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SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

SHARON TAFFET HAS BEEN friends with immunologist and University of Pennsylvania Roberts Family Professor in Vaccine Research Dr. Drew Weissman for 22 years.

Every time she asked his wife how he was doing, Taffet got the same response: "She would always say, 'Oh, Drew's busy saving the world.' It was the same answer for years," said Taffet, who is Weissman's administrative coordinator. "The answer was fascinating because nobody could ever have known how true it would turn out to be."

On Nov. 30, the Franklin Institute announced that Weissman, along with colleague and neurosurgery Professor Katalin Karikó, were among the 2022

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▲ Portraits of the Gratz brothers at the Museum of the American Revolution

Courtesy of the Museum of the American Revolution

Revolution-era Museum Adds Jewish Exhibit

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF-million people lived in the 13 colonies during the late Colonial era, around the time of the American Revolution. Somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 of them were Jewish, according to historians.

But the Colonial Jews made a big

impact, said Mark Turdo, the curator of collections at the Museum of the American Revolution.

They built businesses, supported the revolution and petitioned state governments to allow Jews to hold office. Now, starting at the end of 2021 and continuing through November 2022, that impact will be magnified in an exhibit at the museum.

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JAPANESE SWEET POTATO: MY NEW OBSESSION

Japanese sweet potatoes are a new favorite for food columnist Keri White. They have reddish skins, creamy yellowish flesh and a taste reminiscent of chestnuts. While they're good for baking, White decided to roast them instead with only a bit of olive oil, salt and pepper. She proclaimed the result "delicious." Check Philacatessen for the recipe, and check the blog regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.

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New Events Replace Old Favorites on Christmas

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CHRISTMAS DOESN'T just entail Chinese food and movies for Jews anymore.

The pandemic has turned many traditions on their head in 2020, and 2021's lineup of things to do on Christmas has changed as well. For those looking to switch up the usual tried-and-true Christmas to do, there are options around the city on how to spend the day.

However, along with new possibilities for Jews to find some cheer on Dec. 24 and 25, some old favorites have gone missing.

Regardless of how one plans to spend the day, they can take comfort knowing they have a few options.

Missed Traditions

After 30-plus years of hosting the singles event MatzoBall in the Philadelphia area, the event has dropped the ball this year. Though MatzoBall will take place in six U.S. cities on Christmas Eve this year, Philadelphia will not be one of them.

Founder Andrew Rudnick declined to comment on why.

But this isn't the first year Philadelphia has missed out on the party. In 2020, MatzoBall went virtual, holding an online speed dating event, but holding off on an in-person party. In 2019, Voyeur Nightclub in Philadelphia hosted the event.

In previous years, MatzoBall was hugely popular among Jewish singles, said David Finger of Wilmington. Finger attended the MatzoBall in Philadelphia for several years in the 1990s. He even met a lawyer there one year whom he dated for several months.

In the '90s, MatzoBall was held at the now-defunct Aztec Club on Delaware Avenue, along with several other clubs



▲ Moo Shu Jew Show, a comedy night and accompanying Chinese food dinner on Christmas Eve, used to be sponsored by the Gershman Y. Courtesy of Gershman Y



▲ Jewish Relief Agency, which assists 6,000 low-income Philadelphia-area families, is holding the Caring Cards program for food box recipients. Courtesy of Jewish Relief Agency

“A lot of the people that we serve are older, live alone and are struggling with isolation. So taking some time out of your day ... to send a little light into someone else's world can be really useful.”

JENNY RUBIN

on the same strip, with attendance ballooning to 1,000 people, Finger said. He remembered a huge paper mâché dragon with lasers coming out of its eyes at the Aztec Club.

“It was kitschy, but it was fun,” he said.

For Finger, who spent Christmas day in the typical Jewish fashion of watching flicks and eating Chinese food with his family, MatzoBall was a fun way to make the sometimes arduous task of dating a little easier. Everyone there already had one thing in common: They were all Jewish. It helped break the ice.

“I thought it was a brilliant idea,” Finger said. “It catered to an audience that was available then and wanted something to do.”

MatzoBall wasn't the only event that catered to Jewish Philadelphians on Christmas Eve that locals will miss this year. The Gershman Y, formerly at 401-11 S. Broad St., sponsored the Moo Shu

Jew Show, a comedy night produced by comedian Cory Kahaney and accompanying Chinese food dinner.

Philadelphia Jewish Film and Media, the surviving offshoot of the Gershman Y, stopped hosting the event after the organization left Broad Street in 2018.

Along with the Moo Shu Jew Show, other popular events, such as Latkepalooza, were also canceled indefinitely.

“They're in limbo right now,” PJFM Program & Digital Marketing Manager Matt Bussy said. “I mean, we'd love to bring them back, but, yeah, they're done.”

Bussy said there is still some hope for a Moo Shu Jew Show revival in Philadelphia, but not by PJFM. After the Gershman Y move, community members also were upset by the cancellation of the Y's Gay Bingo event. Congregation Rodeph Shalom picked up the program.

But because Latkepalooza and Moo Shu Jew Show no longer

align with PJFM's mission, Bussy said the organization won't pick up those events.

“Now that we are strictly film and media, our programs need to have something related to that,” Bussy said.

New Opportunities

Though some old favorites may be missing this year, new opportunities for Jews on Christmas have emerged, adapting to changing Jewish demographics, such as inter-faith families, and changing needs, such as pandemic-friendly events.

The Jewish Relief Agency, which serves 6,000 low-income families in the Greater Philadelphia area, is holding the Caring Cards program, asking community members to create cards for recipients of food boxes.

“A lot of the people that we serve are older, live alone and are struggling with isolation,” Volunteer Program Manager Jenny Rubin said. “So taking

some time out of your day ... to send a little light into someone else's world can be really useful.”

Jewish families also can attend the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History's “Being ___ At Christmas” virtual event, a day of programming on Christmas, consisting of a tot Shabbat, storytelling and music.

WNMAJH has historically been open on Christmas and is closed to the public due to the pandemic.

Previous iterations were called “Being Jewish At Christmas,” but the event was renamed to accommodate the diversifying audience it attracted.

“Whoever you are on Dec. 25, you are welcome to be that with us on this day,” WNMAJH Director of Communications and Public Engagement Emily August said. •

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HEADLINES

ISRAEL BRIEFS

Israeli Officials Expected to Attend Beijing Olympics Despite US Boycott

ISRAELI OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED to attend the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing despite plans for their United States counterparts to boycott the games to protest China's human rights abuses against the Uighur Muslim minority, JTA reported.

Israel has grown closer to China due to trade ties between the countries. In October, it chose not to sign a United Nations statement expressing concern about the welfare of the Uighurs, a Muslim minority group in China forced into "re-education camps" that some have compared to concentration camps.

The statement was signed by 43 countries, including the U.S. An Israeli diplomatic official told The Times of Israel that the Israeli government had "other interests that it has to balance" in its relationship with China.

Israel to Consider Legalizing CBD

Israel's Health Ministry will look into removing products containing cannabinoid, commonly referred to as CBD, which is the second-most prevalent active ingredient in marijuana and doesn't produce psychotropic effects, from the list of dangerous drugs, The Jerusalem Post reported.

"On the issue of medical cannabis, with its products and ingredients — we are working to facilitate and open up where possible," Health Minister Nitzan Horowitz said on Twitter. "Regarding legalization, it is also time to set things free."

Assuta Medical Centers Chairman Professor Joshua Shemer will head the committee, with recommendations slated to be presented to the ministry in January.

Omicron Carriers Required to Quarantine Longer

Israel's Health Ministry said confirmed carriers of the omicron COVID-19 variant will have to quarantine for 14 days instead of the 10 days mandated for carriers of other coronavirus strains, The Times of Israel reported.

Confirmed omicron carriers must be asymptomatic for the final three days of the two-week period to receive a certificate of recovery, the Health Ministry said.

"This update is being applied in light of the suspicion that verified carriers of the Omicron variant may be contagious for a longer period than observed in cases of other variants," a ministry statement said.

The COVID death toll in Israel stood at 8,210 as of Dec. 9. The 794 COVID-19 cases confirmed on Dec. 7 represented the highest total in six weeks, with children accounting for more than half of the diagnoses, according to ministry figures.

Poll: Slim Majority of Israelis Would Support Attack on Iran Without US Approval

Fifty-one percent of Israelis would support an attack on Iran, even without the backing of the United States, according to an Israel Democracy Institute poll, The Times of Israel reported.

While 51% supported a unilateral strike, 31% said they would not.

Fifty-four percent of those surveyed believe Iran poses an existential threat, while 25% view Iran as a "medium danger" and 13% deem it a "small danger."

Jewish Israelis and Arab Israelis disagreed on whether Iran is an existential threat, with 62% of the former believing it is and only 19% of the latter concurring. •

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RRC To Launch Race, Racism Initiative

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THE CENTER FOR Jewish Ethics at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote is developing an initiative to explore the roles of race and racism in American Jewish experiences after receiving a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The tentatively titled “Race, Religion and American Judaism: Cross-Disciplinary Research, Public Scholarship and Curriculum Development” will support scholarship around the country on race and racism in American Jewry and create a curriculum and online course based on the research that can be shared with members of the Jewish community. The grant money will be used, in part, to hire a program coordinator to spearhead the initiative’s programming.

The one-year \$199,500 grant is part of NEH’s American Rescue Plan, an \$87.8 million grant program to assist 300 cultural institutions in maintaining or expanding



▲ Rabbi Mira Wasserman, director of the Center for Jewish Ethics (left) at the 2019 Center for Jewish Ethics conference in Philadelphia
Photo by Jordan Cassway

programming and staffing that may have been impacted by the pandemic.

“This funding will allow us to encourage research and scholarship that might not otherwise have been able to happen,” Center for Jewish Ethics Director Rabbi Mira Wasserman said. “A lot of scholars in the humanities are really squeezed for resources, and so this is a small way that we can help.”

The initiative was inspired by a 2021 lecture series the center conducted in

partnership with the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The series, “Jews, Race, and Religion,” consisted of 11 lectures from scholars, including “Is the Talmud Racist?” with Katz Center Director Professor Steve Weitzman and “Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing The Alliance in the 1960s” with San Francisco State University Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility Chair and Professor Marc Dollinger.

“The impetus for this series came out of the awakening that was happening throughout American society in the wake of the murder of George Floyd,” Wasserman said. “And it was happening, as we know, for Jews as well.”

Believing that all ethical issues, racism included, should be looked at through a Jewish lens, Wasserman thought a Jewish perspective on race and racism could help further illuminate the impact of racism on American society and that tackling the issues was a Jewish responsibility.

“Jewish life has always been multiracial, multicultural,” Wasserman said. “Broadening the view of what Jewishness is now, in what can be, is something that these scholars



▲ Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Vice President of Academic Affairs Amanda Mbuvi
Photo by Rachel Forth

helped us do.”

The Center for Jewish Ethics will recruit 10 scholars at the beginning of 2022 who are finishing degrees or who “would otherwise have support for their research,” Wasserman said.

Amanda Mbuvi, RRC vice president for academic affairs, said the study of race and racism in the Jewish context could create “the momentum behind galvanizing this as a field of study and as a basis for action.”

“I’ve been in contexts before where I’ve been asked to choose from a menu of my academic expertise, and there wasn’t even an option to indicate Judaism and race,” Mbuvi said. “That wasn’t within the field of Jewish studies.”

With a team of 10 scholars exploring four disciplines within the subject of race and racism in American Jewry, the center intends to start a “cross-disciplinary” discussion in synagogues, religious schools and Jewish summer camps that aren’t just about recognizing diversity in the Jewish community.

“There’s a reckoning and an attentiveness ... that creates space for people to be more nimble in — not just tolerating people or having a better analytical perspective on social issues

— but in really recognizing diverse humanity,” Mbuvi said.

As a Bible scholar, Mbuvi sees the importance of evolving Jewish identity as central in the book of Genesis: There are 11 chapters before God’s call to Avram, asking him to go forth and create the nation of Israel, she said.

“It emphasizes identity as something that’s a work in progress,” Mbuvi said.

Wasserman believes similarly that the value of Jewish teachings is what guides the forthcoming initiative.

“The pursuit of knowledge is a Jewish value, and a piece of that is the pursuit of truth, but there’s also a strong Jewish tradition committed to the pursuit of justice,” Wasserman said. “And when it comes to the problem of racism, it’s hard to understand how to pursue justice if we don’t get a good grip on exactly what the injustice is, so we need to understand the problem.”

The Jewish Center for Ethics was established in 1994 as a means “to help people and communities address the diverse ethical challenges of contemporary life,” according to the RRC website. ●

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New Book Explores Jewish Life Today

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THE QUESTION OF what the Jewish community looks like in the 21st century has not quite been answered yet. In an increasingly digital age, with younger generations that are less committed to traditional institutions, it's a question with no easy answer.

But a new book, "Warm and Welcoming," edited by Jewish Exponent contributor Miriam Steinberg-Egeth, attempts to answer it.

Steinberg-Egeth's book, as its title alludes, tries to define those modern challenges under the label of inclusivity. There are chapters on welcoming LGBTQ Jews, interfaith families, Jews of color and Jews with disabilities. There also are sections on how to build Jewish life around the desires and habits of millennial and Generation Z Jews, with such chapters focusing on millennials and Gen Z people in general, education, fundraising and marketing.

If inclusivity is the unifying challenge, adaptation is the

unifying action that Jewish institutions need to take, according to Steinberg-Egeth and her authors, five of whom live in the Philadelphia area or have Philadelphia ties.

"Warm and Welcoming," published by Rowman & Littlefield, came out Nov. 15 and is available on Amazon.com.

Each author is an expert in the field in which he or she wrote about, Steinberg-Egeth said.

The Exponent contributor has been "a leader in the Philadelphia Jewish community since 2006," according to her editor bio on the book's website. She has worked for the Center City Kehillah, the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia and the Hillel of Greater Philadelphia's Jewish Graduate Student Network.

Her co-editor, Warren Hoffman, is the executive director for the Association for Jewish Studies in New York, per the site. He worked with Steinberg-Egeth in Philadelphia for several years as the associate director of community programming for the Jewish Federation of



▲ Warren Hoffman

Courtesy of Miriam Steinberg-Egeth



▲ Miriam Steinberg-Egeth

Courtesy of Miriam Steinberg-Egeth

Greater Philadelphia and as senior director of programming for the Gershman Y.

"I care deeply about the Jewish community, and the Jewish community has to be a place where people feel comfortable," Steinberg-Egeth said. "Being able to get this work out into the world was a really incredible opportunity."

Hoffman came up with the idea for the book and was working with a publisher before the pandemic. But in May 2020, he asked his old friend to join him.

According to Steinberg-Egeth, Hoffman knew she was a capable writer who had done other writing projects. He also knew that she was used to considering deep and important questions about Jewish life.

For the Exponent, Steinberg-Egeth writes "Miriam's Advice Well," an advice column. Often, her answers to readers either have practical or moral implications — or both.

Recently, she has been getting a lot of questions about interfaith families. So as she thought about that dynamic, she realized that her answer applied to the modern Jewish community more broadly.

"The importance of inclusion and that welcoming spirit," the writer said. "Valuing people's experiences."

The book's Philadelphia-based writers, Gabby Kaplan-Mayer, Beverly Socher-Lerner, Rebecca Bar and Rabbi Mike Uram, all dig into those themes, too.

Kaplan-Mayer runs an inclusion program for Jewish Learning Venture, a Jenkintown nonprofit that helps Jewish families build Jewish lives. Her chapter focuses on disability access.

In it, she explains that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 does not apply to synagogues and religious buildings. Therefore, it's incumbent upon those places to take up disability access as a moral imperative.

"Each community really needs to do the work and talk to their congregants," she said.

In Jewish educational institutions, the challenge is slightly different, according to Socher-Lerner, who wrote the book's education chapter. Jewish enrichment programs need to find their community members, she said.

Socher-Lerner is the founding director of the Makom Community in Philly,

which tries to modernize Jewish education. Makom developed a program in which Jewish students can attend a Jewish program after school five days a week. It even organizes transportation to help working parents.

"It fits in their lives," she said of the program.

And once Judaism fits in their lives, it starts informing how they live.

"Our Jewish education has to be one where we constantly reflect our Jewish wisdom onto our community and into our relationships," Socher-Lerner said. "So we can grow into who we want to be."

So to become more inclusive, and to adapt to new generations that don't view institutions as worthy just because, Jewish organizations must change how they think about their relationships with community members.

Jewish life today is about filling a spiritual need more than a practical one.

"Investing deeply in people and relationships from a place of empathy," Socher-Lerner said. "Not just getting them to invest more and donate more." ●

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Family Company Celebrates Century Via Giving

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ACCORDING TO BRETT Cohen, the fourth-generation family member to work at Clarke & Cohen Property Loss Consultants, being a public insurance adjuster “is not all peaches and gravy.”

But after 100 years of helping clients settle insurance claims after house fires and property destruction, Clarke & Cohen wants to give back to its community.

The consultant company is hosting a series of “random acts of kindness” this month, holding a Chanukah and Christmas toy drive at its Bala Cynwyd office in partnership with Manayunk Development Corp. for the Northlight Community Center. It hosted a coat drive with Our Closet and the Bethesda Project and dropped off food to fire stations in the city, suburbs and down the shore earlier in December.

“It’s fortunate to be in business for 100 years; it’s fortunate to be able to work with your family, and it’s fortunate to have the success and the growth in our company that we’ve had,” said Richard Cohen, Clarke & Cohen CEO and father of Brett Cohen. “This was an opportunity ... to really give back and make a difference.”

Clarke & Cohen is licensed in 27 states and is a charter member of the National Association of public insurance adjusters. Four members of Clarke & Cohen have served as president of that trade organization, including Richard Cohen.

But like many Jewish family businesses, the consulting company had humble beginnings.

Clarke & Cohen was founded by Simon Clarke and Leon Cohen, who were originally partners in the salvage



▲ Richard Cohen (right) with father Barry Cohen and grandfather Gene Lerner in 1996



▲ Rich Cohen (center) with nephew Blake Zucker and son Brett Cohen (right) in 2019
Courtesy of Clarke & Cohen

industry before Pennsylvania passed the first public adjuster law in 1921. The partners shifted business models, setting up an office at 229 Chestnut St.

Clarke was an Irish Jew — his cousin was the mayor of Dublin at some point.

“He was very observant,” Richard Cohen said. “If you had a fire or a loss on the Sabbath, you couldn’t speak to him. You had to wait until the Sabbath was over for him to help you.”

Ten years into Clarke and Cohen’s public adjuster business, Clarke left after a disagreement, leaving the Cohens at the helm of the business.

Richard Cohen’s grandfather became the business owner in the 1940s, and his father began working for the company in 1963. The company moved then to its office in Bala Cynwyd. Richard Cohen, the only grandson, joined in 1988 after graduating from The Pennsylvania State University. He was a first-generation college graduate.

“It was pretty much always an expectation that I would join the business,” he said. “My parents actually joked that they considered naming me Clarke Cohen.”

Richard Cohen became a partner of Clarke & Cohen in

1994 and owner in 2004. He was responsible for modernizing the company, which, at the beginning of his employment, didn’t even have copy or fax machines — just a mimeograph machine.

Though his father expected him to follow in his footsteps, Richard Cohen has no qualms fulfilling his role of heir.

“I pretty much found that [passion] right away,” he said.

Though Richard Cohen is keen to keep the business in family hands, he avoided putting pressure on his son and nephew Blake Zucker. That didn’t matter — they both started working for Clarke & Cohen on their own volition.

After graduating college, Brett Cohen began working for a client of Clarke & Cohen’s at the time.

“I saw what my family’s

company came in and was able to do and how that was able to help such a large management company,” he said. “At that point, it was apparent to me that I had a unique opportunity that not a lot of people have and that I should take advantage of.”

Brett Cohen, 29, has worked at Clarke & Cohen for four years, now alongside Zucker. He plans on filling his father’s footsteps as owner one day.

“This is kind of a calling of sorts,” Brett Cohen said. “When something happens, we’re there to help people make it better.”

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ADL: 17 BDS Resolutions Considered, 11 Passed On College Campuses in 2020-'21

STUDENT GOVERNMENTS considered boycott, divestment and sanctions resolutions at 17 United States college campuses during the 2020-'21 school year — 11 of which passed — according to an Anti-Defamation League report, JTA reported.

The ADL called the BDS resolutions a “cornerstone of anti-Israel campus activity during the last year.”

The ADL said that none of the resolutions was implemented, with university presidents rejecting the student government resolutions in some cases.

“As we saw acutely during the May conflict with Hamas, the anti-Israel movement’s drumbeat of rhetorical attacks on Zionism and Zionists can truly hurt and offend many Jewish students, leaving them feeling ostracized and alienated,” ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said in a statement.

Kosher Food Becomes a BDS Flashpoint at University of Toronto Satellite Campus

After complaints from University of Toronto President Meric Gertler, the student union at a satellite campus

modified a proposed ban on kosher foods affiliated with Israel, but a campus Jewish group said the change made matters worse, JTA reported.

The board of directors of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Student Union removed from a pro-BDS resolution a passage that read: “Efforts should be made to source kosher food from organizations that do not normalize Israeli apartheid, however recognizing the limited availability of this necessity then exemptions can be made if no alternatives are available.”

But UTSC Jewish Student Life said the revision made matters worse because the pro-BDS resolution retains a passage that says the union will “refrain from engaging with organizations, services, or participating in events that further normalize Israeli apartheid.”

Massachusetts Town Apologizes After Using Christian Menorah in Holiday Display

A holiday event turned into a big problem for Medford, Massachusetts, after a city worker included a menorah picture produced by Messianic Jews in a

display about world religions, JTA reported.

The Boston suburb apologized for the display, which appeared during its Holiday Extravaganza, a city event aimed at promoting local businesses.

After the event, the town posted pictures including a photo of a seven-branched menorah labeled with Christian terms. One branch was labeled “cross,” for example, while another was labeled “resurrection.”

The image is often used online as an illustration of Messianic interpretations of the menorah.

Michael Steinhardt Barred for Life from Collecting Antiquities

Hedge funder and Jewish causes megadonor Michael Steinhardt has agreed to surrender 180 stolen antiquities worth \$70 million to their rightful homelands and to never again collect ancient artifacts, JTA reported.

In exchange, Steinhardt avoids criminal charges related to an investigation that found he had acquired, owned and sold more than 1,000 looted items over the past three decades. That investigation was conducted in cooperation with 11 countries, including Israel.

Some of the items were looted during strife in countries including Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey.

Steinhardt, 80, who helped found Birthright Israel, was accused in 2019 of a pattern of propositioning and making sexually inappropriate remarks to women who approached him as part of their work in Jewish philanthropy or the arts. Steinhardt denied the accusations and has not apologized. •

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Professor

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recipients of the Benjamin Franklin Medal in Life Science for their contributions to research on RNA that shaped the creation of the Moderna and Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines. The award will be presented in May.

In September, the duo won the Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award for their research on the COVID vaccine and the Breakthrough Prize for prior research on the use of RNA treatments for cancer and sickle cell anemia.

Since the COVID vaccine has been in use, Weissman and Karikó have won nearly a dozen awards for their RNA research, which allowed for RNA to become usable and more potent in the use of vaccines and treatments.

RNA vaccines are easier to make than other vaccine types because the isolation and replication of the specific virus is not necessary in the creation. However, making RNA a viable tool was not possible before Weissman and Karikó's research.

"When we gave RNA as an injection into a mouse, the mice got sick," Weissman said.



▲ Drew Weissman (left) in the lab with colleague and Adjunct Professor of Neurosurgery Katalin Karikó

"It was because the RNA was inflamed. What we figured out is that our body uses RNA to distinguish pathogens from cells. So it detects viruses, bacteria, other parasites, other pathogens, mainly, but not exclusively, on their RNA."

By changing one of the four bases, or letters, in RNA, the researchers were able to make RNA non-inflammatory, a discovery they made in 2005. Once Weissman and Karikó learned of the coronavirus' particular protein sequence in 2020, they, along with Moderna and Pfizer, were able to quickly adapt an RNA vaccine to combat the virus. They had been concerned about COVID since hearing

about it in October 2019.

"We were already talking, and we were already concerned because, to us, it appeared that it was spreading rapidly," Weissman said. "It appears to be a brand-new infection, so we were concerned that it could turn into something worse."

But even before the onset of the pandemic, the pair were in the middle of five clinical trials on various RNA vaccine treatments. Their lab wasn't always as fruitful as it is today.

"Katie [Karikó] and I were studying RNA when most other people weren't interested," Weissman said. "Katie and I went on for 20 plus years with no funding. People wouldn't publish our papers; people weren't interested in RNA, and we just kept going because the data and the hope was there."

Weissman and Karikó met competing for use of the photocopier at the University of Pennsylvania in 1997.

Weissman came to Penn from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases led by then-Director Dr. Anthony Fauci. He became a doctor of medicine and received his doctorate in immunology and microbiology from the University of Boston in 1987, having earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brandeis University in 1981, where he met his wife Mary Ellen Weissman.

Karikó is not an immunologist by trade; rather, she has



▲ Drew Weissman and Katalin Karikó were awarded the Franklin Institute's Benjamin Franklin Medal in Life Science on Nov. 30.

Courtesy of Penn Medicine

her training in biochemistry, receiving both her bachelor's and doctorate from József Attila University in Hungary.

"Katie and I are very different people," Weissman said. "Katie is very emotional and reactive; I'm very quiet, even-keeled, non-emotional."

But despite their differences, the two have maintained a two-and-a-half-decade partnership.

"The critical thing is we're both open-minded and inquisitive; we don't take things for granted," Weissman said.

Their research together has had a profound change on the world, senior Weissman laboratory member and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine Dr. Elena Atochina-Vasserman said.

When the duo developed the RNA technology, Atochina-Vasserman said, it was like showing someone with a rotary phone the new iPhone — it was a device that didn't just improve how calls were made; it fundamentally changed how someone moved through the world.

"Twenty years from now, every single young person will know that Drew Weissman, 'revolutionary,' changed their life," Atochina-Vasserman said.

Weissman always had an interest in the sciences. He originally wanted to pursue engineering, which he said is similar to the "basic sciences."

"It's creation and

understanding," he said.

Weissman's empirical sensibilities were there from day one, he said. He was raised by a Jewish father and an Italian non-Jewish mother who never converted. He grew up celebrating all the Jewish holidays — and still does with Mary Ellen Weissman, who was raised observant, and his children who attended Temple Beth Hillel/Beth El in Wynnewood with Taffet's daughter — but his family was not religious, he said.

"I'm more of a Daoist, in that point of view that I think that Earth, nature is the supreme — the main component of life. And that's what needs to be celebrated."

Since the rollout of the vaccine, Weissman has received hundreds of letters applauding his success. People have asked for his autograph.

Though his and Karikó's impact has been felt all over the world, Weissman has also changed the lives of those close to him.

Taffet remembered receiving her first dose of the COVID vaccine earlier this year. When she got her shot, she thought of Weissman.

"The entire time, the entire time," Taffet said. "The first emotion that I felt was intense pride ... and then incredible gratitude." •

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Museum

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When residents and visitors tour the Independence National Historical Park site, they will see its usual displays about the revolution. But at the end of the tour, they also will see a new exhibit about Colonial-era Jews.

“We want everyone in America to come here and see a piece of themselves in the Revolution,” Turdo said. “It really does belong to everyone.”

Brothers Barnard and Michael Gratz, whose descendants went on to found Gratz College in Philadelphia, are at the center of the exhibit. The Philadelphia siblings were merchants with dealings all over the Atlantic world in everything from deer skins to candles, according to Turdo.

They also brought the Jewish community in the region closer together, a museum news release said. The brothers built Mikveh Israel, which still stands, and connected with Joseph Simon in Lancaster, who possessed one of the first Torah sets in North America. Michael Gratz went on to marry Simon’s daughter, Miriam.

In the 1760s, the brothers “publicly protested British taxation” and signed the Non-Importation Agreement that prevented commerce with Britain, the release said. During the Revolutionary War, they used their businesses to supply the Continental Army with materials.

Later, they successfully petitioned Pennsylvania to drop the requirement that General Assembly candidates be Christian.

The exhibit shows artifacts from these activities, including portraits of the brothers, Simon’s Torah ark and Michael Gratz’s business notebook.

“Very active, very engaged and, during the revolution, very patriotic,” said Turdo of the Colonial-era Jewish leaders.



▲ Joseph Simon’s Torah ark from the Colonial era, donated to the Museum of the American Revolution by Mikveh Israel



◀ The Constitutions of the Several Independent States of America
Courtesy of the Museum of the American Revolution

“It’s a very small number to be that engaged.”

The museum regularly assembles special exhibits like this, Turdo said.

Past displays have paid homage to the Davenport family and to the forgotten history of women voting in New Jersey elections between 1776 and 1807 — before they lost the right to vote.

“We can grow the understanding of, what does the Revolution mean, and whose revolution is it?” Turdo said.

The Jewish exhibit started with a loan of Barnard Gratz’s portrait from a private collector. After that, museum leaders worked to turn the single item into a full-fledged display. Between the museum’s existing collection and additional loans, it secured more than 400 original items.

The Rosenbach, a Philadelphia museum that showcases rare books, manuscripts and art, donated the portrait of Michael Gratz

and the state constitutions that Barnard Gratz reviewed as he lobbied Pennsylvania to allow Jewish representation. Mikveh Israel gave the Torah ark from Joseph Simon.

“It’s important for the world to know that even before the American Revolution, there was a Jewish presence,” Mikveh Israel Rabbi Albert Gabbai said. “And that the Jewish presence contributed very much.”

As Gabbai explained, there’s a perception that Jews came to America between the 1880s and 1920s. Millions of Jews immigrated to the U.S. during that period. But that doesn’t mean that Jewish history in the U.S. started in the 19th century.

Mikveh Israel’s community formed in Philadelphia 36 years before the revolution, Gabbai said. The first synagogue building in the American colonies opened in 1763 in Rhode Island. And, as the exhibit shows, Jews played a role in the revolution and in the formation of the United States.

“The Jews in America are proud that we have a direct participation in the founding of



▲ A Gratz pocket almanac Courtesy of the Museum of the American Revolution

the United States,” Gabbai said.

Gabbai even argued that Jewish leaders played an important role in the discourse around the framing of the Constitution. He said that the Fifth Amendment in particular — when it states that no person can act as a witness against himself in a criminal

case — contains a bit of wisdom that is also in the Talmud.

“Many Jews who were here were talking to the adopters of the Constitution,” he said. “So no doubt Jewish ideas were present.” •

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The Joy of Judaism



BY RABBI MENDY DEITSCH

WHEN WE WERE young, my mother invited her OB-GYN to join us for a Friday night Shabbos meal. He was a fine doctor and a proud Jew — a survivor of the Holocaust. He was thrilled to help bring children into this world.

During the meal he asked us kids if we knew about the Holocaust. We did. He then asked my brother and I the names of the concentration camps, and we were only able

to name two or three.

He was not happy.

He asked how my parents could bring up their children — I was 9 at the time — without a thorough knowledge of what had happened just a short 50 years earlier? My father simply smiled and shared how beautiful it was that we were learning in the yeshiva, studying Talmud and Jewish law, and sitting here celebrating Shabbos, openly, freely, joyously.

The doctor was not impressed, to say the least.

I have replayed this particular Shabbos meal in my mind many times over the years. I began to wonder why I don't know more about this most horrific atrocity that befell my people, my family, just a few years earlier.

As I got older I understood that I actually know very much about the torture, hunger, suffering, killings and murder

at the hands of the Nazis, may their name be obliterated. In fact, many of my neighbors, shopkeepers and the people I sat next to in synagogue had numbers on their arms and spoke to us about what they went through and the families they had lost.

Yet, the focus of our education was not on what the world likes to show or teach about Jews, mainly dead Jews and the persecuted, but rather on the living, breathing, vibrancy of Judaism.

My parents worked hard to instill in us children the joy of Judaism — the heroism, the bravery, the eternity and the growth of the Jewish people — which is why we were sitting at a Shabbos table with 30 guests.

My father brought us to the Lubavitcher Rebbe to hear his talks and to be in his presence. The rebbe is upbeat, motivating and uplifting.

The rebbe, who survived the war, was alive. The rebbe had joy and, at times, the central shul where the rebbe prayed was electrifying. It was filled with forward motion, with a vision toward a stronger, rebuilt Jewish nation.

There were the lessons of the past, yet, the focus was on the future.

Our eyes were trained not to look backward but to share the vision for the future and the potential of the Jewish people.

Over the years, I have come to appreciate this way of thinking much more. Not because what happened in the past is not important to learn from, but it is precisely because of the past and what we went through as a people that the need to reach out, uplift and be present for each brother and sister is essential to a thriving Jewish people.

It is not enough to be a

proud Jew. That leaves the next generation, unfortunately, marrying outside the religion and essentially ending the Jewish line of his/her family.

We need to live an inspired life, a happy life, to teach and inspire those of the religion to be an active Jew, a mitzvah-fulfilling and proud Jewish person. This will keep us alive and thriving for a more meaningful life as individuals and as a people.

It is time we embrace the happiness of Judaism, the positive lessons and the amazing opportunity that G-d gives us to connect to Him, to have a relationship with Him. How fortunate we are to be living in this generation where, through our actions, we will be able to see and feel the fulfillment and promise that Moshiach is here. ●

Rabbi Mendy Deitsch is the director of Chabad of the East Valley in Chandler, Arizona.

Rethinking Fundraising for Jewish Education



BY SOLOMON D. STEVENS

I GET REQUESTS for donations to Jewish organizations almost every day. And there is no doubt about it: Almost every request is for a worthy cause.

Antisemitism (Judeophobia) is rising. Israel is under assault. People are in need. Buildings must be built. And the list goes on and on. I have no criticism of any of this. However, our people face an existential

threat, and it does not get enough fundraising attention from Jewish organizations. Too many of our own people are drifting away from the religion.

Synagogue attendance is down, and intermarriage is up. More Jewish children are growing up with only a vague cultural or ethnic connection to our religion. And this is not enough to sustain us as a people.

The answer to this is, as it is with so many things, education. But the once-a-week religious school model that dominates both the Reform and Conservative movements (which make up approximately 54% of American Jewry) is not sufficient to keep young Jews engaged or to cement their attachment to Judaism. There simply is not enough time with this model to teach everything

that students need to know to live vibrant, committed Jewish lives.

I taught religious school for many years, and the children I taught were wonderful. But it was always clear that religious school was never the center of their lives. It was an add-on. Their secular lives and secular education took up most of their time. They paid attention and did their work, but I knew that they would not retain what they studied. It just wasn't enough. We all know how common it is for young Reform or Conservative Jews to attend religious school and then abandon all Jewish education after their bar or bat mitzvah.

It is different for the various Orthodox movements (which account for approximately 9% of American Jewry), where

Jewish day schools are the norm. But there is a problem here as well. These schools are very expensive to run, and tuition is often a real burden for the Orthodox.

An article last year in eJewish Philanthropy by Sherwin Pomerantz, who is on the board of directors of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, was titled "US Jewish Day School Tuition—Simply Out of Control." Orthodox families are usually larger than Reform or Conservative families, so the cost of sending multiple children to a private, Orthodox school can be prohibitive. Some elementary schools cost around \$20,000 a year per student, and high schools are even more expensive. Pomerantz estimated that the total cost of sending his own four grandchildren to

private Orthodox schools, from kindergarten to 12th grade, is approximately \$1,184,000.

Yes, there are scholarships, but they only help a little, and it is not easy to qualify for them. And imagine how expensive it would be if you had more than four children, as many Orthodox families do.

This is unacceptable.

We are dealing with a quiet crisis, and we need to treat education as our main priority. The Shema V'ahavta tells us to "teach our children diligently," and we are not doing that well enough. We need to help our children know who they are, where they come from and what their place is in this beautiful world. They need to know the value of Jewish law and ethics and the importance of Israel to us all. They need to know that they have a mission

in life and that each of them is an important part of that mission. The strength of our religion depends on education more than anything else, and today it is either insufficient or too expensive.

We need a whole new generation of Jewish day schools. Our fundraising organizations need to re-evaluate their priorities and focus on founding new schools, supporting existing schools and making them all affordable with subsidies or scholarships. This will not be an easy task because the religious differences of the various Jewish movements have to be taken into account. One size will not fit all. But what could be more important?

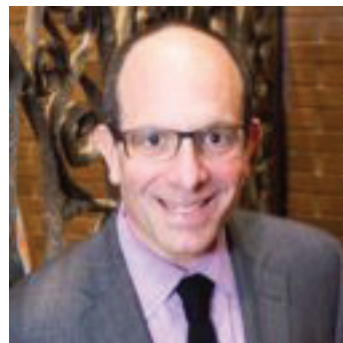
I call upon the leaders of our Jewish organizations to re-evaluate their fundraising goals, so that they can make possible the kind of Jewish education that American Jews clearly need, with a strong religious education, combined with the necessary secular education to be successful in life. This is what the soul of American Jewry needs more than anything. •

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My Jewish Ancestors Owned Slaves. That's Why I'm a Rabbi for Racial Justice



BY RABBI BARRY BLOCK

IN "THE SOCIAL Justice Torah Commentary," Rabbi Brian Stoller describes a turtle-shaped dinner bell that his great-grandmother used to summon a Black butler to attend to her needs at the family's Shabbat table.

When I got to that line while editing the volume, I felt a jolt of familiarity: An identical bell served the same purpose at my own grandmother's table.

All of my grandparents — and all four of my American-born great-grandparents — hailed from the South, and social justice activism was not baked into my DNA.

Yet unlike many "old" southern families, I was raised without glorification of the Confederacy. As a preteen, I only learned that both of my parents are descended from Confederate veterans because I asked. My parents, members of the Silent Generation, were not engaged in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. However, unlike most members of the privileged Houston Jewish community in which they were raised and in turn raised my sister and me, they opened their eyes to social injustice in the 1970s and exposed us to progressive thought and activism, rooted in Reform Jewish life.

As I neared the end of my work on "The Social Justice Torah Commentary," a distant relative sent me a page of the 1860 Louisiana slave census, the first documentary proof

for me that an ancestor — my great-great-great-grandmother, Magdalena Seeleman — was a slaveholder.

Magdalena Gugenheim Seeleman was born Dec. 25, 1810, in Zweibrücken, Germany. She first shows up in the U.S. Census in New Orleans in 1850. She is listed in the 1860 U.S. Census as living in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Simon and Caroline Shlenker, in Trinity, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. According to the list of parish slaveholders from June 22, 1860, "M. Seeleman" was the owner of a 29-year-old woman described as "mulatto." Right above, Simon is described as the owner of a Black woman, age 25.

Simon's brother Isaac was married to Caroline's sister Charlotte; Isaac and Charlotte were my great-great-grandparents. Isaac and Charlotte are not on the list of slaveholders, but a document says Isaac received payment from the state of Louisiana for serving as a prosecutor of escaped slaves. In an advertisement dated April 10, 1861, Isaac "and Bro." offer a "Negro" for sale; the "girl" is described as "young, healthy and acclimated."

The information is as horrifying as it is unsurprising. When I visited The National Memorial to Peace and Justice in Montgomery in 2019, I found memorials indicting Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, where Seeleman lived, as the site of multiple racist terror lynchings. All five of the other counties and parishes where my family thrived during the lynching era are similarly accused there.

At Montgomery's Legacy Museum, I confronted a sign offering a reminder that many of the same families who were enriched by enslaving Black Americans continue to enjoy that prosperity today. Their wealth, inherited down

the generations, cannot be separated from the enslaved human beings that their — that is, my — ancestors oppressed to earn a generous living.

Earlier in my career as a rabbi, not yet entirely aware of my family history, I did not focus on racial justice in my work, but rather on immigration reform, abortion rights and LGBTQ equality. I became outspoken to the point that, when I was seeking to leave my previous congregation for a new pulpit, a friend in lay leadership hoped that I would look in "blue states." Instead, in 2013, I took the pulpit of Congregation B'nai Israel in Little Rock, Arkansas, where I was truly awakened for the first time to the moral urgency of advancing racial equality in our nation.

All of my grandparents — and all four of my American-born great-grandparents — hailed from the South, and social justice activism was not baked into my DNA.

Founded in 1866 on the heels of the Civil War, B'nai Israel counts Confederate veterans among its earliest leaders, men who had risked their lives to maintain chattel enslavement of Black Americans. But the synagogue's subsequent history shows how a commitment to justice can emerge even in places where racism and inequity might initially have been baked into its DNA.

When I joined the congregation, members shared with me the storied legacy of the late Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, an early hero of the civil rights movement. During his first months in Little Rock in 1926, Rabbi Sanders lent his body to the struggle against segregation, refusing to move from the back of a streetcar. He would go on to lead the integration of Little Rock's public library.

Later, congregants — women, in particular, including descendants of the Confederate soldiers who founded the congregation — heeded Rabbi Sanders' call to organize against segregation in public schools.

Rabbi Sanders retired the summer I was born, a half century before my arrival in Little Rock. His predecessors and successors, along with their partners in lay leadership, established a legacy of social justice activism, calling on congregants and me to continue that critical work. Their legacy inspires my belief that, rather than solely focusing on the guilt and shame of historical sins, the best recourse is to take action to repent for and rectify them.

As for the woman my ancestor

enslaved, my distant cousin has been working to identify her, in the hope of locating descendants in order to offer at least some form of reparations. I do not know if we will ever be able to name her or her descendants. I dedicate "The Social Justice Torah Commentary" and any social activism I can muster to her memory. And I pray that the work we all do to advance social justice today may serve as tiny measures of atonement for the grievous damage caused by our nation, including my ancestors, to her and millions of Black Americans across four centuries and counting. •

Rabbi Barry H. Block is the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the editor of "The Mussar Torah Commentary" and "The Social Justice Torah Commentary."

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SARAH VOGEL

“ I give to the Jewish Federation because they support countless life-changing services, such as HIAS PA, which helps family reunification and immigration to our Philadelphia community. When my father was 5 years old, HIAS helped him, his parents — both Holocaust survivors — and two younger brothers come to the U.S. I am grateful to HIAS for helping my dad’s family immigrate to Wisconsin where he met my mother and eventually, together, planted new roots in the Greater Philadelphia community. Had it not been for HIAS, I would not even be here today. ”



COLBY PELLEGRINI

“ I was fortunate enough to have the Jewish Federation support me and my family, and provide financial aid, so I could attend Jewish day school when I was younger. My dad, who battled mental illness for years, suddenly passed midway through high school. Without hesitation, the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (formerly Akiba) stepped in to cover my tuition for the remainder of high school ... I give to the Jewish Federation because I believe in what they do and the organizations they support. I can say firsthand that they have personally made an impact on my life. ”

“ I give to the Jewish Federation because the work we do is essential for the health and vibrancy of the Jewish community. We are all searching for that sense of belonging, and it is through my involvement with a myriad of Jewish organizations that I have found this sense of home. It has allowed me to rekindle memories of my own family, while at the same time given me a unique opportunity to give back to sustain and assure the future of our community. ”



JON BRODER

“ I give to the Jewish Federation because I trust that my gift will support great programs that strengthen the Jewish community and help those in need. I chose to join NextGen’s Ben Gurion Society this year, because I wanted to show that no matter your age, you’re still able to give back and make a difference. I am very active in our Jewish community, and I love how inviting it is to all — it is a community that I’m proud to support through my donation. ”



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Light but Warming Chicken Dinner

FOOD

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AS THE TEMPERATURE drops, we naturally crave heartier, warming foods. I'm all for soups and braises and stews and roasts, but sometimes we need to deviate to lighter fare.

This dinner hits the mark — as a braise, it is plenty warm with a “soppable” gravy for rice or bread, but it features chicken, lemon and mint which are ingredients and flavors that swing to the fresher, lighter side of the culinary spectrum.

Bonus if the mint is homegrown: As a hardy herb it can withstand fairly cold temperatures, so there may still be some lurking in your garden.

The recipe was described to me by my friend Kate Markowitz, who I've referenced before. Her Sicilian nonna wasn't much of a cook but served this dish as her “go-to” for family gatherings. Markowitz swears that it must be done with bone-in thighs, but I had boneless breasts on hand, so that's what I used. I don't wish to argue with family tradition (or my culinarily-skilled friend), but we thoroughly enjoyed the results.

The cabbage elevates this winter vegetable to a new level. It is kind of sweet, due to the lengthy spell in the sauté pan for caramelization; it has a little char for flavor and texture, and the addition of vinegar at the end adds a zing of acid that delivers the perfect balance. I've made it with both red and green cabbage, and both worked beautifully.

SICILIAN CHICKEN ALLA MARKOWITZ

Serves 4

For the boneless breasts, I cooked this for about 40



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minutes; depending on what you use, you may need more time in the oven. And if you prefer a “super-tender falling apart” result, cook it on 300 degrees F covered, and leave it in the oven for 90 minutes, checking occasionally to ensure that there is enough liquid to continue braising.

- 1½ pounds boneless chicken or 2 pounds bone-in pieces
- 1 tablespoon oil
- Salt and pepper to taste (be generous)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- Zest of one lemon
- Juice of 2 lemons
- ¾ cup chicken broth
- ⅓ cup white wine
- 1 handful fresh mint leaves, coarsely chopped (about ⅓ cup)

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large, ovenproof skillet, heat the oil. Salt and pepper the chicken pieces, and sear them in the pan on all sides. Remove the chicken from the heat, and add onion, garlic, zest, salt and pepper. Sauté until fragrant.

Add the lemon juice, chicken broth and wine, and bring it to a boil. Remove the pan from the heat, return the chicken to the pan, spoon the liquid over the chicken and place the pan in the oven. Bake for about 40 minutes or until done. Remove the chicken from the oven, cover it with chopped mint and serve.

CARAMELIZED AND CHARRED CABBAGE

Serves 4

This sounds contradictory — caramelizing is a low-and-slow

method of cooking that brings out the sugars in a food. Charring is the polar opposite, a high-heat application. But when you fuse the two techniques, something magical happens. The recipe below is vegan/pareve, but if you are serving a dairy meal, add a couple of tablespoons of butter to the oil for an even more sublime dish.

A note on the vinegar: I used apple cider for this, and it was wonderful, but any type of vinegar would work; it's just there to counter the sweetness and balance out the flavor.

- ½ a large head of cabbage, sliced into ribbons
- 1-2 tablespoons oil (enough to coat skillet)
- Generous pinch salt, generous grinding fresh cracked pepper
- 2 teaspoons vinegar

In a large skillet, heat the oil (and butter, if using) and add salt and pepper. Add the cabbage and, using tongs, turn it over, and allow it to sear and char in a few spots. Lower the heat, and continue cooking slowly for about 30 minutes, turning over every so often to ensure even cooking.

When the cabbage is completely wilted, reduced and very soft, remove it from the heat and add the vinegar. Stir well and serve. •



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Playwright Watches His Work Come to Life

THEATER

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WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL in Leonia, New Jersey, Cary Gitter won a young playwright's contest, then got to watch his show on a stage, performed by professional actors.

The experience inspired him to become a playwright. It still motivates Gitter, now 34, to write. And on Dec. 11 at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, he got to live that experience for the first time since the pandemic began.

A team of actors performed Gitter's romantic comedy "The Sabbath Girl" as part of Theatre Ariel's new season. Theatre Ariel is a Main Line nonprofit that puts on intimate



▲ Cary Gitter
Photo by Michele Maloney Photography

productions of Jewish-themed plays, usually in people's living rooms.

But this season is playing out in public locations due to the pandemic and a desire to

maintain distance, according to Founding Director Deborah Baer Mozes. Virtual performances are also part of the 2021-22 schedule.

Gitter's play drew an audience of 30-50 people for its first Philadelphia-area appearance. The playwright himself was one of them. He came in from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the show and, after it ended, he joined the actors at the front of the room for a Q&A.

"I was pleased," Gitter said. "The actors did a great job."

Audience members, most of them seniors, were pleased, too. Laughter was frequent throughout the 80-minute show, which featured an Orthodox Jewish man and an Italian woman, both in their early 30s, falling in love.

"The play was well-written,"

said Marilyn Fogel of Bala Cynwyd. "It sounded real."

Gitter first wrote the play in the summer of 2017. He was inspired by his Jewish heritage on his father's side and his Italian heritage on his mother's side. Artistically, he wanted to create a story that took place in New York City.

"Like the movies I love, 'Crossing Delancey' and Nora Ephron films," he said. "Both funny but also heartfelt and romantic. It's rarer on stage than in film."

The playwright pitched the script to the Penguin Rep Theatre in Stony Point, New York, and got it produced there in the summer of 2019. By February 2020, it was debuting off-Broadway.

After a month-long run in which "The Sabbath Girl"

sold out a 100-seat house, the pandemic hit and New York locked down. Gitter and his wife, who were dividing their time between New York and Ann Arbor, moved to Michigan full time, and the playwright started focusing on nonstage projects.

During the pandemic, he adapted a play into a film script, started novelizing "The Sabbath Girl" and got into television writing. But he still loves the experience that convinced him to try writing professionally in the first place.

And on Dec. 11, he got to enjoy it again.

"It feels great to have a play have a further life and different theaters pick it up," Gitter said. ●

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'The Sabbath Girl' Offers Relatable Story

THEATER

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"THE SABBATH GIRL" by Cary Gitter, which debuted at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El on Dec. 11 as part of Theatre Ariel's new season, is somehow both timeless and modern.

Gitter balances those two qualities in a love story between the two main characters, both in their early 30s: Seth, a divorced Orthodox Jewish man who has moved out of his insular community, and Angie, an Italian woman who runs a hip New York City art gallery.

In doing so, the playwright crafts a story that is not only timeless and modern but relatable.

"The Sabbath Girl" has two more Theatre Ariel shows this weekend. Even though both are virtual, you shouldn't miss them.

As one audience member,

Alan Fogel of Bala Cynwyd, explained after the performance, "The Sabbath Girl" portrays a common experience. Two people making an unexpected connection.

It also features a conflict that often arises after such a connection is made. The two people are from different backgrounds and, as Fogel put it, "How do they bridge that?"

Seth lives in the Upper West Side apartment building that Angie has just moved into. They meet when Seth knocks on the door to ask his shabbos goy, who used to live there, to help him out.

As Angie becomes Seth's new Shabbos goy, their connection sparks.

But the art curator, at least for a while, can't bring herself to choose the Orthodox Jew who runs a knish store over the hot new artist she's courting for her gallery. Seth, on the other hand, has trouble convincing

his sister, who runs the knish store with him and is trying to set him up with an Orthodox girl, that Angie would be an acceptable partner.

"It's a depiction of people's humanity," Gitter said.

At the same time, in a Q&A after the show, Gitter reminded the mostly senior audience that Seth and Angie are both millennials. It's an important detail because their burgeoning relationship captures a millennial conflict.

We want both the freedom to be ourselves and the connection that comes with community. But how do we balance those desires?

Seth wants to maintain Orthodox Jewish practices yet expand beyond his insular community. Angie wants to keep moving forward in her successful career but also, unlike in her past relationships, find a good, reliable and rooted man.



▲ Actors wait for the audience to file in before starting their performance of "The Sabbath Girl" in Wynnewood Dec. 11.

Photo by Jarrad Saffren

Seth represents tradition and the desire for more modernity, while Angie represents modernity and the desire for more tradition. Together, they symbolize the urge to balance the two, and both can sense that, in each other, they may have found that balance.

There's nothing more timeless than a relationship rooted in the spark of connection. And

modern relationships, increasingly so, are vessels of stability in stormy seas.

Gitter's characters have the spark. And by the end, when they finally agree to go on a date, you get the strong sense they may have started building the vessel, too. ●

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Netflix's 'The Club' is Good, Not Great

TELEVISION

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I HAVE TWO categories into which I put quality shows.

Shows I can't wait to watch and shows that, as I'm watching them, I think to myself, "OK, yeah, this is good."

Netflix's "The Club," about Jews in Turkey in the 1950s, falls into the second category.

Part One of the opening season, which came out Nov. 5, has interesting characters, a vibrant setting and richly-crafted scenes. It's also a revealing history lesson on Turkish Jewry in an increasingly Muslim country.

I enjoyed the six-episode watch. I was rooting for the good characters, Matilda (Gökçe Bahadır) the Jewish ex-convict, her daughter Rasel (Asude Kalebek), Selim Songur (Salih Bademci) the tortured nightclub performer and Orhan (Metin Akdülger) the Greek nightclub owner posing as Muslim, to succeed.

I found the show's moral lesson — that people deserve second chances — to be valuable. Matilda, the main character, is fresh off a prison sentence for shooting and killing a guy. But I just wanted her to reconcile with her daughter, Rasel. I never saw her as a murderer.

Despite all of those good qualities, though, something was missing. "The Club" lacked that spark that makes you think about it when you're not watching, that makes you bring it up in conversation, that makes you want to hang out with the characters.

It's worth the watch, but only if you're looking for something to watch.

Let's start with why it's worth it, though.

Matilda is a strong and capable woman who can get her way even in the lowest of

positions, like the nightclub job she's forced into after getting out of jail. Rasel is a wild and careless late teen who suddenly gets a mother, Matilda, just as she starts growing into adulthood.

Selim is a charismatic but struggling singer and performer who successfully pitches the nightclub on his vision for a cabaret show. And Orhan is an entrepreneur with a string of failures on his record who sees the light in Selim's vision.

All of these people converge at the show's namesake, "The Club," in downtown Istanbul, Turkey's largest city and cultural heartbeat. The downtown setting is shown to be a lively and colorful strip. Overhead shots of the club's street, marked by glitzy business signs, enhance this image.

Within this resplendent and energetic tapestry, though, is a group of people who become more and more important to each other throughout the story.

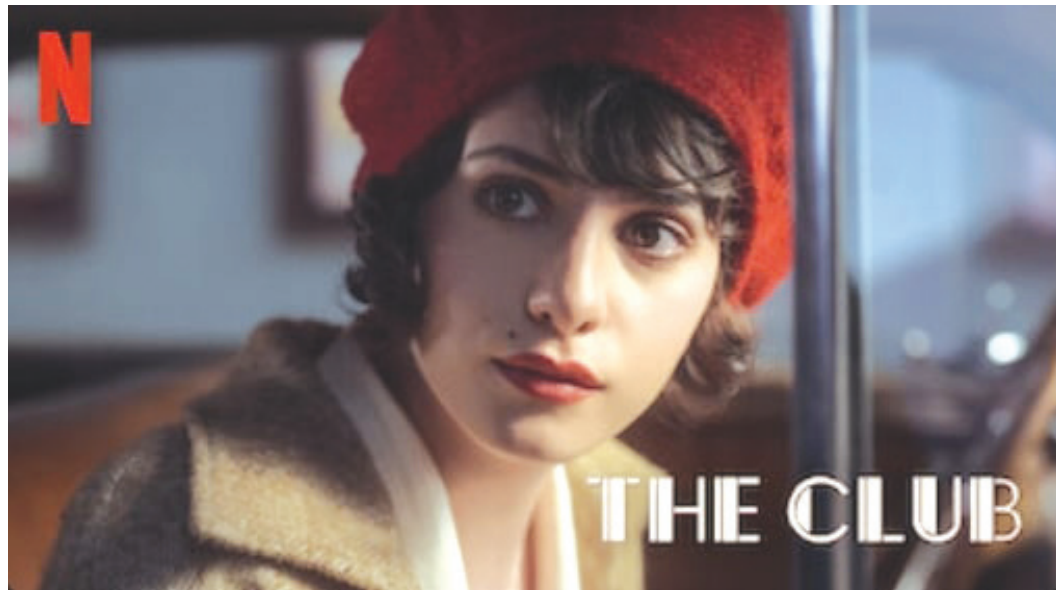
Matilda, in a nerve-racking and then inspiring scene, decides to be Rasel's mother instead of moving to Israel. Rasel, in a heartbreaking and then uplifting sequence, decides to let Matilda in after 17 years away.

Selim, in a bright flash of charisma, sells the bottom-line businessman, Orhan, on his vision for the show. Then later, after Selim bails on his opening performance, it's Orhan who visits his apartment to convince him to come back.

Not all of the scenes are this important to the story. But most of them make it very clear that, by the end, they have advanced it.

In a less capable production, the scenes run together in the viewer's mind. That is not the case in "The Club."

Finally, through this entertaining and interesting story, we learn the Jewish history



▲ "The Club" on Netflix

Screenshot



▲ From left: Gökçe Bahadır as Matilda and Asude Kalebek as Rasel in a scene from "The Club"

Screenshot

of a country that is often overlooked as a home for Jewry. And, perhaps not surprisingly, the outline of that history is familiar.

As Matilda's rabbi says early in the season, "We've been here for hundreds of years." But as both Matilda's and Orhan's backstories explain, in the 1950s, Turkey was starting to become the 99% Muslim country that it is today.

Matilda's father and brother end up in jail for allegedly not paying a discriminatory wealth tax against non-Muslims. Plus,

at different points in the story, Matilda and Rasel consider moving to Israel, which tens of thousands of Turkish Jews did around at that time. On top of that, as Selim's show and the club become more successful, Turkish officials start pressuring Orhan to purge the non-Muslim members of his staff.

Today, only about 15,000 Jews remain in Turkey. "The Club" portrays the trends that led to that present-day statistic.

For all those reasons, "The Club" hooked me, kept me for

six episodes and convinced me to at least keep my eye out for Part Two, which comes out in January.

But its plot-driven nature made me more interested in learning what happened than in living in it. And if I watch Part Two, that will be my reason for doing so.

I want to know what happens in "The Club." But I don't really want to go to the club. •

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In the Room Where it Happens

BY RABBI DAVID LEVIN

Parshat Vayechi

IN THE HIT MUSICAL “Hamilton,” Aaron Burr aches to be in the room where it happens. The song contextualized two focal learning points of Parshat Vayechi: Like Aaron Burr, not everyone is in the room where it happens and, even if you are there, you may not like what you hear.

Both of these are critical complications to the classic story of Jacob offering blessings on his deathbed and offer profound lessons for us. Vayechi asks us to consider the following:

What do you have to say, to whom and why?

Vayechi has me thinking more deeply about these questions and how they affect me. This relationship with the text is meaningful because the Torah’s actual value is in how it relates to us, to stories helping us to reflect and to live more meaningfully, including what we leave behind as our legacy. Vayechi is Jacob’s deathbed scene. He gathers his sons and two grandsons Menashe and Ephraim, to offer final words. The Midrash helps us understand Jacob’s motivation:

Genesis Rabbah shares as Jacob prepares for death; he

gathers his sons and Joseph’s children around him to offer final thoughts and blessings. Jacob (whose name was changed to Israel) wonders if his life was worthwhile and if his children embraced the lessons of the One God to be carried forward to the next generations.

The sons proclaim, “*Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheynu, Adonai Echad*,” poetically translated, “Listen, father, we embrace the lessons of Adonai.” Upon hearing this, Jacob declares with his final breath, “Blessed be His Name — My children have learned and embraced the most important thing I tried to teach them.” Jacob dies knowing his life had a purpose; it has been “for a blessing.”

And indeed, it has, but is this the only message Jacob leaves behind? Unfortunately, in reality, it is more complicated than this somewhat romanticized retelling of our Patriarch’s end. What Jacob says to those who are in the room is pretty telling. But, we also must ask what his purpose was?

As noted, Jacob’s 12 sons and two grandsons are in the room. But his daughter Dinah is not present. Her absence creates questions for us as to why was she excluded, particularly in

light of the effect the trauma of her rape had on two of her brothers and the “blessing” left for them.

The final words are powerful. Can one temper the harshness of *din*, judgment, with *rachamim*, compassion?

Once Jacob dies, there is nothing left to say. Jacob’s assessment of Shimon and Levi, as well as Reuven carries with them; there is no redemption in their father’s eyes, which can be too weighty a burden. Could Jacob have found a way to help them find a path toward *teshuva*? Perhaps Jacob could even offer forgiveness to those who have strayed so far and disappointed so profoundly. For this was more than a gentle, loving rebuke, a *tochecha*, this was a harsh judgment.

As noted, Dinah is not present at this intimate hour of reconciliation and death. Dinah, the rape victim, is not in the room. This assault was the pretext for slaughtering an entire group in alleged revenge.

Such trauma notwithstanding, what is the effect of being left out of such a momentous occasion as her father’s final goodbye? How would it feel to be omitted from such a critical moment in family life, effectively marginalized, unseen and unheard?

Many writers have tried to grapple with the biblical text and the implications for a Judaism that is supposed to embrace everyone but here falls far short. Learned rabbis, historic and contemporary, have tried to reconcile Jacob’s words.

In “The Torah, A Women’s Commentary,” Rabbi Laura Geller understands the omission of daughters from blessing as the opportunity to consciously include them in our prayers for our daughters to be their best versions of themselves.

The graciousness of this reading of our text reframes the pain of exclusion into something profound and beautiful. This reimagining teaches us to be more thoughtful in proactive ways to make even the difficult things received as constructive and caring.

Jacob concludes with his desired funeral arrangements, asking to be buried with the ancestors in the cave of Machpelah. His last breaths are instructions for his sons to carry out Jacob’s wishes. These directives give everyone there the opportunity to fulfill their filial obligation and to honor their father, focusing on this final act, regardless of the complicated relationships that

might have existed.

Like Jacob’s, our final words are profoundly powerful. They can be among the most influential things we do, an enduring if not indelible impression on those we leave behind. In the beginning, God gave humankind the ability to speak and name things.

Our words are our precious legacy, and as such, we should be judicious in choosing our words carefully, understanding the impact they will have. What we say and to whom we say it carries long after we are gone, to another lifetime. •

Rabbi David Levin is the founder of Jewish Relationships Initiative, a not-for-profit dedicated to helping seekers find meaning. His recently published book, co-edited with Rabbi Dayle Friedman and Reb Simcha Raphael, “Jewish End of Life Care in a Virtual Age: Our Traditions Reimagined” is available on Amazon.com. 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.





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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

JEVS CEO to Retire, Successor Named

JAY SPECTOR, the longtime president and CEO of JEVS Human Services, Inc., will retire in June and be succeeded by Cynthia Figueroa, deputy mayor of the Office of Children and Families, the nonprofit announced on Dec. 7.

Figueroa will start on Feb. 7; her last day with the city is Jan. 10. She will work together with Spector for four months before he retires.

"I'm so excited to have this opportunity to build upon the inspirational history and legacy of its founders and work with an exceptional team to expand opportunities for those it serves," Figueroa said.

JEVS was founded in 1941 to help Jewish refugees from war-torn Europe restart their lives. Today, it is the largest human services and employment nonprofit in the region, helping those facing socio-economic challenges to lead independent lives. It annually assists more than 30,000 individuals with a staff of more than 1,000.

Spector has spent the last 26 years as president and CEO.

He joined JEVS in 1979 to expand the organization's workforce programs and helped the organization build programs to help people with intellectual, physical and mental health disabilities to remain in their homes.

Spector helped design a welfare-to-work program that brought attention to the significant barriers that confronted those on welfare, according to a JEVS news release.

Under his leadership, JEVS grew from a \$5 million nonprofit into one with a budget of more than \$100 million.

"I am very excited about this next chapter in JEVS' history and am confident that Cynthia is the very best choice to lead this extraordinary organization into its next 80 years," Spector said. "Her commitment to our region's families is underscored by her impressive background and the passion with which she has worked on behalf of the communities we serve."

Figueroa was a member of Mayor Jim Kenney's cabinet and "is widely credited with transforming the



▲ Jay Spector

Photo by Linette Kielinski

City's Department of Human Services into a national model as a high-performing, outcomes-driven child welfare system," the release said.

"Under her leadership, family involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems decreased, prevention services increased, PHLpreK expanded to 4,000 annual seats and more family supports are available at community schools," Kenney said in a statement. "In response to the pandemic, Cynthia successfully led programs that provided food access and created safe spaces for young students while they transitioned to virtual learning."

92Y, Curtis Institute Announce Collaboration

The 92nd Street Y in New York City and Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music announced a collaboration entitled Curtis at 92Y.

Curtis will work with 92Y to develop adult education classes taught by Curtis faculty and alumni, which will be featured on 92Y's global adult education and culture platforms.

92Y is a Jewish cultural and community center on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Curtis at 92Y launches on Jan. 19 with a multi-session, online adult education course taught by Jonathan Coopersmith, chair of Musical Studies at Curtis. The course will center on Franz Schubert's "Quintet in C Major."



▲ Cynthia Figueroa

Photo by Gabrielle Mahler

On Feb. 18, the first of two annual Curtis on Tour concerts premieres with a Curtis ensemble performing Schubert's work on the stage of 92Y's Kaufmann Concert Hall in New York City. A second Curtis on Tour offering at 92Y will be announced later.

In addition, Curtis and 92Y will work together to develop educational activities around Curtis on Tour appearances on 92Y's concert series for students enrolled in 92Y's School of Music and in the larger New York City community. It will focus on the community served by 92Y's Center for Arts Learning & Leadership; pre-pandemic, the program served more than 15,000 primarily under-resourced NYC public school students in person.

In the summer, selected students from 92Y's Recanati-Kaplan Program for Excellence in the Arts will study with Curtis alumni teaching artists in an online intensive instructional and mentorship program. ●

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BRODSKY

Julie Ellen Brodsky Dec. 4, 2021, of Penn Valley, PA, daughter of Frank and Elayne "Bunny" Brodsky, sister of Charles "Chuck" Brodsky, Nancy (Kenneth) Nardone and the late Michael Brodsky; aunt of Zoe and Katianna Nardone. Services and Interment private. Contributions in her memory may be made to JNF or Golden Slipper Camp or a charity of the donors choice

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COHEN

Shirley Rae Cohen (nee Blackman) died peacefully on December 5, 2021 at age 89, two days before her 69th wedding anniversary. Surviving are her adoring husband, Stanley; her loving children, daughter, Sheri, son, David (Pamella); devoted grandchildren, Jessica (Craig) Brimmer, Jaqueline (Matt) McLaughlin, Alexis, Jonathan, and Jarred; as well as her adored great grandchildren, Clara-Rose, Kaylee and Livia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and admiring friends. Before and after marriage, Shirley and Stanley were both singers, and unbeknown to them, before they met, they had the same coach/accompanist. She, very intentionally, arranged for them to come for their sessions around the same time one day and consequently to have their coaching sessions intertwined. Stanley offered Shirley a ride home. The rest is history- 69 years worth. Shirley's career was primarily with the Federal Government; she held significant positions with the Navy Administration, the IRS and Environmental Protection Agency for some 30 years. She raised her children between employments, and because she wanted to give them sufficient nurturing, she did not go back to work after their birth until the youngest (David) was 12 years old. Family was sacrosanct to Shirley. In her personal duties as well, she always looked out for the employees, seeing that they got all the benefits to which they were entitled. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her and benefited from her interest in their welfare. Donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

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DAVIS

Irvin Davis passed away at the age of 99, on December 1st, 2021 at his home in NE Phila. He is survived by his loving children, Lynne Davis and Marcy Davis. Irv was a pharmacist by profession and an all around good guy. He was a Navy veteran, enjoyed eclectic interests, including reading, music, playing piano and technology. Services and interment were held on December 5, 2021 at Shalom Memorial Park. Arrangements by Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks. Donations in his memory can be made to a charity of your choice.

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DICHTER

Jonathan Dichter, passed away on December 3, 2021. Loving father of Kevin and Justin. Devoted son of Helene (Phil) Sternberg and the late Marvin Dichter. Dear brother of Rachel (Fred) Lewyn and Suzanne (Doug) Cohen. Beloved uncle to Melissa, Alex, Chelsea and Devyn. Also remembered by Gail Dichter. A private Memorial Service will be held. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Or Ami, www.or-ami.org, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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EISENBERG

Leah Eisenberg (nee Glassman) of Boynton Beach, FL, died on Dec. 7, 2021, at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Hubert, loving mother of Berna Pauker (Lawrence), Stuart Eisenberg (Martine) and Gwen Forman (Louis), adoring grandmother of Noah Eisenberg, Mara Berger (Adam), Brooke Kaplan (Zachary), Mitchell Forman (Laurel), Casey Meyers (Adam), Jenny Eisenberg and Amanda Freiberg (Michael); also survived by 5 great grandchildren. Sister of Samuel Glassman, the late Joe Glassman, Jenny Lazar and Minnie Detofsky. She was born and raised in Philadelphia and had a loving marriage to Hubert. Leah and her husband owned and operated a wholesale clothing store for many years. She was a longtime member of Congregation Beth Emeth and B'nai Chaim Social. Relatives and friends are invited to Cryptside Services Friday, Dec. 10, 11:00 AM precisely at the King David Memorial Park, 3594 Bristol Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Contributions in her memory may be made to Kleinlife.org.

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EPSTEIN

Samuel David Epstein, 75, on December 5th. Husband of Maxine (nee Serody); father of Richard (Maryann) and Michael (Kerri); grandfather of Abigail, Elliot, Isaiah, Zoe, Sabrina, Gabriel, and Jennifer. Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, or to the SPCA.

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David S. Goodman, 86 years young of Churchville, PA, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2021. He was the beloved husband and soulmate of Susan Goodman (Goodman) for 42 years. Loving father of sons Allan (Susan), Gary (Shelley) and daughter Abrea Goodman Truskin (Scott). Devoted grandfather of Jason Goodman (Joy), Taryn Goodman, Cory Goodman, Allie Truskin and Kevin Monachelli. Dear great-grandfather of Julian and Jordan Goodman. Dave was loved like a brother to Susan's four sisters the moment he entered her family. He was also an uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend to many. Dave was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Katherine Goodman and his sister, Carole Weiss. Dave was born in Philadelphia on March 30, 1935, and moved to Broomall in 1951. He played on the varsity basketball team for Marple Newtown High School where he developed his love for the game. He lived for many years in Philadelphia and eventually moved to Bucks County and was a resident of Langhorne for many years before moving to Churchville for the past fourteen years. Dave enjoyed watching NBA basketball and was an avid fan of the 76ers. He attended many games in person as well as watching on television. He was considered a basketball historian of sorts and if you mentioned any player who played in the NBA, he'd probably seen them play and knew something about them. He loved classic rock music, especially Pink Floyd. He enjoyed going to see live music. Seeing The Machine at The Keswick Theatre the day after Thanksgiving was something of a ritual for many years running. Dave enjoyed traveling on cruises to the Caribbean, but Sedona, Arizona was Dave and Suz's happy place to relax and unwind. They loved to dine out and the Capital Grille was one of their favorite restaurants as well as Ristorante Denicola in Richboro. Dave was a real animal lover. He enjoyed the company of his many cats over the years, and they adored him. Dave was a proud, patriotic military veteran who served in the U.S. Army as a corporal, stationed in Germany from 1954 through 1956. He worked in the men's clothing manufacturing industry as a cutter until 1990. He then decided to go back into the cigar business which was a passion of his from years earlier. He was the proud owner of the oldest cigar store in Olde City Philadelphia, the famous Harry's Smoke Shop at 3rd and Market Streets until he retired in 2001. Dave was extraordinarily handy around the house and with cars and seemed able to repair anything that he encountered. He also worked in air conditioning and refrigeration repair as a side business. Most importantly, he was a wonderful husband to Susan, dedicated family man and beloved friend to all who ever met him. His kindness and good nature will not soon be forgotten. He was the consummate gentleman...a "real mensch". In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GALTER

Alan Galter on December 5, 2021. Husband of the late Lillian; father of Bonnie Colletti (partner Steven Maser), and Susan (Jonathan) Yutkowitz; brother of Joyce (the late Stanley) Plottel, and Selig (Judi) Galter; grandfather of Elizabeth, Christopher Jr., Nicole, Joe, and Will Colletti, Charlie and Robbie Yutkowitz; Contributions in his memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St., #250, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

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GROSSMAN

Sally "Meme" Grossman (nee Simon) December 5, 2021, of Dresher, PA. Beloved wife of Len Grossman; Loving mother of Barbara (Phil) Grossman and Stacy (Rob) Pressman; Cherished grandmother of Nikki, Matt, Mollie, Taylor, Jenny, Greg, Alison, Rebecca, Kyle, and Andy, and adoring great grandmother of Maisie. Wonderful mom, grandmother and friend to the world. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to American Red Cross Disaster Relief, Birthright Israel or a charity of your choice.

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GRUBER

Stanley B. Gruber, sometimes "Bruce", age 84, passed away on 12/5/21. Born in Manasquan NJ to his beloved parents Seymour and Rose Gruber (nee Meyers). He spent his early life on the Jersey shore before attending college at the University of Delaware and attending law school at Columbia. Married to his cherished wife Judith Gruber (nee Laster) for 52 years, Stan leaves behind 6 sons, David (John), Jody (Jennifer), Joel (Caroline), Steven (Sharon), Jared, and Ben (Katy). He was also the proud Grandpop to Allie, Ben, Parker, Carson, Sutton, Jessica, Zach, and Winnie. He recently became the thrilled Great Grandpop to baby Blake. Stan loved two things above all else, his family and the Eagles...both of which frustrated and delighted him to no end. A respected lawyer, he specialized in personal injury law, labor law, and was one of the few remaining U.S. proctors in admiralty. This kind and decent man will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Parkinson's Foundation or The Michael J. Fox Foundation.

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HOFFMAN

Sylvia Hoffman (nee Lisso), on December 9, 2021. Mother of Marc (Meg) Hoffman, Jeffrey (Kathy) Hoffman, Fred (Cynthia) Hoffman and David (Bonnie) Hoffman; also survived by 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to any animal protective society.

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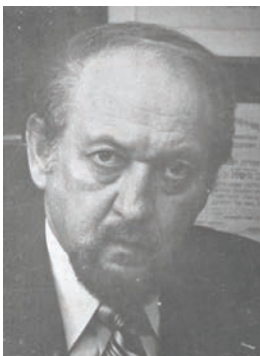


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KOHN

Rabbi Dr. Murray J. Kohn, 92, of Vineland, beloved husband of the late Beverly (Brudnick) Kohn, passed away on December 9, 2021, at Inspira Medical Center in Vineland. Rabbi Kohn was born in Checanow, Poland in 1929. He entered Auschwitz in November 1942 at the age of 12 ½ and was freed on May 8, 1945, at Theresienstadt. He came to America at the end of 1950. He was a graduate of Brooklyn College and Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 1959, he was ordained as a Rabbi and received his Doctorate in Jewish Literature from Jewish Teachers Seminary - People's University in 1971. Rabbi Dr. Kohn is also a Fellow of the Hebrew University. In 1981 he initiated and taught the Holocaust program at Stockton State University until he retired in 2016. In 1966, Rabbi Dr. Kohn moved to Vineland where he proudly served the pulpit of Beth Israel Congregation in Vineland for forty years and was Rabbi Emeritus for 20 years. He is survived by his daughter Martha Pettry and her children Rivkah Pettry and Alexander Pettry and his daughter Sara Kohn-Rosenberg. He is predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Beverly (Brudnick) Kohn; his parents, Elias and Martha Kohn; sister, Ida Kohn and his son-in-law, Julius Shane Pettry. Services were held on on Sunday, December 12th from Beth Israel Congregation, 1015 East Park Avenue, Vineland. Interment will follow in Alliance Cemetery, Norma. ARRANGEMENTS are under the supervision of Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360. Donations in memory of Rabbi may be made to: Yad Vashem in Israel, C/O Rone Funeral Service, 1110 E Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360.

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LISS

Alan D. Liss passed away peacefully at Chandler Hall in Newtown, PA on December 5, 2021. He was born on May 21, 1937, the youngest child of Paul & Ida Liss (nee Herman) in Philadelphia. His father was a baker and his mother was a homemaker. After graduating from West Philadelphia High School, Alan attended the University of Pennsylvania. Alan was a CPA and had a long career in both public and private accounting. He spent most of his career as a controller at Brokay Products and Laramie Tire. He was introduced to Leah Barsky by a mutual friend and were married for 56 years. Alan enjoyed volunteering for the Lower Southampton Democratic Committee and was a frequent blood donor over the years. Alan lived his entire life in the Philadelphia area, including helping raise his children in Langhorne with his late wife, Leah. Alan had a sarcastic sense of humor to the end. He was predeceased by his sister Arline. Alan is survived by his children, Audrey Liss and Michael (Beth) Liss and his grandchildren, Zachary and Drew. He is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandy & Kenny Kravitz. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial gifts in Alan's memory be made to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia or Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy in Overland Park, KS or a charity of the donor's choice.

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LAWRENCE

Gordon Grant Lawrence, 90, December 5, 2021 of Jenkintown, PA. Devoted husband of Ellen (Rosenau). Proud father of Barbara (Michael) Burka and Susan (Alan) Lebow. Loving grandfather of Alex, Jeffrey, Eric, Brian, and Sara. Dear brother to Madge Treeger. Gordon was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and enthusiastic alumnus of Kamp Kewanee. He served in Korea as a journalist for Stars and Stripes. Gordon had a long career in advertising, followed by a position with Montgomery County government. He was committed to public service, and served as a longtime Cheltenham Township commissioner, cofounder of Old York Road Little League, among many other endeavors. Gordon was known as a wordsmith, punster, and storyteller. He was a lover of bridge, baseball, and a good vodka martini before dinner. Contributions in his memory may be made to Rydal Park Friendship Fund c/o Rydal Park, 1515 The Fairway, Jenkintown PA 19046, or a charity of the donor's JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS www.levinefuneral.com

RESNICK

Myron E. Resnick, December 7, 2021 of Wallingford, PA. Beloved husband of the late Phoebe (nee Rogosin); loving father of Rosalind Resnick, Bruce Resnick (Robyn Martin) and Dave Resnick (Marlys Miller); cherished grandfather of Julia Grueskin, Caroline Grueskin, Nora Martin-Resnick, Amelia Martin-Resnick, Luke Martin-Resnick, Hannah Resnick, Miranda Resnick and Georgia Resnick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Myron's memory may be made to Temple Sholom (www.temple-sholom.org)

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SANDERS

Joseph Elliot Cohen Sanders, December 6, 2021, of Narberth, PA. Beloved husband of the late Ada (nee Tuffiash) Sanders; loving father of Dr. Charlene (Howard Goldfrad) Sanders and Dr. Elissa (Alan Stepansky) Sanders; cherished grandfather of Jacob, Jeremy, Maya Stepansky and Rebecca, Samantha and Jeremy Goldfrad; devoted longtime companion Phyllis Rosenberg. Services were held Friday, December 10, 2021. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hadassah, NPR, Doctors Without Borders, or The Glaucoma Foundation.

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SUSSIN

It's with heavy hearts that the children and grandchildren of Nina and Stanley (Sonny) Sussin announce their passing. Nina passed on July 27, 2021; Sonny on November 29. Contributions in their names to your favorite charities are appreciated.

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FELDBAUM

No one crammed more living into a life, even one that was a journey of over 97 years, than Irving Feldbaum, August 9, 1923 - December 17, 2020. Irving learned to live and thrive in a family that worked hard and helped others, even in the midst of a depression. World War II took him to India and Alaska where he was a part of the Army Air Force. Upon his return, he became an accountant, and then a CPA. His professional and personal skills led him to government service, first in the IRS and then for decades serving the citizens of Philadelphia in the City Controller's Office, where he had a substantial and still persistent impact on the wellbeing of the city. At the same time, he developed a private accounting practice and then also became a successful investor. Irving continued his service to others with involvement in synagogues and accounting organizations. He traveled, including a trip to Israel. Irving was deeply involved with his children, his grandchildren and eventually, his great-grandchildren. When the first love of his life, Evelyn passed on, he grieved, but then he met Shirley and they shared a second adventure for the rest of his days. Let us take you back to his beginnings, almost a century ago. His father, Max Feldbaum, was a milkman who was a teamster - literally. Max delivered for Abbott's Milk driving a wagon pulled by a team of horses. Max worked hard and managed to support not only his family throughout the depression, but also, along with Irving's mother Eva, took into their home and housed and fed grandparents and other relatives. The difficulties of the depression and the example of his father and mother had a profound impact upon Irving - he was going to do everything possible, starting as early as a teenager, to earn a good living and be independent. Irving and his friends were creative and found ways to make some money. Irving had been a boy scout. Throughout his life, he would sing the songs he learned and use the experiences. That also equipped him to be a camp counselor. Irving planned for his future. He prepared for his induction into the Army during WWII by learning how to type and thus was assigned a job as a company clerk, giving him some degree of safety. He persuaded the Army to train him as an airplane mechanic and as a result, he was assigned to posts in India. He shared his experiences and the cultures in which he lived. His knowledge of India was a matter of pride to him - in his latter years, when his oncologist at Fox Chase was a doctor who had emigrated from India, he delighted her by his familiarity with parts of her country. It was typical of Irving Feldbaum that while he was in India, he began a business recycling paper, and when he left the country, he sold that business rather than just bring it to a halt. He also learned about the geopolitical realities of the world - while he was traveling in what is now the country of Pakistan, he was told as they drove in a valley that there were guns pointed at them from the mountains because they were not from the area. Irving developed significant skills as a mechanic. He did many of the repairs in his home himself. It was his lifelong habit to save or find little bits of mechanical parts - there were all sorts of screws, nuts and bolts, sorted into plastic drawers along with lots of

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other useful parts. The parts were often used in fixing things around the house years after they had been saved. Irving sent home his Army pay to support his parents and his sister Marion (who herself had a good life with her husband Gene Benamy). Irving's mother set aside that money, so that he could go to college when he returned home. He was practical - although he was accepted by two universities, he turned down the school that would have required him to wait until September to start because there were so many veterans entering the work force at once and he knew he had to get into the workforce as soon as possible. Irving went to Temple University and was trained to be an accountant. After graduation, he went to work for the IRS and then for a small private accounting firm, which meant that he lived for a time in York, Pennsylvania. Irving then became a Certified Public Accountant. It was around this time, before moving to York, that Irving met Evelyn, on an arranged date. They fell in love, married in 1952 and spent many happy decades together, living first in West Philadelphia, then in West Oak Lane and finally in Northeast Philadelphia. They raised two children - Gary, an attorney and Adrienne, known to most as Rennie, a teacher. Irving followed two career paths at once. He sought out clients and developed a private accounting practice - with his wife Evelyn as the bookkeeper and typist. At the same time, he joined the Philadelphia City Controller's office as an auditor. Over time, he went up all the way up the ranks to the post of Senior Audit Supervisor - one of only four or five, reporting directly to the elected Controller. He was honest and insisted that the people who worked for him be honest and thorough as well. His work had a significant and long lasting impact on the welfare of the City. It was Irving, working with the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, who effectively ended the existence of no-show jobs in the Court system. He put in place vastly different security practices for the Philadelphia Police evidence storage, to prevent the theft of drugs. In fact, he himself would ride the truck taking the drugs to the incinerator and have his staff do inventory at the end to make sure nothing was stolen. It was Irving Feldbaum's idea to create a shopping arcade near the gates at the Philadelphia airport at a time when that was accessible to everyone who visited the airport. His idea was used as a model by many other airports. This was not enough for Irving - he started several other businesses. He and his friends tried to start a swimming pool construction business. Many years later, he and a partner started a small store, The Shirt Stop, which sold only men's shirts. Neither business succeeded, but he kept on with new ideas. Irving invested, as part of an investment club and on his own, and was successful. He read about his investments and often called the CEO's to discuss their businesses. Every day, before there were computers, he would get the last edition of the Bulletin to learn the closing quotes for the day and then record them. Once there were computers, he checked his investments online every day and read several investment newsletters and the Wall Street Journal. In addition, Irving kept up with current events, reading three newspapers, including the New York Times, every day. Then he would discuss situations around the world and ask questions. He made us think. Irving and Evelyn loved their family. They were devoted to their grandchildren. On a moment's notice, they would drive down to Maryland to spend time with them. Irving was especially close to his grandson Jacob. They were truly best friends. Jacob would call Irving on the phone regularly seeking advice. Irving and Evelyn would drive down to see Jacob play college hockey. He was also very proud of his granddaughter Shira. He enjoyed watching her ice skating and attended some of her synchronized skating exhibitions when she was in college. After Evelyn passed away, Irving met and quickly fell in love with Shirley. They married and spent fifteen wonderful years together. He marveled at his luck finding love

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again. They traveled and attended plays at the Walnut Street Theater as well as the Kimmel Center. A favorite outing was at the home of Shirley's daughter Janet. They were active in two synagogues - Ner Zedek and Shaare Shamayim. They participated in the Jewish War Veteran's events. Irving was also active in an accounting organization. Together, Irving and Shirley saw four grandchildren marry and had ten great-grandchildren. Irving Feldbaum is survived by his wife, Shirley Feldbaum, his son Gary Feldbaum and Gary's fiancée Sue Ellen, his daughter Rennie Selis and her husband Michael, by grandchildren Jacob Selis and his wife Erina, Shira Bradford and her husband Kevin, and great-grandchildren Evelyn aka Chava Selis, Natan Selis, Tiferes Selis, Hadassah Selis, Ariella Selis and Evelyn Bradford, step children Marsha Pincus, Janet Rosenzweig and her husband David Marcus, Larry Rosen and his wife Yael, step grandchildren Michael Pincus and his wife Danielle, Alison Pincus-Jacobs and her husband Jason, Zachary Smith, Sunni Rosen and Inde Rosen and step great-grandchildren Tyler Jacobs, Shayna Jacobs, Samuel Pincus and Rosalie Pincus. He was predeceased by Evelyn Feldbaum, parents Max and Eva Feldbaum and sister Marion Benamy. He is loved and will be greatly missed. May his memory be an inspiration and a blessing.

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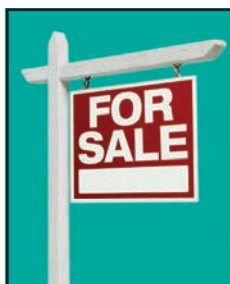
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URE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND THE
PETITION WITH THE COURT AND TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTIT-
UTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL
RIGHTS ALYSSA MORALES MAY HAVE OR ASSERT REGARDING THE
CHILD. Should Alyssa Morales wish to contest the adoption, Alyssa Mor-
ales, is required to serve a copy of written defenses, if any, to it on Petition-
ers' atty., Mary K. Wimsett, whose address is 2750 NW 43rd St., #102,
Gainesville, FL 32606 on or before 1/26/22 and file the original with the
clerk of this Court at 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, before
service on Petitioner or immediately after. If Alyssa Morales fails to do so, a
default may be entered against Alyssa Morales for the relief demanded in the
petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders,
are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. Alyssa Morales may
review these documents upon request. Alyssa Morales must keep the Clerk
of the Circuit Court's office notified of current address. (Alyssa Morales
may file Notice of Current Address, FL Supreme Court Approved Family
Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the ad-
dress on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, FL Family
Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of docu-
ments & info. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal
or striking of pleadings. Dated: 12/1/21, J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq., Clerk of The
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - PHILA. COUNTY - May Term '21/No. 210501883 - Julietta Diaz, Plaintiff vs. Jared Giles; Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC; PV Holding Corporation & Lyft, Inc., Defendants - To: Jared Giles, Defendant, 595 E. Cheltenham Ave., Phila., PA 19120. Take notice that a Complaint in Civil Action-Motor Vehicle Accident has been filed against you in the above-named Court. Said complaint arises from an accident that took place on or about 9/8/19 at approx. 10:15 a.m., at or near the 5100 block of Tacony St. in Phila., PA in which you were involved. NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the notice above, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. Phila. Bar Assn., Lawyer Referral & Info. Service, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Phila., PA 19107, 215.238.1701.

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ESTATE OF ALLAN KATES, DECEASED.
Late of Abington Township, Montgomery County, PA
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MARCIA CONSTON, 751 Righters Mill Rd., Penn Valley, PA 19072 and
MICHAEL KATES, 80 Bobbie Dr., Ivyland, PA 18974, EXECUTOR, ORS,
Or to their Attorney:
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ESTATE OF ANNE MARIE O'DONNELL, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney:
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ESTATE OF AnneMarie FRAZER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney:
NATHAN SNYDER
LAW OFFICE OF NATHAN SNYDER
3070 Bristol Pike, Bldg. 2, Ste. 204
Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF ANNIE RUTH TRUETT, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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CLEANETTE D. RILEY, ADMINISTRATRIX, P.O. Box 60517, Philadelphia, PA 19145,
Or to her Attorney:
Joseph J. Console
Console Matison, LLP
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Media, PA 19063

ESTATE OF ANTHONY IZZO, SR., DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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HAROLD WATKINS, JR., ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Jay E. Kivitz, Esq., 7901 Ogontz Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19150,
Or to his Attorney:
JAY E. KIVITZ
KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C.
7901 Ogontz Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19150

Estate of Cristen Gilbert; Gilbert, Cristen, Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Laura Gilbert-King, c/o Ned Hark, Esq., Goldsmith Hark & Hornak, PC, 7716 Castor Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19152, Administratrix.
Goldsmith Hark & Hornak, PC
7716 Castor Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19152

ESTATE OF EMANUEL TRUETT, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney:
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Console Matison, LLP
1 W. Third St., Ste. 204
Media, PA 19063

ESTATE OF ERMA V. LEE, Deceased
Late of Pennsylvania
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SAUNDRA WILLIAMS, Executrix c/o her attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

ESTATE OF EVE LYNNE EPSTEIN a/k/a EVE L. EPSTEIN, DECEASED.
Late of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, PA
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MICHAEL HARRY EPSTEIN, EXECUTOR, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.
Or to his Attorney:
ADAM S. BERNICK
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2047 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF FRANCIS J. RAWLING a/k/a FRANCIS RAWLING, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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GLORIA ANN HARRISON, EXECUTRIX, c/o Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020.
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ESTATE OF FRANCIS M. AGNEW, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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FRANCES M. KORIN, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Stephen M. Specht, Esq., 2332 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19145,
Or to her Attorney:
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2332 S. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19145

ESTATE of HARRIS A. SHEPPARD, Deceased
Late of Pennsylvania
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ESTATE OF HERMAN FRANKEL, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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RHEA A. FRANKEL, EXECUTRIX, c/o Peter L. Klenk, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to her Attorney:
PETER L. KLENK
THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES
2202 Delancey Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Late of Montgomery County
Marya Graham, Executor or Administrator c/o her attorney:
Steven R. Sosnov
SOSNOV & SOSNOV
540 Swede Street
Norristown, PA 19401
610-279-8700

ESTATE OF JEFFREY GENNARO LOPEZ a/k/a JEFF G. LOPEZ, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF KATHERINE L. HIRST, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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EILEEN BEDARA, EXECUTRIX, c/o Peter L. Klenk, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,
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ESTATE OF LYNNE M. BERMAN a/k/a LYNNE BERMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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STANLEY A. PELLI and MICHAEL C. BERMAN, EXECUTORS, 1880 JFK Blvd., Ste. 1740, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
Or to their Attorney:
NEAL G. WILEY
ALEXANDER & PELLI, LLC
1880 JFK Blvd., Ste. 1740
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF MARY A. McCOLLUM, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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BRIDIE WEBER, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Martin J. Pezzner, Esq., 100 W. 6th St., Ste. 204, Media, PA 19063.
Or to her Attorney:
MARTIN J. PEZZNER
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ESTATE OF MARY ANNE MAUI, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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SAMANTHA DOMAN EWERTH, ADMINISTRATRIX, 3021 Winchester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136,
Or to her Attorney:
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ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN POST, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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KOREN L. CHRISTENSEN, EXECUTRIX, c/o Wendy Fein Cooper, Esq., 50 S. 16th St., Ste. 3530, Philadelphia, PA 19102,
Or to her Attorney:
WENDY FEIN COOPER
DOLCHIN, SLOTKIN & TODD, P.C.
50 S. 16th St., Ste. 3530
Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF MATILDA ANNE GREER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ANDREW S. KASMEN, EXECUTOR, 1001 Conshohocken State Rk., Ste. 1-625, West Conshohocken, PA 19428

ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. FRISHMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Abington Township, Montgomery County, PA
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HOWARD M. SOLOMAN, ADMINISTRATOR, 1760 Market St., Ste. 404, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
Or to his Attorney:
HOWARD M. SOLOMAN
1760 Market St., Ste. 404
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF NIXON H. TUTT, JR. a/k/a NIXON TUTT, JR., DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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COUNCIL TUTT, EXECUTOR, c/o Robert S. Levy, Esq., 1204 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026,
Or to his Attorney:
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1204 Township Line Rd.
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Late of Philadelphia
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TALIA McLAUGHLIN and HANA McLAUGHLIN, ADMINISTRATRICES CTA, c/o Paul L. Feldman, Esq., 820 Homestead Rd., Jenkintown, PA 19046,
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Late of Montgomery County
Marya Graham, Executor or Administrator c/o her attorney:
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Norristown, PA 19401
610-279-8700

ESTATE of ROSA COLON, Deceased
Late of Pennsylvania
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Veronica Torres, Executrix c/o her attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.



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ESTATE OF ROSALINDE WEIMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Montgomery County
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KAREN KAMENS, Executrix c/o 822 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 204 Narberth, PA 19072 or to her attorney:
Dahlia Robinson-Ocken Esq.
822 Montgomery Ave
Suite 204
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ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. CLOUSER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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JOSEPH J. BRADLEY and KRISTI BRADLEY, EXECUTORS, c/o Peter L. Klenk, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,
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NEWSMAKERS

Philip Spector Memorial Fund Hosts Chanukah Concert

More than 200 people attended a recent Chanukah Klezmer performance put on by the Philip Spector Memorial Fund at KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia.

The Ken Ulansey Ensemble played the music. The concert was held in memory of Spector, a longtime KleinLife member.

► From left: Lorraine Dorfman, Andrea Kimelheim, Dr. Harvey Spector, Jill Florin, Brian Sherman and Harriet Sherman

Courtesy of the Rosen Coren Agency



Ohev Shalom Holds Outdoor Chanukah Celebration

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County hosted an intergenerational, outdoor Chanukah candle-lighting for the eighth night on Dec. 5.

► Congregants gather to celebrate the last night of Chanukah at the Richboro synagogue.

Photo courtesy of Evan Glickman



AJC Philadelphia/Southern NJ Holds Chanukah Event

The American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern NJ hosted its annual Diplomatic Chanukah Reception on Dec. 6 at the Amenity Center.

The Consular Corps Association partnered with the AJC to organize the reception. It was virtual in 2020 but back in person this year.



▲ From left: Peter Longstreth, Marcia Bronstein, David Smith and Allan Domb
Photos by Christopher Brown

Israel Bonds Philadelphia Hosts Fundraiser

In November at the Union League, Israel Bonds Philadelphia raised more than \$60 million in investments and indications to invest in Israel's economy.

The organization also thanked Harold Marcus, retiring executive director of the Pennsylvania region, for his 40-plus years of service. Additionally, it honored Mitchell, Jonathan and Jason Morgan.



▲ From left: Jason Morgan, Jessica Morgan, Mitchell Morgan, Hilarie Morgan, Jonathan Morgan and Alexandra Morgan
Photos by Alex Lowy Photography

COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, DEC. 17

Parsha for Life

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

Geography of Summer

What is the history of the summer vacation? How does it apply to the Jewish community? Why and where and how do we travel? What is a Jewish "staycation"? **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel's Temple Judea Museum** 2021

fall exhibition "The Geography of Summer" is open. Visit the gallery in person at 8339 Old York Road in Elkins Park, or follow the exhibition on the Temple Judea Museum Facebook page and on YouTube.

▼ SUNDAY, DEC. 19

Family Concert

The **Keneseth Israel Community Music Arts Committee** announces The DePue Brothers Band Annual Holiday Family Concert, featuring favorite festive songs played in many genres: classical, "grassical," bluegrass, soft rock, standard and soft jazz. 5 p.m. \$18. Order online: KenesethIsrael.org/MusicArts. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Writing Course

In the **Briya Project's** Sh'ma – Hear Your Inner Voice weekly course of eight, two-hour class sessions from 6-8 p.m., we gather on Zoom for moments of ritual and writing, to harness our creative spirits, to seek our artistic voices and to let them speak out. The course continues until Jan. 16. Contact taliala@briyaproject.com for more information.

▼ MONDAY, DEC. 20

Mahjong Game

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood invites the community to join our weekly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$36 per year or free with MBIEE Sisterhood membership. For more information, call 215-635-1505

or email office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ TUESDAY, DEC. 21

Text Study

Join **Beth Sholom Congregation** Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin at 8 p.m. for a close reading of Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg's work "Moses: A Human Life," which reveals Moses as far from perfect; a very human man, riddled with insecurities, anxieties and uncertain of his faith. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

Mahjong Class

Old York Road Temple-Beth Am presents weekly beginner mahjong

classes until Jan. 19 from 6:45-9 p.m. \$80. Contact Gail Stein at aplusteacherus@gmail.com or 215-947-2203 for registration. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

▼ THURSDAY, DEC. 23

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On Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 23, join Beth Sholom Congregation Cantor Jacob Agar for the "History of Tefillah" and learn about the history and meaning of our prayers and the music behind them. For more information: bethsholomcongregation.org. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park. ●

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