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Organizations Prioritize Community Building, Interfaith Solidarity

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JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ADMIT that though the increased presence of security through cameras, shatter-resistant glass and lighting in parking lots may be important in maintaining a secure campus, more is required to create a safe community.

As much as community safety means keeping intruders out, it also means welcoming people in to foster solidarity, leaders said.

“We can’t really have safety unless we have solidarity,” Jewish Community Relations Council Director Jason Holtzman said. “The problems or the threats posed to Jewish institutions, Jewish spaces are definitely a major problem, and it’s a problem that we share with other faith groups.”

A 2020 FBI report stated that 81 hate crimes were reported in Pennsylvania in

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▲ “Maus” author Art Spiegelman argued that the banning of “Maus” by the McMinn County School Board was “Orwellian.” Bertrand Langlois/AFP via Getty Images via JTA.org

Educators Argue That ‘Maus’ Still ‘Impactful’ in the Classroom

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ON FEB. 2, IMAGES OF a book burning led by a pastor in Tennessee cropped up across social media.

To Jason Lerner, a Jewish middle school English and social studies teacher at Austin Mehan Middle School in Philadelphia, the images elicited a strong response.

“It’s just eerily mirroring the book

burnings that took place in Nazi Germany in the 1930s,” Lerner said. “If the pictures were black-and-white, you might not be able to know the difference.”

The book burning took place in tandem with a national conversation around book bannings sparked by the Jan. 10 unanimous vote by the McMinn County Board of Education in Tennessee to ban the Pulitzer-prize winning graphic novel

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VALENTINE'S DAY BECOMES UNEXPECTED FLASHPOINT

A woman and her non-Jewish boyfriend navigated the holidays without incident until Valentine's Day. He wanted to celebrate and couldn't understand why she avoided the holiday. What should she have done? Miriam notes that relationships are full of unexpected flashpoints and that providing the proper context is always key to understanding. For the details, visit Miriam's Advice Well online. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2022/02/14/dear-miriam-valentines-day-becomes-unexpected-flashpoint/



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SPAGHETTI COOKED IN RED WINE

Spaghetti and red wine are a classic pairing, but food columnist Keri White's taking it a step further by cooking the former in the latter. The cooking process changes the color of the noodle and adds to the flavor, and dinner's on the table quickly. White recommends cooking the pasta al dente so it retains some bite. Check Philacatessen for the recipe, and check the blog regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2022/02/14/spaghetti-cooked-in-red-wine/



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Promoter held in lottery sponsored by synagogue

By IAN BLYNN
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A former Las Vegas poker dealer suspected of perpetrating an alleged fraud involving a Bucks County synagogue has been charged with running an illegal lottery. Congregation Beth Chaim of Feasterville was to be a beneficiary of a raffle drawing scheduled for Jan. 29 in which the grand prize was a \$100,000 house. But on the day of the raffle, the promoter, Ronald Cramer, 38, of Bensalem Township, was nowhere to be found and no one knew how many tickets, if any, had been sold. Sources have since told the Exponent that only two tickets were sold. Cramer was found last weekend in Winston-Salem, N.C., by detectives assigned to the Bucks County District Attorney's office. According to District Attorney Michael Kane, Cramer, who returned to the area voluntarily, was charged Tuesday with running an illegal lottery, theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received; and receiving stolen property. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. No one else, the D.A. said, is expected to be charged.

Cramer was released Tuesday on \$10,000 bail following his arraignment. "The temple is the number one victim in this," Kane said. Rabbi Maurice Novoseller, religious leader of the congregation, also characterized Beth Chaim as the big loser. "Anyone who bought a ticket may have lost \$135," he said. "That's no victim, we are the only victim. My name, my family, my congregation — we are victims." The rabbi said two ticket buyers had contacted the temple to inquire about the raffle, but that as far as he could determine, no synagogue member had purchased a ticket. According to Kane, 1,000 tickets were offered for sale at \$135 apiece. The house is owned by a former member of the synagogue's Sisterhood and her husband. The couple, Ronald P. and Alice Choder, had been trying since April to sell their Solebury Township home. Cramer, who has no other connection with the synagogue, according to Rabbi Novoseller, approached the congregation in November with the raffle proposal, estimating that the synagogue would reap \$5,000 to \$10,000

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Mikveh Israel to Celebrate Presidents' Day

LOCAL

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CONGREGATION MIKVEH

Israel will celebrate Presidents' Day by hosting the very first president: George Washington.

The real Washington, of course, died in 1799, but the foremost impersonator of America's father, Upper Moreland resident Dean Malissa, is alive and impersonating. And so it will be Malissa, as the first president, who headlines Mikveh Israel's Feb. 21 event at 1 p.m.

For the main show, the actor will celebrate not just Presidents' Day but Washington's relationship with the Jewish people. Malissa will read the president's letter to Congregation Mikveh Israel in 1790 affirming Washington's support for religious freedom.

The letter is similar, though less famous, to Washington's note that same year to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island.

Washington was already serving as the nation's first chief executive, and his words are known for establishing the precedent of religious freedom in the United States.

"It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights," Washington wrote in his letter to the Touro Synagogue. "For happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

Mikveh Israel's event, co-hosted with the Museum of the American Revolution, is free and open to the public.

The synagogue, which traces its own history to colonial times, is at 44 N. Fourth St. in Philadelphia. Tours showcasing the congregation's historical artifacts from early Jewish life in America, which include correspondence and other documents, will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rabbi Albert Gabbai said his synagogue has held the event for "many years," though the last one was in 2019 before the pandemic. COVID case numbers have declined since the peak of the omicron surge in January.

Gabbai said it's important for Mikveh Israel to bring back its Presidents' Day celebration.

"It projects an image that Jews were an integral part of the citizens from the beginning of us becoming a nation," he added.

Malissa, who is Jewish, also believes that it's important to emphasize this history. He has done this event in the past and built up a relationship with Gabbai.

The Washington impersonator is semi-retired, having graduated to emeritus status at Mount Vernon, the president's Virginia estate-turned historical attraction. But Malissa still does events because he wants to continue telling the story.

And the letters, in his opinion, are a huge part of Washington's legacy.

"You had these people who left Europe and a history of pogroms and second- and third-class citizenship," Malissa said of the Jews. "Now, they're in a new promised land and for the chief magistrate to welcome that, it's profound."

For Washington, the Newport letter was a response to a letter from the Touro Synagogue expressing support for the president. Two other congregations at the time, including Mikveh Israel and one in Savannah, Georgia,



▲ The Congregation Mikveh Israel sanctuary

Courtesy of Congregation Mikveh Israel

wrote their own notes, too.

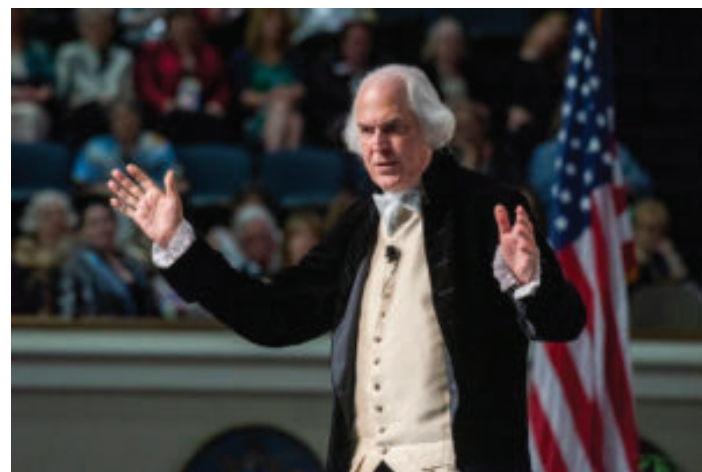
It's often an untold part of the story that the founding father responded to all of them, not just Touro's; and the father of our country echoed the same principle of religious freedom in each letter, according to Gabbai.

The rabbi and his Philadelphia congregation still have their letter and will put it on display for visitors who tour the synagogue on Presidents' Day.

"We are blessed to be in this country, where Jews are not officially oppressed by the government," Gabbai said.

Malissa has read both letters, the one to the Touro Synagogue and the one to Mikveh Israel, several times in the past. Usually, regardless of which one he recites, he sees a similar scene play out in the audience.

There's always a percentage of people who are unfamiliar with Washington's history of writing letters to rabbis and congregations, according



▲ Dean Malissa, as George Washington, speaks to a crowd.

Courtesy of Dean Malissa

to Malissa. When they learn about this history, they react with an "aha" on their faces, the impersonator said.

"It's always cool to see," he added.

Gabbai expects 50 to 60 people to attend the event. But Mikveh Israel has room for more if residents are interested.

He put the word out via email to the synagogue's 200 or

so member families.

Tickets must be bought ahead of time at amrevmuseum.org on the events page. Guests ages two and up must wear facemasks in accordance with Philadelphia's health and safety guidelines, per an event press release. ●

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Refugee Stories from Shanghai Ghetto Live On

LOCAL

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

TO MANY AMERICAN Jews, the extent of their connection with China takes the form of slurping lo mein on Christmas Day, an annual tradition paying homage to the proximity of the Jewish and Chinese neighborhoods on the Lower East Side of New York in the late 1800s and into the 20th century.

To others, the connection extends beyond the United States border and across the Pacific Ocean to the municipality of Shanghai, a temporary home and haven for Jewish Holocaust refugees.

Inge Booker, a Warminster resident, spent almost nine years of her life in a ghetto in Shanghai from 1939 to 1948, where her family lived in a two-room apartment with no gas or electricity, cooking over a charcoal stove for meals and sleeping on mattresses infested with bedbugs.

"It was more or less kaput," Booker said.

Now 99, Booker still remembers the resilient and vibrant

Jewish community in the Hongkew Shanghai ghetto that survived despite the chaos and Japanese surveillance of the area during the Sino-Japanese war from 1937 to 1945.

Her family ate at a small Viennese restaurant on Friday nights, where the community held Shabbat services. She was married at 19 under a small chuppah set up in her parents' home. A rabbi and cantor were both in attendance, but the family could only afford a maximum of a cup of coffee and two pastries for reception guests.

Booker's story, though a shock to those unfamiliar with the Jewish Holocaust refugees who made their home in China, is similar to those of 23,000 Jewish refugees who lived in the Shanghai ghetto between 1941 and 1945, according to the Shanghai Jewish Center.

After the Nuremberg Laws and Kristallnacht cemented Europe as an unsafe place for Jews, China became a place of refuge. After the British colonization of Shanghai in the 1800s, the municipality

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▲ Paul Hoffmann on a rickshaw in the Hongkew ghetto in Shanghai
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Former Jewish Federation CEO Dies at 79

OBITUARY

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HAROLD BONAVITA-GOLDMAN, the former president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, died from COVID complications on Feb. 5. He was 79.

He moved to Philadelphia in the early 1980s and led two prominent Jewish organizations in the region, according to a synopsis of his life provided by his family. From 1983 to 1999, he served as CEO of Jewish Family and Children's Service. From 2000 to 2006, he guided Jewish Federation.

"He was the first out gay leader in both organizations," the synopsis read.

After stepping down from

Jewish Federation, he moved to New York City with his husband John Bonavita-Goldman, but he didn't leave Jewish organizational life. He stepped up to serve as executive director of his synagogue, B'nai Jeshurun on the Upper West Side and remained in the position for five years.

Harold Bonavita-Goldman is survived by John, his husband of 11 years and partner of 39 years, as well as his sister Marilyn Weinman, her husband Bernie and their four children.

"He really liked helping people," John Bonavita-Goldman said.

Harold Bonavita-Goldman was born in 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee. After earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Memphis, he provided legal services to the



▲ Harold Bonavita-Goldman
Courtesy of John Bonavita-Goldman

poor in Tennessee and Illinois.

During that period, he grew apart from his Orthodox upbringing. As a kid, he got beaten up on the playground for having payos and wearing a kippah, according to his

husband.

"He stopped doing that," John Bonavita-Goldman said. "He tried to fit in."

But in the early 1980s, Harold Bonavita-Goldman's father died, and he felt a sudden desire to reconnect. While he didn't go back to being Orthodox, he did rediscover Jewish life.

"That was really a turning point for him," John Bonavita-Goldman said.

And Harold Bonavita-Goldman turned toward Philadelphia, moving here for the job as CEO of JFCS.

At JFCS, he fulfilled the organizational mission of helping the poor, said Ande Adelman, a volunteer at the time. The CEO was a great listener who excelled at fundraising and securing government contracts, which gave JFCS the money it

needed to operate smoothly.

But Harold Bonavita-Goldman didn't just fulfill the mission; he added to it.

According to Paula Goldstein, who has been with JFCS since 1984 and now serves as president, Harold Bonavita-Goldman started a program for people struggling with HIV and AIDS. He also created a management counsel to bring together leaders of programs and the leaders of the organization.

"You felt when you were a program director you had access to him and you started to understand how decisions were made," Goldstein said.

On the personal side, Harold Bonavita-Goldman was also building. He met and fell in love with his future husband, a radiologist, shortly after moving

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▲ From left: Harold Bonavita-Goldman with Betsy and Richard Sheer at a Jewish Federation event
Courtesy of John Bonavita-Goldman

to Philadelphia. During the AIDS epidemic, like many gay couples, the men rejected the sexually open gay culture of the 1970s in favor of a relationship.

John Bonavita-Goldman was with Harold Bonavita-Goldman through his JFCS years and his time at Jewish Federation. During Harold Bonavita-Goldman's presidency

with the latter, John Bonavita-Goldman got to accompany his husband to almost nightly fundraising dinners during the week.

"He would really ask people what they were interested in and try to tailor stuff to people's interests," he said.

While leading Jewish Federation, Harold Bonavita-

He would really ask people what they were interested in and try to tailor stuff to people's interests."

JOHN BONAVIDA-GOLDMAN

Goldman updated its strategic plan to allow donors to designate their dollars to programs; he established an open culture that made area synagogue leaders comfortable about coming to him; he also ran two Israel campaigns and established Netivot as Philadelphia's sister city in the Holy Land.

"He was a very special person. Brilliant. Terrific problem solver," Adelman said. "But his best part of him was his relationship skills."

After Harold Bonavita-Goldman's tenure with Jewish Federation, he moved to his husband's native home, New York City, so the latter could

take a job with New York University's Department of Radiology.

Harold Bonavita-Goldman initially called himself retired. But he quickly came out of retirement to lead B'nai Jeshurun. It turned out the synagogue needed him; he helped it survive by raising \$25 million to buy back an old building.

And at long last, this mainstream organizational leader was able to enter the mainstream on a personal level, too. In 2011, New York passed the Marriage Equality Act, joining the rising tide of states opening up to same-sex marriage.

The week the law went into

effect that summer, Harold Bonavita-Goldman and John Bonavita-Goldman got married on a Friday morning at City Hall. A CBS News cameraman captured the moment. On the subway back home, "everyone was congratulating us," John Bonavita-Goldman said.

The couple enjoyed collecting art and compiled more than 100 pieces to hang in their home. Sometimes, they would hit as many as 40 galleries in a weekend.

"He was fun and really solid to be with," he said. ●

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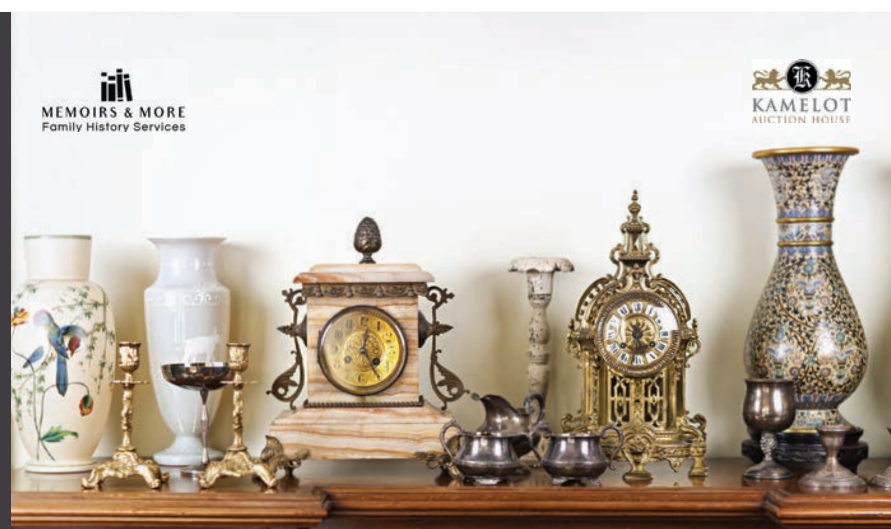
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Muslim Groups in Indonesia Want to Close First Permanent Holocaust Exhibit

SOME INDONESIAN MUSLIM groups seek to close the country's first permanent Holocaust exhibition, saying it's part of an effort to normalize Indonesia's relations with Israel, JTA reported.

The exhibit launch was timed to International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27 and is in Indonesia's only synagogue, Shaar HaShamayim. "Shoah: How is it Humanly Possible?" was created by the Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Israel.

Shaar Hashamayim Rabbi Yaakov Baruch said he had personal motivation to open the exhibit because family members died in the Holocaust.

Although several conservative Muslim groups have expressed opposition, representatives from Nahdlatul Ulama, Indonesia's largest Islamic organization — and the world's largest Islamic organization — have said they support the exhibition, as does the local government.

NFL Player Wishes He Could Dine With Hitler

Defensive tackle Jonathan Allen of the NFL's Washington Commanders said that if he had his druthers he'd break bread with Adolf Hitler, then later apologized, JTA reported.

In an "ask me anything" tweet, a fan asked Allen who were the three people, dead or alive, he wanted

to dine with. He listed his grandfather, Hitler and Michael Jackson.

When asked why Hitler, Allen said, "He's a military genius and I love military tactics but honestly I would want to pick his brain as to why he did what he did. I'm also assuming that the people I've chosen have to answer all my questions honestly."

Allen removed his offending tweet after Twitter blew up.

Later, he tweeted: "Early I tweeted something that probably hurt people and I apologize about what I said. I didn't express properly what I was trying to say and I realize it was dumb!"

British Jews Record Highest Antisemitic Tally Across Europe in 2021

British Jews and authorities recorded 2,255 antisemitic incidents in the United Kingdom in 2021 — the highest recent total in Europe, JTA reported.

It's the highest total reported in a single calendar year by the Community Security Trust, British Jewry's antisemitism watchdog.

Its report found an increase of antisemitic incidents of 34%, up from 1,684 incidents a year earlier. The 2021 tally is 24% higher than the 2019 record of 1,813 incidents.

Of the 2021 tally, 871 incidents happened in May and June, close to when Israel and Hamas were exchanging fire.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the landscape of UK-based antisemitism in 2021 is largely defined by responses to conflict in Israel and Palestine, as indeed is the unprecedented annual figure," CST wrote.

The UK's Jewish population is 292,000. In France, where the Jewish population is 446,000, a watchdog group there recorded 589 hate crimes against Jews in 2021.

Convicted German Holocaust Denier Hides in Brazil

A far-right German extremist convicted of denying the Holocaust is taking shelter in Brazil, JTA reported.

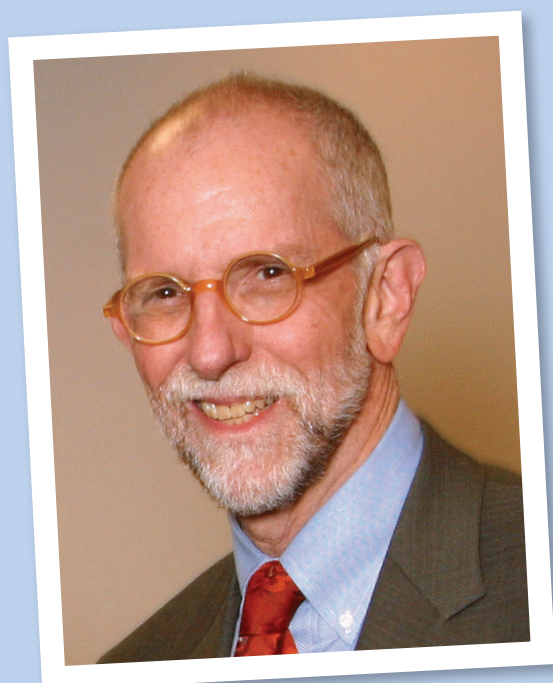
Nikolai Nerling, 41, told a Brazilian news site that he fears he will be arrested if he returns to Germany.

The Berlin public prosecutor's office declined to say whether Interpol was notified of his presence in Brazil or whether an extradition request would be filed.

Nerling was fired in May 2018 from a Berlin elementary school where he taught from 2009 to 2018 after a local newspaper report showed that he was disseminating neo-Nazi content.

In December, he was fined 6,000 euros for denying the existence of the Holocaust in front of students visiting the Dachau concentration camp.

Nerling arrived in Brazil on a tourist visa in November and has spent the last few months touring cities in and creating more content for his social media channels. •



In Memory of Harold Goldman ^{z"l}

1942 – 2022

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mourns the passing of Harold Goldman. Harold spent more than 20 years in leadership roles in the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community, as Chief Executive Officer at Jewish Family and Children's Service and then the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Our hearts are full as we reflect on the impact he had within the Jewish community and the legacy he leaves behind.

May his memory be for a blessing, and his husband, John Bonavita-Goldman, sister, and many nieces and nephews be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

JEVS Expands Offerings Via Project EM Initiative

LOCAL

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

JEVS HUMAN SERVICES, Philadelphia is expanding its programming due to its partnership with Project EM: Empowering and Employing Our Community, a consortium of 19 members of the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies.

The Project EM initiative offers a large slate of workshops — sometimes up to 10 offerings per day — as well as personalized support for those recently unemployed or who are looking to switch careers.

Workshops include “Mindful Career Strategies,” “How to Get Your Resume and Cover Letter Noticed” and “Using Age to Your Advantage.”

The partnership announced Jan. 31 comes at nearly the two-year mark of the onset of the pandemic, which caused unemployment numbers to spike across the country.

“The ups and downs of the pandemic have thrown a curve ball into this jobs market,” said John Colborn, JEVS chief operating officer and vice-chair of the NJHSA board of directors, in a press release. “Many workers remain on the sideline, find themselves severely underemployed, work multiple jobs, or lack access to benefits. Others, who have upskilled during the pandemic, need help breaking into new fields.”

In Philadelphia, in the weeks following the first wave of COVID restrictions, Jewish nonprofits were forced to lay off employees, said Peggy Truitt, program director of JEVS Career Strategies and Helping Hands. Many of those nonprofits turned to JEVS to give support to recently laid-off workers.

“That was a population that we were very familiar with, that we could provide services



▲ A Project EM web banner

Courtesy of Project EM

to,” Truitt said.

Throughout the pandemic, JEVS, with its Career Strategies and Helping Hands programs, was able to continue to provide one-on-one support to those unemployed or looking to switch careers and guidance on using social media to find a job, crafting effective resumes and interviewing well.

“We also lent a lot of emotional and motivational support, building confidence for people who have been unemployed for a while and need to get back into the job force,” Truitt said.

Project EM allows JEVS to further its impact by providing additional services, such as workshops and more personalized support and consulting.

“We are able to refer our clients to resources that we do not necessarily have an expertise in,” Truitt said. “We’re only able to do so many public workshops due to the size of our staff and other things that we’re committed to.”

For example, if a veteran

came to JEVS needing assistance, the agency could refer the individual to another member of the network or a specific workshop through Project EM that wouldn’t otherwise be available through the Philadelphia agency.

Not only will the partnership give more resources to Philadelphians looking for job resources, but it can reach individuals not living in metropolitan areas with robust Jewish Federations and human services.

Project EM partners include Career Connections of Palm Beach County, Jewish Family and Career Services Atlanta and JVS SoCal, Los Angeles.

The programming through Project EM is free of charge, which Truitt hopes will be instrumental in expanding the reach of its resources.

“People come to us and, a lot of times, they just don’t know where to begin, how to start, how to get the help,” Truitt said. “So it just really just gives us a lot more opportunities to



▲ Peggy Truitt, program director of JEVS Career Strategies and Helping Hands

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Israeli Justice Minister Drafts Cannabis Decriminalization Plan

Israeli Justice Minister Gideon Sa'ar submitted for public comment on Feb. 9 a decriminalization of cannabis plan that would recategorize cannabis-related offenses from criminal to civil offenses, The Jerusalem Post reported.

The change would mean that criminal records wouldn't be affected by cannabis charges.

Marijuana use is only partially decriminalized in Israel, with the first two incidents resulting in fines and indictments only filed upon a fourth offense. Saar's bill would reduce the escalation of penalties by making cannabis offenses only punishable by a fine each time of about \$311.

The draft also protects cannabis users from criminal prosecution (other than in exceptional cases), removes the distinction between first and subsequent offenses and allows people with criminal records to be subject to the same decriminalization laws.

Law Banning Photoshop in Advertising Advances in Knesset

A photo editing law requiring advertisers to inform the public when using photoshop on models passed a preliminary reading in the Knesset on Feb. 9, The Jerusalem Post reported.

The law proposes, in part, to classify ads that don't meet the requirements of the law as social injustice and a crime. Advertisers not meeting the requirement who release photoshopped commercials without disclosing the manipulation will face fines starting at about \$3,100.

Fine proceeds will go toward eating disorder prevention and treatment. Violators will be named, and legal case details would be published on a governmental website.

"Eating disorders have been an issue that doesn't affect just the minorities for a long time now," said MK Limor Magen, who submitted the proposal. "We can continue to close our eyes to the changes in society and culture or we can act. I have chosen to act."

Knesset Passes Law to Exempt Olympic Medalists from Income Taxes

The Knesset passed into law on Feb. 7 exempting Olympic medalists from income taxes, The Jerusalem Post reported.

The law will be retroactively applied, so the 14 Israelis who won medals at the Tokyo Summer Olympics in 2021 will be exempt from taxes. The law also applies to medals won in the Paralympics.

"This tax exemption is our way of thanking these

athletes who represented Israel with pride and stood on the podium wearing blue and white," Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Alex Kushnir said. "They shouldn't have to pay taxes for representing Israel and winning medals."

Before the law was passed, medal winners paid 35-50% of their winnings in income tax.

Israel has yet to win a medal at the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Joint Israeli-NASA Project to Help Astronauts Grow Chickpeas in Space

One of the founders of Israeli nonprofit SpaceIL is teaming up with NASA to try to grow chickpeas in space, JTA reported.

On Feb. 19, Yonatan Winetraub and a team of scientists and engineers from Israel and Stanford University will send a sealed miniature greenhouse on a NASA cargo shuttle bound for the International Space Station.

Inside the box will be 28 chickpea seeds from Israel that Winetraub and his team will attempt to germinate and grow remotely, via software, in an environment free of gravity and natural light. The plants will grow for a month, then be refrigerated until they are brought down to Earth in June. ●

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2020. Forty-five were reported in 2019.

“In recent years, Sikh temples have been targeted; African American churches and mosques have been attacked. Other churches from other denominations have all been targeted,” Holtzman said.

Following the Colleyville, Texas, hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel synagogue on Jan. 15, Philadelphia’s faith community coalesced to support the Jewish community, the most recent victims of hate.

Jewish organizations, including JCRC, received letters of solidarity from advocacy organization Interfaith Philadelphia Board Chair Imam Quaiser Abdullah and Director of Religious Community Initiatives Rev. Edward Livingston.

However, according to Interfaith Philadelphia Executive Director Abby Stamelman Hocky, the most potent way to build solidarity is not retroactively, but proactively.

“It takes the day-in and day-out work at every level of building relationships at the



▲ Jewish Community Relations Council Director Jason Holtzman
Courtesy of Jason Holtzman



▲ Interfaith Philadelphia Executive Director Abby Stamelman Hocky
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▲ Rodeph Shalom, in partnership with Jewish Community Relations Council and Interfaith Philadelphia, hosted a security training on Feb. 8 that emphasized “signs of welcome” in the community.
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academic level, at the community leadership level, at the religious leadership level, at the grassroots level,” Stamelman Hocky said.

Community events around security are not in and of themselves a means of community building, Stamelman Hocky said, but they are a reminder of opportunities to be “good neighbors” and share resources that help build solidarity in the long term.

Community building is aspirational, Stamelman Hocky said, something that is ongoing. One goal of community building, according to Stamelman Hocky, is for

Jewish community members to become “trusted messengers,” a term coined by former Surgeon General Vivek Murphy about those providing COVID vaccine information to vaccine skeptics.

“Our goal is not to make people feel judged or to look down upon them in any way, but everyone should make sure they get their questions answered,” Murphy said in a May 2021 NPR interview.

A trusted messenger is someone who “builds bridges” over time, Stamelman Hocky said.

“Trusted messengers don’t come overnight,” she said.

The aspiration of becoming a trusted messenger has been reflected in security trainings following the Colleyville hostage crisis.

“It’s really uncommon to confront somebody at the door who is an actual threat,” Congregation Rodeph Shalom Rabbi Jill Maderer said. “It’s really common that we are, in that moment, at risk of making someone feel unwelcome.”

Rodeph Shalom, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and Interfaith Philadelphia, hosted a training on Feb. 8 that not only involved situational awareness tips and run, hide, fight strategies standard in security trainings but also ways to create “signs of welcome”

and instill feelings of safety to those who may feel distrust in security systems that involve law enforcement.

The training was open to all faith groups, and faith leaders in attendance brainstormed ways to create feelings of security beyond the presence of police.

“There are signs of security that for some people, make them feel safer, and for other people, those very same signs of security make them feel less safe, especially people who are brown or Black or trans,” Maderer said. “So when we have that law enforcement or that security present, we’re all the more responsible to make sure there are also signs of welcome.”

Maderer told attendees that while trusting one’s gut is important, gut feelings of fear could also reflect ingrained prejudice and should be questioned at times.

“What’s important to remember is that we’re actually learning that fear could just as well be a sign of racial bias,” Maderer said. “The very same fear could actually lead us to act in an unwelcoming way.”

The 2020 killings of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody and Breonna Taylor, who was shot by Louisville police, underlie the urgency of creating welcoming spaces

and building trust among faith communities and racial and ethnic groups, Holtzman said.

“The work definitely kicked into a higher gear after the murder of George Floyd and the murder of Breonna Taylor, some of the other horrible things we saw during 2020,” Holtzman said. “But it wasn’t new for us.”

Before the summer of 2020, JCRC was engaged in a series called “Confronting Racism as Jews” to gain tools on how to address racism.

And just as JCRC and other advocacy organizations have initiated community-building efforts in the past, JCRC is looking toward the future for opportunities to lead in community building.

On Feb. 22 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, in partnership with the Jewish Federations of Greater Pittsburgh, Greater Harrisburg and Lehigh Valley; Anti-Defamation League; Secure Community Network; and Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition, will host the Pennsylvania Statewide Forum on Hate and Extremism over Zoom.

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“Maus” by Art Spiegelman from the middle school curriculum due to concerns about profanity and female nudity in the book.

“Maus” is an autobiographical accounting of Spiegelman interviewing his father, a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor, about his life. In the graphic novel, Jews are depicted as mice and Nazis as cats.

Spiegelman called the book banning “Orwellian” and said in a CNN interview, “I moved past total bafflement to try to be tolerant of people who may possibly not be Nazis, maybe.”

Lerner expressed a similar sentiment about the banning, drawing connections between the book banning and the book burning event: “It invokes thoughts of how it was in the 1930s with fascism: ‘You can’t read this. You can’t say this. You can’t do this. And you have to do what we do.’ And it’s all in step and right in line with what then was Nazi Germany to me.”

Lerner and Spiegelman are not alone in their attitudes toward the book banning. Other Jewish educators agree that the banning of “Maus” was the wrong call.

“Banning is a really extreme measure,” said Barbara Mann, Chana Kekst Professor of Jewish Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Mann argued that the reasons for banning the book — the use of the word “goddamn” and the depiction of Spiegelman’s mother naked in a bathtub following her suicide — were lofty, but Mann doesn’t argue that the content of the graphic novel isn’t disturbing.

“There’s a lot of really brutal stuff in here. The Holocaust was kind of a brutal event,” she said.

However, the difficult material, such as Spiegelman’s mother’s suicide, is situated in



▲ Jason Lerner
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▲ Professor Barbara Mann
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▲ Colleen Tambuscio
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“You have to know your class. You have to know your students. ... You have to have a reason to teach something difficult.”

COLLEEN TAMBUSCIO

the context of larger themes such as memory and trauma.

“It’s just treated really sensitively honoring the fact that there was this horrible thing that happened to this family that ripped it apart, and now they’re dealing with it, and they’re talking about it,” Mann said. “I don’t know, that sounds like a really good thing to teach, don’t you think?”

Mann is co-leading a March 3 workshop called “‘Maus’: Using Graphic Novels to Teach About the Holocaust” at the Rutgers University Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center with Holocaust educator Colleen Tambuscio.

Tambuscio, a high school teacher at New Milford High School in New Milford, New Jersey, believed “Maus” has an important role in the classroom when teaching about the Holocaust.

“It’s reflective of the survivor story. It’s also in this graphic novel format that is accessible to students,” she said. “This is something visual that they can relate to, and it also is done in a very literary sense.”

To Lerner, who does not teach “Maus” as part of his English curriculum, its banning is symbolic of a loss of opportunities to have difficult conversations in the classroom.

Lerner’s students will often come to class with differing views on topics, including the COVID vaccine and gender-neutral bathrooms, which he tries to incorporate into his lesson plans.

“We try and have open discussions where it’s peaceful and conducive, which is really important in the classroom, but sometimes a lot of teachers avoid it,” Lerner said.

He said that some teachers don’t want to experience the discomfort of students talking about sensitive topics or be diverted from their lesson plans. Lerner admits he is not immune to distracted students.

“Some kids will make comments and jokes, but that doubles down on the opportunity to talk about not making comments and how to express your feelings if you don’t agree with somebody,” Lerner said.

While Lerner can have meaningful conversations with students, he also said his students don’t “usually” fully understand the weight of the Holocaust.

“Maus,” due to the mature themes around death, grief and generational trauma, might be too sensitive for some readers, Mann argued.

“Know your audience, right?” she said. “I’m no expert,

but it’s a challenging book, and so maybe it’s more appropriate for a high school curriculum than a middle school curriculum.”

Tambuscio asserts that

regardless of the age of the person reading the graphic novel, there must be appropriate context given about the difficult topics covered.

“You have to know your class. You have to know your students. ... You have to have a reason to teach something difficult,” she said. “The purpose of teaching a difficult subject matter is not for shock value.”

For educators interested in teaching “Maus,” Mann and Tambuscio suggest priming students with background knowledge about World War II and the Holocaust, as well as about how to read a graphic novel.

“With framing and with information, students can be set up to read this book in a really impactful way,” Mann said. ●

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My Cousin May Have Betrayed Anne Frank. What Would I Have Done in His Place?



BY JASON VAN LEEUWEN

MY ENTIRE ADULT life I have espoused and jettisoned multiple theologies and philosophies after subjecting them to the ultimate test: Would they survive Auschwitz? Sometimes yes, sometimes no, almost always with some kind of caveat. Now Auschwitz presents a new test much closer to home.

This month, the subject of who betrayed Anne Frank and her family has exploded onto the airwaves. A new book, prominently featured on “60 Minutes,” claims that the Franks were betrayed by Arnold van den Bergh, a member of the Joodse Raad, or the Jewish Council of the Netherlands. Van den Bergh was a scion of the Dutch-Jewish family that patented margarine and helped found the conglomerate Unilever.

He was also my cousin.

Anne Frank and her family, including Otto Frank, were Jewish refugees from Germany who went into hiding in Amsterdam during the Holocaust. They were discovered after two years and sent to concentration camps. Anne Frank and her sister died, probably of typhus, in Bergen-Belsen, where my grandfather also was sent and also contracted typhus but survived. Among the Franks, only Otto survived.

My father is the son of Henri (Opa) and Eva (Oma) van

Leeuwen. Opa owned a casings factory in Holland, and Oma was the daughter of Nathan and Rosetta van Zwanenberg (née van den Bergh). Rosetta was the first cousin of Arnold van den Bergh. The allegations against Arnold and the story of my grandfather is a study in contrasts.

Opa is a hero to us, his descendants. After failing to get a visa to join his wife and children on the last boat out of Holland prior to the Nazi invasion, he forced himself into the Heineken Brewery and hid there as Nazis leveled Rotterdam. He was able to gain a fake identity and posed as a Protestant minister in order to pass notes to and from imprisoned members of the Dutch resistance. He was arrested and sent to Westerbork (a transit camp ironically built as a haven for German Jewish refugees prior to the invasion), then to Bergen-Belsen, where he miraculously survived. He died when I was eight.

My grandfather, unlike most others in the world, believed early on that Hitler meant business. Before the war, he published and wrote for a small publication aimed at his fellow Jews. In the 1930s he helped convince scores of German Jews to leave Germany while they could. He established the Dutch-based Jewish Colonization Society (with generous contributions from his in-laws) and went to the infamous Evian Conference in 1938, managing to convince a few delegates to work with him in resettling Jewish refugees.

He laid his own life on the line when a guard in Bergen-Belsen discovered a Hebrew Bible belonging to a child in his barracks. Opa lied and said it belonged to him. For some reason, the officer opened the Bible, recited the first verse in

perfect Hebrew, handed it back to him and walked away.

Oma’s cousin Arnold survived in another way. A prominent philanthropist, he was among the original members of the Joodse Raad, convened by the occupying Nazi forces and its puppet government. Its *raison d’être* was to communicate and implement all laws and decrees impinging on the Jewish community.

Like similar councils set up across Europe, the Joodse Raad determined that things would go better for the Jewish community if they accommodated these decrees and did not resist them. They did manage to get permission to “hire” thousands of people, which initially shielded them from deportation, but they also helped to implement deportation orders and in some cases even determined which Jews would be deported and which would be spared. Their strategy turned out to be a tragic miscalculation of epic proportions. Around 75% of Jews in Holland, including some German refugees, ended up being murdered anyway.

The evidence against van den Bergh appears to be a letter sent anonymously in 1945 to Otto Frank, Anne’s father, claiming van den Bergh shared the family’s hiding place with the Nazi-run Central Agency for Jewish Emigration in Amsterdam. Van den Bergh was able to escape deportation, going into hiding until after the war.

Dutch Jews still seethe when the topic of the Joodse Raad comes up. Hindsight is, of course, 20-20, but when Eichmann himself is quoted praising the remarkable efficiency with which Dutch Jews were being liquidated, you know you’ve got a serious problem. Many others come to the council’s, and to van den

Bergh’s, defense, saying that no one can judge the choices Jews and non-Jews made under great duress.

This inner conflict used to be abstract for me, but now it’s quite personal.

With respect to my cousin Arnold, the debate on social media and among Holocaust scholars has been quite fierce. Some say the coverage of the book is motivated by a desire to place more blame for the Holocaust on Jews and less on Nazis and their non-Jewish collaborators. Dutch Jewish scholars have called the report “rubbish” and “slander.” Others say the report is quite credible. The Anne Frank Huis, the museum inhabiting the building Otto Frank once owned and where his family hid, has charted a middle path, praising the investigators for coming up with new evidence and calling for more investigation.

After doing many hours of my own research, and with gratitude to a Jewish genealogy Facebook page for providing ample documentation, I have come to a conclusion: There is no conclusion.

I have much less confidence than the investigators that there is a smoking gun. We have no evidence that van den Bergh was able to trade information in order to stave off deportation; indeed, many in his extended family were murdered by the Nazis, as were most members of the council. He may simply have been able to bribe a few key people and go into hiding without betraying anyone.

However, the Joodse Raad did have information on addresses where Jews were hiding, as they were known to pass along letters to them. Van den Bergh is likely to have knowledge of some or more

of them. Also, at least two members of that council were not sent to Auschwitz, but rather to places like Theresienstadt and Bergen-Belsen, which were not extermination camps (cold comfort). The investigators assert that van den Bergh not only was not deported, but rather he lived “openly” in Amsterdam — though I’ve found nothing corroborating this. And then, of course, there’s that anonymous letter.

I have always tried to model myself after Opa, the fundraiser-diplomat-fighter who embodied Hillel’s dictum: “In a place where there is not a *mensch*, strive to be a *mensch*.”

But now I learn that other members of my family chose a different course — one of accommodation, not defiance. Whether or not he betrayed the Franks, van den Bergh belonged to a council that helped the Nazis control the Jews. Did he go along to save as many Jews as he could, or to save himself? Certainly the Nazis knew they were presenting Jewish leaders with an impossible choice.

Although I am in no position to judge them for their behavior, I am left wondering: what would I do? Would I be Opa or Cousin Arnold? The truth is, unless one has personally traversed the crucible of the Holocaust, one cannot possibly know.

I remember something Opa once said: The only ones in the camps he could trust were the criminals and common thieves. I know for a fact that is not true, because everybody in the camps also trusted Opa. And so do I. •

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Condemning That Flawed Amnesty International Report Doesn't Bring Israel Any Closer to Peace



BY MATT NOSANCHUK

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL released a 280-page report on Feb. 1 calling Israel an apartheid state and charging it with crimes against humanity, including atrocities against Palestinian citizens of Israel. Such claims have been made before, usually over vociferous objections from supporters of Israel.

Predictably, the report unleashed harsh criticism from the Israeli government and from voices throughout the American Jewish community. Much of the criticism, including the statement issued from my organization, the New York Jewish Agenda, focused on the report's language, terminology, omissions and conclusions, which called into question Israel's very legitimacy as a homeland for the Jewish people.

For example, as we noted in our statement, Amnesty International's report concludes that Israel has employed a system of apartheid within its borders since the nation was established in 1948.

As an American Jewish

organization uniting liberal Zionists who are passionate about Israel and hold a deep commitment to promoting their Jewish values here at home and in Israel, we share the anger of many in the Jewish community regarding the excesses of the report, especially during this time of growing concerns about the rise of antisemitism and authoritarianism in the United States and around the world. At the same time, we believe in the necessity of a more nuanced response beyond that anger.

We must look beyond this report's controversial legal conclusions and examine the difficult realities of Israel's 55-year occupation of the West Bank, its control of the Gaza border, and the unfulfilled promise of full equality for Palestinian citizens of Israel. It's not just Amnesty International that has documented this in detail: Numerous Israeli NGOs and the U.S. State Department have warned about the many costs of occupation. These realities cannot be ignored — not by those who live in Israel, nor by those of us who support Israel here in America.

I have traveled to Israel numerous times over the past 46 years, including spending a year there during college. I have seen first-hand the harsh realities of the occupation and felt the dream of a peacefully shared society for Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel slipping away. I have also observed

how the lack of Palestinian equality corrodes Jewish Israeli ideals of a democratic, just, and secure state. Like so many others, especially many younger American Jews, I find it increasingly difficult to see those ideals in the current state of Israel.

What matters most are the realities of life on the ground for Jews and Palestinians, not the labels — however controversial — that one puts on them. The categorical condemnation of the Amnesty International report by many in our community avoids grappling with the ongoing control and denial of rights that Palestinians in the occupied territories and (to a lesser degree) in Israel experience day in and day out. This unsupportable reality — with no moral, logical or politically feasible endgame — must change. It threatens to bring about the end, one way or another, of a democratic homeland for Jews.

In just the past few weeks, Palestinian families were forcibly evicted from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem. An 80-year-old Palestinian-American man, Omar Assad, died of a heart attack after being detained, handcuffed, blindfolded and abandoned in the cold by soldiers who apparently had no good reason to detain him. This ongoing Israeli coalition debate over the construction of a yeshiva in Evyatar, an illegal West Bank outpost, demonstrates the continued push by the settlement movement to take over more land in the West Bank and the apparent unwillingness of the government decision-makers to stop them.

For each one of these examples, supporters of Israel invoke others in which Israelis

were targeted by Palestinians. They all become part of competing and irreconcilable narratives on both sides of the conflict. We can continue down the rabbit hole of one-sided recriminations — with no good end in sight — that has defined this decades-long conflict. Or we can focus our energies on supporting efforts to build a better future for Palestinians and Israelis alike.

Imagine if those of us who care deeply about safeguarding a democratic homeland for Jews in Israel expended as much effort fighting for greater justice in Israel and an end to the occupation as we spend responding each time someone condemns Israel: We could help make a real difference in transforming the situation. We must stop allowing outside critics to define the conversation and limit our voices.

While a just, negotiated two-state solution to the conflict feels remote at this time, we don't need to limit our activism and voices to defending Israel in the face of harsh criticism. Many Jews and Arabs, Palestinians and Israelis — with support from

many American Jewish organizations — work together every day to build trust and seek consensus around common issues.

In our increasingly polarized and siloed world, we too often hear only voices with which we agree and ignore or condemn the rest. It does not have to be this way. We know many in the New York and American Jewish communities share our feelings about the conflict.

Like them, we remain committed to standing up for our values. This requires acknowledging that there are difficult realities on both sides. We can wait for the next report and the ensuing round of statements and recriminations, or we can raise our voices in support of building bridges of understanding and a shared society. The choice is ours to make. •

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Your Participation Matters: Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

AS PAPER CALENDARS TURNED and digital devices switched to the month of February, the change also signified another important time — national Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month, better known as JDAIM. While disability rights and inclusion is a year-round issue, this month is a concerted effort that provides a platform for disability advocates to bring additional exposure.

In its 14th year, Jewish Learning Venture's Whole Community Inclusion and the Jewish Special Needs/Disability Awareness Consortium of Greater Philadelphia, which includes the Jewish Federation, have channeled this national commemoration into a local movement with a strong array of programming, educational resources and advocacy.

This year is no exception, with nearly 30 programs of learning and empowerment. Out of this effort, more than 20 synagogues are involved in JDAIM Shabbat Across Philadelphia, where they dedicate a Shabbat service to disability awareness themes.

Outside of local programming, people from around the globe can virtually join the Jewish Federations of North America for Jewish Disability Awareness Day, or JDAD, on Feb. 23 and 24. Over two days, participants will have the opportunity to learn from disability rights champions, experts and legislators about the current state of disability rights and what can be done to promote inclusion.

While February is at its halfway point, there are still a number of opportunities to get involved. Find out some of the ways you can participate below:

Let's Talk About Mental Health: A Jewish Community Forum

Wednesday, Feb. 16 | 7-8:30 p.m.

The Jewish Disability Inclusion Consortium of Greater Philadelphia is excited to invite the community to an important evening focusing on eradicating the stigma of mental health challenges. The program will begin with Sharon Rosenblatt, keynote speaker and accessibility professional, a panel of people with lived experience with mental illness and experts in the mental health field and breakout groups for reflection.

Clergy Lunch and Learn: Kavod Habriot with Rabbi Lauren Tuchman

Thursday, Feb. 17 | noon

In recognition of Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month, Jewish Learning Venture invites Philadelphia area rabbis and cantors to join Rabbi Lauren Tuchman — one of the first blind women to enter the rabbinate — for an

hour of study focused on Kavod Habriot, which is honoring God's creations, a central value in Judaism. Explore two stories found in the Babylonian Talmud in which individuals we might identify today as having disabilities exercise personal agency and demand dignity in deeply undignifying situations.

Inclusive Grandparenting: How We Fully Celebrate ALL Our Grandchildren

Tuesday, Feb. 22 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Disability inclusion specialist Lisa Friedman will lead us in a conversation exploring how we can enrich our relationships with our grandchildren through the use of inclusive language, ongoing learning and active listening. Discussion, framed in Jewish text and values, will include practical tips for inclusive grandparenting such as celebrating differences and recognizing the potential of every child. This event is co-sponsored by Jewish Learning Venture and the Philly Friendship Circle.

Changing Landscape: Work and Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities

Monday, Feb. 28 | noon

Join the Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council and JEVS Human Services to learn more about the important work JEVS does locally to train adults with disabilities for jobs. A panel of experts will explore how the pandemic impacted employment for people with disabilities and what new opportunities have emerged for those seeking employment. Hear from employers, advocates, service providers and clients with first-hand experience navigating the labor market during COVID.

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Pudding: Love in a Bowl

FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

PUDDING IS AN underrated dessert. Many people avoid it, thinking of the substandard instant versions of yore, and others sneer at it as a lowbrow, humble dish. But they are missing out.

Sure, pudding can be simple and homey (and delicious), but it can also elevate to elegance and sophistication with some simple modifications. As the temperatures have turned cold, I have enjoyed a warm bowl of pudding for dessert on many a winter's eve.

The beauty of these recipes is that they can be made in about 10 minutes, so a last-minute craving can be satisfied. They are also gluten-free, so for people avoiding gluten, they are a worthy treat. Finally, they can be served hot (my preference) or chilled (in the unlikely event of leftovers), so they are a cook's friend.

The versions below are the more elegant recipes, as they are finished with some flourishes, but you can skip these if you want a simpler dessert or don't have these ingredients on hand.

CHOCOLATE HEAVENLY PUDDING

Serves 2 generously or 4 sensibly

I prefer to add a handful of dark chocolate chips and a spoonful of instant espresso to push this to the next level, but you can omit them for a straightforward bowl of chocolate pudding with absolutely no downside.

If you prefer a lighter version, you can use 2 cups of milk instead of using the ½ cup of half-and-half. I also prefer the depth that brown sugar delivers, but white sugar works just fine here.

And if you wish to riff on other flavors, you can swap

the vanilla for another flavor — consider a tablespoon of rum or coffee liqueur, orange cordial, Frangelico, coconut extract or crème de menthe.

Garnish the pudding with toasted chopped nuts, toasted shredded coconut, crumbled cocoa nibs, a sprinkle of chili powder or coarse salt. Or not.

- ⅔ cup brown or white sugar
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- ½ teaspoon instant espresso or coffee
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 1½ cups whole milk
- ½ cup half-and-half
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips (if gluten-free is a priority, check the label)

In a medium saucepan, whisk the dry ingredients together. Add the milk and half-and-half, and whisk to blend.

Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, for about 10 minutes; the pudding will thicken and begin to bubble. When it reaches that point, allow it to bubble for another minute until well thickened.

Remove it from the heat, add the vanilla and chocolate chips, and stir to melt. Serve it hot, or allow it to cool to the desired temperature.

You can finish this with fresh whipped cream, fruit or serve it solo.

BUTTERSCOTCH HEAVENLY PUDDING

Serves 2 generously or 4 sensibly

If you are serving this to youngsters, you may wish to omit the booze. It is unlikely to intoxicate anyone, but it does deliver a more sophisticated flavor, and the kiddies may like it best without.

- ⅔ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons corn starch



- 1½ cups whole milk
- ½ cup half-and-half
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons best-quality salted butter (such as Plugra, Kerrygold)
- 1 tablespoon bourbon or scotch whiskey (optional)
- Sprinkle of coarse sea salt, to finish

In a medium saucepan, whisk the dry ingredients together. Add the milk and half-and-half, and whisk to blend.

Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, for about 10 minutes; the pudding will thicken and begin to bubble. When it reaches that point, allow it to bubble for another minute until well thickened.

Remove it from the heat, add the vanilla, whiskey and butter, and stir to melt. Serve it hot, or allow it to cool to the desired temperature.

Just before serving, sprinkle the pudding with coarse sea salt. You can finish this with fresh whipped cream or fruit or serve it solo. •



▲ Chocolate and butterscotch pudding

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‘The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel’ Shows its Grit

TELEVISION

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

IT'S HARD TO DO what you actually want to do in life.

It's much easier to sell out for money, to conform to some traditional gender role or all of the above.

“The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” is an Amazon Prime show about a Jewish woman, Miriam “Midge” Maisel, played by Rachel Brosnahan, who grows from doing the latter to doing the former. Mrs. Maisel starts season one, which premiered in 2017, as a housewife and mother of two; she ends it as a hilarious and magnetic stand-up comic.

Midge, according to her manager Susie Myerson, played by Alex Borstein, just has it; she's a natural on stage. But even for a talent like Brosnahan's character, the journey to stardom is long and difficult, filled with setbacks and moments of doubt, often darkened by the unsettling feeling that you might never get there.

Season four of “Mrs. Maisel,” which Amazon is releasing in two-episode installments for four consecutive weeks beginning Feb. 18, captures just how difficult this journey can be.

In doing so, it shows that Maisel is more than just a stylized celebration of the female empowerment that swept across American culture during the show's time period: the late 1950s and early 1960s. Instead, the series is about a modern hero's journey.

Episode one of the new season, “Rumble on the Wonder Wheel,” picks up Midge after her greatest success yet, a riotous set at the Apollo Theater, and her biggest setback — getting dropped from the tour for making fun of its headliner, the fictional musician Shy Baldwin, during that same set.

The rest of the hour shows a woman and a journey in limbo, as Midge returns home to New York City, hides in the bar/comedy club where she got her start and lies to her family about being in Prague.

At one point, Susie, who is on the same journey in her effort to become a successful manager, goes to a dive bar and asks the bartender why the calendar is still set to April, even though it's June. He tells her they like the idyllic picture with trees and a splash of sun illuminating the end of a trail. It's an apt metaphor.

By episode two, “Billy Jones and the Orgy Lamps,” Midge's secret is out, and her failure is known to the people who matter to her: her parents, her ex-husband/the father of her children and his parents/Midge's former in-laws. But the truth also sets her free to move forward, as she furnishes a new apartment, asks her parents to move in and tries to get back on stage with a commitment to the strategy that got her kicked off tour: total comedic honesty.

Yet action doesn't lead to



▲ Rachel Brosnahan plays Miriam “Midge” Maisel in “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” on Amazon Prime.

► Rachel Brosnahan and Alex Borstein in an episode of “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”
Courtesy of Prime Video



instant success; it rarely does.

Midge has trouble buying groceries due to a money shortage from the tour debacle; her parents invade on her space, the operation of her household and ask Midge to tell people that they bought the apartment for her; and her effort to get back on stage is rebuffed by a club manager in favor of mediocre male comedians.

In the same episode, Midge reads a column from an entertainment writer who refers to her sets as “deeply unfunny meanderings.” The column was not even about her; the writer just used her as an example of a bad comic.

Mrs. Maisel is back in action, but her stock is not yet rising again. The journey is not easy.

It's not easy for the show's supporting characters, either. Throughout season three,

inspired by Midge, her father Abe Weissman, played by Tony Shalhoub, her mother Rose Weissman (Marin Hinkle) and her ex-husband Joel Maisel (Michael Zegen), all started doing what they actually wanted to do, too.

Abe leaves a comfortable career as a tenured professor to become the cantankerous theater critic he was probably always meant to be; Rose ends a cozy existence as a housewife to become a matchmaker; and Joel, whose own comic dreams in season one led to him breaking up with Midge, and to her getting on stage, finally grows into the independent businessman that the show makes clear he is

supposed to be.

But as season four begins, Abe is dealing with a meager paycheck, while Joel is figuring out how to handle the Chinese community in which he now does business, and that wants a cut from him.

“The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” has reached a new chapter in its maturation process. It's no longer just about one modern hero's journey, but several.

At the end of episode two, Abe and Midge are sharing a drink during a moment of doubt for Abe.

“Are you sure?” he asks. ●

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‘Breaking Bread’: A Cholent of Identity, Culture

FILM

DAVID RULLO | JE FEATURE

BETH ELISE HAWK’S new documentary “Breaking Bread” takes an intimate look at the A-Sham Food Festival in Haifa, Israel.

The festival, launched in 2015 by microbiologist Nof Atamna-Ismaeel, the first Muslim to win the Israeli cooking competition MasterChef, pairs Jewish and Arab chefs. Ismaeel said the festival aimed to move beyond the conflicts of the region because there is no room for politics in the kitchen.

Hawk opens the film with Ismaeel describing her identity.

“I am a Muslim. I am an Arab. I am an Israeli. I am a Palestinian. I am a woman. I am a scientist. I am the first Arab to win Israel MasterChef. It caused a lot of happiness in society,” she says.

Filmed during the 2017 and 2018 festivals, Hawk spotlights several chefs, highlighting their backgrounds and differences, while showing the synergy food can create.

Haifa chef Shlomi, who operates the restaurant started by his grandfather after the family patriarch came to Israel at the end of World War II, is paired with Arab-Israeli chef Ali.

Ali’s family immigrated to Israel from Syria and lives in Ghajar Village, on the border between Lebanon and Israel.

The Arab chef is quick to note that, despite his Syrian roots, he views himself as Israeli.

“I am part of the nation,” he says, after pointing out that the Israeli military protects his village.

Ali’s food honors his Syrian roots; Shlomi’s that of his Eastern European grandfather.

Despite the differences in backgrounds, food, it appears, is a common denominator.

“I’m going to work with Ali Khattib on the dish for



▲ Chef Nof Atamna-Ismaeel

the festival,” Shlomi says. “It’s not my style of cooking at all, but that’s what’s nice — it’s my mother’s style because her roots are Egyptian.”

The film succeeds as an exploration of identity. Each of the chefs discusses how they see themselves and what they bring to their dishes from their background and heritage.

Each chef also acknowledges that despite their various backgrounds — Jewish, Syrian, half Christian/half Jewish, Arab, Moroccan — they are all Israeli.

“In our neighborhood,” Jaffa-based chef Salah says, “we spoke Arabic. We laughed in Hebrew. We cursed in Romanian. We got upset in Moroccan. And it was all ‘sababa’ (OK).”

Removed from the constraints of the conflicts that might have weighed heavier if the festival were held in another city, Haifa is presented as touched by its past and influenced by its ethnicities but, most importantly, as a foodie’s paradise — eclectic and cosmopolitan.

Despite making occasional references to the conflicts that have scarred the country and region, the documentary mostly achieves Ismaeel’s goal of a politics-free festival.

Instead of discussing the tensions that exist in the country, the film highlights the inclusive nature of Israel

— Osama, a chef from Akko talks of the synagogue, two churches and two mosques in his neighborhood. Former Haifa mayor Yona Yahav points to the peace in the city between Jews and Arabs which celebrates Ramadan, Christmas and Chanukah.

The film doesn’t take a deep dive into the various conflicts that exist between cultures, instead celebrating the food and eateries of those cultures.

Ingredients are presented in raw and prepared states, and the chefs profiled are shown cooking in their restaurants. Chickpeas and fish markets share the screen with outdoor cafes and high-end restaurants.

While “Breaking Bread” advances Ismaeel’s mission, it doesn’t take a deep dive into the festival, nor does it present a completely inclusive point of view, as most of those featured in the film are male chefs.

Hawk’s documentary opens with a quote from Anthony Bourdain: “Food might not be the answer to world peace ... but it’s a start.”

The same might be said for documentaries about food.

“Breaking Bread” opens Feb. 18 at the Bryn Mawr Film Institute and Landmark Ritz 5 Movies - Philadelphia. ●

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▲ “Breaking Bread” title sequence

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Writer's Work Returning to Theatre Ariel

THEATER

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

IN HER LAST THEATRE Ariel production just before the pandemic, Deborah Baer Mozes put on “Dov and Ali,” a show about the relationship between an Orthodox Jewish teacher and his Muslim student.

The founding artistic director of the Main Line-based salon theater company loved that play because of its writer: New York City-based Anna Ziegler. As Baer Mozes recalled, “Dov and Ali” had distinct characters, dialogue that drew you into their stories and journeys that kept you interested.

Ziegler, according to Baer Mozes, could engross you “in a matter of moments.”

“I fell in love with her work,” the director added.

So, almost two years later, with Theatre Ariel back open in person at local synagogues, Baer Mozes is putting on another Ziegler production.

“The Wanderers,” the playwright’s most recent work, about a Satmar Chasidic couple whose marriage was arranged and a Jewish secular couple who have been friends since

childhood, will premiere on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood.

Another in-person performance will follow at the same place the next day but at 2 p.m. The run will conclude with two virtual shows the following week on Feb. 26 and 27. For tickets, visit theatreariel.org.

Ziegler’s latest work explores how two couples who are so different on the surface can be quite similar when you dig into their stories and conflicts.

“There is much that binds these couples in a play of twists and turns about human nature, marriage and what we neglect to see,” reads a play description from a Theatre Ariel press release.

“The Wanderers” will appear in the Philadelphia suburbs before its Off-Broadway run in January 2023.

Baer Mozes called the play “exquisite.”

“Because she’s such a skillful writer, you really get to feel the pain of the struggle in very down-to-earth ways,” the director added.

After the local run of “Dov and Ali” in February 2020, Baer Mozes started looking into Ziegler’s oeuvre. She learned of “The Wanderers” because it was completing a run at Theater J in Washington, D.C., around the same time.

More than a year later, in the spring of 2021, the director got a copy of the script from the Alliance for Jewish Theatre, “an international network of Jewish theatres and theatre artists,” according to its website. Baer Mozes was in the process of planning her 2021-’22 season and needed shows.

She began reading and fell in love with Ziegler’s words all over again.

“After the first paragraph, I was there,” the director said.

Baer Mozes contacted



▲ Anna Ziegler Photo by Jessica Nash

► A performance of Anna Ziegler’s last play to run at Theatre Ariel, “Dov and Ali,” in February 2020
Courtesy of Rebecca Cureton



Ziegler about producing the show, and Ziegler, for her part, was excited; Theatre Ariel had put on one of her plays before and now it wanted to put on another.

But there was an issue: The Roundabout Theatre Co. held the rights and planned to produce the show Off-Broadway last spring.

“I didn’t think we were going to get it,” Baer Mozes said.

Yet she kept calling Ziegler’s agent, once, then twice. He said he needed to reach out to Roundabout, which had not yet opened the show.

Finally, last summer, on Baer Mozes’ third call, Ziegler’s agent informed her that Roundabout had granted permission.

“I was ecstatic,” Baer Mozes said.

Ziegler was, too. Though she’s now working on scripts for HBO Max and Apple TV, she still considers herself a

playwright first and foremost. It’s just been hard to get any work to the stage during the pandemic years.

The playwright is not planning on attending the run because she’s still being careful about avoiding the virus. She also said she doesn’t love watching her plays on Zoom.

But she is grateful.

“It’s just nice, especially during a pandemic, people are still out there reading your work and want to make it happen,” Ziegler said.

Theatre Ariel’s most recent play of the 2021-’22 season, “The Sabbath Girl” by Cary Gitter, drew in-person crowds

of 41 and 35 people, respectively, during its run back in December.

Baer Mozes expects a similar audience for “The Wanderers,” even though, as COVID continues, salon theater fans are waiting until the last few days to buy tickets.

“We have a very loyal audience,” Baer Mozes said.

The salon theater has the same COVID protocols as it did at the end of 2021. Audience members must show proof of vaccination at the door and wear masks during the performance. ●

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Moses the Ideal Leader

BY RABBI ALAN ISER

Parshat Ki Tissa

IN THIS WEEK'S Torah portion, God threatens to destroy the entire nation of Israel for the sin of worshipping the Golden Calf. Moses intercedes and convinces God not to carry out that destructive plan, and God renounces the punishment.

Later in his dialogue with God, Moses asks God to forgive the people's sin, but if not, God should "blot me out from Your book" (Exodus 33:32). Did God really intend to destroy the entire nation? Why is Moses offering to give up his own life?

Let me provide an answer to the second question first.

Rabbi Kalonymous Kalman Shapira, the last Chasidic rebbe alive in the Warsaw Ghetto, in his collection of sermons

delivered in the ghetto, "Aish Kodesh" (Holy Fire) explains that a person who is willing to sacrifice his life to save a fellow Jew is greater than someone who gives their life for the sake of God alone. (I would expand this to include saving the life of any human being.)

In a metaphor Rabbi Shapira relates, the former is like someone who gives their life to save the king's son. Their love for the king is so great that they are willing to give up their life, not only for the sake of the king, but also for the king's son.

When Moses saw that the people were in need of mercy, he was prepared to sacrifice his life for the Jewish people, who are the children of God, out of his love for both the people and God. God, in turn, was aroused by Moses' love to love

and be merciful to the people he was leading.

Some commentators see God's angry threat as deliberately testing Moses as a leader.

First, God refers to the people as "your people" while informing Moses of the events that occurred at the bottom of Mount Sinai, as if challenging Moses to assume his responsibility for the people. Then when God says, "Let Me be, that My anger may blaze forth against them and I may destroy them and make you a great nation" (Exodus 32:9), God is providing Moses with an opening to plead his case and dissuade God. The midrash asks why does God need to say "leave me alone"?

Was Moses holding God back? Rather, it is like a king telling his son's tutor, let me alone so I can hit and punish my child. The king doesn't

need the tutor's permission but is sending a message for the tutor to restrain him. In our case, Moses takes the hint and intercedes.

Indeed, in a daring recreation of this conversation, another rabbinic passage has Moses grabbing hold of God like a person grabbing a friend's garment and saying, "Master of the Universe, I am not leaving You alone until you forgive them" (Brachot 32a).

This story illustrates why Moses is known in Jewish tradition as "Moshe Rabbeinu," or Moses, our teacher. As the ideal leader, he does not shrink from the burden of leadership. In a time of crisis, he defends the people and puts the needs of others before his own needs and desires to the point of laying his life on the line.

Our sages also portray the

opposite of this kind of leadership in a predictive curse. In the future, they say, your leaders will be like dogs, sniffing the wind to see which way to go.

May we merit to have leaders like Moshe Rabbeinu. •

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Refugee

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became home to two international settlements — places of refuge that did not require a visa for entry.

At the time, Nazis required two pieces of documentation to leave occupied countries — one of which was a passport, which Jews were forced to surrender to the Third Reich in 1938. Shanghai became one of the few options for refuge for fleeing Jews.

"Jews were desperate," said Jean Hoffmann Lewanda, a Yardley resident whose father fled from Vienna to Shanghai in 1938. "When Jews discovered that they could go to Shanghai, they just started getting boat tickets."

Lewanda is virtually presenting "Escape to Shanghai" at 2 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Congregation Beth El of Bucks County to detail her family's experiences.

Lewanda's father, Paul

Hoffmann, was one of the first Jews in Vienna to find a boat ticket, and he also settled in a small, two-room apartment, where he would study and read at night at a small desk, lit only by a cup filled with peanut oil with a wick in it.

Hoffmann, who died in 2010, fared better than many in the Hongkew ghetto, according to Lewanda. In "Witness to History: From Vienna to Shanghai: A Memoir of Escape, Survival and Resilience," a memoir written by Hoffmann and edited by Lewanda, Hoffmann recounts his time training to become a lawyer and eventually moving to the French Concession, a much prettier area of the international settlement.

Hoffmann and his soon-to-be wife Shirley Hoffmann met in 1949, married in 1950 and had their first child in 1952. His privilege and status meant his young family enjoyed niceties others didn't. Though many refugees left for Israel, the U.S. or

Australia in the years leading to the Chinese Communist Revolution in 1949, the Hoffmanns stayed until 1952, arriving in New York in 1953 before moving to Philadelphia.

Despite the Hoffmann family living in Shanghai for several years and through the beginnings of the Communist Revolution, the family never learned to speak Mandarin and learned English in schools, indicating little assimilation into Shanghai culture.

Booker had a strong distaste for Chinese food because of the living conditions within the ghetto, and the robust international settlement community clung to many of their western roots and cultural touchstones but remained friendly with the Shanghailanders, who showed them little malice.

"The remarkable thing about China was there was no antisemitism," Lewanda said. "Jews were no different from any other foreigners."

Though the Jewish



▲ Paul and Shirley Hoffman at their wedding in 1950

community in Hongkew was insular and tight-knit, descendants of these refugees are just now beginning to form bonds. Lewanda met Evie Shaffer, daughter of Booker, a few months ago when Shaffer received an email about a talk Lewanda was giving about her father's memoir. Before Lewanda, Shaffer hadn't met another Jewish person with roots in the Shanghai ghetto.

Shaffer asserts that though her meeting of Lewanda was a

"weird coincidence," the experiences of all Holocaust refugees share common threads.

"Everyone who survived the Holocaust has their own interesting story. The Shanghai story is not unique," Shaffer said. "There are Jews who emigrated to South America, Australia, wherever they could get a visa and get the hell out of Germany." •

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Musical About Rabbi Fred Neulander Planned
A PLAYWRIGHT FROM the Philadelphia area has written a musical about Rabbi Fred Neulander, the Cherry Hill, New Jersey, rabbi who was convicted in 2001 of having his wife, Carol, murdered seven years earlier, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Neulander, who at the time was believed to be the first United States rabbi tried for murder, is serving 30 years to life.

The Gefen Playhouse in Los Angeles is slated to debut “A Wicked Soul in Cherry Hill” by Matt Schatz, who grew up in Cherry Hill, where Neulander lived and worked, from June 21 through July 24.

The playhouse website describes the show thusly: “On a November night in 1994, a murder was committed in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. In this true-crime story told completely through song, a tight-knit Jewish community gathers to recount, remember, and reckon with the details of what happened in — and to — their town. Written with humor and chutzpah, this wholly original musical asks what it does to our souls when our leaders fall from grace.”

Several songs were posted recently on social media, then removed.

Schatz said the show isn’t a comedy, nor is it a Broadway-style extravaganza.

Schatz said it was his job as an artist to ask questions.

“The rabbi was telling people how to be a person, how to be a Jew, and he turned out to be evil,” Schatz told the Inquirer. “How do we reckon with that?”



▲ Fred Neulander

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The congregants of M’kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, which Neulander founded in 1974, aren’t happy with the planned production.

“We know nothing about the content of the play,” congregation President Drew Molotsky said in a statement. “This is our history. It involves our friends and our community, and it is very serious to us. To make light of it or to exploit it for entertainment value is not something we will ever condone.”

Rabbi Writes Megillah

Senior Rabbi Lance J. Sussman of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel wrote a new Megillah entitled “The Purim Story.”

The Megillah was written for use at home or in the synagogue and features new, original artwork by Marlene D’Orazio Adler, the chair of the KI Temple Judea Museum Artists Collaborative.

“The Purim Story” presents an easy-to-understand version of the “Scroll of Esther” and includes illustrations that aid in the telling of the Purim story. It includes a glossary of terms related to the story and holiday of Purim.

“There is a need for a new presentation of the Megillah precisely at this very moment because of the rise of antisemitism,” Sussman said. “The holiday of Purim has helped Jews navigate the emotional stress of antisemitism for centuries. Purim is also fun. It’s our most joyous holiday and in these challenging times, it is very important to find ways to celebrate Judaism and affirm our heritage.”

The book is available on Amazon as an e-book, softcover and at the KI office.

Statewide Forum on Hate, Extremism Planned for Feb. 22

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, along with other Jewish Federations in Pennsylvania, the Anti-Defamation League, Secure Community Network and the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition, will host a daylong forum to address hate and extremism on Feb. 22.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Individual Zoom sessions will focus on topics such as securing religious institutions, legislative advocacy and action and talking to children about acts of bias and violence. Each session will be hosted as an individual Zoom meeting and require separate registrations.

For details, visit jewishphilly.org/get-involved/ or contact Jason Holtzman at jholtzman@jewishphilly.org.

Eddie Bruce to Channel Tony Bennett at Ardmore Music Hall

Longtime bandleader and cabaret performer Eddie Bruce will play the music of Tony Bennett at the Ardmore Music Hall at 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

He will be joined by pianist Dean Schneider’s trio and jazz tenor saxophonist Larry McKenna.



▲ Eddie Bruce

Courtesy of Eddie Bruce

Programs featuring Bennett have long been a part of Bruce’s repertoire, although the venue of a rock music hall is a bit unusual. Tickets start at \$20. ●

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The inevitability of time exhausted a life force which enriched Philadelphia, delighted a community, and enhanced the lives of countless people. Known as the unsinkable Molly Albert to her friends. This daughter of immigrants, overcame childhood tragedy, poverty, and struggle, with a smile on her face, and a wink at the future. A woman of enormous energy, creativity, and joy. Among her many accomplishments, and contributions: dressing as Betsy Ross to guide tourists through her city, organizing group jaunts to Broadway, and always being there for her friends in times of need. Molly is remembered for her brilliant blue eyes, boundless energy, and boisterous laugh. But her sharp mind and open heart, as she approached the end of her 9th decade were exceptional. She sensed our precarious political situation in 2020 and encouraged and counselled her fellow senior citizens to write in ballots, and mail them promptly. Also her loving heart, opened for people of every race, creed, and orientation. Through it all she always was dressed elegantly and with inimitable style. She died quietly in her 98th year with her loving partner, Dr. Harold Meyer at her side. In her final days Molly reflected on the joy this romance, which began when both were well past 90, brought her in her final years. She is survived by her daughter Andrea Batchler (Paul), and her son Marc Albert (Stephen), and grandchildren Bryan Batchler (Brooke), Julie Alberti (Chris), Stephanie Catalano (Jason); Great Grandchildren Jackson, Janie, Chase and Nate, Brody, Brooklyn and Nicholas. Her husband of over 50 years Sidney predeceased her. She died at home after a battle with cancer.

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BARTASH

Sandra "Sandee" Bartash On February 6, 2022. Beloved wife of Mitz Bartash. Devoted mother of Adria Bartash and Meredith Ortlieb. Loving Mom Mom of Rylee, Brynlee, and Kaden. Funeral services were held on Wednesday February 9, 2022 at Shalom Memorial Park, Huntingdon Valley, PA. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Eastern PA Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: bit.ly/llsteambartash GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS
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CHACHKIN

Anita Chachkin, of Delray Beach, FL and formerly of Philadelphia, PA, passed away on January 31st, 2022, at the age of 98. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Samuel Chachkin. Loving mother of Marlene Chachkin (Gerry Kean) and Roberta Chachkin Dossick (Gary). Anita is also survived by her adoring grandchildren, Liza Dossick and Sam (Lysett) Dossick and great-granddaughter, Savannah, who was the light of her life. She will also be greatly missed by Michael Kean and her nephews, Gary and Bob Hemmelstein. Anita was a strong supporter of Israel and an advocate for gun control. She was a champion at making the most of every day. She was an avid tennis player and golf enthusiast. In 1980 she became a Life Master in bridge, later taught bridge and ran duplicates. She, and a friend, started Because We Care in 1963 to support The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. That organization still exists today. She was the proud recipient of a Lion of Judah. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Brady Campaign or a charity of the donor's choice.

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HANDELMAN

Jack Handelman passed away on February 5, 2022. Husband of Ruby Handelman (nee Snyder). Father of Risa (Bob) Lewis. Grandfather of Jessica Lewis. Services and Shiva will be private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KAHN

Marcia (nee Shelley) Passed away on February 9, 2022. Wife of Ernest Kahn. Mother of Rachel Kahn Ross and Beth Kahn. Grandmother of Daniel and Brian Ross. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org, or to Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel Pre-School Program, www.bzbi.org. GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS
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KARMATZ

Anne B. (Kozart), 78, of Bala Cynwyd, PA, passed away on February 8, 2022. Anne was born in Philadelphia to Harry R. and Dorothy Feldman Kozart on January 8, 1944. She grew up in Penn Wynne, and attended Penn Wynne Elementary, Ardmore Junior High School, and Lower Merion High School. She graduated with a BA from the University of Pittsburgh, and received MA's from Villanova University and Penn. She was married to Michael Karmatz in 1966 in Philadelphia, PA. Anne was an English professor at the University of Arts for 35 years. She started her career as a high school and college French teacher, and then an Associate Dean at Penn State Delaware County Campus. Anne was an artist, a writer, an avid tennis and golf player, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, a loyal friend, and an overall very funny person. Anne loved the theater, museums, the orchestra, movies and crossword puzzles, and was never without a book. Most importantly, family meant everything to Anne. She was an incredibly supportive mother and grandmother, never missing an opportunity to watch her children and grandchildren in their various athletic and artistic pursuits. She was proud of her family's accomplishments and was endlessly effusive with her compliments, no matter how small the achievement. Anne is lovingly remembered by Michael Karmatz, her spouse of 55 years, daughters Caryn Karmatz Rudy (Lee Rudy) and Laura Karmatz (Lee Detwiler), and grandchildren Julia, Eliza, Madelin, Shay and Sam. She is predeceased by her brother, David Kozart, and beloved cousins Mike and Bill Harris. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Anne's name to the Bala Cynwyd Library or any charity you feel passionately about. Anne would no doubt approve.

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Jordan A. On February 9, 2022, husband of Cynthia (nee Maklin), father of Dr. Bruce (Jade) Katz, and Dr. Melissa (Paolo) Pepe, brother of Dr. Warren (Ellen) Katz, grandfather of Claudia (fiancé Charles), Gabriel and Olivia. Contributions in his memory may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Israeli Guide Dog Center or Main Line Reform Temple.

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KLINGHOFFER

Leonard "Lenny" Jerome Klinghoffer passed away peacefully on February 6th in his Wynnewood home with his wife, Alice Olenberg Klinghoffer by his side. Born on July 29th, 1924 in Philadelphia, Lenny was the last remaining child of the late Louis and Becky Klinghoffer. Raised in Philadelphia, he attended Overbrook High School and at the age of 18, enlisted in the army to serve his country in WWII. After his service, Lenny started his 60+ years successful and rewarding career in the produce industry, eventually becoming the president of his own company at the Philadelphia Distribution Center. His legacy continues with his children Steve, Gary, Freddie and Robyn, his 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Lenny is preceded in death by his wife Sheri J. Klinghoffer (dcd 1982). In lieu of flowers, a contribution in his memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation. GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS
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LEVIN

Marvin A. Levin, 83 of King of Prussia, passed away on January 23rd, 2022. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, colleague and friend who liked to be around people and laugh. Just as he dealt with many experiences in life, Marvin managed his illness with strength, resilience, stubbornness and humor. Along with his many years of service as a Certified Public Accountant and partner in Fishbein and Company, Marvin generously gave his time and energy to his community, serving as President at Old York Road Temple Beth Am, Treasurer at Heritage Creek, and several other clubs he was involved in. Although he never had the opportunity to go on the African safari he always dreamed about when he retired, his love of tigers and pandas (even if they don't live in Africa) was evident throughout his life and in the various artwork and figurines that decorated his room as well as several t-shirts. Marvin loved photography, even if his family didn't share his passion or patience since he took several minutes to frame and focus each photo. Marvin was an unshakably honest man always trying to do the right thing. His lack of concern for society's rules later in his life provided endless laughter for his grandchildren, occasional embarrassment for his sons, and consistent frustration for his wife. His love of Benny Goodman was replaced by his deeper love of Barbara Streisand, even though he never met her. While his doctrine of a Macintosh apple a day did not, in fact, result in keeping the doctor away, his love of pretzels and ice cream (mixed together, of course) may have factored into that outcome. His mispronunciation of words, including Acme ("ackimy") and water ("wooter"), was truly confounding, but his friends and family overlooked that because he was just such a nice guy. In addition to his wife of 58 years, Phyllis (Marcus), and his sons Jay and Stephen, he is survived by his daughter-in-law Jeanne and his grandchildren Samuel, Kenneth, Madeline and Oliver. As one of Marvin's final acts of generosity, he donated his body to Science Care so that medical researchers and educators can learn new techniques to improve and save lives. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

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MERION

Cecile (nee Kopstein), February 8, 2022, of Dedham, MA, formerly of Meadowbrook, PA. Beloved wife of the late Samuel M. Merion; loving mother of Joseph Lyon Merion, David Dean Merion and Judith Ann Merion; cherished grandmother of Dhamma Merion, Theodore Matthew Murray (Fairlee Fabrett), Geneva Frances Murray (Mose Jones-Yellin) and the late T'ai Ananda Merion and great grandmother of Gabriel, Antonella and Julietta Murray and Nico Scotia and Isa Antonia Jones-Yellin. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Cecile's memory may be made to Newbridge on the Charles at www.hebrewseniorlife.org/giving or the Germantown Jewish Centre at www.germantownjewishcentre.org. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS
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SCHWARTZ

Raymond, Feb. 2, 2022. Husband of Annette (nee: Stillman), father of Helene Schwartz and Gary Schwartz. Brother of Melvin Schwartz. Also survived by 3 grandchildren. Ray was an Army veteran and a member of Steuben Lodge #113, Knights of Pythias. Condolences and contributions at Berschler-AndShenberg.com

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ZASLOW

Marcella Zaslow, nee Cohen, 97 years young, of Pompano Beach, FL, formerly of Philadelphia - Mt. Airy, Pine Valley & Wyncote, Pa., wife of the late Sidney Zaslow, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022. She was the daughter of the late Kitty & Isaac Cohen. Beloved mother of Sharyn Weintraub, grandmother of Sherry (Scott) Wengrow & Craig (Bianca) Weintraub, & great grandmother of Ethan, Siena & Sophia. Sister of the late Marvin Cohen & Sheldon Cohen.

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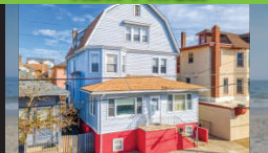
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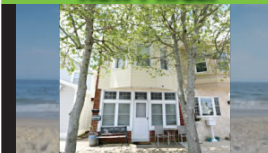
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Estate of Annette Farber Farber, Annette Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Lawrence Marc Goodman, c/o John R. Lundy, Esq., Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC, 450 N. Narberth Ave., Suite 200, Narberth, PA 19072, Executor. Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC 450 N. Narberth Ave. Suite 200 Narberth, PA 19072

ESTATE OF DEBRA DENISE MICKLES, DECEASED Late of Montgomery County LETTERS on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedents to make payment without delay, to Steven Lipski, Administrator c/o Ellen S. Fischer, Esquire 955 Horsham Road, Suite 307 Horsham, PA 19044

ESTATE OF DONALD D. FEATHER, SR., DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JAMES MILLER, EXECUTOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: DANIELLA A. HORN KLENK LAW, LLC 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF DOROTHY LORRAINE TAYLOR a/k/a DOROTHY TAYLOR, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to TINA SHAREE TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Marc Vogin, Esq., 1608 Walnut St., Ste. 1703, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: MARC VOGIN KLEIN, VOGIN & GOLD 1608 Walnut St., Ste. 1703 Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ENRIQUE BORGES, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to NILSA BORGES-CRUZ, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: DANIELLA A. HORN KLENK LAW, LLC 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ERNEST POLLARD, SR., DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ERNEST POLLARD, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Jay E. Kivitz, Esq., 7901 Ogontz Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19150, Or to his Attorney: JAY E. KIVITZ KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C. 7901 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19150

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ESTATE OF ERNESTINE HOYLE a/k/a ERNESTINE FLEMING, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to TIFFANY TINA HOYLE, EXECUTRIX, c/o Jay E. Kivitz, Esq., 7901 Ogontz Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19150, Or to her Attorney: JAY E. KIVITZ KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C. 7901 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19150

ESTATE OF ERROL DAVID, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BEVERLY DAVID, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: ADAM S. BERNICK LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK 2047 Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ESTHER M. ROBERTS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to GAIL D. GREEN, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Roy Yaffe, Esq., One Commerce Square, 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103-7042, Or to her Attorney: ROY YAFFE GOULD YAFFE AND GOLDEN One Commerce Square 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103-7042

ESTATE OF FRANCIS J. BICCHETTI Deceased Late of Pennsylvania LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Francis Bicchetti, Administrator c/o his attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

ESTATE OF GROVER REED, JR. Deceased Late of Pennsylvania LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Mychal Reed, Administrator c/o his attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

ESTATE OF HARRY C. BARBER a/k/a HARRY BARBER, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to HELEN C. MELCHIORE, ADMINISTRATRIX, 13 Valley Green Dr., Aston, PA 19014, Or to her Attorney: MARK J. DAVIS CONNOR ELDER LAW 644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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ESTATE OF HOWARD LEE SAMPSON a/k/a HOWARD LEE SAMPSON, SR., DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to CAROLYN P. SAMPSON, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: ADAM S. BERNICK LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK 2047 Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ILEAN MAE MATHIAS a/k/a ILEAN M. MATHIAS, ILEAN MATHIAS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ILEAN I. MATHIAS, EXECUTRIX, c/o David S. Workman, Esq., 200 S. Broad St., Ste. 600, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Or to her Attorney: DAVID S. WORKMAN ASTOR WEISS KAPLAN & MANDEL, LLP 200 S. Broad St., Ste. 600 Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF IRENE N. LANGRON, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DEBRA MOORE, 1328 Wanamaker St., Philadelphia, PA 19131 and KONSWELLA BENTLEY, 130 Stony Creek Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446, ADMINISTRATRICES, Or to their Attorney: MARK J. DAVIS CONNOR ELDER LAW 644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

ESTATE OF JENNIE PASQUARELLO, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION DBNCTA on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JOHN F. PASQUARELLO, ADMINISTRATOR DBNCTA, c/o Joseph C. Honer, Jr., Esq., 631 Waterside Way, Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL 34242, Or to his Attorney: JOSEPH C. HONER, JR. 631 Waterside Way Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL 34242

ESTATE OF JOSEPH L. ROSSI, SR., Deceased Late of Pennsylvania LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Debra G. Speyer, Esq., Administrator c/o his attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.



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ESTATE OF JOYCE WILLIS a/k/a JOYCE B. WILLIS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to CHRIS STEVEN GLADNEY, ADMINISTRATOR CTA, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: ADAM S. BERNICK LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK 2047 Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF KENNETH M. SHERIDAN, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JAMES JOHN SHERIDAN and THOMAS SHERIDAN, JR., ADMINISTRATORS, c/o Bradley Newman, Esq., 123 S. Broad St., Ste. 1030, Philadelphia, PA 19109, Or to their Attorney: Bradley Newman Estate & Elder Law Office of Bradley Newman 123 S. Broad St., Ste. 1030 Philadelphia, PA 19109

ESTATE OF LINDA SEGALL, DECEASED. Late of Warrington. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Mindy Indictor, Co-Executrix, 570 Glen Meadow Road, Richboro, PA 18954

ESTATE OF LUKE PIERRE ELLINGTON, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DAVID V. BOGDAN, ADMINISTRATOR, 100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1520, Philadelphia, PA 19110, Or to his Attorney: DAVID V. BOGDAN 100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1520 Philadelphia, PA 19110

ESTATE OF MARC A. GARAFOLO, Deceased Late of Pennsylvania LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Francis J. Garafolo, Administrator c/o his attorney Debra G. Speyer, Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

ESTATE OF MINNIE FEURTADO a/k/a MINNIE M. FEURTADO, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to REBECCA SALLEN, ADMINISTRATRIX, 325 Merion Rd., Merion Station, PA 19066, Or to her Attorney: REBECCA SALLEN SALLEN LAW, LLC 325 Merion Rd. Merion Station, PA 19066

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Estate of Natalie C. Bellerjeau, Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Richelle Bellerjeau and William W. Bellerjeau, Administrators, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC One Commerce Sq. 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF RANDOLPH WALLS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARGARET FOSTER, ADMINISTRATRIX, 1720 Brassie Court, Kissimmee, FL 34746-4535, Or to her Attorney: BETH B. MCGOVERN TREVOSE CORPORATE CENTER 4624 Street Rd. Trevose, PA 19053

Estate of Rose M. Bonino aka Rose Mary Bonino, Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Lisa M. Turowski, Executrix, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their attorneys, Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC One Commerce Sq. 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ROSITA CARRION, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Carlos Rivera and Felicia Rivera, Administrators, c/o Jay E. Kivitz, Esq., 7901 Ogontz Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19150, Or to their Attorney: JAY E. KIVITZ KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C. 7901 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19150

ESTATE OF SALVATORE GANCI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MICHAEL GARSON, EXECUTOR, c/o Rebecca Sallen, Esq., 325 Merion Rd., Merion Station, PA 19066, Or to his Attorney: REBECCA SALLEN SALLEN LAW, LLC 325 Merion Rd. Merion Station, PA 19066

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ESTATE OF ZAIRA BRUNO, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SUSAN MATOUR, Executrix, c/o Michael L. Golden, Jr., Esq., One Commerce Square, 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103-7042, Or to her Attorney: MICHAEL L. GOLDEN, JR. GOULD YAFFE AND GOLDEN One Commerce Square 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103-7042

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 01, 2021 for **MyPixThere** at 426 East Montana Street Philadelphia, PA 19119. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Mark Tines at 426 East Montana Street Philadelphia, PA 19119. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417


Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 01, 2021 for **Thumale Design Studios** at 1155 S 7th St. Apt. 3 Philadelphia, PA 19147. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Adam Radabaugh at 1155 S 7th St. Apt. 3 Philadelphia, PA 19147. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 29, 2021 for **Victoria Ciganik, OTR/L** at 1044 Ryan Circle, Glenside, PA 19038. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Victoria Ciganik at 1044 Ryan Circle, Glenside, PA 19038. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417

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COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, FEB. 18

Jewish Signs Exhibit

The Signs of Our Jewish Times exhibit at the Temple Judea Museum at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel will be on display until March 31. What constitutes a “sign”? Admittedly, our definition is quite broadly interpreted. See for yourself. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park. For more information: TJMuseum@kenesethisrael.org; 215-901-2656 or 215-887-8700, ext. 416.

Parsha for Life

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

▼ MONDAY, FEB. 21

President’s Day Celebration

Join Congregation Mikveh Israel and the Museum of the American Revolution from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. for a full tour of the Museum of the American Revolution and Congregation Mikveh Israel’s colonial synagogue. Mikveh Israel’s annual reading of President George Washington’s “Letter to our Congregation” will be at 1 p.m. Tickets may be bought at amrevmuseum.org/events/presidents-day-weekend-at-the-museum.

Mahjong Game

Melrose B’nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood invites the community to join our weekly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$36 per year or free with MBIEE Sisterhood membership. For

more information, call 215-635-1505 or email office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Night of Learning

Join Kehillah of Chester County’s virtual Kallah at 7:15 p.m. for thought-provoking entertainment and intellectual fulfillment. The event features a live performance of Theatre Ariel’s “Ethics of the Fathers aka: The Gangster and The Grandpa.” For more information, email chestercounty@kehillah.org. jewishphilly.org.

▼ TUESDAY, FEB. 22

Bingo with Barry

Join Barry at Tabas KleinLife for an afternoon of bingo from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Feb. 22, 23 and 24. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on Feb. 23. For more information, call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.

Virtual Tour

Join Golden Slipper Gems at 1:30 p.m. as we tour the galleries of the newly opened Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience with tour guide Lizzi Meister, MSJE’s public programs manager, over Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_j7GqOVOLTdyXmjd-cappmQ.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

JEVS Workshop

Could you benefit from an education to employment program to help you gain new skills? JEVS career coaches will share education-to-employment programs focused on gaining skills needed for a satisfying job that balances work, family and social distancing at our virtual 11 a.m. workshop: jevshumanservices.org/event. ●

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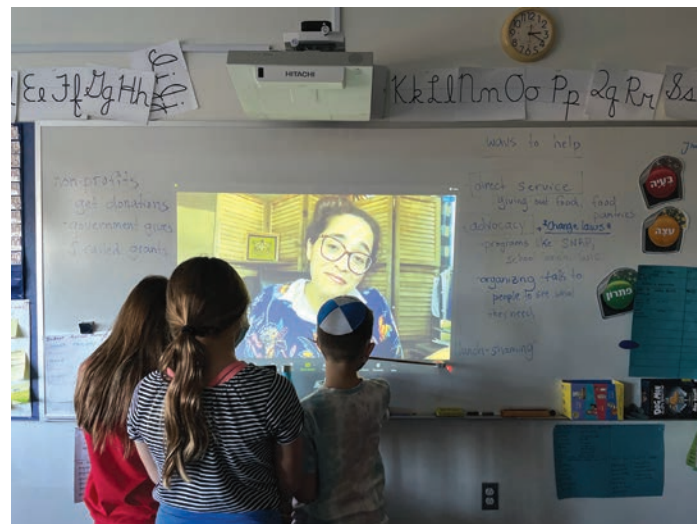
NEWSMAKERS

Perelman Starts New Social Studies Unit

Perelman Jewish Day School introduced a new social studies unit to fourth and fifth graders. Its subject was economic diversity with a specific focus on hunger/food insecurity. Students learned how they could help alleviate food insecurity, too.

► A representative from Mazon, a Jewish organization that fights hunger, talks to Perelman students.

Courtesy of the Perelman Jewish Day School



Barrack Names New Head of Upper School

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy named Rebecca Trajtenberg as its new upper school director. Trajtenberg has worked at Barrack for 13 years, currently as dean of college counseling and student affairs. She will begin her new role overseeing the academic and overall program of the upper school on July 1.

◀ Rebecca Trajtenberg

Courtesy of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy

Jewish Family Service Gets Donor Pledge

The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties got a two-year donor pledge from Visiting Angels of Atlantic County, a home health care service based in Egg Harbor Township. Visiting Angels will provide funds to help older adults in the community continue to enjoy programs and access services for individual needs. The company has been a JFS partner for more than 13 years.

► From left: Visiting Angels representatives present a check to JFS Senior Director of Communications and Donor Relations Beth Joseph, center.

Courtesy of the Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties





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