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## Widow of 9/11 Pilot Shares Life Lessons

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MIRIAM HORROCKS-ISENBERG'S poise in front of the Chabad of the Main Line audience suggests she has told her story countless times, but when she mentions her late husband, her voice still breaks.

"I had married a man named Michael Horrocks," Horrocks-Isenberg said. "We had been married for almost 12-and-a-half years, and during that time we had had two beautiful children. On Sept. 11 of 2001, Michael was taken from us."

Michael Horrocks was the first officer on United Airlines Flight 175 when al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked the plane and crashed it into the World Trade Center in New York City, killing everyone on board.

Horrocks-Isenberg isn't Jewish, but Rabbi Mendy Cohen of Chabad of the Main Line said he invited her to speak to the audience that evening on Feb. 5 because of how powerful her story is.

"It wasn't a story of survival," Cohen said. "It was a story of thriving, not just

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▲ Blaze Bernstein (far right) with his family

Photos courtesy of the Bernstein family

## Bernstein's Death Still Resonates a Year Later

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

BLAZE BERNSTEIN, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, was 19 when he was allegedly murdered by a high school classmate named Samuel Woodward.

Woodward, 21, was later found to be in possession of materials associated with the Atomwaffen Division, a neo-

Nazi hate group that encouraged violence against Jews and gay people. Bernstein, who had been out for only a short time, was stabbed multiple times, and buried in a shallow grave in Borrego Park in Los Angeles. His body was uncovered after a massive search.

That was the first week of January 2018. One year later, those who knew

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# ‘Sing Hallelujah’ Returns for a Second Year

## MUSIC

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**CANTOR DAVID TILMAN** knows one of the best ways to bring the Greater Philadelphia Jewish Community together.

“Music and singing is the best way for Jews,” said Tilman, who is the choral director of Shir KI, the adult choir at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park and the conductor of the Cantors Assembly Delaware Valley Region. “When Jews gather, and sing together, it brings our community together.”

After a successful debut of *Sing Hallelujah* last spring, Tilman is assembling a 2019 version, featuring 165 Jewish voices, 11 area cantors, eight area choirs and two special



▲ Cantor Alberto Mizrahi



▲ Cantor David Tilman



▲ Cantor David Tilman rehearsing with a choir

Photos provided

guests — internationally recognized Cantor Alberto Mizrahi of Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago, and Rabbi Jeffery Myers of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, who formerly served Congregation

Beth Judah in Ventnor, N.J., for seven years before it merged with Temple Emeth Shalom of Margate, N.J.

This year’s *Sing Hallelujah* is scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 20 at Verizon Hall in the Kimmel Center. Attendance at the inaugural event was 1,700 and Tilman, the event’s music director and conductor, believes that number is something to build on. The upcoming program will celebrate the arrival of the Jewish people in America and the unique evolution of the community’s music from the 19th century to the present.

“When we were planning this event, we wanted to include one of the best Jewish voices we could attract,” Tilman said. “Cantor Mizrahi is known internationally and has performed for world leaders and with many renowned orchestras. He is an immigrant as well, having come to the United States from Greece as a youngster. I officiated at his wedding, and he officiated at mine. What he will add to such a strong assemblage of voices is remarkable.”

Mizrahi is looking forward to again singing in Verizon Hall.

“I performed there once before,” Mizrahi said. “It is an outstanding venue as far as acoustics and the audience’s enjoyment is concerned. I’m excited about it. Glad to

be there for David.”

Having performed at Days of Remembrance ceremonies for presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, as well as with legendary jazz pianist Dave Brubeck and orchestras and choirs worldwide, Mizrahi is passionate about Judaism and Jewish music.

“My father survived Auschwitz,” Mizrahi said. “I wanted to be an opera singer when I was young and I did some of that, but as a cantor, I can sing beautiful music and celebrate being Jewish. What better can a person do? In a way, I’m still acting onstage, and contributing to something I truly feel passionate about.”

Tilman also has a close connection with Myers, a man of *chesed* following the tragic shooting and death of 11 congregants at his synagogue Oct. 27 in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

“I taught Jeffery [who is both a cantor and a rabbi] at the Jewish Theological Seminary and I wanted him to be here for this program,” Tilman said. “I am quite pleased he accepted.”

Myers will give a short talk before singing Yehezkel Braun’s “Adon Olam.” Braun was a famous Israeli composer who died in 2014.

“I am honored and delighted to be reunited with my Delaware

Valley colleagues as we lift our voices in song in praise of the Almighty,” Myers said.

*Sing Hallelujah*’s music will not be of any one American Jewish denomination.

“That’s not how we are presenting the music,” Tilman said. “It’s the overall development of Jewish music in America, and the effect America has had on it. If a piece was composed in Berlin, there always would be German themes in it. There is a difference between Ashkenazi and Sephardic music for those reasons.”

The eight choirs scheduled to participate include the Adult Choir of Rodeph Shalom, Adult Choir of Main Line Reform Temple, Beth Israel Choir, Cantors Assembly Delaware Valley Region, Choir of Congregation M’kor Shalom, Choirs of the Old York Road Kehillah/Jewish Community, Makhelat Beth Sholom and Sharim v’Sharot People of Song.

“I feel we have a great mix of voices from our Greater Philadelphia Jewish community and some outstanding individuals joining us,” Tilman said. “The object, again, is to bring our community together. Nothing does it like song.” •

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## Differing Jewish Views on Valentine's Day

### LOCAL

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**FOR MANY JEWS,** Valentine's Day is a day for cards, chocolate, gifts and maybe a romantic dinner.

However, in some Jewish families, Valentine's Day — which has roots as a Western, Christian holiday — is a day that has been met with consternation and non-recognition.

"It is not a Jewish holiday," Center City resident Rhona Gerber said. "And my son was uncomfortable with it in public school, being raised in an observant Jewish home, and that made me feel badly. Also, we have our own Jewish romantic holiday, Tu B'Av."

Tu B'Av, the 15th day in the month of Av on the Hebrew calendar, less than a week after Tisha B'Av, is mentioned in the Mishna and several other sources as a "day of love" in the era of the temples.

On that day, the unmarried girls in Jerusalem dressed in white garments and went to dance in the vineyards hoping to find husbands. This was also done, according to the Talmud, each Yom Kippur, with both Tu B'Av

and Yom Kippur labeled "the two happiest days of the year."

Between the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in the year 70 and the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, Tu B'Av got lost in the shuffle. The minor holiday never had any liturgy attached to it, just love and romance.

With Israel's establishment, came a re-establishment of Tu B'Av which, in turn, has become a desired day to schedule your wedding. It also offers a lift after the austere Bein had-Metzarim, the three weeks that lead up to Tisha B'Av.

Tu B'Av is Aug. 15-16 in 2019.

"That we look forward to celebrating," Gerber said. "It is the Jewish holiday of love, similar to Valentine's Day."

Area rabbis offer differing viewpoints on Valentine's Day and Tu B'Av.

Rabbi Lance Sussman of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel leaves the observance of either — or both — to his congregants.

"Valentine's Day is good for cards and flowers, and Tu B'Av is in the middle of the summer," Sussman said. "In our synagogue, we don't pay attention to either. It's up to the

family or individual."

Rabbi Albert Gabbai of Orthodox Sephardic Congregation Mikveh Israel in Center City, had an interesting take on both holidays.

"Tu B'Av is our holiday and has a beautiful tradition of girls all dancing in the same white, so the character is judged, not the looks or attire. But if Valentine's Day brings out the tradition of love between a husband and wife, and gives a chance to

look at our Jewish traditions, I have no issue with it. Love is important."

As far as where Valentine's Day sits with some additional rabbinical opinion, it seems to check out all right with the Rama (Rabbi Moshe Isserles, Poland, 1520-1572), who explained that there are four criteria that must be met in order to permit Jewish celebration of rituals initiated by non-Jews:

- Does the debated activity have a secular origin or value?
- Can one rationally explain the behavior or ritual apart from the non-Jewish holiday or event?
- If there are idolatrous origins, have they disappeared?
- Are the activities actually consistent with Jewish tradition? •

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Dancing girls on Tu B'Av

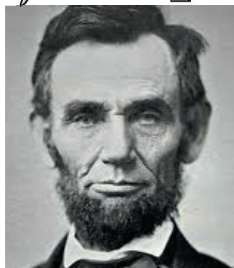
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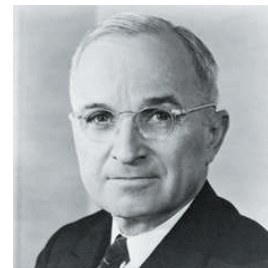
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# Building's History Reveals Cultural Change

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IN AN INCREASINGLY divided country, it can be difficult to imagine sites of unity and tolerance for differing identity groups. But the building at the corner of Limekiln Pike and Washington Lane is, in some ways, a brick-and-mortar representation of what some disparate groups have in common rather than what sets them apart.

The West Oak Lane structure was first built by Jews in 1947 for a congregation called Temple Sinai. Flossie Albert, who broke ground on the complex's school at the time, recalled that the congregation had been meeting for a few years at an American Legion before they tried a brief stint

in a building on 74th and Ogontz.

"It was a dreadful building," she said, shuddering at the memory of the basement classrooms. The building in West Oak Lane worked well, though. From 1947 to 1977, Temple Sinai was home to hundreds of families. In the early days, Bar Mitzvahs were doubled and tripled up on Shabbat, and Rabbi

Sidney Greenberg, who would become a world-famous rabbi in his own right, was a massive draw on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

"Sidney drew a mob. A mob!" Albert remembered. The synagogue was the center of social life for its members.



▲ Flossie Albert at her wedding to Bernard Albert, back when the building was Temple Sinai



▲ Masjidullah in its present form

Photo provided

In 1977, the congregation relocated to its current location in Dresher, and before long, the original building had a new tenant: the West Oak Lane Church of God.

Pastor Horace Sheppard, whose pastor father led the church back then, said the congregation

felt the enormity of the building they were inheriting. He likened them to Joshua taking over leadership of the Israelites after Moses' death, looking out over Canaan: "How can we possess something so large?" But they found a way, building a community of hundreds that stayed in the building until 2013 — enough time for Sheppard to leave, come back and take his father's place at the pulpit.

"Temple Sinai was just a great building," he said.

Mezzuzahs from the previous residents remained on some of the doorposts, and more than a few former Temple Sinai congregants came back to pay their respects over the years, occasionally sitting in on Sunday services.

When it came time to sell the building, there was interest from Imam Mikal Shabazz of the Masjidullah mosque.

"Oh boy," Shabazz laughed. "We had been looking for a long time" — since at least 1990, he recalled. But this building was the winner, in part because of Shabazz's affinity for the number 12.

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, he explained, both have 12 letters. Philadelphia is 39 feet above sea level — 3+9 — and is situated at 39 degrees latitude, 75 longitude. Masjidullah's origin story, he added, is similar to that of Joseph, the favorite son of 12. Not only that, the story

of Joseph (Yusuf, in the Quran) takes place in Chapter 12.

The most important 12 in his life, however, is 7401 (7+4+1) Limekiln Pike, the address of the onetime-synagogue, one-time-church that is now the home of Masjidullah, Inc.

"These were signs from God that we were on the right path," Shabazz said.

Until he found this building, the congregation of hundreds had been packed into spaces far too small for its increasing growth. After a few near successes in the preceding years, a large fundraiser in 2013 put the congregation in the position to buy the Church of God, transforming it into Masjidullah ("House of God," in Arabic). It was a sale that Sheppard was more than happy to make.

"It still could be an example of at least, at the very least, a certain level of tolerance and a certain level of respect for people," he said, to sell the building to a group of a different faith.

And now, the Masjidullah community has a space to hold interfaith forums, prayer, musicals, banquets and more. "It's like a dream come true," Shabazz said.

"Independent of our labels and our nationalities," he said, "we are all one." •

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# Grad Network Initiative Supports Shabbat

LOCAL

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**SOON AFTER THE** Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha shooting, Lyssia Katan and a dozen of her friends gathered around a Shabbat dinner of challah, stuffed grape leaves and chicken to honor the 11 victims.

Katan organized the dinner with support from the Jewish Graduate Student Network's Shabbat Across Philly Initiative, which helped her cover the costs.

Inspired by similar programs aimed at undergraduate students at Hillels across the country, the Shabbat Across Philly Initiative provides support for graduate students and young professionals interested in hosting their own Shabbat dinners. This support can include answering questions about how to do certain blessings, connecting participants to resources in the community and reimbursing food and plasticware costs for \$7 per person for up to 10 people.

"It's very difficult to come together for a Shabbat dinner," said Katan, a Drexel University alum and a young professional working in construction materials. "Many people are far from their families. On campus at least, I know several of my friends were in AEPI. We would always go to Chabad or Hillel for Shabbat, but since

we don't really have that so much and everybody's spread out, it was really nice to have everybody back together for a Shabbat and just hang out and reminisce on how it was."

The initiative had a "soft launch" around the High Holidays, said Tslil Shtulsaft, executive director of Hillels in Philadelphia and the Graduate Student Network.

"We are supporting and empowering all of these graduate students and young professionals that perhaps have never taken a leadership role in their lives in an organization," Shtulsaft said. "And now, they are responsible for hosting a Shabbat Jewish experience."

When the initiative first launched, a handful of people participated. After the shooting, interest surged as young adults like Katan were inspired to put on Shabbat dinners of their own.

"We were hearing over and over that people wanted to do something," Shtulsaft said. "They just weren't sure what to do. Some of them went to synagogue the following Saturday. Some of them maybe participated in Shabbat dinners if they knew of any."

The Grad Network sent out information about the initiative through email and social media, and dozens of people in the community decided to participate.

Since then, the number of participants has tapered, but Program Director Mallory Kovit said that



▲ A Shabbat dinner supported by the Shabbat Across Philly Initiative

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as the new semester starts there's been an increase in interest.

"We're not able to engage all grad students every Friday night and certainly they're not able to come every Friday night to an event that we would hold," Kovit said. "We want more people to experience Shabbat in their homes and feel that community."

To participate, graduate students or young professionals should fill out an online questionnaire, available on the organization's website.

The Grad Network asks hosts to send a list of the attendees' names and email addresses

so they can track who is coming to the events. These people do not, Kovit said, get added to an email blast list.

The Grad Network also asks participants to take a photo of their Shabbat and share it on social media with the hashtag #ShabbatAcrossPhilly. If participants are shomer Shabbat, they can take a photo of Shabbat preparation, Kovit said.

"Shabbat is not as hard as it might seem," Kovit said. "There is preparation needed, but it can really be something that if you decide on a Monday or Tuesday that you're going to have Shabbat

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dinner, if you're going to invite your friends to your house for anything, any dinner, why not have it be Shabbat?"

The Grad Network has wanted to launch a program like this for some time to reach more people, Shtulsaft said. He estimates that between 80 and 85 percent of those who've attended Shabbat Across Philly dinners have not previously been involved in the Grad Network.

In June, an anonymous donor made the initiative possible by providing a gift covering the full expenses of the initiative for a year.

"We're in this era of people not necessarily connecting with traditional Judaism," Shtulsaft said, "so we want to provide an opportunity for them to experience Judaism on their own terms." •

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## JFRE Members Focus on Security, Future Projects

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**FOLLOWING THE OPENING** of the revamped \$7 million Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza in October, the Jewish Federation Real Estate Group (JFRE) is turning its focus in 2019 to another

area of interest — security.

"We're assessing what our synagogues and schools need," said JFRE Executive Committee Chairman Michael Markman, president of BET Investments. "We've already gotten several requests. As JFRE goes on, we've been able to raise more and more money for projects like this. We want to make sure all

our synagogues are protected, especially after what happened in Pittsburgh. It gives us satisfaction to be able to help in an important area."

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# Former ‘Jewish Exponent’ Editor Dies at 80

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**JOURNALIST MARILYN** Laudenslager, a former *Exponent* editor, died on Feb. 1 in Medford, N.J., leaving behind a legacy that includes hundreds, if not thousands, of articles on local Jewish communities.

She also leaves behind an extended family of siblings, half-siblings, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren — many of whom are better writers because of her influence.

Laudenslager, who wrote under her first married name Marilyn Silverstein, was 80 when she died.

“She took every comma, every period, every word seriously,” said Josh Silverstein,



▲ Marilyn Laudenslager  
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Laudenslager’s youngest son. “She believed in the power and importance of the written word and was just very careful to try to get it right.”

Her decades as a journalist include 17 years at the *Jewish Exponent*, from 1985 until 2001, where she worked as the religion editor and features editor.

“She wanted to go after

assignments that made things right,” said Fredda Sacharow, who served as the *Jewish Exponent*’s managing editor from 1986 until 1998. “She wanted to write about the homeless in Philadelphia. She wanted to write about things that she saw that could be made better by stories that she did.”

Laudenslager pursued topics others felt were a *shanda* for her to cover, including clergy abuse and the trial of Rabbi Fred Neulander, who was convicted of hiring two men to kill his wife. Laudenslager also went undercover to report on the Jews for Jesus movement.

Homelessness in the Jewish community was one of the topics she was most passionate about covering, even when her articles were not necessarily flattering to the Jewish community.

After leaving the *Exponent*

in 2001, she continued to commit herself to Jewish writing.

She spent eight years at the *New Jersey Jewish News*, where she served as the Princeton/Mercer/Bucks bureau chief. She also worked as a freelance copy editor and edited a plethora of Jewish writing, including *Sh’m’a: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility*, *A Guide to Jewish Practice* by Rabbi David Teutsch and the quarterly journal *The Reconstructionist*. She also did copyediting for *The Forward* and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Her work won her numerous awards, including from the American Jewish Press Association and the New Jersey Press Association.

“She had a passion there for the Jewish community that kept her doing that work,” Josh Silverstein said. “Even long after she left, she loved building

rapport and relationships with rabbis and having discussions with them about Jewish customs and teachings. That’s just really where she developed her network, her sources. It was all there. Even when she left the *Exponent*, she wanted to keep that and wanted to continue to have a hand in talking about things of importance to the Jewish community.”

Laudenslager is survived by her husband Richard J. Laudenslager; three sons from her first marriage, Bob, Steven and Josh Silverstein; brother Harold Schachter; half-siblings Judy Miller, Rania James, Bonnie Wassall and David Schachter; five grandchildren; five stepchildren; 12 step-grandchildren and 15 step-great-grandchildren. •

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**"I HAVE A QUESTION** for you," Irina Goldstein asked. "What does conservative mean anymore, right? What does conservative look like in 2019?"

Goldstein, 34, is betting that the answer is a Soviet immigrant running for an at-large Philadelphia City Council seat as a Republican, one who actively posts on social media and describes the U.S. penal system as "the new Jim Crow," all while maintaining strictly conservative economic policies.

Goldstein left the former Soviet Union with her parents when she was 4, stopping in Austria and Italy for close to a year before settling in Northeast Philadelphia. She said she is deeply committed to stymieing socialism in



▲ Irina Goldstein, in a still from her upcoming campaign commercial  
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the United States.

"They got rich, and we got poor," she says of her family's time in the U.S.S.R. "We had equal amounts of nothing."

Her father, a builder in Ukraine, and her mother, a radiology nurse, worked as a day laborer and a hospice care nurse, respectively, in the U.S.

After testing out of high school early, she attended Community College of Philadelphia before transferring to Temple University. She had a stint in the pharmaceutical industry, but found it draining.

Before long, she decided that she had bigger plans, and moved on to the MBA program at Saint Joseph's. While she studied part time, she started Gold Bull Management, a financial services company. A few years later, she started a fur coat company called MOD+FURS. Even still, it felt like something was missing.

That's when some of her more politically inclined friends began to tell her she should consider running for office.

"I speak a lot of truth," she said, "and I never met a politician who spoke the truth." But her friends convinced her with a comparison to one particular Republican: President Trump.

Though at first evasive on her stance on Trump ("I respect the position of the president of the United States"), she eventually confesses: She sees herself in him.

"What I don't like about him is actually what makes him most effective," she said. Like him, she said, she's a bulldozer.

Indeed, she displays a similar capacity for taking advantage of the news cycle and utilizing social media. She rails against the "radical, Marxist and self-centered agenda" of city Democrats on Twitter, and the "delusional, nonsensical, childish thinking and planning" of their national counterparts.

Of her own longtime councilman, Bobby Henon, who was recently hit with federal charges of bribery, conspiracy and fraud, she said: "You find out that the councilman from Northeast Philadelphia, where

you grew up, where you and your parents have paid taxes for over 30 years, is not there to advocate on your behalf!"

She's similarly frustrated with the Philadelphia GOP.

"I wasn't met with fanfare, I can tell you that," she said of her appeals for assistance.

"Any candidate that calls and asks for assistance and guidance, we've been happy to give it, and we have given it to Irina," responded Christopher Vogler, vice chair and executive director of the Republican Party of Philadelphia.

Wherever she finds her support, Goldstein is ready for the campaign.

"I have the mouth of a sailor and the heart of a servant," she said. "Where does this person fit in? Politics!" ●

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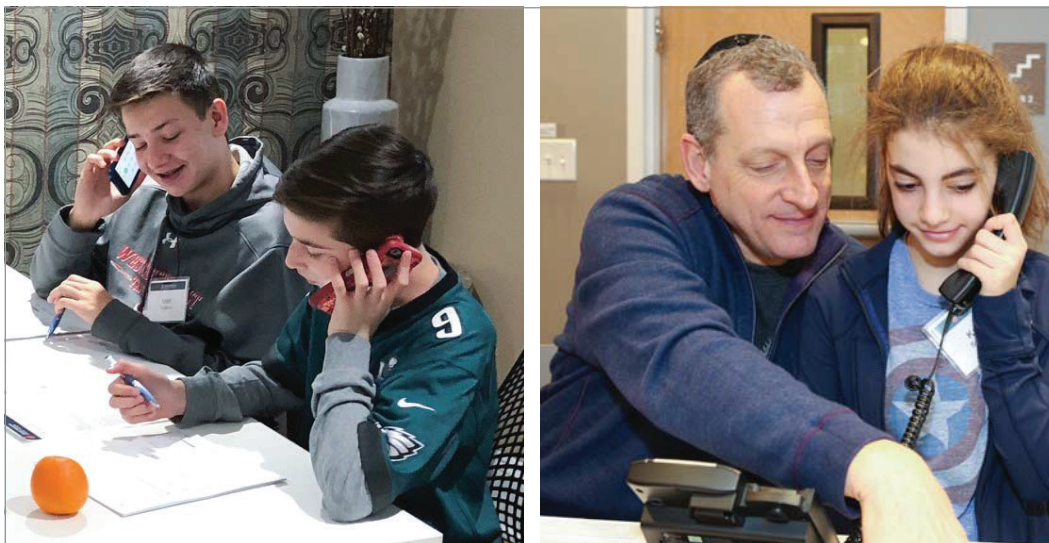
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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Tax Attorney Charlie Kopp Dies at 85

**NOTED TAX ATTORNEY** Charlie Kopp, who held several prominent positions locally, died Feb. 6, according to law firm Cozen O'Connor. He was 85.

Kopp joined Cozen of counsel in 2009 after many years at Wolf Block.

A longtime Republican fundraiser, Kopp was a member of the board of trustees of Thomas Jefferson University and a board member of the Rothman Orthopaedic Institute. He was appointed chairman of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority in 2011; 25 years earlier, he was appointed commissioner to the Delaware River Port Authority.

Kopp served on the advisory board to the Resolution Trust Corp., was appointed in 1980 to Gov. Dick Thornburgh's Special State Tax Commission and was appointed co-chair of the Philadelphia Tax Committee in 1982.

### Israel Defense Assistance, Anti-BDS Bill Passes Senate

By a 77-23 vote, the Senate approved a bill codifying \$38 million in Israeli defense assistance, while also giving states legal cover to battle the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement, JTA reported.

Several prominent Democratic senators — including both declared and likely candidates — voted against the bill. They said that while they opposed BDS, they were worried that state laws against it conflicted with freedom of speech.

Dissenters included declared presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kamala Harris of California, as well as likely candidates Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Sherrod Brown of Ohio.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who just announced her candidacy, voted for the bill. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky was the lone Republican voting against the bill.

### ESPN: Foul Ball to the Head Killed Jewish Woman in 2018 at Dodger Stadium

ESPN reported Feb. 5 that a foul ball to the head killed a California Jewish woman on Aug. 29, four days after she was struck.

Linda Goldbloom, 79, died of "acute intracranial hemorrhage due to history of blunt force trauma," according to a coroner's report. The incident had not been previously reported.

Goldbloom was struck in the ninth inning of a game and taken to a hospital, where she had emergency brain surgery. After being unconscious on a respirator for three days, her family allowed her to be taken off, as per her prior wishes.

Goldbloom and her husband of 59 years, Erwin, had been partial season ticket holders for a decade.

### Anti-Semitism Envoy Named

President Donald Trump on Feb. 5 named Los Angeles prosecutor Elan Carr as the State Department's envoy for anti-Semitism, JTA reported.

The post had been empty for two years.

Carr, 50, is an Army veteran with service in Iraq. He also was the national president of Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi.

"We eagerly look forward to working with Carr, as his office combats rising anti-Semitism, generated from the far right, the far left, and Islamist extremists, and abetted by the ubiquitous nature of social media," American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris said in a statement.

One of Carr's first orders of business was attending a conference on anti-Semitism in Bratislava, followed by a European Union conference on anti-Semitism to be held in Brussels. •



## HEADLINES

## ISRAEL BRIEFS

**Increased Settlements in Judea and Samaria Promoted RIGHT-WING LAWMAKERS** in Israel are promoting a settlement plan calling for 2 million Jews to settle in Judea and Samaria, **JNS.org** reported.

*Israel Hayom* reported that numerous lawmakers from the Likud and other right-wing parties have signed a Nahala movement petition calling for the settlements. The plan was originally introduced during the administration of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Government policies would shift significantly under the plan, with increased construction in existing settlements and new settlements throughout the territory.

Nahala activists have protested in recent weeks outside the Prime Minister's Residence in Jerusalem. They are calling for the government to settle throughout Judea and Samaria and end thoughts of a two-state solution.

### First of 1,000 Ethiopian Immigrants Arrive in Israel

More than 80 Ethiopian immigrants arrived in Israel on Feb. 4 as part of a plan to bring 1,000 Ethiopians who already have children there to the country, JTA reported.

The 82 arrivals are part of the Falash Mura community. It claims linkage to Jewish descendants who converted under duress to Christianity generations ago and now want to return to Judaism. About 8,000 Falash Mura seek permission to immigrate to Israel.

The plan to bring in 1,000 immigrants was approved by Israel's Cabinet in October; the immigrants must have first-degree relatives already in Israel who entered through prior government decisions about the Falash Mura. Parents may bring partners and unmarried children without children of their own.

### Surveys: Israelis Tops in Social Media Usage

Israelis ranked first worldwide in social media usage, with 77 percent of adults using social platforms, according to a Pew Research Center reported released Feb. 5, *The Times of Israel* reported.

South Korea came in second, with 76 percent of respondents using social networks, followed by Sweden, the Netherlands, Australia and the United States, where 70 percent of adults are social media users.

In addition, Israelis ranked second in smartphone ownership at 88 percent, with 98 percent owning a mobile phone. South Korea was first, with 95 percent of its adults owning a smartphone.

In advanced economies worldwide, 76 percent of adults own a smartphone, compared to 45 percent in emerging economies.

More than 5 billion of the 7.5 billion people worldwide own mobile devices, according to the survey.

### Shacking Up Without Marriage Increasingly Popular in Israel, Up 6 Percent Since 2016

The number of couples cohabiting instead of getting married is on the rise in Israel, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data, *The Jerusalem Post* reported on Feb. 5.

The statistics bureau said 88,000 couples — including 83,000 couples with at least one Jewish partner — are living together without being married.

That's a 6 percent increase from 2016, when there were 83,000 cohabiting couples.

And despite annual 2 percent increases in the general population, the number of couples registered for marriage in 2018 dropped 6.6 percent from 2016 — just 35,163 couples last year, compared to 37,675 couples two years earlier.

The Religious Services Ministry attributed some of the declines to a growing increase in the average age of marriage. •

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## Bernstein

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Blaze Bernstein are still trying to process what happened, and continue to discover the ways in which he remains present — and absent — in their everyday lives. The trial of Woodward remains pending.

### ‘Remarkably Intelligent’

Bernstein was the oldest of three siblings in Lake Forest, Calif. His parents, Gideon Bernstein and Jeanne Pepper, met at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she was preparing for a career in law and he was studying to enter the finance world. Blaze was given his curious name as a tribute to Blaise Pascal, an 18th century French polymath.

Rabbi Arnold Rachlis of University City Synagogue knew Bernstein well. Pepper had founded the precursor to the preschool that would eventually be created, and Bernstein was in the first class. Rachlis taught him during confirmation, and watched as Blaze worked as a *madrich* for Sunday school classes. “Blaze was a wonderful young man,” he said. “Remarkably intelligent.”

For all the time he spent at the synagogue — Pepper said that he spent most Sundays of his precollegiate life there — Bernstein found it difficult to form a sense of community. Part of it had to do with his sexual orientation. Bernstein identified as gay from a young age, but was terrified of how it might affect people’s perception of him. Pepper, who now works as a writer and activist, wishes that more Jewish community centers were receptive to people like Bernstein.

### Arriving at Penn

Jamie-Lee Josselyn remembered the first time she met Bernstein. She is the associate director for recruitment at the Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing at

Penn, tasked with seeking out gifted high school writers. Bernstein was a student of the Orange County School for the Arts in Santa Ana, which boasts an exceptional creative writing conservatory.

He was an exceptionally strong writer, she said, the first high school student to have a piece accepted by the *Penn Review*, a student literary magazine. Besides that, she also found out he was a whip-smart biochemistry student, recruited by that school within the university as well. Suffice it to say, the center put in word that they wanted strong consideration for Bernstein’s application. When he arrived on campus the following year, Josselyn became his academic adviser.

### College Life

Amy Marcus struggled to pick a favorite story about Blaze. Was it when, in a mandatory meeting group for incoming freshman that required them all to watch *Citizen Kane*, Bernstein was quick to name and shame those who had clearly shirked their duty? Could it be when, suffering from a concussion, she opened her door to find him with an armful of home-baked lemon cookies and snickerdoodles, ready to spend three hours watching *Judge Judy*?

Perhaps most simply, it could be when he introduced himself for the first time. “This kid introduces himself as Blaze Bernstein, and I was like, that’s a name, like, wow,” she remembers. They lived in the same freshman hall, and in the two years they knew one another, they’d become close friends.

“He was the quirkiest, coolest, kindest most caring person that I’ve ever known, really,” she said.

### Missing

Everyone heard that Bernstein was missing in a different way. Marcus saw a Facebook post made on Bernstein’s page by his father,

asking people to contact him or his wife if they had any information. Josselyn received notice from a prospective student at Bernstein’s high school.

Marcus was floored; Bernstein was notoriously sarcastic, so much so that “you often didn’t even know he was making a joke,” according to Josselyn. Would he be sarcastic about this?

The answer was no, and for the next few days, they all went about their business with Bernstein on their minds. His mother joined Twitter, blasting out calls to see if anyone knew anything about where her son was.

It was too late. When Bernstein was found on Jan. 10, he had been dead for a week.

### ‘A Grand Farewell’

Rachlis, back in California, oversaw two memorial services, one for friends and family and another for the general public. Thousands of people attended, he said. The wound was deep, for him and for the community.

At Penn, a memorial service was convened at the Kelly Writers House, where Bernstein had spent a lot of time cooking and planning events for the house. His friends and family were determined that the service reflect what they saw in Blaze. Josselyn did her best to get her hands on some fake LaCroix tattoos — Bernstein drank it like water, and was even thinking about getting a real LaCroix tattoo — but alas, her payment was swallowed up by the internet, without a peep from the seller.

“I think it was a grand farewell,” Pepper said. “Truly a memorial to a very sensitive, very kind person who touched many, many people in his short life.”

“It was this amazing celebration of life,” Marcus recalled.

### ‘I can still hear his voice’

Today, there is a scholarship for writers at Penn called the Blaze Bernstein Memorial



▲ Blaze Bernstein with his grandmother, Regina Pepper

Fund, offered to aspiring writers in need of financial assistance. Winners meet his parents after their acceptance. His family also runs numerous charitable foundations in his name back in California, encouraging people to “Blaze it Forward.”

The ways in which Bernstein remains in the lives of the people who knew him is perhaps less tangible than those programs but no less real. Marcus owns a blanket of his, gifted to her by Pepper. She still reflexively goes to text him. She does the best she can with his snickerdoodle recipe, but “they never come out as well as he used to make them,” she reported.

Josselyn participated in the Broad Street Run last year, and raised money for Bernstein in the process. The Edible Books Contest at the Kelly Writers House was held in his honor this year, where students compete in a potluck-pun competition (e.g. The Dough Also Rises bread, The Gouda Earth

cheese). Bernstein’s parents were judges, and proclaimed a chewing gum head — Gum Girl — as the “Blaziest.”

For Pepper, there was a bizarre privilege in becoming so acquainted with her son’s life at Penn.

“I don’t think very many people really understand who their kids are and who the people are that they spend a lot of their time with when they go away to school. I really didn’t know very much about Blaze’s private life,” she says. “These are remarkable people.”

He remains in the “fiber of [her] every day,” she said. Just recently, she was going through the pantry, remembering how meticulously organized and labeled everything was by her son’s insistence.

“I can still hear his voice in the back of my head,” she said. ●

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living, but truly living and — to coin her phrase — in limitless potential.”

Horrocks-Isenberg’s talk in the Penn Valley Elementary School auditorium was part love story and part motivational speech. She spoke about her struggle to find closure after her husband’s death and the lessons she learned from that experience: Trust your higher power; honor your values, not your fears; release resentment, stay present and say yes.

“More important than just sitting here tonight and listening to my story, I want you to find yourselves in my story,” Horrocks-Isenberg said. “I want you to create your own life lived in limitless potential. What is limitless potential? It is exactly that. There are no limits on the amount of joy and peace and happiness and faith and love that one person can have in a lifetime.”

She was a student at West Chester University when she met Horrocks. He bumped into her when she was out dancing with a group of friends at a club. “Build Me Up Buttercup” played in the background as she turned around to see who it was. Horrocks took her hand.

The two danced until the club closed.

Afterward he walked her to her apartment, and they talked on her couch until sunrise. As she rushed to get him out the door before her roommates woke up, he kissed her and asked her when he could see her next.

Three years later, they got married. They had a daughter in 1992 and a son in 1995.

September of 2001 began as an exciting time for the young family.

After a decade in the military, Horrocks was starting a new job with United Airlines. Only months before, they had bought a home in Glen Mills, close to their families. Both of their children were in school



▲ Miriam Horrocks-Isenberg is the widow of Michael Horrocks, a pilot on the United Airlines Flight 175 that was hijacked on 9/11. Sarah R. Bloom

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MIRIAM HORROCKS-ISENBERG

for the first time. Together they worked on home improvement projects, building a walkway up to the front door.

When Horrocks left for a flight scheduled to leave from Boston and land in Los Angeles, that walkway was still incomplete. It looked like a moat, Horrocks-Isenberg said.

Horrocks called that morning from the cockpit. He spoke on the phone with his wife and kids and sang “Rise and Shine” to them, a family morning tradition. He told his wife that he loved her and would call when he landed.

“I would never hear my husband’s voice again,” she said.

After her husband’s death, Horrocks-Isenberg’s sister took a six-month leave of absence from her job and moved in with them. Every morning, they wrote a list of tasks for the day. At first, the list included tasks like brush teeth, comb hair, take a shower.

The list also included figuring out what to do with the incomplete walkway — a decision Horrocks-Isenberg dreaded. She didn’t want life to move on. She told her sister she was putting the walkway in God’s hands.

One morning, she heard voices outside her bedroom

window. Then she heard trucks. She looked out the window and saw people building the walkway.

She started to cry. Her sister came into the room and hugged her.

“Miriam,” Horrocks-Isenberg recalled her sister saying. “Look. God is building your walkway, and those people are out there, are all of his little angels.”

Horrocks-Isenberg said this instant taught her to trust in her higher power. It was one of several illustrative anecdotes she shared that evening.

She met Paul Isenberg in 2003. He was a recent widower, and friends asked her to reach out to him. She supported him as his family went through the same tragedy hers had gone through just two years before.

The last of her anecdotes to illustrate her life lessons, she said yes when he asked for her help in picking out a puppy for the kids — and then yes again, a year later, when he asked her to marry him.

“We said yes to blending this beautiful family,” Horrocks-Isenberg said. “Blending this family was the most challenging thing that we have ever done in our lives and the most

beautiful and rewarding thing that we have ever done in our lives. We are blessed.”

When Horrocks-Isenberg was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, she put her lessons to the test.

Trust your higher power. Honor your values, not your fears. Release resentment. Stay present. Say yes.

They served her well on her road to survival and recovery.

Today, Horrocks-Isenberg has a happily blended family. She and her husband have

also undertaken more home improvement projects to accommodate their larger family of four children, who have since grown up.

“If I did not step into limitless potential, I would be giving the terrorists exactly what they wanted, and that was not what I was going to do,” Horrocks-Isenberg said. “I was going to live the life that I knew Michael would have wanted me to live.” ●

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EDITORIAL

# Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, Bridge-Building Philanthropist

**INTERNATIONAL** Fellowship of Christians and Jews founder Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, who died Feb. 6 at age 67, is being remembered this week by politicians, clergy and Jewish community leaders.

From all corners of the world, the tributes are pouring in for the New York-born rabbi whose organization raised more than a billion dollars from the evangelical community to support Israel and the Jewish people.

In addition to facilitating immigration to Israel from all over the Diaspora, Eckstein's IFCJ helped transform the lives of thousands of Israeli residents, including IDF soldiers and their families, adults and

children living in poverty and elderly Holocaust survivors, as well as the Jewish poor in the former Soviet Union. In every area where his IFCJ got involved, it did so in a big way, and made a big difference.

The posthumous outpouring might surprise Eckstein, a dual American-Israeli citizen, whose efforts to foster ties between evangelicals and Jews were not always met with approval. Indeed, when he first proposed building alliances between the two groups in the late 1970s, he was met with deep skepticism and even disdain.

Undeterred, he founded IFCJ in 1983, and battled to gain credibility for his bridge-building efforts in the "mainstream"

Jewish world, even as he cultivated extraordinary relationships with evangelical leaders and their flocks and pulled in eye-popping donations.

Eckstein's activities gained traction in the 1990s, when he pursued efforts in support of Jews in the former Soviet Union, raising enough funds to facilitate thousands immigrants to Israel. In the following years, his Jerusalem-based organization became a well-oiled money-making machine with diverse programming — one of the largest charitable organizations in Israel.

But notwithstanding his organizational and financial success, Eckstein was frustrated by his inability to per-

suade many of his fellow Jews to believe in the purity of his motives and the legitimacy of his outreach to evangelicals. He tangled with Israel's Chief Rabbinate and was criticized by a wide array of Orthodox leaders, liberal American Jews and Jewish organizational stalwarts. Later, he would have a very public falling-out with the Jewish Agency.

In a 2005 profile of Eckstein for *The New York Times*, Zev Chafets reported that he was focused on getting Jews to practice "the Four As: awareness that evangelicals are helping Israel; acknowledgment of that help; appreciation; and attitude change."

We have no question that

"awareness" and "acknowledgment" have been met. And the posthumous accolades for Eckstein's extraordinary accomplishments suggest that "appreciation" may have also been achieved. As for the desired "attitude change," the jury is still out. Part of the problem may have been Eckstein's larger-than-life persona and related issues that got in the way.

But in the end, all that is overshadowed by the good Eckstein did for the Jewish world, all driven by his deep passion for the Jewish people and love for the state of Israel. May his memory be for a blessing. •

The View from Here will return next week.

## Coming to Grips With the Truth About Qatar



BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN

**THIS WEEK**, the national press has continued to keep the heat on Saudi Arabia as more details about the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi have made it clear that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman probably ordered the killing.

The outrageous slaying of Khashoggi, a resident of the United States who wrote for *The Washington Post*, has focused the world's attention on the brutal nature of the Saudi regime and, as far as

many Americans are concerned, called into question its status as a U.S. ally.

But while the Saudis are being subjected to even greater scrutiny than ever, with many in Congress demanding that the United States stop assisting their war against Iranian allies in Yemen, another more insidious force for radicalism has been flying under the radar.

The emirate of Qatar on the coastline of the Persian Gulf has benefited greatly from the limited attention span of Americans who think that the only threats in that region emanate from Iran, ISIS terrorists or Saudi Arabia.

But given Qatar's determination to spend a lot of its oil wealth on spreading Islamism and funding terror, even while this Gulf State enjoys the status of U.S. ally, it's high time that the West started paying more attention to the insidious nature of its activities.

A start was made towards that goal with a conference

held this week in Washington, D.C., by the Middle East Forum under the title of "Qatar: U.S. Ally or Strategic Threat." The daylong event brought together scholars, intelligence professionals, journalists (I moderated one of the panels) and some members of Congress to ponder the extent of Qatar's reach, as well as what to do about a situation in which it has largely avoided being held accountable for its activities for the simple reason that it is not the Iranians, ISIS or the Saudis.

The answer that came out of the sessions was clear: Qatar is not merely a dangerous source of radical Islam and terror funding, but has also benefited from a successful effort to influence American thought leaders, including some American Jews, convincing some to view it as a force for moderation when in fact, it is anything but that.

The problem starts with the fact that the emirate has almost completely replaced the Saudis

as the source of funding for Islamist education around the world. The Saudis are no longer trying to spread its own harsh Wahabi brand of radical Islam in the way they did as recently as a decade ago.

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But the same madrassas and mosques that were being influenced by the Saudis are now getting money from Qatar. That wouldn't be a bad thing if Qatar was pushing a moderate curriculum, but it's doing just the opposite.

Yusuf al-Qaradawi, the exiled Egyptian cleric who is the chief ideologue of the Muslim Brotherhood, is orchestrating all of Qatar's efforts in spreading Islam. The Brotherhood is one of the chief sources of rad-

ical Islam in the region and was responsible for Egypt's brief period of radical Islamic rule after the fall of the Mubarak regime, as well as serves as the spiritual godfather of the Hamas terrorist movement.

Qaradawi is also deeply involved in the Qatar Foundation, an institution supported and sustained by members of the Qatari ruling family that has spread radicalism around the world while masquerading as a charitable group.

But Qatar doesn't just fund institutions that promote Islamism. It has been directly funding Hamas's efforts to

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# Listen Now, Rather Than Planning for the Future

BY DAVE ANDERSON

**HOUSE SPEAKER** Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) deserves to be congratulated for her victory over President Donald Trump. But the victory must be regarded as partial since she was able to get the partial government shutdown terminated, but only for three weeks.

The saga we are living through concerning border security is politics at its worst. Yet it is a prism into what politics is so frequently about: positioning for a future election and optics.

First, politicians do not have job security and they must work hard to keep their jobs and that work is ongoing. Second, politicians, like most people, look for images and pictures and symbols to advance their agendas.

Trump, Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) were all as

and building walls like dozens of other countries around the world.

We are a country that must have a wall, the president says, to protect ourselves against crime, drugs, terrorists and illegal immigrants that steal American jobs. We are a country that must not have a wall, the core Democrats say, because, apart from being ineffective, it is racist, xenophobic, antiquated and down-right un-American.

This saga illustrates two goals we need to set for American politics.

First, we must figure out ways to make the next election less critical to decisions today than the importance of the policy issues at stake. This can be done in various ways, including longer terms of office and term limits. We need a national commission to address this fundamental problem.

Second, we must shift the attention in our politics from the eye to the ear. Philosophers like Richard Rorty in

visualize the future. Analogies, metaphors and images can be misused by politicians and make our thinking more rigid and uncompromising.

We need a politics — as many of our centrist organizations like No Labels, Better Angels, the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies, and the Bipartisan Policy Center have been explaining for years — that focuses more on dialogue and listening.

We need politicians who will speak to those tens of millions of Americans in the middle who are not certain and who want bold, creative solutions that take ideas from the left and the right.

Ironically, if we put listening over both talking and ocular metaphors, we will also make an abstract unreachable future less relevant to decisions today because our long-term goals will be more integrated with our current challenges.

In short, we can make the next election less relevant to

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focused or more focused on the 2020 election than what was in the best interest of the country today. Trump needs the wall to fulfil a campaign promise, and the Democrats need to block his request in order to deny him the loyalty from his base that he craves.

A 2,000-mile concrete wall is a vivid image that helped Trump win in 2016. It is also an image that is anathema to many Democrats since it paints a picture of the United States which is offensive to their moral sensibilities — the United States losing its exceptionalism status

*Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature* have decried the role that ocular metaphors play in Western thought for illustrating how knowledge is obtained. Focusing on visualizing the future basically devalues the importance of other human senses, notably listening.

Every politician and corporate leader creates a vision for the future. Truth be told, this leadership style is overrated.

Politicians spend too much time speaking and not enough time listening, and they spend too much time focused on the future and getting voters to

our politics if we listen more to each other and envision the future less than we try to hear it from each other. Hearing the future does not mean not having long-term goals; it means not having simplistic visions which we will realize and which make us less likely to compromise with others. •

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## KVETCH 'N KVELL

### Jewish Community Should Respond to Virginia Governor Blackface Scandal

**THE BLACKFACE AND KKK** scandal of Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam offered the Jewish community an opportunity to join forces with African-Americans, including the Congressional Black Caucus, in calling for the governor's resignation. Yet the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee and other national Jewish organizations have been silent.

Historically, the Black-Jewish alliance was at its high point during the civil rights era of the 1950s and 1960s, when Jewish leaders such as Rabbis Abraham Joshua Heschel and Wolfe Kelman marched in tandem with Martin Luther King Jr. at Selma, Ala., and other places in the South.

Since that time, there have been fractures in the alliance. Now, however, this opportunity presented itself, but we let it slip away.

Jews might view this through our own prism. Imagine Gov. Northam had Nazi memorabilia on his yearbook's page. We would be outraged and demanding his resignation. There's no difference. If the Nazi memorabilia insults our sensibilities, we should recognize that the blackface and KKK robes do the same for African-Americans.

It's not too late. The ADL, et al. can still weigh in. And we can learn for the future, as incidents like this will surely surface. Next time, the Jewish community should be ready to act.

David Broida | Bryn Mawr

### Roe v. Wade Under Ongoing Attack

Stanley R. Askin wrote ("Human Life is Worth the Inconvenience," Feb. 7), "As a Jew, I would never wish to force upon a woman the burden of caring for a child that she does not want." Yet, he goes on to condemn abortions performed for reasons other than the "usual rape, incest and for the health of the mother."

Roe v. Wade gave women the right to control their reproductive health and that the right to choose is to be made by her, her health care provider and loved ones should she so choose. The Casey decision placed constraints on Roe allowing states to restrict that right as long as they did not constitute an "undue burden." Every Republican governor has pushed the envelope on "undue burden" to the extreme.

Abortion will be illegal in 35 states as soon as Roe is overturned or rendered meaningless by the Supreme Court. This will happen during the Trump administration. Ironically, it's the Republicans who call for less government intrusion on our lives and freedom of choice yet they always embrace the religious right to pass laws restricting personal freedoms that conflict with their personal dogma. •

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# It's Time for Electoral Reform in Israel

BY DANIEL J. SAMET

ON APRIL 9, Israeli voters will head to the polls to select the 21st Knesset. This campaign, as in past years, features many parties vying for 120 seats — a whopping 12 parliamentary groups are currently represented in the Knesset.

Polling indicates that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative Likud Party will win between 25 and 29 seats, well below the 61 needed for a parliamentary majority. The Israel Resilience Party, a new faction led by ex-general Benny Gantz, should pose a strong center-left challenge to Likud, whereas the country's once-formidable Labor Party may pick up only seven or eight seats.

Following the elections, Israel will find itself in a familiar quagmire: The prime minister will cobble together disparate parties in a ruling coalition that shares few legislative priorities.

Israel's volatile political scene results from a low electoral threshold. Parties need to take only 3.25 percent of the vote to return a member of the Knesset (MK). Such a system ensures the gamut of political parties will be represented. Israel is a divided nation, and the electoral system worsens its divisions.

A raise in the minimum threshold would force parties to appeal to large swaths of the country, not just small voting blocs. If Israel is to eliminate its political dysfunction and elect working governments, electoral reform is sorely needed.

In comparison to other parliamentary democracies, Israeli politics is tremendously volatile. The Jewish State has endured more than 30 coalition governments since 1948, many of which united ideologically opposed factions. The House of Commons, in contrast, has seen only a handful of coalitions throughout the

United Kingdom's long history.

Likud, currently the most represented party in the Knesset, has just 30 seats. To form the current government, Netanyahu has culled a razor-thin 61-seat majority that includes centrist, right-wing, National Religious, Ashkenazi Haredi and Sephardic Haredi parties in addition to his secular conservative Likud. Netanyahu's government has seen vicious infighting on everything from the ceasefire with Hamas, which compelled the hawkish Avigdor Liberman to remove his Jewish Home party from the coalition, to Haredi conscription.

Under the current system, small parties can make the survival of a ruling coalition conditional on its promotion of niche interests that detract from the greater national agenda. It is almost impossible to govern effectively in arrangements like this.

Electoral reform has enjoyed popular backing in the past.

In 2014, the Knesset raised the minimum threshold from 2 percent to 3.25 percent. Prior to 1992, it was only 1 percent. Though detractors claimed that the increase targeted Arab and Haredi blocs, they were incorrect in arguing that the change imperiled representative democracy. Many parliaments in Europe have thresholds, and few would claim these countries are undemocratic. Israel's low threshold may have functioned well in the country's nascent years, but it has long outlasted its expiration date.

There is widespread agreement that reform is necessary, yet change does not transpire. Part of the problem is that any revision to Israel's Basic Laws, the country's effective constitution, requires a supermajority vote in the Knesset. The prospect of increasing the electoral threshold and potentially limiting their power is a tough sell for smaller parties.

Despite brushback from some corners, MKs should once again raise the threshold in the interest

of a functional state as they did five years ago. A higher threshold would strengthen big-tent parties, reduce political fragmentation and deliver more effective governments. However, recent reports suggest the opposite may occur — the government is considering lowering the threshold to ensure the election of MKs from small right-wing parties. So much for a way forward.

Another route of reform is to implement a district-based system. Israel has no electoral districts, meaning voters select parties based on national considerations.

The Israeli system is unlike that of the United Kingdom, for instance, where candidates run in specific districts and are directly accountable to the constituents they represent. Advocates say that fixed-boundary constituencies would reduce the influence of the party establishment while favoring greater local representation. Right now, voters in Herzliya receive the same ballots as those in Mea Shearim. A district-based system would probably bolster parties that have broad appeal.

It's true that raising the electoral threshold or moving to a constituency system would curb the power of certain blocs. Yet the status quo in Israeli politics is untenable. Demographic changes will further widen Israel's social cleavages and produce an even more divided legislative body. Israel's political dysfunction is well-documented, and its electoral system is the root cause. Coalition governments are inherently bad, but in Israel's case they're unstable to an unacceptable degree.

No matter what happens on April 9, we can expect a fractured vote. It's clear that MKs should come together to reform an outdated electoral system. •

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slaughter Jews and Israelis. It deserves to be held accountable for those killed by these murderers. Yet it's clever enough to pose as an intermediary between Hamas and Israel through which its funding can be falsely represented as a gesture towards peace.

Qatar is also deeply involved with the Islamist government of Turkey and that of Iran. Indeed, it has served as Iran's agent in the Arabian Peninsula — something that has led other nations there to seek to isolate it. And it has been a vital source of foreign currency to Tehran as the Trump administration has sought to tighten the screws on a dangerous regime that is determined to achieve regional hegemony and inch its way towards acquiring nuclear weapons.

But unlike Iran, which is still viewed with distaste even by many who favored President Barack Obama's policy of appeasement, Qatar has acquired a misleading image as a force for modernity.

Qatar controls a global media empire in the form of the Al Jazeera network (and other efforts to influence the press, such as helping to fund Khashoggi's work), which operates not so much as a news source, but as a powerful agent of influence that undermines efforts to shine a spotlight on the way it supports radical Islam and terror.

The really difficult aspect of dealing with Qatar is that it is so adept at playing a double game with the United States. While serving as a regional clearinghouse for radicalism and funding terror, it also hosts a U.S. airbase. Yet rather than this being a source of U.S. leverage over Qatar, it has become an argument for ignoring the regime's flaws and crimes.

As former U.S. intelligence expert and current Hudson Institute analyst Michael Pregent noted, the Qatari capital of Doha is the moral equivalent of the bar in the original *Star Wars* movie, where terrorists and bad guys of every variety gather with impunity even though American forces are stationed nearby.

America needs to start trying to hold Qatar accountable for its bad behavior and make it clear that it will lose the U.S. base if it doesn't do so. After all, there is plenty of flat land in the Middle East from which planes can take off and land.

Even worse, as long as so many Americans allow themselves to have their heads turned by Qatari agents of influence — a term that includes friendly media, paid lobbyists and useful idiots who were impressed by the free trips to the emirate that they received — nothing will change. •

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# Books: Exploring Grief, Remembering Potok

## BOOKS

### Grieving with a Modern Twist

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*kaddish.com*  
Nathan Englander  
Alfred A. Knopf

#### THE SIMPLEST RESPONSE

to being taught the story of Jacob and Esau as a child is to wonder which of them you are. Are you sensitive, thoughtful Jacob, who cleverly — perhaps sneakily — acquires his brother's birthright? Or are you the virile, dull Esau, a physical genius who nevertheless gives up his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup?

The answer, as Nathan Englander posits in his newest novel, *kaddish.com*, is that you are, in fact, both. Even at the peak of Jacob-ness, Esau lurks, and vice versa.

It's 1999. Larry, who left the Orthodox Judaism of his family, arrives sullen, surly and (worst of all) tattooed to his father's shiva, held in the house of his sister Dina, who stayed on the *derech*, in the parlance of Larry's former life.

Following the predictable clashes, Larry is cornered by Dina and their religious betters with a request. Will Larry take on the responsibility of saying Kaddish for their father? He hems and haws, screams back

and forth with Dina, until the rabbi steps in to offer a solution: what if Larry found "a kind of *shaliach mitzvah* — like an emissary. A proxy to say it in your stead."

Though he loved his father dearly, Larry is more than ready to give up his birthright, and like any good modern man, he looks to the internet for a solution, where he stumbles upon an answer to his bitter prayer: *kaddish.com*. The site offers its customers the chance to pay dedicated, honest-to-God yeshiva boys to say Kaddish on your behalf for the requisite 11 months.

What's an Esau to do? He signs a digital *kinyan*, symbolically giving away his right to the Kaddish. If the book ended right here, it would have already been an excellent read, which speaks to Englander's strength as a writer of short stories.

But there's too much of Larry's story left to tell. Twenty years later, Larry is now Reb Shuli, a *ba'al teshuva* who uses his former life as a cautionary tale for whoever happens to crowd his Shabbos table that night. He's a rabbi, a teacher, a husband and a father, and he couldn't be happier. With regards to the story, Shuli says, "I only share it to say, it's never too late to live one's true life."

We've spent too much time at Shuli/Larry's nadir to believe that this is his one "true" life, whatever that means. Soon, he's tasked with finding the root of some un-yeshivish behavior from Gavriel, a pre-Bar Mitzvah boy in his class. He stumbles on a terrible conclusion: though he's been saying Kaddish for his father all these years now, the *kinyan* he signed away, even if it was in Flash, renders his prayers irrelevant. Shuli, who thought that he left the world of obsession and impulse behind with Larry, soon finds himself consumed with a need

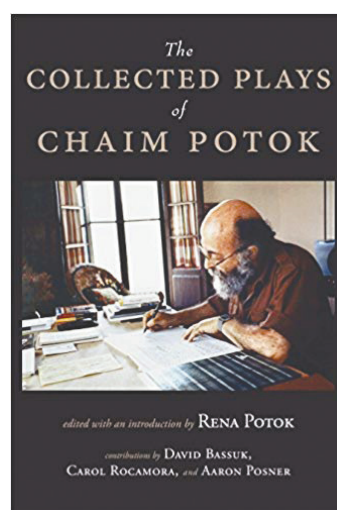
to re-obtain his birthright.

Englander's sense of humor and willingness to wallow in Shuli/Larry's basest moments aren't out of the ordinary for him, and neither are the extended dream sequences. What does feel new is the stereoscopic effect of breaking the story up into 28 chapters over just a scant 200 pages. Just as everything starts to settle into 3-D, click! Next slide. It's an interesting effect.

One quibble. Though the title seems to promise a more thorough interrogation of what the internet has done to Judaism (and to everyone), Englander, so wordy and willing to take his time on other themes, seems to want to let the reader do the work when it comes to the Web. This task, in some ways, feels not unlike the experience of furiously Googling in search of a single result, only to be stymied by a simple fact: you're gonna have to figure it out yourself.

### Collection of Plays Explores Playwright

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF



*The Collected Plays of Chaim Potok*

Edited with an introduction by Rena Potok; contributions by David Bassuk, Carol Rocamora and Aaron Posner  
Adam Kadmon Books

**FANS OF CHAIM POTOK**, author of the bestselling *The Chosen* and *My Name is Asher Lev*, now have a chance to explore another side of the late novelist's work.

His daughter, Rena Potok, has compiled five of her father's plays in a new book, *The Collected Plays of Chaim Potok*, which came out in October.

Many of the plays, all of which premiered in Philadelphia, draw on Potok's lived experiences.

Born to a Chasidic family in New York, Potok came of age during World War II, then went on to become a Conservative rabbi.

He served in the Army as a chaplain in South Korea, where he faced the cultural confrontation central to his writing. He found that Judaism, so fundamental to his identity, had no place in Korean culture.

Potok also has roots in Philadelphia, where he attended the University of Pennsylvania and was a scholar-in-residence at Har Zion Temple.

This collection includes *Out of the Depths*, an original work about Russian Jewish ethnographer S. Ansky; *Sins of the Father*, a combination of the two one-act plays *The Carnival* and *The Gallery*, the former based on *The Promise* and the latter based on *My Name is Asher Lev*; *The Play of Lights*, based on *The Book of Lights* about two young Jewish men serving in Korea; and *The Chosen*, based on the novel of the same name about a friendship between two young men coming of age during and after World War II.

The collection includes stage notes and prefaces for the plays. It also includes a transcript of an *Out of the Depths* post-performance panel discussion with Potok, which is probably the most fascinating section of the entire book. An

introduction written by Rena Potok connects Potok's life to the plays' themes and analyzes how each explores his ideas.

These additions elevate the book, from simply a collection of plays to an in-depth look at the author himself.

In both his novels and plays, Potok's protagonists struggle with what was maybe the biggest question of postwar 20th century American Jewish life: How do you live in a secular world without letting go of your Judaism?

The plays explore the idea of what Potok called "core-to-core culture confrontation," when one grows up in the heart of a subculture and confronts an element at the heart of the umbrella culture. Characters face art, politics and other religions that challenge their Jewish identities.

Relationships between male friends and between fathers and sons serve as another theme in Potok's writing. Fathers play important roles in symbolizing one side of the cultural confrontation, while friends serve as confidantes in the midst of this conflict and even sometimes as narrators. Women are noticeably absent from Potok's work and, when they do appear, they are not given the same depth as the male characters.

The collection's standout play is *Out of the Depths*, which is grander and more epic than the others. While the other plays tend to feel like they're more about the ideas the characters represent rather than the characters themselves, *Out of the Depths* breaks from that trend, making for a much more interesting read.

Overall, the collection is intellectual and will provide plenty of material to muse on. If you're looking to better understand Chaim Potok, this collection is a good place to start. •



# Act II Playhouse Puts 'Dr. Ruth' on Stage

## THEATER

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### HOLOCAUST ORPHAN.

Israeli sniper. Sex guru.

There aren't a lot of people who can be described with that particular trifecta, but one who can is Ruth Westheimer, the pop culture icon more commonly known as Dr. Ruth.

Her life story, told in *Becoming Dr. Ruth*, is now on stage at Act II Playhouse in Ambler, where it will continue its run until Feb. 17. The Feb. 14 show is the community partner night, when a portion of ticket sales will go to Temple Sinai Sisterhood.

In the play, a 69-year-old Ruth Westheimer (she is now 90) tells the story of her life to the audience, from her childhood fleeing Nazi Germany to her present day as a renowned sex therapist.

"What she lived through in one life, 10 of us have not lived through," said Drucie McDaniel, who stars as Westheimer in the 90-minute one-woman show. "But she didn't allow it to defeat her. She always used it as something to buoy her up to something higher, and it was always about helping other people."

Westheimer was born Karola Ruth Siegel in 1928 Germany to a Jewish family. At the age of 10, she left Germany on a *Kindertransport* to Switzerland. Her parents died in the Holocaust.

After the war, she immigrated to Israel and joined the Haganah, where she learned to be a sniper. She also spent some time in France.

By the time she immigrated to the United States, Westheimer had already been divorced. She had to navigate her new life in New York as a single mother.

Despite those obstacles, she flourished. She earned several

degrees and married a third time. And, of course, she was given her own radio show, which launched her career as a sex therapist.

"It's not just called Dr. Ruth or The Dr. Ruth Story. It's *Becoming Dr. Ruth*," McDaniel said. "All the circumstances of her life, the good and bad, are what ultimately gave rise to the person that she became."

Like many, McDaniel grew up seeing Dr. Ruth's familiar face. She was like a Betty White — an old, sweet lady who "talked dirty and would surprise you," McDaniel said. So when McDaniel learned more about Westheimer's past while working on this production, "all of it" was a surprise.

The play opens in Westheimer's apartment, where she has lived for decades. Westheimer is planning to move to a new home, and as she packs up the apartment, she comes across objects that spark memories of her past.

Tony Braithwaite, the artistic director at Act II Playhouse, said one-person plays work well in the playhouse's small theater, so he is always looking for those kinds of shows. He decided to stage *Becoming Dr. Ruth* after reading the script at someone's suggestion.

The story of Westheimer's life amazed him, particularly the fact that she fought in Israel's War of Independence.

"That blew me away," Braithwaite said. "She's 4-foot-7, for God's sake."

Braithwaite, along with Director Dan O'Neil, auditioned dozens of actresses for the part of Dr. Ruth.

But that actress would need to fill some very specific shoes.

Audiences would have a clear image as to what Dr. Ruth should look and sound like, so they needed someone who was short like her and could pull off her accent, which is described as German/



▲ From left: Ruth "Dr. Ruth" Westheimer and Drucie McDaniel, who plays Westheimer in *Becoming Dr. Ruth*

► Drucie McDaniel as Ruth Westheimer Photos by Bill D'Agostino

French/Israeli/American.

"[McDaniel is] not doing an exact recreation of Dr. Ruth's voice," said O'Neil, who was a student of McDaniel's at the University of the Arts. "She's not doing an exact impression. She doesn't look exactly like her, but she's done a really good job of capturing the essence of Dr. Ruth."

McDaniel said that there are challenges to playing a real person that playing a fictional character does not have.

"You don't want it to just be an imitation," McDaniel said. "You also need to pay homage to the actual person. You just want to do it honor, and that's a responsibility."

Westheimer came to see the show the first night of the preview — unbeknownst to McDaniel.

Braithwaite decided to keep Westheimer's presence in the audience a secret because it was McDaniel's first night performing the show in front of a public audience, and he didn't want to

make her more nervous.

After the performance Braithwaite got on stage and let everyone, particularly McDaniel, know that Westheimer was there.

McDaniel's jaw dropped when she found out.

Westheimer joined her on the stage, told McDaniel she had done a great job and asked the audience for questions.

"She was remarkable, so kind to me and just so generous and loved our production," McDaniel said.

McDaniel said she imagined that Westheimer thought, when she asked the audience for question, that they would have a therapy session. Instead, the audience wanted to know more about her life.

At one point during the Q&A, Westheimer said she used to talk about her experience as a Holocaust survivor to



combat deniers. Now, she wants to combat Holocaust fatigue.

"So much of the play is about her being a survivor," Braithwaite said, "a literal survivor of the Holocaust but also a survivor in general, if you know what I mean. She says at the end of the play — she holds up a picture of her grandchildren — and she says, 'When I look at them, I know that Hitler lost and I won.'"

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# 'The Chosen' Themes Endure 50 Years Later

## FILM

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**RENA POTOK BELIEVES** she has inherited her famous father's literary traits, including ability with the written word, analysis and character empathy.

The daughter of Chaim Potok, a resident of Merion for much of his life, who became one of America's most-loved Jewish writers prior to his 2002 death at 72 from brain cancer, had many enjoyable sessions with her dad.

"My father audited some of my classes when I was going for my doctorate and it was like having another teacher," Potok said. "At the Shabbat dinner table, instead of discussing Talmud, we'd discuss my dissertations. It was fun."

*The Chosen* was Chaim Potok's most-acclaimed novel, selling 3.4 million copies and being translated into several languages. It was made into a movie directed by Jeremy Kagan in 1981 and developed into a play by Aaron Posner in 1999.

And it will be the centerpiece of a Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival program at 6 p.m. on Feb. 17, at the National Museum of American Jewish History.

The play ran for a month in 1999 at the Arden Theatre in Philadelphia. It also ran at the City Theatre in Pittsburgh and won the 1999 Barrymore Award for best new play.

"Aaron really helped my father with all aspects of the play," said Potok, an adjunct professor at Villanova University. "He was fortunate to work with some good people."

The 1981 film, featuring Maximilian Schell as Professor David Malter, Rod Steiger as Rebbe Issac Saunders, Robby Benson as Danny Saunders and Barry Miller as Reuven Malter, will be shown. Potok will answer questions from the

audience and talk about a new book, *The Collected Plays of Chaim Potok*, which she edited and contributed an introduction.

Kagan will be available for questions via Skype.

"*The Chosen* really typifies my father's theme in a lot of his works

of core-to-core culture confrontation," Potok said. "He grew up in a strict Orthodox house with his parents not wanting him to read books by non-Jewish authors.

"He felt some of that growing up. With *The Chosen*, first there was the novel, then the movie, then the play and, as one would expect, the adaptations are a bit different per areas of art. But the core-to-core confrontation — tradition versus modernity — theme is present throughout."

The plot of *The Chosen*, set in Brooklyn from 1944-50, features two Jewish teenage boys. The Chasidic Danny is expected to succeed his father as rebbe of the Saunders' small sect, and the modern Orthodox Reuven is the son of a liberal college professor and ardent Zionist.

The film spotlights the differences in the way the Chasidic group looks at world and Judaism with how the modern Orthodox view the same matters. The boys originally meet in a baseball game in which Danny hits a line drive back at Reuven, who was pitching. The ball breaks his glasses and injures his eye.

"In that time period, a lot of things happen," Potok said. "The core-to-core culture clash is how the two groups want things to be. After World War II ends, and the subject of the creation of Israel comes up, the Chasidic sect believes only

the messiah can give the Jews a homeland, while the modern Orthodox are thrilled with the aspect of a Jewish homeland.

The core-to-core clash also occurs individually with Danny and Reuven, with Reuven's wanting to date Danny's sister, Shaindel Saunders, and being told he can't because she already has an arranged marriage. Meanwhile, Reuven, who aims to be a rabbi, takes Danny to his first-ever movie. A newsreel comes on showing the Nazi

camps, which the Chasidic contingent had no knowledge of, and leaves the rebbe and his followers terrified.

Another feature of the film is how Danny is treated by his father. Except when he and the rebbe are studying Talmud, the father invokes "The Silence"

and does not talk to him at any other time.

"Danny is a brilliant kid, with a photographic memory," Potok said. "The rebbe believes because of that, Danny will have no feeling or empathy for people. Teaching through silence turns out to be successful, as Danny becomes a very sympathetic psychologist in the *The Promise*, which my father wrote as a sequel to *The Chosen*. So much my father experienced when he was young went into these books. He gave so many their first understanding of the Chasidic world."

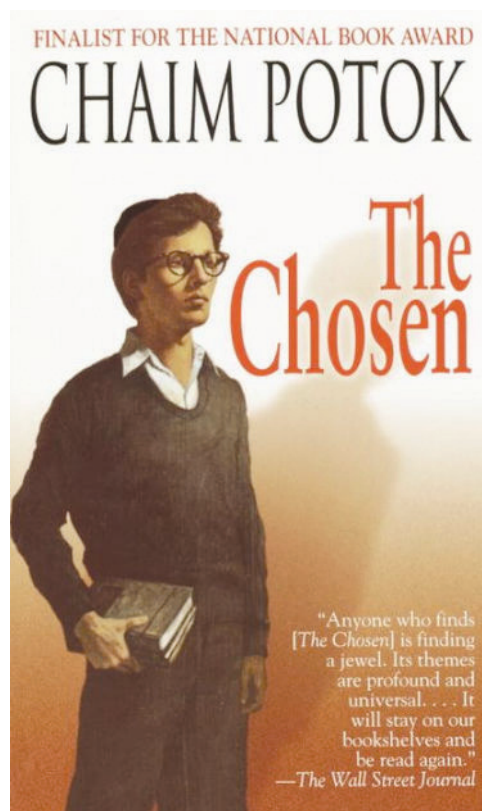
The two boys suffer through a few other rough patches because of the core-to-core confrontations between the Chasidic system of beliefs and the modern way of thinking with the same beliefs. After the two boys begin to attend Hirsch College, a Jewish University, Danny decides to transfer to Columbia University to study psychology and appears, not in Chasidic black, but in a modern suit as the film ends. ●

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# Eating Local in February

FOOD

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I WENT ONLINE to see which foods are in season during February.

Like many people today, I try to eat local foods, products raised or harvested within a 50-mile radius of where I live. That's a departure from feasting globally on foods that have traveled long distances, often across countries and even continents before arriving at my table.

Here is what my research revealed. There are some local fruits and vegetables available: apples and pears, cabbage, onions, Brussels sprouts, white potatoes, yams, turnips, beet-roots and kale. These are clearly local holdovers from the 2018 growing season, which have been sustained through refrigeration.

I found some surprising suggestions online for menu

options in February: nachos, quinoa burgers, meatloaf, scones, chocolate pudding pie and Cinnamon White Russians. Among these menu sugges-tions, fresh foods are noticeably absent. If you live anywhere near Philadelphia, locally grown produce is scarce, unless you canned, bottled or froze enough fruits and vegetables during the summer and early fall to last you until spring.

I concluded it's almost impossible to be locally correct in February. It's a month to hunker down with root veg-etables and cabbage, the way my great-grandparents did in Vilnius, Lithuania before immigrating to America, seek-ing liberty and abundant food. It made me appreciate that I live now and not when eat-ing local in February was the only option.

CINNAMON WHITE RUSSIAN | DAIRY

Serves one

- Ice cubes
- 1½ ounces vodka
- ¾ ounces coffee liqueur
- ½ ounce cream
- Cinnamon for sprinkling

Spoon two to four ice cubes into an on-the-rocks glass, depending on their size. Pour the vodka and coffee liqueur over the ice and stir to com-bine. Very slowly drizzle the cream over the liquors so that the cream floats at the top of the drink. Dust some cinnamon over the cream. Serve immediately.

CHEESE NACHOS | DAIRY

Serves six to eight as an hors d'oeuvres

- 1 large bag of tortilla chips

- 2 cups of cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup of Monterey Jack cheese, grated

Note: Simply Tostitos, Garden

of Eatin' and White Corn Tortilla Chips are brands that are certified kosher.

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Arrange the tortilla chips in two large round oven-proof baking pans. Sprinkle the two cheeses on top of the chips. Place in the oven for 5-8 minutes, until the cheeses melt and the chips turn golden. Serve immediately.



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## ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS, YAMS AND TURNIPS | PAREVE

*Serves six*

Nonstick vegetable spray

- 1 package of Brussels sprouts
- 2 yams or sweet potatoes
- 2 turnips
- Kosher salt to taste
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, or more if needed
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Coat a 9-inch-by-13-inch baking pan, such as Pyrex, with nonstick spray.

Rinse the Brussels sprouts under cold water. Cut off the remainders of stems and discard. If the Brussels sprouts are large, cut them in half. Reserve.

Peel the yams and turnips. Rinse them under cold water. Cut them into pieces about the same size as the Brussels sprouts.

Move the Brussels sprouts, yams and turnips to the prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with kosher salt and garlic powder. Drizzle olive oil. Toss the vegetables so they are coated with the oil, salt and garlic. Place in the oven to roast. Turn every 10-15 minutes. Drizzle on more olive oil, if needed.

After 55 minutes, drizzle the apple cider vinegar over the vegetables and toss to coat. Roast another 5 minutes. Move the mixture into an attractive bowl and serve immediately.

## LITHUANIAN BRAISED CABBAGE | PAREVE, DAIRY OR MEAT

*Serves four to six*

- ½ head of red cabbage
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1½ pounds ground beef, optional
- 3 potatoes, coarsely diced
- Kosher salt to taste



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Freshly ground pepper to taste

- 1 cup beef or vegetable broth, or more, if needed
- 2 tablespoons dill, chopped
- Optional accompaniment: sour cream

Cut the cabbage into thin slices. With your fingers, break them apart into ribbons. Reserve.

Drizzle the oil into a large pot. Heat over a medium flame until warm. Add the onion and garlic and sauté until fragrant, about 1-2 minutes. Add the ground beef, if using. Sauté until browned.

Add the cabbage, potatoes, salt, pepper and your broth of choice. Stir until combined. Lower the flame to medium-low. Cover the pot and braise, stirring every few minutes. Braise for 35-40 minutes, or until the potatoes are softened. Add more broth if the braising liquid dries up.

Move to an attractive bowl and sprinkle with dill. Serve immediately with sour cream, if using. ●

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# God's Attentiveness Response to Need

BY RABBI KELILAH MILLER

## Parashat Tetzaveh

**THIS WEEK'S TORAH** portion, Tetzaveh, presents us with a long list of specifications for the vestments of the priests, who will serve in the *mishkan* (tabernacle) once it is completed.

It is packed with excruciating detail, with no narrative to speak of. It is pretty inhospitable to the reader, refusing to offer any whiff of pathos or drama. Reading Tetzaveh can feel like looking out over a barren, featureless desert landscape.

But, if you have ever hiked in a desert, you also know that there are secrets everywhere. Someone familiar with the desert will know which scrub plants or geological features indicate underground water; likewise, we can seek out strange turns of phrase in the text which suggest that there is some nourishing insight hidden beneath.

Classically, *midrash* (biblical interpretation) requires just such a “hook” in the text — some oddity of language, expression or image that invites us to dig a bit deeper. Sometimes the

Torah portions that seem barren expose these oddities more readily because of the very monotony of the landscape.

In that spirit, I want to examine a single small section of the reading, which describes the robe of the High Priest. According to Exodus 28:33-35, the robe is meant to be decorated with tiny bells:

“On its hem make pomegranates of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, all around the hem, with bells of gold between them all around. ... Aaron shall wear it while officiating, so that the sound is heard when he comes into the sanctuary before the LORD and when he goes out — that he may not die.”

It seems, on the face of it, that the Torah is suggesting that Aaron is required to wear these bells as he walks, so that he does not catch God unaware. And, indeed, the classical rabbis amplify this idea in order to teach a lesson in social etiquette:

“Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai said: The man who enters his own house or, needless to say, the house of his fellow man unexpectedly, the Holy One hates, and I too do not exactly

love him. Rav said: Do not enter your Own City nor even your own home unexpectedly. When Rabbi Yochanan was about to go in to inquire about the welfare of Rabbi Hanina, he would first clear his throat, in keeping with [the verse] so that the sound is heard when he comes in (Exodus 28:35).”

This is a lovely social lesson, and interesting in its own right, but it raises a theological problem — does God really not anticipate Aaron's approach? Does Aaron really need to be “belled” like a cat in order to avoid startling the divine? One response to this problem is posed by the medieval Spanish commentator Bahya ben Asher:

Actually, the sound of the bells was not meant to give warning either to the *shechinah* (divine presence) or to the angels that the High Priest was approaching. It was intended to warn the angels that the approaching High Priest desired to have privacy during his audience with the *shechinah*.

In an interesting reversal, Bahya ben Asher suggests that the bells are not added to protect the privacy of God, but rather to protect the privacy

of the *relationship* between Aaron and God. There is something so intimate about the encounter between them in these moments that even the ministering angels are asked to leave and “give them the room.”

This interpretation is in keeping with a long Jewish tradition of imagining the relationship between humans, God and angels as one that is sometimes fraught. There are many tales of angels complaining about the intimacy that human beings enjoy with God, despite our moral failings and general unworthiness.

The repeated lesson of these tales is that it is precisely our complexity and our failings that make us the beneficiaries of God's intimate attention. Angels, who are already perfect, do not need God's intimacy.

There is something so lovely and important about this perspective on our connection with God. God's attentiveness to us is not based on our worth, but is a response to our need. We don't get what we deserve, but we get what we require in order to become better. God's love is a *chesed* (kindness), not a prize.

As a rabbi educator, I fre-

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quently encounter the “bad kids” — the ones who act out or disrupt lessons with challenging questions. I confess that I often love these students the best, since I can most easily sense their need for connection, empathy and community (although most of them would not admit it). It is often only in one-on-one encounters that these students are able to share what is on their minds and in their hearts.

As we spend time with this week's Torah portion, I pray that we all find compassionate listeners who love us despite, or even because of our flaws. And I pray that we all listen closely for the tinkling of tiny bells — the small indications that our love and attention are needed by others. •

Rabbi Kelilah Miller serves as the cantor-educator at Congregation Ohev Shalom in Wallingford. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide the Torah commentary for the *Jewish Exponent*.



## JFRE

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when we meet,” said committee member Jake Reiter, president of Verde Capital. “But when this group comes together, it is magic. We all feel very fortunate, at this stage of life, we are in position to help our Jewish community and provide for its needs. All of us are on several boards, and our executive committee runs smoother than any of them.”

Members say they've built a formidable team with the economic muscle to get things done.

“The [Holocaust Plaza] project succeeded because we all helped each other,” said David



▲ JFRE Executive Board member Jake Reiter

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Adelman, who also is the chairman of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation (PHRF).

“What we accomplished together was very satisfying,” said Matt Pestronk, president of Post Brothers

Apartments and an executive committee member.

Those accomplishments included Bill Glazer, president and CEO of Keystone Property Group, helping to sell \$53 million in Israel Bonds, setting a record. In addition, JFRE member Brad Krouse, managing partner of Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg, chaired the 2018 Jewish Federation Main Event, while JFRE's Rob Zuritsky, president of the Parkway Corp., chaired the National Museum of American Jewish History gala. Both credited their peers with making the events a success.

But with all this very public work, JFRE has also com-

pleted several under-the-radar projects in recent years, investing nearly \$1.5 million in repairing homes for low-income older adults and families, supporting food pantries and safe houses for at-risk youth, upgrading Jewish camp facilities and facilitating other projects in Philadelphia and Israel, where a kindergarten was built.

“We try to help as many as we can,” Reiter said. “We work closely with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. The money comes in, the money goes out, to help the community.” •

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# Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

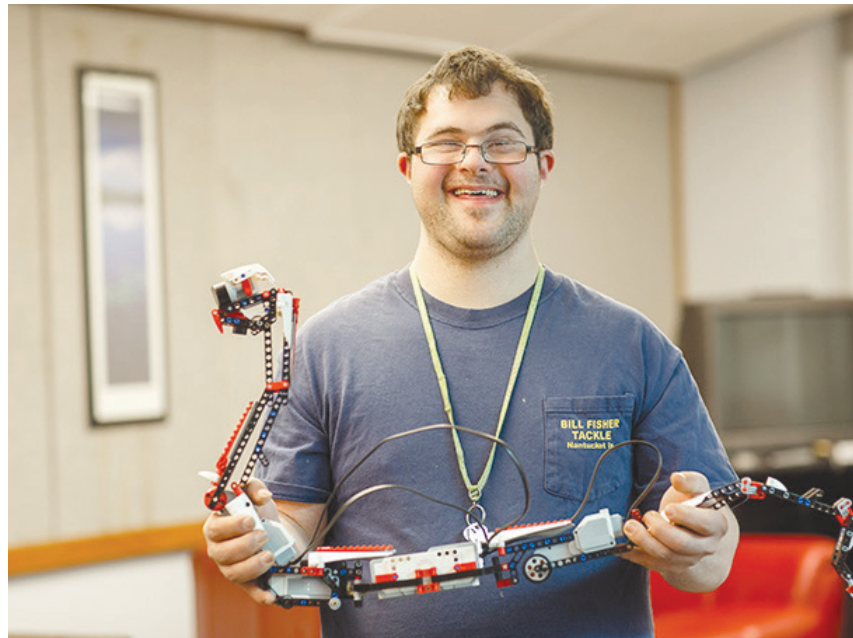
## Making Philly More Accessible

**AS THE MOTHER OF** a 16-year old autistic son, Gabrielle Kaplan-Meyer understands the way disabilities can pose challenges for families partaking in Jewish communal life.

"For example, Purim is loud and wonderful," said Kaplan-Meyer, director of Jewish Learning Venture's Whole Community Inclusion, supported by our Jewish Federation. "But from a sensory perspective, it can be overwhelming to walk into a place with that much stimulation."

Kaplan-Meyer's family is far from alone. According to the U.S. Census, one in five people has some kind of learning, cognitive, physical and/or developmental disability. Mindful of the need to make Jewish communal life welcoming to people of all abilities, Whole Community Inclusion was formed to make Jewish programming accessible for families raising kids with special needs.

That includes creating sensory-friendly *jkidphilly* programs (like a Purim party with the noise level turned down, or with a designated "quiet space"); expanding education for synagogue leaders and early childhood educators; compiling downloadable lesson plans and resources; and advocating on behalf of special needs families through the Jewish Disability Inclusion Consortium



of Greater Philadelphia, a group which includes Jewish Federation.

And every February, Whole Community Inclusion programming kicks into high gear. February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), an international initiative now in its 11th year, celebrated locally with "JDAIM Shabbat" — a month's worth of services, panels, movies and speakers at more than 20 synagogues across the region.

Rabbi Phil Warmflash, executive director of Jewish Learning Venture, points out that the awareness raised on JDAIM Shabbat ultimately benefits everyone.

"In order to create truly inclusive communities, all community members need to better understand the complex issues facing people with disabilities — whether this personally impacts their family or not," he said.

Or, as Whole Community Inclusion's JDAIM downloadable coloring book for kids puts it: It's important to think about how you like to be treated and treat your friends that way. Be kind!

When you take time to understand friends who are different from you, you are showing kindness/*chesed*. That is an important Jewish value.

For more information about Whole Community Inclusion and to access a calendar of JDAIM Shabbat programming, visit [jewishlearningventure.org](http://jewishlearningventure.org).

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A population study of Greater Philadelphia

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## ▼ THURSDAY, FEB. 14

### Millennials Shabbaton, Skiing.

Shabbat Experience and Ski Weekend (Feb. 14-17) at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel Scranton. Connect with like-minded young professionals. Oneg with “Gorf,” editor of *Batman Comics*, and hear his story of what it’s like to be a religious Jew in the entertainment industry. Saturday night lounge/party. Saturday night late night comedy and Melava Malka. Sunday skiing/boarding (Discounted ski lift tickets!). [facebook.com/events/286105245385154/](https://facebook.com/events/286105245385154/).

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## ▼ THURSDAY, FEB. 14

### Mommy and Me.

Sherrie Turetsky, director of the School of Early Learning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**, will lead a weekly one-hour “Mommy & Me” class at 9:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

### Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple’s** clergy leads a discussion of the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m.

This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 10 a.m. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

### Biblical Commentaries.

Study the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible. **Har Zion Temple**, 1500 Hagys Ford Road., Penn Valley.

### Canasta.

Weekly drop-in canasta game at 1 p.m. with the Sisterhood of **Ohev Shalom of Bucks County**. \$2 donation. Lessons by request. Call 215-958-6755 for information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.

### Stress Reduction.

This is the third week of a program that will run through March 14. This is organized by **Beth Sholom Congregation**. Cost for the course is \$500, with Beth Sholom members

receiving a \$100 discount. Payment arrangements are available. For registration, visit [jefferson.edu/mindfulness](http://jefferson.edu/mindfulness) and select “Public Programs” or email [mbsr@jefferson.edu](mailto:mbsr@jefferson.edu). 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## ▼ FRIDAY, FEB. 15

### Minyan, Men’s Club.

Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi’s interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning at 7 a.m. **Har Zion Temple**. Breakfast is served. Call 610-667-5000 for information. 1500 Hagys Ford Road. Penn Valley.

### Active Adult Friday.

A day of activities from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Includes coffee, tea and munchies, chair exercise or current events, Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Rabbi Beth Janus, kosher lunch and a session on hearing loss, hearing aids and more. RSVP for all programs 10 days in advance, either at the sign-in table or by phone at 215-832-0539. **KleinLife: Center City**. 2100 Arch St., Philadelphia.

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## ▼ SATURDAY, FEB. 16

### Torah, Bagels, Coffee.

Begin Shabbat morning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am** with an interactive, engaging discussion of the weekly portion including bagels and coffee at 9 a.m. followed by a peer-led Shabbat service at 10:15 a.m. Casual dress is appropriate, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 215-886-8000. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

### Torah Study.

Each week, our **Main Line Reform Temple** rabbis lead us as we read from the parshah, or weekly portion, and learn about its context and history. There is always a lively discussion and anyone is welcome. Call 610-649-7800 for information. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

## ▼ FRIDAY, FEB. 15

### Soap Crafting.

Learn the art of soap making with Sabai Soap Co.’s Marna Cutler at noon. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. The workshop is limited to 15 participants and is free for Village by the Shore and JCC members, \$5 for non-members. RSVP to Tina Serota at 609-822-1109 or [tserota@jfsatlantic.org](mailto:tserota@jfsatlantic.org). **Milton and Betty Katz Jewish Community Center**, 501 N. Jerome Ave., Margate City, NJ.

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### ▼ SUNDAY, FEB. 17

#### 'The Forbidden Conversation.'

A one-man play, written and performed by Gili Getz. A deeply personal performance that explores the challenges of having a conversation about Israel in the American-Jewish community at 10 a.m. at **Congregation Kol Emet**. Continental breakfast will be served. Free for Kol Emet members, \$10 for nonmembers. Call 215-493-8522 or mail office@kolemet.org for information. 1360 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley.

**Jewish Music for Mind, Soul.** Music for those living with Alzheimer's or dementia and their caregivers at **Beth Shalom Congregation**. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Suggested donation \$5 per person. RSVP needed at info@spiritualwell-being.org or 215-887-1342, ext. 109. Rabbi Beth Janus is an experienced chaplain who has worked with dementia patients throughout her rabbinate. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

#### ▼ MONDAY, FEB. 18

**WCI Access Day.** **The National Museum of American Jewish History** invites children and teens of all abilities to join us in a quiet setting for art activities and story time at the museum and to participate in a specially designed museum tour. JCHAI will join us to run a program for older teens and adults. 10 a.m.-Noon. Register at [goo.gl/forms/9LWkoLnJN704mV23](http://goo.gl/forms/9LWkoLnJN704mV23). Contact Gabby Kaplan-Mayer at gkaplan-mayer@jewishlearningventure.org for information. 101 S. Independence Mall E., Philadelphia.

#### Mahjong.

Play and learn from 12:30-2 p.m. with the HSA of the Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education and the Sisterhood of **Har Zion Temple** in weekly community open mahjong play. You may bring kosher dairy lunch or dairy/parve kosher snacks. Call 610-667-500 for information. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

#### Bereavement Group.

For the newly bereaved, there's help at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Contact Rivkahpowers55@gmail.com or leave a message at 215-677-1600 for details. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

#### Family Clothing Sorting.

The whole family is invited from 2-4 p.m. to sort clothing donations for those in need. For more information, contact Valerie Ricapito at vricapito@jfcshilly.org or 267-256-2018. There is free parking in the Brodsky center lot, as well as meter and two-hour parking on surrounding streets. Use the entrance in the rear parking lot. Be aware that due to increased security all attendees will be asked to show ID. The **Barbara and Harvey Brodsky Enrichment Center of JFCS**, 345 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

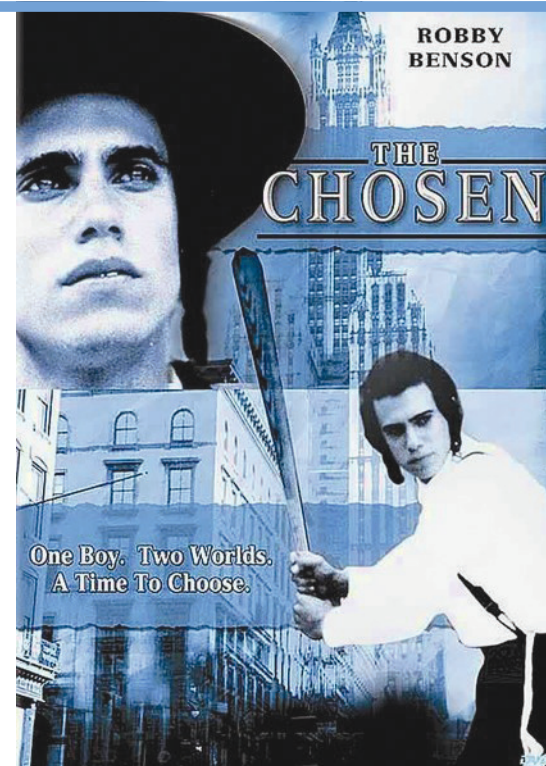
#### Mahjong.

The Sisterhood of **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El** invites all to its weekly friendly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Open to the entire kehillah. No charge for MBIEE sisterhood members. A one-time charge of \$36 includes membership to the MBIEE Sisterhood. Contact 215-635-1505 or vp-rebecca@mbiee.org for further information. 8339 Old York Road, Melrose Park.

### ▼ SUNDAY, FEB. 17

#### 'The Chosen' Screening.

Starring Oscar winners Maximilian Schell and Rod Steiger, *The Chosen* will screen on what would have been author Chaim Potok's 90th birthday. This special screening will feature a Q&A with author Rena Potok and award-winning director Jeremy Kagan (via Skype). It will also be followed by book signing and complimentary reception. 6 p.m. **National Museum of American Jewish History**. 101 S. Independence Mall E., Philadelphia.



### ▼ TUESDAY, FEB. 19

#### Joys of Yiddish.

You do not have to be able to speak Yiddish to experience the joys of Yiddish culture. 10 a.m. **Har Zion Temple**. Enjoy the works of Yiddish authors, poets, songs, theater and cinema and incidentally learn the language. Ours will be on the works of Yiddish poet and songwriter Mordkhe Gebirtig. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

#### Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week at the **Congregation Adath Jeshurun** library. This session will be led by Rabbi Fred Davidow. All are welcome. Noon-1 p.m. 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

#### Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week. This session will be led by Rabbi

Robert Alpert. All are welcome. Noon-1 p.m. at BDO USA LP. 1801 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia.

#### Mahjong.

Our mahjong group meets at 1 p.m. in the **Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel** synagogue chapel, to play the game, have fun and raise money for *tikkun olam*. Have you heard of mahjong and want to learn to play? Are you new in town looking for the game? Have you lived in town and want a new group to play with? If you fall into any of these categories, reach out to Ellen. We're always looking for new players. We ask for a \$4 donation per session. 303 S. 18th St., Philadelphia.

#### Knitting Group.

The Knitting Club of the **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** meets at 1 p.m. Work with us in a project of your own, or work on an item that will be donated to an

area organization. Call 215-677-1600 for details. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

#### 'Hatikvah' Significance.

Were there other meanings associated with "Hatikvah" beyond the conventional ones? Two unconventional "moments of signification" of Hatikvah will be addressed: that of a *piyyut* (religious song) and that of an "Oriental" popular song. Edwin Seroussi, who is the Emanuel Alexandre Professor of Musicology at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and director of the Jewish Music Research Centre since 2000, will be featured. Free and open to the public. 5:30-6:30 p.m. No RSVP necessary. For more information, call 215-898-6654, or email jsp-info@sas.upenn.edu. **Lerner Center**, 201 S. 34th St., Philadelphia.

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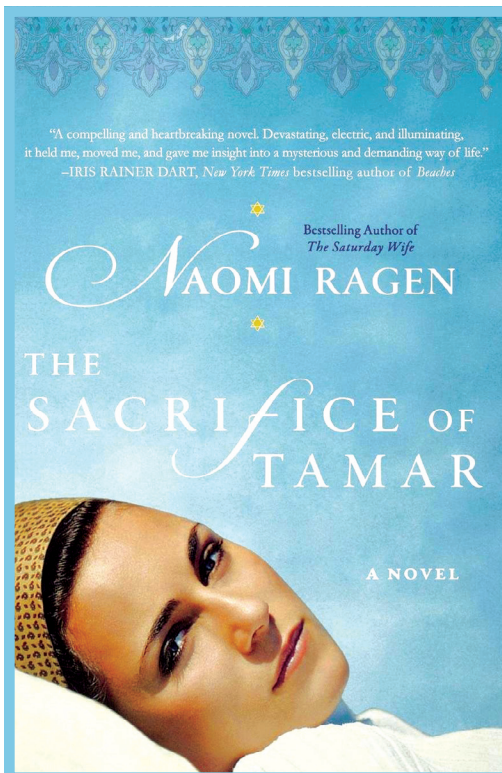
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## ▼ THURSDAY FEB. 21

### Book Discussion.

The Book Discussion Group of the **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim**, will examine *Sacrifice of Tamar* by Naomi Ragen. Ragen is an American-Israeli Modern Orthodox Jewish author and playwright. \$2 donation. Light refreshments. Noon-2 p.m. Call 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

### 'In the Sand of Sinai.'

**Old York Road Temple-Beth Am** presents *In the Sand of Sinai - A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War* by Itzhak Brook. His talk will be about the historical perspectives of the Six-Day and Yom Kippur Wars, and their long-term effects on Israeli society and the peace process, along with his personal experiences as a medic in the Six-Day War. 7 p.m. For more information, contact Marilyn Webster at 215-886-8000, ext. 136. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

### Israeli Democracy Dilemma.

The **Gratz College Stern Family Lecture** on Israel Studies presents Amos N. Guiora. One of the greatest challenges facing a democracy is balancing legitimate individual rights with equally legitimate national security rights. The challenge is compounded when threats are posed by state and nonstate actors alike. 7:30 p.m. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park.

## ▼ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

### Cooking with Lenore.

For a down-to-earth experience cooking with Lenore in the kitchen of **KleinLife**, we start 11:30 a.m., with lunch followed by cooking at 1:45 p.m. Lunch is a \$1 donation. Call 215-320-0351 to register or to request a ride

for NORC members. 10100 Jamison Ave., Philadelphia.

### Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week. This session will be led by Rabbi Gary Charlestein. All are welcome. 12:30-1:30 p.m. 1710 Romano Dr., Norristown.

### Bereavement Group.

For the post-bereaved, held at **Northeast NORC**, from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Email rivkapowers@gmail.com or call 215-320-0351 to register. 8546B Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

### Sisterhood Movie Afternoon.

The Sisterhood of **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** is hosting a movie afternoon at 1 p.m. The featured film is the 1984 winner of the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture Musical, *Yentl*, starring Barbra Streisand. Cost is \$5 per person. Refreshments served. Call 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

### My Million Dollar Mom.

Caring for a loved one with dementia? Program features a free half-hour award-winning movie at 6:30 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer opportunity with peers who are managing the same daily struggles. Get information on resources available to help you. **The Chelsea at**

**Jenkintown** and Brightstar Care invite you to RSVP to Debra Metz at dmetz@cslal.com or call The Chelsea at 215-572-8300 as space is limited. 440 Old York Road, Jenkintown.

### Adult Education.

"Honor Your Father and Your Mother: Caring for Sick or Elderly Parents." 6:30-8 p.m., **Har Zion Temple**. Call 610-667-5000 for information. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Mahjong.

**Old York Road Temple-Beth Am** will host a drop-in mahjong game at 7 p.m. Bring your cards. Mahjong sets and cards will be for sale. Call 215-886-8000 for information. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

### 'Sing Hallelujah.'

Conducted by Hazzan David Tilman, enjoy *Sing Hallelujah: Jewish Music in America*, featuring Cantor Alberto Mizrahi and more than 100 singers from across the Delaware Valley at Verizon Hall in the **Kimmel Center**. For more information contact Kim Decker at 717-309-3770 or KDecker@jewishphilly.org. \$20-40. 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia.

## ▼ THURSDAY FEB. 21

### Mommy and Me.

Sherrie Turetsky, director of the

School of Early Learning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**, will lead a weekly one-hour "Mommy & Me" class at 9:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

### Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple's** clergy leads a discussion of the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 10 a.m. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

### Biblical Commentaries.

Study the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible. **Har Zion Temple**, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Canasta.

Weekly drop-in canasta game at 1 p.m. with the Sisterhood of **Ohev Shalom of Bucks County**. \$2 donation. Lessons by request. Call 215-958-6755 for information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.

### Stress Reduction.

This is the fourth week of a program that will run through March 14. This is organized by **Beth Sholom Congregation**. Cost for the course is \$500, with Beth Sholom members receiving a \$100 discount. Payment

arrangements are available. For registration, visit [jefferson.edu/mindfulness](http://jefferson.edu/mindfulness) and select "Public Programs" or email mbsr@jefferson.edu. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

### Book Club.

Sponsored by Northeast NORC. Located at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim**. Light lunch for \$2. Starts at noon; book discussion starts at 12:30 p.m. Call 215-320-0351 to reserve a space or to request transportation for NORC members or to inquire as to the book title for this month. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

### PAFA Visits Hazak.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts visits Hazak. We will welcome Abby King from PAFA at 1 p.m. at **Temple Beth Sholom**. King will guide us through the museum's current exhibition, "Make Me a Summary of the World," which highlights artist Rina Banerjee. Hazak's program is open to all. Refreshments will be served. Free to Hazak members, \$10 to nonmembers. 1901 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, N.J.

### Shul Stitchers.

Knitters and crocheters, beginners and advanced, you are needed. We create a variety of items for those in need. Hats, blankets and more. For more information, contact the **Har Zion Temple** office, 610-667-5000. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley. ●



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BARUFKIN

Helen Barufkin (nee Grossman), February 4, 2019, of Wyncote, PA formally of Oreland, PA; beloved wife of the late Morris Barufkin; loving mother of Rona (Harvey) Luber, Randi (Michael) Koss and Robert (Deidre) Barufkin; cherished grandmother of Rachel (Jason), Jason, Max, Jennifer (Jason), Jamie (Mark), Jacob and Alexander and 2 great grandchildren Rylie Alyssa and Aurora Rose; devoted sister of Sylvia (the late Harold) Malkin and sister-in-law Barbara (the late Martin) Grossman, the late Rose (Norman) Samiloff, late Betty (Al) Spector and Harry (Evelyn) Grossman. Helen was 96 years young, who loved her friends, family and traveling the world. Most of all she loved her husband Morris of 58 years. Together they went on adventures for business and leisure with their friends and family. Helen enjoyed the company of everyone she met and was the perfect hostess at the many parties they had for all their friends, business associates and family. Helen was a model, in fact Miss Westinghouse of 1941. She was a partner along with her husband Morris, of Morris Distributors, a floor covering distributor located in Philadelphia, Pa. But her role as Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother was her true joy. Contributions in her name may be made to Temple Sinai, 1401 Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA 19025 [www.tsinai.com](http://www.tsinai.com) or Abramson Center for Jewish Life 1425 Horsham Road, North Wales, Pa. 19454 [www.abramsoncenter.org](http://www.abramsoncenter.org)  
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BRODSKY

Samuel Brodsky, on Jan. 25, 2019. Beloved husband and best friend of Carolyn Brodsky (nee Barren). Devoted father of Dr. Bari Sue (Dr. David Gunther) Brodsky and Cindy (Terrence Gargiulo) Brodsky. Grandfather of Elijah, Maya, Gabriel and Sophia. Employee of Joseph Levine and Sons for 65 years. Member of Temple Sinai. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.  
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DIAMOND

Suzanne W. Diamond, on February 1, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Frank B. Diamond. Devoted mother of Eric W. Diamond, Thea Howey (David), and the late Frank B. Diamond, Jr MD (Sandy). Loving grandmother of Benjamin Frank Diamond (Christina), Sarah Diamond Neiman (Steve), Amelia Christina Diamond, Jake Diamond Howey, and Luke Diamond Howey. Loving great grandmother of Frank B Diamond III, Vera Diamond, Adele Diamond, and Jane Neiman. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Heart Association 5455 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214 or the Jewish National Fund 78 Randall Ave, Rockville Center, NJ 11570.

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EINGORN-PACHTER

Dorothy Eingorn-Pachter (nee Alpern). February 3, 2019 of Philadelphia, Pa. Beloved wife of Joseph Eingorn (deceased) and Victor Pachter (deceased). Loving mother of Sheila (Mark) Jacobson and Dr. David (Betsy) Eingorn. Beloved grandmother of Aby (Ed) Armbruster, Brad Jacobson, Kyle (Bree) Eingorn, and Kate Eingorn. Great-grandmother of Jake, Mia, and Emilia Armbruster; Gavrielle, Ethan, and Anna Jacobson; and Hudson and Charlie Eingorn. Aunt to many nieces and nephews and a friend to all. The family respectfully requests that all contributions be made to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.  
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GARBER

Sylvia Garber (nee Abrams), on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Sylvia had a deep love for her family and friends, with a nurturing personality and a warm spirit. She taught her loved ones about the importance of family, a message she would often deliver over a delicious meal. She was a teacher of life, a wonderful mother, and her lessons will continue to inspire and motivate her family. Beloved wife to the late Lewis Garber; loving mother of Binnie (Elliott) Footer and Larry (Maxine) Garber; adored mom-mom of Brian (Mandy) Footer, Evan (Aditi) Footer, Pamela Garber, Jamie Garber and Chelsea Garber; and great-grandmother of Jack Lewis Footer, Cross Turner, Taylor Keith, Ryleigh Garber, and Ashton Garber. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, 1425 Horsham Rd., North Wales, PA 19454.

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GINIGER

Doris Giniger (nee Wolf), February 1, 2019; of Philadelphia; devoted sister of the late Rita Rosenberg and the late Ingrid Ziegler; also survived by nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 at Shalom Memorial Park, Phila. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Holy Redeemer Hospice.

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GINSBURG

Norton Ginsburg on Feb. 3, 2019. Beloved husband of Florence (nee Balno); loving father of Steven (Ilana Hessing Esq.) Ginsburg, and Dr. Wendy Feinman; adored grandfather of David, Julie, Michael, and Carlos. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or a charity of donor's choice.

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LAUDENSLAGER

Marilyn Laudenslager (nee Schachter); also known as Marilyn Silverstein; age 80; passed away Friday, February 1, 2019 in Medford, NJ. Born in New York, NY; a resident of Winslow Township, NJ. Predeceased by her parents, Dorothy Litowitz and Julius Schachter. Beloved wife of Richard J. Laudenslager. Loving mother of three sons from her first marriage to Philip Silverstein (Robert Silverstein, Steven Silverstein and Joshua Silverstein) and of five grandchildren. Further survived by five stepchildren, 12 step grandchildren and 15 step great-grandchildren. Also leaves a brother (Harold Schachter), four half-siblings (Judy Miller, Rania James, Bonnie Wassall and David Schachter) and many other loving relatives. A graduate of Douglass College at Rutgers University. A lifelong passionate writer and editor, including 17 years for the Jewish Exponent, eight years for the New Jersey Jewish News and many additional years as a freelancer. A recipient of many journalistic awards from the American Jewish Press Association, New Jersey Press Association and other organizations. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Female Hebrew Benevolent Society of Philadelphia ([www.fhbs.org](http://www.fhbs.org)).

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LEVINSON

Howard Levinson, of Philadelphia and formerly of Altoona, PA died on Jan. 30, 2019 at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Bernice Levinson (Ruttenberg) for 64 years. Loving father of David (Kathy Kirm), Michael (Cathy), and Mark (Sally) Levinson. Devoted grandpa of Al, Madeline, Louis, Noah, Sophie, Isabelle. Memorial services to be held at a later date. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Curtis Institute of Music, 1726 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, [www.curtis.edu](http://www.curtis.edu).

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LITOW

Fannie R. Litow, February 2, 2019, of Ft. Myers, FL. Wife of the late Harold "Hickey" Litow. Mother of Joseph (Valerie) Litow and Lynn (Robert) Flayhart. Grandmother of Kyle Litow, Chelsy (Joseph) Dantonio and Bria Litow. Interment Shalom Memorial Park, Lower Moreland Twp., PA. Contributions can be made to Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Association, Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, or Lung Cancer Alliance.  
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MARCUS

Nathaniel E. Marcus, February 5, 1932-January 10, 2019. Nat quietly passed away just a few weeks before his 87th birthday. He cherished his late wife, Joyce (nee Albert), to whom he was married for 62 years. He was the devoted son of his late parents, Morris & Henrietta Marcus. He was also predeceased by his brother, Jack (the late Mona). He was the dearest brother of Clare Eilberg (the late William), uncle of Janet (Dr. Burton) Eisenberg, Stanford Kutler, Ronald (Kim) Kutler and the late Linda Feldman; great uncle of Michelle Mostovoy-Eisenberg, Cody Kutler and Paige Kutler. Nat was proud of his achievements as an electrician and electric shop teacher at George Washington High School and Swenson Skill Center. He was honored by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains for motivating and encouraging his students to pursue the electrical trade. He was a lifetime member of Pannonia Benevolent Association. Nat is so deeply missed and will never be forgotten by all who knew him. Family and friends were invited to graveside services Tuesday, January 15, at King David Memorial Park (Sec. G). Arrangements by Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks.

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PERLOFF

Geraldine Perloff (nee Richman) Feb. 1, 2019. Age 104. Devoted wife of the late Albert. Loving mother of Susan Hausman (Larry), the late Roberta, and the late Francine. Beloved grandmom of Stacy (Jeff), Dana (Peter), Daniel (Brenda), and Lee. Cherished nanny of Alexis (Neil), Jared (Danielle), Nicholas, and Jordan. Dear great-nanny of Leverick. Contributions in her memory may be made to Brandywine Health Foundation.

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POLLOCK

Lawrence Pollock, January 31, 2019, he resided in Gladwyne, PA. Husband of the late Carol (nee Hirsh), father of Jackie (David) Kane, Debbi (Howard) Lindenberg and David Pollock; brother of Michael (Marilyn) Plancher; grandfather of Michael, William, Jessica and Nicky. Contributions in his memory may be made to Abramson Senior Care 1425 Horsham Road, North Wales, Pennsylvania 19454

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PORTNOFF

Alan Portnoff, February 5, 2019, of Longboat Key, Florida. Alan graduated in the 201 class at Central High School, University of Pennsylvania (1957) and its law school class of 1960. He practiced law for over 50 years in Chester County PA. He was an avid tennis and bridge player until Parkinson's disease forced him to quit tennis and reduce his frequency of bridge playing. He is survived by his wife Lois (Robins) of 60 years, children Michelle Portnoff (Scott Schley), Lawrence Portnoff Sharon Portnoff and Ellen Thompson, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. Sister Janet Katz and Sister-in-law and brother in law Stephanie (Robins) and Larry Gilderman. Contributions in his name may be sent to Gratz College.

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REITER

Alan Jay Reiter, January 22, 2019, of Voorhees, NJ. Husband of the late Sandra "Sandy" Reiter. Father of Michael (Stacy) Reiter and Heidi Swartz. Grandfather of Allan, Rachel, Amanda, Max and Avery. Brother of Sephen (Lois) Reiter. Interment Montefiore Cemetery, Jenkintown, PA. Contributions may be made to Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, [www.samaritannj.org](http://www.samaritannj.org)  
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ROSENSWEIG

Toby Rosensweig (nee Toltzis), died January 31, 2019. Survived by loving husband Sidney; devoted daughter Cindy Faith Swain (Michael); nephew Dr. Norman Weinstein, great niece and nephew Nicole & Scotty; BFF Brenda Sacks, Diane Tassone, Rita Spicer, Shirley Pollard. Her passion was creating unique gift packages at etc., etc., etc. Memorial service was private. Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.  
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ROTHSTEIN

Norman Rothstein, age 102, from Jenkin-town, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on January 31, 2019. Survived by his wife Eleanor (nee Scharf) Rothstein, sis-ter Selma (nee Rothstein) Alpren, children Nina (nee Rothstein) and the late Bart Forman, Rita (nee Rothstein) and Stephen Span, grandchildren David and Renee (nee Forman) Rubenstein, Howard and Phyllis (nee Goldberg) Forman, Scott Span and Ron Romanski, great-grandchildren Andrew Forman, Robyn Rubenstein, Alyson Forman and Daniel Rubenstein. Memorial Service to follow. No funeral announcement. The family respectfully asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

SANDLER

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Dr. Irena Balis Sandler on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 30 Shevat 5779. Irena was the beloved wife of David Sandler (z'l), and sister of Fran Ackerman of Mt. Laurel, NJ. She was the mother of Lauren (Sam) Zurier of Providence, RI; Julie (Mel) Roat of Wynnewood, PA; Amy (Seth) Rubin of Flemington, NJ; Sherry (John) Pearlstein of Bryn Mawr, PA, and Valerie (Alex) Thaler of Reisterstown, MD. She was the beloved grandmother of Rachel, Hannah and Joe Zur-ier; Jordana, Elyse and Adam Roat; Danielle and Allie Rubin; Jake, Jared, Tessa and Joelle Pearlstein, and Sabrina Thaler. A Phil-adelphia native, Dr. Sandler taught and served as a teacher and administrator in the Norristown Area School District for thirty years. Her passions were gifted education and understanding the unique learning needs of gifted and talented students. An avid cel-list and singer, Dr. Sandler was a committed volunteer for Tiferet Bet Israel Congregation (then the Norristown Jewish Community Center) and many other local organizations. She also helped to create local educational opportunities in the arts for young people. Donations in Dr. Irena Sandler's memory may be made to Settlement Music School. BOYD-HORROX FUNERAL HOME

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Born: 6/15/1970, Philadelphia, PA  
Died: 2/18/2011, Seattle, WA

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Marc and Varusha have two little kids now. Olivia Rose is almost 2 and 1/2 and her little brother Alexander Noah is almost 6 months. They are precious G-D Bless Them.

We thank G-D for all four of our Grand-children and we still look for you in RAINBOWS.

Mom and Dad

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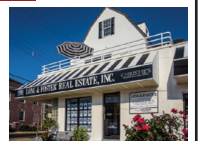
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Notice is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation for **Just Pretend Inc.** were filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The address of this corporation's proposed registered office in this Commonwealth is 802 Dickinson St., Philadelphia PA 19147 in Philadelphia County. This was incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311(g), of the filing of an application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the fictitious name of Mazuri Exotic Animal Nutrition, with its principal place of business at 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. The names and addresses of all parties to the registration are: PMI Nutrition International, LLC, 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. Pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, an application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed on 7/2/2018.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation – Nonprofit have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, PA on or about January 14, 2019 for: The Metropolitan Project, Inc., 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. #6B23, Philadelphia, PA 19130. The corporation's purpose is for the preservation and promotion of Pennsylvania's unique cultural, arts, education and literacy programs, and civic engagement programs for the benefit of the general public. The corporation has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311(g), of the filing of an application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the fictitious name of Solum Lab, with its principal place of business at 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. The names and addresses of all parties to the registration are: Winfield Solutions, LLC, 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. Pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, an application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed on 3/20/2018.

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FICTITIOUS NAME

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PETITION NAME CHANGE

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE (October Term 2018)  
AND NOW, this 31st day of October, 2018, upon motion of Ahaviah Diane Glaser, Petitioner, the Court hereby grants a Rule upon any interested party to show cause why Petitioner should not be granted leave of court to change her minor child's name from Ilana Sophia Patrick to Ilana Sophia Glaser and amend her birth certificate to reflect her new name. Rule returnable the 7th day of January, 2019, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 6A, 1501 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT:  
/s/ Margaret T Murphy  
ORDER  
THE MOTION FOR NAME CHANGE FILED ON OCTOBER 31, 2018 BY PLAINTIFF AHAVIAH GLASER, IS CONTINUED FOR THE FIRST AVAILABLE HEARING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M. IN COURTROOM 6-A, BEFORE THE HONORABLE DIANE R. THOMPSON, 1501 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102.

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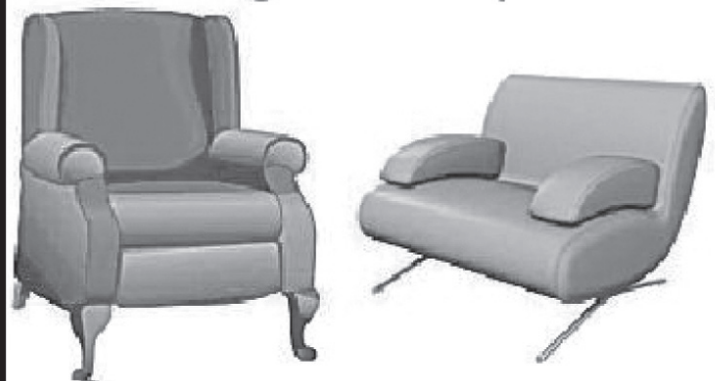
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Rabbi Elyssa Cherney of Temple Judea in Bucks County is part of InterfaithFamily's first cohort for its Rukin Rabbinic Fellowship Program. The program, directed by another local Rabbi Robyn Frisch, will help hone its fellows' skills working with interfaith couples.

► Rabbi Elyssa Cherney



Rabbi Lou Feldstein led a seminar on Creating a Culture of Philanthropy at Shir Ami. Leaders from the congregation learned the importance of engaging to help donors perform the mitzvah of *tzedakah*.



▲ Rabbi Lou Feldstein

The Israel Innovation Authority and Thomas Jefferson University recently signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate in the field of technological innovation. This collaboration agreement provides an effective way for Israeli companies to validate their technologies and enter the U.S. market via the Greater Philadelphia region.



▲ From left: Mark Tykocinski; Ami Appelbaum, chairman of the board of the Israel Innovation Authority; and Zvi Grunwald, executive director of the Jefferson Israel Center

Gratz College screened *Who Will Write Our History* on Jan. 27 in commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The program was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia, the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center and the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation, in addition to Gratz.



▲ Randi Boyette of ADL Philadelphia provides welcome remarks.



▲ Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Survivors of Philadelphia members



Akiva Hollinger, an immigrant to Israel originally from Allentown, was the second-place finisher of Nefesh B’Nefesh’s inaugural Entrepreneur Boot Camp Pitch Night, a finale event where participants of the organization’s six-week boot camp presented their business ideas to a panel of industry leaders. Hollinger’s company, Negev Family Fabrication, creates affordable custom bunk beds for small apartments.

► From left: Yosef Abramowitz, CEO of Energiya Global Capital and co-founder of the Arava Power Co.; Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, co-founder and executive director of Nefesh B’Nefesh; Akiva Hollinger; Amanda Borschel-Dan, Jewish World editor and archeology editor at The Times of Israel; Beth Newmark, general partner of Emmaleh Student Housing in Be’er Sheva; and Shariel Gun, who heads the joint KKL-Nefesh B’Nefesh “Go Beyond” initiative



The University of Pennsylvania held a memorial lecture honoring the late Norman M. Hall, a doctor who spent most of his career at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville and who played a role in establishing the Sheba Medical Center in Israel. Dave Chokshi, the chief population health officer at New York City Health + Hospitals and an alum of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke at the lecture.



▲ From left: John Chawluk, a doctor in Pottsville; Patrick J. Brennan, chief medical officer of Penn Medicine; Dave Chokshi; Jack Greenberg, a doctor in Philadelphia; and Wall’s son, Harry Wall



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