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Weekly Kibbitz

Harrison Ford to Fight Nazis Again in Forthcoming 'Indiana Jones' Sequel

Indy's going to sock it to the Third Reich once more.

The fifth movie in the Indiana Jones series will plop Harrison Ford's heroic archaeologist into "a castle swarming with Nazis" in the year 1944, according to new plot details revealed this week in *Empire* magazine. Digital de-aging technology will be used to make Ford appear young again for the opening sequence before the film transitions to the year 1969.

Leaked set photos had previously hinted that Nazis would be involved in the story to some degree, but the full details were not known. The image of Indy fighting Nazis with his bare fists became an iconic part of series lore after its first entry, 1981's "Raiders of the Lost Ark," but the most recent go-around, 2008's

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," was set in the 1950s and swapped Nazi villains for Soviets.

Although the character is not canonically Jewish, Jones is known for staring down antisemites over biblical artifacts in the first and third entries in the series, making him something of a Jewish folk hero.

In the universe of the series, Hitler's army has been subjected to cosmic punishments for attempting to exploit holy items, implying the existence of a Hebrew Almighty: "Raiders" depicts a gang of Nazis getting their faces melted off by a divine presence after they pry open the Ark of the Covenant, while 1989's "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" ends with a Nazi crumbling to dust after



Harrison Ford and Phoebe Waller-Bridge are seen on the set of "Indiana Jones 5" in Sicily on Oct. 18, 2021, in Castellammare del Golfo, Italy.

he tries to drink from the Holy Grail (and also features Adolf Hitler signing autographs at a Berlin book-burning).

Set to be released next year, the still-untitled fifth Indiana Jones movie will co-star Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Mads Mikkelsen, and it is the first not to be directed by Steven Spielberg. He has handed the reins to James Mangold, whose other credits include "Logan" and "Ford v. Ferrari." Spielberg, who created the

character with George Lucas and remains involved as a producer on the fifth entry, has said he based the franchise on the adventure serials of his youth.

Another artifact of Spielberg's childhood is an early Oscar favorite: "The Fabelmans," a loose retelling of his Jewish upbringing, got a wide theatrical release over Thanksgiving.

-By Andrew Lapin

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Friends of Jewish Cemeteries Completes Second Phase of Restoration Project

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

Friends of Jewish Cemeteries restored and repaired 27 grave-stones at Har Nebo Cemetery in Oxford Circle last month.

The effort is phase two of the organization's restoration pilot project, which began on Nov. 9, to raise awareness of cemetery cleanup and restoration efforts in Philadelphia.

"What we do is combine three areas: cleanups; restoring, conserving of stones, locations for the pilot; and also genealogy, family group record research," Friends of Jewish Cemeteries founder and chair Rich Blumberg said. "So with this, we're able to touch the descendants, communities and neighbors."

Over the two-week project, Blumberg coordinated with conservator Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters in New York. Ferrannini spent hours at Har Nebo working his way through two rows of 16 graves, removing stones, which can weigh between 500-750 pounds, and leveling the ground underneath it, which has grown uneven over the decades due to the decomposition of the simple wood coffins used in Jewish burial practices.

During this phase of the pilot, Ferrannini encountered a few complex cases, including a three-part cradle grave that consists of a gravestone, footstone and pieces of stone connecting the two to form a bathtub-shaped center. While some stones may take an hour or two to lift and replace, more complex structures can take most of the day.

"A lot of the challenge is being careful because it's all part of the history, and you don't want to remove historic fabric if you don't have to," Ferrannini said.

Restoring the stones requires professional, hired work, but Friends of Jewish Cemeteries has also hosted three cemetery cleanups over the past year — an opportunity for community members to pull weeds and debris from grave plots.



Joe Ferrannini lifts a stone at Har Nebo cemetery as part of Friends of Jewish Cemeteries' grave restoration pilot.

Friends of Jewish Cemeteries has also enlisted the help of the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia, an "allied organization."

According to JGASGP President Felicia Alexander, the genealogical society has conducted research on the individuals buried at Har Nebo and other neighboring cemeteries. The archives were digitized and made accessible on JGASGP's website.

"Our society strongly believes that when people's names are honored and respected after their death, that that's an important aspect of what we do. ... That's not just taking care of the physical aspects of the cemetery, but also preserving the records," Alexander said.

So far, JGASGP's research on those buried at Har Nebo has taken unexpected turns. At the height of the pandemic, a history teacher in France contacted Alexander asking about a Jewish World War I soldier who was buried in a French cemetery. After the war, many deceased soldiers were disinterred and repatriated to America, finding their final resting place in the United States. This particular soldier



A Har Nebo Cemetery plot before phase two of the Friends of Jewish Cemeteries pilot project, which began in 2021

was buried in Har Nebo.

The genealogy project allows for descendants of deceased family members buried at the cemetery to locate those graves. Upon visiting, Alexander said, it's important for those descendants to see their family member's graves well-maintained.

In the future, Blumberg hopes to expand the pilot to Har Yehuda Cemetery in Upper Darby, though he recognizes that Friends of Jewish Cemeteries alone won't be able to restore entire sections of neglected cemetery plots.

"We want to change the tide of despair and build momentum," he said.

Blumberg hopes that the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, which supports Friends of Jewish Cemeteries as a special project, will invest in the future of cemetery maintenance.

Jewish Federation Senior Chief of External Affairs Jeffrey Lasday said that the Jewish Federation is in the early stages of exploring options.

"Right now, we're still in the process

of doing our due diligence, exploring: What are the costs involved? What are the different options?" Lasday said.

The Jewish Federation is looking at models other organizations have implemented to address similar issues. For example, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh put together a nonprofit to "look after" cemeteries in western Pennsylvania, according to Lasday.

David Mink, who had a relative's stone restored through the pilot project, said he felt disappointed and "helpless" seeing his family's graves in disarray. He believes that the Jewish Federation should be involved, as the restoration work that needs to be done exceeds the scope of Friends of Jewish Cemeteries.

"This is a community's legacy," Mink said. "And [the Jewish] Federation, which represents the Jewish community, is the guardian."

"Not only is it our legacy, but it's going to help define our future," he added. **JE**

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Courtesy of Rich Blumberg

Philadelphia City Council Voting on Resolution to Condemn Antisemitism

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

In 2021, the Anti-Defamation League recorded 2,717 antisemitic incidents of harassment, vandalism or violence. That was the highest number since the ADL started releasing its annual tally in 1979. This year, the number of incidents is at a similar pace, according to ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt.

Also in 2022, a Republican, Doug Mastriano, ran for governor of Pennsylvania in part by joining the same social media site, Gab, which provided a safe space for the Tree of Life synagogue shooter four years ago. Later in 2022, rapper and fashion designer Ye (Kanye West) and NBA star Kyrie Irving became the latest celebrities to make antisemitic comments in public. Ye said he wanted to go “death con 3” on Jewish people, and Irving tweeted a link to a film that denied the Holocaust and quoted Adolf Hitler.

In response, the Philadelphia City Council is considering a show of support for its Jewish residents.

Ten council members, or more than half of the 17-person body, are introducing a resolution that would “unequivocally” condemn “the rise in antisemitism and all forms of hate in the City of Philadelphia,” according to its title. Those other forms of hate include racism and homophobia.

Councilman Mike Driscoll, who represents the Sixth District, which includes Northeast Philadelphia and river wards like Port Richmond, introduced the resolution. Councilmembers Katherine Gilmore-Richardson, Brian J. O’Neill, Mark Squilla, Helen Gym, Cindy Bass, Kenyatta Johnson, Kendra Brooks, David Oh and Isaiah Thomas have signed on as co-sponsors.

With the recent resignation of Allan Domb from the city council to run for mayor, none of the remaining members are Jewish. Nonetheless, Driscoll expects unanimous approval on Dec. 1 when the resolution comes up for a vote. He has not heard any opinions to the contrary, he said.

“I believe that the Jewish people are being singled out once again,” Driscoll added. “In 2021, we had more incidents since the ADL started tracking harassment and vandalism and violence. It’s getting worse.”



Councilman Mike Driscoll introduced the resolution condemning antisemitism.

The councilman was a state representative for his Philadelphia district in the Pennsylvania General Assembly four years ago when the Tree of Life shooting happened. After 11 Jews were killed in Pittsburgh in the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history, one of Driscoll’s colleagues from western Pennsylvania brought survivors to the state house in Harrisburg. As Driscoll remembered it, “We prayed together, we worshipped together and we did resolutions condemning antisemitism and applauding people of all faiths who came together to support one faith.”

The day stuck with him. He thought about it in October when the anniversary of the shooting arrived and when Mastriano campaigned for Pennsylvania’s executive seat. Around the same time, Ye had his Instagram and Twitter accounts locked for alluding to the conspiracy theory that Jews control powerful institutions, while Irving was suspended for five games by his NBA team, the Brooklyn Nets, for promoting a Holocaust denial movie and refusing to apologize.

“It became fresh in my mind, and I said, ‘I want to speak out,’” Driscoll recalled.

But for Steve Feldman, the execu-

tive director of the Greater Philadelphia chapter of the Zionist Organization of America, speaking out is not enough. The city needs to act. Feldman would like to see Mayor Jim Kenney’s office or the council explain “the Jewish people’s history and its connection to the land of Israel.”

On Nov. 29, Kenney’s Office of Immigrant Affairs sponsored an “International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People” at the Municipal Services Building on John F. Kennedy Boulevard. The rally was a local version of a United Nations-organized event. Its promotional poster featured the flags of the Palestine Liberation Organization, a group that opposed the Jewish state of Israel upon its founding in 1964.

The council did not host the rally. Either way, to Feldman it showed that the resolution was not enough.

“At best, it’s meaningless and, at worst, it’s hypocrisy,” he said.

Gilmore-Richardson, the first councilmember to sign on as a co-sponsor, did not see it that way. She said the resolution counted as policy because it would be voted on by the council and become part of Philadelphia’s historical record. She also said it’s vital to call out antisemitism and hate whenever and wherever you see it.

The councilwoman is Black and a descendant of slaves and sharecroppers. She said she looked at the resolution from that perspective.

“If it’s happening to them, it can happen to you, too,” Gilmore Richardson concluded. “Silence means you agree.” **JE**

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Perelman Jewish Day School and Kaiserman JCC Open Garden Space for Students

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

In Genesis, Jews are taught to be stewards of the Earth, explains Emily Cook, the principal of the Stern Center at the Perelman Jewish Day School. We must learn to plant roots, tend the soil and grow our food. And we must do so for the next generation.

A new hoop house, or a covered greenhouse with heat inside, at the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood, will help Perelman students learn that valuable lesson.

The 24-foot-by-20-foot space made possible by a \$30,000 grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia opened on Oct. 30. Kids, parents and adult JCC members came together to celebrate what Kaiserman CEO Alan Scher describes as “a vibrant tool for our students to bring science and other associated endeavors to life, but also to bring Jewish values to life.” The Jewish day school and community center share a property.

Students from Perelman and from the JCC’s Robert J. Wilf Preschool and Kindergarten as well as its summer camp, Camp Kef, will use the space for hands-on sessions about planting and the growing cycle, according to Cook. Since the hoop house is covered, classes

can grow plants there year-round. This is an extension of lessons that students are already learning in the classroom. It’s just a practical application of them.

“It makes the learning that much more impactful,” Cook said. “It embeds it in their minds.”

She believes that students must understand how things grow. They need to see the fruits of their labor and what works and what doesn’t work. And then they get to taste it, she said. Even if it’s just a bite of lettuce, it becomes real. That is why it’s vital for kids to be outside and to play in the dirt. They take that bite of lettuce and they want another one, so they learn to grow the lettuce. They grow to understand how to do things independently.

Mitch Daar, Perelman’s head of school, did not start in his position until July. But he said one thing he learned from his predecessor, Judy Groner, was the value of balancing screen time with time in-person and outdoors. During COVID, Perelman kept students in school and added more outdoor sessions to its curriculum. Now, it intends to maintain both priorities, and the hoop house is an extension of that effort.

“We learned a lot about teaching and

learning in those years,” Daar said. “And the importance of being in person.”

As Cook explained, Perelman wants to be more than just a place where students come to study. It is trying to be a place of action.

“We’re planting strong roots in the ground,” she said.

Kaiserman is too, according to Scher. The JCC’s CEO shares Cook’s belief that young people learn by getting outside and putting their hands in the dirt. Preschoolers and campers build critical life and scientific skills by getting their hands dirty. Adults can also learn that way, which is why Scher envisions them working alongside younger people to cultivate the garden.

Eventually, the Perelman-Kaiserman Hoop House may become like the one at KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia. KleinLife’s garden helps stock local food banks. Scher said the hoop house will not grow enough food this winter to do the same, but it will in the long run if Kaiserman and Perelman “get the best out of our space.”

Both institutions are committed to doing so. Cook said they were trying to find ways to collaborate even before this opportunity. But then Scher heard about the grant and approached her. She

immediately said “yes.” Then she put the word out to her teachers and several stepped forward to volunteer.

“Part of JCC’s strategic plan is to continue to invest in this campus,” Scher said. “Through Emily’s wonderful leadership, she has recruited a team of teachers at Perelman invested in thinking about the curriculum and how we can build out that Hoop House classroom.”

Perelman and Kaiserman share responsibility for the hoop house. They are still building the inside and meeting regularly to finish the process. Perelman’s fifth-grade classes are assisting with the design. In the next two weeks, leaders at the school and community center hope to start planting vegetables.

Student responsibilities may include taking the temperature of the soil and covering plants if it gets too cold outside. They will learn how to garden, but they will also absorb that lesson from Genesis: That we must take care of the Earth. And that this, according to Cook, is one way of doing it responsibly.

“We’ve really begun already,” she said. **JE**

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The hoop house at the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood



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YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Emma Chasen



Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

Shabbat doesn't always look like a quiet dinner with candle lighting and prayers over wine and bread. Sometimes, it looks like a Free Britney dance party to raise awareness of pop star Britney Spears' conservatorship; other times, it looks like mural painting in West Philadelphia.

These unconventional evenings aren't just pipe dreams of young Jews; they're events that have materialized as a way for a generation who have shied away from becoming synagogue members to live Jewishly. They're also ideas that OneTable Philadelphia Field Manager Emma Chasen has helped support through the organization, which provides funding to young Jews looking to foster community through Shabbat dinners.

Chasen, 30, has even hosted an esoteric Shabbat in her Manayunk home through OneTable, gathering Mason jars and essential oils and

encouraging guests to create fragrant potions to bring home with them.

"You can explore your Judaism; you can contemplate on different kinds of philosophical — or even more mundane — questions that are coming up in your life over community over a dinner table," Chasen said. "You can incorporate rituals that have been used historically, and/or you can make up your own ones that feel really meaningful to you."

In December, Chasen will leave OneTable in pursuit of her graduate studies at Jefferson University, where she is receiving her master's degree in medical cannabis science and business. But having moved to Philly with her fiancée only a year ago, she said she wouldn't have been able to find her bearings in the new city so easily without OneTable.

"That expansiveness allowed me to be able to show up in a way that still felt really authentic to me, and it was such a beautiful feeling of belonging that I had not felt at any kind of institutionalized Jewish space," she said.

Chasen grew up in a secular Jewish household in Long Island, New York, where she celebrated the major Jewish holidays, but did not receive a formal Jewish education or become bat mitzvah in a synagogue.

"I always felt like I was kind of being an imposter," Chasen said of her Judaism.

Her relationship with Judaism began to change when she read a book about divine feminine mystique traditions, which contained a chapter about Shabbat. She absorbed the book while on an eight-day cruise without internet or cellphone service, a prolonged "tech Shabbat," she called it.

After the cruise, Chasen approached another secular Jewish friend about starting a Shabbat practice. Her friend pointed her in the direction of OneTable.

When Chasen joined OneTable in October 2021, the organization was just starting to flourish in Philadelphia, gaining enough traction, as well as a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, to create and fill the role of a field manager in the city after five or so years of building interest.

Having moved to the city on Oct. 1, the job became an opportunity for Chasen to learn Philadelphia's community, something she has been in pursuit of in every city she's called home.

After graduating from Brown University with a bachelor's degree in medicinal plant research and ethnobotany, Chasen moved to Portland, Oregon, with an interest in attending naturopathic school, right before the state's adult-use marijuana sales.

She worked at a dispensary and "loved talking to people" and using her undergraduate degree to help patrons and patients navigate medical marijuana. Chasen became general manager and later director of education for the business before leaving to become a consultant and to work to open a handful of dispensaries in Portland.

The opportunity at OneTable allowed Chasen to relocate and live in a more affordable city to continue her education, but leaving her Portland community behind was painful for her. Looking for an outlet for her creative energy and quest for homemaking, Chasen transformed her Manayunk row home into the Philly Fun House, painting the walls with bright, flowing patterns and decorating the space with an amalgamation of textured furniture and decor. She and her fiancée rent the space out for photo shoots and feature it on TikTok.

"It's part of a scar, if you will, of a time when I felt really depressed and alone, but to see what I could create out of that — the beauty and the lightness and the color — I feel really proud," she said.

Just as Chasen has created a personalized version of her home, she believes she's done the same with her time at OneTable, guiding the organization with her flair and goals for community-building. She hopes her successor will do the same.

"The way that I've grown the hub and managed the field and the community might be completely different from the next person who comes in," Chasen said. "But I think that's a really cool aspect of it because then it can grow in so many different, equally wonderful ways." **JE**

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Courtesy of Emma Chasen

Hispanic MLB Players Visit Israel to Promote Christian-Jewish Relations

Three Hispanic Major League Baseball players were recently brought to Israel for a week by the Philos Project, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that promotes Christian relations with Israel and other Middle Eastern countries, JTA.org reported.

The athletes — Nelson Cruz, former Phillies second basemen Cesar Hernandez and Jeimer Candelario, all Major League Baseball players in the United States — were surprised by what they learned at lunch, too. For instance, they had not known of the existence of Black Jews, including the thousands of Ethiopians living in Israel.

The players and their significant others toured Christian sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee and ran a baseball clinic for Jewish and non-Jewish youth in Raanana.

The visit also aimed to “proactively” combat antisemitism, Philos Project Director of Hispanic Affairs Jesse Rojo said, “to show our baseball players that they can make a difference, not wait for someone to come out with an antisemitic tweet to do something.”

Israelis Are Gaining Weight and Smoking More, New Report Finds

Israel is in the midst of a national obesity epidemic, Israeli health care workers are warning, jns.org reported.

“We’re in the midst of a global epidemic that has reached Israel — the obesity epidemic,” said Dr. Dan Oyero, a specialist in family medicine and an obesity doctor at Maccabi Health Services, according to Ynet.

“Obesity is a chronic, multi-systemic disease that must be treated professionally since it leads to many illnesses, such as cardiovascular disease and mental and emotional problems,” he said.

According to a National Program for Quality Indicators report released on Nov. 22, both obesity and smoking are rising in Israel.

“The data shows that the epidemic is weakening among the overall population, but we know that those in a low socio-economic group are more exposed to it,” Oyero said.

The data regarding Israelis’ cigarette consumption also is concerning. Approximately 20.1% of Israelis aged 16 to 74 smoke, up from 19.6% in 2019.

“In recent years, we’re seeing an increase in smokers in the overall population and also among teenagers,” said Professor Yossi Azouri, an expert in family medicine at Maccabi Health Services, according to the report.

Birthright Israel to Scale Back Again, Slashes Free Trips by Up to a Third

Birthright Israel is drastically cutting back on the number of free trips it plans to offer to Jewish young adults, scaling back its operations by up to a third, the organization announced on Nov. 21, according to JTA.org.

The cuts come amid what the organization said is a mix of financial pressures, chiefly inflation and heightened travel expenses in a post-COVID world. It plans to make added appeals to its top donors but still expects to heavily reduce its Israel trips in 2023 to as few as 23,500 participants, down from 35,000 this year and 45,000 annually pre-pandemic.

“The significant cost increases of our program mean that we will not be able to accommodate as many applicants in the coming years,” Birthright CEO Gidi Mark said in a statement.

However, Birthright’s own fundraising has not been affected. A Birthright spokesperson told JTA that the organization expects its funding to increase from 2022 to 2023, but that the growth won’t be enough to compensate for the rise in expenses and inflation.

Earlier this year Birthright said it would lower the maximum participation age to 26, after five years of allowing Jews aged 27 to 32 to enroll. The group’s leadership said at the time that the increased age limit was backfiring by convincing younger Jews to keep delaying their trips. **JE**

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Mounting Discomfort With Netanyahu's Choices

We have counseled restraint in reacting to reports of leadership appointments in the new coalition government being hammered out by Israel's prime minister-designate, Benjamin Netanyahu. And we continue to believe that appointees and holders of significant government portfolios should be given a chance to do their work before being judged or criticized. Still, we are concerned.

While we deeply respect the will of the Israeli electorate and accept the fact that Israel's voters have chosen by a wide margin to support an array of hard-right, nationalistic and religiously assertive members of Knesset — many of whom will become ministers or senior portfolio holders in an expanding universe of significant government positions with direct impact on every segment of Israel's diverse society — nothing in that respect and deference needs to tolerate racism, religious intolerance, homophobia or other discriminatory agendas.

In the opening round of reports concerning coalition discussions, we saw a number of familiar names. We heard a lot about Itamar Ben-Gvir, Bezalel Smotrich and Aryeh Deri before, during

and after the November elections, and watched the chess-like moves Netanyahu made as he navigated ministry allocations among the leaders of his emboldened and demanding right-wing and haredi coalition partners.

And yes, we wonder with the rest of the world about the wisdom of appointing the avowed nationalist and proponent of more confrontational security measures like Ben-Gvir to the newly created position of National Security Minister. And we wonder about the package of ministerial positions reportedly promised to Smotrich and his Religious Zionist Party in exchange for Smotrich stepping back from his impossible demand to serve as the country's defense minister. Further, we can't quite understand why the Knesset should be asked to change existing law in order to enable twice-convicted Deri to become a minister in the government and serve as deputy prime minister. Nonetheless, we are willing to wait and see what these newly minted ministers do with their new portfolios.

But even our deference can't abide Netanyahu's announced agreement to appoint Knesset member Avigdor ("Avi") Maoz to be the next head of "Jewish

Identity" for the Israeli government. Maoz is the single lawmaker of the fringe Noam Party (which partnered with the Religious Zionists for election purposes) and is one of the Knesset's most extreme far-right politicians. He espouses non-pluralist Jewish views and anti-LGBT, sexist and anti-Arab positions. Maoz wants to change the Law of Return to exclude non-halachic Jews from immigrating to Israel; he wants to impose stricter Shabbat observance on Israelis and strengthen the Orthodox Rabbinate's monopoly over Jewish life in Israel; and he espouses a self-righteous program of "family values" as part of his multi-pronged, homophobic campaign against the LGBTQ community.

The appointment of Maoz to any position of leadership and authority in the new Israeli government is a declaration of war against any effort to create a cooperative and accepting civil society in the State of Israel and a startling slap in the face to the overwhelming majority of Diaspora Jewry. Maoz's intolerance and the policies he promotes threaten to create deep rifts within Israel and extreme discomfort and rejection in the Diaspora. That is not in Israel's interests. [JE](#)

A Stain on the World Cup

Almost every country wants to host the World Cup. The competition for hosting rights, however, is corrupt. How else does one explain that this year's World Cup kicked off last month in Qatar after more than a decade's worth of controversy?

The questions about Qatar, a Persian Gulf emirate smaller than the state of Connecticut, have very little to do with what the world calls "football." Instead, inquiry focuses on a global corruption scandal in which Qatar is alleged to have paid bribes for the award of hosting rights, the sky-high price tag Qatar spent to build facilities to host the event, serious human-rights concerns about Qatar's treatment of migrant workers and outrage over Qatar's treatment of women and LGBTQ people.

Qatar, of course, denies the allegations of bribery. But according to the U.S. Department of Justice, multiple officials of FIFA — the governing body of the World Cup — received bribes to vote for Qatar as the host of the tournament. And a simple analysis of the Qatar bid shows how weak the application was.

For example, at the time of its bid in 2010, Qatar didn't have sufficient stadiums to host the World Cup or places to house the million-plus fans who would come to watch the games. Since then, Qatar has built seven new stadiums and renovated an eighth; accelerated the building of an entire new city and a subway system to support it; expanded its airport; and constructed a massive number of new residential buildings and hotels. The cost incurred by Qatar (exclusive of bribes) is estimated to be in the range of \$300 billion — more than all the previous World Cups and Olympics combined.

Qatar has a population of 3 million, only about 300,000 of whom are Qatari citizens. The rest are foreign workers, and it is they who do the hard and dangerous labor in the emirate, including construction for the World Cup. Human-rights groups accuse the Qataris of using forced labor under abusive conditions and report that 6,500 migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka died in Qatar since 2010, mostly in service of the World Cup construction projects.

Qatar has the world's third-largest natural-gas reserves and is one of the top oil producers. Qatar hopes to use the international visibility of the World Cup to help grow its non-energy economy, with ambitions to become a regional business and tourism hub.

In the euphoria of the soccer competition, we hope that Qatar's record of human rights abuse and mistreatment does not get lost. In addition to its migrant worker victims, Qatari women are denied by the country's male guardianship rules the right to make key decisions about marriage, choice of work opportunities, travel abroad and reproductive health care. The country's laws also criminalize all forms of sex outside marriage, including sex suffered by rape victims. Sex between men is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

We worry about the "split screen" on which fans watch this year's World Cup — as they celebrate the sport they love and a tournament that has meaning — being played in a country that has built the games on corruption, exploitation and human suffering. [JE](#)

The Killing Plague

Our nation is suffering from what can best be described as a mass shooting epidemic. According to data from Gun Violence Archive, more than 600 mass shootings have occurred in the United States over the past 11 months. That's a startling average of almost two mass shootings per day — defined as an event in which at least four people are shot, excluding the shooter.

We don't hear about all of the shootings, but we hear about many of them. And we recoil in horror each time another incident leads to the senseless loss of precious life prompted by yet another disturbed person who got legal access to a gun.

Just last month, there was the Nov. 13 shooting at the University of Virginia in which three students died. On Nov. 19, five people died in a shooting in a Colorado Springs LGBTQ nightclub. And on Nov. 22, a Walmart employee killed six people in one of the company's stores in Chesapeake, Virginia. Thanksgiving was the six-month mark of the killing of 19 children and two teachers at an elementary

school in Uvalde, Texas, which came 10 days after a supermarket killing spree in Buffalo, New York, that left 10 people dead.

We have pleaded before in this space for much-needed gun-control legislation to be enacted without impinging precious citizen rights under the Second Amendment. And we have questioned why anyone not in the military or law enforcement needs automatic weapons or other repeat fire gun enhancements. We were encouraged by the gun-safety legislation that President Joe Biden signed into law last June — the first major gun-safety legislation passed by Congress in nearly 30 years. But if that legislation is working, it seems to be doing so very slowly.

The new gun-safety law includes incentives for states to pass red-flag laws that allow courts to take away weapons from people deemed to be a threat to themselves or others. The law also prevents those convicted of domestic abuse from owning a gun. And it expands background checks on people between the ages of 18 and 21 who

want to buy a gun.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have red-flag laws. But the mere existence of the laws does not prevent killings. Killings will only be prevented when the laws are enforced. Unfortunately, surveys indicate that few states actually make use of their red-flag laws — some because law-enforcement officials are reluctant to, and some because of a lack of awareness of the laws or the lack of a clear understanding of how to implement them. Neither reason is acceptable, particularly since nearly two-thirds of Americans support the new gun law.

The next steps are clear: Elected officials and law-enforcement personnel need to familiarize themselves with their state's red-flag laws and enforce them. And if they don't, reluctant elected officials should be voted out and unwilling law enforcement personnel need to be replaced. We cannot tolerate the continued tyranny of senseless gun violence. **JE**

'The Fabelmans': Steven Spielberg's Antidote to Jewish Victimhood

By David Suissa

I hope the Jew haters who bully a young Steven Spielberg in his new movie "The Fabelmans" get a chance to see the film.

In fact, I hope Kanye "Ye" West, Kyrie Irving, Jew-hating white supremacists and any sect who believes American Jews are not the "real Jews" also see the film.

I want them to see the film for many reasons, but primarily because of the young Spielberg's reaction to being called a "kike" and a "Christ killer" and getting beaten up by ignorant, Jew-hating thugs while in high school in the mid-1960s.

Instead of wasting his life wallowing in victimhood, instead of using the Jew haters as scapegoats for his failed life, instead of turning outrage into an occupation, Spielberg went creative.

His revenge on the haters was to become arguably the most successful and influential filmmaker of his time, a Jew who regaled hundreds of millions throughout the world with stories that left indelible marks on all of us.

It's worth remembering Spielberg's journey as we try to figure out how to respond to the recent wave of anti-Jewish sentiment in this great land of opportunity.

You see, Spielberg is not an outlier. He's only one of the more visible examples of American Jews responding to antisemitism by doubling down on success and achievement. There have been millions more like him, in all fields.

Not surprisingly, a scholarly study from 2007 by Paul Burstein of the University of Washington concluded that "Jews are much more successful economically and educationally than other ethnic, racial, and religious groups in the United States."

What are we to do with such information? Ignore it? Pretend it doesn't exist? Be embarrassed by it?

For better or for worse, the reality is that it's hard for most people to feel sorry for Jews. We need not take that personally: People who are perceived to be successful rarely attract much sympathy. That's why any attempt to define Jews as "victims," however justified, will always be a tough sell.

We can quote all the studies we want about being the most attacked minority group in the country, but our "success narrative" in America is too ingrained in people's consciousness. No matter how hard we try, most people will never see us as credible victims.

If anything, we should consider going in the opposite direction — promote achievement, not victimhood. At the very least, this will be credible, since people already see Jews as high achievers.

The problem is that we're so traumatized by the antisemitic trope of the "all-powerful Jew" that we're afraid to own up to our success, lest it fuels those dreaded conspiracy theories.

So we're trapped. We don't make credible victims, but our success is too credible for comfort.

This is why I loved "The Fabelmans": It's not activism. It's not a documentary about fighting antisemi-

tism. It's not a survey showing how terrible America has become for Jews.

It's none of those things. It is, above all, entertainment!

The Judaism in the film is part of a great story. Non-Jews who see the film, including the haters, will see Spielberg's family lighting Chanukah candles and a young Spielberg receiving gifts that will spark his dreams of creating films.

They will see a young Spielberg refusing to apologize for killing Christ because, as he says, he wasn't there 2,000 years ago.

They will see a young Spielberg turn into a hero among the Jew-haters of his high school by creating a beach film on "ditch day" that blew his school away on prom night.

Near the end, there's a close-up shot of the young Spielberg's face as he's operating the projector on prom night. Slowly, he realizes the positive reaction to his film from students who until then had shown him only animosity toward his Jewishness.

You can almost read the lesson on his face: "This is how I will fight Jew hatred from now on. By not denying my Jewish identity, by having the time of my life, and by bringing a little joy to the world. I will fight it like a winner, not a whiner." **JE**

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The Exhausting, Never-ending Job of Debunking Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

A few days after the comedian Dave Chappelle appeared to justify the never-ending appeal of Jewish conspiracy theories, this sentence appeared in the New York Times: “Bankman-Fried is already drawing comparisons to Bernie Madoff.”

I’ll explain: Sam Bankman-Fried is the 30-year-old founder of FTX, the crypto-currency exchange that vaporized overnight, leaving more than 1 million creditors on the hook. Bernie Madoff, is, of course, Bernie Madoff, the financier who defrauded thousands of investors through a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme and died in prison.

It’s a fair comparison, as a former regulator tells CNN: “Bankman-Fried, like Madoff, proved adept at using his pedigree and connections to seduce sophisticated investors and regulators into missing ‘red flags,’ hiding in plain sight.”

Nevertheless, seeing these Jewish figures lumped together, I braced myself for the inevitable: nasty tweets about Jews and money. Slander from white supremacists. Plausibly deniable chin-scratching from more “mainstream” commentators.

What comes next is a familiar script: Jewish defense groups issue statements saying conspiracy theories traffic in centuries-old antisemitic tropes and pose a danger to the Jews. Jewish news outlets like ours post “explainers” describing how these myths take hold.

It’s exhausting, having to deny the obvious: that a group of people who don’t even agree on what kind of starch to eat on Passover regularly scheme to bilk innocents, manipulate markets or control the world. And it often seems the very attempt to explain these lies and their popularity ends up feeding the beast.

Chappelle’s now notorious monologue on “Saturday Night Live” is a case in point. At first pass, it is a characteristically mischievous attempt to both mock the rapper Kanye West for his antisemitism and to push boundaries to explain why a troubled Black entertainer might feel aggrieved in an industry with a historic over-representation of Jews.

That is a useful message, but consider the messenger. Chappelle appears to disapprove of West’s conspiracy-mongering, but never once discusses the harm it might cause to the actual targets of the conspiracies. Instead, he focuses on the threat such ideas pose to the careers and reputations of entertainers like him and West. The “delusion that Jews run show business,” said Chappelle, is “not a crazy

thing to think,” but “it’s a crazy thing to say out loud.” He ends the routine by ominously invoking the “they” who might end his career.

That’s what critics meant when they said Chappelle “normalized” antisemitism: He described where it’s coming from, explained why his peers might feel that way and only criticized it to the degree that it could lead the purveyors to be canceled. It’s like saying, “You don’t have to vaccinate your kids. Just don’t tell anybody.”

This week I worked with a colleague on an article about how the “Jews control Hollywood” myth took hold and, at each step of the way, I wondered if we were stoking the fire we were trying to put out.

A documentary shown at the DOC NYC festival

with that red thread familiar from cop shows and horror films, I can well imagine an uninformed viewer asking why members of this tiny minority seem to be at the center of so many major events of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The poet and essayist Clint Smith, whose cover story in next month’s Atlantic explores the meanings of Holocaust museums in Germany, makes a similar point. After visiting the museum in Wannsee documenting the infamous meeting in which the Nazis plotted the Final Solution, he wonders: “Might someone come to a museum like this and be inspired by what they saw?”

The makers of “The Conspiracy” (oy, that title) obviously intend the very opposite. In an interview

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in New York teeters on the edge of the same trap. “The Conspiracy,” directed by the Russian-American filmmaker Maxim Pozdorovkin and narrated by Mayim Bialik, uses 3-D animation to explain how conspiracists ranging from a 19th-century French priest to American industrialist Henry Ford placed three Jews — German financier Max Warburg, Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky and falsely accused French soldier Alfred Dreyfus — at the center of a vast, contradictory and preposterous scheme to take over the world. It connects age-old Christian animosity toward the Jews to centuries of antisemitic paranoia and fear-mongering that led to unspeakable violence at Kishinev, Auschwitz and Pittsburgh. “This myth has plagued the world for centuries,” Pozdorovkin explains.

Or at least that’s the message you and I might have gotten. But I can also see someone stumbling on this film and being seduced by the rage and cynicism of the conspiracy mongers — who, I should note, are quoted at length. Part of the problem is the film’s aesthetic: a consistently dark palette and a “camera” that lingers on ugly examples of antisemitic propaganda. Even though these images are seen on a creepy “conspiracy wall” and connected

with the Forward, Pozdorovkin agrees with the interviewer’s suggestion that those “who most need to see this film might be the least likely to be convinced by it.”

“My hope is that this film has a trickle-down effect,” he explains.

The fault lies not with those who seek to expose antisemitism but with a society that relies on the victims to explain why they shouldn’t be victimized. As many have pointed out, antisemitism isn’t a Jewish problem; it’s a problem for the individuals and societies who pin their unhappiness and neuroses on a convenient scapegoat.

But as long as scapegoating remains popular and deadly, the victims have to keep explaining and explaining the obvious — that, for instance, the fact that Sam Bankman-Fried and Bernie Madoff are Jewish is no more significant than the fact that Henry Ford and Elon Musk, two people who founded car companies, are gentiles.

The question is, who is listening? [JE](#)

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Why Sic the FBI on the IDF?

By Clifford D. May

Covering armed conflicts is a risky business. Shireen Abu Akleh, a reporter for Al-Jazeera, must have known that.

A Jerusalem-born, naturalized U.S. citizen, Abu Akleh went to the West Bank town of Jenin on May 11 to cover a clash between the Israeli Defense Forces and members of a Palestinian terrorist cell responsible for more than a dozen recent murders of Israeli civilians in Israeli cities. A bullet struck and killed her.

She was the 13th Al-Jazeera journalist killed in a conflict zone somewhere around the world since the news-and-propaganda outlet, owned by the state of Qatar, was founded in 1996.

Palestinian Authority spokesmen immediately claimed that Abu Akleh had been murdered by an Israeli soldier, and the PA refused to cooperate with the IDF's investigation.

On May 19, 57 Democratic House members called on the FBI and State Department to launch an investigation into Abu Akleh's death.

On June 23, two dozen Democratic senators, led by Sen. Chris Van Hollen, called on President Biden to "ensure the direct involvement of the United States in the investigation."

What did these letters say about Israelis being attacked from the West Bank, about their right to defend themselves and about the responsibility of the Palestinian Authority to deal with terrorists in the territories it governs? Not a word.

In July, the U.S. Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority (USSC) — a highly respected three-star general — concluded that "gunfire from IDF positions was likely responsible for the death of Shireen Abu Akleh."

The State Department added that there was "no reason to believe that this was intentional but rather the result of tragic circumstances during an IDF-led military operation against factions of Palestinian Islamic Jihad," a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization.

Nevertheless, the IDF continued to investigate and, in September, acknowledged "a high possibility that Ms. Abu Akleh was accidentally hit by IDF gunfire aimed at suspects identified as armed Palestinian gunmen."



So, case closed, right? Apparently not. The U.S. Justice Department recently informed the Israeli Justice Ministry that the FBI has opened another investigation.

Last week, outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid responded.

"The IDF thoroughly investigates any irregular event and is committed to the values and laws of democracy," he said. "Our soldiers will not be investigated by the FBI or by any other foreign country or entity, however friendly it may be. We will not abandon our soldiers to foreign investigations," he said.

The United States follows the same policy, based on the principle that the legitimacy of the justice systems of free and democratic nations deserve respect. Americans — and only Americans — investigate and discipline American service members. This policy has been put into practice on numerous occasions.

The Committee to Protect Journalists has documented 13 reporters killed by the American military in Iraq. One example: In 2003, Tareq Ayyoub, a Jordanian working for Al Jazeera, was killed when an American missile struck the station's Baghdad bureau.

More recently, the United States has declined to cooperate with investigations by the International Criminal Court involving American troops and CIA officers accused of war crimes in Afghanistan.

Neither the United States nor Israel recognizes the authority of the ICC.

So, why go after Israel? According to Axios, both the White House and the State Department have told the Israeli government that "they were not behind the FBI decision."

Who was? Van Hollen has been adamant that the United States must distrust Israel. "There are a number of us that are not going to allow this to be swept under the rug," he said at an August Senate sub-panel hearing that was intended to focus on China.

He might consider the root cause of this tragedy. Last week, two people were killed in Poland by what was likely a surface-to-air missile misfired by Ukrainians attempting to defend themselves from Russian missiles. Rep. Adam Smith, Democratic chairman of the House Armed Services Committee,

observed that blame for the tragedy should fall on Russia for "invading and attacking Ukraine."

As noted above, terrorists from the West Bank have for months been infiltrating into Israel and murdering Israelis.

Why is Van Hollen giving them a pass?

Final question: Did no one from the FBI or the Justice Department think to have a discussion with the White House or State Department before proceeding with a probe sure to damage America's relations with its closest Middle Eastern ally?

The least bad — and perhaps most likely — end to this episode: The FBI takes one more look at the evidence, finds nothing new or surprising, and then quietly closes the case, confirming the conclusions of the USSC and the IDF.

Some of us, however, will continue to wonder: Why were Van Hollen and his colleagues so determined to sic the FBI on the IDF? **JE**

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Trump's Jewish Supporters Must Condemn, Disavow Him

By Jonathan S. Tobin

If pro-Israel Republicans think former President Donald Trump will apologize or make amends in any way for choosing to have a public dinner at his Mar-a-Lago resort home with two notorious antisemites, they haven't been paying attention to how he has conducted his public career.

And if they think they can weather this controversy by trying to divert attention from what he's done by pointing to the way their Democrat opponents tolerate and even support antisemitism on the left, they're equally delusional.

Trump's dinner date with Kanye West and Nick Fuentes constitutes a turning point for his Jewish supporters and Republicans in general. Up until now, almost all of the attempts by Democrats to accuse him of antisemitism or of encouraging Jew-hatred have been highly partisan charges that didn't stand up to scrutiny.

After all, Trump didn't actually say the neo-Nazis who marched in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017 were "very fine people" or anything like that. Nor are his complaints about Jewish voters not rewarding him for his historic support for Israel antisemitic, as those who twist his entirely factual comments into a charge of dual loyalty have tried to assert. He not only consistently condemned antisemitism but did far more to combat it on American college campuses than any other president.

Combine all that with his close family ties to Jews, the case for damning Trump as an antisemite or an ally of antisemites simply didn't hold water. And no one who wasn't already convinced that he was the spawn of the devil believed a word of it.

But after the Mar-a-Lago dinner, it's no longer possible to ignore the issue. And it's incumbent on those who have staunchly defended him until now to do the hard thing and concede that he has now done something they wouldn't forgive or forget if it had been a Democratic president or former one who did it.

To their credit, the Zionist Organization of America, which gave Trump its highest award at its New York City dinner earlier this month, did "deplore" his remarks. His former lawyer, David Friedman, who served as U.S. ambassador to Israel from 2017-2021, also tweeted his dismay, and called for his former boss to disavow West and Fuentes.

But the problem here is not just that Trump has granted an unwarranted legitimacy to both West and the even more vile Fuentes. It's that we all know that Trump will never walk this back or make the sort of apology that could help to ameliorate

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the harm he's done.

Trump doesn't believe in apologies.

Part of this stems from a savvy appreciation of how to deal with gaffes or kerfuffles that, in most cases, he made deliberately in order to gain attention or simply to generate outrage among media and political-establishment foes.

In this case, however, there can be no moving beyond an incident about which he can't pretend he wasn't aware of the consequences. Nor can it be put down as just another instance of liberals trying to enforce political correctness with cancel-culture tactics.

To those who might say the dinner is no big deal, the context here is everything. Trump may know West and had hosted him in the White House. But, as questionable as his outreach to the mentally unstable rapper/fashion mogul who has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder was then, it's indefensible now.

Trump should have steered clear of any public connection with such a toxic and destructive personality under any circumstances. But this isn't a routine month for Trump; he just announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination in 2024.

And he has spent a disproportionate amount of time since then seeking to shore up Jewish support, as was indicated by his last-minute decision to make a virtual appearance at the annual Republican Jewish Coalition conference only days before his tête-à-tête with the two antisemites.

It's one thing for him to gripe about Jews who don't prioritize Israel's security voting for Democrats, rather than him or any Republican. It's quite another to do so while associating with a celebrity who is using his influence with the public to mainstream antisemitism.

Nor do Trump's excuses about not knowing who Fuentes was excuse his meeting. As pundit Ben Shapiro tweeted, the best way to avoid a meeting with an antisemite whom you don't know is to avoid contact with one whom you do.

Moreover, it's not as if Trump is unfamiliar with some of the controversies in which Fuentes and his extremist followers (called "Groyppers") have been involved. Fuentes was the focus of controversy in 2019, when conservative pundit Michelle Malkin's support for the YouTube personality/Holocaust denier led the Young America Foundation — a group founded by conservative icon William F. Buckley — to cut ties with her.

The meeting will help Fuentes, a participant in both the 2017 Charlottesville disgrace and "Stop the Steal" rally on Jan. 6, 2021, in his effort to work his way into the mainstream. It will also encourage West to continue with his efforts to speak out on public affairs, rather than seek treatment for his problems.

What this means is that, barring the unlikely event of a full apology and condemnation of West and Fuentes from Trump, no Jewish conservative or Republican can possibly support him again. His accomplishments as president earned him gratitude, but not a lifetime get-out-of-jail-free card with respect to actions that aid antisemites.

Nor should the censure of Trump be diluted by the typical whataboutism of citing the bad behavior of Democrats.

What's worse is the likelihood that some of Trump's devoted supporters will now, as they invariably do, not only dismiss the meeting with West and Fuentes as unimportant, but also dispute the pair's culpability as spreaders of hate.

That is something that will not only add fuel to the fire of the already growing problem of antisemitism. It will also likely become part of the debate about Trump's presidential campaign, as his true believers bash Jews who support his GOP rivals as ingrates.

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What is also clear is that there is no longer a reasonable argument to be made for continued support for Trump based on his stand on Jewish issues. Understanding this is going to be hard for many Jews who have become deeply invested in him and in burnishing his legacy. But unless he miraculously learns how to admit fault, anyone who clings to him can't pretend to be serious about opposing antisemitism. **JE**

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JEWISH PLAYERS AND STORYLINES TO WATCH IN 2022 WORLD CUP

Jacob Gurvis | JTA

IT'S A WORLD CUP like no other in recent memory.

That's because it's taking place in Qatar, where temperatures don't usually fall under 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

The headlines going in have been focused on the country's widely criticized human-rights record. The preparations for the first World Cup hosted in the Arab world have taken years to complete, have cost more than \$200 billion and, according to human-rights organizations around the world, have led to the

deaths of thousands of migrant workers.

Qatar also has no diplomatic relations with Israel, leaving its fans in a somewhat tense situation.

But beneath these headlines, there are other Jewish angles to the world's biggest sports spectacle.

AMERICA HAS TWO JEWISH PLAYERS

Jewish professional men's soccer players from the United States who compete on the world stage are a rare phenomenon. But this year, the U.S. men's national team has two on its roster, including the likely starting goalie.

Matt Turner, a 28-year-old New Jersey native who

didn't seriously begin playing soccer until he was 14, struggled to prove himself through high school, college and the start of his professional career.

After going undrafted in Major League Soccer, he joined the New England Revolution in 2016. In 2020, Turner ascended to the upper echelon of the sport's goalkeepers. He's now the backup keeper for Arsenal F.C., one of the top clubs in England's Premier League.

Turner's father is Jewish and his mother is Catholic, but he identifies more with the Jewish tradition, according to a profile in *The Athletic*. Turner's great-grandparents fled Europe during World War II because they were Jewish; once they arrived at Ellis Island, they changed their name to Turner, he explained on soccer journalist Grant Wahl's podcast. Turner obtained Lithuanian citizenship in 2020.

His teammates playing defense include DeAndre Yedlin, a Seattle native who was raised Jewish but has said he practices Buddhism. Yedlin has a large Hebrew tattoo on his right shoulder in honor of his great-grandparents.

Yedlin, who is of African-American, Native American and Latvian heritage, is in his first year of a four-year contract with the MLS team Inter Miami after spending five seasons with the Premier League's Newcastle United. He is the only player on the U.S. roster with World Cup experience; he served a bench role in 2014.

While Yedlin's playing time this year may not be much different, his off-field presence is seen as an asset.

"He's a glue guy," USMNT coach Gregg Berhalter said. "He's there for the team; he creates atmosphere for the team. Sometimes, he's a shoulder to cry on or to talk to. Other times, he's a motivator."

(A third member of the U.S. team, forward Brendan Aaronson, is not Jewish but occasionally gets questions about his background due to his Ashkenazi-sounding surname.)

Clockwise, from top:

Jose Pekerman
Andres Cantor
Matt Turner
DeAndre Yedlin

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PAIR OF JEWISH ANNOUNCERS BACK

Telemundo's coverage of the tournament, as it has for years, will feature plenty of "gooooaaals."

That's because it includes six-time Emmy award-winner Andres Cantor, the Argentine-Jewish announcer who perhaps is most responsible for popularizing long goal calls in the English-speaking world.

He is being joined by one of his mentees — two-time Emmy nominee Sammy Sadovnik — who has been with Telemundo since 2007 and has covered sports since 1989. He's a proud Jew from Peru who visits Israel every year.

ISRAEL NOT IN TOURNAMENT

Israel's first and only appearance in the World Cup was in 1970. That half-century hiatus is not due to a lack of talent.

It was one of the founding members of the Asian Football Confederation, joining in 1954, and would enjoy international success culminating in winning the 1964 AFC Cup. But Israel's success was overshadowed by geopolitics; many AFC member countries began to boycott playing Israel over time.

In 1958, Israel won its World Cup qualifying group without playing a single opponent due to protests. In 1974, the AFC expelled Israel from the confederation in a 17-13 vote organized by Kuwait.

Israel would wander the soccer desert for two decades before securing full membership in the Union of European Football Association. Israel remains the only UEFA member without any territory in Europe.

That membership brings rigorous competition: Israel is in the same conference as soccer powerhouses like Spain, France and Italy. In the 2022 qualifiers, Israel was grouped with Denmark, also a perennially top-tier team.

Despite the tough competition and frequent antisemitism that Jewish and Israeli players face across Europe, the Israeli Football Association is content where it is.

"We prefer our clubs and national teams playing at the European level," Shlomi Barzel, a spokesman for the IFA, said in 2018. "We find a warm, welcoming and challenging home in Europe."

ISRAELIS IN QATAR AN EXCEPTION

Israelis normally aren't allowed into Qatar, and direct flights from Israel aren't allowed into the Muslim-majority country. But for the World Cup, Qatar announced that it would allow direct flights from Tel Aviv to its capital Doha for Israeli fans, and depending on Israeli government approval, for Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as well.

Moreover, Israeli diplomats have been permitted to offer support to Israelis during the World Cup, which will be crucial since Qatar — part of the Association of Gulf Jewish Communities — has a limited Jewish communal presence. Chapters of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement normally help Jewish tourists procure kosher food and offer other support, but the closest Chabad center in the region is in the United Arab Emirates.

And while as many as 20,000 Israelis could make the trip, the Israeli government is still urging them to be careful.

"The Iranian team will be in the World Cup, and we estimate that tens of thousands of fans will follow it, and there will be other fans from Gulf countries that we don't have diplomatic relationship with," a senior Israeli diplomat warned fans as part of a Foreign Ministry campaign. "Downplay your Israeli presence and Israeli identity for the sake of your personal security."

AT WORLD CUP, JERUSALEM WARNS VISITORS TO 'DOWNPLAY ISRAELI IDENTITY'

Qatar, which does not normally allow Israelis into the country, is permitting Israeli visitors during the 2022 World Cup, prompting the Israeli government to warn travelers who make the trip to "downplay" their "Israeli identity."

As many as 20,000 Israelis are expected to attend the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, an Arab country run by a Muslim monarchy that does not have diplomatic ties with Israel. It is running in a reduced

timeframe of 29 days with the final to be held on Dec. 18.

Qatar has allowed for new direct flights from Tel Aviv to Doha, its capital, with an Israeli foreign ministry delegation there to help Israeli visitors navigate local laws and customs and avoid any possible tensions with locals.

Despite the unprecedented openness, Israel's Foreign Ministry launched a campaign to urge Israelis to exercise caution, particularly given the presence of Iran, which routinely calls for violence against Israel, at the World Cup. Qatar has close ties with Iran.

"The Iranian team will be in the World Cup and we estimate that tens of thousands of fans will follow it, and there will be other fans from Gulf countries that we don't have diplomatic relationship with," said Lior Haiat, a senior Israeli diplomat, according to The Associated Press, as the Foreign Ministry launched a website on the topic.

Haiat urged Israeli visitors to hide Israeli symbols, which could include Israeli flags or other things outwardly showing a Star of David. While an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 Israelis have bought tickets to the quadrennial event, only 3,500 will be using their Israeli passports to make the trip, reported The Jerusalem Post.

"Downplay your Israeli presence and Israeli identity for the sake of your personal security," Haiat said.

The campaign also advised against public displays of drunkenness and homosexual relationships, both of which are illegal in Qatar, which has been hit with widespread criticism over its human-rights record ahead of the World Cup.

While some of Qatar's Arab neighbors, including the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, have signed recent normalization agreements with Israel (the Abraham Accords were established in the fall of 2020), Qatar has said that it will avoid negotiations with Israel until it sees a path forward for the creation of a Palestinian state. **JE**

— Jacob Gurvis

Jewish professional men's soccer players from the United States who compete on the world stage are a rare phenomenon. But this year, the U.S. men's national team has two on its roster, including the likely starting goalie.





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A BRITISH TASTE OF THE HOLIDAY

Chanukah Brings Out the Oil and the Good Cheer

Ethel G. Hofman | Special to the JE

Ah, Chanukah — the holiday when we eat fried foods to commemorate the miracle of the oil.

The eight-day “Festival of Lights,” which begins this year on the eve of Sunday, Dec. 18 and ends on the evening of Dec. 26 (always starting on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev), celebrates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his four brothers over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 BCE. The Syrian-Greeks had forbidden Jews from practicing their religion while trying to impose the paganism of the Hellenistic world.

After the Holy Temple in Jerusalem was desecrated, there was only enough oil for one nightly lighting of the menorah. But the small amount of oil miraculously lasted for eight days. Today, Chanukah represents a triumph of light over darkness — a time to show Jewish pride. We light the menorah, spin the dreidel and feast on delicacies fried in oil.

Growing up on the remote Shetland Islands, on the first night of the holiday, we dined on battered fish, usually fresh cod, along with chips — thick, hand-cut potato sticks (more like jumbo French fries) cooked up in oil. On following nights, we ate traditional Eastern European fare: potato latkes, blintzes, kugels and fresh, hot doughnuts dredged in powdered sugar with a side dish of homemade rhubarb jam.

To deep-fry items, use a frying basket that fits into the pot and allows you to remove food from the hot oil without the use of utensils; it’s safer and less messy. For accurate temperatures, it’s best to invest in a glass, deep-fry candy thermometer (about \$10).

If you don’t have a thermometer, test the oil by dropping a 1-inch square of bread into it. If it takes 60 seconds to brown, then the oil is ready. Or test the oil with the stick end of a wooden spoon; it’s ready when bubbles form around the stick. If bubbling hard, however, the oil is too hot and needs to cool a bit. The oil should never be smoking hot.



Happy Chanukah!

Beer-Battered Fish (Pareve)

Serves 6

Cook’s tips:

*Substitute Old Bay seasoning for paprika.

*Leftovers may be reheated to crisp in an air fryer or 375-degree oven.

- 2 pounds tilapia fillets cut in half lengthwise**
- 1 cup all-purpose flour**
- 1 teaspoon each salt, freshly ground pepper and paprika**
- 1 egg, lightly beaten**
- ¾ cup beer**
- Vegetable oil (or oil of choice) for frying**

Pat the tilapia dry with paper towels. Set it aside.

Prepare the batter: In a medium bowl, stir the flour, salt, pepper and paprika. Add the egg and beer; whisk it to a smooth batter. Set it aside.

Pour enough oil into a large heavy pot until about 2 to 3 inches deep. Heat the oil to 375 degrees F. Quickly dip the tilapia into the batter, then gently place it in the hot oil. Do not crowd it. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes until the tilapia is a nice golden brown.

Serve the fish hot with hand-cut

chips (recipe below).

Hand-Cut Chips (Pareve)

Serves 4-6

Cook’s tips:

*Idaho/russet potatoes are the best due to high starch and low moisture content.

*Soaking removes excess potato starch, which prevents fries from sticking together and helps maximize crispness.

*Keep the oil on a back burner away from kids. Hot oil causes serious burns.

- 3 Idaho potatoes, scrubbed**
- Vegetable oil (or oil of choice) for frying**
- Kosher salt (optional)**

Cut the potatoes in half lengthwise. With the cut side down, cut them into thick sticks.

Place the sticks in a large bowl, and cover them with cold water. Soak them for 2 to 3 hours or overnight in the fridge. Drain well. Place them on a large baking sheet lined with paper towels. Pat dry.

In a large heavy pot, heat 2 inches of oil over medium heat to 300 degrees F.

Add the potatoes, and cook for 4

to 5 minutes to soften. Do not overcrowd. Remove and drain them on paper towels. Turn up the heat. The oil should not be smoking hot.

Add the potatoes, and cook them for 3 to 4 minutes longer until the fries are golden and crisp.

Drain the fries on paper towels. Sprinkle them lightly with salt. Serve hot.

Crunchy Zucchini Sticks (Dairy)

Makes 24

Cook’s tips:

*Bell peppers may be used instead of zucchini.

*No panko? Process the bread in a food processor. Depending on thickness, 2 slices give about ¾ cup.

- 3 medium zucchini**
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil (or oil of choice)**
- 1 egg**
- ¾ cup panko**
- ⅓ cup Parmesan cheese**
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley**
- 1½ teaspoons freshly ground pepper**

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Spray it with nonstick baking spray.

Trim the zucchini ends. To cut into sticks, cut each zucchini in half, then cut each half in half lengthwise, then



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Philadelphia Ad Man Steve Levine Dies at 84

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

each quarter in half again (about 8 sticks from each zucchini). Set aside.

In a shallow dish, whisk together the oil and egg. In a separate shallow dish, mix the panko, cheese, parsley and pepper.

Dip the zucchini sticks in the egg mixture, then in the panko mixture to coat completely. Place them in a layer, not touching, on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake them in the preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until crispy and golden brown.

Serve with ketchup, marinara sauce or tartar sauce for dipping.

Chewy Flapjacks (Dairy)

Makes 24

Cook's tips:

*British flapjacks are prepared with rolled oats.

*To make the recipe pareve, substitute margarine for butter.

*Crumbled flapjacks can be sprinkled over fruit or ice cream.

2 sticks (½ pound)

1 cup brown sugar, packed

5 tablespoons honey

3½ cups instant rolled oats

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 8-inch-by-8-inch baking dish with parchment paper or foil, extending an inch or so above the rim. Spray it lightly with nonstick baking spray.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the sugar and honey; mix it to blend well. Do not boil it. Remove it from the heat. Stir in the oats, about 1 cup at a time, mixing well.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared dish, pressing down evenly with a wooden spoon.

Bake it in a preheated oven for 25 minutes. The flapjacks will be soft. Cool them in a dish for 45 minutes to firm.

Cut the flapjacks into squares. Cool them completely in the fridge. When cooled, remove the flapjacks from the parchment paper.

Store them in the fridge in a tightly lidded container. Flapjacks freeze well. **JE**

Ethel G. Hofman is a syndicated American Jewish food and travel columnist, author and culinary consultant.

Steve Levine was such a successful ad man that, when the television series “Mad Men” became a hit, The Philadelphia Inquirer interviewed him about the industry.

The Jewish Philadelphian pitched Donald Trump for Trump Organization business, Barron Hilton for Hilton Hotels Corp. business and various other big names. He was a real-life Don Draper, the main character of “Mad Men” played by Jon Hamm — though the real-life pitch sessions were far less dramatic than their fictional counterparts in the show, according to Levine’s son David.

But for a man who moved to Philadelphia as a young man and stayed in the area for most of his life, no pitch mattered more than the one he made to Phillies President Bill Giles in 1979. Giles said the Phillies, who had fallen short of the World Series in recent years with two 100-plus win teams, would not have the money to sign Pete Rose, the hit king who would likely become Major League Baseball’s first-ever \$1 million man. Levine responded with an idea.

“Why don’t we call some of our clients to get some endorsement money to see if that will help?” he asked.

They came up with about \$150,000 in endorsement deals to add to the offer. Rose signed and helped the talented Phillies win the 1980 World Series.

The ad man who played a small but important role in bringing a World Series to Philadelphia died on Oct. 29 in South Florida. He was 84.

Levine is survived by his wife Susan Bodner Levine; children Lisa Levine (Eddie), Janet Steinman (Ray), David Levine and Lauren Sager (Dan); and eight grandchildren. The real-life Draper was born on Aug. 22, 1938, to Jacob and Lillian Sutin Levine in Albany, New York. As a kid, he attended Camp Ramah and graduated from Albany High School in 1956 and Syracuse University in 1960.

Levine worked for Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati before arriving in Philadelphia to join the marketing firm of Kalish, Agnew, Spiro and Rice. He



Steve Levine with his wife Susan Bodner Levine

later worked for Elkman Advertising and Counselor Films.

“If he met you, he made you feel like you were the only person in the room,” David Levine said.

Advertising was Levine’s profession, but Judaism and Israel may have been his passions. As his son explained in an email, “Steve’s influence on the Jewish community of Philadelphia was profound.” Levine served on the board of directors for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Jewish Exponent and the Akiba Hebrew Academy (now the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy). The family belonged to Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley.

But as an American child who was born as the Holocaust was starting in Europe, and who came of age in the years following World War II, Levine maintained a particular devotion to Israel. The Jewish state was born in its modern form in 1948, and Levine “fell in love” with it as a child, his son said.

This mindset was ingrained in him by his father Jacob, who escaped pogroms in Ukraine, landed in Israel and then immigrated to the United States. But it was in Israel, even before it was the Jewish state, where Jacob found peace and stability. Jacob Levine stayed in touch with the people he met there even after moving to the U.S. He became an avid Zionist and passed the enthusiasm

down to his son.

“He was such an avid Zionist to the point where I couldn’t say anything that he didn’t believe in without him correcting me,” said David Levine of his father. “He knew so many people who were involved in the origins of Israel.”

Steve Levine visited Israel several times and even brought the Jewish state into his home here. When David Levine was young, his family took in an Israeli exchange student for a year. Steve Levine’s devotion, passed down from his father, continued into the next generation. All of his kids have now visited Israel, too, except for David Levine.

But in the years before his dad died, David Levine was able to spend quality time with him to talk about the older man’s experiences. He heard about the advertising war stories, the service to the Jewish community and the commitment to the Jewish state. The son is not quite sure why he hasn’t gone to Israel. Now though, he is pretty sure that he wants to.

“I’m the only one in the family who hasn’t,” he said.

As a kid, David Levine, now 52, attended the clinching game of the 1980 World Series. But he did not realize that his father had played a role.

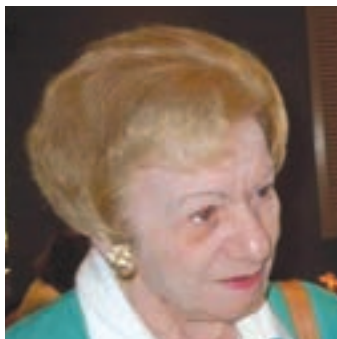
“It wasn’t until later in life that I really understood the impact,” he said. **JE**

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BLUMBERG

JUDY, 63, passed on November 13th, 2022. Survived by her mother Claire Blumberg-Schein, (nee Steinman), her sister Susan Blumberg De Castro, and her brother Steven Blumberg. Loved by many, Judy was a fixture in the Northeast Philadelphia community. A graduate of Northeast High and Community College of Philadelphia, Judy worked in online sales, and was seeking her real estate license. She was a volunteer for the 7th Police District Advisory Council and was a committee person for the 56th Ward. Judy was a poll worker for the Philadelphia Board of Elections. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania SPCA, or a charity of choice.

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KESSLER

ROSALYN (nee Wexler), passed away on November 7th, 2022, at 96 years old. The daughter of Max and Ida Wexler. Beloved mother of David (Debbie) and Stephen (Anne); grandmother of Brandon Kessler, Daniel Kessler, Brooke (Alexander) Huddleston, Nicole (Mark) Norman; great grandmother of Grace and Ryan Norman. Loving aunt of Tari Shapiro, Lynn (Tom) Mann, and Susan (Alan) Steinberg. She is predeceased by her brother Joseph, nephew Barry Wexler, nieces Paulene Gonzalez and Sharon Wexler, and sister-in-law Phyllis (Daniel) Yudof. Rosalyn was born in 1926 to parents who fled the Czar's pogroms near Kyiv in 1910. Growing up in the Olney section of Philadelphia she was one of the Greatest Generation. She lived through Pearl Harbor and saw her high school classmate's sacrifices to keep our nation free. As a loving sister she helped her brother Joseph with his family after his World War II Navy service ended. She was one of many to start the baby boom generation in 1950's suburbia in Levittown, Pa. Later moving back to Philadelphia to raise her two sons with invaluable aid from her parents. She started her career in the claims department of Royal Insurance. Excelling in her career she was promoted to Dept Manager. After the company reorganized, she took on the role of executive secretary. She feared the new computer technology that her company had adopted but soon became the go-to expert that her colleagues relied upon. Rosalyn relocated to Johnson City, TN, to be closer to her son David and his family who gave her loving care in her golden years. She enjoyed a long 30-year retirement, reading, rooting for her beloved Eagles football team and a new passion of golf. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GORENSTEIN

JOEL-Passed away on November 18, 2022. Husband of Michelle Gorenstein (nee Freedman). Father of Sarah Rachel Gorenstein. Son of Lenore and the late Fred Gorenstein. Brother of Scott Gorenstein. Contributions in his memory may be made to Gift of Life Donor Program, www.donors1.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

LEVIN

SANDRA (nee Weiner), November 19, 2022, of Henrico, VA; beloved wife of Robert Levin; loving moth-

er of Alison Levin and Jared Levin (Stephanie). In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sandra's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).

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METZGER

ANNETTE (Nettie)-Of Atlantic City, NJ and Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Philadelphia, PA, passed away on Friday, Nov 18, 2022 at the age of 89 after recently being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Nettie was the beloved daughter of the late Samuel and Birdie Wallace, and wife of the late Harold Metzger. She is survived by her children Scott Klein (Sheri), Stacey Smith (Paul), Adam Klein (Jim Walsh), Richard Metzger (Donald Curinga), her sister in life and best friend, Jeanne Rabben (Bob), her sibling Lucky Kejha (Joseph). She is predeceased by her sister Chris Schnabel (Marvin), and her brother Raphael Wallace (Florence). In addition to her children, she is also survived by her grandchildren Amanda Magaziner, Danielle Smith, Lauren Platt, Harrison Klein, Louis Curinga, Veronica Curinga, as well as many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Samaritan Hospice of New Jersey (samaritannj.org) or a charity of the donor's choice.

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NIPON

ALBERT, 95 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully of natural causes on November 20, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Albert was born to parents Louis and Sara Nipon, on September 11, 1927, in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Albert graduated from West Philadelphia High School where he was a star athlete, excelling in both football and track and field. He continued his athletic pursuits while serving our country in the Army for 18 months, ultimately as a Sergeant. He often reminisced about competing against elite football players like Ollie Kline and George Taliaferro while in the Army. He received a degree in Accounting from Temple University in 1951, where he was 4-year varsity letter winner in football, wrestling and track and field. He was also a member of Pi Lam Fraternity. Albert met his wife Pearl in 1952 when he threw her fully clothed into a swimming pool in Atlantic City, NJ. Thereafter, he sang "you are my sunshine" to her each night until she predeceased him in 2018 at the age of 90. Together, they raised a large and loving family and built a successful fashion business. Albert, as the head of business, and Pearl, as the head of design, built one of fashion's most prolific and elegant design houses, the one which bears his name. Started in 1972, The Albert Nipon label was known for celebrating both femininity and the power of women in the workplace. Albert was always most proud of the international prominence of his company and that unlike most other fashion houses, was based in Philadelphia. Albert will be remembered as the dashing figure behind the line that bears his name, yet the more important legacy are his love of his wife Pearl of 65 years, and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a family man first, instilling in his children the values of "physical and mental exercise as the fountain of youth", of "show me don't tell me", and of following the Golden Rule. He credits his perspective of life to his own parents who lost a son during the pogroms, emigrated from Russia during the first world war and raised their four sons on Rodney Street in Philadelphia. Their hard work and love of family instilled values in Albert that would last a lifetime. Albert was a life-long Philadelphia Eagles fan. Even when his health was failing, friends and family would join him in his home on Sunday to watch his Eagles and enjoy his traditional bagels and lox brunch. He waited ninety years for the Eagles to win a Superbowl and in 2018, he and Pearl celebrated that victory on the streets of his beloved city of Philadelphia. Albert is survived by his son Larry and his wife Lois; his son Leon; his son Andrew and his wife Nancy (Easton) and his daughter Barbara Joy and her husband Craig Spencer; and his grandchildren Max Nipon and wife Irissa, Zach Nipon and wife Marli,

Arielle Spencer and husband Caleb Hodge, Taylor Spencer, Max Spencer, Jake Spencer, William Nipon, Sadie Nipon, Zane Nipon and his great granddaughter, Noa Nipon. The family will hold a private ceremony and put Albert to eternal rest with his beloved Pearl.

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PRUSKY

Paul M., MD Passed away on November 21 at his home in Haverford, PA, at the age of 91. Beloved husband for 68 years to Susan Mandel Prusky; devoted father of Jonathan Prusky (Leslie Lieberman), Naomi Prusky (Rabbi David Levin), and Steven Prusky (Naama Yarden); Doting grandfather/"Paca Paul" to Alana (Matt Fowler), Rebecca (Jake Dersovitz) Melissa, Sara, Annie (Dayton Williams), Talia, Shira, Jake and Isaac, and great-grandfather to Dashiell. Paul graduated from Harvard Medical School, educated himself about the stock market, and ultimately started his money management firm, which he ran for six decades. In addition to his family and work, he loved MSNBC, the New York Times, his wife and daughter's matzah ball soup, and chopped liver. Donations can be made in Paul's honor to the Rescue Task Force, 25 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003. www.rescue task force.org

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RIEDER

MIRIAM "Mimi" (nee Schmerling) age 95, passed away November 16, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Robert Rieder. Loving mother of Ross Rieder (Vicki Gershon), Dr. Carolyn Rieder (Gary), and

Judi Rieder-Siegel (Larry Siegel). Adoring grandmother of Rich Siegel (Dori), Shelly Magnes (Andy), Nathan Rieder, and great-grandmother of Miriam, Valerie, Zoe, and Tyler. Contributions in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood.

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RAYMOND-November 17, 2022 of Philadelphia, PA. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn (nee Gonsbery); loving father of Leslie Rotman Sackman (Dr. Scott Sackman) and Dr. Eric Rotman (Risa); adoring grandfather of Mariel, Lola, and Morgan; devoted brother of Irving Rotman (Norma) and the late Seymour and the late Irma. Raymond taught history at Fels High School for 41 years. He also worked at Fleet's Men's and Boys while teaching and continued past his retirement from Fels High School. Funeral services were held Monday Nov. 21 with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

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SACK

SYLVIA (nee Aronowitz), died on November 18, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Leon Sack; devoted mother of Carol Denmark (Bill), Robin Meyerowitz (Rabbi Allan), and Sherrie Berman (Joel); also survived by 8 loving grandchildren and 21 loving great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the National The Parkinson's Foundation, 200 Southeast First St., Suite 800, Miami FL 33131 or to a charity of the donors choice.

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SILVER

SANFORD, Nov. 12, 2022. Father of Michael (Debera) Silver, Larry (Lisa) Silver, Dr. Dave (Diana) Silver, and Diane Weiser. Grandfather of Ilana Weiser, Cory (Julie) Weiser, Lisa McLeod, Nate(Maria) Silver, Chris Silver, Joe, Daniel, Debbie, Samuel Silver, Ben, Andy, Emily and Salena Silver. Great Grandfather of Emryk Weiser, Blake, Bradley McLeod, Isaiah and Daniel Silver. He was married to Rose Kurtz from 1960 – 1981. Ethel Weiner was Mr. Silver's partner for 25 years. Mr. Silver was born in Philadelphia in 1933. He grew up in the Strawberry Mansion section

of the city along with two siblings, Jay and Danny. He was a lifelong resident of the Philadelphia/ South Jersey area and lived in Northeast Philadelphia for the previous 35 years. He attended Philadelphia public schools and graduated from Northeast High School. He attended secondary education at Temple University garnering a bachelor's degree in Journalism and a master's degree plus 30 hours in Education. He served as an Army Commander during the post Korean war campaign until 1955. He continued his service in the Army Reserve until 1961. He was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal. Upon his discharge from the army, he returned to Philadelphia and began his career as a teacher. All tolled, he had more than a 30 year tenure in the Philadelphia school system. He worked at facilities such as Simon Gratz School, Washington High School and spent the bulk of his career as a Social Studies teacher at Lincoln High School in the Northeast. After retirement from teaching, he participated in an array of vocational and special interest pursuits including the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers; local and national Democratic party volunteer work; and the Veterans Administration. His primary special interest was the Jewish War Veterans organizations. He was

a member of VFW Post 6617 and American Legion Post 810. He was elected Post Commander of Kelkey-Blatt Post 575 Jewish War Veterans in Philadelphia. He was also appointed Commander of the Pennsylvania state Jewish War Veterans. In Lieu of flowers, Contributions in his memory can be made to: Jewish War Veterans of the United States, 1811 R Street NW Washington, DC 20009

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SILVERSTEIN

RONALD M. on November 21, 2022. Loving father of Alan Silverstein (Amanda Alexander). Ronald was predeceased by his parents Albert and Rachel (Lurie) and brother Larry. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Stroke Association (stroke.org).

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WAGMAN

IRMA MAY (nee Blecher) on November 17, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Sydney S.; Loving mother of Barbara Winnick and Lorraine Algazy (Kenneth); Devoted grandmother of Jeffrey, Debbie (Josh),

Marla (Jay), and Keith (Robyn). Also survived by 7 adoring great-grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to National Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Ste 800, Miami, FL 33131 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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WOLF

EVELYN BERNICE (nee Cohen) 95, of Plymouth Meeting, PA died on November 17, 2022. Only child of the late Jacob and Frieda Cohen. Wife of the late Bert Wolf. Mother of Charles (Susan Newman) and the late Mitchell (Nancy Wolf Sussman/ Robert Barralough); Mommom to Jake (Andrea), Dara (Eric), Jillian (Jimmy), Marisa (Michael), and Danielle (Steven); Gigi to Lana, Maya, Ryan, Scarlett, Lillian, Kiera, Grace and Henry; Aunt Ev to many. Evelyn grew up in Baltimore where she appeared on Bowling for Dollars in her thirties. She was a hospital switchboard operator, jewelry salesperson and later retired from real estate in her eighties. Evelyn thrived socializing with family and friends involving varied activities or extensive travel. She continued to earn Bridge Masterpoints in her nineties. Memorial donations to the Horsham Center for Jewish Life preferred.





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What's happening at ... Spruce Street Minyan

Spruce Street Minyan a Patchwork of Young Jews

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

If the United States is the “melting pot” — a combination of disparate traditions and cultures blended into one — then perhaps Spruce Street Minyan could be considered a melting pot for millennial and Generation Z Jews.

During its monthly gatherings, about 50-100 young Jews, mainly young professionals and graduate students, convene on Friday night at their rented space at the Philadelphia Ethical Society in Rittenhouse Square and participate in lay-led, egalitarian services, blending the traditions and rituals that its diverse membership grew up with.

“We have people who most frequently attend the Modern Orthodox shuls in Philadelphia, such as Mekor Habracha, or the South Philly Shtiebel that will come to our events, even if they didn’t necessarily grow up going to egalitarian services,” minyan board member Doug Russ said. “We have people who grew up Conservative, Reform or even unaffiliated, and we try to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible.”

During services, phones go off and are put away to be sensitive to attendees who are shomer Shabbos. For every potluck kiddush, there are kosher and kosher-style buffet tables for the respective dishes to accommodate those keeping kosher, though everyone dines together. In addition to monthly services, the group hosts happy hours and picnics, which for some members, “may be the Jewish thing they do,” Russ said.

“Because we’re entirely volunteer-led, the leaders of the service change,” board member Talia Berday-Sacks said. “So we’re always trying to showcase a different person who might represent a different community.”

Composed of transplants to the city or young people who are just starting to call Philadelphia home, Spruce Street Minyan takes an “organic” approach to its programming, prioritizing engagement and the changing social needs of its community.

“What’s really cool about Philly is



Spruce Street Minyan members at a summer happy hour event

Courtesy of Talia Berday-Sacks

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there are so many small, grassroots groups that fulfill really, really specific niches, and you can enable them to survive and thrive if that’s what you’re looking to do,” Berday-Sacks said. “I mean, we are here; we’ve been around for five years.”

Before its regular Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Ethical Society, Spruce Street Minyan had its beginnings in 2016 at a predictable location: Spruce Street, in an apartment nestled in the Gayborhood rented by two recent college graduates, Gabi Wachs and Lilli Flink.

Wachs grew up in Philadelphia and attended Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El; she met Flink, a Chicago native, at

Barnard College, and the two relocated to Philadelphia, where they spent their weekends fruitlessly trying to find a spiritual space they clicked with.

They finally decided to host Shabbat services at a potluck dinner at their apartment, and, after a few months of consistent gathering, the makeshift minyan had swelled and outgrown the Spruce Street place.

Though Spruce Street Minyan is no longer located on its eponymous street, the group hasn’t strayed far from its roots. The goal is still to bring together young Jewish people in search of connections.

“It’s really meaningful to help forge

those connections,” Russ said. “And people keep coming back because I think they really derive a lot of spiritual meaning out of it, but also build a lot of community from it, too.”

When Tova Perlman graduated from her graduate program at the University of Pennsylvania in 2021, she looked for both a spiritually and socially fulfilling Jewish space before she found Spruce Street Minyan.

“In general, it’s hard to make friends post-college,” she said. “It’s hard to have gathering spaces where you see the same people over and over again and build those relationships.”

Jewish 20- and 30-somethings in Philadelphia have had success in building community, largely because it’s a small, big city, Perlman said. She’ll see the people she met at Spruce Street Minyan again at Moishe House or Tribel2 events, cementing connections that would have otherwise remained fleeting.

Particularly during the pandemic, Perlman said, “peripheral friendships” — the casual relationships one has through work or a shared interest — became near impossible to find.

“Spruce Street has provided a good platform for building my network again, which I really appreciate,” she said.

Russ said that in addition to providing opportunities in the evening to shmooze, the potluck after services has resulted in such lively conversation that minyan attendees have stayed until after 10 p.m., at which point they were asked to leave because the Ethical Society building was closing.

This enthusiasm is necessary to sustain Spruce Street Minyan. Made up primarily of a demographic that is in a transitional time in their lives, the group experiences a decent amount of turnover. The minyan relies on young people whose lives have been enriched by the small spiritual community.

“We exist,” Berday-Sacks said, “because of really dedicated members who give back.” **JE**

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Lifting Each Other Up

By Rabbi Shawn Zevit

Parshat Vayetze

Following the stealing of his brother Esav's blessing from their father Yitzhak at the behest of his mother Rivka, Yaakov escaped the threat of violence sworn by his brother and retreated to the land his mother came from.

On his journey of several weeks, Yaakov had an important dream that symbolized to him his mission in life — a ladder stretching between the earthly world and the spiritual universe, with “angels going up and down.”

For the medieval philosopher Moshe ben Maimonides (The RaMBaM), angels were forms of intelligence through which Divinity is expressed and guides us. Human consciousness is seen as a form of an “angel” — containers of Godly awareness and guidance. Rabbi Rami Shapiro, a contemporary rabbi, writes poetically that,

“Angels are another name for feelings
When we love and act with kindness
We create angels of love and kindness ...

When we hate and act with violence
We create angels of hate and violence.
It is our job to fill our world with
angels of love

Messengers of kindness

That link people together as one family.”

Yaakov awakes from his dream in awe of the Place (“Hamakom” — another name in our tradition for Divinity) he has been, stating that “God was in or is this place, and I, I didn’t get it!”

We elevate this moment as one of the grand spiritual awakenings in the Torah and pivotal moments in Yaakov’s life. The vision of angels going up to heaven and back down, and God bearing witness to it all is transcendent. Yet even though these, angels, messengers and the message itself, produce some awe and gratitude in Yaakov, they do not change his basic character immediately.

Waking from this dream he is still Yaakov — the “heel grabber,” the “negotiator.” Meeting Rachel and then Leah is a key to his true transformation. Love will do what a solitary vision could not. When Yaakov returns to this place 20 years later, he engages with a Divine messenger again, now able

to strive for integrity and truth and wrestle a blessing and a new name out of the encounter — Yisrael.

In our world today, the societies we have developed and even our faith traditions do not on their own guarantee that we are able to translate our technological, economic or scientific advances into actions for the greater good of all. Loving each other, breaking down barriers and walls between us, caring for the earth and uniting for justice and countering hate in all forms are ways we can build a stairway to heaven in this Place — right where we are.

Just as Yaakov needed to learn to be in loving relationship without trickery and deceit, we, too, must wrestle with our own angels and fears to develop caring and compassionate relationships on the road to becoming who we can truly be.

During these times, we have also rallied together, with the support of our siblings from all faiths and communities, to keep our hearts and sacred spaces responsibly open, navigating increased security and COVID health protocols.

Ultimately, it is these relationships that will carry us toward living the dream of peace and a meaningful and sustainable life for all. We need not wait another generation, as Yaakov had to, to come back to the same place and wrestle a blessed outcome of a unifying vision for all humanity and the world.

Let us be strong in our values and lift each other up to become the angels that move both heaven and earth, with the actions and commitments of our own hands and hearts, and the loving sacred relationships we build together along the way. **JE**

Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit is rabbi at Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia 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.



social announcements

BIRTH

MAYA LIOR SNYDER

Alan and Sheila Snyder of Bensalem and Mark and Rhonna Shatz of West Bloomfield, Michigan, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Lior Snyder, daughter of Dr. Allison Snyder and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Scott Snyder and sister of Sophia Lily of Rockville, Maryland.

Maya Lior was born on Aug. 19. Sharing in the joy are great-grandmother Ledra Sachs; aunt and uncle Qiaoyan and Ben Rosenberg; cousin Leib Rosenberg; aunt and uncle Stacey and Josh Hirsch; and cousin Aaron Hirsch.



Photo by Allison Snyder

MARRIAGE

ASSOUR-KIRSCHNER

Merle and Isaac Assour of Huntingdon Valley and Hope and Lee Kirschner of Bala Cynwyd announce the marriage of their children, Danielle Lily Assour and Bryan Aaron Kirschner on Nov. 12. The ceremony took place at the 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

Danielle graduated from Penn State University, earning her degree in advertising and communications. She works in digital marketing.

Bryan is also a graduate of Penn State University and works as a special education teacher at Perelman Jewish Day School.

Sharing in their happiness are siblings Hannah Assour and Ben Assour and Brittany Rosen (Blake).

Danielle is the granddaughter of Gloria and Edwin Concors, z’l, and Marselle and Amram Assour, z’l. Bryan is the grandson of Sharon and Paul Feigenbaum, z’l, and Beverly Yanoff, z’l.

The couple resides in Center City and will take their honeymoon in December to Dubai, Kenya and Tanzania.



Courtesy of the Assour family

DECEMBER 2–DECEMBER 8



SATURDAY, DEC. 3

JOE BUCHANAN CONCERT

A Texas native, Joe Buchanan makes Jewish Americana music. Buchanan's music highlights the values, Torah and history of the Jewish people, and he will perform at 7 p.m., following a meet and greet, at Temple Sholom in Broomall. **Contact 610-356-5165 or community@temple-sholom.org for more information. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.**

Relief Agency's pre-distribution preparation from 10 a.m.-noon. During this time, volunteers will tape boxes, pack toiletries and assemble family-friendly food bags. **For more information about JRA's volunteer schedule, visit jewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia.**

YIDDISH SHMOOZE GROUP

If you've got the chutzpah, get off your tuches and join Congregation Kol Ami for casual conversations and programs in Yiddish. Yiddish Shmooze Group will meet on Zoom from 10:30-11:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, through June. **Register: kolaminj.shulcloud.com/event/yiddishgroup.**

SHARED HISTORY PROJECT

Join Temple Sholom for "The Shared History Project: 1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands," open to the public, from 4-8 p.m. **To attend, RSVP to Marissa Kimmel at community@temple-sholom.org. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.**

OPEN A BOOK ...
OPEN YOUR MIND

The Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the Department of Lifelong Learning proudly present "Open a Book ... Open Your Mind." At 7 p.m., author W. Jack Romberg will present "A Doorway to Heroism." Admission is \$18 per author or \$180 for the series. **For reservations, email us at openabook@harziontemple.org or go to harziontemple.org. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.**

LIVE PERFORMANCE

A riveting, thought-provoking one-man show at 7 p.m. at the Penn Museum, "In Between" portrays the complexities and contradictions inherent in a Palestinian-Israeli identity through the eyes of Ibrahim Miari, the son of a Palestinian Muslim father and a Jewish Israeli mother. **Visit penn.museum/calendar/1388/in-between for more information. 3260 South St., Philadelphia. JE**

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

NESHAMA BAND KABBALAT SHABBAT

Join Beth Sholom Congregation's Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Cantor Jacob Agar and the band at 6 p.m. for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring the Neshama Band. The community is welcome to attend. **Call 215-887-1342 for information. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Sisterhood of Congregation Kol Ami is holding a gift gala. Vendors will have one-of-a kind items including Judaica, jewelry, clothing and accessories, beauty, gifts for pets and family and more. **For more information, contact sisterhoodgiftgala@kolaminj.org. 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.**

GRATZ COLLEGE LECTURE

Join Gratz College at Main Line Reform Temple as we offer two courses (live and online) on fascinating and timely constitutional

topics, including "Chabad Menorahs and the American Public Square" and "Dobbs and Beyond," beginning at 9:30 a.m. and including a bagel breakfast. **For more information, contact Mindy Cohen, 215-635-7300, ext. 155, or mcohen@gratz.edu. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.**

MONDAY, DEC. 5

HOLOCAUST LECTURE

The concentration camp at Buchenwald was opened by the Nazis in 1937. Prisoners were subjected to dramatic nutritional insufficiency and disease over an extended period. South Jersey Holocaust Coalition is pleased to present this workshop on Buchenwald with former Army medic Tim Kiniry and scholar Donald Marsh, beginning at 4:30 p.m. **Contact holocaustcoalition@gmail.com or 856-696-4445 for more information.**

SISTERHOOD VIRTUAL BINGO

The Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is hosting a virtual bingo on Zoom on two consecutive Mondays: Dec. 5 and

12, starting at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$36 per person and includes two cards for eight games of bingo each night. We are also offering a \$5 50/50 that will be called on each night. **For further information, call the CSS office at 215-677-1600 and ask for Gerry or Nancy.**

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

BINGO WITH BARRY

Join Barry at Tabas KleinLife for an afternoon of bingo at 12:45 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 7. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on Dec. 7. **For more information, call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

DJ KARAOKE

Join KleinLife Rhawnhurst every Wednesday for DJ Karaoke with Barry at 2 p.m., following a \$1 kosher lunch. **Call 215-745-3127 to reserve lunch. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.**

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

JRA FOOD PACKING

Volunteers will assist with Jewish

Out & About



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1 Jiffy Lube honored KleinLife volunteer Michelle McCurdy with a year of free vehicle maintenance. 2 The OceanFirst Foundation awarded a \$12,500 grant to The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties. 3 Abrams Hebrew Academy students celebrated the Phillies during the team's World Series run. 4 Congregation Beth El - Ner Tamid in Broomall hosted the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' eighth annual Hersh Muchnick Leadership Development Institute. 5 The Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood hosted an exhibit about basketball legend Kobe Bryant, who grew up on the Main Line. 6 Patti First was named the Beth Sholom Congregation's Sisterhood Torah Fund Honoree at a luncheon held on Nov. 6 in Elkins Park.

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Courtesy of the Abrams Hebrew Academy

Joel Gibbs

‘MAN OF A THOUSAND VOICES,’ DEBUTS SHOW ABOUT JEWISH GRANDFATHER CHARACTER

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

As a recent press release explained, Bucks County-based voice actor Joel Gibbs is starring as Sol Krupnick in “Meet Sol Krupnick,” “an on-stage, theatrical, one-man-show” about a “Jewish kibitzer of undetermined (old) age who shares fun stories about his crazy family, tells classic jokes and offers ‘unique’ observations about the world around him.”

Or, in other words, the 70-year-old Jewish grandfather is performing a one-man show as himself.

“I am indeed Sol Krupnick,” he said.

Gibbs, a longtime congregant at Shir Ami in Newtown who still attends events at the synagogue, opened his show with a recent performance at KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia. About 200 friends and family members came to show their support. But really, they came to laugh. As Gibbs said of the night, “I portrayed the character; I told the stories and jokes; the audience laughed a lot.”

“What else could you possibly want in a show?” he added.

Gibbs also organized a three-camera shoot of the performance to create and distribute marketing materials about it. That will set up the “next phase” and “let the rest of the world know about Sol.” The experienced voice actor, who has appeared in TV and radio ads for “every retail and service category,” according to his press release, hopes to take his one-man-show on the road to local theaters like The Kimmel Center and The Metropolitan Opera House. He is posting videos to Krupnick’s YouTube channel, “Sol Stories,” to promote the character.

Gibbs calls himself the “Man of a Thousand Voices.” He does more than 100 celebrity impressions and has worked on more than 40,000 projects worldwide, according to his press release. He partnered with Billy Crystal,



Julie Andrews and other celebrities on the “Love the Arts in Philadelphia” campaign to promote the city’s cultural institutions.

Krupnick, though, is the culmination of his life’s work, he says.

“Sol is the embodiment of my voices, my acting, my love of storytelling, all put together in one package,” Gibbs explained.

It also may be the most natural assignment he’s ever taken on. Gibbs has a 6-year-old grandson and a 3-year-old granddaughter. He often calls his grandkids on FaceTime and launches

into a routine featuring the characters from “Sesame Street.” He uses puppets, dummies and silly voices or, as he puts it, “all the nonsense.”

“We have a great time,” Gibbs said. “They’ve got a 24/7 perennial performer as their grandfather, and I think they are digging it, too.”

Except this is not just grandfather shtick. It’s the kind of routine Gibbs performs for friends and family members, too, just like he did at KleinLife. The old kibitzer tells stories and jokes; he does impressions; he shares “unique” opinions about the world around him.

As a child, Gibbs enjoyed watching Jewish comedians on “The Ed Sullivan Show.” At 5, he discovered the work of the famous ventriloquist Paul Winchell, who hosted a prime-time show on NBC in the early 1950s. In his press release about Sol Krupnick, Gibbs described discovering Winchell as a life-changing experience. Despite his young age, he assigned “vocal characterizations” to his “many dummies, puppets and marionettes.”

Ever since then, he’s been entertaining. He said that friends, colleagues and audiences alike seem to enjoy his performances. Gibbs has portrayed versions of the Krupnick character for 50 years. But now, at 70, and as an experienced grandpa and kibitzer, he has decided to make him the show’s focal point.

“And overall the small percentage of the world that’s come to know him seems to like him a lot,” Gibbs said.

The performer described the KleinLife show as “a success on every level I could have hoped for.” After it ended, people texted, called and commented on Facebook to tell Gibbs that Krupnick was their favorite Jewish grandfather.

When Gibbs was up there portraying Krupnick, he made people laugh and smile. And he said that’s what performing is all about. He called it “an exceptional feeling” to get that type of reaction from the audience. Not because they were approving of him, but because they were having a good time. The goal, he said, is “to let people spend an evening with Sol, with this character, with this guy, and to just let all our troubles go away.”

“I just enjoy at a very basic level making people laugh and making people happy. It’s joyous for me. It’s joyous for the audience,” Gibbs explained. “Funny is funny, and this is funny. This is making me laugh. This is making me feel good.” **JE**

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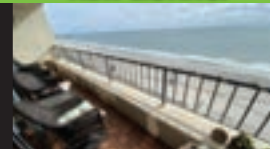
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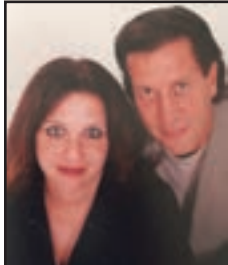
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ESTATE OF HERTA A. TUTTLE Tuttle, Herta A. late of Philadelphia, PA. Barbara Pileggi, 332 Highland Ave., Ambler, PA 19002, Executrix. Andrew I. Roseman, Esquire 1528 Walnut St. Suite 1412 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of Administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against or indebted to the estate should make claims known or forward payment to Bernice Panas, Administratrix, 3064 Edgemont St., Philadelphia, PA 19134 or to their attorney Andrew I. Roseman, Esquire,

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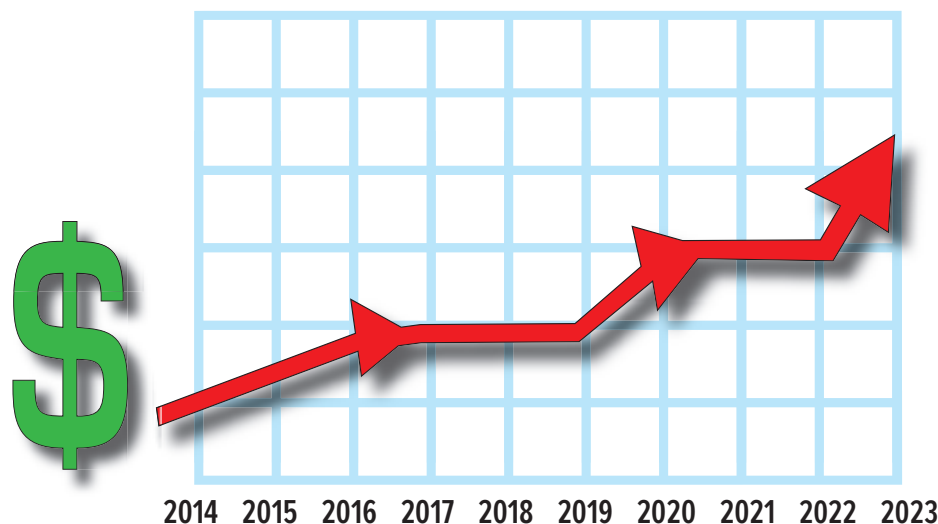
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