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LOCAL JEWISH LEADERS don't know much about the omicron variant just yet. But they say they are ready for it.

Almost two years of dealing with the pandemic has equipped them to handle its ongoing cycle. From COVID in the spring of 2020 to the winter surge last year to the delta variant this past summer, they've gotten pretty good at this.

"I'm not panicking," said Rabbi Ira Budow, head of school at the Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley. "We're still masked in school and carrying on as normal."

In Abrams, a pre-K-8 school, "the kids are happy," Budow said. The community even had a Chanukah concert on Dec. 2.

The rabbi said 95% of his staff is vaccinated. Those who aren't have agreed to regular testing.

Other than masks, the school is operating like normal. And even masks have become routine over the past year. So, as omicron hits U.S. shores, Budow has no immediate plan to change anything.

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▲ Shoe designer Stuart Weitzman speaks at WNMAJH in 2013.

Photo by Matthew Christopher

Stuart Weitzman Gift Gives NMAJH Second Wind

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

TWENTY MONTHS AFTER the National Museum of American Jewish History filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the museum's spell of bad fortune has seemingly ended.

The newly-renamed Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish

History received a new moniker and eight-figure gift from Philadelphia shoe designer Stuart Weitzman, announced by the museum on Dec. 6 at its Miracle on the Mall event celebrating its benefactors.

Weitzman, a longtime friend of the museum, donated an undisclosed amount to WNMAJH, allowing it to buy its loaned building at Fifth and Market streets, as

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SIMPLEST PUMPKIN TARTLETS

In case you didn't get enough pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving, food columnist Keri White created pumpkin tartlets that are both simple and tasty. The crust can be broken-up graham crackers lining a tart pan, while the filling is more "pumpkin-y" and less custardy than traditional pumpkin pie. 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. jewishexponent.com/2021/12/06/simplest-pumpkin-tartlets/

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Remarkable Growth of Jewish Centre Movement
Described by Judge Lehman at Biennial Con-
vention of Jewish Welfare Board



APPROXIMATELY 225 dele-
gates representing Jew-
ish Centres, Young Men's
Hebrew Associations and
similar organizations af-
filiated with the Jewish
Welfare Board attended
the Biennial Convention of that organi-
zation held at the Ninety-second
Street Y. M. H. A., New York city, last
Sunday.

Among those who participated were
the President, Justice Irving Lehman,
Mortimer L. Schiff, Chairman of the
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Concentration Camp Sapling Planted at Museum

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A SILVER MAPLE TREE with a genesis from Czech ghetto and concentration camp Theresienstadt found a new home at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, due in part to the Philadelphia Jewish community.

Before arriving at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, the tree took root outside of Philadelphia, tended along with nine other Theresienstadt saplings by former Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President Bud Newman on what was formerly his farm in New Hope.

"I look at these trees as being symbolic of more people recognizing what Jews have gone through, and more people recognizing that Jews are survivors, and their strengths and their attitude towards continuing through survival is miraculous," Newman said.

The 15-foot tall sapling's dedication at the Museum of Jewish Heritage took place on Dec. 2, with more than 150 guests in attendance virtually



▲ Former Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President Bud Newman with saplings descended from a tree planted in Theresienstadt in 1943
Courtesy of Bud Newman

and in person. Ambassador and U.S. Representative to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Czech Consul General Arnošt Kareš and museum leadership spoke at the event; Theresienstadt survivors Fred Terna and Rene Slotkin watered the newly-planted tree.

The tree, dubbed the "Children's Tree," which faces directly across PS/IS 276 — Battery Park City School — will be cared for by the students there, much like it was in 1943 when the children of Theresienstadt used their water rations to feed the tree.

Battery Park City School students attended the event as well, having the opportunity to meet the Theresienstadt survivors.

Museum of Jewish Heritage President and CEO Jack Kliger, who is the son of two survivors, said the children were "honored" to have attended.

"I said to a 10-year-old, 'Well, now you've met a witness; now you become a witness,'" Kliger said. "That's both an honor and a responsibility."

Jewish Theresienstadt teacher Irma Lauscher planted the original silver maple in 1943 on Tu B'Shevat, after she bribed a guard to smuggle in the tree.

Theresienstadt was home to thousands of prisoners during the Holocaust, many of whom were educators and scholars, who gave the children there an informal education. Fifteen thousand children were imprisoned in Theresienstadt, and fewer than 200 survived.

Historian and Museum of Jewish Heritage Consulting Curator Michael Berenbaum called the tree a symbol of "spiritual resistance," a way for those imprisoned to find meaning in times of suffering.

"We make a hero of those who led us in armed resistance," Berenbaum said. "We should also make a hero of those who refuse to surrender



▲ Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust President and CEO Jack Kliger speaks at the Children's Tree dedication.
Photo by John Halpern

their humanity, even in conditions of enormous oppression."

Though the original Theresienstadt tree was destroyed along with the camp was liberated in 1945, cuttings from it were distributed across the United States and Israel.

Newman received the saplings from former Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation President Steve Kessler. Kessler told Newman that Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square was housing a sapling descended from a Theresienstadt tree that belonged to the memorial, which was then undergoing construction. That made it impossible for them to keep it, as it had grown too large.

Nine other smaller saplings, originally cuttings from the larger one, accompanied it. According to Berenbaum, these trees were originally brought to the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation by Philadelphia landscape artist Stuart Appel.

Newman, who had both a proclivity for farming trees and a passion for Holocaust remembrance, happily accepted the saplings.

Newman remembered visiting Auschwitz with his wife many years ago, where he saw old oak trees still standing proudly at the camp, with

acorns scattered across the ground.

"I turned to the guide, who was Polish, and said to her, 'Boy oh boy, if these trees could talk, what a tale they would tell,'" Newman said. "And then she turned to me and said, 'Well, it's funny you say that because we refer to them as the silent witnesses.'"

The sapling was planted and dedicated to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in early December, the ideal time to plant a tree to ensure its survival.

Newman contacted the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum to be home to a sapling. He has reached out to other Holocaust museums around the country, with the help of Berenbaum and Kliger, about future tree dedications, which they hope will continue to not only be a symbol of spiritual resilience and renewal but also an opportunity to engage with greater audiences about the impacts of the Holocaust, past and present.

"The fight against hate and antisemitism has not gone away," Kliger said. "The lessons of history can only be valuable if you apply them and learn from them and teach from them." •

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Cemeteries' Limited Hours Prompt Complaints

LOCAL

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

COMMUNITY FRUSTRATIONS toward Har Nebo and Mount Carmel cemeteries in Philadelphia have grown in recent weeks, as the cemeteries have closed their gates to the public on all days except Sunday, preventing families from visiting loved ones.

Others are concerned about

Nebo and Mount Carmel have shut out visitors almost entirely in recent weeks, she said.

Manhoff's godmother attempted to visit Har Nebo, where her husband is buried, last week. When she arrived, the gates were closed, and there was a sign posted saying that visitations could only be made by appointment only or on Sundays.

Cemetery owner Rich Levy recently launched a new

the "thousands of families who have loved ones buried at these cemeteries," Manhoff said.

"He doesn't seem to connect the dots and doesn't understand the impact that he's having on all of these people," she said.

Levy did not respond to requests for comment.

Manhoff has been in contact with state Rep. Jared Solomon about the legal implications of keeping the cemeteries' gates

closed to the public.

A 2018 state law by state Rep. Mark Gillen outlines the requirement for "reasonable visitation" opportunities for loved ones.

"If a cemetery is shuttered, for instance, that would be in violation of the law," Solomon said. "A family ... could take action in the Court of Common Pleas to review what 'reasonable' means and if the cemetery owner, whether that's

a company or individual, is in violation of the law."

Solomon did not say whether Har Nebo and Mount Carmel's policy violated the law, but he did suggest that action is being taken to address the cemeteries' conditions and hours of operation.

When he's spoken to Levy, Levy has said the cemeteries have fallen into financial trouble.

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▲ Volunteers participate in a 2017 Mount Carmel Cemetery cleanup following the February vandalism

Courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

the ongoing inconsistent maintenance of the cemeteries' grounds.

Mindy Manhoff, who moved from the Philadelphia area to Florida several years ago, flew back last year to visit the grave of her son, who died at age 3, at Mount Carmel. When she arrived, "the lawn was ridiculously high and unkempt."

In November, Bala Cynwyd resident Arthur Scherr visited Har Nebo to visit family grave plots, and spent several minutes looking for the grave markers to point him in the direction of his family members.

When Scherr went to the cemetery's office to find help, he found it empty: "I don't know if there's ever anybody in that office," he said.

More concerning to Manhoff, however, is that Har

website for the cemetery with a portal to make appointments, but neither Manhoff nor Scherr have used it to know whether it's effective.

According to Manhoff, when she spoke with Levy, he cited COVID as the reason for poor upkeep and limited hours, but when Manhoff or her godmother have visited, the cemetery has been nearly empty.

At other times, Levy has said that the gates are closed due to potential vandalism. Mount Carmel graves were vandalized in February 2017, with 85 to 100 graves being overturned.

For those who have to make a significant emotional and physical effort to visit the cemetery, Levy keeping the gates closed is a disservice to



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Music Industry Icon Kal Rudman Dies at 91

OBITUARY

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

SOLOMON “KAL” Rudman, the longtime publisher of the Friday Morning Quarterback and a philanthropist since the 1990s, died Nov. 30. He was 91.

His wife, Lucille (née Steinhauer), died two days later. She was 92.

The outspoken North Philadelphia native wore many hats during his career, starting as a special education teacher, becoming a Top 40 disc jockey in Camden, New Jersey, and even calling the action — dubbed as “Killer Kal” — for the then-World Wrestling Federation’s shows on the PRISM cable network.

All that led to more than 30 appearances on “The Merv Griffin Show,” as well as “Today,” where he was a regular guest. It also resulted in a Forbes 1972 Person of the Year, Entertainment Industry award and a plaque along Broad Street as part of the Philadelphia Music Alliance’s Walk of Fame.

Rudman was probably best

known for the Friday Morning Quarterback, the influential trade publication he founded in 1968 in his basement — and where he served as publisher until early 2020 when he retired the tip sheet’s name and sold its assets to Deane Media Solutions.

“I personally worked with Kal and Lucille for a good portion of my career during my FMQB tenure, and have always had the fondest and warmest relationship with both of them,” Fred Deane wrote in a tribute to his friend. “Kal was, in the truest sense, a legend and an original. He was an innovator, a scholar, and a very generous philanthropist and humanitarian.”

Rudman and his wife, Lucille, created a go-to publication for radio programmers who wanted to know what the next big hit would be — “Go-rillas,” in Rudman’s singular terminology. Rudman had, over the years, claimed credit for getting the likes of Barry Manilow, Madonna and Hall & Oates on the air.

“I was the main force in all the areas of the pop-music portion of the overall culture



▲ Kal Rudman and his wife, Lucille, published Friday Morning Quarterback for more than 50 years. Jewish Exponent archives



▲ Kal and Lucille Rudman

Courtesy of the Rudman family

of the United States in the latter half of the 20th century,” Rudman said in a 2012 Jewish Exponent article.

In a 2009 book by Danny Goldberg, “Bumping Into Geniuses: My Life Inside the Rock and Roll Business,” Bruce Springsteen credited Rudman with helping him reach the Top 10 with a single for the first time.

“Kal explained to me that Top 40 radio is mainly listened to by girls and that my female demographic was low,” Springsteen said. “And I thought about the songs on ‘Darkness (on the Edge of Town),’ and I realized that the lyrics really were mostly for and about guys. So on this new album I’m working on — there are some songs for girls.”

Springsteen’s next album, “The River,” featured the song “Hungry Heart,” which reached No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100.

In his tribute to Rudman, Deane quoted Clive Davis, the former head of Columbia Records, who is also a five-time Grammy Award winner.

“Kal was a man who was truly passionate about music and he communicated that passion so enthusiastically and so colorfully,” Davis said. “For many vibrant years,

his voice was distinctively heard by everyone working in music. Kal was indeed one of a kind.”

Scott Shannon, a syndicated national radio deejay also chimed in on Deane’s tribute.

“I made it a point to talk to him every week before I finalized my music, and I knew I could always get an honest read from him. He broke more records than any other publication of that era, was a true pioneer of our business, a very colorful character and networking genius to the extent that many of his methods of doing business have endured up until today,” Shannon said. “I was a big fan. He was instrumental in my career, and I loved him dearly.”

Later in life, Rudman got involved in philanthropy, founding the Kal and Lucille Rudman Foundation and donating millions to various causes, especially those focusing on medicine and education. Beneficiaries included Temple University’s Klein College of Media and Communication, Drexel University, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and the Jewish Community Services Building, among many others.

When asked about the origins of his philanthropy

in a 2016 Exponent interview, Rudman answered in a deep voice that pronounced every syllable — reminding you of why he succeeded as a deejay and as an on-air personality.

“Because I can,” he said, joking that philanthropy is easier than other endeavors. “I don’t want to write a book. Too many people would have to leave the country.”

In a 2017 Exponent article, Lucille Rudman explained the value of sponsoring a program where 24 South Jersey high school students participated in training at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

“We don’t necessarily believe that all students who go through these programs will wind up in the medical field, although many do,” she said. “But if they don’t, they have nevertheless learned good work habits, a sense of responsibility, a sense of empathy for what others do in the medical field so that whatever course their lives take, this experience stands them in good stead.”

The Rudmans are survived by son Mitchell Rudman and niece Maxine Hirschbein. ●

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Federation Housing Breaks Ground on New Complex

LOCAL

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

FEDERATION HOUSING, Inc. recently broke ground on a 54-unit apartment complex in Willow Grove.

The building will include affordable, one-bedroom apartments for people 62 and older, according to a news release. The Lindy Family Foundation gave a \$1.5 million lead donation to make the project possible.

Federation Housing is naming the building Annabel Gardens after the Lindy family matriarch, Annabel Flesher Lindy. Flesher Lindy, who died in 2010, grew up in a housing project near the Willow Grove site. She also was the first female board member of Federation Housing.

Annabel Gardens should



▲ Federation Housing breaks ground on Annabel Gardens in Willow Grove. Photo by Jordan Cassway



▲ Federation Housing officials show an artist's rendering of what Annabel Gardens will look like upon completion. Photo by Jordan Cassway

open in the fall of 2022, according to Eric Naftulin, the executive director of Federation Housing. Rental applications will be available in a few months.

“Providing high-quality, low-income housing for seniors is an important mission,” said

Alan Lindy, who runs the family foundation with his two siblings. “The overall mission is something we’ve supported for many years.”

Lindy’s organization often funds this kind of project, but it doesn’t usually name them after

people, he said.

This one, though, was different. It had proximity to his mother’s childhood home and to the cause she cared most about.

“The development was close to her roots,” Lindy said.

Annabel Gardens is designed

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Central Bucks Leaders Condemn Antisemitism

LOCAL

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THE JEWISH PARENTS in Central Bucks concerned about antisemitism got what they wanted on Dec. 6 at the school district's reorganization board meeting.

Four board members, President Dana Hunter, Karen Smith, Tabitha Dell'Angelo and Mariam Mahmud, made statements condemning antisemitic remarks made at the November meeting. Central Bucks Superintendent Abram Lucabaugh did the same.

At the board's prior meeting, a Doylestown man named Art Larson spoke during the public comment period and compared Jews to the Mafia, said the Anti-Defamation

League had Mafia ties and that former Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin called Jews "a master race," a quote that is not corroborated. In the days after Larson spoke, four CB school board members at the time, Smith, Jodi Schwartz, Lorraine Sciuto-Ballasy and Tracy Suits, sent out a statement to the community condemning the comments.

But a group of at least 50 Jewish parents in the district wanted the other board members to join them.

The Dec. 6 meeting was to swear in new board representatives. One holdover from the previous board, Hunter, joined her former colleagues, three of whom are no longer on the board, in making statements against hate. Dell'Angelo and Mahmud are newly elected

members.

Jewish parents wanted the board and school leadership to come out against antisemitism because they believed it would curb what they saw as a district culture that permitted hate.

Board member Leigh Vlasblom, in particular, was criticized for making exaggerated comparisons between COVID restrictions and Nazi discrimination and for saying that the district needed to reconsider how it decided whether to give off on Jewish and other religious holidays.

Another speaker at the last meeting, a Jewish Buckingham resident named Ed Mackouse, made comments against allowing transgender women to use the women's bathroom.

But the meeting offered an indication that Vlasblom and the district wanted to move forward.

"I do not condone comments which target students, staff members, community members or board members due to their race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or military status," Smith said to the assembled crowd of about 70 people in Doylestown. "The previous sentence is essentially the federal non-discrimination statement."

The crowd applauded after the rest of Smith's statement, which she ended by saying, "I stand with you," to students who don't feel safe. Public comments followed, and many concerned Jewish parents and students spoke during the two-hour session.

They said they were happy that district leadership spoke out against hate speech. But they also said it took too long.

Jewish Central Bucks East High School student Lily Freeman spoke first with her parents behind her at



▲ Some Central Bucks residents stood outside during the school board meeting on Dec. 6. There weren't enough seats in the administration building's meeting room, but residents still wanted to make statements.

Photo by Jarrad Saffren

the podium.

"The fact that it took the board this long to make a statement about the violent nature of these words is telling me and other students that we are not safe in this district," she said. "Adults are supposed to be our role models."

Later, Plumstead Township mom Dawn Haaz, who is also Jewish, talked about how excited her first-grade son was to share his Chanukah knowledge with his non-Jewish classmates.

"I grapple with a sense of fear," Haaz said. "As I know it is only a matter of time that his innocence will be shattered by the realities of antisemitism."

The new board voted to limit public comment to two hours due to the number of people at the packed meeting. Many more residents, Jews and non-Jews, lined up outside beforehand but didn't get in due to limited seating.

Several parents and students asked for a change of venue to Central Bucks West High School to accommodate the crowd, but board members chose to keep the meeting at its usual location of the CB administration building on

Welden Drive.

Despite limiting the public comment period, though, the board allowed every speaker their three minutes. Commenters had to sign up beforehand.

Larson attended the meeting and listened to many speakers criticize his previous comments. But he did not get a chance to go up to the podium himself. However, at the board's next meeting, the public comment list will pick up where it left off.

Many speakers, Jews and non-Jews, defended Larson's right to speak but not his comments. They implored the board to not allow a condemnation of hate speech to go too far and limit the First Amendment right to free speech.

"These are inalienable rights. You have no authority to interrupt or interfere with them," said Mara Witsen, a Jewish student in the district. "As a community, those of us with common sense and decency must stand against those who wish to rid our nation of the right to free speech." ●

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Menorahs Vandalized in Three Ukraine Cities

Large Chanukah menorahs on display in three different Ukraine locales were vandalized in suspected hate crimes, JTA reported.

A menorah erected in the Troieshchyna district in Kyiv was knocked down, and its lamps were smashed, Eduard Dolinsky, the director of the Ukrainian Jewish Committee, wrote on Facebook.

In the eastern city of Dnipro, police arrested five teenagers on suspicion of knocking down a menorah, the Sobitie news site reported.

And unidentified individuals cut lighting strips decorating a menorah in Nikolayev, a city in southern Ukraine, the Novosti-news site reported.

Ukrainian ultra-nationalists have targeted menorahs in recent years.

NYC to Mandate Vaccines for Yeshiva, Other Private School Employees

NEW YORK CITY ANNOUNCED a vaccine mandate for employees at yeshivas and other private schools, which prompted pushback from haredi Orthodox leaders, JTA reported.

The mandate will affect about 56,000 workers at the city's 930 private schools — including Jewish day schools and yeshivas.

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a vaccination

requirement for public school employees in October, and more than 95% of employees got the shot, although some Jewish teachers applied for religious exemptions.

Rabbi David Zweibel, executive vice president of Agudath Israel America and chairman of a city coalition of religious and independent school officials, urged the city to reconsider.

In a letter to de Blasio and Dr. Dave Chokshi, commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Zweibel said the mandate “could be devastating to our schools and the children they serve,” and “some schools may even be forced to close.”

Fresno State to Consider Renaming Library Honoring Nazi Sympathizer

Administrators at California State University, Fresno announced that they would consider renaming the school's Henry Madden Library after learning from a professor that the namesake former librarian was an antisemite and a vocal Hitler supporter, JTA reported.

The issue came to light because of research by Bradley Hart, a professor in the school's Media, Communications and Journalism Department who wrote a book about U.S. supporters of Hitler and fascism.

Madden was the school's librarian from 1949 to 1979; the central library was named for him in 1981.

The university confirmed it had copies of Madden's antisemitic writings in its collections. A task force was announced to rename the building.

Florida Jewish Federation Says Facebook Algorithm Rejected its Anti-Hate Ad

The Jewish Federation of Broward County in Florida said it tried to buy an ad on Facebook calling attention to the problem of antisemitism as part of the new national “Shine a Light” campaign, but Facebook's automated system rejected the ad, JTA reported.

That led federation officials to suspect the post was accidentally ensnared by a hate-speech blocking filter.

“Unfortunately, Facebook inexplicably rejected our ads, presumably because they contained the words ‘hate’ and ‘anti-Semitism,’” wrote the federation's board chair Alan Cohn and interim president and CEO Mark Freedman in a letter to the company. “This, we believe, is an unintended, but calamitous consequence of your effort to curb hate speech.”

The federation asked that Facebook let its ad run. It also asked the company to amplify voices that combat hate. •

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Former Temple Business Dean Convicted of Fraud

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FORMER TEMPLE University Fox School of Business Dean Moshe Porat was convicted of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud for using false data to boost the school's national ranking.

Bala Cynwyd resident Porat, 74, conspired with statistics professor Isaac Gottlieb and Fox employee Marjorie O'Neill, submitting false data to the U.S. News and World Report on the school's online MBA and part-time MBA programs, according to the Nov. 29 conviction. They inflated the number of students who had taken the Graduate Management Admission Test, the work experience of the PMBA students and the number of students enrolled part-time.

During the trial which began on Nov. 10, Gottlieb and O'Neill both plead guilty to conspiracy charges separate from Porat's charges. The jury reached its decision after less than an hour of deliberation.

All three Fox employees lost their jobs in 2018, following the discovery of the

misrepresentations. Porat had served as the business school's dean since 1996 and worked at Temple University for more than two decades before becoming dean.

From 2015 to 2018, U.S. News and World Report ranked Fox's OMBA program No. 1 in the U.S. The PMBA program peaked at a No. 7 ranking in 2017. The OMBA program now rests at No. 100. These rankings are desirable markers for prospective students.

"We live in a time where a lot of applicants and parents of applicants — for higher education — look to the rankings to help them make a determination of where to go to school," Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Dubnoff said.

To Dubnoff's knowledge, this case is the first time a university administrator was criminally prosecuted for ranking fraud.

"It's a traditional fraud case in the sense that you have somebody who made misrepresentations in order to get money," Dubnoff said. "In some senses, it's a non-traditional case, because we're not aware of other cases that were brought up in the context of higher education in the rankings."

This case has the potential to deter other university administrators from committing similar crimes, Dubnoff said, which is important due to the steep tuition students pay to attend master's programs.

"These are incredibly expensive investments that people make," he said. "It's important to protect people from people who would defraud them."

Media outlet Poets & Quants reported a 57% increase in enrollment in Fox's OMBA program during the program's inflated ranking period.

OMBA student Ibrahim Fetahi testified in federal court that Fox's high rank compelled him to apply for the OMBA program.

"I paid for fine dining, and I got McDonald's," Fetahi said.

Following the report of the falsifications in 2018, former Fox OMBA students filed a class-action lawsuit against the school, claiming their degrees had been devalued. Temple University paid \$5 million in settlements for that lawsuit, in addition to \$17 million in additional settlements and \$700,000 to the federal Department of Education.

"This was not a victimless

crime," U.S. Attorney Jennifer Arbib Williams said during the April indictment announcement. "The victims are students, graduates and donors to the Fox School as well as other universities and their students who were cheated out of their legitimate rankings."

Temple University affirmed its commitment to "student-centered education" in a statement following the conviction.

"We respect the justice system and the jury's decision in this matter," Temple University Associate Director of Issues Management in Strategic Marketing and Communications Steve Orbanek said. "The evidence presented at the trial speaks for itself, but is not representative of Temple or the overwhelming majority of the thousands of educational professionals serving our students. This is an unhappy moment for our students and alumni, but our focus remains on delivering the best possible outcomes for our students."

Porat received his undergraduate degree and MBA from Tel Aviv University and his doctorate from Temple. He was active in several local



▲ Moshe Porat
Courtesy of Temple University
Fox School of Business

Jewish organizations and was listed as a board member of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce in his Temple bio. In June 2016, Hillel of Greater Philadelphia honored Porat for his campus leadership and advocacy for Israel.

Porat could face up to 25 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine. After the March 11 sentencing hearing, Porat will likely lose his position as a tenured professor, where he earns \$316,000 annually, Billy Penn reported.

Porat's attorney Michael A. Schwartz did not respond to requests for comment. ●

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shuttle to local grocery stores, doctor's offices and malls. On-site, it will offer a community room, computer room, lounges, offices and outdoor space. The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is organizing a heavily subsidized lunch program.

"Serving those in need remains a priority focus for the Jewish Federation," Jewish Federation President and CEO Michael Balaban said.

Federation Housing is reserving 33 units for households whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the area median.

Six of those will be for people whose incomes do not exceed 20%. The remaining 21 will be for residents who do not bring in more than 60%.

Federation Housing is revitalizing blighted property, Naftulin said. Before, the site had six single-family homes that were boarded up.

"We took up the worst part of the block," Naftulin said.

He also said that older, often-retired residents help the local economy. They have time to go out for meals and errands. All they need is transportation access, which they will have.

"We're trying to embed ourselves in the community," he said.

That statement doesn't just

apply to the economy, either. In other senior communities built by Federation Housing, residents have used their time to help schools.

Samuel A. Green House building tenants in Elkins Park have a pen pal program with Perelman Jewish Day School students. That gives seniors something important to do and kids access to older perspectives and life experiences, Naftulin said.

Perhaps most importantly, though, Annabel Gardens will give families peace of mind. People won't have to worry about their parents or grandparents becoming lonely and detached, he said.

"Mom or dad lives in a place that is affordable and has

services," Naftulin said. "They aren't sitting alone in an apartment staring out the window."

That, according to Naftulin, is Federation Housing's core mission: helping people enjoy their golden years, instead of going to facilities where "no one wants to go," he said.

Naftulin noted that while the Lindy family was the lead donor for Annabel Gardens, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, Montgomery County and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation also contributed.

Federation Housing runs 11 rental communities serving about 1,500 area seniors. The agency is a partner of the Jewish Federation.

"We are grateful to Alan, Elaine and Frank Lindy for making it possible for 54 seniors to live independently and with dignity in Annabel Gardens," Balaban said. "A beautiful space named in honor of their mother."

Annabel Flesher Lindy served on the board of Jewish Federation in addition to the board of Federation Housing. Late in life, she created Tribe 12, a local nonprofit that connects young Jews to Jewish life.

Annabel Gardens will reflect the life of service of its namesake, Alan Lindy said.

"It's a classy apartment community," he said. ●

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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Study: Tel Aviv the World’s Most Expensive City
TEL AVIV IS NOW the world’s most expensive city to live in — and it’s tied in part to Israel’s successful COVID-19 vaccine rollout, JTA reported.

The city rose from fifth to first in the annual Worldwide Cost of Living index compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit, the research arm of The Economist Group, which also publishes The Economist magazine.

The report said that Israel’s world-leading pace in vaccinating its population helped the shekel to soar in value against the U.S. dollar, leading to steep local inflation.

The price of about one out of every 10 everyday goods found in Tel Aviv, especially grocery items, “increased significantly,” the report said. Tel Aviv is also the world’s second-most expensive place to buy alcohol and public transportation. Higher prices for household goods, cars and fuel were noted as well.

After Tel Aviv, the other cities in the top five were Paris, Singapore, Zurich and Hong Kong.

Israeli Health Minister Wants to Increase Abortion Availability

Israel’s health minister laid out plans on Dec. 1 to simplify what he called Israel’s “chauvinistic” abortion process, JTA reported.

“It should be a given — the rights to a woman’s body are the woman’s alone,” Nitzan Horowitz told Ynet. “Any decision or medical procedure such as the choice of whether to perform an abortion must be in the hands of the woman. We have no moral right to decide for her how to deal with an unwanted pregnancy.”

Horowitz, who heads the left-wing Meretz Party, wants to allow women to terminate a pregnancy within its first 12 weeks without committee approval.

While abortions are legal in many cases in Israel, women seeking an abortion must present their reasons for ending the pregnancy before a committee of three people in several circumstances.

The plans also call for transferring responsibility for some abortions to health clinics instead of hospitals.

All changes are subject to Knesset approval.

Israel Hosts Flag Football World Championships

Israel hosted 39 teams from 21 countries as part of the 10th Flag Football World Championship during a three-day tournament, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Both men’s and women’s teams competed for world titles and 16 spots in the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama. About 900 players, coaches and officials gathered for the event.

“I am proud to bring an international football championship to Jerusalem, Israel’s capital,” Steve Leibowitz, president of American Football in Israel and head of Israel’s organizing committee said before the event. “Israel has tackled its COVID-related challenges and is ready to provide a safe, exciting championship venue.”

Average Salaries in Israel Climb 2.9%

The average gross salary in Israel in September was \$3,863, an increase of 2.9% from September 2020, although slightly down from August 2021, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data, Globes reported.

The “information technology communications” sector had the highest wages with an average salary of \$8,335, followed by the “electricity and water supply sewage services and waste treatment” sector at \$6,472.

High-tech salaries have jumped more than 8% over the past year. •

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Abrams' safety measures are keeping the community safe, according to Budow.

"They're 98% back to normal," the rabbi said of his students.

Judy Groner, the head of school at the Perelman Jewish Day School, also said that masks have become normal. Last week, students even wore ones with Chanukah designs.

Groner reopened her pre-K-5 buildings in August 2020. Over a school year-and-a-half, Perelman has seen no COVID case transmissions.



▲ Rabbi Abe Friedman has welcomed congregants back to Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel this year. His COVID policies have emphasized masking inside.

Courtesy of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel



▲ Rabbi Marshall Lesack has emphasized vaccines in his approach to dealing with COVID at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy.

Photo by Jordan Cassway

They're 98% back to normal."

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The head of school attributed that to policies that are more cautious than the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Perelman students mask both inside and outside. They only unmask to eat lunch, and they eat lunch outside unless

the weather is inclement.

The school staff has a 98% vaccination rate. Any vaccinated Perelman community members who travel abroad must take a test to return to the buildings. Any unvaccinated individuals who travel internationally must quarantine for 7-10 days upon returning.

Like Abrams, Perelman celebrated Chanukah last week. Also like Abrams, Perelman has no plan to change its COVID-era operating procedures.

"It does seem to be working," Groner said. "Everyone has adjusted."

The Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy faces a different challenge.

Abrams and Perelman primarily serve pre-K and elementary school kids. Barrack, based in Bryn Mawr, educates students in grades 6-12.

People 12 and up have been eligible for vaccinations since September. So Barrack, led by Head of School Marshall Lesack, has focused on shots.

Getting a COVID vaccine is "part of being a staff member at Barrack," Lesack said. Vaccination is "highly encouraged" to students, and the "vast majority" are inoculated, Lesack added.

Barrack requires masks in its building, too. But no other major restrictions are necessary, according to the head of school.

Lesack is monitoring the

omicron news. But it's "not affecting any change in our policy," he concluded.

Local synagogues are in a similar position as schools: Nothing really needs to change for now.

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Center City has returned to in-person congregational life. The only restrictions are that, indoors, BZBI maintains masking and does not yet serve food.

In the spring, the synagogue reopened. For a while thereafter, Rabbi Abe Friedman met regularly with a COVID task force of doctors in the congregation. Now, he just consults them as needed.

After dealing with COVID for nearly two years, BZBI even has its own contact tracing protocol.

Friedman and his staff put member names in a book. When congregants attend services, they put stickers next to their names.

That way, if someone at the service comes down with COVID, everyone knows if they've been exposed.

"This is just what we have to deal with," Friedman said. "Sometimes it's this, sometimes the electricity goes out."

Congregation Kol Emet in

Yardley follows similar procedures. Inside, the synagogue requires masking and does not yet serve food. It also maintains physical distancing during services.

Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy wants to bring food events back, though, by Tu Bishvat in January. Omicron may determine whether that happens. But otherwise, unless it's more severe than the delta variant, it won't change much else.

"We don't have to backtrack if we just keep it conservative and simple to follow," she said of her pandemic policies.

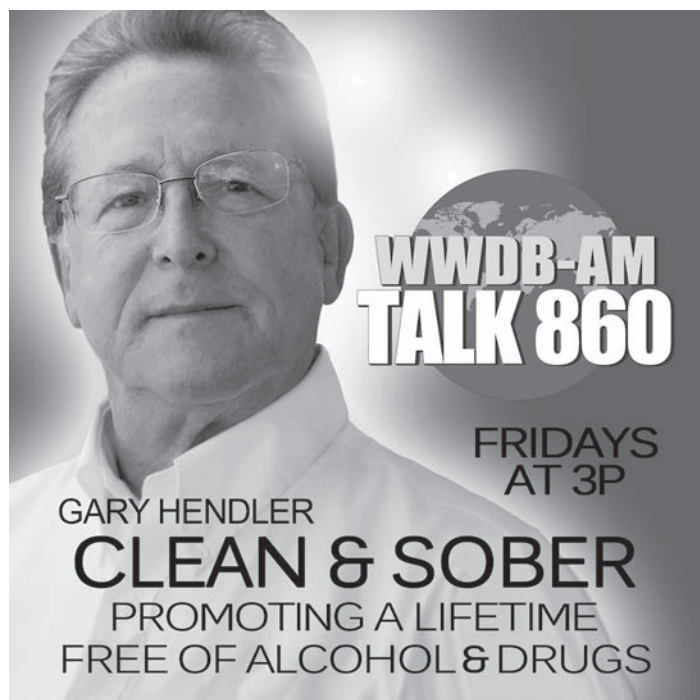
COVID may not be causing Kol Emet to backtrack, but it is pushing the synagogue to move forward.

Boswell-Levy started offering multiaccess services when the virus first broke out. She has continued offering them because about 50% of attendees now prefer to join online.

Kol Emet also raised money recently for an outdoor sanctuary on its 11-acre property.

"We need to live with it and figure out what changes we need to make in the long term," she said. ●

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well as create an additional eight-figure Stuart Weitzman Endowment to fund future endeavors.

“This was a way for him to not only help, but also to lay a very strong foundation for a secure financial future,” WNMAJH CEO Misha Galperin said.

On Sept. 17, WNMAJH emerged from a March 2020 bankruptcy after former trustee Mitchell Morgan made a \$10 million commitment to the museum, offering to buy the building and loan it to the museum for \$1,000 a month for three-and-a-half years until the museum could find the means to buy the building back.

The museum’s bondholders, many of whom are board members, agreed to collectively forgive the \$14 million of WNMAJH’s debt accrued after the construction of its Independence Mall location.

Galperin reached out to several friends of the museum in September in hopes of them helping the WNMAJH repurchase its building, and Weitzman was the first to

respond, Galperin said.

“He is himself a Jew, an American — that’s very much part of his story,” Galperin said of Weitzman’s interest in the museum. “He was first attracted to the museum, in part, because of the George Washington letter [in the 2012 “To Bigotry No Sanction: George Washington and Religious Freedom” exhibit], which truly legitimized the entire concept of freedom of religion in this country.”

Weitzman, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, was featured in the museum’s 2013 Dreamers and Doers Speaker Series and contributed financially to the 2018 “First Families” Gallery, which profiled American Colonial-era Jewish settlers.

Weitzman also attended the December 2019 induction of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the Only in America Hall of Fame. He periodically designed shoes for Ginsburg.

“I have been inspired by the NMAJH since my first visit in 2012,” Weitzman said in a press release. “I was drawn to their iconic artifacts that demonstrate the very foundations of

religious freedom in America. We are truly thrilled to be able to make this gift to the museum and humbled that this support will help to ensure that stories of American Jewish history are told and preserved for generations to come.”

In addition to buying back its building with Weitzman’s gift, WNMAJH will be able to fund a host of new programs and initiatives.

Galperin touted WNMAJH’s online fundraising efforts during the pandemic, which attracted 180,000 audience members to a single event, he said. Their virtual programming has brought in 4 million people to the museum’s site in 20 months.

Most recently, the museum digitized its core exhibits and made them available for free online, by virtue of a gift from philanthropist George Blumenthal with digitization work by Israel-based photographer Ardon Bar-Hama.

The museum will expand the virtual tour with auditory guided tours along specific routes. It is considering installing screens in the facade windows of the building that face Independence Mall.

Galperin also hinted at a potential collaboration with the newly-renovated ANU Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv, ultimately to make the museum more interactive.

“It’s a concept where the visitor becomes not a passive participant and observer, but a co-creator of the experience by putting themselves and the family into the museum,” Galperin said.

Though only open for private events, the museum, which is operating under “strict and very conservative COVID-19 precautions,” will be open to the general public in the spring.

Miracle on the Mall was WNMAJH’s first in-person event since the pandemic began. At the sold-out event, Galperin announced Weitzman’s gift and the museum’s new name to WNMAJH’s board and benefactors.

It took place on the last night of Chanukah, which was no coincidence.

“Chanukah is, first of all, a holiday celebrating religious freedom and throwing off the yoke of oppression,” Galperin said. “In our case, the oppression was the debt.”

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As the museum makes plans to reopen to the public, Galperin is looking forward to new beginnings.

“I have a personal connection and affinity for the museum because it’s the story of American Jewish immigrants, and I am one of them,” Galperin said. “For me to be part of the turnaround from being in deep financial trouble to being on a solid footing with a bright future has just been one of the most joyous moments of my career.” •

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Chanukah Around Chester County

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THE CHESTER COUNTY Kehillah celebrated Chanukah with menorah lightings at the Historic Chester County Courthouse and Wilson Farm Park. •

► Right: Dave Gold, chair of the Chester County Kehillah, and Scott Zukin, along with Rabbi Yossi Kaplan of Chabad of Chester County, light the first candle at the Historic Chester County Courthouse.

► Far Right: Chester County Kehillah members light a menorah at Wilson Farm Park.



Larry David Has Never Been More Jewish Than in This Season's 'Curb Your Enthusiasm'



BY ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL

"CURB YOUR Enthusiasm" has always been a Jewy show, but this season it is downright Jewish.

On the HBO sitcom, now in its 11th season, Larry David has never been shy about surfacing, and lampooning, Judaism and Jewishness. He has contemplated the dilemmas of Holocaust survival, waded into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (via a local chicken restaurant) and gotten stranded on a ski lift with an Orthodox Jew on Shabbat.

This season, it's not just the occasional matzoh ball joke, or the Yiddish lesson he gave Jon Hamm in the season premiere. David is plunging into questions of Jewish pride and belief, and if he isn't exactly Abraham Joshua Heschel,

he could provide a Jewish educator with a semester of lively classroom debate.

In the latest episode, for example, a Jew for Jesus joins the cast of the show that Larry's character is developing for Hulu. Although neither Larry nor his Jewish friends are remotely religious, they seem genuinely upset by the actor's apostasy, and Larry gives him a rather sober warning that he shouldn't proselytize on set.

A week earlier, a member of his golf club (played by Rob Morrow) asks Larry to pray for his ailing father. Larry declines, saying prayer is useless. He also wonders why God would need, or heed, the prayer of a random atheist like himself instead of the distressed son who wants his father to live.

For anyone who has gone to Hebrew school, it's a familiar challenge, usually aired by the wiseacre in the back row who the teacher suspects is perhaps the most engaged student in the classroom. And it is not just atheists posing the question, "Why pray?" The Israeli philosopher Yeshayahu Leibowitz, a devout Orthodox Jew, believed that "worship of God must be

totally devoid of instrumental considerations."

In addition to a Jewish funeral, the episode has a bonus theological theme: "*Middah k'neged Middah*," or as Morrow's character puts it, "what goes around comes around." Morrow warns Larry that his actions will have consequences, which actually gives Larry pause. If anything, the entire "Curb" enterprise is an exercise in Jewish karma. Larry is constantly being punished in ways large and small for his actions, inactions, meddling and slights. As the old theater expression has it,

Larry spills coffee on the Klansman's robe and offers to have it dry-cleaned. Good liberal Jew that he is, Larry appears genuine in his belief that empathy is a better response to hate than confrontation, and that if he turns the other cheek it might lower the temperature in a post-Trump America. Of course, it doesn't work out that way, and the last word goes to his friend Susie Green, who performs a pointed act of Jewish sabotage that gets the Klansman pummeled by his fellow racists. Give David credit for embedding within a preposterous half-hour

wrong. He is what Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik might have called a "Halachic Man" — an actualizer of "the ideals of justice and righteousness," even when the rest of the world resents it.

If you think I am overdoing it, remember that there is an actual discussion in Talmud about the right and wrong way of putting on a pair of shoes.

And just as in the Talmud, there are no easy answers in David's moral universe: If a friend lends you his favorite, one-of-a-kind shirt, and you ruin it, what are your obligations to him? (See: Bava Metzia 96b) If a thief breaks into your

Make no mistake: The Larry David character is sacrilegious and heretical, and "Curb" is no friend of the religious mindset. But to dismiss him as "self-hating" is to miss out on the unmistakably Jewish conversation at the heart of the show. David's character is a deeply principled person: Most of the nonsense he gets himself into is the result of his enforcing unspoken social rules that others appear to be flouting.

if Larry opens a donut shop to drive a rival out of business in act one, his own shop will burn to the ground in act three.

A prior episode was even more self-consciously Jewish: Larry attends High Holiday services only because he lost a golf bet to the rabbi, and he literally bumps into a Klansman coming out of a coffee shop. The latter sets off a string of plot twists, as he and the KKK guy trade a series of favors and obligations that will have disastrous consequences for both. Larry's salvation comes at the end, when he blares a shofar from his balcony, literally raising the alarm on antisemitism and waking his neighbors to the threat of white supremacy.

The episode suggests the failure of good intentions.

of television a debate about vengeance and resistance that engaged the followers of Jews as different as Jesus and Jabotinsky.

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house and then drowns in your swimming pool, which wasn't protected by the required fence, who is owed damages and how much? (See: Ibn Ezra on Exodus 22:1-2)

In last week's episode, Larry even touched on — consciously or not — a classic debate in the Talmud: If you and a friend are stranded in the desert, and your canteen has only enough water for one of you to survive, must you share it or save your own life?

Yes, Larry was talking about sharing a phone charger, but if the Sages had cell phones, what do you think they'd be talking about? •

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JEWISH EXPONENT

Local-Israeli Partnership Exemplifies the Importance of International Medical Cooperation



BY MAAYAN AVIV AND SHIREL DANIEL

WHEN THE STARS ALIGN in philanthropy matchmaking, some of the most fruitful partnerships are born.

This month, ALYN Hospital, Israel's only pediatric rehabilitation center, and Philadelphia International Medicine, a hub for 10 medical centers in the Philadelphia region, announced a trans-Atlantic partnership.

Though the partnership is still young, there are already many promising ideas to improve pediatric care. Our biggest goal, first and foremost, is to create connectivity between our two organizations and enhance medical collaboration across the globe.

The synergy between ALYN and PIM was brought to our attention by Philadelphia resident and American Friends of ALYN board member David Meron. He knew connecting our institutions would result in a revolutionary international step for pediatric medicine worldwide.

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hospital's dedicated innovation space, brings together specialists, entrepreneurs, volunteers and research teams to develop assistive technology that is used by children across the world.

PIM serves as the international office for 10 renowned medical centers in Philadelphia and connects patients and physicians from around the world to the best specialists in PIM's network. Nemours Children's Health, a key hospital in PIM's network, will be working closely with ALYN.

Nemours Children's Health is one of the largest integrated pediatric health systems in

research and collaboration will include novel treatments for neuromuscular diseases, spina bifida, PANS, bone health, brain activity and transition planning for adults with childhood-onset disabilities.

Our first interorganizational meeting between experts, called a grand round, will allow specialists to confer on the best course of action for a complicated pediatric case. In these grand rounds, a physician will present a difficult case, and other physicians can help to create a treatment agenda, decide which facility is best suited for treatment and formulate a plan that

processes and thought.

Our two organizations discovered in each other kindred spirits who find joy and passion in making the world a better place for children facing challenges.

By combining ALYN's innovation with PIM's extensive scope, the ALYN-PIM Health Gateway Initiative provides opportunities for both organizations to advance their work while impacting pediatric care worldwide.

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Maayan Aviv is the executive director of American Friends of ALYN, the branch of ALYN Hospital dedicated to raising awareness of their work throughout the United States. Shirel Daniel is the manager of global outreach at Philadelphia International Medicine.

Though the partnership is still young, there are already many promising ideas to improve pediatric care. Our biggest goal, first and foremost, is to create connectivity between our two organizations and enhance medical collaboration across the globe.

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would be most beneficial for the patient. The initial grand round will establish how we work together and create a space where our two organizations can continue to flourish as this partnership moves forward, fostering opportunities for new

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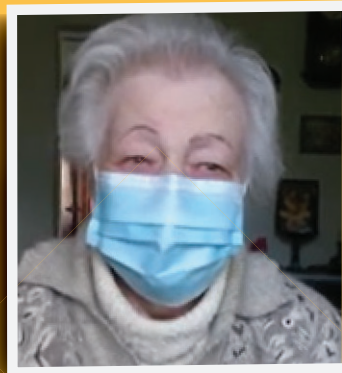
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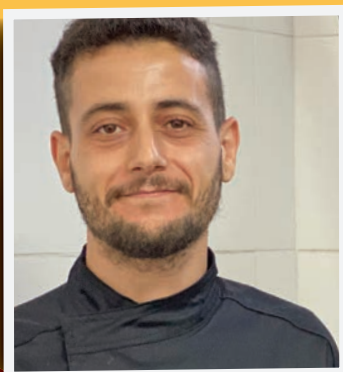
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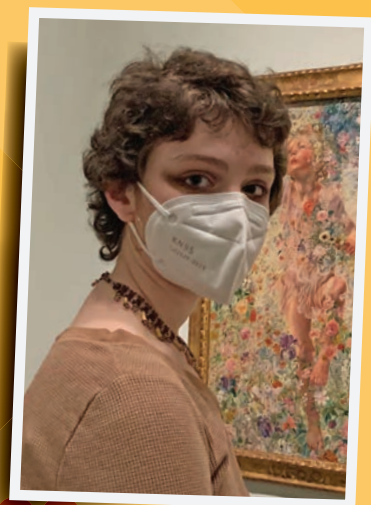
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Hot Sandwiches on Cold Nights

FOOD

LINDA MOREL | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

BY THE TIME mid-December rolls around, you've already prepared Thanksgiving dinner, followed immediately by eight nights of latkes and donuts during Chanukah.

Because you've made some extraordinary, but labor-intensive meals lately, it's time to lighten the dinner prep load.

Dinner doesn't have to be a five-star production. Instead, serve hot sandwiches once in a while, which are fun to assemble and exciting to eat. Layer them up with a substantial protein, such as meat or cheese, and an array of vegetables, which can be leftovers. Use quality bread.

If you've got a panini press, you're in business. But if not, sandwiches can be heated on a nonstick skillet or ridged griddle. The easiest hot sandwich to make is melted cheese on toast. The second easiest is a fried egg nestled between two pieces of lightly toasted bread.

If the idea of a sandwich dinner seems meager, add a salad or tureen of soup to the menu. No one will leave the table hungry. I guarantee it.

My family enjoys building their own sandwiches, which is much easier for me. In our house, hot sandwich night is the most popular dinner of the week.

If you prepare sandwiches in a nonstick panini maker, ridged griddle or skillet, you will not need to coat the pan with oil.

REUBEN SANDWICH REVISITED | MEAT

Serves 4

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ⅓ cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon capers drained
- A sprinkling of garlic powder

- 8-ounce can of sauerkraut
- 8 slices of rye bread
- 12 slices of deli corned beef at room temperature
- Thin slices of red onion, broken into rings

Russian dressing: Place the mayonnaise, ketchup, capers and garlic powder in a small bowl. Whisk the ingredients together with a fork until completely combined. Reserve.

Place the sauerkraut in a fine sieve and squeeze out the liquid, pressing down with the back of a spoon. Move the sauerkraut to a double layer of paper towels and drain further. Reserve.

Spread one side of each piece of bread with the Russian dressing. Layer three slices of corned beef, a generous amount of sauerkraut and red onion onto four pieces of bread. Top them with the remaining bread slices, placing the Russian dressing sides down, covering the onion.

Follow the finishing directions below.

CUBANO SANDWICH KOSHER STYLE | MEAT

Serves 4

- 2 (8-10 inch) Cuban sandwich loaves or baguette-like Italian bread
- Dijon mustard for spreading
- Mayonnaise for spreading
- ½ pounds roasted chicken breast. It can be from leftovers, or buy a rotisserie chicken.
- 4 large dill pickles, drained and sliced thin
- Dried oregano for sprinkling
- Kosher salt for sprinkling
- Black pepper for sprinkling

Split the loaves in half lengthwise. Spread mustard on the inside of the bottom side of each loaf. Spread mayonnaise on the inside of the top side



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of each loaf.

Slice the chicken as thin as possible. Place the chicken slices over the mustard. Sprinkle on oregano, salt and pepper. Arrange the pickles on top. Cover with the top side of each loaf, mayonnaise side down. Cut the loaves in half.

Follow the finishing directions below.

SWISS AND SAUTÉED MUSHROOM SANDWICH | DAIRY

Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, or more if needed
- 1 pound sliced mushrooms
- Kosher salt to taste
- 8 slices sourdough bread
- 12 slices of Swiss cheese

Heat the olive oil over a medium-low flame in a large skillet. Place the mushrooms in the skillet and sprinkle with salt. Sauté until caramelized. Remove them from the flame and cool them briefly.

Place two slices of Swiss cheese each onto four pieces of bread, using 8 slices of

Swiss. Spoon mushrooms over the cheese. (If there are more mushrooms than needed, serve them beside the sandwiches.) Top with the remaining 4 slices of Swiss and then a piece of bread.

Follow the finishing directions below.

TOASTED TURKEY CLUB SANDWICH | MEAT

Serves 4

- 1 large tomato, sliced thin
- 8 slices turkey bacon
- 8 slices of multigrain bread
- Dijon mustard for spreading
- 8-12 slices of leftover turkey or deli turkey at room temperature
- 4 lettuce leaves
- Honey for drizzling

Place the tomato slices on a paper towel. Cover them with another paper towel and gently press to remove moisture. Reserve.

Fry the turkey bacon on a medium flame until crisp in a large skillet or griddle. Drain it on paper towels and reserve.

Spread mustard on one side

of each piece of bread. Over the mustard, layer the turkey, a drizzle of honey, lettuce, tomato slices and turkey bacon. Drizzle on a little more honey. Top with the bread, mustard side down.

Follow the finishing directions below.

Finishing directions: Preheat the panini maker, ridged griddle or skillet. Flatten the sandwiches a bit with your palm.

If you're using a panini maker, place the sandwiches inside and lower the lid. Heat them until the bread is toasted and the sandwiches are warmed through. The Swiss cheese in that sandwich should be melted.

Or move the sandwiches to a preheated griddle or skillet. Take turns pressing the sandwiches down with a wide, firm spatula. When the bottom piece of bread toasts, flip the sandwiches to the other side and continue pressing with a spatula until the other side is crisp and the contents are warmed through.

Serve immediately. •

Local Family Publishes Holocaust Book

BOOKS

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

MAURICE CHORNEY was one of those Holocaust survivors who never really talked about his experience.

But when his daughter, Helene Shipon, was moving Chorney from his house to an assisted living home in 2010, she found letters from his family back in Poland.

And they did all the talking. Chorney, who died in 2013, immigrated to the United States from Poland in 1938 when he was 17. He came over to work at his uncle's Philadelphia shipyard.

But the rest of his family, his

parents, his sisters and others, stayed in Poland and died during the Holocaust. Chorney went on to serve in the Army during World War II and beat the Nazis who killed his family. He also grew up to run the shipyard, raise a multigenerational family of his own and prove that Hitler did not win.

Now, Helene Shipon and her husband, Philadelphia-area businessman Alvin Shipon, have used those letters to document Chorney's journey in a book: "Dearest Maysheleh."

The book is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble's website. It has two customer reviews on Amazon. Both readers gave it five stars.

But Alvin Shipon, who



▲ Maurice Chorney with his grandsons Courtesy of Helene Shipon

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wrote the book, didn't do it for sales or ratings. He did it as "a labor of love" and to document history, said his son and Maurice's grandson, Matt Shipon.

In reading the letters between Chorney and his mother, father, sisters and friends, the Shipons "fell in love with the family they never met," Alvin Shipon said.

"We cried," he added. "We actually mourned for them."

The letters revealed the harrowing emotional journey of Chorney's young life. His grandson recounted them in a recent email to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia about the book.

"We hear the words of his parents in their own pen, describing the degradation of their conditions," Matt Shipon wrote. "We hear the words of other family members and friends describing the financial and physical stress they were enduring."

"As the letters go on, the situation in Poland becomes more and more bleak," he continued.

“Until he receives a letter from a friend informing him that his family was murdered and the house he grew up in was burned to the ground,” the grandson concluded.

After suffering the tragedy but living through it, Chorney carried a weight around for the rest of his life, according to Helene Shipon.

He worried when she and her brother got minor colds; he escaped upstairs when he needed time to himself; he took a glass-half-empty perspective; he worked 10-12 hours a day; he never said no to his loved ones.

“I had to ask my mother if they could babysit,” Helene Shipon recalled. “He would never say if they had plans or anything.”

Helene Shipon knew the

letters existed even before she found them while moving her father out. When she was in high school, he talked about his history to her for perhaps the only time.

Chorney called his daughter down to the basement and told her about the letters, though he didn’t read them to her.

“My guess is he brought her down to show her so she would know if anything happened to him,” Alvin Shipon said.

Upon reading the letters later on, she gained a deeper understanding of her father’s journey, she said.

In the exchanges, Chorney’s father, his one sister and his friends were clear about what the Nazis were doing to them. One friend, on his own journey to the U.S., said he’d rather be poor here than rich in Poland because

in the U.S., no one would hit him just for being a Jew.

Chorney’s mother, though, was more positive. Be happy, be healthy, be a mensch, she told him.

All of Chorney’s loved ones encouraged him to work hard and thrive. They also read his letters in return. Chorney’s father would keep them in a box and read them over and over, according to a friend.

Chorney’s father, despite his honesty about their situation, held out hope that people would come to their senses.

“They will understand that blood is being spilled for no reason by innocent people,” he wrote. “Then the world will return to being a proper place to live in.”

In a letter to his cousin in the U.S. during the war, Chorney



▲ Maurice Chorney, right, with family members in Poland in 1937
Courtesy of Helene Shipon

wrote that he was fighting to fulfill his father’s vision.

“The allies know what they are fighting for. Those Nazis don’t,” he said.

“I’m alive and that’s

something to be thankful for, even though at times I wonder,” he added. ●

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The Risk of an Approach

BY RABBI LINDA HOLTZMAN

Parshat Vayigash

WE ARE LIVING IN challenging times. Uncertainty and anxiety are often at the heart of all that we do.

This week’s Torah portion, Vayigash, opens us to a powerful moment in the lives of Joseph and his brothers — a moment based in uncertainty and anxiety. Joseph’s brothers have returned to Egypt to get much-needed food, and Joseph has put every possible challenge in their way. They do not know who Joseph is but still see him as a powerful leader in Egypt, and it would be extremely risky to stand up to him in any way.

It is a moment of real question: Should the brothers approach Joseph and speak to him, telling him some of their family’s story? Would it be a foolhardy risk, or is it necessary and wise?

The first word in the Torah portion models an important truth for us: Vayigash, he approached. Judah summons the courage he needs and reaches out with genuine openness to Joseph, and his

willingness to do so is the pivotal moment in the entire story. It leads to Joseph’s revelation of who he is; it leads to the entire story of the Hebrew people, their slavery and freedom, the giving of the Torah, and, ultimately, to all of us. One moment of Judah’s willingness to approach his brother changes the story of an entire people.

In today’s world, approaching another is often frightening. COVID-19 means that physically approaching another often demands vaccinations and masking and testing and sometimes not being in person at all. It felt so very strange on Thanksgiving to ask our family to have COVID tests before getting together. When have we ever needed medical testing before we spend time with our loved ones? But it was worth every vaccination and test to open the possibility of a hug from our 3-year-old granddaughter!

Yet, approaching another in our world is often not just physically risky but emotionally risky as well. Our country is so fractured. We are red or blue, not just human. For lots

of us, once we navigated the COVID territory, the major risk of Thanksgiving was approaching those with whom we politically disagree. Will we be treated disrespectfully? Will we be seen as less than fully human? If we dare to speak our own truth, will it be disparaged or dismissed? Is it just too risky to be open about who we are to be willing to do it?

I remember my own coming out as a lesbian in the 1980s and my assumption that I would be treated as “less than” once people knew about me. And I have known so many people who are queer or are living Jewish lives that are different from their families’ lives or are in interfaith relationships or who are in some way moving away from the way that their families live. Coming together with family and fully approaching them with honesty can be terrifying — which takes us back to Judah.

Judah approaches Joseph thoughtfully and slowly showing real care and respect. He takes a huge risk in revealing his truth, but he does so knowing that his family’s very survival is at stake if he

does not. Judah’s revelation moves Joseph to tears and to forgiveness for all his brothers have done to him.

What Judah has not realized is that it is not just the physical survival of his family that is at stake but the emotional survival as well. How can there be a true family if there can be no basic honesty, no readiness to be ourselves and to know that we will be accepted for who we are?

It is not easy to take the step that Judah takes, but it is so important. And it is important that Judah decides what to share and what needs to wait to be told until there is greater clarity in the relationship he has with the man standing in front of him.

Once he knows it is Joseph, there’s time for more talking, more sharing, more crying and more revealing. I love to imagine the conversations that Joseph and his brothers have that are not recorded in the Torah text. I’m sure those talks are not easy, but I’m also sure they are deep and significant.

In our lives, we are always weighing risks. How much can we reveal about ourselves to our families? How much can

we approach them with the truth about who we are and how we understand our lives?

My hope is that Vayigash is an inspiration for those of us who have much to share to begin to find ways to open. And may it also inspire all of us who are learning more deeply about our family members to be open and to listen with whole hearts and with respect and loving kindness. Then, the risks that we take with each other will be worthwhile and will create richer family experiences and gentler, more supportive relationships. ●

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Cemeteries

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In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Solomon is in the early stages of creating a nonprofit that would give Levy an “off-ramp” of being the cemeteries’ owner and

instead create a “community-based alternative,” holding programming that would generate more revenue to the cemeteries.

“This is a model that works,” Solomon said. “It’s the only way for cemeteries like Har Nebo and Mount Carmel to be

viable in years to come.”

Solomon said the cemeteries are not generating enough revenue through perpetual care and funerals. Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia generates revenue off of programming like haunted houses and

performances that has been successful, he said.

Scherr, a retired certified public accountant who has worked with cemeteries in the past, added that because Har Nebo and Mount Carmel don’t have their own funeral homes, they cannot generate as much revenue as other area cemeteries.

A successful clean-up of Har Nebo in October led by the Jewish Federation and partner Friends of Jewish Cemeteries brought 300 volunteers to the cemetery, Solomon said.

Friends of Jewish Cemeteries’ pilot project to restore graves at Har Nebo

created a “dramatic difference,” said Dennis Montagna, program lead of Monument Research and Preservation at the National Park Service, who helped with the pilot project.

The two-week project in November was intended to repair eight to 10 gravestones, but project members were able to repair 32.

“In terms of square footage, it’s kind of a drop in the bucket,” Montagna said. “But it shows what can be done if people are patient with it and really put their minds to it.” ●

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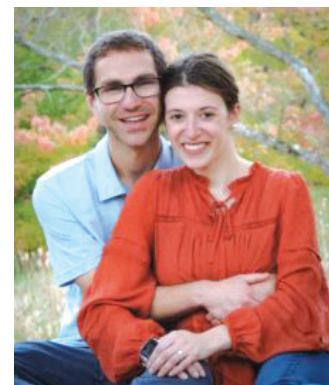
Jordan graduated from The Pennsylvania State University and Wilkes University and teaches high school English and ESL, while also pursuing a doctoral degree in education.

Josh also graduated from The Pennsylvania State University and teaches high school business.

Sharing in their happiness are siblings Brandon and Corey Sharp, and Ari Rosenbaum.

Jordan and Josh live in Lancaster and plan to be married in July 2023.

Photo by Brandon Sharp



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Philadelphia Commerce Director Quits After Reports of Antisemitic Comments

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA Commerce Director Michael Rashid resigned Dec. 5 after reports surfaced that he made antisemitic remarks, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

The antisemitic remarks included describing “Schindler’s List” as “Jewish propaganda” and an unverified quote from Malcolm X that calls Jewish neighborhoods “Jew Town.”

“My continued service would serve as a distraction from the work of the Department, which is far too important to the City and region,” Rashid, 74, said in a statement. “I also have had the opportunity to speak with leaders of the Jewish community in Philadelphia and apologize for my previous comments which were inappropriate and insensitive. I look forward to future engagement with the community going forward.”

Several people in Rashid’s department apparently had quit because he verbally abused staffers, the Inquirer reported.

“He will continue to lose employees and hollow out the Department, and his anti-Semitic comments could eventually become public,” former Communications Director Taj Magruder wrote in a letter to Mayor Jim Kenney’s Chief of Staff Jim Engler and mayoral spokesperson Lessard on Nov. 22.

Before Rashid’s resignation, Jewish organizations called for his firing.

“Kenney, earlier this week, stood side by side with leaders of the Jewish community to condemn the rise of Antisemitism,” Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President and CEO Michael Balaban said in a statement. “If there is no room in our City for Antisemitism, as Mayor Kenney said, then Mr. Rashid should be removed from office immediately.”

“AJC [American Jewish Committee] calls on Mayor Kenney to take immediate action in line with this pledge by calling for Rashid to resign and work with the Jewish community to educate all city offices and city-funded institutions on the IHRA working definition of antisemitism and utilize Translate Hate, an AJC resource that clearly explains when statements are antisemitic,” the organization said in a statement. “Only through education and

accountability will Philadelphia truly be the city of brotherly love where pluralism and diversity are respected and honored.”

Delaware Governor Signs Proclamation to Fight Antisemitism

Delaware Gov. John Carney signed on Dec. 1 a proclamation that affirms the state’s commitment to fight antisemitism and expose the hatred of Jews that poses a threat to tolerance and democracy.

The proclamation was signed during Chanukah and coincides with the ongoing national Shine a Light campaign to raise awareness about antisemitism and urge people to stand against Jew-hatred.

“Chanukah is a time for the Jewish community to shine light in the wake of darkness,” Carney said. “These past two years have been challenging, and there has been an increase in antisemitic incidents. It’s on us to come together to combat antisemitism, racism and discrimination and stand with our Jewish neighbors.”

The proclamation calls antisemitism a “persistent and disturbing problem in society” that must be addressed to “protect all Americans from acts of hate, bigotry and discrimination.”

The proclamation follows the recent release by the American Jewish Committee of “The State of Antisemitism in America 2021,” the largest-ever surveys of American Jews and the U.S. public on antisemitism in America. Among its findings were that 90% of American Jews surveyed believe antisemitism is a problem.

“Antisemitic incidents are increasing worldwide. This Chanukah, we are sending a powerful message of standing up and standing together for our community,” said Seth J. Katzen, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Main Line Health Names Dr. Jonathan Stallkamp SVP and Chief Medical Officer

Main Line Health announced that Dr. Jonathan Stallkamp was named senior vice president and chief medical officer for the health system. He served in those roles on an interim basis since July 2020.

Stallkamp has been a member of the Main Line Health medical staff since 2005. Since then, he has practiced at

all four Main Line Health acute care campuses and held a variety of clinical leadership positions.

Most recently, Stallkamp helped lead Main Line Health’s COVID-19 response, partnering closely with operational and medical leaders from across Main Line Health to develop and deploy a vaccine distribution strategy for employees, patients and community members.

In his new role, Stallkamp will provide executive leadership and oversight of the Main Line Health medical staff.

Stallkamp brings nearly 20 years of clinical experience to his chief medical officer role. Before he arrived at Main Line Health, he worked as an internist for the Indian Health Service in Bethel, Alaska, and in private practice in Wayne.

Former State Supreme Court Justice Bruce W. Kauffman Dies at 86

Bruce W. Kauffman, a Philadelphia attorney who served on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as well as the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, died on Nov. 29 in Bala Cynwyd. He was 86.

Kauffman joined what is now Dilworth Paxson after graduating from Yale Law School in 1958, according to the Dilworth Paxson website. He was the chairman and a named partner (Dilworth Paxson Kalish & Kauffman). He left the firm briefly from 1980-’82 after being appointed to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

He returned to Dilworth Paxson after that term and stayed until 1997 when President Bill Clinton appointed him to the federal district court.

Kauffman taught at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and co-chaired the Elliott Greenleaf law firm executive committee, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

In addition, in the 1980s he chaired the state Judicial Inquiry and Review Board and was chairman of the board at USA BancShares Inc. in the 1990s.

Kauffman is survived by his wife, Carol (née Jackson); children Brad (Joan), Margie Sherr (Tony), Robert (Stacy), Lauri Damrell (Jim), Christine Tracy (Jeff); seven grandchildren; and a brother, Alan. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

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BANKS

Howard L. Banks, 80, of Perkasio, Pennsylvania, passed away on November 23, 2021. Born in Philadelphia on June 27, 1941, Howard was the son of the late David Banks and Adele "Ida" Fuller Banks and the brother of Burton Banks. Howard was a graduate of Northeast High School in Philadelphia. He served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was the sole proprietor of Howard Packaging Industries, Inc. until his retirement. He was an avid car buff who loved target shooting, cigars, and talking politics. Howard is survived by his children: Alan (Kimberly) Banks, Jodi Banks and Jami Towey; and his grandchildren: Cole Brauer and Logan Brauer. In addition to his parents, Howard was predeceased by his loving wife of 52 years, Arlene (Pelta) Banks, his mother-in-law Frances (Cohen) Pelta, and his father-in-law, Jacob "Jack" Pelta. A graveside service was held at King David Memorial Park in Bensalem, Pennsylvania on November 26, 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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BLAUSTEIN

Estelle Sandra Blaustein (nee Rosen) on November 27, 2021. Devoted wife of the late William M. Blaustein; Loving mother of Eric (Sonia); Devoted Bubba of Tina and Liam: Beloved daughter of the late David and Jean Rosen; Dear sister of the late Marlene Bergman. Adoring Aunt of Leonard (Michelle) Bergman. Service and Interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Beth El of Bucks County, 375 Stoney Hill Rd, Yardley PA 19067, www.bethelyardley.org/payment.php

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BESSER

David C. Besser, of Washington Heights, New York City died too soon on November 30, 2021 at the age of 60. He is survived by his father, Gilbert M. Besser (who shares his birthday) (Eleanore, deceased), sister Janet Gail Besser (Daniel Seibert), brother Marcus P. Besser (Amy), and his beloved nieces and nephews Rachael Besser (Rafi Spitzer), Joseph Besser (Bailey), Aaron Besser, Raymond Seibert and Pauline Seibert, and great niece and nephew Ellie and Jonah Spitzer. David loved his family and all things about the theater. David was born in Philadelphia, PA, attended Haverford High School, where he launched his theater career onstage as Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earnest, before taking his talents backstage. He graduated from Temple University and worked at John Wanamaker's in Men's Furnishings before moving to southern California in the 1980s. In the 1990s, he left retail to follow his passion back to the theater, moving north where he became the dresser for the Phantom in the San Francisco production of Phantom of the Opera, followed by work on many other shows. He was active in his union in California, serving as business manager for a number of years. In 2012, he made the move back to the east coast to be near family, working on Broadway, for the last several years on Wicked. He continued to be active in the theater workers union, IATSE. David was of the generation of young men at the beginning of the AIDS epidemic and became a champion for AIDS and other organizations related to the arts. Donations in his memory can be made to the Actors Fund (<https://actorsfund.org/>), a national human services organization with a unique understanding of the challenges involved in life in the entertainment industry.

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GRAVITZ

Arthur Gravitz, 99, of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, was an IRS agent for more than 35 years, and had been a principal witness in several major felony tax trials. During WWII, he served in the Pennsylvania State Guard stationed in Philadelphia. He was an active member of the Federation Allied Jewish Appeal. He was a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (ev. 1949), and a recipient of the Pi Delta Epsilon Gold Key Award. He is survived by 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Montefiore cemetery. Contributions in his name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 399 Market Street, Suite 250 Philadelphia, PA. 19106, the Philadelphia Jewish Federation, the Jewish National Fund for a tree to be planted in Israel in his name, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

GRAYSON

Shirley Grayson, November 23, 2021, of Cherry Hill. Wife of the late Harry Grayson. Mother of Mitchell (Jamie) Grayson, Phyllis (Kevin) Stockton, and Zachary (Marcia) Grayson. Grandmother of Amy Beth Grayson, Ariel (Daniel) Levine, Elizabeth Caitlin Stockton, Avi Tzvi Grayson, and Alexander Shmuel Yosef Grayson. Grandmother of Liam Chaim Levine. Contributions may be made to Jewish Family and Children's Services, jfcnsj.org PLATT MEMORIAL CHAPELS, Inc. www.plattmemorial.com

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ITZENSON

Edward E. Itzenzon, 93, November 30, 2021 of Elkins Park, PA. Beloved husband of the late Shirley (nee Shechtman). Loving father of Kathi Cotton & Gary Itzenzon (Leslie). Brother of Murray Itzenzon (Linda), Joyce Berkowitz & the late Nancy D'Allesandro. Proud grandfather of Gregory (Hallie), Jordana (Scott), Tova, Alison & Jenna and adoring great grandfather of Georgie, Penn, Rex, Sean, Shayna and Jace. Itzenzon added life to years, not just years to life. A native Philadelphian, Itzenzon graduated as Class President from Central High School (184th Class) & earned a B.S. in Education and a Masters in Education Administration from Temple as a member, president & then newsletter editor of the Phi Delta Kappa Honors Society. He served in the Army as a cryptographer with top secret clearance in Japan with honorable discharge. He dedicated his life as a leader of the Philadelphia School System for 40+ years revamping city wide science curriculums and teacher in-service courses coupled with long tenures as principal of George W. Childs Elementary School and Benjamin Rush Middle School. Select other accomplishments include founding of Sesame Day Camp and WonderKey School, singing in several choirs & serving as newsletter editor and executive board member of Philadelphia Public School Retired Employees Association. While well known in the community for impacting many lives, Itzenzon's true pride and joy was his family who cherished him. Loving, positive and kind always, he will be missed by all. Family is holding private funeral and shiva services. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia.

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KAUFFMAN

Honorable Judge Bruce W. Kauffman, 86, of Bala Cynwyd, PA, died Monday, November 29, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Carol (nee Jackson); children: Brad (Joan), Margie Sherr (Tony), Robert (Stacy), Lauri Damrell (Jim), Christine Tracy (Jeff); grandchildren: Sara, Stefanie, Joseph, Isabelle, Jack, Lily, Zoe; and brother, Alan. Memorial contributions may be made to The Do Gooders, to help enrich the lives of the under-served in the Philadelphia area, www.dogoodersdobetter.org or 18 Clwyd Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

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LEONARD

Cylvia Leonard (nee Love) died on November 29, 2021 at the age of 100. Wife of the late Dr. Leo; mother of Dr. Barry (Roslyn) Leonard, Carole Britchcow-Nunberg, Rona (Barry) Ginsburg and the late Richard Leonard; also survived by 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Philadelphia Chapter of Hadassah, 1518 Walnut Street, Suite 402, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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LOWE

Rosalyn Shirley Lowe (nee Land) age 100, passed away on November 25, 2021. Beloved matriarch and inspiration to her entire family. Predeceased by husband Bernard Lowe and companion Mort Rosenthal. Deeply devoted mother of Lynne Jacobus (Alvin) and Judith Garfield (Steven). Adored grandmother of Joby Gendron (Marshall), Abby Fishman (Brian), Jamie Garfield (Mariclaire) and Katy Schansinger (Michael). Cherished great-grandmother of 8. Loving aunt to June and Harry. An extraordinary woman of beauty, strength and intelligence. The legacy of her warmth, generosity and powerful connection to family will be with us always. Life was always better with Roz in it. Service and interment private. Donations in her memory can be made to the charity of your choice.

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OLSON

Sallie D. Olson (nee Dorfman), passed away on November 23, 2021. Wife of the late Norman Olson. Mother of Sharon (Jerry) Manas and the late Joseph Olson (daughter-in-law Heather Olson). Grandmother of Elizabeth Manas, Alex Olson and Zoe Olson. Contributions in her memory may be made to Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel Sacred Music Fund, www.kenesethisrael.org.

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MERION

Marjorie (Marge) Merion, 90, died peacefully on October 27, 2021, in the Framingham, MA home she shared with Milton Merion, her beloved husband of almost 70 years. Marge was buried at the Framingham-Natick Hebrew Cemetery in Natick, MA in a private family ceremony on October 28, 2021, surrounded by beautiful century-old oak trees, their multi-colored leaves floating quietly to the ground on a crisp autumn day. She was interred in a traditional plain pine box and wore the long mink coat given to her by Milton more than 50 years ago. Born March 5, 1931, in Philadelphia, PA, Marge was raised, educated, and worked in the city of her birth. Marge identified strongly with her Jewish faith and was confirmed at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in 1947. Marge became a certified X-ray technician and worked in the office of Dr. Samuel Levine, a prominent general surgeon in Philadelphia. Following an introduction by Marge's cousin, Norman Knee, her courtship with Milton Merion led to their wedding on November 11, 1951, at the Penn Sheraton Hotel. Following a romantic honeymoon in Miami, featuring an airplane ride and a rented convertible, the couple moved to Norfolk, VA while Milton served in the US Navy. They returned to Philadelphia to start a family in 1956. Later, Marge worked alongside her husband at Milton C. Merion Ocean Freight Forwarders, Inc. in downtown Philadelphia until they both retired. Throughout her married life, Marge proudly maintained a Jewish home, teaching her children and grandchildren about the rich culture and traditions of the Jewish holidays and their many culinary accompaniments. Outside of family and work, Marge had many lifelong interests and hobbies. Marge was an avid art enthusiast; she painted watercolors, created complex crewel projects, attended college art history classes, and toured art museums in every city she visited. She was a voracious reader (especially biographies), green-thumb gardener, mahjongg enthusiast, and intrepid traveler with Milton to European and South American countries, Mexico, and several Caribbean islands. Marge was always energetic; swimming and tennis were her sports. Her Zodiac sign was Pisces; true to the water sign, time spent in swimming pools and the ocean centered and delighted her. She displayed a flowing physical grace and unpretentious style throughout her life, both in and out of the water. She played tennis for years at Northeast Racquet Club in Northeast Philly. Off the court, she and Milton could often be found closely following that week's major professional tennis tournament on TV or in person at the Spectrum. Marge was always knowledgeable about the top seeded players. She also loved dance and spoke often about having been a serious ballet student as a young child and performed on stage at the Academy of Music. As an adult, she did aerobics and took up yoga in her 50's. She delighted in showing people she could still touch her toes well into her late 80's. One of Marge's greatest joys was actively participating in the lives of her four grandchildren as a fun-loving, easy-going, young-at-heart grandmother, watching them progress from childhood to adulthood to parenthood. She was an excellent cook and baker known for many signature dishes and enjoyed teaching her children and grandchil-

dren to bake. In 2017, after living in the same home in Northeast Philadelphia for more than 61 years, Marge and Milton moved to a senior community in Framingham, MA to be closer to their daughter, Janice Merion-Billings. Marge was delighted with the birth of her two great-granddaughters, Jordyn in February 2019 and Aviva in March 2021. She proudly told everyone that family was the center and most important part of her life. Recounting and reliving episodes of her life was an important facet of Marge's relationships with family members and friends. Later in life, she wrote dozens of short stories. These were often self-reflective or descriptive of her feelings and reactions to diverse topics and events. One such short story, "Who Am I?" was read at her funeral. Marge Merion is survived by her husband Milton; her son Robert Merion (Debbie), and her daughter Janice Merion-Billings (Ron Parker); four grandchildren, Alison Arena (Adam), Sarah Merion (Jeffrey Corrado), Zachary Billings, and Joshua Billings; and two great-grandchildren, Jordyn Grey Arena and Aviva Zazie Merion Corrado. We miss her deeply but take solace in so many wonderful memories. May her memory be for a blessing.

REICHLIN

Rita R. Reichlin passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021. She was 90 years young. Rita was born in Pittsburgh, to Louis and Anne Rubinoff. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Stanley (Sandy), her brother and his wife, Richard and Jo Ann Rubinoff, and her sister Marcia Rosenthal. Rita is also survived by her children Caryn and her husband Malcolm Johnson, and Jonathan and his wife Lisa Bardarson. Her youngest son, William (Billy), predeceased her. Rita's grandchildren include Dr. Jaime Johnson, Chloe and her husband Ken Grady, Anna and her husband Ian Taylor, and Rae and Lily Reichlin. Her great-grandchildren are Tyler and Kaylee Grady, Coraline Johnson, and Sloane and Mikayla Taylor. Rita graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences, following her initial college years at Penn State, where she met Sandy. After Sandy's four-year enlistment in the US Air Force, they moved to the Philadelphia area, where they lived first in Havertown, then Wynnewood, and raised their family. After working for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Rita joined the staff at the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia and became the Director of the Daroff Campus for Senior Adult Studies. During her 16 year tenure, the program expanded to 5 campuses and over 1000 students. Accordingly, in 1977 she was recognized by The American Jewish Congress as Woman of The Year and awarded the prestigious 32nd Annual Louise Waterman Wise Award. After retiring from the JCC, Rita became the Coordinator of the Senior Associates Program at the University of Pennsylvania. This innovative program provided access to senior adults interested in attending a variety of undergraduate classes at Penn's College of Arts and Sciences. One of Rita's greatest pleasures, in the years to follow, was serving as the beloved RiRi to five granddaughters and five great grandchildren. She was notable for her beauty and intellect, and for her ever-present elegance, upright posture, and stimulating conversation. Services were private. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to Ronald McDonald House, in memory of Rita Reichlin at www.philarmh.org or Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut Street, Phila. PA 19104.

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ROBIN

Jerome Robin passed away on December 2, 2021. Husband of Paula Robin (nee Cohen). Loving father of Michael Robin and Deborah (Michael) Cohen. Devoted grandfather of Jennifer Cohen, Pamela (Mark) Sturgis and Alex Cohen. Great Grandfather of Dean Henry Sturgis. Services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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SCHWARTZ

Ferne Schwartz (nee Brait) on November 14, 2021. Wife of William; mother of Cynthia (Dennis) Tice, Sally Ford, and Philip (Susan) Schwartz; sister of the late Martin J. Brait; grandmother of Matt (Ivy) Ford, Sara (Will) Eversden, Samuel Schwartz, Jesse Schwartz, Benjamin Tice, and Lilah (Danny) Reisner. Contributions in her memory may be made to Abramson Senior Care or Beth Shalom Congregation or Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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SCHMUCKLER

Shirley Hyman Schmuckler July 6, 1929 - November 26, 2021. Beloved mother of Dr. Elliott (Jo) Schmuckler, Helene (Gary) Class, Marjorie (Dr. John Antoine) Labadie, and Louis (Suzanne) Schmuckler. Proud grandmother of Dr. Noah Schmuckler, Sara Schmuckler (Seth Schmitt-Hall), David Schmuckler, Geoffrey Class, Evan Class, Alexander Class, Hannah Schmuckler, Jordan Schmuckler, Daniel Schmuckler, and doting great-grandmother of Talula Jade Hall. Sister to Bob (Marcia) Hyman, and the late Ellis (Iris) Hyman. She was predeceased by her loving husband Dr. Joseph Seymour Schmuckler. Shirley loved travel, the beach, the casino, Scrabble, reading, teaching, science and horticulture, fine art, chocolate, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. She had a long and successful career in real estate. Shirley resided in the family home in Havertown, which she designed herself and built with her husband. She was a kind friend to many and she left this world a better place. The family would like to thank Rosalind Best for her years of care and friendship. She made Shirley's final years brighter. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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SEGAL

Mildred "Millie" Segal (nee Strulowitch), on Nov. 30, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Segal, loving mother of Eileen (Bill) Rosner and the late Barbara (Preston) Kuptsow, adoring grandmother of Scott (Eileen) Kuptsow, Amy (Eric) Fels, Abby (Jeremy) Schiffman, Jamie (Jon) Dorfman and Andrew (Jennifer) Rosner; also survived by 13 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1818 Market Street., Phila., PA 19103 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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SMOLOW

Manuel Smolow, butcher and Korean War veteran, died on December 1, 2021. Husband of the late Claire R. (nee Nicoletti), father of Denise R. (James) Callahan and the late Bernard (Jennie) Smolow. Funeral Services were private.

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Harvey Steinberg, on November 28, 2021. Beloved husband of Ellarose (nee Resnick); Loving father of Scott (Amy) Steinberg, Matt (Rachel) Steinberg, Charlee (Robert) Sterling, and Lara Leimberg; Dear brother of Charles (Eileen Dwell) Steinberg and Jay Steinberg; Devoted grandfather of Sarah, Jacob, Harrison, Liv, Max, Aaron, and Julia. Contributions in his memory may be made to Central H.S. Alumni (AACHS), Harvey Steinberg Fund, PO Box 26580, Phila., PA 19141.

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Late of Philadelphia
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Gratz College Event Celebrates the School

On Nov. 21, Gratz College welcomed alumni, students, faculty and friends for an online end-of-year commemoration: “Everyone Has a Gratz Story. What’s Yours?”

Alum Kenny Ellis hosted the evening that featured five alumni and students telling their Gratz stories. President Zev Eleff closed the evening with a toast to the college’s future.



▲ Zoom participants in “Everyone Has a Gratz Story. What’s Yours?” Courtesy of Gratz College

Jewish Family Service Gives Out Thanksgiving Meals

The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties distributed more than 610 bags of Thanksgiving food. The JFS collected money and nonperishable food throughout October and November. Shirat Hayam Congregation, the JCC swim team and the Board of Jewish Education were among the organizations and groups that contributed.



▲ Local people donated non-perishable food to support the annual Turkey Drive at Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties.

Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

Ann’s Choice Hosts Chanukah Candle-Lighting

Ann’s Choice and its Jewish Residents Council held a Chanukah candle-lighting with a new, large menorah on the lawn of the Warminster facility. Chris Donati, the executive director of Ann’s Choice, and Phyllis Halpern, president of the JRC, greeted more than 100 attendees for the night of light and sufganiyot.



▲ From left: Chris Donati, Phyllis Halpern, Kang Na and Christa Segal

Photo by Bernie Roseman

Jewish Family Service Volunteers Collect Items for People In Need

Several community volunteers recently hosted a collection event at Beth El Synagogue in Margate, New Jersey, for the Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties. The group secured diapers, toiletries and hygiene products to donate to individuals and families in need.



▲ From left: Jill Slotoroff, Sandi Shechtman, Jessica Ludwig, Denise Borisch, Florence Silverman and Shirley Rotzker.

Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

Local Organizations Assemble Chanukah Gifts

Inna Gulko of KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia and Laura Goodman and Melissa Castile of the American Heritage Federal Credit Union gathered Chanukah gifts for distribution to five area families. The credit union donated the presents, which included ShopRite gift cards.



▲ From left: Laura Goodman, Melissa Castile and Inna Gulko assemble Chanukah gifts for delivery to local families.

Courtesy of the Rosen Coren Agency

COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ SUNDAY, DEC. 12

JRA Food Distribution

Join **Jewish Relief Agency Philadelphia** from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. for its food distribution. On Dec. 13–14 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m., volunteers can sign up to deliver food and other items. Advanced registration is requiring using our link: jewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road.

Teen Empowerment Jewish Family and Children’s Service’s Teen Empowerment

Program is designed to provide teens with a springboard to become future leaders in the community. 11 a.m. \$180. For questions or more information, contact Brianna Torres at btorres@jfcsp Philly.org or 267-256-2261. To register: jfcsp Philly.org/tep.

▼ MONDAY, DEC. 13

Sisterhood Bingo

The Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is hosting a virtual bingo starting at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$36 per person and includes two cards for eight games of bingo. For further information, call the CSS office at 215-677-1600 and ask for Gerry or Nancy.

▼ TUESDAY, DEC. 14

Career Mentor Panel

Calling all teens: Are you interested in learning more about a specific career? Join **Jewish Family and Children’s Service** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom for a panel discussion. Contact Melissa Blackson at 215-356-1851 or mblackson@jfcsp Philly.org.

Sisterhood Meeting

The **Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will host a virtual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our program will be a presentation on travel. Contact the synagogue office at 215-677-1600 for details.

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.” 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

Medical Ethics Seminar

Institute for Jewish Ethics present “Are We Playing God,” a virtual seminar exploring the ethics of CRISPR gene editing technology at 2

p.m., featuring Nobel Prize Laureate Jennifer Doudna and Jewish medical ethicist Rabbi Avraham Steinberg. Register at ijethics.org/crispr.html.

Men’s Club Program

The **Men’s Club of the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** is hosting a virtual program at 7:30 p.m. The program is “Jewish Singers of the 20th Century.” \$18. For details, call the CSS office at 215-677-1600 or email office@shaareshamayim.org.

Teen Wellbeing Webinar

Join **Moving Traditions** for “Risky Business: Helping Jewish Teens Make Good Choices.” The 8 p.m. webinar, geared toward parents and educators of Jewish preteens and teens, will focus on how to embolden adolescents to strengthen

their personal wellbeing, respectful relationships and pursuit of justice. Register at movingtraditions.org/risky-business.

▼ THURSDAY, DEC. 9


Virtual Israel Tour

Temple Beth Sholom Hazak invites you to “A Virtual Tour: Israeli Graffiti” at 1 p.m. Join us on a virtual tour of the graffiti of southern Tel Aviv to the beautiful and colorful neighborhood of Florentin. For questions, contact zbgreenberg@yahoo.com or call at 856-751-4201.

History of Tefillah

Join **Beth Sholom Congregation** Cantor Jacob Agar at 7:30 p.m. for the “History of Tefillah.” For more information: bethsholomcongregation.org. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park. ●

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