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## Perelman Day School Leader to Retire

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IN HER EIGHT YEARS leading the Perelman Jewish Day School, Judy Groner faced two major tests: presiding over a generational change in the teaching ranks and COVID-19.

And she passed both, according to Perelman teachers and parents.

Groner took over as head of school in the summer of 2014 and is retiring at the end of the 2021-'22 school year.

The Philadelphia resident has been a Jewish educator for four decades. She wants to step down while she still enjoys the work. She also wants to spend more time with her husband, four children, three step-children, one grandchild and five step-grandchildren.

"It's just the right time for me," Groner said.

Groner took the pre-K-5 Perelman job to be closer to her husband. In the decade leading to her decision, she worked in Greensboro, North Carolina, while he was in Philadelphia.

But for the longtime educator, the

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▲ Kismet Bagels co-owners Alexandra and Jacob Cohen have called 10 different distributors to find a reliable supply of cream cheese.

Photo by Mike Prince

## Bagel Businesses Navigate Schmear Shortage

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ONE CAN'T TALK about cream cheese without bringing up the City of Brotherly Love for which a popular brand is named.

And these days, Philadelphia bagel purveyors can't talk about Philadelphia Cream Cheese without bringing up their

notable lack of the stuff.

The national cream cheese shortage, the latest casualty of global supply chain issues, has hit Philadelphia, and local schmear sellers are feeling the effects.

"The price started creeping up just a bit, and then in the last month or so, it's been incredibly difficult to even secure cream

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CARAMEL APPLE 'TRIFLE'

Although trifles typically are associated with spring or summer because of their use of berries, food columnist Keri White has developed a variation that has more of an autumn/winter feel. Caramel and apples help comprise the concoction, which isn't a true trifle, but it is tasty nonetheless. 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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### Kissinger Sued by AJCongress

**Other U.S. Cabinet Officials Charged With Rights Violations**

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WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and three other members of President Ford's cabinet have been named as defendants in a suit filed in Federal District Court here by the American Jewish Congress. The suit charges them with violating the constitutional rights of American Jews who are excluded from participating in government-supported programs in Saudi Arabia because of their religion.


**CHARGING THAT** the Federal government was a "silent partner" in Saudi Arabia's "religious bigotry against Jews," the AJCongress asked for an injunction barring Dr. Kissinger, secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon, Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson and Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe from implementing a 1974 U.S.-Saudi Arabia agreement calling for cooperation between the two countries in the fields of economics, technology and industry.



**Kissinger** menting the filing of the suit. "In seeking to establish the principle that the Constitutional rights of American citizens may not be waived by the government in its dealings with foreign states, this suit raises important constitutional issues with long-range implications in the field of international law," he added.

"If OTHER nations wish to benefit from American scientific know-how and other forms of U. S. assistance, they must accept the fact that the U. S. Constitution prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion. Our own government cannot ignore or abandon these protections. Indeed, the officials named in this suit have an affirmative responsibility to protect the rights of Americans by refusing to countenance the kind of discrimination that Saudi


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# Hebrew Schools Struggle to Find Teachers

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**DURING THIS YEAR** back in person at local Hebrew schools, teachers have been a little tougher to find, according to school leaders.

But that doesn't mean that schools have faced shortfalls or failed to fill the gaps.

Most Philadelphia-area Hebrew programs are running smoothly in 2021-'22. If anything, due to pandemic-induced hesitancy about returning to social life, it just took them a bit longer in the summer to fill their teaching staff.

"I've never had a harder time than I had this summer," said Beverly Socher-Lerner, the founding director of the Makom Community, an after-school



▲ Beverly Socher-Lerner, front, with Makom Community students during an after-school session.  
Courtesy of the Makom Community



▲ Makom Community has found enough staff members to keep programming going this year, but it hasn't been easy.  
Courtesy of the Makom Community

program for Jewish youth. "We saw fewer applicants, and they came in later this summer."

Socher-Lerner saw about 30% fewer candidates than she did in a normal summer. But she was still able to fill her staff by the end of August.

The director just needed to raise part-time pay by \$5 an

hour and full-time, entry-level pay by \$4,000 per year. She used Makom's federal CARES Act money and asked its board of trustees to dip into the community's reserve fund to make the upgrades.

But it was worth it, Socher-Lerner said.

"It's clear that the quality of our program sits on the educators we have for our kids," she added.

Makom, though, is different from other area religious programs. It's available five days a week after school.

Other Hebrew schools are more traditional in the sense that they offer programming a couple of times a week and don't need full-time educators. But after a 2020-'21 year of mostly virtual learning, they, too, had a little more trouble hiring.

Gabby Kaplan-Mayer helps run the Jewish Learning Venture, a nonprofit that offers professional development to education directors as part of its mission. The organization works with about 50 area Hebrew programs.

Most, according to Kaplan-Mayer, had one or two teachers who didn't come back and couldn't fill those gaps until right before the new year started.

The chief program officer attributed the sluggish field to three factors.

First and foremost, teachers over 60 were hesitant to return

to the classroom when students weren't vaccinated yet.

"These are people doing it as a part-time gig," Kaplan-Mayer said.

Secondly, during the pandemic, a lot of new part-time work emerged online. There were more ways to make extra money without driving somewhere.

"A lot of teachers might do online tutoring now," Kaplan-Mayer said.

Finally, local education directors haven't targeted younger people as potential teachers. In other regions, Hebrew schools work with college Hillels to find younger, engaged Jews.

"They're really nurturing people to step in," she said.

Kaplan-Mayer thinks it will benefit area Hebrew schools to begin recruiting new talent. Jewish Learning Venture is in the process of developing a program for helping them do that.

Local Hebrew schools will need those younger teachers when the older teachers stop coming back. But for now, those older instructors are enough for many synagogue-based religious schools.

"Most of our teachers have been with us for several years," said Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin of Beth Shalom Congregation in Elkins Park. "The ones we've had have been willing to come back."

Other rabbis echoed

Glanzberg-Krainin. Some maintained staff consistency well enough during the pandemic to even grow their student bodies.

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County has 135 students, which Rabbi Elliott Perlstein described as "a little bit more than last year." Congregation Brothers of Israel in Newtown has more than 30 students now, up from 22 or 23 before the pandemic.

Due to its own increase, Ohev Shalom hired one more teacher for the 2021-'22 year. Perlstein called hiring "a little bit more challenging than in past years." But the synagogue got it done in time.

Programs that have fallen short of that goal have made it work.

Abigail Weinberg, the education director of the Germantown Jewish Centre, had to teach a class herself for the first five weeks of the year. The GJC was one staff member short but eventually found one.

Congregation Beth Solomon, also in the city, has three rabbis who share Hebrew teaching duties, and two contracted COVID-19 at different points. In each case, the school just rotated in another rabbi, Rabbi Solomon Isaacson said.

"No interruption," he said. "It wasn't difficult at all. It went very smoothly." •

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## New Nonprofit Offers Security Training

### LOCAL

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**SECURITY HAS BECOME** a priority for the Jewish community in recent years.

In October, the Jewish Federations of North America announced a \$54 million effort to help local Jewish communities secure their buildings. JFNA President and CEO Eric Fingerhut called it “a permanent new cost to the Jewish community.”

But security, according to a new Philadelphia nonprofit, the Jewish Emergency Preparedness Project, goes deeper than cameras, locks and other equipment to protect buildings. Security, at its deepest level, means people who are prepared to defend themselves.

Rakhman and Savett want Jews to be ready for severe storms, overt antisemitism, missing persons, active shooters and riots, among other potentially dangerous events.

Yoni Ari, JEPP’s interim CEO, recommends that organizations start with a risk assessment and the development of an emergency protocol. Savett believes that, to stay ready, Jewish communities should organize two training sessions per year.

JEPP is ready to offer security experts who can help with both.

“This is an ongoing thing,” Ari said. “To help the Jewish community build resiliency.”

Recent tragedies, like the 2018 Tree of Life synagogue complex shooting in Pittsburgh and the 2019 Poway synagogue shooting in California,

remembers them, were illustrations of the “terrible things the Nazis did.”

“My deep thought was, ‘Never again,’” Rakhman said. “Never again that they will slaughter Jews like animals.”

The Bucks County resident’s historical memory reminded him that Jews could always be blamed. And this modern era of turbulent events, like

COVID-19, reminded him that they could be again, at any time, for any traumatic incident.

“We know what’s happened in Egypt, Babylon, Spain, France, Russia, Poland,” Rakhman said. “Sometimes the young generation can forget it.”

According to Rakhman, though, remembering is not enough. Jewish communities

also need to act.

JEPP’s guiding principle is that Jews should assume that antisemitic incidents will happen. Therefore, taking precautions on a perennial basis is necessary.

As Savett explained, no one can know exactly when such attacks will occur. But if a community has structures in place to handle crises, its

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▲ Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President Michael Balaban addresses the audience at JEPP’s initial conference in November.

Photo by Yoni Ari

That’s why two area residents and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia donors Vitaly Rakhman and Sherrie Savett are starting JEPP. The nonprofit will offer emergency preparedness training to Jewish organizations in the region, including synagogues, community centers and schools.

The Jewish Federation is a partner in the effort.

reinforced that need in the consciousness of American Jewish leaders.

But the idea for JEPP came from the life experience of Rakhman. The Russian immigrant’s great-grandparents were killed in the Nazi-perpetrated Babi Yar massacre of more than 30,000 Jews in Ukraine.

His childhood books, as he



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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Berlin Has 290 Streets Named for People Who Expressed Antisemitic Views

A 19TH-CENTURY German historian who coined the phrase “the Jews are our misfortune” has a street named for him in Berlin. So does a 15th-century official who supported a murderous purge of Jews and an athlete who was a darling of the Nazi regime.

At least 290 streets or squares in Berlin are named for people who espoused antisemitic views, according to a new analysis conducted by the city’s commissioner in charge of fighting antisemitism, JTA reported.

Commissioner Samuel Salzborn isn’t calling for the street names to be changed. Instead, he told the German broadcaster RBB that his office initiated the study to “create a systematic basis for an important social discussion.”

That discussion includes how to reckon with the fact that antisemitism was a mainstream view for centuries in Germany. The report notes that several streets are named for people who became active in the Nazi regime resistance but previously expressed antisemitic views.

### ADL Joins Lawsuit Against Alleged Jan. 6 Insurrection Groups

The Anti-Defamation League joined the District of

Columbia attorney general in a lawsuit against two extremist groups that allegedly helped organize the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, JTA reported.

The lawsuit filed by D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine is against two far-right groups, the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers, and some of their members.

The ADL and the States United Democracy Center are the two nonprofits joining the lawsuit to provide pro bono legal counsel.

“No one will forget the images we saw on Jan. 6, and for the Jewish community seeing individuals wearing antisemitic T-shirts with images like ‘Camp Auschwitz’ on them while storming the Capitol building was particularly searing and traumatic,” ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said.

### Miami-Dade’s Jewish Mayor Pardons Christmas Pigs Raised by Jewish Farmers

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, who is Jewish, gave four pigs a new lease on life Dec. 14 in a pig-pardoning ceremony that marks the kickoff of Miami’s Christmas celebrations, JTA reported.

The ceremony is a riff on the turkey pardons that American presidents have issued for decades, adapted to reflect Miami’s large Hispanic population.

This year’s pigs — Shlomo, Manchita, Sakura and David — were raised by Yariv and Asuka Mashav, two Jewish farmers who raise goats, ducks and pigs on their South Florida farm.

After the ceremony, the pigs were moved to a foster home. Not that they were ever in much danger.

“It’s not kosher. They’re very safe in a Jewish house,” Yariv Mashav said.

### Jeff Garlin Won’t Return to ‘The Goldbergs’ After Misconduct Allegations

Jeff Garlin will not return to the ABC comedy “The Goldbergs” after an investigation into his alleged misconduct, JTA reported.

Deadline cited sources on set who said the decision was a mutual one by Garlin and the show’s producers.

Garlin plays the father on the show, which centers on a Jewish family living in Jenkintown in the 1980s. The show has aired since 2013.

Vanity Fair reported that Garlin was accused by other show employees of engaging in a pattern of inappropriate verbal and physical conduct that included disrespectful language and hugging people who were uncomfortable being hugged. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

## ISRAELBRIEFS

### Orthodox Rabbi Who Said Children Should Get Vaccinated Receives Threats

RABBI CHAIM KANIEVSKY, a top haredi Orthodox rabbinical authority in Israel, and his family were threatened by anti-vaxxers after he announced his support of vaccinating children ages 5-11 to protect against the coronavirus, JTA reported.

Ynet reported that the threats have come via phone calls, emails and letters. And some have tried to break into Kanievsky’s home, according to the rabbi’s head of security. Security around the home and the rabbi when he attends events was increased.

Kanievsky, 93, met with officials from Israel’s Ministry of Health on Nov. 25, The Jerusalem Post reported. Officials there asked for Kanievsky’s support for the country’s child vaccination campaign.

Kanievsky has consistently supported vaccines, but his varying directives to Israel’s haredi school system during the pandemic made him a polarizing figure.

### Israeli Home Prices Rise 10.3% Over 12 Months

Israeli housing prices climbed 10.3% in the 12 months ending in October, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data, Globes reported.

The increase is the biggest over 12 months

since 2010.

The continued increase is believed to be, in part, caused by an increase in the nation’s purchase tax; buyers rushed to beat the increase.

The bureau reported that the consumer price index dropped by 0.1% in November, bringing the overall inflation rate in the preceding 12 months to 2.4%. In November, fresh produce fell by 5.8%, cultural and entertainment items dropped 1.6% and clothing and footwear fell 0.8%. Furniture and household equipment prices did climb 2.4%.

### Will Smith, Israeli Producers to Collaborate on Series About Munich Massacre

Philadelphia native actor Will Smith and his actor wife Jada Pinkett Smith will co-produce a three-part docudrama about the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, The Jerusalem Post reported.

The Smiths, via their Telepool production company, will work in collaboration on “Munich 72” with Hot 8 and the Israeli-run Tadmor Entertainment.

Each episode will be told from the point of view of a different person. Filming is underway in Germany and Israel and will follow the events that led to the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes through archival

materials and reenactments.

The producers plan to release the series in September 2022 to coincide with the tragedy’s 50th anniversary.

### Israel to Donate 1M COVID Vaccines to African Countries Via UN Program

The Israeli government said on Dec. 15 that it was giving 1 million vaccines to the United Nations-backed COVAX program, The Times of Israel reported. COVAX distributes shots to countries that are too poor to acquire them in sufficient numbers.

The Foreign Ministry said the AstraZeneca vaccines would be transferred to several African countries in the coming weeks as a way to strengthen Israel’s ties to the continent.

The ministry’s announcement said the vaccines would reach nearly 25% of all African countries, although it did not mention specific countries by name.

Israel previously gave surplus vaccines to friendly countries, but that process was stopped in February as legal officials considered whether then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had the authority to order the transfers. •

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people will be more confident and clear in the moment.

“You have to train people,” Savett said. “You have to train their memories.”

At this point, though, Jewish communities in the Philadelphia area are not well-trained.

Earlier this year, JEPP did a survey of Jewish organizations on the Main Line.

“We found out no one has a plan,” Savett said.

In November, JEPP organized

is to identify the strengths of their members. Who could provide medical help? Who could offer transportation assistance?

Those are the questions that leaders need to ask while developing their protocol.

They also need to reconsider their communication systems. Email chains are not fast or direct enough in a crisis.

“No one looks at email in a crisis,” she said.

Local organizations interested in JEPP’s help should visit the nonprofit’s website at [jepp365.org](http://jepp365.org).



▲ Sherrie Savett discusses the Jewish Emergency Preparedness Project at its initial conference in November. Photo by Yoni Ari

a conference for about 25 institutions in the region.

“Most of them came to the conclusion that they weren’t ready,” Savett said.

Many local Jewish organizations have already added security guards, locks and other forms of protection. But if a crisis were to hit, the people in those communities would probably just call the police.

According to Ari, a 20-plus year veteran in the community security field, that is not a reliable option. Police officers often take time to arrive at a scene.

“We have to be ready,” he said. “When something happens, you have people that can run the show.”

Savett agrees. She thinks the first step for local organizations

JEPP is hoping that organizations who receive JFNA security grants from the \$54 million program will use the money on its services. The local Jewish Federation is distributing the Philly allotment of JFNA security money to area communities.

“We call on Jewish organizations applying for the security grant to ask for 50 percent for training so they know what to do,” Ari said.

But Ari also said those percentages could vary depending on the organization’s needs.

“Eighty-five percent can go to physical security and 15 percent to training,” he concluded. ●

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# Mummers Return in 2022, Embrace Change

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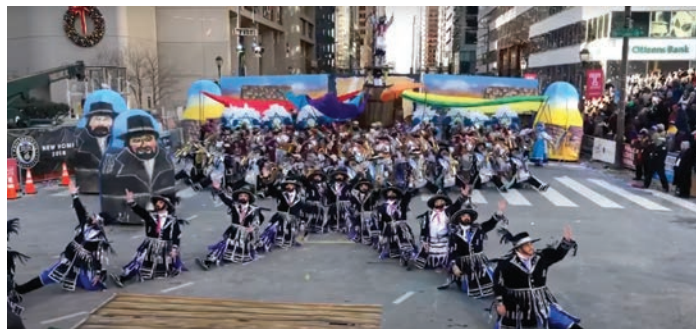
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OVER JACK COHEN'S 45 years as a Mummer, he's seen the Mummers Parade undergo a whole host of changes, and this year is no different.

Associated with an amalgamation of European cultures dating to the 17th century, the parade is a hallmark of Philadelphia's New Year's celebrations, a symbol of masquerade and Philadelphia's cheeky spirit since it was first inaugurated by the city in 1901. But like most other institutions, it's had to weather the pandemic and reckon with past and present systemic racism and discrimination.

"Everybody recognizes that we have a lot of work to do," Cohen said. He believes these changes are for the better.

The Mummers Parade has a checkered past of costumes and acts crossing boundaries into racism, antisemitism and transphobia. In 1964, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia denounced blackface at the parade. The Philadelphia NAACP at the time filed a



▲ In 2018, the Quaker City String Band consulted with JCRC of Greater Philadelphia about a culturally sensitive performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." Courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

petition in court against blackface use, JCRC of Greater Philadelphia Director Jason Holtzman said.

In 2016, the Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia wrote a letter to the Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association, the Mummers parent organization, in response to continued bigotry carried out by a small minority of club members.

"We also urged the Mummers Association to reject bigotry and set some common-sense policies, including screening for hateful content and educating members about bias," ADL Philadelphia Interim Regional Director Robin Burstein said.

That same year, parade organizers initiated sensitivity

training for the Mummers.

Opening a dialogue among Mummers on cultural sensitivity was helpful, Holtzman said. In 2018, the Quaker City String Band approached JCRC about wanting to perform a parody of "Fiddler on the Roof" for its parade act. JCRC consulted on appropriate costumes and phrases the club could or couldn't use.

"Even having to admit that they wanted to be culturally sensitive, and having them admit that they're a bit ignorant on these issues ... that's a win in and of itself," Holtzman said.

However, in 2020, in lieu of a parade, a small group of Mummers created a Facebook page organizing a protest against Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, who canceled the Broad Street celebration due to the pandemic. The Facebook page featured images of the Star of David and cartoon frogs bearing resemblance to Pepe the Frog, a meme used by white supremacist Richard Spencer. The ADL condemned the Facebook page, and Mummers leadership distanced themselves from the protest.

For the 2022 parade, sensitivity training for all Mummers is mandatory by the city. According to Philadelphia Parks and Recreation officials, this year's training consisted of sessions on cultural appropriation, rules of satire and LGBTQ cultural competence — all from the 2016 training — in addition to an added bias awareness



▲ Mummer Ed Cox of the Golden Sunrise club, of which Jack Cohen is president Jewish Exponent archives

training and requirement to have all themes for the parade pre-approved by the city.

According to Cohen — the president of the association's Fancy division and Golden Sunrise club — Mummers have been receptive to the training. He organized a viewing of the training videos with Golden Sunrise at its South Philly clubhouse.

"There's not been any pushback, which is what I expected," Cohen said. "This is one of the ways that we educate ourselves. So it's not a bad thing — we never look at it as a bad thing."

He said acts of bigotry are conducted by only a vast minority of Mummers.

Cohen considered Golden Sunrise to be diverse compared to other Mummers clubs. Most of the members are women — for most of its history, only men were allowed to participate in the parade. The club board has a handful of Jews and people of color as well, he said.

Golden Sunrise has an open-door policy, when it comes to new members, Cohen said, and not just because the club touts a diverse demographic and openness to change. It's necessary to the club's survival.

"Whether they're a Mummer club or whether they're a

bowling league, people have had trouble attracting new members," Cohen said.

Golden Sunrise is part of the Mummers' Fancy category, one of four in the parade. The club has been the only one in its category since 2015. In the 1990s, the Mummers String Band Association was composed of 27 clubs; it now consists of 14 clubs and 10,000 members, Cohen said.

COVID hasn't helped attendance either. This year's parade, complete with masking, is scaled back from 40 acts to 25.

Cohen has noticed more Philadelphia transplants and younger families taking interest in the parade this year, however. Among the new performers is a group of Black drummers, a decision that elicited skepticism from some Mummers, Cohen said. But it's perhaps emblematic of the future of the parade.

"I thought, you know ... they're not really Mummers, but that didn't matter ... It was to showcase what they wanted to showcase," Cohen said. "And isn't that what it's about — celebrating the New Year and not if you have too many feathers on your costume?" •

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# Hebron Strengthens Ties with Local Help

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**YISHAI FLEISHER**, the international spokesperson for the Jewish community in Hebron, is working to strengthen that city with the help of Philadelphia-based attorney and philanthropist Jeffrey Barrack.

In late October, Barrack met Fleisher and suggested he erect a Chanukiah on top of the city's Beit Hadassah Visitors Center and Museum. Hebron, a city nestled in the Judean Mountains in the West Bank, is host to only 10,000 Jews among more than 200,000 Palestinians.

The day after Barrack suggested the idea, Fleisher came back to him with a price estimate from a local metal shop.

"And within three weeks, we have this giant, gorgeous Chanukiah at the very top of all of Hebron," Fleisher said.

Israel President Isaac Herzog visited Hebron on the first night of Chanukah and lit the Chanukah candles at the Cave of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. Fleisher said there was "no question about it" that Herzog would have seen Fleisher and Barrack's Chanukiah.

"Putting up that menorah was a celebration of Jewish life and coexistence in Judea," Barrack said.

But Fleisher's job is more than just putting up a Chanukiah for the city's Jewish population. Since assuming the position in 2015, Fleisher has been responsible for maintaining Jewish-Palestinian relations in the city, advocating for Hebron as a place of profound Jewish import and encouraging aliyah.

"My job is, on the one hand, to push off some of the negative imagery that is associated with



▲ From left: Jeffrey Barrack and Yishai Fleisher in October  
Courtesy of Jeffrey Barrack

Hebron," Fleisher said. "There's a concerted effort to delegitimize Israel constantly, and we all know that, but Hebron is one of the main ways through which that delegitimization happens."

Hebron is home to the Cave of the Patriarch and Matriarchs — the tomb of Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Rebecca, Sarah and Leah — making it the second-holiest city to Jews behind only Jerusalem. But its West Bank location and the reputation of terror attacks occurring there has taken it off many Jews' to-visit lists.

Fleisher and Barrack want to change that narrative.

"In Judea and Samaria, there is an amazing phenomenon that most American Jews only see on a bumper sticker, and that is coexistence," Barrack said.

Fleisher frequently interacts with his Palestinian and Arab neighbors, including co-chair



▲ Philadelphia-based philanthropist Jeffrey Barrack and International Spokesperson for the Jewish Community In Hebron Yishai Fleisher erected a Chanukiah which could be seen throughout the city of Hebron during Chanukah.

of the Judea and Samaria Chamber of Commerce Ashraf Jabari, with whom Fleisher has shared glatt kosher Iftar meals in Jabari's home. Jabari agreed to buy and set off a series of fireworks for Fleisher's daughter's bat mitzvah.

Earlier this month, Fleisher received a call from a teacher in Israel hoping to bring her students to the Cave of the Patriarch and Matriarchs, but who couldn't afford transportation. Fleisher called the bus company and paid the class' bus fare.

Fleisher and Barrack met through Melissa Jane Kronfeld, founder of Passion for a Purpose, a New York-based social impact consultancy. Kronfeld has worked with Fleisher for three years, when she made aliyah, and is inspired

by his "doer" personality and "endless capacity to find the humor in any situation."

"The end goal is to make sure that there is a future for Hebron where the world is inspired by us the same way they're inspired by Jerusalem, by the Kotel," Kronfeld said.

Barrack hopes to further Fleisher's mission in the U.S. He's developing an Israel mission trip called the No Lines Tour to show Jews what Jewish-Palestinian coexistence looks like. Beta testing for the trip will take place this spring.

"My hope is that many people can get lit like a candle from this trip," Barrack said, "and then come home and light up our community." •

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# Frank Lloyd Wright-Designed Buildings Abound on Campus of Florida Southern College

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The largest concentration of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in the world is located on the picturesque campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. From 1930 through 1958, 12 structures were built with Wright's guidance on the campus.

Wright was contacted by the college president, Ludd Spivey, and after a Wright campus visit in 1938, they agreed that Wright would design the new campus and Spivey would raise the funds to build it. A dozen buildings were erected out of the 18 Wright designed and a 13th, the Usonian House, was built in the 21st century, using Wright's design.

The Wright buildings on campus are available for public tours. If you are in central Florida, it is well worth your time to drive to Lakeland to tour this pretty little campus. To accommodate visitors, the college opened the Sharp Family Tourism and Education Center in 2013. It is located next to the Usonian House, which serves as a tour center and houses guides and a gift

shop. Parking is available across the street.

### Getting There:

The Frank Lloyd Wright Sharp Family Tourism and Education Center on the campus of Florida Southern College can be reached by highway, air or train. A car is recommended to reach the campus.

- By car, the campus is off the U.S. 98 exit of Interstate 4.
- By air, Tampa International Airport (TPA) is 37 miles distant, Lakeland Linder International (LAL) is 6 miles away and Orlando International (MCO) is 57 miles away.
- By train, Amtrak serves Lakeland. The station is a mile away.
- The nearest cruise port is in Tampa, 33 miles to the west. Port Canaveral is 106 miles to the east.

### Must-Sees and Dos for a Short Trip:

- Reserve tickets at the Sharp Family Tourism Center (863-680-4597), and tour the Wright buildings on the campus with a knowledgeable guide.
- Take a drive around scenic Lake Hollingsworth, adjacent to the campus.

### If You Have Several Days:

- Orlando and its theme parks are a major nearby attraction.
- Explore Tampa's museums and attractions, 35 miles distant.
- The Gulf beaches in Clearwater Beach are 68 miles away.

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▲ This life-sized statue of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright stands in front of the Sharp Family Tourism and Educational Center next to the Usonian House on what Wright called "The Child to the Sun" campus project he designed. Photos by Jeff Orenstein



▲ The E.T. Roux Library building (no longer serving as the campus library but converted into other campus uses) is a typical Wright structure with clerestory windows and light-channeling features.

casual dress for the tour and dining and touring afterward are fine.

### This Destination at a Glance:

**Over 50 Advantage:** Beautiful campus, leisurely walking, impressive architecture.

**Mobility Level:** Low and accessible except for a couple of buildings that have stairs leading to them.

**When To Go:** Year-round. As for most of Florida, May through September are hot and sticky but a bit less crowded. Winters are glorious, especially November through March. January can have some cool days.

**Where to Stay:** Lakeland has many good hotel choices.

**Special Travel Interests:** Wright architecture. ●

Jeffrey and Virginia Orenstein are travel writers from Sarasota, Florida.





▲ The gorgeous reading room of the E.T. Roux Library building is now used for classroom lectures. The desks and some furnishings are original.



▲ Esplanades, or covered walkways, link the entire complex of Wright buildings on the campus. Totalling more than a mile in length, their supports and trimmings were specified by Wright to mimic the orange grove that originally stood here.



▲ The impressive skylight as seen from the interior of the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel is a prominent feature of this large building.



▲ The Usonian House was designed to be a typical faculty home for the campus. One was built in 2013 using Wright's plans. The built-in furniture and thousands of translucent colored glass plugs in the walls are typical Wright signatures.



▲ The view from inside one of the Wright-designed esplanades that link campus buildings is quite impressive and very different from the outside view. They are well-suited to the climate and blend seamlessly with the rest of the architecture.

## Jewish Lakeland

**ALTHOUGH FLORIDA SOUTHERN** College is nominally a Methodist-affiliated institution, it has students of many creeds, including some Jews. Since it is located in Lakeland, Jews associated with or visiting the campus can find Jewish life in Lakeland and Tampa.

While a few Jews may have lived in and around Polk County before 1900, the current community traces its roots to Cy Wolfson's arrival in 1909. In the following decades, Lakeland developed a small but active Jewish community that continues to function today.

By the mid-1920s, local Jews began to hold prayer services, first in private homes and then in rented facilities, and they began to organize religious school classes not long after. While lay members led most religious services, they received monthly visits

from Rabbi L. Elliot Grafman of Tampa, who also assisted with religious education. As Jews continued to migrate to the area, Lakeland emerged as the regional center of Jewish life. Between 1932 and 1934, a small group of 16 families purchased a small building and formally organized as the Lakeland Jewish Alliance.

The Jewish community of Lakeland and Polk County grew and became more organized in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The alliance changed its name to Temple Emanuel and began the search for a full-time rabbi, hiring Rabbi Jack Friedman in 1943. World War II brought several Jewish military service members to the area.

The Jewish community of Lakeland and Polk County was, for the most part, well accepted in the mid-20th century, but local Jews did face social

barriers in the 1950s and 1960s.

Temple Emanuel's run as the sole synagogue in Polk County ended in 1982 when a handful of young Jewish families organized Temple Beth Shalom, a Reform congregation based in Winter Haven.

Polk County's Jewish population did not sustain its mid-20th-century growth into the 1970s. Whereas Temple Emanuel had approximately 250 member families in 1956, a 1979 newspaper article referred to a membership of "about 200" households.

Despite changes, Polk County's Jewish population remained relatively stable, with an estimated 1,000 Jews in the area in the mid-1990s. As of 2019, both Temple Emanuel and Beth Shalom hold regular services, and there is also a Chabad Center. •

— Jeffrey and Virginia Orenstein



## Perelman

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Perelman job was also a homecoming of sorts. She started her career as a teacher at the school, then the Solomon Schechter Day School, in the early 1980s.

At the same time, after spending 10 years as a head of school in North Carolina, Groner was no longer just a teacher. She knew how to run a building — and it showed — according to colleagues.

Several older teachers retired in Groner's first two years back in Montgomery County. Groner replaced them with "a lot of really great staff members," she said, many of whom were younger.

As the leader explained it, the young teachers were "digital natives who came in with fresh ideas."

"They brought energy and a different type of training," Groner said.

Those new teachers viewed themselves more as facilitators to learning than as lecturers.

Projects, real-life issues and current events became bigger parts of Perelman lessons. Students also got more freedom to figure things out for themselves.

The other day, when Groner opened her office door, she had to do it slowly. Otherwise, she would have bumped into a student who was working on his iPad. Earlier this month, the head of school walked down the hall and asked a girl what she was working on. She told Groner that she was practicing a speech on the genealogy of her family.

"Just laying in the hallway, doing this," Groner said. "The teacher in front of the classroom is not something one sees often at Perelman."

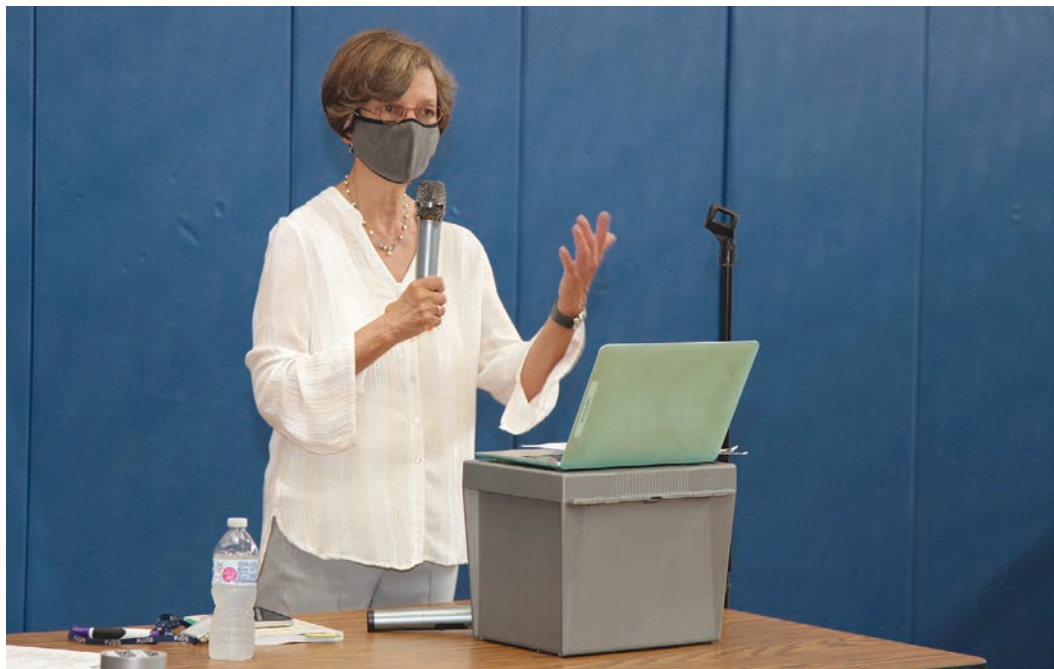
An infrastructure has emerged around this new method, too.

In 2015, Perelman opened a "maker space," as Groner described it, in which students could experiment on various projects. One class involved kids building code on their iPads to program miniature robots.

The point, according to Groner, was to allow kids to tinker. She didn't want them to feel like they failed if they didn't get the project right the first time.

"Knowing this is how far they got and I'm going to try again," Groner said.

Two years later, the leader introduced a Hebrew immersion program, Ganon, for pre-K students.



▲ Judy Groner addresses the Perelman community during a COVID-era event.

Courtesy of the Perelman Jewish Day School



▲ Judy Groner

Courtesy of the Perelman Jewish Day School



▲ Judy Groner expanded Perelman's outdoor setup during the pandemic.

Courtesy of the Perelman Jewish Day School



Classes would have an English-speaking teacher and a Hebrew-speaking teacher. During the Hebrew educator's lead time, the teacher and students would talk to each other in the native language.

By the end of the program, students could speak Hebrew as a second language. It was the action of speaking it, and not just learning it, that helped the language stick, Groner said.

"My son was in Ganon, and it was amazing," said Mindy Civan, a Perelman teacher and parent. "The Hebrew he came home speaking, that was amazing."

Perelman's focus on immersive learning and its use of technology made the pandemic shock a little easier to manage.

In the spring of 2020, the school was ready and able to pivot almost overnight to virtual, synchronous learning.

But it was what Groner did the following fall that impressed her staff. Unlike many schools, she reopened — and was able to keep her school open.

Groner has described her approach to COVID as slightly more conservative than the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Students mask inside and outside and eat lunch outside. Vaccinated community members who travel abroad must take a test to return to school. Unvaccinated community members who travel abroad must quarantine for

7-10 days upon returning.

The school's relative success during COVID is a result of Groner's willingness to make tough, sometimes unpopular decisions, said Leah Lande, a former Perelman parent and current medical adviser. At certain points, Perelman's quarantine policy for close contact students has been long.

But the school has not seen any COVID case transmissions.

"During a crisis, you get to see someone's true colors," Lande said. "Judy has been incredibly impressive."

Perelman is now seeking Groner's successor. •

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## Schmear

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cheese at all,” Kismet Bagels co-owner Jacob Cohen said.

Cohen’s usual cream cheese supplier hasn’t delivered cream cheese to the wholesale bakery in two weeks. He did not disclose the distributors of the brand of cream cheese he buys.

“It’s been wild,” Cohen said. “I’ve made probably 10 different phone calls to different purveyors and suppliers, just trying to find anything I can get, which I think everybody’s doing.”

Kismet Bagels isn’t alone; Hymie’s Deli in Merion Station and Schmear It, with locations in University City and Center City, have also had to adapt to the shortage.

“One of our primary distributors is Cisco, and my rep said that yes, indeed, their numbers were concerning,” Schmear It owner David Fine said.

Fine, who sells about 200 pounds of schmear a week, started to grow more troubled by the cream cheese shortage when family and friends started texting him several weeks ago about the shortage in New York. Even last month, the shortage was not yet being felt in Philly, Fine said.

“Perhaps it’s one of the better times that New York was a little bit ahead of us,” Fine said. “Because it gave me a head start to reach out to our distributors and ask them if there was a real thing that was going to, in fact, be affecting us.”

Hymie’s owner Louis Barson became suspicious of the shortage after The New York Times reported that Zabar’s was having trouble sourcing its schmear on Dec. 4, a canary in the coal mine for Jewish-style delis.

Barson said that cream cheese companies and distributors are prioritizing supplying cream cheese for retail purposes and then for wholesale, which is why bagel sellers may feel under pressure.



▲ Hymie’s owner Louis Barson can taste the difference in brands of cream cheese.

Courtesy of Hymie’s Deli



▲ Perrystead Dairy in Kensington produces its own schmear.

Courtesy of Perrystead Dairy

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JACOB COHEN

“In the order of importance of the food chain, the Giants, the Wegmans, the ACMEs of the world are going to get first dibs on their allocations,” he said. “Then the Zabars are probably next — the big guys — and then the Hymie’s guys.”

According to Jenna Thornton, brand public relations and media director of Kraft Heinz, the Philadelphia Cream Cheese parent company, the foodservice demand for cream cheese has increased 75% in 2021 compared to 2020, largely due to customers feeling more comfortable leaving their house to visit bakeries and restaurants.

Because of the growing demand, Barson has paid 20% more for Philadelphia Cream Cheese.

With that demand putting a strain on production, businesses serving the product are put in a precarious position: try to source their preferred brand with mixed success or buy a cheaper brand with greater reliability.

For Cohen, Fine and Barson, their decision was unanimous: always buy the higher-quality product.

“We take a lot of pride

in what we do, and I think everyone has fallen in love with us because of the quality that we put out there,” Cohen said. “I wouldn’t want to mess with that.”

Though Barson said most customers wouldn’t be able to taste the difference in the schmear if Hymie’s were to switch brands, the difference to him is night and day.

“The consistency is not as cheesy, and it’s a little more gummy,” Barson said.

However, bagel businesses believe that they likely won’t have to make any tough decisions about cream cheese. Due to the product’s three-month shelf life, they have stockpiled cases of cream cheese. Others have switched suppliers or just waited out weeks when there’s no cream cheese being distributed.

And while Barson said bagel businesses “have got to play the game right now” regarding supply chain shortages, other local businesses are working to create more sustainable solutions to the cream cheese crisis.

Yoav Perry, the founder of Perrystead Dairy, has developed his own Real Philly Schmear,

which he has begun selling to local shops like Herman’s Coffee in South Philadelphia and Di Bruno Bros.

The Israeli-American cheese virtuoso sources milk from Pennsylvania grass-fed cows 40 minutes from his Kensington facility. Because of the facility’s location on Interstate 95, Perrystead Dairy products can more easily be distributed up and down the East Coast.

“We can, with a national distributor, have it all the way from Maine to Virginia Beach within 24 hours,” Perry said. “And we’re talking three days after the milk arrives.”

But the local sourcing of dairy comes at a price for Perry. He’s been slower to expand because of the cost of high-quality dairy, a calculated decision for Perry, who believes that the chemicals and cheap milk used by large, commercial dairy companies is yielding an inferior product.

“We have to do right by the farmers,” Perry said. “Currently, cream cheese is sold too cheaply, and we’re seeing the results of that.”

The cream cheese shortage has opened some business owners’ eyes to this issue, however. Though Fine is happy to stick with Philadelphia Cream Cheese, which he’s used for the past eight years, if he needed to switch brands, he’d think beyond the other common national brands.

“If I had to switch from Philadelphia, then I would definitely have a conversation with the local folks first,” Fine said. ●

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# We're in a Shmita Year. So Why Aren't American Jews Talking More About Student Debt Relief?



BY RABBI EMILY COHEN

**WHEN I FINISHED** rabbinical school in 2018, I entered the “real world” with \$40,000 in student loans.

I acted fast, prioritizing repayment over everything else. Within six months, I paid nearly \$10,000 to eliminate interest, and I continued allocating three times my expected monthly payment. Interest didn't get much chance to build, and when we hit the pandemic pause, I was on track to clear my loans in two years.

I am unbelievably lucky. My parents were able to help me with undergrad (due to generational wealth resulting from many Jews being coded as white after World War II), I had a scholarship covering half

of rabbinical school, and my financial education set me up to make the decision to throw as much as I could at my loans as soon as I finished school.

One of my closest friends? Not so lucky. To pay the loans he took for his advanced degree, he would need to pay twice his rent each month just to scrape the top off the principal. His best hope (and current plan) is Public Student Loan Forgiveness, but the problems with that program have been well documented, and it's nerve-racking to watch his balance go up each month as interest continues to build.

When our president campaigned, he acknowledged the burden of student loans and promised to forgive \$10,000 per borrower. Some are also calling for student loans to be forgiven entirely due to predatory loan practices coupled with the often-false promise made to my generation that it was through school (and the “good debt” of student loans) that we would reach financial stability. Yet the White House announced this week that a pandemic-induced moratorium on loan repayment

will end in February.

While it's never a good idea to claim that Jewish text has a single opinion on any topic, debt is a subject with clear limitations. In the book of Leviticus, our ancestors are instructed about shmita, which literally means release. One year of every seven, Jews were to let the land rest and its volunteer produce be eaten by all. The instruction deepened in Deuteronomy, with the call to: ... release, every possessor of a loan of his hand, what he has lent to his neighbor. He is not to oppress his neighbor or his brother, for the shmita [release] of God has been proclaimed! ... (Deut. 15:2)

As you might imagine, the practicalities of shmita were difficult to enforce and, over time, the practice of shmita largely disappeared from Jewish life. It's only in the last few decades that it's returned to public consciousness. This brings us to 5782.

This year is a shmita year. Jewish organizations across the denominational and political spectrum are addressing this with intentional slimming

down of programming and with fundraisers to alleviate medical debt (another shame of this country). But I haven't heard many Jewish organizations calling for student loan forgiveness.

I don't blame Jewish organizations for having other priorities. We're going into year three of a public health crisis while reproductive justice, fair housing, voting access and the right of BIPOC simply to live safely are all in jeopardy. And yet? We're a quarter of a way through a tailor-made opportunity to bring Judaism to bear on this pressing public policy issue that deserves attention.

What if we were to apply this one-in-every-seven-year debt release to student loans? What if, every seven years, loan servicing providers had to forgive debt? You go to school, you pay a reasonable amount for a maximum of six years after graduation, and then you're free?

Maybe that's wishful thinking considering the priorities of our current society. Here's a more realistic thought: cancel interest. Make student loan borrowers pay back their

principal if you must, but make it possible for their balance to go down each month instead of up. After all, we have that instruction in the Torah too:

If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, do not act toward them as a creditor; exact no interest from them. (Exodus 22:24)

Student debt affects people of all ages but particularly impacts millennials. I've spoken to friends about what they would do without the weight of their student loans. They would be able to save to buy homes or pay their rent without fear. They would quit the higher-paying, corporate jobs they took to afford to pay their loans and work for nonprofits. They would support their aging parents and their young kids properly. They would be able to think beyond their next paycheck, perhaps for the first time.

What a worthy release that would be. ●

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## Refusing to be Enemies



BY IDITH GAL

**IN MAY 2021**, the fire of hatred grabbed hold of Israel. Violent events by Israeli-Arabs against

Jews, including life-threatening riots, began in Jerusalem and from there spread throughout the country. The violence took place in mixed cities (the Israeli term for cities with both Arab and Jewish populations), such as Jaffa, Lod, Akko, Ramle and Haifa, and in major intersections in northern and southern Israel, including in Karmiel and Misgav.

These events undermined the Jewish residents' feeling of security and caused a great deal of harm to the fabric of shared society. In several places,

Jewish youth started “riots” as a counter-response, presumably in order to “defend” against the Arabs. The police found it difficult to control the rioters.

At the same time, Hamas was firing rockets on Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and southern Israel.

During the riots, a 56-year-old Jewish man was critically injured by rocks thrown at his head by Arabs and ultimately died from his wounds. In Lod, an Israeli-Arab was killed from gunfire by a Jewish resident during riots (the Jewish resident claimed self-defense).

An 84-year-old Jewish man died from his wounds in Akko as a result of arson by Arabs. Hundreds of people, both Jews and Arabs, were injured, and a great deal of property owned by Jews was deliberately set on fire and destroyed.

Here in our home, in the villages of Karmiel and Misgav, the rioting caused a great deal of pain. Throughout several long days, the lives of the Jewish residents in the region became difficult to bear. Driving on the roads in the Galilee after dark was so dangerous that

the police instructed Jewish residents not to drive after sunset.

When the fire was extinguished, and when all that was left on the roads were burnt tires, the residents of the region were faced with a difficult dilemma. How do we continue from here? The residents of Arab villages in the Karmiel and Misgav region were our friends. Good friends. We bought things from them and ate at their restaurants, and vice versa. Their children studied together with ours and

went to extracurricular activities together.

There were Jewish residents that could not contain their anger and the feeling of deep insult. They called to boycott the Arab villages and to cut off ties with them. For some, the boycott continues today.

But there were others who chose a different way. During the riots, Kibbutz Eshbal was hit again and again by Molotov cocktails that caught fire within the kibbutz. The members, together with firefighters, managed to extinguish the fires and prevent a major disaster. It was clear that the Molotov cocktails were thrown by youth from Sachnin, the neighboring Arab village. So how did they continue?

Some members of Kibbutz Eshbal decided not to let hate win. When the winds calmed, they went to Sachnin which is adjacent to Eshbal. They went to all the businesses they had supported throughout the years ... and gave them flowers.

"We wanted to say to them that we are still friends. We know not everyone participated in the riots and that most of the people here want to live in peace and quiet and friendship," they said.

So they went from one business to the next, and they were welcomed with excitement and joy mixed with sadness.

The people of Sachnin explained that the rioters were

"irresponsible teens" and that they were "against everything that happened."

A week after the riots ended, we returned to our "regular" hummus place in Sachnin and were welcomed with joyful greetings of "Ahlan and Sahlan." Over the years, we went almost every Friday afternoon to the same restaurant. We were always greeted with warmth, so we thought we should make it clear to the owners of the restaurant that we knew they were not to blame for what happened and that we had to restore the feeling of shared society that existed before the events earlier that month. The restaurant, which usually would be packed with lots of residents from Misgav and soldiers that came home for the weekend, was nearly empty. It was so sad.

On the way back from Sachnin to Karmiel we passed by the Yuvalim intersection, a main junction in Misgav. There were dozens of women standing at the intersection. There was no mistaking that there were both Jewish and Arab women, some from Misgav villages and Karmiel and some from Arab villages in the region. They stood together and gave flowers to drivers passing by the intersection and held up signs calling for peace and coexistence.

As an educator, I believe that everything begins and ends

with education so, together with principals from other schools, I took part in different initiatives attempting to rectify the situation. Countless initiatives were born under the title "Jews and Arabs refused to be enemies" — between educators, between students and between communities. In my school, this is the third year of a program called "Connecting Worlds."

Students from Jewish and Arab schools belonging to the ORT educational network connect with one another — one class from each school. The students choose a topic to study together. This year they chose to study photography. Together they meet and take classes on photography and go on walks together to take pictures. Through joint learning, connections are made. Teens spend time with one another and discover to their surprise that they are all human. Different but also so similar ...

The difficult events that set Israel on fire were hard on everyone, but we all live in the same space, and no one is going anywhere. Each side has hardships and difficulties, and all we can do is find solutions of mutual respect, love and peace. •

Idith Gal lives in Karmiel, Israel, and is the Partnership2Gether co-chair. Partnership2Gether is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

## KVETCH 'N' KVELL

### Jews Targeted as Racism Victims

**THE INITIATIVE OF THE** Center for Jewish Ethics on race and racism in American Jewish experiences ("RRC to Launch Race, Racism Initiative," Dec. 16) would be remiss if it does not address the history of racial discrimination targeting Jews.

Although Judaism is not a race, Jews in the U.S. have long been targets of racism. According to Yale Professor of African American Studies Matthew F. Jacobson, early Americans commonly viewed Jews as a separate racial category, and early Jewish leaders themselves called Jews a race.

As late as the 1830s, several states prohibited or restricted Jews from holding public office. From the 20th century on, hate literature spewed by white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups have typically referred to Jews as a "Semitic race" in an attempt to portray Jews as inferior to whites and as outsiders in America.

In our time, Jews are subject to racial discrimination. In 2018, a U.S. magistrate ruled in favor of an applicant of Jewish descent, who was denied a coaching position at Louisiana College, based on Title VII which is designed to protect members of racial groups from discrimination in employment. In 2019, President Trump issued an executive order stating that antisemitism is punishable under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act which deals with discrimination based only on race, ethnicity and nationality, not religion. The order says that Jews can be considered to have been targeted for discrimination on the basis of their nationality or race as Jews. •

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# Pie in the Sky

## FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

**OVER THANKSGIVING**, my husband's cousin Sharon sent me a photo of the pecan pie she made for dessert. Sharon had used the recipe of our late, great Aunt Beulah.

Beulah was a legend — beautiful, spirited, brilliant, stylish, an unparalleled cook and hostess, and a woman who could have a fascinating conversation with anyone regardless of age, station, profession and demographic. She was both interesting and interested, traveled extensively and was everyone's favorite.

When I received the photo, I called Sharon right away, and we had a grand chat about family, tradition and, of course, food. She then sent me the photo of the vintage 3x5 typed card with the recipe that included Aunt Beulah's handwritten notes. Priceless. I simply had to share.

## PECAN PIE ALA BEULAH

*Makes a 9-inch pie*

Beulah always labeled her recipes thusly; if it was my brownies, she copied out the recipe and entitled it "Brownies ala Keri." Earning a spot in Beulah's recipe card file was the height of praise.

A note on the pie shell: Use your favorite crust recipe or buy a frozen or premade pie shell.

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup broken pecans
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Heat your oven to 450 degrees F. Mix the beaten eggs with all the other ingredients, and pour them into

an unbaked pie shell. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 degrees and bake for another 40 minutes or until the crust is golden and the filling is set. Cool completely. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

## BUTTERMILK PIE ALA THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ALA MY MOM

*Makes 1 9-inch pie*

My husband is not a big eater. He rarely makes requests and even more rarely makes dessert requests. So when he cut this recipe out of the Weekend Journal a few weeks back, I knew I had to make it.

I waited until my mother, she of the mad pie skills, came to visit, and she and I set to work. Normally, I follow a new recipe, especially a baked item, to the letter before I begin to tweak it, but since Mom is a pie pro, I felt confident cutting a few corners.

The original version called for rye flour, which I neither had nor wanted, so we used all-purpose. I also used past-their-prime raspberries and made them into a semi-jam as the topping over the fresh berries, but the original recipe uses raspberry jam cooked down into a syrup. Either is fine — I just wanted to avoid tossing the berries.

I also swapped the rye whiskey called for in the filling for bourbon; I find the caramel sweetness of bourbon is better for desserts, and since I had ditched the rye flour, which was likely meant to complement the booze in the pie, I felt this was the right call.

The pie was quite tasty — a delicious, smooth custardy filling without too much eggy-ness. Prebaking the crust was a good move; it kept the bottom of the pie nicely crisp

and avoided even a whisper of sogginess.

The version here is pretty much identical to the WSJ version. It just shaves some of the time off, skipping one part of the prebaking and reducing the dough chilling time by half.

Note: The raspberry topping is optional. Although local berries are long gone, we were able to get some good quality fresh berries at the market. The pie would be fine plain or topped with a fruit compote, chocolate, caramel or toffee.

### For the crust:

- 1½ cups flour
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 9 tablespoons cold butter, cut into pieces
- 4 tablespoons buttermilk

### For the filling:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 stick butter, melted and cooled
- 3 tablespoons bourbon

### For the topping:

- 1½ cups fresh raspberries
- ¼ cup raspberry jam (or ½ cup overripe raspberries simmered with 1 tablespoon sugar and ¼ cup water until the berries break down and form a sauce)

Mix the crust ingredients in a large bowl, and beat them on low-medium until small, pea-sized bits form. Gather the dough together into a disc (about 5 inches in diameter) and wrap it in cellophane. Refrigerate it for about 30 minutes.

Remove the dough from the refrigerator, and roll it out on a floured surface until it is thin and large enough to fit into a pie plate. Crimp the edges in decoratively, and freeze the pie



▲ Pecan pie

Photo by Sharon Diamond



▲ Buttermilk pie ala The Wall Street Journal ala my mom

Photo by Keri White

shell for 15 minutes.

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Remove the pie shell from the freezer, and prick it all over with a fork. Line it with parchment and cover the surface with rice, beans or pie weights to avoid the crust contracting. Bake it for 20 minutes.

While the pie bakes, make the filling: Mix all the ingredients in a medium bowl with a whisk.

Remove the pie shell from

the oven — it should not be fully cooked. Pour the filling into the shell, and return the pie to the oven for 35-40 minutes. The crust should be golden brown when done, and the center should be a bit wiggly; it will continue to set over the next few hours.

To garnish the pie, artfully arrange the raspberries over its surface. Melt the jam or make berry sauce and cool it slightly. Drizzle it over the pie and serve. ●



# Food Historian Ties Culinary Pieces Together

FOOD

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

WHEN FOOD WRITER and historian Michael Twitty traveled to Caesarea National Park in Israel several years ago, he was struck by the broken mosaic among the rubble on a dining room floor.

There were thousands of “pixels” of stones shaped like lobster, crab, oyster, meat bones and vegetables — a veritable nonkosher Roman feast shown all in fragments to the contemporary onlooker.

To Twitty, the author of James Beard Award-winning book “The Cooking Gene” and “Rice,” the mosaic was emblematic of this work that blended his research in African and African American foodways and cooking in the American South, as well as his African American, Jewish, gay and southern identities: fragmented and incomplete histories that when combined, are greater than the sum of their parts.

Twitty shared his research and Jewish and African American food traditions with



a virtual audience on Dec. 16 as part of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History’s Jewish food series. The program was in

partnership with Philadelphia-based Jews of color advocacy organization Jews in ALL Hues.

“A lot of our history, a lot



▲ WNMAJH Public Programs Manager and event moderator Daniel Samuels (above) with Michael Twitty  
Screenshot by Sasha Rogelberg

◀ Food writer and historian Michael Twitty is the James Beard Award-winning author of “The Cooking Gene” and “Rice.”  
Photo by Noah Fecks

of our culture, a lot of our food is bricolage,” Twitty said. “It’s little bits and pieces that we have, and everybody has the responsibility of putting it

together for themselves.” Twitty’s journey to putting those pieces together began when he was a child, cooking in his family kitchen since he

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was in the single digits, supervised by his grandmother.

"I quickly moved from crayons and coloring books to shredding greens, washing rice," Twitty said.

His love of cooking, paired with his study of anthropology and African-American studies at Howard University, precipitated his 2010 food blog Afroculinaria, where he was able to document his research on various foodways.

Twitty's scholarship has seen him synthesize his research and lived experience as a Black Jew into ever-evolving ideas about what it means for marginalized and oppressed peoples to survive and flourish.

African American and Jewish people share a diasporic link, he said.

"People get it when you say that there was a civilization we as Jews created that was portable ... What happens when you don't have the holy city, Yerushalayim, and the Bais Hamikdash [Temple of Jerusalem]? The base of all these things — you carry it here and here," Twitty said, pointing to his head and his heart.

The notion of carrying a culture and sense of home internally is shared by the African diaspora, Twitty

argued. Preservation of ancestry and culture takes place when one partakes in a variety of practices.

"You march, you dance, you cook, you preach, you sing, you write, you create and you reinterpret the reinterpreted," he said.

Internally, diasporic peoples also carry the memories of ancestors, which is combative against "historic and cultural amnesia."

"Someone told me recently that the most radical thing they think we can have these days is a long memory," said event moderator Daniel Samuels, WNMAJH public programs manager.

Twitty agreed and wove these abstract ideas about

intergenerational memory and diaspora with stories of his family.

He challenged preconceived notions about Ashkenazi food being bland and heavy: "It's the food of the people; you're talking about people who were necessarily inventive, frugal, creative. The food had color."

He dismissed the reductive history that soul food was a cuisine developed by Black enslaved people using food scraps from white slave owners: "You're denying the resistance of enslaved people, you're denying agency, ownership, the fact that they actually curated the passing down of culture from Africa to America," Twitty said.

But just like in documenting

the past, Twitty is far from eager to understand his research as definitive or comprehensive. His work is as ever-changing as the identities he holds and the person he is becoming.

"We don't have to have all the answers; some of the answers reveal themselves; the conversation is sometimes the answer," Twitty said. "We as the Jewish people — our identity is complex for a reason because it's not supposed to be easy. We are supposed to be a God-wrestling people."

Twitty was hosted by WNMAJH in partnership with Jews in ALL Hues as part of the museum's mission to create "educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore and celebrate the

history of Jews in the United States," Samuels said.

For Jews in ALL Hues founder and Executive Director Jared Jackson, acknowledgment of Twitty's work from other institutions is a step toward expanding the roles that Jews of color sometimes fall into when in predominantly white spaces.

"It's often the case where there are Jews of color who are presenting, and all we talk about is racism or all we're called upon to talk about is racism," Jackson said. "It's really good to see that ... we're getting into more celebratory spaces." •

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# And God Remembered the Covenant

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BY RABBI JASON BONDER

## PARSHAT SHEMOT

**THIS WEEK'S TORAH** portion, Shemot, begins with a list of those who made their way down to Egypt from Canaan.

While the Torah goes into detail about their dramatic stories back home, we know very little about what it was like for Jacob and his family once they immigrated. They presumably needed to learn a new language, learn new trades and begin the arduous process of building a new life for their descendants.

While we don't see all their struggles in the text, we do learn that their efforts bore fruit. "But the Israelites were fertile and prolific; they multiplied and increased very greatly, so that the land was filled with them." (Exodus 1:7) The generation of those who came to Egypt did the best they could to set up a bright future for their descendants.

Then that bright future suddenly turned dim. "A new king arose over Egypt who

knew not Joseph." (Exodus 1:8) Perhaps by happenstance, and perhaps by willful ignorance, this new Pharaoh did not remember what Joseph did for Egypt. This Pharaoh felt threatened by the thriving community of Israelites instead of marveling at how they worked so hard to create a bright future. The new king of Egypt lacked the imagination to anticipate that there might be a baby born in that Israelite community who had a once-in-a-generation — even a once-in-history — influence on the world, as Moses did.

Imagine how lucky all of Egypt would have been if Pharaoh would have only embraced and supported the Israelites.

In November of this year, at a Central Bucks School Board meeting, there arose a man who knew not Joseph. Nor did he know much of anything at all. In his allotted three minutes, he spewed false, hateful, antisemitic language. Either by passive or intentional ignorance, this man did not know how much the

Jewish people have positively contributed, and continue to contribute, to our United States of America.

That man, and this week's portion, both serve as a warning to us. Things can change quickly. Antisemites can arise at any time from anywhere. Like the Israelites in the portion who continue in their faith, it is our job to fight back against this ignorance in all its forms. I hope the following example can sustain us in this never-ending fight against hate.

In this week's portion, I see a theological concept that both challenges me and serves as inspiration. The Torah tells us that "... The Israelites were groaning under the bondage and cried out; and their cry for help from the bondage rose up to God. God heard their moaning and God remembered God's covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob." (Exodus 2:23-24).

What challenges me here is that God "remembered" the covenant. Had God somehow forgotten it? But as I contemplate that challenge, it leads

me to realize something else. Perhaps there is a lesson meant for me in this perplexing verse. Perhaps we are the more likely party to forget the covenant. Before I point fingers at God, I should probably evaluate my own behavior.

Modern history has shown that we cannot wait for God to hear our cries. So it is crucial to remember that the covenant is only something we can rely on when we are also willing to act as equal partners. When we encounter a bigoted person spewing antisemitism, let *us* be the ones to remember our covenant with God and act accordingly. We can light Shabbat candles, celebrate Jewish holidays, participate in the Jewish community, read the Jewish Exponent or listen to a Jewish podcast. All these are equally important tools in the fight against antisemitism.

Let each antisemitic rant be a reminder to us that we must build up our Jewish institutions. May each diatribe remind us to double down on our commitment to an America that enabled — and

enables — Jewish people to weave ourselves into the tapestry of this great nation.

Celebration of our traditions, building our institutions and strengthening our commitment to America is the perfect response to antisemitism. Our covenant with God is what has led us to be a light unto the nations for millennia.

When antisemites spew their nonsense, let us remember our covenant with our Creator and embrace our Judaism so that never again will God need to hear the groaning of our people. •

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## Historian Details Antisemites' World View

## NATIONAL

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

**CONSPIRACIES ABOUT** all-powerful Jews, like the Rothschilds and George Soros, offer a false sense of clarity for some Americans facing an increasingly traumatic society.

The larger problem, historian Jonathan Sarna told a Zoom audience, is that you cannot disprove an argument rooted in fantasy.

"If only we gave up Israel, or reshaped our noses, or gave up the Sabbath, antisemitism will disappear," Sarna, a professor

of American Jewish history at Brandeis University, said of the futile arguments Jews often make to themselves. "But antisemitism tells us much more about the antisemite than it does about Jews."

And in the Dec. 15 lecture, sponsored by the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies in Rockville, Maryland, Sarna explained the nature of antisemitism today.

"Antisemitism is a cultural code," he said. "It tells us a lot about the problems of the day, and not about the Jews

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▲ Brandeis University professor Jonathan Sarna lectured on antisemitism on Dec. 15 over Zoom.

Screenshot



BIRTH

► AARON ELI HIRSCH

Alan and Sheila Snyder of Bensalem and Mitch Hirsch and Sylvia Lifschitz of Lower Gwynedd announce the birth of their grandson, Aaron Eli Hirsch, son of Josh and Stacey Hirsch of Camden, Delaware.

Aaron Eli was born on Oct. 25. He is named in loving memory of maternal great-grandfather Aaron Snyder, and paternal great-grandmother Eileen Hirsch.



Sharing in the joy are great-grandmother Rose Lifschitz, aunt and uncle Allison and Scott Snyder and cousin Sophia Snyder.

Photo by Stacey Hirsch

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MARRIAGE

► MAISTER-LEON

Susan and Alan Flexner of Horsham, Eric Maister of Philadelphia, and Florence and Michael Leon of Southampton announce the marriage of their children, Ashley Jill Maister and Stefan Robert Leon.

The wedding took place at Normandy Farm in Blue Bell on Oct. 10. Sharing in the couple's happiness are their grandparents, siblings, family and friends.

Ashley is a clinical pharmacy specialist in psychiatry who works at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. Stefan is an entrepreneur and co-owner of S & B Sports Collectibles.

The couple resides in Philadelphia.

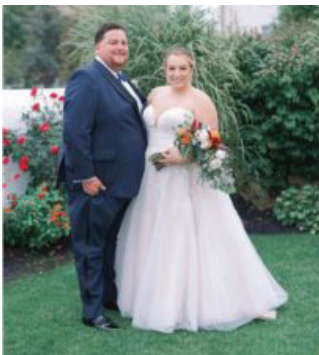


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► WEISS-NEMTSOV

Jill and Rich Weiss announce the marriage of their daughter, Emily Lauren, to Elly Michael Nemtsov, son of Galina Nemtsov Wohl and the late Louis Nemtsov.

The ceremony and reception took place at 1720 Nostalgia in Chalfont on Oct. 2.

The matron of honor were Emily's sister Carly Weiss and Elly's sister Estelle. Elly's sister Celia Grin was maid of honor.

Emily is a sales and marketing analyst for the Kellogg's Corp., while Elly is a motion graphics designer at US Health Connect.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.



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COMMUNITYBRIEFS

**Congregation Beth Israel Completes 'A Better Start for Babies' Project**  
RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION Beth Israel of Media wrapped up its "A Better Start for Babies" project on Dec. 14, delivering 60 packages of basic supplies for newborns to ChesPenn Health Services' administration building in Woodlyn.

Beth Israel's Social Action Committee worked with ChesPenn pediatricians to focus on the 10 most-needed baby items, such as diapers and clothing.

The packages, each of which contained items valued at more than \$100, were packaged in colorful bags. The 60 packages doubled the number donated in 2020.



▲ From left: Judy Kinman of Congregation Beth Israel, Tamara Fox of ChesPenn, Carol Briselli of Beth Israel and Dr. Gary Davis of ChesPenn  
Courtesy of Congregation Beth Israel

**Former Philadelphia-area Jews Lead Production of 'The Oldenburg Suite'**  
Former Philadelphia area residents are playing a key role on the Jan. 2 production of the "The Oldenburg Suite," which is slated for 9:45 p.m. at Feinstein's 54 Below in New York City.

Composer Matt Rose, director Jen Wineman and actor Bryan Freedman all hail from the Philadelphia area. Non-Jew Lizzy McAlpine, a singer from the Philadelphia area, also is associated with the production.

The musical tells the story of three American immigrants who contribute to modern art, including Claes Oldenburg — known locally for the Clothespin Sculpture in Center City — his brother Richard, who was the director of the Museum of Modern Art, and Dutch art historian Coosje Van Bruggen. ●



▲ "The Oldenburg Suite"  
Courtesy of Feinstein's 54 Below



DEATH NOTICES

GOLD

Arnold H Gold, 82, of Yardley, PA passed away peacefully at home on 12/14/21 with his extended family by his side. He was predeceased by his parents, Carroll and Evelyn Gold. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Diane Mann Gold, daughter Lauren Gold, son Richard Gold and husband John Hollyday, granddaughter Skylar Owens, sister Susan Kleinberg, brother Charles Gold, several nieces and nephews and many close friends. To many he was a role model, mentor, and confidante. He loved life, always had a positive attitude and loved his family and friends. He was a member of Kol Emet Synagogue, Yardley, PA. He was an actual rocket scientist and a collector of everything. If you need a spare part please contact his family. In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations to: Kol Emet Synagogue, In memory of Arnold Gold, 1360 Oxford Valley Road Yardley, PA 19067 or Chandler Hall Hospice Program, In memory of Arnold Gold, Chandler Hall, Philanthropy Office, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, PA 18940

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Bernard (Bernie) Dinerman, 84, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Esther (nee Portner). Loving father of Jay (Linda) Dinerman, Ann Dinerman, and Adam (Nadine) Dinerman. Devoted grandfather of Aaron, Jonathan, Molly, Susan, Samuel and Jacob.. Bernie graduated from Temple university and completed graduate work at Villanova University. Bernie worked for Burroughs for many years. He initially worked on the development of guidance systems for the Atlas missile project, working in San Salvador and Cape Canaveral. He continued work at Burroughs on the Mercury and Gemini projects, America's first manned space programs. Following this he worked on the early minicomputers, predecessors of microcomputers. These were used by the postal service and banking industry. He held several patents relating to automating mail sorting and connecting memory storage to processors. After many years at Burroughs, he completed his career working for Lockheed Martin. Bernie was deeply involved with his children, his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was married to Esther for 55 loving years. When she passed he met the second love of his life, Ruth Schecter. Ruth and Bernie enjoyed travelling, taking long walks, attending plays, and spending time down the shore in Atlantic City. They shared a second adventure for the rest of their days. Contributions in his memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St., Ste. 250, Phila. PA 19106, www.alz.org

FISHER

Terry K. Fisher, PhD., December 13, 2021 of Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Devoted husband of Irene (nee Shapiro). Beloved father of Ethan (Mary Fitzpatrick), Noah (Christine) and Josh (Kayla Askey). Dear brother of Randy (Paulette) Fisher. Cherished son of Dorrice Fisher and the late Elliot Fisher. Proud grandfather of Madeline and Miles. Contributions in Terry's memory may be made to the National Holocaust Museum or a charity of the donor's choice.

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GELMAN

Arnold H. Gelman, a Funeral Director with Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Funeral Home since 1968, passed away on December 12, 2021. He was a longtime member of Cong. Beth Or, Past President of Pannonia B.A., Past President of Adelpi Lodge-B'nai Brith, Past Master of Brotherhood Lodge #126 F&AM and a graduate of Penn State. Beloved husband of the late Janice Gelman (nee Shaffer). Devoted mother of Dr. Kenneth J. Gelman (Dr. Lisa Leschek-Gelman) and Dr. David Y. Gelman (Eric Blume). Loving Pop Pop of Devon and Ryan. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS  
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HUSKEY

Lenore Paul Huskey, 94, passed away at home in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on Monday, December 13, 2021 with her husband and daughters by her side. Lenore could be described by many wonderful attributes, perhaps best expressed by her dear friend Deanna, who said, "I am a better person having known Lenore Huskey. She was wise, patient, caring, giving and loyal." She is mourned by her loving husband Morton Huskey, by her devoted daughters Marsha Sosnow Epstein (Gordon) and Debra Sosnow Zubris (Alan), and by her step-children Ellen Adelman Frank (Todd), Amy Marrone, Steven Huskey (Brigid), and Becky Strong (Chris). She is also survived by her twelve adoring grandchildren Eric Adelman, Jayne Collotti (Brian), Daniel Epstein (Molly), Zach Epstein (Ning), Alex Adelman (Tori), Max Zubris, Hayley Epstein (Ophir), Max Marrone, Evan Huskey, Sophie Huskey, Meghan Strong, and Nathan Strong. Moving from Arizona to New Jersey in the last four months of her life, Lenore was able to meet her newest loves, great-granddaughters Alaina and Gabriella Collotti. Her nieces Karen Brown (Alan), Ellen Jonas, Beth Holmes, Lisa Hanges, Susan Hader (Steve) and their children and grandchildren will always remember her with love. Lenore was born in Philadelphia to Tobi and Louis Paul on August 8, 1927, the second of four daughters. She was the last surviving sister of the four Paul Sisters -- Bea, Elaine, and Charlotte -- who grew up at 5th and Girard. Although we mourn our enormous loss, we are comforted by Lenore's belief that she and her sisters, parents and grandparents would be together after their deaths. Donations can be made to the Rheumatology Research Organization in Atlanta or Jewish War Veterans.

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LETOFSKY

Harvey Letofsky, on December 9, 2021; of Havertown, PA; beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Wilson); loving father of Ira Letofsky, Joel Letofsky (Jorene) and Robert Letofsky (Michele); cherished grandfather of Laynie, Abigail, Lindsey, Jaime and Jasmine. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Harvey's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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MOSES

Alvin S. Moses, December 13, 2021, of Bryn Mawr, PA; devoted son of the late Benjamin and Yetta (nee Handa) Moses, beloved husband of Andrea (nee Cantor); loving father of Melissa Stadlmann (Harry), Julie Moses, Jamie Moses and Meredith Moses; loyal brother to Leonard Moses and the late Gordon Moses; treasured father figure to Anthony and Leanna Saler and Lauren and Jon Gerstel; cherished grandfather of Jonah, Ben and Gabe Gerstel and Audrey Stern. Service, interment and Shiva are private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Alvin's memory may be made to the charity of your choice or: Amyloidosis Support Groups, 232 Orchard Drive, Wood Dale, IL 60191 (Amyloidosisisupport.org)

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OZEROFF

Howard "Ozzie" Ozeroff, December 13, 2021, of Elkins Park, PA; beloved husband of Carole (nee Grossman) loving father of Rochelle (Bennett) Broad, David Ozeroff and Beth (William) Landman, cherished grandfather and great-grandfather of 15. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ozzie's memory may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 7763 Old York, Road, Elkins Park, PA, 19027, Israel Guide Dog Center, 968 Easton Road, Suite H, Warrington, PA , 18976, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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ROHTBART

Dr. Meyer Rohtbart, 76, of Wynnewood, PA died peacefully on Thursday, December 9th, 2021 at home surrounded by his wife and children. He is survived by his wife Judy; children Becky (Ben Schindler) and Dan (Betsy); grandchildren Noah and Keira Schindler, Charlie and Billy Rohtbart; sisters Ida Wiener and Toni Korman; dozens of loving family members; and countless friends, colleagues, kindred spirits, and patients who were beloved to him and by him. He was predeceased by his brothers Markus and Shia. Meyer led a truly extraordinary life. Born as the Holocaust ended, he spent his early childhood years in a displaced persons camp, before immigrating with his family to Detroit. He became a psychiatrist, using his training, curiosity and ingenuity to foster healing for himself and others. In his personal life, he nurtured deep connections and decades-long relationships with both family and friends. Meyer was loved for his humor, warmth, and ability to truly see and accept people for who they are. He took immense joy in his family, meaningful moments, and in the exploration of new places and ideas. His wish, cultivated through his meditation and spiritual practice, was that his passing would be the ultimate culmination of his life and the beginning of a new adventure. We send with him our eternal love on his journey. Memorial contributions in Meyer Rohtbart's name may be made to Society Hill Synagogue, www.societyhill-synagogue.org/donation-form

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SIEGEL

Jesse M. Siegel on December 13, 2021. Beloved husband of Marsha (nee Singer); Loving father of Jason (Sarah Grafton) Siegel, David (Michele) Siegel, Stacey Diana, and Mindy (Sandy) Geist; Dear brother of Annette Abrams and the late Sheldon Siegel; Devoted grandfather of Stephanie, Ryder, Bobby, Joseph, Sydney, Taylor, Jessica, Spencer, Madison, and Sebastian. Jesse was a beloved educator for over 40 years, contributions in his memory may be made to Temple University College of Education, 1301 Cecil B. Moore Ave., Phila., PA 19122, www.education.temple.edu Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks  
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**SIROTA**

Harris Sirota of Ventnor and formerly Margate, passed away on December 9th. He was a pharmacist for over 40 years, where he worked in Pennsauken and Cherry Hill before purchasing his own company in 1969 in Magnolia, which was called Center Pharmacy. Harris ran and operated the store for over 27 years with his wife, Jacque. He was a member of Temple Beth Shalom, originally in Haddon Heights and then Cherry Hill and was a minyanaire until his move to the shore where they joined Emeth Shalom, now Shirat Hayam. Harris served his country as a Private First Class during the Korean Conflict in the medical corps in California, Seattle, and the 371st Med Det WRAMC Washington D.C. He was an avid member of the Margate Fishing Club, Avoda, Equity 591 Lodge for over 60 years and Mizpah, now Rising Sun Lodge # 15. Harris is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jacque and daughter Jill (Paul Nguyen) Sirota. The family asks that contributions in his memory may be made to Avoda P.O. Box 3120, Margate, NJ 08402, Shirat Hayam, or the National Pancreas Foundation, [www.pancreasfoundation.org](http://www.pancreasfoundation.org).

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**SLOTNICK**

George Slotnick, December 10, 2021, of Paramus, NJ, formerly of Philadelphia, Arizona and Florida. Beloved husband of Rita (nee Dobin) Slotnick, loving father of Rhonda (Jack) Teadore and Michele (Harry) Wechsler and devoted grandfather of Allison, Camryn, Gabi and Marc. Mr. Slotnick was an Army Veteran, having served in the Korean War. He was the Manager of the Data Processing Center, for the Philadelphia Police Department. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Ass.

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**WERLINSKY**

Florence Werlinsky (nee Ginsberg) Passed away on December 14, 2021. Wife of the late Samuel Werlinsky. Mother of Marc (Nancy) Werlinsky, Carol Dotson and Cheryl (Michael) Reisbord. Grandmother of Jeri (Kevin), Daniel, Chelsea (Matt), Brynn, Samara and Devyn. Great Grandmother of Madison, Alexis, Mackenzie and Chase. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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**Historian**

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themselves.”

Sarna, who is also the chief historian for the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, spoke for an hour and then took questions. His reason for speaking was the rise in antisemitism in the United States since 2016.

The Philadelphia-born professor argued that the root of Jewish hate today is the same as it was throughout American history. It's helpful for Jews to understand that it's not about us now, and that it never was.

Antisemitism is related to larger social ills like mass migration, economic dislocation and the displacement of elites. When people can't explain those problems, they look for easy answers.

In the current era, changing demographics, hollowing towns and reeling elites have become prominent features of American life.

Such uncertainties have sparked antisemitic incidents, according to Sarna.

In 2016, then-presidential candidate Donald Trump used a Jewish star background to tweet that his opponent, Hillary Clinton, was the “most

corrupt candidate ever.”

A year later, white supremacists marched through Charlottesville, Virginia, and chanted “Jews will not replace us!”

Finally, in 2018, a white nationalist shot and killed 11 people at the Tree of Life synagogue complex in Pittsburgh.

Sarna said that since 2016, antisemitic incidents have risen, according to the Anti-Defamation League. The year 2019 saw a record high of 2,107 incidents nationwide.

But perhaps no episode or statistic summarized Sarna's point better than U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene's Facebook post from 2018.

Taylor Greene, who was not yet elected to Congress, wrote that a Rothschild family member helped cause California's Camp Fire, the deadliest fire in the state's history. Weeks after entering the U.S. House as a Republican representative from Georgia in January 2021, that Facebook post resurfaced in media reports.

In that post, she was offering an unfounded explanation for a tragic event.

“They were designed.

Nothing is by accident,” Sarna said of Taylor Greene's faulty logic.

“Conspiracies are very hard to disprove,” he added. “This is a central element of the antisemitic mind.”

These incidents are surprising, Sarna said. That's because, after World War II, Americans viewed antisemitism as something the Nazis did. Or, as something America's enemies did.

Between 1945 and 1960, the percentage of Americans who heard expressions of antisemitism dropped from 60 to 25, said Sarna. A 1994 book, “Antisemitism in America,” by Jewish historian Leonard Dinnerstein, concluded that young Jews had reason to be hopeful.

“The subject of antisemitism faded from public view for two decades,” Sarna said.

But in the 2010s, antisemitism returned as political movements revealed deeper structural problems in American society. Soros, a billionaire and Holocaust survivor, was blamed for anti-Trump protests, Black Lives Matter protests and even the Arab Spring.

“Everything is connected,” Sarna said, again explaining the faulty logic.

A similar period in American history played out between the late 1800s and World War II, he said.

The era was one of massive social, industrial, urban and demographic change. Jews faced discrimination in institutions, physical attacks in cities and verbal attacks over the new communications medium radio.

A U.S. congressman, Albert Johnson, argued for the passage of an anti-immigration bill by denigrating Jews. Carmaker Henry Ford used the newspaper he owned, The Dearborn Independent, to promote conspiracies about Jews.

But World War II started a decline in antisemitism in the United States.

To start a similar decline today, Sarna thinks there needs to be a focus on social media.

“We did eventually find a way to regulate radio in a way that allowed freedom of speech but banned hatred,” he said. •

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NONPROFIT CORP. - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Inc. were filed with the Dept. of State for **NEW ARDROSSAN FARM**, a nonprofit corp. organized under the PA Nonprofit Corp. Law of 1988, exclusively for charitable purposes.

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Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on September 30, 2021 for **Design Solo** at 106 West Montgomery Avenue, Unit 1, Ardmore, PA 19003. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Leo Joseph Stornoli at 106 West Montgomery Avenue, Unit 1, Ardmore, PA 19003. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and claimants of GPH Plumstead Corp., a business corporation that the shareholders have approved a proposal that the corporation dissolve voluntarily and that the board of directors is now engaged in winding up and settling the affairs of the corporation under the provisions of Section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL APPLICATION** for a Pawnbroker License. Notice is given that Cheltenham Pawnshop LLC did on 12/1/2021, submit to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Banking & Securities, an application for renewal licensure of a pawnbroker office at this location, which is as follows: 8160 Ogontz Avenue, Wyn-cote, PA 19095, Montgomery County. All interested persons may file written comments in favor of or in opposition to the application for renewal with the Department of Banking & Securities, within thirty (30) days from the date of this newspaper publication.

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on 12/31/21 with respect to a proposed nonprofit corporation, **THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA AND KIMMEL CENTER, INC.**, which has been incorporated under the Non-profit Corporation Law of 1988. This notice is being provided pursuant to 15 Pa. C.S.A. Section 5307.

**SC Landscape** LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company, has filed its request on November 17, 2021 and been approved for a Certificate of Organization effective December 1, 2021 from the Pennsylvania Department of State. The entity is established under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Limited Liability Company Act of 1994, 15 Pa.C.S. §8913, as amended. Allen M. Mandelbaum, Esq. Plymouth Greene Office Campus 1000 Germantown Pike, Suite D3 Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

**TB Landscape** Equipment Rentals LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company, has filed its request on November 17, 2021 and been approved for a Certificate of Organization effective December 1, 2021 from the Pennsylvania Department of State. The entity is established under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Limited Liability Company Act of 1994, 15 Pa.C.S. §8913, as amended. Allen M. Mandelbaum, Esq. Plymouth Greene Office Campus 1000 Germantown Pike, Suite D3, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Articles of Incorporation Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Department of State of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 18, 2021 for **United Freight Movers Inc.** under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

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**ESTATE OF ALLAN KATES, DECEASED.**  
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Or to her Attorney: STEPHEN M. SPECHT GREEN & SCHAFLE, LLC 2332 S. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19145

**ESTATE OF HARRIS A. SHEPPARD, DECEASED**  
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**ESTATE OF HERMAN FRANKEL, DECEASED.**  
Late of Philadelphia  
**LETTERS TESTAMENTARY** on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payment without delay to RHEA A. FRANKEL, EXECUTRIX, c/o Peter L. Klenk, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103.  
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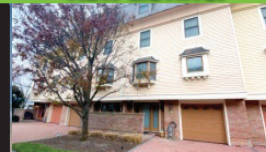
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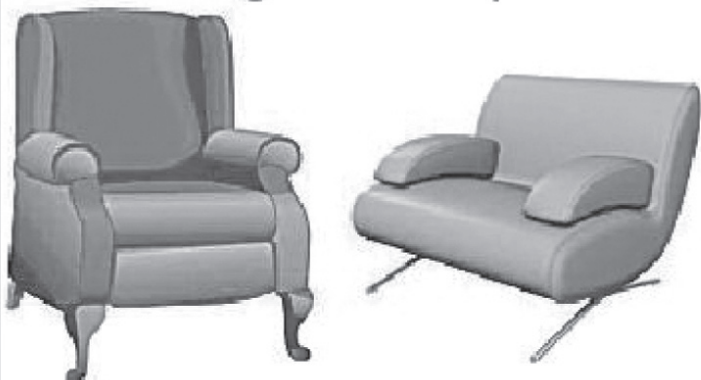
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CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - ALACHUA COUNTY, FL -  
CASE NO.: 01-2021-DR-3107 - IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: T.M.M., A child -  
NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING - To: ALYSSA  
MORALES - Physical desc.: 35 yrs. old, Caucasian, brown hair dyed blonde,  
hazel eyes, 5' 6", about 120 lbs. - YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT A PETITION FOR  
ADOPTION has been filed regarding T.M.M. (DOB 5/4/15). There will be a  
hearing on the Petition, which will terminate parental rights of Alyssa Mor-  
ales, on 2/8/22 at 9:00 A.M. before Judge Denise Ferrero. This Hearing will  
occur by zoom, the zoom info. is as follows: Join Zoom Meeting:  
https://zoom.us/j/96492678096?pwd=bkYwRTB4aUFTmRWSHA1aDhZn2  
1Vdz09 Dial by your location: 786.635.1003 Meeting ID: 964 9267 8096  
Passcode:154282 UNDER SECTION 63.089, FL STATUTES (2021), FAIL-  
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. Wimsatt, 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  
Circuit Court, Civil Div., 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601. By:  
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ESTATE OF JEFFREY GENNARO LOPEZ a/k/a JEFF G. LOPEZ, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to KATHRYN M. LOPEZ, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Daniel R. Ross, Esq., One Summit St., Philadelphia, PA 19118, Or to her Attorney: DANIEL R. ROSS ROSS & MCGREA LLP One Summit St. Philadelphia, PA 19118

ESTATE OF KATHERINE L. HIRST, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to EILEEN BEDARA, 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

ESTATE OF LYNN M. BERMAN a/k/a LYNN BERMAN, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to 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 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 BRIDIE WEBER, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Martin J. Pezzner, Esq., 100 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 204, Media, PA 19063, Or to her Attorney: MARTIN J. PEZZNER GIBSON & PERKINS, P.C. 100 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 204 Media, PA 19063

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ESTATE OF MARY ANNE MAUI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SAMANTHA DOMAN EWERTH, ADMINISTRATRIX, 3021 Winchester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136, Or to her Attorney: A. J. THOMSON EDELSTEIN LAW, LLP 230 S. Broad St., Ste. 900 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. FRISHMAN, DECEASED. Late of Abington Township, Montgomery County, PA LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to 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 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to COUNCIL TUTT, EXECUTOR, c/o Robert S. Levy, Esq., 1204 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026, Or to his Attorney: ROBERT S. LEVY COOPER SCHALL & LEVY 1204 Township Line Rd. Drexel Hill, PA 19026

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ESTATE OF ROSA COLON, Deceased Late of Pennsylvania LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Veronica Torres, Executrix c/o her attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

FICTITIOUS NAME

Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 15, 2021 for **Bardot Bridal Hair** at 4340 Freeland Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19128-3410. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Alexandra Archibald at 4340 Freeland Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19128-3410. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on September 30, 2021 for **Body by Bang** at 3068 Davenport Way, Pennsburg, PA 18073. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Bartholomey Pierre at 3068 Davenport Way, Pennsburg, PA 18073. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on September 30, 2021 for **Garret Suhrie Photography** at 2019 E. Susquehanna Ave. Unit 4, Philadelphia, PA 19125. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Garret Suhrie at 2019 E. Susquehanna Ave. Unit 4, Philadelphia, PA 19125. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on September 27, 2021 for **Gift Shoppe of America** at 2047 Federal St. Philadelphia, PA 19146. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Derrick C. Butts at 2047 Federal St. Philadelphia, PA 19146. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on October 10, 2021 for **LEYWIGSLAYER** at 3900 Cite Avenue, Suite J405 Philadelphia, PA 19131. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Ashley Dais at 3900 Cite Avenue, Suite J405 Philadelphia, PA 19131. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

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### 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. 26

### 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](mailto:taliala@briyaproject.com) for more information.

## ▼ MONDAY, DEC. 27

### Support Group

**Tikvah** is hosting a facilitated space to provide support and resources to parents, family members, friends and caregivers of those with the lived experience of mental illness at 6 p.m. The Zoom group is facilitated by doctoral student Alexis Brazy and Tikvah board President Neen Davis. Call 215-832-0671 for details.

### 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](mailto:office@mbiee.org). 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## ▼ TUESDAY, DEC. 28

### 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. 29

### 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](mailto:aplusteacherus@gmail.com) or 215-947-2203 for registration. 971 Old York Road, Abington. ●

## NEWSMAKERS

### Barrack Students Win Awards

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy seniors Arielle Zabusky and Madelaine Denker took home first and third place, respectively, in the Delaware Valley Science Council's 74th Annual Awards.

Both students earned their honors with outstanding achievement in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) field. Both also got prize money to further their STEM education in college.



◀ From left: Arielle Zabusky and Madelaine Denker

Courtesy of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy

### Rabbi Speaks About Judaism, Darwinism

On Dec. 16, the Jewish Residents Council of Ann's Choice hosted Rabbi Shai Cherry to discuss Judaism and Darwinism. Cherry spoke to about 150 residents about the postures between religion and science and the conflict between them.

► From left: Phyllis Halpern, president of JRC; Rabbi Shai Cherry; Joe Shrager, education chair

Photo by Bernie Roseman



### JFS Employee Honored

Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties Case Manager Moses Gbadebo was presented with the Integrated Case Management Service Case Manager Award by the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. for his dedication and service. He is a 12-year staff member.

► Moses Gbadebo

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