programming at the new location. •

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GABY MARANTZ



▲ Gaby Marantz (right), Makom Community’s Jewish enrichment lead educator, co-organized the conference with Socher-Lerner.



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KEY WEST, FLORIDA — On any given afternoon, hundreds of visitors here patiently line up for selfies next to a brightly painted, 12-foot-high concrete buoy marking the southernmost point in the continental United States.

Just behind this landmark, a less obvious monument overlooks the Atlantic Ocean for a few days a year: a menorah erected during Hanukkah by Chabad Jewish Center of the Florida Keys & Key West. Billed as “the nation’s southernmost menorah,” the gimmick is just one way that Rabbi Yaakov Zucker attracts Jews among the 2.5 million tourists who flock to the Keys annually.

“For a while, there was also a ‘southernmost Christmas tree,’ and then they stopped putting it there. But I’ve continued my menorah tradition. People like these things,” said Zucker, 49, who often cruises up and down Duval Street, the epicenter of Key West’s famous party strip, in a modified golf cart, chatting up Jews and trying to convince men to put on tefillin.

Key West is the southernmost among a string of islands off the southern coast of Florida (called the Keys) that are linked to Miami via a 113-mile highway that crosses the water. While the COVID-19 pandemic devastated local tourism last year and large cruise ships have yet to return, Key West’s hotels are again packed with visitors. Most are Americans who arrive by car from the mainland, but the number of international visitors is growing.

Once Florida’s most populous city in the 19th century, Key West today doesn’t even rank in the state’s top 150. But among its 24,000 or so residents are about a thousand Jews, about one-third of whom are Israeli expats, according to Zucker.



▲ From left: Sam Kaufman, vice mayor of the city of Key West, and Rabbi Yaakov Zucker stand in front of the Chabad Jewish Center of the Florida Keys & Key West.

Another thousand or so Jews are scattered elsewhere in the Keys, mainly in island towns such as Islamorada, Key Largo, Marathon and Tavernier.

“When I first came to Key West, I called my dad up and said, ‘They must really love Jews here. Every store has a mezuzah,’” recalled Sam Kaufman, the vice mayor here and a regular at Chabad services.

That tradition dates back to the 1920s, when the local merchants’ association ruled that only people who resided permanently in Key West could operate businesses on Duval Street.

“The Jews weren’t full-time residents because there was no rabbi and no kosher food. So they left on Thursday night by boat and came back on Sunday,” Kaufman said. “After that ruling, the Jews became full-time residents.”

The Chabad center, housed in a former Lutheran church on Trinity Drive, is a relative newcomer to Key West. Jews have lived since 1886 in this laid-back fishing town nicknamed the Conch Republic, which has inspired hard-drinking celebrities from novelist Ernest Hemingway to songwriter Jimmy Buffett. That’s the year a massive fire destroyed Key West’s commercial district, creating opportunities for Yiddish-speaking peddlers and shopkeepers from New York, according to Arlo Haskell’s 2017 book, “Jews of Key West:

Smugglers, Cigar Makers and Revolutionaries (1823-1969).”

In the 1890s, some of these early Jewish pioneers helped buy weapons for José Martí’s anti-Spanish revolution in Cuba, only 90 miles to the south. And in 1899 — just two years after Theodor Herzl’s first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland — the Federation of American Zionists opened a Key West branch to raise funds for an eventual Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Congregation B’nai Zion, a nonaffiliated synagogue with about 100 members, is the oldest synagogue in South Florida. Established in 1887, it occupies an entire city block along United Street, not far from its original location at the Sidney M. Aronovitz U.S. Courthouse, named after a prominent Jewish lawyer and third-generation Key West resident.

“A lot of Jews come to Key West to disappear from the radar,” said the synagogue’s Israeli-born rabbi, Shimon Dudai, 76. “Most of the time they become family.”

There can be a disconnect between the Israelis and local Jews, Dudai said.

“Local Jews don’t mix much with the Israelis,” he said. “When I first came here, I went to every store and met all the Israelis. I knew they were not the kind of people who would come to a place considered Reform. That’s the reason we’re not



▲ Key West, Florida, is much closer to Havana, Cuba, than to Miami, as is apparent on this storefront in Mallory Square. Photos by Larry Luxner

affiliated, although my congregation welcomes all streams of Judaism.”

Meir Mergi, 42, is originally from the Haifa suburb of Kiryat Ata. He’s lived here for 20 years, selling T-shirts, other clothing and local souvenirs at his Duval Street shop.

“I never planned to stay in America. It was supposed to be a three-month vacation,” Mergi said. “Key West is the best place to be if you want a quiet life. I’m very happy here.”

From April to June of 2020, as coronavirus infections spiked across South Florida, Key West and the other islands were closed off to nonresidents. Police blocked the Overseas Highway at the boundary with Miami-Dade County.

“If you didn’t show an ID that you lived in the Keys, you couldn’t get in,” said Zucker, who is also a chaplain with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department. “To get back into town, I had to write our Israeli guests a letter that they were coming to see me.”

These days, Kaufman is optimistic about the future. Crime is low, and Key West is packed with visitors.

“There’s pent-up demand for tourism, it’s a safe place and it’s drivable,” Kaufman said. “During spring break, hotel rooms were going for \$1,200 a night, so we’re not really suffering.”

In fact, some Jewish retirees moved to the Florida Keys during

the pandemic to escape public health restrictions up north.

“I must have gotten at least 30 phone calls from people wanting to move to the Keys from New York and Chicago,” said Zucker, who hosted over 100 people at Chabad’s Passover seder this year. “After coronavirus, they want to be off the grid. They don’t want to be in big cities. People saw what happened, and nobody has insurance that some new variant won’t happen again.”

The Keys Jewish Community Center, located at Mile Marker 93 along the Overseas Highway, is the only synagogue between Key West and Homestead on the Florida mainland.

The congregation’s president, Joyce Peckman, who settled here in 2003 from New York, said that about half of the 170 member families have second homes elsewhere, with some of them spending only a few weeks a year in the Keys. The JCC once had a Hebrew school with 10 children, but they all grew up and moved away. More than half intermarried, she said.

“If I had young children, I would not move here,” Peckman said. “The vibe here in the Upper Keys is very laid back. People came here for diving, fishing, relaxing and getting away from it all. But there are very few Jews, and if you have kids, you want them to be someplace where there are other Jewish kids.” ●

Holocaust Historian Deborah Lipstadt Nominated as Antisemitism Envoy

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN will nominate Emory University Holocaust historian Deborah Lipstadt to be the State Department's antisemitism envoy, JTA reported.

Lipstadt, 74, defeated Holocaust denier David Irving after he sued her in Great Britain for defamation for calling him a Holocaust denier. Her 2005 book, "History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier," was made into a 2016 movie.

Lipstadt has been a go-to expert for the media and for legislators on Holocaust issues for many years.

Lipstadt is the first nominee to the position needing Senate confirmation; Congress elevated the role to ambassador-level in 2020, giving the position more funding and easier access to the secretary of state and the president.

Three Jerusalem Yeshiva Students Die in Ukraine Plane Crash

Three Jerusalem yeshiva students and their pilot died on July 29 when their small plane crashed in western Ukraine, JTA reported, citing reports in Ukrainian and Haredi media.

The students from the Orthodox Mir Yeshiva were

identified as Amrom Fromowitz of Monsey, New York, Hershy Weiss of London, and Lazer Brill of Brooklyn, New York.

The Yeshiva World reported that the students were touring Ukrainian holy places and were on a sight-seeing flight when the plane struck a house near the village of Sheparivtsi in the Prykarpattia region.

Fifty CUNY Professors Quit Union Over Resolution Condemning Israel

At least 50 professors at the City University of New York quit their union, the Professional Staff Congress, after it passed a resolution condemning Israel, JTA reported.

The resolution, which was passed June 10, was introduced following the Israel-Gaza conflict in May and referenced Israel's "establishment as a settler-colonial state in 1948" — language often used to reject Israel's existence as a Jewish state. The measure goes on to describe the events leading to the fighting only in terms of Israeli attacks without referencing Hamas attacks on Israel.

The resolution also calls on the union to consider joining the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement.

Yedidiah Langsam, the chairman of Brooklyn College's Computer and Information Science

Department, launched the resignation appeal.

"By endorsing this resolution you have made many Jewish faculty and students uncomfortable with being associated with Brooklyn College and CUNY to the point of fearing for our safety," he said in a letter to James Davis, the congress' president.

NYC Councilman Gets Prison for Tax Evasion

Former New York City councilman Chaim Deutsch was sentenced to three months in prison on July 29 after pleading guilty to federal charges of tax evasion in April, JTA reported.

Deutsch refused to resign from the City Council and was expelled in April. He represented parts of South Brooklyn that include large Orthodox Jewish communities.

Deutsch didn't pay more than \$82,000 in property taxes between 2013 and 2015. He ran a real estate business in addition to being a councilman.

The Brooklyn native will pay \$107,000 in restitution to the U.S. government and a \$5,500 fine. After his prison term, he will be subject to a year of supervised release. The one-time chair of the New York City Jewish Caucus has worked as a property manager in Brooklyn since his expulsion. •

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Solidarity

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"It was inspiring to see that there is an effort to make sure that everyone has a place at the table," Kestenbaum noted.

In Lod, an Arab woman named Lazinaty told them that she was working to bring Arabs and Jews together for conversations. Lazinaty said she was dismayed when people in her tiny apartment complex were lighting each other's cars on fire during the conflict.

"We don't have a true appreciation for how devastating a conflict like this is for the entire country," said Norry, who is co-chair of the Jewish Federation's board of directors. "Everybody is affected."

Savett, who is Jewish Federation's campaign chair, said that American Jews often forget, or don't even realize in the first place, that more than

20% of the Israeli population is Arab. They live in the same cities and towns as Israelis. They are all citizens of Israel, and they have a remarkable ability to resume their lives after days and weeks of rocket fire.

"People have the goal that they should live peacefully together," Savett said. "Everyone from Knesset members to people in kibbutzim."

Norry has been to Israel more than 50 times. But this trip left her with a better feeling about the future than any of her previous visits.

"Knowing that there's a coalition that's more diverse than ever is exciting," Norry said. "Including an Arab party." •

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▲ Leaders from across the U.S. attended the solidarity mission to Israel through the Jewish Federations of North America. Here they are standing on the roof of the Anu Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv.

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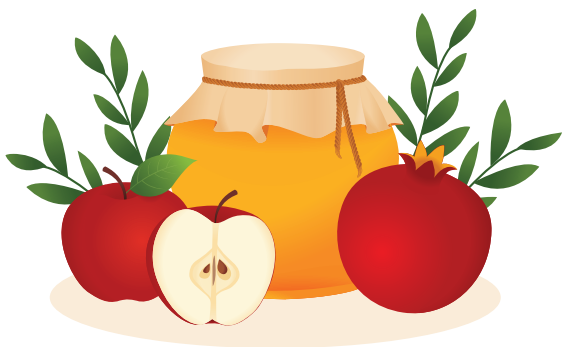
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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Record-breaking North American Aliyah Projected for 2021

ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE are expected to immigrate to Israel from North America in 2021, according to Nefesh B’Nefesh, which coordinates North American immigration to Israel, The Jerusalem Post reported.

That’s about 42% above the annual average. More than 2,000 olim, including 1,000 in August, were expected for an Israeli arrival this summer on 40 flights Nefesh B’Nefesh organized. More than 18,000 aliyah applications have been opened since the pandemic began in March 2020.

Some say the advent of remote work has opened new opportunities for those who want to keep their jobs, yet move.

“Young people see Israel as a skills-based society and are choosing to launch themselves here instead of staying in North America and following more conventional career tracks,” said Marc Rosenberg, vice president for Diaspora partnerships at Nefesh B’Nefesh.

Israel to Become First Country to Test Oral COVID-19 Vaccine

Israel will become the world’s first country to test an oral COVID-19 vaccine that Oramed Pharmaceuticals

developed, the Jerusalem Post reported. Oramed CEO Nadav Kidron said its subsidiary, Oravax Medical, will start clinical trials at Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv. Oramed received approval for its study protocol from the hospital’s Institutional Review Board and now waits for Health Ministry approval.

Oravax has already manufactured several thousand capsules for use in the trials.

Oramed is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company that works with technology developed by Jerusalem’s Hadassah-University Medical Center. It teamed with India-based Premas Biotech to form Oravax and develop the vaccine.

Kidron said the Oravax vaccine works differently than the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines by targeting three structural proteins of the coronavirus instead of a single spike protein.

Three Israeli Filmmakers Return After 20 Days in Nigerian Prison

Three Israeli filmmakers detained in Nigeria for 20 days returned to Israel on July 29, two days after being released, The Times of Israel reported.

Andrew Leibman, Rudy Rochman and David Benaïm were arrested in a synagogue on July 9 by Nigeria’s Department of State Services — its internal

security agency. The men were arrested on suspicion of contact with Biafran separatists.

The trio was in Nigerian filming “We Were Never Lost,” a documentary about Jewish communities in African countries. In Nigeria, they were focusing on the Igbo Jewish community.

The men said in a statement that they were cleared of wrongdoing, but were told by Nigerian government to leave the country immediately.

Judge Sides with Magen David Adom in Suit

An Israeli judge ordered United Hatzalah on July 29 to pay about \$77,405 to Magen David Adom for defamation, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Justice Naftali Shilo said United Hatzalah advertised its phone number in a misleading way — one that caused people to think that it was Israel’s official emergency first responder instead of MDA.

“It’s about a series of harmful publications that were part of an organized campaign aimed at raising the awareness of the public to the services of Hatzalah through the use of defamation and the humiliation of MDA,” Shilo wrote.

The judgment was about a tenth of the \$805,013 MDA sought. •

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finally get involved.

For Karly Grossman, a congregant at Kol Tzedek in West Philadelphia and founding member of its Deaf and Disabled Havurah, Zoom finally allowed her to join the synagogue, which was a schlep from her South Jersey home and a risk to attend for someone with a compromised immune system.

As synagogues adjusted to hold services virtually, they recognized the utility of certain tools on the app to better serve disabled community members.

Zoom has closed caption options that allow for live captioning; options to “pin” multiple people’s videos, allowing for American Sign Language interpreters to appear next to whoever is speaking; screen sharing provides opportunities for congregants to view larger texts. Many of these changes are thanks to

organizations such as the Jewish Deaf Resource Center, who have provided ways for these apps to express user needs, JDRC President Susan Cohen wrote in an email.

For all its new tools, Zoom is by no means a skeleton key for accessibility.

“Zoom does not solve every accessibility challenge,” Grossman said.

Transcriptions and closed captions are not always accurate, Cohen wrote. Even live transcriptions are not 100% accurate and often lag a few seconds behind what the speaker is saying.

Captioning services are particularly inaccurate at processing Hebrew, and for Hebrew to be transcribed into accurate transliteration, synagogues must consistently hire live interpreters.

This financial barrier, more broadly, is a factor for synagogues

choosing not to address access needs more broadly.

“When access requires financial outlay, that’s when we’re really putting our values to the test,” Belser said. “It’s really crucial for Jewish communities to budget for access at the very outset.”

Fortified by the Jewish concept of *tzedek, tzedek tirdof* — justice, justice, we shall pursue — synagogues must prioritize accessibility, Belser argued. She compares disability justice in synagogues to kosher foods.

“Not everyone in all Jewish communities requires kosher food in order to be able to eat at an event,” Belser said. “But many Jewish communities have recognized kashrut as an important Jewish value, and consequently commit to providing it. And that’s how I feel about access.”

Grossman helped create Kol Tzedek’s Deaf and Disabled



▲ Rabbi Julia Watts Belser is a professor of Jewish studies and disabilities studies in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Georgetown University.

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“Everyone at some point in their lives is going to be disabled.”

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Havurah to build a community specifically for disabled people, but the havurah has worked with the clergy to plan logistics for coming events. Grossman believes it is a must for “accessibility and inclusion [to be] baked in from the beginning.”

As synagogues begin to transition from online to in-person services that are live-streamed on Zoom, inclusion can be as simple as clergy acknowledging those attending the service from Zoom or Facebook Live, Belser said. When clergy are saying the names of those who have died or are in need of healing, they can make sure to also read the names congregants write into the Zoom chat box.

Carly Goldberg of Beth Am

Israel in Penn Valley is the co-chair of the synagogue’s inclusivity committee, which helps the synagogue address accessibility in a similar capacity. Goldberg has myalgic encephalomyelitis, a chronic neurological illness that results in fatigue and brain fog; it usually has a post-viral onset, making it a complication for some of those who experience “long COVID.”

Beyond finding ways to help disabled congregants feel more included, Goldberg, similar to Grossman, wants to make sure inclusivity becomes part of a greater framework for justice, what she calls an “ecosystem of inclusivity.”

“Everyone at some point

in their lives is going to be disabled,” Goldberg said.

Accessibility is not just about making those who are disabled feel included, it is about making sure everyone in the community has a profound sense of belonging. Moreover, when synagogues consider the needs of disabled congregants, they improve the quality of a synagogue’s spiritual experience for everyone.

“It’s not a charity that a community does to make itself available to these other people,” Grossman said. “These are people that bring value to the community.” •

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for the five missed camp days will get a refund.

The CEO believes that, by deciding July 24 to cancel camp for the upcoming week, his team stopped the spread at 12 cases. He also thinks that Camp Kef is set to finish the summer strong.

Kef's expansive JCC facility and outdoor space should allow for appropriate social distancing. On top of that, 100% of staffers who interact with campers are vaccinated, according to Scher.

All other Kaiserman activities, like adult basketball and the pool, are still open, just with enhanced masking protocols.

"We figured out everything," Scher said.

The CEO credited the Montgomery County Health Department for guiding his team. Throughout the weekend of July 24, the JCC and Montgomery County teams worked together on contact tracing, communication with parents, enhanced protocols and a plan for the rest of the summer.

According to Kelly Cofrancisco, the communications director for Montgomery County, Camp Kef's outbreak was not severe by pandemic standards. Cofrancisco called it "a very typical kind of outbreak that our office of public health has been dealing with for the entirety of the pandemic."

She also said the county usually recommends shutting down for a week, completing contact tracing and then reopening with enhanced safety protocols. So, that's what county officials told the JCC to do.

County officials trust the Kaiserman JCC to reopen because Camp Kef's pre-summer plan, submitted to the health department for approval, was fully compliant, Cofrancisco said.

"We're confident that



▲ Camp Kef has ample outdoor space to keep campers and counselors at a social distance, according to Kaiserman JCC CEO Alan Scher.

Photo by Matt Martin

working together we can suppress any potential for a larger outbreak," she said.

At the same time, with the delta variant in the air, the enhanced safety standards and the potential for another small outbreak are probably not going anywhere. Montgomery County's seven-day average rose by 13 daily COVID cases in late July.

Its positivity rate ticked up from 1.28 to 2.13, though it would require a 5% clip for the CDC to consider transmission "high," according to Cofrancisco. Unless the transmission rate reaches that level, the county will not recommend that institutions, organizations and businesses enforce a general mask mandate.

As of now, that is still a choice.

"We've seen slight upticks but we're not at the point yet where we've changed our guidance," Cofrancisco said.

Peter Gaskill, a Bala Cynwyd resident and the parent of two Kef campers, believes the JCC is doing a good job because it's listening to the county.

"If you ask me what constitutes careful thought about something, respond to the facts as they are, not as what you want them to be," Gaskill said.

The father appreciated that camp officials told parents about each case. He said the transparency helped parents understand if their kids were

exposed and if they were capable of spreading the virus to adults.

"They are voluntarily making less money and taking a whole lot of slings and arrows from the community to stand up for our kids' health," Gaskill added of the JCC.

Finally, the father pointed to the JCC's handling of the pandemic situation over the past year as a reason to trust it for the rest of the summer. Kaiserman reopened for camp last summer and had no cases until this outbreak.

"They've been extremely careful," he concluded.

Gaskill and his wife, Aviva, both work from home and were inconvenienced by their kids staying home, but nothing more.

And while they are not

crazy about sending their sons, 5 and 8, respectively, back to camp with restrictions — like wearing masks in the heat — they still believe it's better for them than staying home.

During the lockdown in the spring of 2020, the boys eventually started fighting because they were restless.

"They need to socialize," Gaskill said.

Scher's 7-year-old daughter will return for the final weeks of camp as well.

During the open week, the Mt. Airy resident took her to get a COVID test at a CVS five minutes from their home. It was negative.

"It couldn't have been easier," he said. ●

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Ben and Jerry's Noxious Fuming



BY LEON S. MALMUD

BEN COHEN AND Jerry Greenfield are very clever and successful businessmen. They developed a brand of tasty and cutely named varieties of butter-fat rich ice cream that achieved marketing success in a highly competitive market in both the United States and internationally. They also developed a highly effective marketing campaign that links their product with ideals of social justice and climate change.

Like so many other clever and successful businesses, Ben & Jerry's value profit over their ideals and are willing to suspend their principles when

they get in the way of making money. They sell to countries who support their ideals, who believe in democratic rule, religious and racial justice, and the equality of women. We know who those countries are.

They also sell without guilt to countries who embody the opposite agenda. Perhaps those countries are less well known, so I'll name a few. China, for example, who forces "re-education" by incarcerating one million Muslims in the western provinces. Let us not forget Russia, with its kleptocratic leadership and persistent poverty, or Iran, the world's greatest sponsor of international terrorism. Nor should we forget those countries who torture, imprison, rape, enslave and murder their Christian minorities. Aren't they even more worthy of Ben & Jerry's righteous indignation, or are their markets too precious to place in jeopardy?

Ben & Jerry's' past selling history must be considered when trying to understand why they chose the Palestinian

cause for their social justice succor. I suspect that they cleverly intended to use their platform to expand their brand by appealing to the worst in some by attacking the world's oldest and greatest scapegoat. The market they might lose in Israel and among some American Jews and evangelicals is relatively small when compared to the anti-Israel market around the world.

It is true that Israel has some internal problems of equality, but so do all the other nations of the world, including, sadly, our own. However, Ben & Jerry's have not enacted a boycott against any other, possibly because they knew that it might affect their profitability. Targeting Russia's leadership or Iran's corrupt mullahs, who are out to destroy our country, would probably end in retaliatory internet or terrorist attacks, which are certainly bad for business.

Targeting Israel may be good for Ben & Jerry's profits, but not necessarily as good for the cause of social justice or,

for that matter, our nation. Did you know that Israel is the most environmentally conscious and productive nation in the Middle East? It has been the United States' most steadfast and staunchest ally in the Middle East since its founding in 1948.

Israel also shares Ben & Jerry's and our nation's democratic ideals. Israeli Arabs are full participants in the Knesset, Israeli and Arab women enjoy equal rights and there is universal health care and educational opportunities for all. Despite the contempt directed toward their home, Israelis endeavor to be ambassadors for good to other countries during disasters, regardless of which religion is practiced there. While watching TV, it is common to see dogs with Magen Davids on their coverings searching for victims of earthquakes across the world or to see the health care workers wearing kippahs tending to the injured.

Yes, the Palestinian people need help. They are victims,

not of Israel, but of their own most often corrupt leadership, which practices terrorism, not peace. This same leadership diverts money from needed health, education and housing reforms for their own people to pay for weapons that ruin their chances for a peaceful and prosperous country. They are not bent on a two-state strategy, which they rejected, but a two-step solution: first, the west bank and East Jerusalem; second, all of the land between Jordan and the Mediterranean.

Shame on you, Ben & Jerry's, for choosing the wrong target to boost your sales. In the interest of your feigned concern for the environment, I say that people should stop buying your ice cream because the methane gas from your many cows is helping to destroy the earth's protective atmosphere, even more than the noxious rhetoric emanating from your mouths. •

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Baseball Can Handle Orthodox Jewish Players if They Make it to the Big Leagues. Here's Why



BY RON KAPLAN

THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS made baseball history when they made Jacob Steinmetz, a 17-year-old right-handed pitcher from Woodmere, New

York, their third-round pick in the Major League Baseball draft.

Steinmetz, who lists at 6-feet-5 and 220 pounds, is the first Orthodox Jewish player to be selected in baseball's annual talent hunt, which dates to 1965. The media made a big deal that he "keeps the Sabbath and eats only kosher food," although the teen does play on Shabbat and holidays — he walks to the fields in those situations.

The next day, the Washington Nationals selected college prospect Elie Kligman as their final and 20th-round pick,

making the Las Vegas player the second Orthodox player to be drafted. Kligman, 18, won't play on Shabbat, as the Jewish Telegraphic Agency noted.

It's uncharted territory for Orthodox Jewish players and Major League Baseball. Eleven players who identify as Jewish have appeared in at least one major league game this season and none would consider himself "observant" in the traditional sense. The group includes pitcher Dean Kremer of the Baltimore Orioles, the first Israeli to be drafted.

To find an observant Jewish ballplayer, you need

to consult a 2015 novel, "The Season of Pepsi Meyers" by Abie Rotenberg, in which the New York Yankees sign an Orthodox Jewish phenom. As one would expect, the budding superstar is faced with all sorts of challenges and temptations, from how to keep kosher on the road, to fitting in his daily prayers, to sitting out games on Shabbat and holy days.

Not that the majors haven't tried to accommodate a player's religion.

Roy Campanella, a three-time MVP for the Brooklyn Dodgers, didn't play on Sundays early in his career in the Negro Leagues

as a promise to his mother. In the mid-1980s, Edwin Correa, a Seventh-day Adventist, pitched for the Chicago White Sox and Texas Rangers. A starter, he refused to work on his Sabbath, which also fell on Friday night and Saturday. Happily for him, he was able to follow his code thanks to the flexibility of other members of the pitching staff. Sadly, injuries curtailed his career and he was finished by the age of 23.

Many of the children of Jewish immigrants dreamed of playing in the majors; whether their parents agreed is a different story. The sentiments

of many immigrant parents who sacrificed so their children could reap the benefits of the “goldene medina” are captured in the classic movie “The Pride of the Yankees,” whose screenplay is credited to two Jews, Jo Swerling and Herman J. Mankiewicz.

When Lou Gehrig’s mother discovers her son signed with the Yankees in order to pay for her medical issues, she blasts his decision.

“Baseballers are good-for-nothings,” she chides. “Loafers in short pants.” (Mrs. Gehrig wasn’t Jewish, but she might as well have been speaking Yiddish.)

It was not uncommon in those days for Jewish athletes to change their names to both hide their religion and not offend their families who considered such a profession a “shanda,” a disgrace.

Hank Greenberg, the Hall of Fame outfielder for the Detroit Tigers, set the bar high when he not only kept his name, but chose to sit out a crucial game that fell on Yom Kippur. It was not so much that he was observant, but that he wanted to honor the traditions of his people. That made him a folk hero — and not only among Jews.

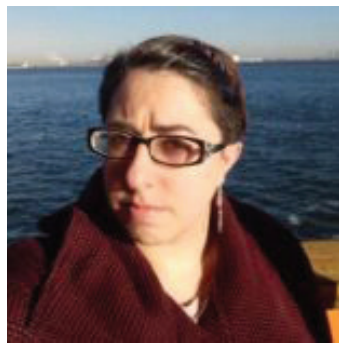
Same for Sandy Koufax, who declined to pitch the opening game of the 1965 World Series for the Los Angeles Dodgers because the game fell on the Day of Atonement.

The way the game is played now, with players no longer in the lineup every day, Steinmetz and Kligman’s teams could allow them to “keep the faith.” In fact, their religious backgrounds might well make them drawing cards.

Getting drafted, however, is no guarantee that a player will actually make it to the big leagues. Steinmetz was the 77th overall pick in the draft, a slot that could get him a signing bonus of more than \$800,000. Teams are usually reluctant to

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My Ex-Orthodox Life Isn’t Glamorous, But My Story Should be Told



BY DAINY BERNSTEIN

NUMEROUS REVIEWS of the Netflix reality series “My Unorthodox Life” have been written by Orthodox Jews, who complain that it presents a negative and one-sided view of Orthodoxy.

I write from the perspective of an ex-Orthodox Jew, and while my reasons may differ from those of Orthodox people, I agree that this show is a travesty.

But while many object to its depiction of Orthodoxy, my complaint is with its treatment of the ex-Orthodox. Presumably a story of ex-Orthodox empowerment, it has exactly the opposite effect.

Let’s start with truth-telling. In depicting Julia Haart’s life as a fashion mogul, the show provides details about the Orthodox community she left but without appropriate context, and sometimes with outright lies. Conflating her non-Chasidic community in Monsey, New York, with Chasidic communities is typical of these distortions.

For half a decade now, I’ve been involved in efforts to counter negative stereotypes about ex-Orthodox people and promote openness, understanding and acceptance between those who leave and their families and communities.

Those who leave the Orthodox community are often subject to accusations — often from gatekeepers of the

life they left behind — that they lie or exaggerate about their upbringing in order to garner the sympathies of secular audiences. This is untrue for most ex-Orthodox people, who simply want a chance to tell their truths.

Telling authentic ex-Orthodox stories is part of that effort, but Haart’s story is not authentic. It is a carefully curated and staged reality show that sets back efforts to gain Orthodox understanding of ex-Orthodox experiences.

I grew up in Borough Park, Brooklyn, in a community stricter than the non-Chasidic community Haart left, but not as strict as the Chasidic Williamsburg community in two other Netflix offerings, “Unorthodox” and “One of Us.” I was an oddity because I was pursuing a doctorate in English, unlike most of my peers who taught in Jewish girls’ schools or got degrees from Touro College — with separate hours for men and women — in preparation for jobs that would allow them to raise a family.

I left at age 25 after I had completed college and begun graduate school. The years after I moved out of my parents’ house were fraught with emotional pain as I attempted to navigate a world completely unfamiliar to me while maintaining a relationship with my family — a far cry from Haart’s catapult to wealth and success. Most ex-Orthodox people struggle to find their feet in an unfamiliar world and might fail if not for a network of support, both financial and emotional.

In one episode of “My Unorthodox Life,” an Orthodox girl named Sara reaches out to Haart for help and advice on leaving the community. The sequence encapsulates how the show feeds negative Orthodox perceptions of ex-Orthodox

people. Rather than advising Sara on jobs or referring her to organizations like Footsteps designed to acclimate the formerly Orthodox to the secular world, Haart gives her a makeover — and a vibrator. The episode plays into the stereotype that the ex-Orthodox are waiting to get their hands on vulnerable Orthodox people and ensnare them in a life of sex and depravity.

Many ex-Orthodox people, myself included, get messages from Orthodox individuals reaching out for help in navigating their break from religion or community. No one in my experience advises a 19-year-old to become a “sex bomb” or move out of her parents’ home with no support system in place.

Via text and in person, I listen to individuals’ stories, anguish, dreams and plans. I provide links to college scholarships, ideas about careers they never knew existed and advice about finances and apartment hunting. I listen to them rant about their families and gently advise them to think twice before saying all that to their parents because they might want to maintain a relationship and not burn bridges. I tell them about how I tried to make it work with my family and where I think we all went wrong, resulting in my choice to end contact with my parents and some siblings. I tell them about the pain of knowing that other siblings cut me off.

Stories about ex-Orthodox people deserve to be told. Starting with Deborah Feldman’s explosive 2012 memoir “Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My

Hasidic Roots” (upon which the Netflix series was loosely based), mainstream audiences have been eager for stories about escape from what they perceive as a repressive religious community. Since then, with the market open to ex-Orthodox stories, memoirs like Shulem Deen’s 2015 “All Who Go Do Not Return” and Tova Mirvis’ 2017 “The Book of Separation” have added emotional nuance to the story of leaving rather than focusing exclusively on shocking details of a closed world.

Movies and TV shows generally reach a wider audience than books, but they also rely more on shock value. We need movies and TV shows about the authentic emotional journey of leaving Orthodoxy. Only when these stories are told can there begin to be healing for ex-Orthodox individuals and for their families and communities.

Haart’s series sets back efforts to repair rifts between those who left and their families. We need a show that depicts the raw emotion that comes with choosing a path our parents and communities don’t approve of, with entering a world we’ve been told is unfeeling and will eat us alive, with reaching for our dreams and failing multiple times before we succeed. A reality TV show, in other words, that’s grounded in reality. •

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I ADORE PEACHES. When they come into season, I buy baskets of them at the farmers market, then end up with a glut because I am the only one who eats them at home.

Never one to waste, I am forever on the hunt for peach recipes. I toss them in salads, slice them and top ricotta- or yogurt-schmeared toast with them, serve them with cheese, atop ice cream, over pound cake, in muffins — you get the idea.

Recently, I had a few peaches and plums (another weakness of mine) that were slightly past optimal ripeness and was inspired to make a peach and plum dessert. I am reluctant to call it a cobbler, because the topping I assembled was more cake-y than biscuit-y, which suits me fine, so I have coined the rather awkward portmanteau “cake-ler.” I often find that the biscuit-style topping, while tasty, doesn’t rise to the sweetness of a dessert; it feels more like a breakfast pastry to me.

That said, there are countless numbers who love that crust and, if that is your preference, simply cut the amount of sugar called for here in half, and you will have your traditional cobbler. The fruit base can be anything — a combo of stone fruits, berries, apples, pears, figs, etc. Use what is in season and/or just past ripe.

The second recipe was a revelation. I saw a version of it online that used a pretzel crust. While I found that intriguing, I had graham crackers on hand, so I made a graham cracker crust. It is a perfect summer dessert because it does not involve much time in the oven — just a few minutes to bake the crust, then it’s all about the chill.

Like the “cake-ler,” you can

use any sweet and juicy fruit you have around. Nectarines, berries, kiwis, etc., would all be lovely atop this creamy confection.

PEACH AND PLUM “CAKE-LER”

Serves 4-6

For the fruit filling:

- 6 cups peeled, sliced fresh peaches and plums (I used 3 peaches and 4 plums)
- ½ cup sugar
- Juice of ½ lemon

For the topping:

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 cup flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ cup buttermilk (or regular milk or nondairy milk)
- 1 egg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F. Place the prepared fruit in a 2-quart baking dish (I use a glass Pyrex). Mix the topping ingredients in a medium bowl until well blended. Pour it over the fruit and bake for about 40 minutes until the topping is golden-brown and slightly crisp on top.

Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired.

PEACH CREAM PIE

Serves 6-8

This pie is the creamiest, dreamiest summer dessert. I have always been a fan of mascarpone whipped cream — mascarpone gives whipped cream a bit more heft and complexity and, for a pie like this, holds it together more solidly.

This preparation would be divine with most anything, including drizzled chocolate, toasted coconut or chopped

nuts or, as described below, with fresh fruit.

Graham cracker crust:

- 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 tablespoons butter

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F. Place the butter in a 9-inch pie pan, and melt it in the microwave for about 30 seconds.

Place the remaining ingredients in the pan, then mix them with a fork or your fingers until the texture is uniform.

Press the mixture into the pan and up the sides to form a crust.

Bake it for about 10 minutes until the crust is just starting to brown. Remove it from the oven, and set it aside to cool before filling.

Filling:

- 1½ cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ pound mascarpone cheese
- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons peach jam



▲ Peach and Plum “cake-ler”

Photos by Keri White

Topping:

- 4 ripe peaches, peeled and sliced
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup water
- Juice of ½ lemon

While the crust cools, whip the cream, mascarpone and sugar in a medium bowl, and place it in the fridge to chill. Place all the topping ingredients in a medium saucepan, and bring them to a boil. Set it

aside to cool.

To assemble the pie, spread the preserves on the bottom and up the sides of the cooled crust. Pour the cream filling into the pie shell, and top it with about a third of the cooled peach mixture. Do not pour the peaches on the cream if they are at all warm; they will “melt” the cream. Save the remaining peaches for serving.

Chill the pie for at least six hours or overnight. ●

Kesher Israel Opens Weaving Studio

ARTS

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ILENE CETLIN LIPOW wasn't comfortable wearing a tallit until she wove her own.

Lipow grew up attending Beth El Suburban, now Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid in Broomall, where she neither wore a tallit nor read from the Torah on her bat mitzvah, as those were traditions for men. But when she wove her own tallit, it was not a man's garment; it was hers: a simple cream-colored shawl with silk and wool, but the atarah, or neck band, is adorned with gold embroidery and dozens of tiny seed pearls.

"When I put on one that I wove, it was empowering," Lipow said. "It doesn't look like one of the ones that men traditionally wear."

Having learned to knit at age 6 from her mother, Lipow has long been a lover of fiber arts and wanted to share her love with fellow congregants at Kesher Israel Congregation in

West Chester.

"I love making things," Lipow said. "If I make something for you, that's my way of showing love."

Last month, with the help of the Kesher Israel Sisterhood and the Kehillah of Chester County, Lipow began a weaving studio at the shul, open to the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community interested in making tallit, challah covers or other fabric Judaica.

After a few years of contemplating the idea, Lipow said now was the right time for her to start the studio; she was an attorney since 1985 and had recently retired. When the pandemic began, Lipow reconnected with her love of fiber arts — weaving, quilting and crafting.

"Being stuck inside for a year kind of makes you re-evaluate what your priorities are," Lipow said.

Lipow sent a detailed proposal of the studio to Shelly Rappaport, a friend and director of the Chester County and Delaware County Kehillot,

who then applied for a capacity-building grant for the studio through the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

According to Rappaport, the idea of a weaving studio wasn't farfetched; there are a small handful of weaving studios in the area, including at the Wilkesboro and Harrisburg JCCs and at Neve Shalom Synagogue in Metuchen, New Jersey.

"We've had probably 150 to 200 weavers since we began the program who have come in and woven tallitot or challah covers, matzah covers ... And the stories are just incredible," said Cory Schneider, the creator of Neve Shalom's "Loom Room," which opened five years ago.

She wanted to create an experience for the weavers that were "meaningful and memorable." According to Schneider, one woman in her 80s wanted to knit a tallit for her grandson's bar mitzvah. Though her grandson was only 3, the woman insisted on weaving the tallit, not knowing if she would live until her grandson's bar mitzvah, but wanting him to have an heirloom of hers anyway.

Lipow consulted with Schneider when she was planning Kesher Israel's studio, visiting Neve Shalom's studio for inspiration.

Then, picking up a used loom from the middle of Pennsylvania and donating her own sewing machine to the cause, Lipow converted Kesher Israel's original rabbi's study into the weaving studio. The Kesher Israel Sisterhood funded the yarn for the weaving projects.

The Kesher Israel studio has been open for less than a month and has already attracted community attention. There are five people on the studio's waitlist.

Amy Kamitsky, an active



▲ Kesher Israel member Amy Kaminsky wove a tallit for her son's bar mitzvah at Kesher Israel's new weaving studio. Photo by Ilene Cetlin Lipow

Kesher Israel member and longtime friend of Lipow, was the first to complete a project there: a tallit for her son's upcoming bar mitzvah.

"Every time he puts his tallis on for the rest of his life, hopefully, he'll be wrapping himself up in my handiwork and my love," Kaminsky said. "It sounds so cheesy, but it warms my heart."

Kaminsky is not a weaver, but Lipow sat down with her and explained the process to Kaminsky. After almost 20 hours of work, Kaminsky completed her project, save for tying the tzitzit, a project she was saving for her family.

Hoping congregants will be able to engage in their Judaism in new ways, Kaminsky is pushing Kesher Israel to expand the concept of the weaving studio and create additional

maker spaces at the synagogue.

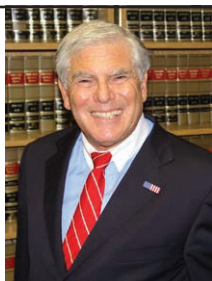
"Maybe if services aren't for you, and Torah study isn't for you, maybe this is one more way that you can find a connection that works for you, your religion," Kaminsky said.

Lipow is also a proponent of experiential, or hands-on Judaism, giving Jews another opportunity to connect with their spirituality outside of the sanctuary and off the bimah.

"I want to give people the experience of creating something that they'll have for a long time, an heirloom," Lipow said. "These are the things that connect us. I love making things, and I wanted to be able to share it with my community and then the broader Jewish community."•

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TESSA HAAS, 24, wouldn't call herself an artist.

During her high school summers, she would attend precollege programs and take classes in the arts. One of these summers she attended the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. There was a compulsory curatorial studies lecture every Friday that lasted five hours where she heard from "really serious curatorial people." The final project was what sparked something in her.

The directions were to curate anything. Haas was able to work with art without actually making it.

As a curator, she could bolster other artists' work and careers.

"Particularly artists who haven't developed being able to advocate for themselves the best," she said. "Helping them is what's really exciting to me."

What made you decide to go back to school for your Ph.D.?

One of the things that drew me to Bryn Mawr's undergrad programs specifically was the five-year master's. I stayed on for the additional year for my master's, and that's what I was planning on doing. I was planning on getting a job and working and then going back for my Ph.D. later. But, there was an open spot, so they invited me to join the Ph.D. program a couple days before graduation for my masters.

To do any kind of curatorial work at this point in the field you really need a Ph.D., so, in a more practical sense, I needed it. I'm also a creature of habit. I want to go as deep as I can into something, but what I have learned is that you don't learn everything in your field.

Was there a specific moment in your life that made you decide you wanted to work in art?

I grew up in the D.C. suburbs and my parents both work in the D.C. area, so we would go in a lot and visit museums. That's really how I learned most of the things I was interested in. Museums were such interesting and engaging places.

There were people in my life who encouraged me to try art at a really young age. I had a really good elementary art teacher, and I would have lunch with her most days. My dad's high school adviser, Robin Wood, was a huge person engaged in the arts. She just really encouraged people to make things. My mom comes from a line of women who do textile art, so we had a lot of embroidery around the house growing up. I had small bits of the arts in my life.

My mentor and boss, Ruth Fine, is a huge inspiration. I work in her home, and it's filled with the most incredible artwork. She's in her 80s now, so she's collected things over time. I admire her space and her openness to hearing about different ways things are done.

My partner has a very big influence on me. He does architecture work and we've worked on some design projects together.

Do you prefer to work with art over actually making it?

I do. I like making art, but I don't think I make art in a serious way. I go through these phases where I'll get really deep into something, but not for very long. I was on a painting kick a few years ago, but I don't do it anymore. Same with weaving. I'm making earrings right now. It depends on how



▲ Tessa Haas

Courtesy of Tessa Haas

busy school and work is. I like the phases that happen.

I'm not the type of person that can sit down and make something for eight hours. I'm not as disciplined of a person that one would need to be an artist.

How does Philly inspire you?

There's so many artists and the arts community is very tight knit. It's small, but it's also big enough that you're still meeting new people. There's always new exhibits and new ideas and new ways of engaging people with the arts. There's a lot of public and private funding in Philly for the arts. The communities I've engaged with really put time and/or money into the arts. However you can give is so meaningful.

There's a really strong DIY arts scene which is probably what I'm more engaged with. I do freelance work at Fleisher Art Memorial as a contract archivist; I'm a curator at AUTOMAT Gallery, and I'm an assistant to Ruth Fine, a freelance curator. We've been working on a retrospective of her late husband's work, the artist Larry Day. The show will open at Woodmere Art Museum, The University of the Arts and Arcadia Exhibitions. ●

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Camp Reminder: We Are God's Imperfect Twin

BY RABBI ERIC YANOFF

Parshat Re'eh

I SPENT THE past several weeks teaching young adults at Camp Ramah in the Poconos and was reminded again: Jewish camp is one of Jewish America's greatest inventions, not only because of the lifelong Jewish identity it fosters among campers and staff.

Each summer (with the notable exception of summer 2020), camps like Ramah build a brief, recurring Brigadoon, a Jewish utopian society of *menschlichkeit* that reminds us how to be our best with one another. This summer, coming out of an extended time of isolation, we needed this more than ever.

Yes, the overt Jewish lessons at camp are fun and memorable: I taught our teens *midrashim* on how (and how *not*) to reach heaven, while on the ropes course, stories of Moses on Mount Sinai and the Tower of Babel. I taught Talmudic stories of friendships that began in the middle of a body of water — as we rowed out to the middle of the *agam* (lake).

But the best moments are the ones that happen with no

preparation: The dozen staff and campers who sprint to the aid of a child who dropped her food in the *chadar ochel* (dining hall), quickly cleaning up the mess, brushing off the camper, refilling the plate and helping her to her table, all before she even has time to be embarrassed — because that smiling group has named themselves “The *Rachmanus* (compassion/care) Brigade.”

... The “fourth strike” given to the camper who really needs a hit that day on the softball field, as both teams silently forego the “no-fair” objection ... The triumphant last child who passes the swim safety test ... the overenergetic, 100-person line dance to some Israeli Eurovision pop-song entry ... the wild cheers for the winner of the “Schmutz-Buster” T-shirt for helping to make sure camp stays clean ...

... The oldest division of campers who decide to make a “cult hero” out of a younger camper who *might* have been dismissed by his peers as quirky and unrelatable, chanting his name so that his peers will see their bunkmate in the best light, and will embrace him because their role models, older campers, have

embraced him ...

Of course, these stories are heartwarming precisely *because* they don't have to go this way; there are plenty of stories, both in camp and in the “real world,” where people are not as nice. But when done right, camp is *not* the real world because it is the place where we can be seen and embraced as precious and beloved — and where we can see *ourselves* as precious and beloved. In a more-isolated world, it was too easy for too many of us to forget that others see, love and value us in this way.

It reminds me of a moment in this week's Torah portion, Re'eh, where Moses reminds us how precious we are; he says, “*Banim atem* — you are God's children” (Devarim 14:1) — and continues, “[therefore] don't gash yourselves.” It is a reminder not to harm ourselves bodily in the cultic ways that were prevalent in ancient times, because we are created in God's image. We are not perfect, but we are infinitely precious, valuable and worthy.

But the Torah does not stop there: In a few weeks, we will read a law about a person who is hanged; we must not leave the body of the criminal

hanging overnight (21:23). The biblical commentator Rashi explains that the reason, again, is because we are created in God's image — but this time, we do not resemble God as God's children, but rather as God's twin sibling.

Rashi tells a story of a king who had a lesser-known twin who was a criminal, who was hanged, and passers-by would assume it was the king and would disparage him. So, too, when we act in a way that diminishes our own humanity, we are tarnishing the image of God — and God's good name is hurt in the process.

This is the reflexive part of being created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in God's image: If we are in God's Divine image — *then God is in OUR image. God resembles our very-human, very-imperfect image.* We are the imperfect twins of God. We must build a society that reminds us of that responsibility to uphold and not sully God's image, with our actions.

Especially in today's amped-up rhetoric, where differences of opinion are often argued not on their merits but rather by vilifying and dehumanizing the other side — where we do not treat

someone as mistaken but as evil — we need a reminder that when we delegitimize a person or a people, we are tearing down God's image. The real world makes it easy to forget the lesson that we must preserve the image of God.

In five weeks, at the High Holidays, the *Unetaneh Tokef* (“Who will live, who will die”) prayer will conclude, “*U-sh'meinu karata vi-Shmecha* — You have linked our name with Yours.” God is counting on us to honor God's image, by valuing others, who carry God's Image as our own.

Let's not wait until next summer to build such a better world; let's begin right now. •

Rabbi Eric Yanoff is one of the rabbis at Adath Israel in Merion Station and an immediate past co-president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia. The board is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.



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sign teenage pitchers, owing to uncertainties around younger players, including how much more they might grow. Given his size, however, it's doubtful that Steinmetz has much more growing left.

Then there's the college factor. Steinmetz has already accepted a scholarship from Fordham University, a Jesuit Catholic school in the Bronx. Some drafted players stick with

the college plan in order to gain experience.

There have been approximately 230 Jewish players out of more than more than 22,000 major leaguers, including the 3,400 men who suited up in the Negro Leagues. Aside from Greenberg, Koufax and, more recently, Ryan Braun and Ian Kinsler, few had a great impact on the game.

Naturally we wish Steinmetz and Kligman plenty of mazel, but to mangle an old saying, many are called,

few are “Chosen.” Out of the 1,000-plus players drafted in an average year, maybe one in five will make it to “The Show,” according to Baseball America.

Before we start talking about Jacob Steinmetz as this generation's Sandy Koufax, we should also remember slugger Adam Greenberg, who had exactly two at-bats in the majors — a biblical seven years apart. •

Ron Kaplan is the author of “Hank Greenberg in 1938: Hatred and Home Runs in the Shadow of War.”

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Israeli Leaders Meet with UAE and CHOP Counterparts to Discuss Health Cooperation

ACTING CONSUL GENERAL of Israel in New York Israel Nitzan visited the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on July 28 to discuss the possible expansion of pediatric health cooperation between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

Nitzan and Consul General of the UAE in New York Abdalla Shaheen toured the hospital with CHOP President and CEO Madeline Bell.

The hospital led discussions on partnership opportunities ahead of the first anniversary of the Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and the UAE. Leaders of Israel's Schneider Children's

Hospital attended the event virtually.

"The Abraham Accords are spreading far and wide, from Philadelphia to Abu Dhabi to Jerusalem and beyond," Nitzan said. "Meetings, such as this one in Philadelphia, give everyone involved an opportunity to learn from one another ... It shows that we will build meaningful relationships in order to save lives. Nothing is more important than that. Israel and the UAE have proven that focusing on the well-being of our citizens is the essence of our peace."

Nitzan and Shaheen also spoke with Associate Chief of Academic Affairs and Director of the Fetal Cardiac Center Dr. Jack Rychik about his work at CHOP.



▲ From left: Sam Mattis and his coach, Dane Miller
Courtesy of Garage Strength Sports Performance

Nazi Graffiti Found in Delaware

Nazi SS graffiti was found spray-painted on a bridge at Bear, Delaware, on July 28, the Delaware News Journal reported.

The black-paint graffiti, which said, "Crackers Matter" then featured two lightning bolts similar to those used by the Nazi SS, was removed that day by the Delaware Department of Transportation.

"In the event the same 'tags' are presented somewhere else in the area, we would take the necessary investigative steps, if notified," Delaware State Police spokesman Mast Cpl. Gary Fournier said. He said police are investigating, but don't have leads or suspects.

"We are witnessing increased acts of hate and antisemitism around the country and the world which is alarming, but to have this hateful graffiti occur in our own backyard is very disturbing," said Seth Katzen, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "Our community must remain vigilant against these senseless acts and thank DelDot for the immediate removal of the graffiti."

Anyone with information about the graffiti is asked to contact Crime Stoppers online at delaware.crimestoppersweb.com or by calling 1-800-TIP-3333.



▲ From left: Abdalla Shaheen, the U.A.E.'s Consul General in New York; Dr. Jack Rychik, associate chief of academic affairs and director of the Fetal Cardiac Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; and Acting Consul General of Israel in New York Israel Nitzan

Courtesy of the Consulate General of Israel in New York

Jewish Discus Athlete with Area Ties Finishes Eighth at Tokyo Olympics

In his first Olympics, Jewish Olympian and University of Pennsylvania graduate Sam Mattis reached the final of the men's discus event.

But in the final at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Mattis fell short of a medal, placing eighth with a distance of 63.88 meters. He was, however, the highest finisher among U.S. male athletes in the event.

The East Brunswick High School (New Jersey) graduate earned a spot in the medal round by recording the eighth-longest distance, 63.74, out of 30 competitors in the qualification round. Mattis made the U.S. Olympic team with a third-place finish in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

He was also the 2019 U.S. national champion and the 2015 NCAA champion. He missed the 2016 Olympics but kept working for five years to make the games in 2021.

"This has been my goal for years at this point, probably close to a decade," Mattis said. "That I've achieved it feels pretty good." •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb and Jarrad Saffren

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ALLEN

Sylvia Allen (nee Familant) on July 24, 2021. 105 yrs. old, from Voorhees, NJ, formerly from Phila., PA. Beloved wife of the late Nathan; Loving mother of Jerry Allen (Millie), Larry Allen (Myra) and the late Mary Allen. Devoted grandmother of Shari, Elise (Randy), Andrew (Michele), Stephanie (Glenn), Bryan (Dana), Jason (Kim) and Natalie. Also survived by 10 great-grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Lions Gate, 1100 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

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BRISTOL

Edith Bristol (nee Hoffman) on July 29, 2021. At the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Melvin; Devoted daughter of the late Pauline and Leon Hoffman; Loving mother of Randee (Alan) Moldoff, Jeffrey (Sue) Bristol and Stefani (Sam) Rotter; Dear Sister of Dora Lukacher and the late Sol Hoffman and the late Annette Kaplan; Adoring mom-mom of Josh (Anna), Dan (Arielle), Pamela, Nathaniel (Yaelle) and Jason. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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DANZINGER

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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EISENHOFER

David Eisenhower on July 28, 2021. 3 weeks shy of his 88th birthday. Beloved husband of Sheryl (nee Kreiskoff) Wallace and the late Barbara (nee Hetzelson) Eisenhower; Loving father of Jay (Anne) Eisenhower, Wendi (Edward) Haas. Dear brother of Bernice (and the late Milton) Devoted grandfather of Stephanie (Michael), Matthew, Amy, Ava, Scott & Mark; Adoring great-grandfather of Brody. Loving step-father to Gregg Wallace (Debbie), Matthew Wallace (Debra), and Robyn Greenberg (Scott); Devoted step-grandfather of Lexi (Ryan), Max, Andrew, Madeline, Zachary, Lily, Avery, Sabrina, Lilah, and Ty. Great step grandfather to Ruby. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Heart Assoc., 1617 JFK Blvd., Ste. 700, Phila., PA 19103, www.heart.org

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GLAUSER

Dorothy Glauser (nee Wax), age 98, of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of Philadelphia and Huntingdon Valley, passed away on July 21, 2021. Dorothy was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and as an infant moved to Toronto, Canada with her parents Berucha and Isaac Wax. While working as an Executive Secretary at the Nevele Country Club, she met the love of her life, Sid, who was the hotel's activities director. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Sidney L. and children Jan Elena Giordano and Scott Allen Glauser. Dorothy, also known as Bubbie, is also survived by her adoring grandchildren Eric and Alexandra Giordano. Predeceased by her siblings David Wax, Anne Wein of Toronto, she is survived by her sisters Lillian Friendly-Eigles, Mollie Lerman and Irene Arkin of Toronto. Contributions in her memory may be made to Friends of the IDF, www.idf.org.

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GOLDFIELD

Morton "Mort" Goldfield, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather died at home peacefully surrounded by his family on July 26 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 95 after a well-lived life. Mort is survived by his adored wife of 32 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Goldfield (nee Regan); two children, Ceil Dobkin (Eric Dobkin) and Andy Goldfield; five grandchildren, Michael Dobkin (Meghan Dobkin), Emily Hope Dobkin (Will Hunter), David Dobkin (Shoshi Dobkin), Sarah Goldfield, and Rebecca Goldfield; three great-grandchildren, Izzy Dobkin, Daniel Dobkin, and Zev Hunter. He is also survived by many other family members and friends including Michael Regan, Mike Regan, Jessica Regan, Olivia Regan, Ruth Goldfield, Steven and Ellen Goldfield, and Debbie Goldfield. He is predeceased by his siblings Leonard "Lenny" (Sylvia). Fondly remembered for his deep appreciation of global travels and summers at the shore, Mort will forevermore be cherished as a man of generosity, dignity, and profound devotion and boundless love for his family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to your preferred organization.

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GRECO

Susan S. Greco (nee Spielman) on July 29, 2021. Wife of Joseph. Mother of Benjamin Greco, Jeffrey (Jamie) Greco and Alyssa Greco Stahl (Drew). Sister of Randy (Marc) Rosen and Barbra Spielman. Grandmother of Sydney Bella Greco. Daughter of the late Samuel and Selma Spielman. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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INVER

Ethel Inver (nee Weisberg), passed away on July 29, 2021. Wife of the late Charles "Pat" Inver. Mother of Larry (Marla) Inver, Murray Inver and Michael (Susan) Inver. Grandmother of Chad, Jordan, Aaron (Jesse) and Hillary. Great Grandmother of Elijah and Caleb. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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ISRAEL

Judith L. Israel (née Gordon) died on July 5, 2021. The oldest daughter of the late Frances and Milton Gordon from Melrose Park, PA. Judith leaves behind two children Anna Colin and Isaac Israel, 3 beautiful grandchildren, and a brother and sister. She taught for many years in the Camden School District and was quoted by a coworker as a "legendary teacher." She spoke Spanish and often tutored during her summer breaks and after retirement. She never took a summer break during her teaching years. She continued to tutor and made masks for COVID-19 on her home sewing machine until she became too ill. She opened her home to two foster children after her own kids grew up. Donations may be to FXTAS Research.

KLEIN

Jerome "Jerry" Klein July 28, 2021. Age 90. Beloved husband of the late Shirley. Devoted father of Sharyn (Frank) Barkan, and Charles (Lisa) Klein. Loving grandfather of Jonathan (Brooke) Barkan, Allyson Barkan, Jason (Nicole) Klein, and Taylor (Matt) Giroud. Great grandfather of Evan and Hannah Barkan and Scott Klein. Funeral services were held on Sunday August 1, 2021, at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael Sacks, Suburban North, 310 2nd Street Pike, Southampton, PA. Int. Montefiore Cem. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KUPTSOW

Jacqueline "Jackie" Kuptsow (nee Baretz), age 102, on July 25, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Dr. R. Raymond Kuptsow for 65 years. She was predeceased by her parents, Abraham and Selma, and beloved sister, Mavis Pearl. Loving mother of Dr. Preston (Andi) (and the late Barbara) Kuptsow and Anyce (Edward) Richman; Devoted grandmother of Dr. Scott (Eileen) Kuptsow, Meredith (Steven) Bright, Amy (Dr. Eric Fels) and Remy Richman; Loving great-grandmother to Zachary, Jeremy, Allyson, Samuel, Brenna, Chelsea, Dylan, and Robert. An avid bridge player for 60 years, she was known for her gourmet cooking, entertaining and love of classical music. Contributions in her memory may be made to Caring Hospice Services or a charity of your choice.

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LEVIN

Goldie Levin (nee Lieberman), passed away on July 28, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Martin C. Levin. Loving mother of Shelley Appell (Ken Hennig) and Mark (Harriet) Levin. Grandmother of Elisa (Avi) Mindlin, Dara (Seth) Goldstein, the late Michael Levin, Leslie DeCicco and Jordan Appell. Great Grandmother of Jordyn, Mikayla, Morgan, Corey, Derek, Jr., Alona, Ethan and Ava. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Michael Levin Lone Soldier Foundation, c/o Harriet Levin, 11 Vermeer Dr., Langhorne, PA 19053, www.michaellvinlonesoldier.org.

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LUBER

Stanton Mark Lubber passed away on July 24, 2021. He was 84 years old. The only son of Manuel and Esther (née Spira) Lubber, Stan leaves behind his devoted wife Sandy (née Newborn) Lubber, his children Ilisa, Marc, and Jackie (née Terletsky), and his 2 grandchildren Zachary & Natalie. Stan's career in the furniture industry spanned 65 years beginning in warehouses and ending as founder of World Imports, Ltd. which, he built with his wife. Stan was also the first elected president of The Home Furnishings Association. He was respected for his contributions to the industry and loved being a part of it. Stan loved Judaism and believed in representing the Jewish community with honor and humility. He was a past member of B'nai B'rith, a staunch supporter of Israel, a member of Congregation Shir Ami, and committed to Holocaust Remembrance. Stan believed in tzedakah and contributed to a variety of organizations. Stan loved to travel and had the opportunity to see many places around the world traveling with his wife. Stan's greatest joy in life was his family whom he loved deeply and was deeply loved in return. Being "Pop-Pop" to Zach and Natalie (who he lovingly termed "Zachalie") brought him overwhelming joy. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org, are valued by his family.

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NEMROFF

Burton (Burt) Nemroff, 81, passed away on July 14 in his Boca Raton home. Beloved husband of Barbara for 56 years, adored father of Alita (Glen) Friedman, Lauren Nemroff, Courtney Nemroff, and grandsons Stephen and Alec Friedman. He is also survived by brother Arthur Nemroff. He was predeceased by parents, Louis and Esther Nemroff and sister-in-law, Phyllis Nemroff. A graduate of Central High School and Penn State University ('61), Burt was a professional electrical engineer for more than four decades and a Life Member of the IEEE. A lifelong sportsman and nature lover, Burt enjoyed fishing, gardening, golf, bocce, poker and his favorite Philadelphia sports teams. Burt traveled the world with his family, but especially loved returning to his old South Philadelphia neighborhood where his parents once owned a grocery store. Burt will be lovingly remembered for his integrity, compassion and kindness. Contributions in Burt's memory may be made to the Barnegat Light Volunteer Fire Company, Barnegat Light, NJ.

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PORTMAN

Sari Portman (nee Ostrow), on July 28, 2021, of Bala Cynwyd, PA. Beloved wife of the late Irwin "Sonny" Portman, loving mother of Steven Portman (Marcie) and Carol Udis (David) and devoted grandmother of Jonah, Zoe (Heather), Brett and Stuart (Stephanie). Sister of the late Gerald Ostrow and Rayla Ostrow. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut St., #3110, Philadelphia, PA 19104 www.philarmh.org

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SEGAL

Eleanore S. Segal passed away peacefully on July 22, 2021 at the age of 87. El was the beloved wife of the late Alvin Segal, the most adored Mom to Susan Segal (Richard Maimon) and Larry Segal (Carol), the devoted daughter of the late Harry and Ethel Saifer, and the doting sister to the late Mark Saifer (Gail). Mom Mom will be deeply missed by her loving grandchildren, Harry, Annie, Alin and Andrew, who were her pride and joy and from whom she took such great naches. El also leaves nieces Mindy and Rachel and a nephew Mitch whom she loved, as well as many cousins and lifelong friends. Eleanore's legacy is all about family. She will be remembered for her fierce loyalty to her many friends and for her great sense of humor. Larry, Sooz, Carol, Richard and all the grandkids will miss Mom Mom—and her signature "Gutenus", "Shana Punims" and "Doozems". The family also wishes to thank the PA Association of Nurses for their loving care of Eleanore. The family would appreciate contributions in Eleanore's memory to the Arden Theatre Company, where Eleanore enjoyed many seasons of performances with her friends and family.

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SHERMAN

Tobi Shirley Sherman, 80, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many, a long-time resident of Manheim Township, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family in Boca Raton, FL on July 23, 2021. She fought valiantly for more than two years before succumbing to complications following a battle against cancer. Born in the Bronx, NY to the late Abraham and Sylvia (Feldman) Folbaum, Tobi grew up in the Oxford Circle neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia, graduating from Northeast High School in 1959. Tobi was a lifelong lover of many genres of music and was a gifted singer during her younger years. While attending a Tamiment Lodge reunion dance in Philadelphia with a group of friends, she accepted a dance request from a nice-looking young guy named Bob who said he had traveled from Lancaster with a friend to attend the event. A whirlwind romance ensued, and Tobi and Bob wed on November 19, 1960, whereupon they established a loving home in Lancaster where Bob's family and business roots ran deep and where his parents, the late Samuel and Kitty Sherman lovingly embraced their new daughter-in-law. Tobi and Bob were members of Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarai Shomayim in Lancaster. Tobi was an incredible life partner, domestic engineer, and athlete. She enjoyed all of the cardio classes offered at the many gyms to which she belonged. She played golf and tennis, including many years as Bob's late-night doubles partner at Old Hickory Racquet Club, and was a long-standing participant in ladies' bowling leagues in Lancaster. Tobi was a devoted and competitive mahjong and canasta player forging lifelong friendships with her many game-table mates. She was a devoted and loving mother and homemaker with a passion for experimenting with creative recipes and practicing healthy eating. Her 1970's religious school carpool runs were legendary in pushing the boundaries of physics (and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) by seeing how many kids could squeeze into her Pontiac Firebird. Tobi cherished family rituals such as visits to her parents' home on Souder Street in Philly, trips down the shore to Atlantic City and to New York City for shopping and eating, summers spent at the Host Town pool and Sunday Zangari's pizza nights with the Moss family. She and Bob shared a passion for collecting modern art filling their homes with impeccable acquisitions from galleries and artists. Music was a constant in her life – the radio was always turned on in the house and in her car, and she and Bob (sometimes with the kids in tow) frequented live performances of their favorites – Neil Diamond, Barbara Streisand, Simon and Garfunkel, Tom Jones and so many others. Bob and Tobi also loved overseas travel, crisscrossing the globe several times, aided by rental cars, road maps and travel guidebooks. Each January Tobi and Bob attended the National Association of Homebuilders International Builders' Show concluded with a week of rest and relaxation in Miami Beach. Eventually they purchased a beachfront condominium an hour north in Highland Beach. They later moved into a single-family home in nearby Boca Raton where they established a winter residence at

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St. Andrews Country Club, making many new and dear friends and welcoming frequent visits by their children and grandchildren. Having devoted her entire life to her family, Tobi will be lovingly remembered and missed by Bob, her beloved husband of 60 years, son Stephen and his wife Susan of Bethesda, MD, son Michael and his wife Jill of Lancaster, daughter Judi and her husband Marc Levine of Woodbury, NY, her 8 grandchildren, Ryan and Rebecca Sherman, Samantha, Brett and Alex Sherman, Chloe, Dylan and Jack Levine, her brother and sister-in-law Bruce and Ilene Folbaum, nephews and niece and many dear friends. Tobi's family is grateful to Diana Yuja, her devoted and loving caregiver for the last 2+ years. An animal lover, Tobi was predeceased by her beloved furry family members, Max, Daisy, Winnie, and Yoyo Sherman. May the memory of Tobi Shirley Sherman be for a blessing. Funeral and interment took place in Boca Raton, FL. Memorial contributions in Tobi's honor may be made to U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (<http://donate.ushmm.org>).
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SILVERMAN

Robert Silverman, age 85, beloved husband of Sandra Silverman (nee Zwanetz), father of Michael Silverman, Susan Silverman Riechelson (Kevin), Andrea Strominger (Elan) and Shelly Preate. Pop Pop of Hailey, Dylan, Chelsea, Marissa, Travis, Garrett, Alexa and Ava. Bob was raised on Randolph Street in Philadelphia and was in the 200th class at Central High School. He graduated from Temple Law School in 1960 and practiced as a trial lawyer in Philadelphia for 50 years. In his retirement, he found his true calling as a Constitutional Law professor at Temple Association of Retired People/OLLI. From April to October you would find him watching his beloved Phillies lose. Donations in Bob's memory can be made to OLLI/Temple University or the donor's choice.
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Lynn Suzanne Wagman (nee Oleve), July 26th, 2021; of Rydal, PA formerly of Melrose Park. Wife of the late Dr. Albert D. Wagman; Mother of Nancy Wagman (David Storey), Janet LeMonnier (Joseph), Daniel Wagman, Carolyn Pfeiffer (Michael) and the late Dr. Richard S. Wagman; Sister of Marcia Halbert (the late Marvin); Grandmother of Benjamin, Margo, Ann, Rachel, Jacob and Rayna. Services were private. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to Gratz College or Jefferson Health Hospice.
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Morton Wenitsky, "Reds", peacefully passed away on July 17th. Born in 1928, he leaves behind his daughter and his grandchildren. Reds was a veteran, an entrepreneur, son, brother, friend, husband, father, and the most special Pop-Pop in the world. He was a handsome, sharp, strong, funny, generous and kind man, with a warm heart, and a stomach full of desserts. A "gute nshmh" (good soul). Reds went above and beyond giving his help, guidance, and love to everyone, enriching their lives. He is forever watching over his loved ones, making sure our "fondest dreams come true." He will be missed as greatly as he is loved.

WOLFSON

Merle A. Wolfson, 91, of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on July 20, 2021. Born on September 11, 1929 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Max and Rose (Rosenberg) Wolfson. Merle was an enthusiastic and active member of the Philadelphia legal community for over six decades since graduating from Temple Law School in 1954. He practiced law into his 90s, for many years with his own firm, Krekstein, Wolfson and Krekstein, and most recently with the firm of Kohn, Swift and Graf. He loved to ski and play golf but most of all he loved to spend time with family and friends. Merle leaves behind two daughters, Beth (Rick) Littlejohn and Tammi Wolfson (Richard Garrard) as well as eight beloved grandchildren, their spouses (and future) as well as 13 precious great-grandchildren. Merle was a master at creating, cherishing and maintaining relationships and will be missed dearly by extended family and friends dating back to the 1930s. Per Merle's wishes, there will be no formal service. Family will celebrate his incredible life privately. Please consider sharing a memory on www.legacy.com, Memorial contributions are welcome at The Michael J. Fox Foundation www.michaeljfox.org

ZITOMER

Louise Zitomer (nee Slosberg) on July 26, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Ralph; Loving mother of Deborah Neff, David (Jenine) Neff and Robin Clebnik; Dear sister of Sabra Grossman; Devoted grandmother of Hari, Stefanie and Dana. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to National Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Ste. 800, Miami, FL 33131

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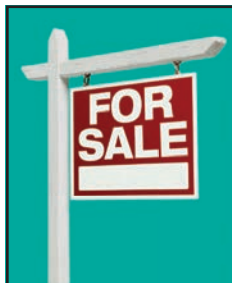
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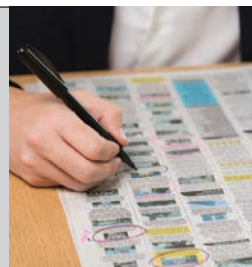
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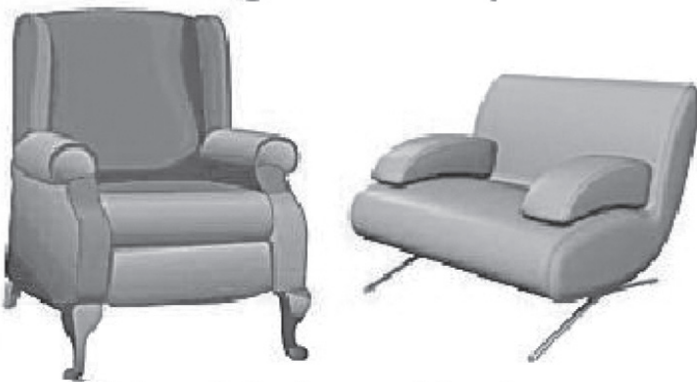
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LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Julie A. Hildebrand, Administatrix 2509 Maxwell Street, Philadelphia, PA 19152 or to her attorney: Karim Husain 535 Church Street West Chester, PA 19380.

ESTATE OF JOHN R.J. RYAN, DECEASED.

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ESTATE OF JOSELYN DIBAI, DECEASED.

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH ZUBRAS; ZUBRAS, JOSEPH, DECEASED

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ESTATE OF KENNETH E. BLOCK, DECEASED.

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ESTATE OF THOMAS J. KIRBY, SR., also known as THOMAS J. KIRBY, DECEASED.

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ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. JONES a/k/a WILLIAM ARTHUR JONES, SR., WILLIAM ARTHUR JONES, DECEASED.

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ESTATE of William W. Whitehouse, Jr.; Whitehouse, Jr., William W. , Deceased

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PETITION NAME CHANGE

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, June Term, 2021 No. 002455. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 2021 the petition of Zwei Xuici was filed, praying for a decree to change his name to Red Z. The Court has fixed August 19, 2021 at 10:00am, in Room No. 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.

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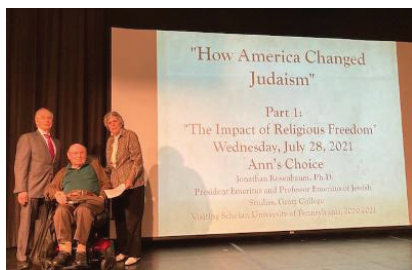
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NEWSMAKERS

Ann's Choice Jewish Residents' Council hosted Jonathon Rosenbaum, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Jewish studies at Gratz College, for its first lecture series of 2021. Rosenbaum's topic was "How America Changed Judaism - The Impact of Religious Freedom," where he discussed Jewish expulsions from Europe, the first Jewish congregation in the United States and the role and history of Philadelphia in developing the Jewish religion. About 100 residents attended.



▲ From left: Jewish Resident Council Education Chair Joe Shrager, Johathan Rosenbaum and JRC President Phyllis Halpern
Photo by Bernie Roseman

Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties announced that it received \$166,800 from the Claims Conference to assist the more than 30 Holocaust survivors in the region. The money will go toward programs and services including home care, case management, kosher Meals on Wheels, transportation and socialization programs. The Claims Conference negotiates for and disburses funds to individuals and organizations and seeks the return of Jewish property stolen during the Holocaust.



◀ From left: Rosalind Geyer, wife of Holocaust survivor George Geyer, and Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties volunteer Ruth Niesen.

Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

Community members gathered on July 30 under the Israeli flag at 16th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway as part of a continuation of a May 23 pro-Israel rally and in honor of Connie Smukler, known for her involvement with seeking freedom for Soviet refuseniks. Plans are for continued gatherings under the flag each Friday at noon.



◀ From left: Jeffery Barrack, Cindy Smukler, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President and CEO Michael Balaban, Sharona Durry and Eszter Kutas

Courtesy of Sharona Durry

COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, AUG. 6

Parsha for Life

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

▼ SATURDAY, AUG. 7

Ice Cream Social

Come celebrate the one-year anniversary of **Bend the Arc's** South Jersey Moral Minyan — and our first in-person meeting at 7:30 p.m. We'll share updates on our fair housing work, have a short (five-minute) Havdalah service and then head to a local ice cream shop. RSVP at bendthearc.us/southjersey_signup so that we can set up the outdoor space according to social distancing guidelines.

▼ MONDAY, AUG. 9

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. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ TUESDAY, AUG. 10

Global Connections

Robert Siegel (former senior host of NPR's All Things Considered for 31 years) interviews Larry Silverstein (chairman, Silverstein Properties), Alice Greenwald (president and CEO, National September 11 Memorial & Museum of History) and Evan Osnos (Pulitzer Prize recipient; staff writer, The New Yorker) for "How 9/11 Changed Us," part of **Global Connections: Navigating the New Abnormal**. The event is free and

begins at 4 p.m. Register at gcaug.splashthat.com and email afmrc@afmrc.org or call 212-279-2522 for more information.

▼ WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

Gratz Lecture

Gratz College will hold a Continuing Legal Education program on John Marshall's career as a slaveowner on the Supreme Court, raising issues of ethics, justice, morality and the motivation of the chief justice. It will also consider how a society — and the legal profession — faces its own past and how that past affects our future. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at 215-635-7300, ext. 155, or at mcohen@gratz.edu.

LGBTQ Support Group

This **Jewish Family and Children's Service** support group is for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual — grandparent, child, cousin, parent — and is looking for a space to process. This group

is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. RSVP at jfcspshilly.org/supportgroups; Zoom link provided upon registration and meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcspshilly.org or call 267-273-6006.

▼ THURSDAY, AUG. 12

Game Luncheon

Join **JAFCO FamilyMatters & Golden Slipper Camp** at 10:30 a.m. for its annual luncheon and fundraiser with an extensive shopping boutique, raffles and an afternoon of games. Bring your own playing cards and mahjong sets. Space is limited; seating will be available outside under a tent or indoors in the ballroom. For more information, call 610-525-1040 or email info@familymattersnetwork.org. 500 Shore Road, Linwood, New Jersey.

Canadian Connections

Bill Gladstone, a professional genealogist, publisher and author based in Toronto, will provide an overview of major resources for Jewish genealogy research in Canada, including censuses, naturalizations, immigration records, border crossings and city directories. This program at 2 p.m. is sponsored by the **Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History**. Register at programs.cjh.org/tickets/family-history-today-2021-08-12 for a Zoom link.

Bend the Arc Meeting

Join **Bend the Arc: Jewish Action South Jersey** for an evening of focused movement-building in South Jersey. Learn more about the Moral Minyan, ideas for action and start thinking about your role in the movement. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.; register by the Tuesday before. Sign up for email alerts at bendthearc.us/southjersey_signup. ●

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