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Amy Krulik to Leave JCC for Main Line Reform

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AMY KRULIK ANNOUNCED Feb. 9 that she is leaving her position as CEO of the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood to become executive director of nearby Main Line Reform Temple.

Krulik, who's been at the JCC on and off since 1997, said she she'll stay on at the JCC until close to Passover to ensure an orderly transition.

She stressed that her decision to leave the JCC reflected her excitement for MLRT, and not dissatisfaction with her current employer. She said some of the highs of her tenure include staff participating in a highly selective leadership development program, J-Ball Basketball boasting robust participation and strong camaraderie among staff and members.

But there have been challenges too. Fallout from a leaky pool roof led to a steep drop in membership, and Krulik was at the helm throughout the pandemic. In the span of a few months last spring, the JCC whiplashed from closure and furloughs

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▲ Teachers log on to teach remotely during the Feb. 8 protest.

Photo by Amit Schwalb

Jewish Teachers Express Concern About School District's Reopening Plans

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

THOUSANDS OF EDUCATORS in the School District of Philadelphia taught outside in freezing weather on Feb. 8 to protest the district's reopening plan, which required certain staff members to

report to school in person for the first time in almost a year.

Teachers cite poor ventilation, lack of access to vaccines and poor communication from the district as their main concerns about going back.

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A reader's mother-in-law previously created a family account for an online service; the reader wants to reset the password so the rest of the family can use it, but the user name is embarrassing and she isn't sure how to approach her mother-in-law without creating a stir. Miriam responds with a few possible solutions. 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/2021/02/15/dear-miriam-password-problem-proves-perplexing/



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A well-marinated flank steak is the perfect vehicle for chimichurri sauce, according to food columnist Keri White. Chimichurri is a traditional Argentine condiment made from parsley, oregano, vinegar, salt, pepper and olive oil that isn't too difficult to prepare. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition. jewishexponent.com/2021/02/15/chimichurri-flank-steak/



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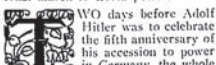
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Hitler crushes an army revolt! Hitler conquers Austria without firing a shot! Hitler gets ready to partition Czechoslovakia! Hitler stretches out his hand for power in Latin America! These are the headlines that have startled the world in the last four weeks. In this article Mr. Belth analyzes the driving force behind this seemingly irresistible Nazi march to world power.



TWO days before Adolf Hitler was to celebrate the fifth anniversary of his accession to power in Germany, the whole civilized world was thrown into a high state of excitement by rumors of unrest, disturbances and even rebellion in the Third Reich. On Sunday, January 30, Hitler was to deliver an address before the German Reichstag. A world which had become familiar with the methods of the Nazi Fuehrer was mildly wondering just which one of his tricks the Fuehrer would pull out of his bag this time.

But the scheduled address was not delivered. The Reichstag did not meet. Instead of a speech by Hitler there were denials of rumors of revolution. Instead of a statement of new policy, a bloodless purge. For a short moment, but for a moment only, a gleam of hope penetrated into the hearts and minds of

the friends and believers in democracy. The news that the German army was in a state of rebellion was, by all rules of logic, unbelievable. But the world wanted to believe it. It was impossible—and yet . . .

For approximately 24 hours the world was willing to pin its hopes on the most reactionary, the most autocratic and the most high-handed group of men in the world. If a break could be made in the seemingly impenetrable armor of the world's most vicious dictator, then let it be made by the Junkers—but let it be made.

The full story of what happened in Germany during that first week of February is something that no one at the moment is able to tell. Perhaps that story will never be told. But those who for a short moment had pinned their hopes on Germany's army know by now that they had indulged in wishful thinking. Whether or not there really had been a disagreement between Hitler and the Reichswehr, whether or not the army had won its point—if any—is entirely immaterial. Perhaps Hitler did have to make concessions to his generals. Perhaps there exists a secret shared only by a few, that the all-powerful dictator of Germany had to submit to the dictation of the officers corps. Perhaps it was the goading of Germany's military

elique that is responsible for Hitler's new victory in Austria. Whatever the truth may be, it is an indisputable fact that while Hitler may have had to bow before the will of others, Nazism has emerged stronger, more powerful and more menacing than ever before. The virtual annexation of Austria is likely to be a milestone along the road to a greater goal, the union of German speaking people, all over the world, under the leadership of the Nazi dictator in Berlin.

It is the ideal of pan-Germanism that stands in the forefront of all Nazi policy. In the past five years rearmament, re-militarization of the Rhineland, the demand for colonies may have been the more spectacular of the Nazi activities. But the real driving force of National Socialism has been just behind its foreign propaganda.

In August, 1937, the Foreign Division of the National Socialist Party held its fifth annual convention at Stuttgart in Germany. Most people outside of Germany had known of the existence of a foreign Nazi division, but the true magnitude of its work was only brought home at Stuttgart when National Socialist Party leaders frankly and boldly enunciated National Socialism's ideal for foreign Germans. Speakers at that convention spoke

not of sixty-five million Germans who are citizens of the Reich, but of one hundred million citizens of all countries who happen to have German blood in their veins. They all followed the tone set a few days before the opening of that convention by the "Westdeutscher Beobachter," an official Nazi organ, which stated:

"Greater Germany is the greater German racial community which does not halt before state borders and which does not exhaust itself in the sum of racial comrades living within the Reich's borders. Those one hundred million people form greater Germany. United in Hitler's ideas this greater Germany is no longer a future dream. Those states that would exterminate Germanism must know that they are obligated to respect their racial groups' rights and that state sovereignty ends where the rights of race begin."

The National Socialist "Stuttgart Kurrier" elaborated on this with a statement which showed that Nazi foreign propaganda has reached a stage where it no longer hesitates to point the finger at any one country. Far-off America is to come into the orbit of Hitler's dictatorship as is Austria. Says the Kurrier:

"We desire to bring Germans in the United States back to the racial community and common fate of all

How Propaganda Realizes Hitler's Aims. . . . By NORTON BELTH

Germans. To this end the intellectual and spiritual reform of Americans of German extraction is necessary in accord with the model furnished by the old homeland. When we have attained this goal, we will proceed to organize German-Americans for spiritual regeneration, economic support and political schooling."

Five years of Nazi rule in Germany have taught the world not to take such utterances lightly. Five years ago the main ravings of the Nazi bible were greeted with a howl of jeers by believers in democracy. In five years Hitler has proven that an audacious maniac can out-manuever timid sanity. In five years Hitler has fulfilled one wild promise after another. The great powers of Europe, France, England, Italy, stood by helplessly. Today the attack has been broadened to include all civilized countries.

To push this fight for world-wide pan-Germanism the Nazi government has created a number of organizations which function with machine-like precision. In addition it has taken over a number of cultural organizations in existence before 1933 and turned them into instruments of Nazi propaganda abroad. The major organizations engaged in promoting pan-Germanism are:

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Love Gave Couples Hope During Holocaust

NATIONAL

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

REGINA GOODMAN and Sam Spiegel's first meeting and early relationship had many hallmarks of ordinary teenage love: friendship, flirting and finding ways to be alone together.

Less ordinary is the fact that they met in a forced labor camp in Pionki, Poland, during the Nazi occupation.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum shared their love story during "Acts of Resistance: Love Stories and the Holocaust." The Facebook Live event, which was hosted by museum historians Lindsay MacNeill and Edna Friedberg, was part of the Stay Connected project, a series of Holocaust

education webinars created in the absence of in-person programming.

MacNeill said Goodman and Spiegel found ways to meet and talk at the water spigot even though men and women were supposed to be kept apart.

"One time, Sam said he received 12 lashes for talking to Regina, but he said it was worth it," she said.

The young lovers were separated at the end of the war when the Germans loaded prisoners onto cattle cars and transported them to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Before they were forced into their gender-segregated sections of the concentration camp, Spiegel told Goodman to meet him in his hometown, Kozienice, if she survived. They were moved around various labor camps until liberation,

when they returned to their respective hometowns to search for their families.

When Spiegel learned Goodman had survived, he sent a horse and buggy to bring her to Kozienice, and the two were married in a displaced persons camp in Germany shortly after. They stayed together for 70 years.

William Luksenburg and Helen Chilewicz met under similar circumstances, talking through a fence in the Gleiwitz labor camp between their barracks and writing letters to each other. Luksenburg promised Chilewicz that they would survive the war and he would marry her.

His prediction came true, and they wed in a displaced persons camp in 1947. During the ceremony, the rabbi recited a prayer in honor of their family members, most of whom had been murdered, and the couple bowed their heads in grief. They later immigrated to the United States and became volunteers at the USHMM.

MacNeill also told the story of an interfaith family whose love helped save Jewish members from deportation.

When the Nazis came to power, they encouraged Aryan women with Jewish husbands to divorce their spouses in the name of racial purity. Hedwig Gluckstein, however, refused to leave her Jewish husband, Georg Gluckstein, and their son Fritz. When father and son were rounded up by the Gestapo in Berlin, she joined hundreds of other Aryan women outside the detention center in what became known as the Rosenstrasse Protest to demand the release of their loved ones.

Everyone in the center was eventually released. Although Georg and Fritz Gluckstein had to perform forced labor, they were not deported to death camps.

"Of the 73,000 Jews who



▲ William and Helen Luksenburg at their wedding in 1947

Courtesy of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and William and Helen Luksenburg

were living in Berlin in October of 1941 when deportations began, only 8,300 survived the Holocaust. And of that small number, half of them were in these types of intermarried families, they were married to somebody who was categorized as Aryan or they were categorized like Fritz as mixed race. So Hedwig and women like her, who stayed in these marriages, this act of love might have really saved the lives of thousands of people," she said.

Many other couples did not make it through the war.

MacNeill said LGBTQ couples were especially vulnerable, and gay men were persecuted as enemies of the Reich.

Gad Beck and Manfred Lewin managed to have a romance in the midst of tragedy. They met in a Jewish youth group and signed up for air raid patrol so they could spend time alone together. MacNeill and Friedberg showed a booklet of love notes and sketches Lewin created for Beck, which now sits in the museum's archives.

"Night exists for more than

sleep which is why, my love, we stayed awake so often," an excerpt reads.

When Lewin and his family were summoned for deportation, Beck donned a Hitler Youth uniform and demanded a meeting with him (he was protected by his half-Aryan status.) Once he and Lewin were alone, he begged him to run away with him and go into hiding, but Lewin wouldn't leave his family. They boarded a train east, and Beck never saw his love again; records show Lewin and his family were gassed at Auschwitz.


Friedberg posted a link to Lewin's booklet for viewers to examine.

"You can actually kind of do a flipbook, go through it and see the various drawings, the passionate, romantic, maybe not the most sophisticated teenage love poetry that's in there, but something that just really drives home what this relationship meant as a solace and sustenance to these teenagers," she said. ●

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Poland's Libel Ruling Worries Scholars

LOCAL

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SCHOLARS ARE CONCERNED about a recent Polish court ruling that compels two Holocaust historians to apologize for publishing their research.

"It's important that anybody who cares about scholarship, intellectual inquiry, anybody who believes that there's value to it, should find it really distressing when a national government is seeming to support real impediments on the freedom of academic inquiry and exploration," said Lila Corwin Berman, a professor of American Jewish history at Temple University.

The case has sparked concern in the international Jewish community as it is the first Holocaust-related scholarship case to be decided since Poland enacted its controversial 2018 legislation that makes it a civil offense to attribute Nazi Germany's crimes during the Holocaust to Poland or its citizens.

The background to the current libel case, which was not tried under the new national law, is this: Barbara Engelking, a historian with the Polish Center for Holocaust Research, and Jan Grabowski, a Polish-Canadian history professor at the University of Ottawa, are the authors of "Night Without End: The Fate of Jews in Selected Counties of Occupied Poland," a 2018 book about the behavior of Polish people and government during the Nazi occupation.

In the book, the authors briefly mention Edward Malinowski, the mayor of Malinowo during the war, and quote a Holocaust survivor who said that Malinowski robbed her and was complicit in the death of a group of Jews hiding in the woods. Filomena Leszczynska, Malinowski's niece, believed those statements



▲ **Monika Rice**, assistant professor at the Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights at Gratz College
Courtesy of Gratz College

to be libelous, and in 2019 sued Engelking and Grabowski.

On Feb. 9, Judge Ewa Jonczyk, a district judge in Warsaw, agreed with the 81-year-old Leszczynska, and issued a ruling saying the authors must apologize for publishing incorrect information about her uncle. Lawyers for Leszczynska had asked Jonczyk to award Leszczynska \$27,000 in damages and for the apology to describe Malinowski as "a Jew-saving hero." The judge did not award damages and rejected the demand for specific wording.

Engelking and Grabowski plan to appeal.

Though this case was brought by an individual and not related to the new national law governing representation of Poland during the Holocaust, it is being seen within the context of the country's increasingly aggressive efforts to rehabilitate its World War II-era image. In fact, The New York Times reported that the current libel lawsuit was initiated by the Polish League Against Defamation, a partially state-funded organization dedicated to the "good name of Poland and that of the Polish nation." It was PLAD, the Times said, that alerted Leszczynska to the book and its reference to her uncle, and then solicited funds to pay for



▲ **Michael Steinlauf**, professor emeritus at Gratz College
Courtesy of Michael Steinlauf

her legal representation.

Backlash to Judge Jonczyk's recent decision has been swift.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany released a statement about the case, saying

that independent scholarly research "must not be subject to inappropriate efforts at pressure by politicians and the courts."

The Association for Jewish Studies also issued a statement, saying, "The use of judicial pressure against scholars because their academic work demonstrates Polish culpability during the Holocaust goes against the core values of academic freedom."

Yad Vashem and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also expressed concern.

The Polish government has denied involvement in the affair.

Monika Rice, an assistant professor at the Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights at Gratz College,

provided some context for the recent decision.

In 2015, the conservative nationalist Law and Justice party came to power in Poland on a wave of populist anger, Rice said. Its supporters consisted of a reactionary voting bloc of nationalists who had been disappointed by the lack of economic security in post-Soviet Poland. The party, which emphasizes Catholicism, nationalism and social conservatism, provided a home for that bloc, and is now the largest party in the Polish parliament.

One of the party's messages was that Polish people should be "getting off our knees" when it comes to the Holocaust, and refusing to accept responsibility for German crimes, Rice

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Longtime Central High School President Sheldon Pavel Dies at 74

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SHELDON PAVEL, who presided over Central High School for nearly three decades, died Feb. 7 at his Elkins Park home. He was 74.

Pavel was the longest-serving president — that term is used at Central instead of the more common principal — in the school's 185-year history, serving from 1984 until his retirement in 2012. He was the first president to lead Central after it became co-ed.

"He was a man who loved his students and school and family," his wife, Paula, said,

Pavel's love for the school was deep-seated within him, daughter Shani Bardach said.

"He read every kid's application. All he wore was Central gear," she said, adding that the family once ran into a Central graduate at the Great Wall of China. "That was his entire world."

Pavel's death prompted



▲ Sheldon Pavel and the Phillie Phanatic after Pavel threw out the first pitch at a game
Courtesy of the Pavel family

an outpouring of recognition from the school's community.

"Dr. Pavel's contributions to Central are countless — he was a consistent positive voice of support for our community," the Associated Alumni of Central High School wrote. "He was an advocate for inclusivity, maintaining that all students and faculty — including women who attended and taught at our beloved school — were respected.

He was devoted to making a difference at Central and cared deeply for each student — and he made every encounter feel uniquely personal."

A native of Wynnefield, the Akiba Hebrew Academy (now Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy) graduate earned an undergraduate degree at Temple University and a doctorate in education administration at the University of Pennsylvania.



▲ From left: David Bardach, Rocky Bardach, Shani Bardach, Yoshi Bardach, Paula Pavel and Sheldon Pavel visit Israel in 2019.

He taught English and math and later served as an assistant principal at several Philadelphia high schools before being elected by an alumni committee to head Central.

In a 2012 Jewish Exponent

article marking his retirement, Pavel credited Akiba with shaping him as an educator and a human being.

"How to treat people is what is important, how to look at issues and make decisions from

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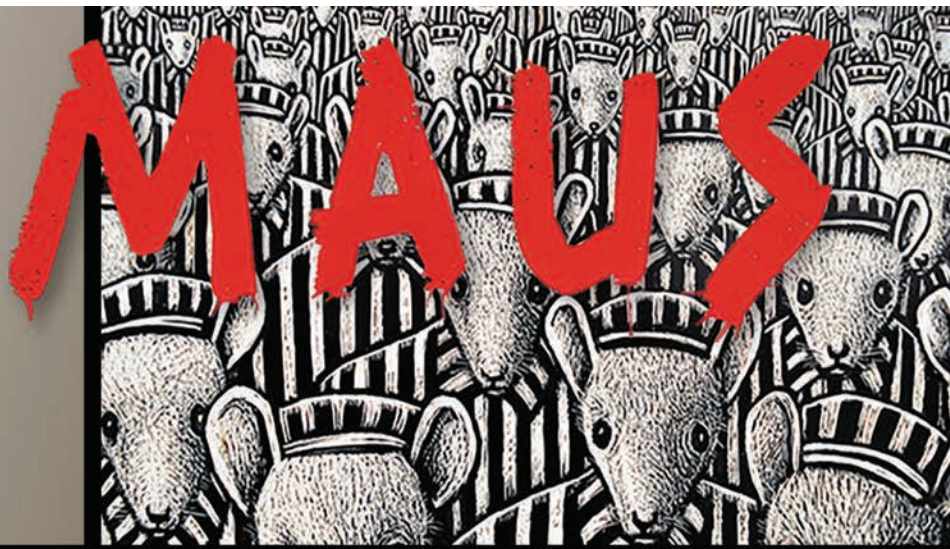


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The Jewish Community Federation of Southern Arizona, which owns and operates the Post, cited declines in ad revenue and readership, loss of philanthropic support and the COVID-19 pandemic as factors contributing to an “unsustainable position.” It noted that “our community’s communications,” including “local stories, lifecycle events, and obituaries,” would “be delivered via alternative vehicles.”

The paper’s records will be preserved in an archive.

The paper had only one remaining editorial staffer, Executive Editor Phyllis Braun.

The closure is the latest in a growing number of local Jewish news outlets that have shuttered or drastically scaled back operations since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those include the Jewish Advocate in Boston and Canadian Jewish News (CJN relaunched as an online-only publication). The New York Jewish Week closed its print edition in 2020, and was acquired by 70 Faces Media.

Law Banning Boycott Israel Movement to Be Challenged

A federal appeals court struck a blow to the legality of an Arkansas law that aims to penalize the boycott Israel movement, JTA reported.

Arkansas passed a law in 2017 that financially penalizes companies that don’t renounce the boycott Israel movement. A challenge to the law was dismissed by a federal Arkansas judge in 2019.

But a federal appeals court revived the challenge on Feb. 12, ordering the district court in Little Rock to reconsider the case.

The plaintiff in the case is the alternative monthly newspaper the Arkansas Times. The Times holds no position on Israel boycotts; it filed the suit because it objected to having to sign an agreement not to boycott Israel as part of a University of Arkansas advertising deal.

Steven Spielberg Wins Genesis Prize

Director Steven Spielberg won the 2021 Genesis Prize, which is nicknamed the “Jewish Nobel,” JTA reported.

The award, which was announced Feb. 10, “honors extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity, and commitment to Jewish values.”

“Key Jewish themes are often woven into his narratives: importance of identity and belonging, maintaining humanity in a ruthless world, caring for the other, and honoring the moral obligation to do the right thing,” the Genesis Prize Foundation wrote about the Oscar winner in a statement, citing Spielberg’s work to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and to prevent future genocides.

The honor comes with a \$1 million prize. Past recipients, who include Michael Douglas, Michael Bloomberg, Natalie Portman and Natan Sharansky, donated the money to philanthropic causes.

Diego Schwartzman Upset at Australian Open

Eighth-seeded Argentine Jewish tennis star Diego Schwartzman was upset by Russian Aslan Karatsev in the third round of the Australian Open, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Schwartzman, 28, who entered the top 10 for the first time in his career this past fall and played in last year’s ATP Finals, lost in the fourth round of last year’s tournament to eventual winner Novak Djokovic.

In Schwartzman’s last Grand Slam appearance, he was a semifinalist in the French Open, becoming the shortest man to reach a Grand Slam semis since Jewish tennis player Harold Solomon in 1980. •

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Artist Bernice Paul Dies at 103

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JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

BERNICE PAUL, a Moscow-born artist whose paintings won plaudits, prizes and placement in local museums, died on Feb. 5 of esophageal complications at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. She was 103.

Paul's portfolio consisted of more than 100 paintings and sculptures, displayed throughout her lifetime at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, City Hall and Rosemont College, where she held her first solo exhibition. Her four-panel painting "Springtime" is on permanent display at Lankenau Medical Center's cardiac unit.

And which of those works did Paul prize most?

"When people would ask her, she'd say, 'The last one,'"

said her daughter, Susan Schaumburg.

Paul was born Bernice Olinsky in Moscow in 1917, where she lived with her mother, rabbi father, brother and three sisters. Paul and her family left the newly formed Soviet Union for America in 1930, departing in the middle of the night in a horse-drawn wagon. The family settled in Wynnefield.

In the U.S., Paul's enthusiasm and skill for painting the natural world flourished from a young age, as the local rivers, parks and flowers provided her with all of the subject matter she needed. In 1940, she married Nate Paul, owner of Paul Brothers grocery store; they were together until Nate's death in 1986.

While her husband was in the Army during World War II, Paul got a job at a



▲ Bernice Paul at 101
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▲ "Azaleas" by Bernice Paul

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▀ She was just willing to jump into anything and everything."

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photography studio, coloring black-and-white photographs with oils. But it was as a young mother that Paul decided to take her interest in painting from hobby to vocation. She studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Philadelphia College of Art (now a part of University of the Arts) and under the artist Filomena Dellaripa at Fleisher Art Memorial.

Her dedication paid off. Her work earned awards from the Philadelphia Sketch Club and the Plastic Club, the Upper Merion Cultural Center and the Main Line Art Center and won praise from critics. One critic, quoted in The Philadelphia Inquirer, noted the "physicality of the brush-stroke and the exuberance of her painting."

The true reward for Paul, of course, came from the long hours she spent at the canvas or in nature, studying her subject. "There are so many phases of art. The joy of just creating something," she told the Jewish Exponent in 2017. "Painting is

the most satisfying thing. You lose yourself. A book — you're over with it ... There is nothing like painting."

She treasured her family, and she relished routine; Paul lived in the same Overbrook house for more than 50 years. She taught art classes at the Kaiserman JCC. As her eyesight began to fail, she made the move to ceramics. She was still creating art after turning 100. Alice Dustin, a fellow painter who knew Paul for 20 years, said that she fell in love with Paul the first time she met her.

"She was just willing to jump into anything and everything," Dustin said of her friend, who beat breast cancer, practiced yoga and swam in the Great Salt Lake — the latter two after the age of 95.

Paul is survived by her daughter, Susan Schaumburg; two granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. •

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Events Highlight Disability Awareness

LOCAL

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

BEFORE THE CAR accident — before two years of rehabilitation in a Jerusalem hospital, before the breathing machine and the wheelchair, before the new life — Raz Rutman loved nature.

The Yokneam Moshava native spent his days on the Nahal Hashofet trails near his home, tramping around with his family and his youth group. When Rutman became paralyzed, the idea that he would resume hiking through Israel's green spaces seemed distant.

But through LOTEM, a Jewish National Fund-USA affiliate that happens to be headquartered near his family home, Rutman didn't just get back on the trails again, he's become a sought-after tour guide for hikers with physical impairments and special needs, leading thousands of tours since 2014. Many of those tours have traced the same path that he took on the Nahal Hashofet trails as a child. For Rutman, working with LOTEM is the mission of a lifetime.

Rutman has delivered countless lectures on his story, speaking to audiences about accessibility, disability and his work with LOTEM.

"I'm just lucky," Rutman said. "I'm lucky and happy to be a part of LOTEM and to know that I'm able to be in contact so many people through LOTEM."

Rutman, 27, will be the featured guest speaker at JNFuture Philadelphia's "Investing in Inclusion" event on Feb. 21, intended to highlight JNF-USA's work with disabled Jewish communities. February has been Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month since 2009.

Speaking from his home in Israel, Rutman will address



▲ Raz Rutman will be the featured guest speaker at JNFuture Philadelphia's "Investing in Inclusion" event on Feb. 21. Courtesy Jewish National Fund-USA

■ Raz [Rutman] exemplifies the idea that being disabled does not prevent someone from leading an active, fulfilling life."

DANIELLE HANKIN

young professionals via Zoom in an event organized by JNFuture Philadelphia.

"Raz exemplifies the idea that being disabled does not prevent someone from leading an active, fulfilling life, especially with the support of organizations like LOTEM," said Danielle Hankin, president of JNFuture Philadelphia.

JNF-USA has marked JDAAIM for a few years now, joined by the regional offices.

Samantha van Adelsberg, the Eastern PA director of JNF-USA, explained that this year's JDAAIM event will be a chance for JNFuture Philadelphia members to think more deeply about disability, get inspired and be reminded that JNF is "not just the tree people," as van Adelsberg put it. The work done undertaken by LOTEM, a JNF-USA affiliate, made the group an obvious candidate for this year's JDAAIM event, van Adelsberg said.

For Rutman, LOTEM has become like family.

Unable to fulfill his national

service duties with the IDF, Rutman decided that he would volunteer with LOTEM. An employee ever since then, Rutman is known and loved by everyone in the office. They've seen him go from teenaged client to office helper to tour guide.

Gaylee Schiff, director of development at LOTEM, said they've been inspired by Rutman at each stage.

"Raz is an amazing human being. He is now a friend," Schiff said. "Every person that comes to LOTEM gets Raz as part of the package."

As a seasoned tour guide, Rutman has his shtick down pat. Rutman sees his ability to connect with his groups on a personal level as especially crucial to those who aren't able to go on too many tours.

"I have a sense of humor, just like you. I love to learn and to study about nature, just like you," he said. "Even more because I'm a complete nerd."

LOTEM offers tours in English, Hebrew and Arabic to hikers with disabilities and special needs all over Israel

In addition to the tours, the organization offers nature education to those populations as well as at-risk children and families in domestic violence shelters. LOTEM is able to connect with more than 30,000 participants each year, taking them from the trail to its ecological farm in Emek HaShalom.

Rutman and LOTEM both came into the world in the same year, 1993, and each hopes to be in the other's life for quite some time.

"It's the best way for me to see nature, to experience learning about nature, to meet new people and to bring the messages of accessibility, inclusion and equality to other people," Rutman said. •

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Ben-Gurion Airport Reopens for Ethiopian Immigrants

ISRAEL'S BEN-GURION AIRPORT reopened briefly on Feb. 12 for 302 new immigrants from Ethiopia, including a 6-year-old boy needing emergency heart surgery, JTA reported.

The newcomers were taken to a 14-day confinement period, but the boy was moved to a local hospital.

The Ethiopians, among about 8,000 with Jewish ancestry awaiting immigration to Israel, were tested for COVID-19 in Gondar prior to arriving, according to a statement by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem.

The immigrants traveled on buses for 12 hours from Gondar to Addis Ababa before the four-hour flight to Israel.

The airport was closed Jan. 26 as part of the Israeli government's attempts to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

The Ethiopians, known as Falash Mura, are widely believed to have converted to Christianity under duress while adhering to some Jewish traditions.

Israeli Company Makes 3-D-printed Ribeye Steak

Israeli company Aleph Farms announced Feb. 9 that it had produced the world's first "slaughter-free steak," via a mix of 3D printing technology and real cow cells, JTA reported.

The startup boasted that it tastes like "a delicious tender, juicy ribeye steak you'd buy from the butcher."

Faculty at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology aided in the process, Bloomberg reported.

The "bio-printing" phenomenon takes live cells and replicates them to mimic a natural organism or product. Aleph Farm is partnering with Mitsubishi to bring its meat alternative to Japan.

The world's first lab-grown meat restaurant opened in Tel Aviv in 2020, serving chicken made by a company called SuperMeat.

Israeli Housing Sales Hit 20-year High

Israeli home sales hit 62,000 in the second half of 2020, marking a 20-year sales high, Globes reported, citing data from the Ministry of Finance Chief Economist's office.

There were 107,100 housing deals in all of 2020, with strong sales in the first two months before the pandemic produced a sales plunge between March and May, followed by a boom for the remainder of the year. Globes attributed the increase, in part, to a government cut in purchase taxes for people owning multiple homes.

There were 13,400 sales in December, the third-highest single-month total ever, including 5,400 new homes. Nearly 40% of all housing deals in the second half of the year were for new homes.

The government forecasts the housing boom to continue in 2021, with prices rising 3-4%.

El Al First Airline to Vaccinate All Staff

El Al announced on Feb. 12 that all employees that come into contact with passengers were vaccinated against COVID-19, The Jerusalem Post reported, citing Israel Hayom.

That includes attendants, security workers, pilots and other service personnel.

In addition, Israir said 95% of its pilots were vaccinated, while Arkia Israeli Airlines said about 70% of its employees were vaccinated.

Despite the vaccinations, Ben-Gurion Airport will be closed until at least Feb. 21 to regular traffic as Israel attempts to lower the COVID-19 infection rate.

El Al did win a bid by Israel's Civil Aviation Authority to operate direct emergency flights to New York and Dubai. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



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Short Film Tackles Long-Term Care and COVID

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IT'S A BLEAK STATISTIC: The nursing home population is .5% of the general population but accounts for 40-50% of COVID-19 deaths.

That's because long-term care systems suffer from under-investment, said Marc Cohen, co-director of LeadingAge LTSS Center at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Cohen's warning opens the Jewish Healthcare Foundation's documentary "What COVID-19 Exposed in Long-Term Care," focusing on the pandemic's threat to the elderly and disabled in nursing facilities.

The 22-minute documentary will stream online Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Following the program,

CBS Pittsburgh affiliate TV anchor and producer Lynne Hayes-Freeland will host a panel discussion about what is happening in the long-term care industry, what it means for baby boomers and their children and what policy changes need to occur to properly care for seniors in the coming years.

Through footage sourced from cable news stations and with a bevy of local and national experts, the documentary makes the point that, despite the crisis occurring at long-term facilities early in the virus' impact, there was no systematic plan to combat the effects of COVID-19. As a result, patients died and family members felt victimized.

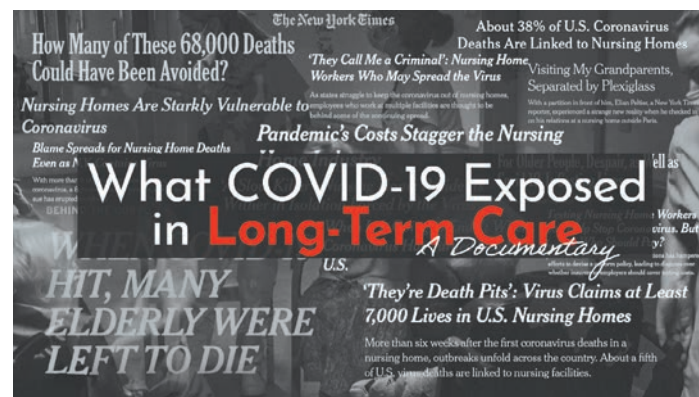
"People weren't thinking of nursing homes," explained Dr. Vincent Mor, professor of health services, policy and practice at

Brown University. "They didn't make a big, concerted effort to get protective equipment to them, to begin testing staff. Nursing homes were always an afterthought."

Deficiencies in state and federal planning led directly to the deaths of long-term care patients, according to several experts in the documentary.

"We have been on our own trying to deal with this virus and keep our residents safe," said Deborah Winn-Horvitz, president and CEO of Pittsburgh's Jewish Association on Aging, which owns several long-term care residences.

Nursing home owners, operators and staff were easy targets for blame, notes narrator Chris Lockerman, despite the fact that facility front-line workers and management attempted to find



▲ "What COVID-19 Exposed in Long-Term Care" streams on Feb. 24.

Courtesy Jewish Healthcare Foundation

guidance and support.

Long-term care facilities are understaffed, have a lack of substantial investment and include workers who are undercompensated and aging, according to the film.

"Residents of these facilities deserve a level of care and skill that government reimbursement simply doesn't support," Lockerman said.

"The single largest issue is the underfunding of Medicaid clients in nursing facilities," Winn-Horvitz said. "For most organizations, that shortfall is \$100 a day per person. That's well over a million dollars a year. This issue was very significant going into COVID and has now been completely exacerbated because of COVID-19."

JHF decided to produce the documentary after seeing the deep flaws within the system exposed by the pandemic, said JHF President and CEO Karen Wolk Feinstein.

"Years of neglecting the challenges to our nursing homes led to the chaos and death that is perhaps the greatest tragedy of the pandemic and we wanted to create something that would tell this important story," she said.

Feinstein serves on the board of the JAA and said the staff there struggled with "the unthinkable."

"Their courage and resourcefulness convinced me that they, and others in similar situations,

needed to receive their due," she said.

Feinstein also expressed concern that those working in skilled nursing facilities would be blamed for the tragedy.

While the prioritization of seniors and those living in congregate settings to receive the vaccine was a positive step, Feinstein said that many underlying issues have not yet been addressed and there remains an urgent need to reform the long-term care system.

"The mission for the documentary is to raise the issues underneath the horrible number of deaths from COVID-19 in nursing homes and spur action to change national and state policy," she said. "We want this to further conversation for the urgent need to reform our long-term care system."

The documentary ends with a call to action by viewers to contact governors and legislators on behalf of seniors, with a goal of redesigning and investing in better equipped, adequately staffed residential facilities.

If allowed to continue unabated, the next pandemic will see the same cycle at long-term facilities, Feinstein said, "if not worse."

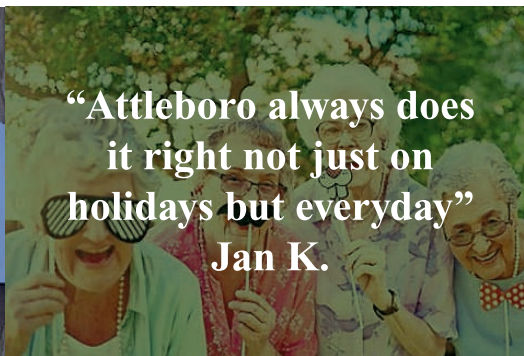
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Israelis Wonder When Normal Life Will Return

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JERUSALEM — After receiving his first dose of the COVID vaccine in December, Jonathan Livny, 77, assumed life would at last return to normal for Israelis like him.

Livny, who lives in Jerusalem, was among the first Israelis to take the shot, and became fully vaccinated in January. He received his “green passport” — an official certification that he was immune to the disease.

But nearly one month later, the passport hasn’t done him much good. Even though he’s now at much lower risk, Livny still must obey the country’s strict lockdown measures, which bar everyone from a wide range of leisure activities whether or not they’ve been vaccinated.

The restrictions hit home for Livny a couple weeks ago. He and his wife, a plastic surgeon, travel frequently, and had planned a trip to Dubai late last month for a medical conference. Their trip was

canceled, however, when Israel shut down its airport to limit the virus’ spread.

“I thought it would be a passport to health and a passport to freedom,” Livny said. “Now they say they’re not sure the vaccine works against the British variant or the South African variant. Then I thought it would be a passport for travel. But now if I want to travel, I need to do a test 72 hours before I leave and then when I come back I need to do it again. So what good does it do me?”

Israel’s aggressive vaccination drive has become a national source of pride, but it has not yet heralded the return to pre-pandemic times that many had expected. Even as more than 40% of Israelis have gotten at least one dose of the vaccine, far outpacing the rest of the world, COVID rates remain stubbornly high, and the vaccination campaign has slowed.

Now, as Israel is emerging from a six-week lockdown, its third since the pandemic began, businesses and their patrons are rebelling against a reopening that they feel has been too sluggish. Three large shopping malls — in the cities of Bat Yam, Karmiel and Petach Tivkah — opened Feb.



▲ Israeli police officers inspect a mall in the city of Bat Yam that opened in violation of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions on Feb. 11.
Avshalom Sassoni/Flash90 via JTA.org

11 in violation of government regulations. It was part of a revolt instigated by a forum that represents 400 mall owners, restaurant owners and chain stores.

The group made their own rules dictating whom to allow into stores — finally allowing Israelis to make use of their “green passports.” Entrance was restricted to those older than 60 with two vaccine doses, or anyone younger who had either received at least one shot, recovered from COVID or tested negative in the past 72 hours. Children 16 and under

also were allowed in.

Police officers visited the stores and ordered them to close but did not issue fines.

“There is no difference between malls, which are closed, and supermarkets or drugstores, which are open,” said Yaakov Kantrowitz, 26, the branch manager of a housewares chain in a strip mall in the central city of Rishon LeZion. He complained that the government “said that people were getting corona in malls, but they’ve been closed for the past six weeks and the infection rates haven’t gone down.

That proves we are not the reason for infections.”

Kantrowitz hasn’t fully reopened but found an innovative workaround: His store began offering “take-away” shopping on Feb. 14.

“We have a table up front at the entrance with a catalogue, people choose what they want, and [employees] bring it to them,” he said. “Restaurants are allowed to do take-away, so why aren’t stores as well?”

Police have not visited his store, Kantrowitz said, and he is careful not to allow anyone inside even though it

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is spacious, measuring 10,000 square feet. The store has been closed for a total of four months over the past year, and all 30 workers were put on furlough. Now Kantrowitz has hired back five workers and hopes that stores and malls will reopen soon.

The government is considering a series of regulations that will limit entry to places like gyms, concerts and museums — and eventually cafes and restaurants — to those with either “green passports” or a negative COVID test from within 72 hours. Some schools also reopened on Thursday after six weeks of remote learning — the most recent in a series of school closures in Israel that have spanned months. The government may require all teachers to either vaccinate or be tested every two days.

vaccinated on Thursday night, they’d get a free serving of cholent, a meat stew popular with Orthodox Jews.

“We welcome the initiative by Bnei Brak to give out bags of cholent to those who are vaccinated tomorrow,” Zaka, an Orthodox emergency medical service, posted on Twitter. “We’ve already been putting non-vaccinated people in [body] bags for more than a year. Go vaccinate!”

Haredi Israelis tend to vaccinate at lower rates even as the percentage of deaths in their community has been especially high. A recent investigation found that 1 in 73 haredi Israelis over the age of 65 had died from COVID, about four times the rate of the general population. Despite the lockdown, some haredi Israelis have defied restrictions and reopened

It will take a long time to see the long-term effects. They are basically doing a study on people, which I find really unethical.”

ADINA ARAZI

Israel is also considering an agreement with Greece to allow tourism between the countries for those who are vaccinated.

But a segment of Israelis remains reluctant to get the shot. While Israel’s vaccine rollout had ramped up to 200,000 people vaccinated daily, the pace has slowed significantly in the past week. According to government data, while more than 90% of Israelis older than 60 have been vaccinated, the equivalent figure is 70% for haredi, or ultra-Orthodox, Jews and 64% for Arab Israelis.

With some vaccination centers half empty, local municipalities are trying to find incentives to get rates back up. In the haredi city of Bnei Brak, where vaccination rates are among the lowest in the country, first responders told residents that if they got

schools, in addition to gathering in large crowds for funerals.

Vaccine skepticism extends beyond the haredi community. While most older and high-risk Israelis have rushed to be vaccinated, some younger Israelis are more torn about taking the vaccine.

Adina Arazi, 47, who lives in the southern city of Netivot and teaches hydrotherapy, said she is not an anti-vaxxer. Her two children, a 20-year-old son with special needs and a 16-year-old daughter, got all of their traditional childhood vaccines. But this time nobody in her family is being immunized from COVID.

“I feel like we’ve moved a little too fast,” she said. “It will take a long time to see the long-term effects. They are basically doing a study on people, which I find really unethical.” •

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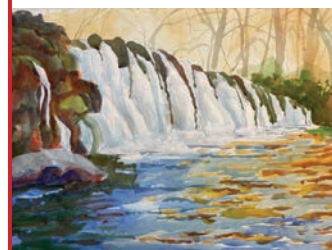
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of nearly the entire staff to the rehiring of most of that staff after securing a Payroll Protection Program loan.

And then preparations for summer camp had to begin.

As hard as the last year has been, though, the efforts to remain open were a reminder of what Krulik loved about her job — thinking about community fundamentals and the best way to get people what they needed.

Kruklik announced her departure in an email to members on Feb. 9, writing that her last four years working with the staff have “been nothing short of remarkable.”

“I am eternally grateful for the faith and trust that you have placed in me,” Kruklik wrote. “The JCC has always and will always have a special place in my heart.”

Cindy Smukler, president of the JCC’s board of directors and a longtime friend of Kruklik’s, said she was disappointed that the JCC would be losing her, but understood that MLRT represented “a wonderful opportunity.”

“Amy has accomplished much over the past four years

as the CEO of the Kaiserman JCC,” Smukler said. “We will miss her leadership and her talent. With that being said, we are excited about this new opportunity and hope to replace her talent.”

An interim CEO hasn’t been named.

In 1997, Kruklik was hired as the director of communications and cultural arts at the JCC, and then transitioned to a role as membership director and site director until 2003. The Kruklik family became deeply enmeshed there. As she told the Jewish Exponent in 2017, her children attended camp, preschool and after-school programs at the JCC.

From 2003 and 2016, Kruklik held leadership roles at the Jewish Relief Agency, Colonial Plantation and JCCs of Greater Philadelphia, returning to the JCC as CEO in 2017.

Joel H. Ginsparg, president of the board of trustees at MLRT, said a search committee scoured the nation for candidates when the synagogue’s last executive director, Janet Lee, resigned around the High Holidays in 2020. MLRT considered at least 30 candidates from across the country, conducting interviews by

Zoom. In the end, the search committee settled on Kruklik, who was already familiar with the synagogue’s people, history and culture.

“She just happened to be the cream of the crop,” Ginsparg said. “She was the person that really stood out as we went through and completed the process, which is why we’re thrilled and excited that she’s joining us.”

When Kruklik was contacted by the search committee, she was immediately intrigued. In the last year, Kruklik said, she found herself leaning more heavily on Jewish ethical study and Jewish spiritual connection than she ever anticipated. So when MLRT offered her the opportunity to marry her professional life with that newfound connection to religion, Kruklik was thrilled to accept.

“I’m excited to focus Jewishly on things, on Jewish practice and Jewish spirituality in our community,” she said.

At MLRT, Kruklik will be asked to take on a dual role requiring her to fundraise while running a complex operation that has a large congregation, a religious school and an early childhood education program.

There will be plenty of changes: In addition to focusing more on religious engagement, Kruklik joked that she expected to see far fewer naked gym-goers, preschool students and campers every day.

“I’m proud,” she said laughingly of her JCC tenure, “that we have created a comfortable and respectful environment for people when they’re at their least clothed.” •



▲ Amy Krulik will the leave Kaiserman JCC by the end of March. Courtesy of Amy Krulik

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▲ James Mara hangs out at Camp Kef.

Photos by Janine Nelson

“The JCC has always and will always have a special place in my heart.”

AMY KRULIK



▲ Basketball instruction at Kaiserman’s Camp Kef in 2020

Teachers

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the Philadelphia area,” said Shira Cohen, a Jewish math teacher at Feltonville School of Arts and Sciences in North Philadelphia who supported the staff actions. “We’re still in the middle of a surge.”

Superintendent William R. Hite Jr. addressed the reopening plan in a Facebook Live announcement on Feb. 10.

“This has been a difficult week for our school district,” he said. “I understand and respect that there are various points of view about how and when schools should open. As superintendent, nonetheless, safety has been and

action, but there was no direct follow-up from the district. Teachers were ultimately not mandated to report to schools due to an arbitration agreement announced by Mayor Jim Kenney’s office.

Fanwick was frustrated that the district directed her toward social media for information about the reopening rather than reaching out to staff directly.

“That is not where I feel I should be getting information from my employer,” she said. “They have my email address. They knew exactly how to email me this week when they wanted to let us know about disciplinary actions. But on Facebook Live, they

complaints the Exponent wrote to her about. She was unable to respond fully by press time.

Amit Schwalb, a Jewish science teacher at W.B. Saul High School in Roxborough, said previous experiences with loose asbestos in his classroom made him skeptical about whether district buildings really had been made safe.

He stands by his union, PFT, and its decision that safety conditions have not been met. The organization is waiting to hear the ruling of Dr. Peter Orris, chief of occupational and environmental medicine at the University of Illinois, who the city has brought in as a mediator.

Fanwick is aware that many

Students could still bring the virus home to their family members, many of whom might be immunocompromised.”

SHIRA COHEN

continues to be my No. 1 priority in preparing to return staff and students to buildings. Any rumor or statement claiming otherwise is just plain false.”

Cohen said it would be irresponsible to open schools before vaccines were widely available to staff, and noted that students and their families would remain vulnerable even if their teachers were vaccinated.

“Students could still bring the virus home to their family members, many of whom might be immunocompromised,” she said.

Joan Fanwick, a Jewish special education teacher at George W. Nebinger Elementary School in South Philadelphia, said the district reached out to say there would be consequences if kindergarten, first- and second-grade teachers did not report to the classroom when called. Her union, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, then announced that there would not be disciplinary

talked about how every teacher returning would get tested once a week, and I didn’t get an email about that.”

Many of the district buildings lack functional heat, ventilation and cooling systems, Cohen said. She was told that the district planned to install window fans to increase ventilation. But that would make the classrooms cold, and some windows don’t open at all.

Fanwick could not find the ventilation reports the district claimed to have filed.

“If you look in the Google Drive folder on the school district’s website that claims to have all the ventilation reports, if you actually open the one for my school, it does not have any testing, it just has an estimate of what the testing should say,” she said.

School District spokesperson Monica Lewis said the reports did not look incomplete to her, but was looking into it, as well as the teachers’ other

proponents of reopening schools argue that disabled and marginalized students like hers are disproportionately disadvantaged by a lack of in-person instruction. She thinks their physical health and safety should remain the top priority.

“A lot of times, there’s an ableist stretch of that,” she said. “There’s a thought, ‘Oh, OK, they need the education more. And they need to conform to society.’ And they can only do that if they’re in school, and learning how to conform to society to make it easier on the people around them. But a lot of times, we’re not thinking about what’s best for them, both health-wise, and educationally.”

Schwalb thinks the fact that Black and brown families across the country have opted to keep their children at home at higher rates than white families is being ignored in arguments that marginalized students who rely more



▲ Amit Schwalb teaches classes outside in South Philadelphia during the Feb. 8 protest. Photo by Rebecca Yacker

on school services should be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. On Feb. 1, The New York Times reported higher rates of Black families opting for remote learning than white families in Chicago; New York City; Oakland, California; Washington, D.C.; Nashville, Tennessee; and Dallas.

He said the disruption of changing learning models at this point in the school year will be detrimental to students, who he believes often need consistency and routine to thrive. He has heard reports of staffing issues and decreased instructional time from friends and colleagues in other districts that have adopted hybrid models.

Schwalb was among the teachers conducting class outside during the Feb. 8 protest, although he hasn’t been asked to return to his building yet. A friend who owns a restaurant donated outdoor heaters, and he rented

a pickup truck to distribute them. Students, families and neighbors also donated heaters and generators.

“It was just really empowering for me to see that, and that’s what being in a union and what social change is all about,” he said.

He has reflected on the work of Jewish labor activists like Karen Lewis, president of the Chicago Teachers Union, whose death at 67 was announced the same day as the protest. He read her bat mitzvah d’var Torah and realized she was someone who loved and lived Jewish values, from her personal interactions to her movement for educational equity.

“That’s a life of Torah, a life of not just studying and learning and loving Torah, but really living it. And I aspire to live up to that call,” he said. ●

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Reframing ‘Dual Loyalty’

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RECENTLY, NBC NEWS caused an uproar when they published a mean-spirited article online suggesting that Anne Neuberger, President Joe Biden’s pick for deputy national security adviser on the National Security Council, would not be able to judge Israel in a professionally objective manner simply because her family foundation is a major donor to AIPAC. Though NBC News didn’t use the term “dual loyalty,” the thinly veiled accusation was clear.

But why is the assertion of “dual loyalty” so sensitive? And what is the history of the ugly accusation? The notion that Jews are disloyal to whatever country they live

in is an age-old calumny put to powerful use in Nazi Germany. But the idea of Jews as untrustworthy, secretive and having multiple agendas can be found as early as the Middle Ages. This long history, which has often resulted in violence, explains why, when the charge of dual loyalty is invoked against Jews, even obliquely, the Jewish community and its member organizations respond quickly and emphatically, as they should.

But maybe it’s time to reexamine the notion of dual loyalty, and to acknowledge how it is regularly celebrated in the context of the great American experiment.

The United States is a nation of immigrants. Our cherished land of opportunity has a larger percentage

of immigrants than any other country in the world. Most proudly become U.S. citizens. Yet they often retain a connection to the countries they’ve come from, whether that’s represented as an Italian flag keychain, a shamrock button on a backpack or a map of Africa sewn onto a jacket. And we regularly celebrate those historical connections through heritage parades, music festivals, food and drink carnivals — as joyful reminders that one can be an American, love this country, be loyal to it, and still pay tribute to historical origins.

Our Jewish community understands this mix of influences and identities. We encourage the sharing of traditions, whether through a Russian-Jewish cooking class

or a Yemeni Jewish dance recital. And, of course, we have a meaningful connection to Israel, fostered in school curricula, synagogues, family traditions and ventures like Birthright. These strong bonds and connections do not compromise our patriotism. They complement it — giving us a broader appreciation of who we are.

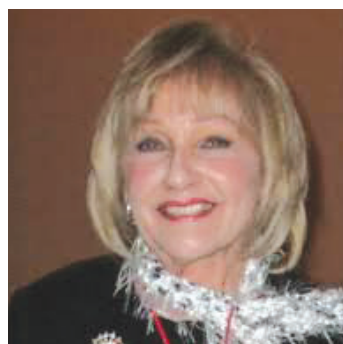
There are, of course, numerous historical instances when American loyalty has been questioned — from Japanese internments during World War II to the demonization of Muslims following 9/11. But in most of American life, the appreciation for a culture or nation of origin is not contextualized as dishonor to the United States or as a threat to one’s

patriotism. On the contrary, to be proud of one’s heritage and grateful to the country that welcomed immigrants to safety seems entirely natural and expected. Yet it is consistently viewed with suspicion when Jews do it.

We need to find ways to put Jewish loyalties, which may be multiple, in the same context as other diverse American loyalties. Meaningful connection with one’s history and heritage is a good thing. It amplifies our American experience, and heightens our appreciation for everything this country provides to us. ●

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Bat Mitzvah Marks a Beginning ... and an End



BY GLORIA HOCHMAN

MY COUSINS, Ken and Tracy Spivack, live a lifestyle-on-the-fly. My type-A daughter, Anndee, and her partner, Elissa, are disciplined and intentional. Together, those cousins blended their talents to create a celebration that will be carved forever into our family lore.

Late on a chilly night last October, Ken tiptoed into the bedroom of his 12-year-old daughter, Scout, and asked if she could be ready for her bat

mitzvah a little early.

“How early?” she asked.

“Sunday,” he responded.

“You mean four days from now?”

“Yes. You have a bubbe who is very ill, and I want her to see all of her five grandchildren become a bar or bat mitzvah. You are the fifth one. I want her to hear you read from the Torah. So how about Sunday?”

Scout turned the scenario over in her mind. She knew that Sunday was Rosh Chodesh. As a student at Perelman Jewish Day School, she had learned the aliyas for that date when she was in fourth grade. “I knew it would be a lot of work,” Scout said. “But I looked into my dad’s moist eyes. I told him I could do it.”

The following Sunday, deep into the pandemic, 11 relatives including Scout’s parents, brother Jacob, sister Dylan, grandparents Joan and Gerald Spivack, Uncle Milt and cousins

Erika and Ashlee from Tucson who were in Philadelphia for a visit, gathered in the Plymouth Meeting apartment of Scout’s grandparents. Her bubbe Joni left her bed to join those in the living room. Others —

her cousin Anndee, a journalist and teacher of creative writing who is a literate Hebrew reader. Anndee has led our family seders and Rosh Hashanah rituals since her grandfather passed away 24 years ago. “I

the logistics — working with Scout on her Torah portion, preparing a bat mitzvah booklet, deciding what she wanted to say in her blessing to Scout — she called Ken. “I’ll do it,” she told him.

In a room so hushed you could hear a tissue fold, those who attended knew they were part of a singular ceremony they would always remember.

grandparents from New Jersey and Florida, aunts, uncles and cousins from Arizona — joined via Zoom.

There was no lavish buffet, no bouquets of flowers on fine linen tablecloths, no gowns for which we had overpaid. There was not even an ordained rabbi.

Scout had rejected the two rabbis her father had suggested — one Conservative, one Orthodox. Instead, she chose

knew Anndee would do it the way I wanted it, and it would all be just our family who made it happen,” Scout said.

When Anndee heard Ken’s proposal — “I want to pick your brain about something ...” — her initial reaction was the same as that of her younger cousin. “That’s only four days from now. Impossible!” The next morning, after a sleepless night during which she juggled

“I couldn’t help thinking about the history of the Jews celebrating bar mitzvahs in times of great duress — in the Warsaw ghetto, during wars, exiles and displacements,” Anndee said. “So, in some ways, we were joining — and validating — this tradition of defiantly making it happen under any circumstances.”

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Condemnation of Marjorie Taylor Greene Needs to Come From Both Sides



BY MOSHE PHILLIPS

WHY ARE SOME right-of-center Jewish groups finding it so difficult to publicly condemn anti-Semitic congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene?

A few, such as the Republican Jewish Coalition and the Coalition for Jewish Values, have spoken out. Herut too condemns Marjorie Taylor Greene's extremism and her endorsements of anti-Semitic conspiracies. But too many others have remained silent.

massacre and various school shootings were hoaxes.

Just a couple weeks ago, shortly before the three-year anniversary of the Parkland school shooting, a 2019 video surfaced of Greene confronting Parkland shooting survivor David Hogg, who Greene has called "little Hitler" on Twitter, in Washington, D.C. Hogg ignored her, which she said in the video was because he was a "coward" getting paid by George Soros — another Jew at the center of her conspiracy theories.

Considering how often Jews have been targeted — and hurt — by conspiracy-mongering, you would assume that every Zionist and Jewish organization, from right to left, would speak out against Greene. Those on the left have. But not all those on the right have.

Those in the Jewish community who claim to fight anti-Semitism are credible

right condemn her, it matters. It packs a punch. It shows that even people who might agree with her on some other issues have come to recognize that she is a beyond-the-pale extremist.

At the end of the day, anti-Semites don't make political distinctions. They hate all Jews. To counter them, Jewish organizations likewise must take a bipartisan approach of condemning all anti-Semites.

Is it possible that some Jewish groups that were sympathetic to President Donald Trump are silent on Greene because Trump has praised her? I hope that's not the case. The first responsibility of leaders of Jewish and Zionist organizations is supposed to be to their members and to the Jewish people, not to a particular political party or a particular former president.

The fact that the Trump

When groups on the right condemn [Marjorie Taylor Greene], it matters. It packs a punch. It shows that even people who might agree with her on some other issues have come to recognize that she is a beyond-the-pale extremist.

The silence of other organizations surely cannot be because of any doubts regarding Greene's record of espousing anti-Semitism, violence and lunatic conspiracy theories.

After all, that ugly record speaks for itself — in volumes.

In videotaped diatribes, tweets and retweets over the past several years, Greene has irresponsibly shared conspiracies that the Rothschilds started brush fires in California, railed against "Zionist supremacists," promoted the anti-Semitic QAnon movement, encouraged violence against congressional leaders, and claimed that the 9/11 attacks, the Las Vegas

only if they loudly and clearly denounce hatred when it comes from all camps, not just from the camp of their opponents. Republicans who only condemn anti-Semitism from the left are no more credible than Democrats who only condemn anti-Semitism from the right.

It's not just a matter of credibility. It's also a matter of effectiveness.

When groups on the left denounce Greene, it doesn't have much impact. They're obviously her political opponents. Their criticism is not particularly impressive.

But when groups on the

administration took a number of pro-Israel actions does not mean that the Jewish community has some obligation to follow him in embracing Greene.

We can appreciate the relocation of the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem without embracing every fringe element on the American political far right. We can praise the U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights without subscribing to thoroughly debunked conspiracy theories about the recent election. We can support the reduction in U.S. aid to the Palestinian

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KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Remembering Cantor Wall

WHEN I GRADUATED from Hebrew High at Har Zion Temple in 1962, my class was each asked to sing a portion of the Birkat HaMazon. I cannot sing at all.

Cantor Isaac Wall ("Longtime Cantor Isaac Wall Dies at 103," Feb. 11) took me aside and coached me through my section.

I will always remember his kindness.

Marilyn Halpern | Philadelphia

Remembering Cantor Karpo

Your piece on my beloved Cantor Karpo ("Longtime Cantor Sidney Karpo Dies at 93," Feb. 4) was amazing.

He was a truly remarkable human being. As a six-time past president of Ner Zedek, I remember arguing with him to sit and chant and not retire. He said that would be against everything he believed in.

I still can close my eyes and hear him chant Kol Nidre. There was only one Karpo.

And, yes, he taught my son for his bar mitzvah and then performed the wedding ceremony. He and Sylvia danced up a storm that night.

I had just sent him a birthday card in November and spoke to him on Yom Kippur.

He will be truly missed.

Maxine Goldman | Northeast Philadelphia

Protect Us From Iran, Love Israel

I read with interest the excellent opinion column by Penn student Sophia Rodney ("I'm a Student and I'm Afraid of Where My Party Is Headed," Jan. 28). I totally agree with everything she wrote.

Anyone who believes that the Iranians will tell the truth about anything has their head in the sand. They will lie, cheat and steal to accomplish their goals, one of which is the destruction of Israel. I do not understand the American Jews who do not support Israel. Israel started with nothing and through hard work and brilliance have developed many of the truly great technological and pharmaceutical advances in the world today.

What has been happening on many college campuses is very disheartening. Instead of listening to both sides of an argument, students boycott and prevent speakers they disagree with from talking. Anti-Semitic acts are common. Jewish students are fearful of speaking out against them on some campuses. Students, even misguided Jewish ones, have supported the BDS movement. We are former Philadelphians who live in Florida. We hear about campus anti-Semitic acts from our local ADL chapter.

As I approach my 90th birthday, I hope and pray that the administration in Washington, D.C., comes to its senses and helps protect Israel and the Jews in America from Iran and our homegrown anti-Semites. •

Howard Hatoff | Boca Raton, Florida

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Erica Pais Creates Local Baking Community

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WITH PURIM ON the horizon and in-person gatherings still iffy, many families are coming up with creative ways to get together virtually — like a Zoom hamantaschen baking class taught by local pastry chef Erica Pais. But first, some background.

Pais discovered that she wanted to be a chef at the age of 11 on a visit to her grandmother's house in Florida.

"I wasn't from a very foodie family, but on this visit to my grandmother's I saw an episode of 'Top Chef' for the first time, and I thought, 'Wow! That is for me!'"

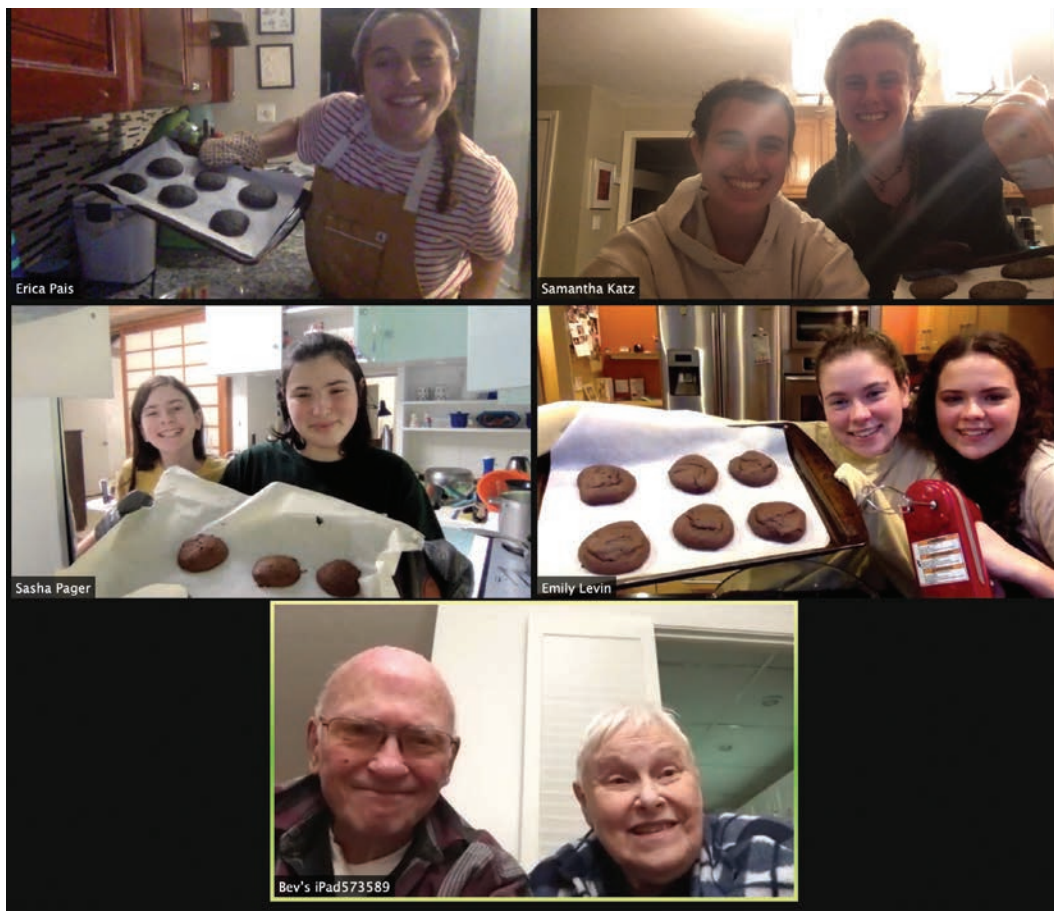
Growing up in Sharon, Massachusetts, Pais discovered the joys of baking in middle

school — around the time she decided to be a chef — through volunteer work. She joined the Youth Crew for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in honor of her great-grandmother Mollie and a schoolmate's mother, both of whom had the disease.

The Youth Crew was required to raise \$1,800, so Pais turned to baking. Using boxed mixes, she baked cupcakes and muffins and bought them to school to sell for \$1 each.

"I remember the anticipation and joy of people when they received my baked goods, and that it was such a good feeling to make people so happy," she said.

Eventually, she graduated from boxed mixes and began to experiment with baking from scratch. She credits her



▲ A Chanukah baking class conducted by Erica Pais, top left

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great-grandmother with her culinary bent.

"Bubbie Mollie was from Hungary, so she made all sorts of traditional dishes from Eastern Europe: knishes, stuffed cabbage, as well as loads of baked goods. Her pumpkin chocolate chip muffins were a specialty — I always feel close to her when I bake them," Pais said. "She lived to be 100 years old, so she was a big part of my life."

Pais turned to baking again while a student at Colgate University as a way to create community. It started when a senior citizen couple audited one of Pais' classes and she befriended them.

"They became like surrogate grandparents for me, and we ended up creating this whole community around baking," she said. "We invited students and people from the town, we met in a campus kitchen and I taught everyone how to bake different treats. We established

this wonderful connection."

Majoring in sociology and educational studies may seem like an odd route to the culinary world, but Pais disagrees.

"My course of study in sociology was all about relationships and connections within communities, and the educational studies portion was about how we learn — so teaching baking as a way to establish a community is right on point."

Following graduation, Pais landed a job in New York as an account manager for a corporate catering company, but she missed the hands-on aspect of baking. To fill that need, she worked part time in various kitchens and bakeries in New York, including Do, where she taught baking as well.

Early last year, she decided to pursue food as a career and came to visit a close friend living in Philadelphia. She ended up staying when she discovered Zahav had job

openings, applied and was hired as a busser in February 2020. Then the pandemic hit and restaurants closed.

Again, Pais sought solace in baking. She took over her friend's kitchen and baked, sold, delivered and shipped baked goods informally to friends and neighbors far and wide.

As the pandemic wore on, she devised a way to create a virtual baking community like to the one she established at Colgate. Her classes have been a hit — she does private lessons, corporate events and classes for the general public. She held a particularly memorable lesson in December when a set of grandparents gave their entire family a class as a Chanukah gift, and they all virtually gathered and baked together.

For more information about Pais' classes, visit paistries.com.

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BUBBIE MOLLIE'S PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS

Makes about 20

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat your oven to 350 F and spray a muffin pan with nonstick spray or line it with cupcake liners. Set it aside.

Whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a medium bowl until fully incorporated. Set aside.



▲ Pumpkin chocolate chip muffin, above; Erica Pais, right
Muffin photo by Erica Pais; portrait by Michael Norry

Whisk together the eggs and sugar in a large mixing bowl until fully incorporated. Add the oil and canned pumpkin, then whisk until fully incorporated.

Pour the dry mixture into the pumpkin mixture and mix with a wooden spoon until just combined; be careful not to overmix. Add the chocolate

chips and mix again until evenly distributed. Pour the batter into the prepared muffin pan.

Bake 15-18 minutes. To check if they are done, lightly press on the top of a muffin with your index finger; if the muffin resists the pressure and does not indent, the muffins are done. ●



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Rabbi Abel Respes Spent Lifetime Urging Jews of Color to Discover Their Roots

HISTORY

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THE LATE RABBI Abel Respes, the subject of a Black History Month webinar this week, always knew his family was different.

Born in 1919 to a poor Black family in North Philadelphia, he grew up with a vague understanding of his religious background. His mother told him that their Bible was written in a different language, and his grandmother observed Jewish customs and told him that their people worshipped in secret in the past.

"I remembered my father, who read the Bible but never went to church, telling me when I was 13 — and should have been bar mitzvahed — 'We're different from other Negroes. We are Jews,'" he told *The New York Times* in 1978.

He dropped out of high school at 16 and worked odd jobs to help support his family. At 28, a series of mystical experiences, including dreams, motivated him to research his Jewish roots. His son, Rabbi Gamliel Respes, said he fasted for seven days and seven nights and began teaching himself Hebrew, reading texts like the chumash and the tanakh.

Researching his Spanish last name led him to the stories of the Marranos, or Jews who practiced in secret during the Spanish Inquisition. His studies indicated he was descended from Marranos, also known as crypto-Jews, who fled persecution and may have resettled in North and West Africa.

Respes dedicated himself to intensive study, became a rabbi and founded Adat Beyt Moshe, a largely African American congregation that began in North Philadelphia and later moved to Elwood, New Jersey.



▲ Rabbi Abel Respes

Courtesy of Rabbi Gamliel Respes

"He felt that if this was a possibility for his family as a person of color in the United States, then maybe there were other families who sort of lost their way and were crypto-Jews because of circumstances such as the slave trade," Rabbi Gamliel Respes said.

Adat Beyt Moshe congregants included a combination of crypto-Jewish families, converts to Judaism and other Jewish people of color. It operated communally, with families pooling resources to buy land and build homes and a synagogue.

Despite the fact that a panel of rabbis found Respes' knowledge of Judaism to be superior to that of graduates of Yeshiva University, he and his community often faced scrutiny from white Ashkenazi rabbinic authorities who required them to prove

their Jewishness, Rabbi Gamliel Respes said. During an attempt to immigrate to Israel, Abel Respes, who died in 1986, underwent a formal conversion because he could not produce proof of his heritage.

He also worked to educate the broader Jewish community about Jews of color and their history, advocating for Jews to focus on their identity as an indigenous people from the Middle East as the Torah described them, not divided along contemporary American racial categories.

"My dad was on the radio explaining this, which resonated with some people of color and they came to learn more. So the fact that my father was educating them and letting them know that there were Jews who were exiled not just in

Europe but in Africa led them to come and learn from him," Rabbi Gamliel Respes said.

YASMINAH RESPES

He thinks the most significant part of his father's legacy was the reach of his community and education work. His cousins have traveled across the country and encountered people along the way who recognize Rabbi Abel Respes' name because he touched their lives in some way.

His granddaughter, Yasminah Respes, said her grandfather's dedication to finding acceptance in the Jewish community helped inspire her to become a Jewish educator and make an Orthodox conversion in Israel.

"I wish more people knew just how wise he was," she said. "I mean, the fact that he could teach himself Hebrew is an amazing accomplishment, especially before the internet. And the fact

that he was able to influence so many members of his own family and extended community members, that's a big deal."

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Jewish Community Relations Council will hold a webinar discussion with Yasminah Respes, Rabbi Gamliel Respes and historian Craig Stutman about Rabbi Abel Respes' life in partnership with the African American Museum in Philadelphia, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, ADL's Black-Jewish Alliance and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey on Feb. 23 in honor of Black History Month.

Viewers can register for the 7 p.m. Zoom event at bit.ly/2LoI2Jp.

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Langhorne Slim's New Album Inspired By Singer's Jewish Grandparents

MUSIC

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ANYONE WILL TELL YOU that 2020 was a tough year, but Langhorne Slim's 2019 was no picnic, either.

The Jewish singer-songwriter was unable to make music due to his struggles with clinical anxiety disorder and prescription drug abuse. Slim battled and beat addiction in the form of drinking years ago, but couldn't shake the need to escape feelings of anxiety and depression.

"That's my experience since I was a kid in Becky Horowitz's parents' basement in Villanova, when I drank a six-pack of Yuengling and I knew that it was going to be a long road

Philadelphia neighborhood where both sets of his Jewish grandparents grew up. As a child, Slim visited them regularly, and they provided him and his brother with love and support when his parents separated. He idolized his grandfathers, Jack Scolnick and Sid Cohen, and meditated on their lives as he wrote the new songs.

"They were incredibly sweet, loving, kind, generous and also badass and tough. I don't mean tough like violent, but tough like you have to be because this world ain't easy, as we all know," he said.

Slim, 40, was raised Jewish, attended Hebrew school and became a Bar Mitzvah, but struggled to connect with the religion through rote memori-



▲ Langhorne Slim

► Strawberry Mansion album cover
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When I drank a six-pack of Yuengling ... I knew that it was going to be a long road of drinking."

LANGHORNE SLIM

of drinking," said Slim, who was born Sean Scolnick in Langhorne. He knew he would have a similar experience when he started using drugs, and addiction felt inevitable.

A friend intervened and urged him to seek help, so he checked into a program in December 2019.

A few months later, a tornado swept through his neighborhood in Nashville. A few weeks after that, the pandemic hit in full force and led to widespread shutdowns.

In quarantine, Slim used the newfound sense of quiet and his recent healing experiences in therapy to write a song a day at the suggestion of a close friend. Three months and many songs later, he had the 22 tracks that form his new album, "Strawberry Mansion."

The album is named for the

zation and recital. He felt more connected to Judaism through family, traditions and music.

He calls his grandfathers "Jewish Buddhas" for the wisdom and guidance they provided him, teaching him to treat everyone with respect and value people from all walks of life.

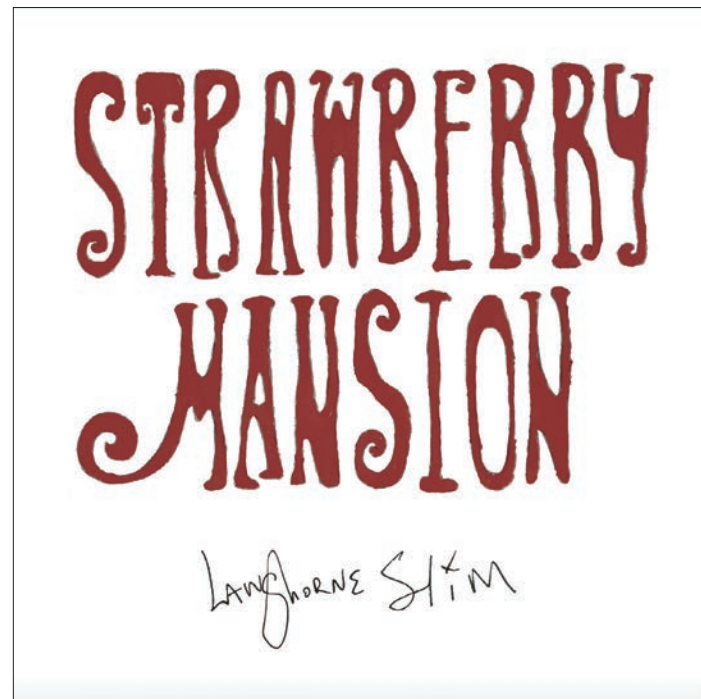
"I do think of them as men that had deep, deep wisdom, and an intelligence that goes far beyond an academic one. I don't know that either one graduated high school and, like a lot of people from that generation, they just had street smarts. But they mixed that with a huge heart and taught us to be cool and kind to our fellow brother and sister," he said.

It was a powerful message to teach a child, he added, and one he has come to appreciate even more as society becomes increasingly fractured and tribal.

His family continues to be a strong source of support. During the pandemic, he has traveled to Pennsylvania to visit his mother, Robin Scolnick, and his surviving grandmother, Ruth Cohen.

In his song "The Mansion," Slim mentions his grandparents by name in a tribute to his family, their neighborhood and their love of music. In "Red Bird," he shares one of Jack Scolnick's favorite parables, which involves a lot of horse excrement.

The other songs on the album, like Slim's grandparents, are a mix of tough and sweet. Although many address dark topics, the music itself is consistently lighthearted, even playful. Tracks like "Mighty Soul" and "Alright to Hide" explore finding the strength and hope to face the fear and uncertainty of the current era. "Panic Attack" is a



catchy, toe-tapping account of Slim's experience with mental health issues.

He said he turned inward to find a sense of optimism when faced with pain and suffering.

"It's what we do with the suffering and the pain, and how we figure out a way to have a lighter step, perhaps, to be more graceful, to be more

kind to ourselves," he said. "And for me, getting started to get myself healthy again, which happened right before the tornado in Nashville and right before the pandemic, I was able to start to recognize myself more." •

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Video Project Explores Asian Jewish Identities

CULTURE

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WHEN MAYA KATZ-ALI saw the ad on Facebook recruiting Asian Jews to participate in a new video project about identity, she scrolled through her list of friends to figure out who might be a good fit.

The daughter of a Jewish mother from New York and a Muslim father from India, it didn't occur to Katz-Ali that she fit the bill herself. Though she grew up connected to both parents' cultures — especially the food — she always saw them as distinct. When her mother wanted to hire Indian dancers for her bat mitzvah, she shot the idea down.

"I remember specifically saying, 'Mom, no, that's

Indian. That's not Jewish,'" said Katz-Ali, who now works for the Shabbat programming organization OneTable. "So obviously, in my head, I had this big kind of divorce of these two identities."

After her epiphany that she would be a good candidate for the video initiative she saw advertised on Facebook, Katz-Ali reached out to its founders. That's how she ended up in "Taste of Connection," the food-focused first episode of Lunar: The Jewish-Asian Film Project, a series of videos of young Asian American Jews in conversation with each other that launched this week, to coincide with the lunar new year, a holiday celebrated in multiple Asian cultures. The series — which is on YouTube and also lives on the website of Be'chol Lashon, a group

promoting Jews of color that helped support the project — will tackle a new theme in each episode.

"[It's] really fun to break the stereotype of 'You want Jewish food? Ok, it's a bagel,'" Katz-Ali says in the video, after describing how she blends Indian cuisine with Jewish tradition.

The series is the brainchild of two recent college students who found themselves craving a way to get to know other people whose identities overlapped with their own.

One of them is founder Gen Slosberg, who was raised without religion in China and moved with her Ashkenazi father and Chinese mother to the U.S. as a teenager. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, she

joined multiple groups for students of color — where to her surprise she discovered Jews of color like herself.

"Everybody I knew who was Jewish was white," said Slosberg. But even after learning from those student groups, she had never been in or heard of a space for Asian American Jews in particular.

"I would for example hear one of the people at one of my JOC [Jews of color] Shabbats go 'Oh yeah, my Chinese grandmother, this, this and this,'" Slosberg said. "And I'm like, what if we were in a space and we could all understand what it's like to have an Asian grandma. Wouldn't that be cool?"

So last spring Slosberg reached out to a few other Chinese Jews through connections and social media, hoping

to create that space for herself. She found Jenni Rudolph, a Berklee College of Music graduate who was featured in a widely viewed YouTube video about interracial identity.

Rudolph had grown up in Huntington Beach, a predominantly white city in southern California's Orange County, where she struggled to feel at home in white, Asian or Jewish spaces. She had attended a Jewish preschool, but after it closed, her two younger sisters didn't get the same Jewish foundation, and her family wasn't very religious.

"That was just a really exciting moment for me," Rudolph said of her initial virtual meet-up with Slosberg's group, "of meeting others and

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Parshat Terumah

“Speak to the children of Israel and let them take for Me a portion [a donation for the Sanctuary], from every person whose heart motivates him you shall take My portion” Exodus 25:2.

“They shall make a Sanctuary for Me — so that I may dwell among them” Exodus 25:8.

IN THIS WEEK’S Torah reading, G-d speaks to Moses and Israel from Mount Sinai. The Israelites listen and accept the covenant that G-d proposed, saying “We will do and we will listen.”

At this point in the story, the drama of the plagues, the Exodus from Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, and the wondrous sights and sounds of the Sinai experience are in the past. The Israelites have been made part of history, but have not yet been asked for anything in return. There is an important shift here as G-d introduces the concept of Terumah, or offerings and

contributions to the people.

Not only does G-d now ask something of the Israelites, he also gives them detailed instructions, which we will hear about in the coming weeks. They are to build a portable sanctuary, which will become the center of community life during the coming years of wandering.

Awed by G-d, the Israelites respond “we will do,” which is an admirable change, after following behind the leadership of Moses and Aaron out of Egypt. It’s an important step toward freedom. But the word used by G-d is not “to give,” but rather “to take for me a donation.” Why use the word take instead of give?

Rabbi David of Kotzk explains with a saying: “A fool gives and a wise man takes.” It means that a fool thinks he is giving when performing a generous act or making a donation, but it is the wise man who realizes he is taking because he benefits psychologically as much as the taker, based on a desire to become part of something larger.

The Israelites are asked “to take,” not as an obligation but as their hearts move them — and as a group, to create through the sharing of textiles and metals, a place for G-d to reside amongst them, where they gather. And give they do, recognizing the value they are receiving in return: community, ownership, active participation and more. Each gives his own portion of contribution with open heartedness and shares in the finished product of a sanctuary.

The Israelites in this week’s reading are in the process of becoming a single people and a nation with shared ideals. The ethereal G-d asks them for a physically distinctive and sacred place to reside. It’s a defining moment in their fluid life of wandering and, as opposed to the destructiveness of the golden calf, they work together to create an inspiring sacred sanctuary.

Bezalel, the architect who transforms G-d’s detailed instructions into reality, is the main player in the narrative, while Moses is still up

in the clouds, so to speak. With Bezalel, the Israelites on the ground transform from former slaves into demonstrably free people, and they are transformed internally and psychically.

And as a result of the Terumah, contributions that they took and brought to this moment, the people, rather than Moses, will bring G-d’s presence to earth in a physical sign that joins them as they journey. They’ve created something bigger than themselves.

So why build a sanctuary?

Isn’t this a paradox, since G-d doesn’t need a temple or sanctuary to “be,” as the whole universe is filled with His presence? It is rather our need to gather and give back in gratitude, to build structures, whether they be in someone’s home or a building modest or otherwise, that creates the holy space. Fifteenth-century commentator Abravanel notes that the sanctuary allows the feminine presence of G-d, known as the Shechinah, to dwell within and among them.

This week, we see a tangible representation of G-d’s presence, created by the people. It is a lesson we can learn about recovery from the pandemic, addressing climate change and addressing other natural and man-made events of the recent past.

May we all gather together soon again, not in just the “cloud,” that is, online, but in those structures, such as synagogues, we have contributed to through our volunteering and through material gifts, where we share our life cycle events as a community. •

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Poland

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said. The passage of the 2018 law against indicting Poland and its citizens in Nazi crimes was evidence to some liberal and democratic groups that the Law and Justice party was discouraging independent research into Polish activities during the Holocaust.

It was against this background that the case was brought against Grabowski and Engelking, and Rice believes the ruling will have a chilling effect. The pressure to teach the Holocaust as a period of heroic Polish resistance will be borne most heavily, she said, by elementary and secondary school teachers.

“They don’t have the support

of larger academic groups, they don’t have the support of academic institutions, they don’t have universities,” Rice said.

Michael Steinlauf, professor emeritus at Gratz College, said that many countries have political groups that try to filter history through the lens of “heroes and martyrs” — including the United States. But in Poland, the ideological attachment to a clean past can have drastic consequences for Holocaust scholars.

“What’s happening now is not the first time that people have lost it [when] looking at their own past,” Steinlauf said. •

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Pavel

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a moral framework, tradition — I sound like ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ — intellectual inquiry,” he said.

Pavel presided over a school that won numerous accolades during his tenure.

In 2011, Central, which counts about 2,400 students each year, was the only high school in Pennsylvania named a national Blue Ribbon School; Pavel said then that 99% of its students attended college, with his last graduating class generating more than \$23 million in college scholarships. Around that time, it was the only Philadelphia proper school included on Newsweek’s list of the 1,000 best high schools in

the country.

Bardach said her father deftly managed the challenges of school administration, which oftentimes took on auxiliary roles, such as counseling and social work and general problem solving.

“He drove people home on snowy days when they couldn’t get a ride,” she cited as an example, laughing that her father encouraged her to not go into education.

Outside of school, Pavel enjoyed reading, following the local sports teams, playing poker and travel, Bardach said. The family’s last pre-COVID-19 trip, in December 2019, was to Israel.

Judaism played a key role in his life, both in applying the religion’s principles to teaching

and also spiritually. The Pavels were founding members of Or Hadash: A Reconstructionist Congregation in Fort Washington.

That Reconstructionist background stressed the value of questioning, Bardach said.

“He did a great job of questioning, both to help other people learn and grow and also to enable the school and students to try new things, if there was no reason they couldn’t,” she said.

Pavel is survived by his wife Paula (née Blackman), daughter Shani (David) Bardach, stepson Ariel (Afshana) Broido and two grandchildren. •

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Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Super Sunday Features New Ways to Connect with the Community

EACH YEAR, THE JEWISH FEDERATION'S SUPER SUNDAY brings together hundreds of community members to connect and raise critical dollars to support the community's most pressing needs. Sadly, due to COVID-19, gathering in person isn't possible this year, but there still will be exciting programming planned to bring the community together.

Danielle Weiss and Mitch Sterling are co-chairs of this year's Super Sunday events. Both are young leaders in the Jewish community and active within the local Jewish Federation, as well as through The Jewish Federation of North America's National Young Leadership Cabinet. They have long been connected to the Jewish Federation and understand the importance of Super Sunday in putting communal dollars to work.

"Super Sunday is a day when the Philadelphia Jewish community is truly at its best," said Sterling, who has participated in Super Sunday since he was a child. "It's a day when Jews of multiple generations, geographies, denominations and backgrounds are reminded of their common goal of contributing individually and collectively to a strong Jewish future here and abroad. This year, it's an opportunity to answer the call in a new way — and at a time when our work is more necessary and important than ever."

Super Sunday is also a way to care for the most vulnerable Jewish populations both locally and around the world.

"I feel a personal responsibility to make sure that the institutions that imbued me with a strong Jewish identity will endure for the next generation. I truly believe that we are stronger as a community when we support one another," Weiss reflected. "I know the investment I make each year in the vitality of the Jewish community is properly placed by the Jewish Federation, whose knowledgeable and talented professionals work tirelessly to leverage every dollar to do the most good for the most number of people."

Even though it required reimagining, Weiss and Sterling are proud that the Jewish Federation understands the underlying importance of Super Sunday by creating meaningful opportunities for the community to come together.

"Our institutions are in critical need of our support, but more than that, we are craving connection and togetherness," said Weiss. "This Super Sunday will be not just a day, but a weekend of events that will allow us to safely be together in new ways, while delivering on our commitment to raise dollars to ensure that the most vulnerable among us will continue to thrive."

On Saturday, March 6, the Jewish Federation is hosting a virtual Havdalah service for the entire community. The service will be led by Joey Weisenberg, founder and director of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, an organization that provides a meeting place and incubator to cultivate Jewish spiritual life through song. Following the service, attendees will have the opportunity to continue to catch up with friends by joining Schmooze & Share rooms.

Those interested can sign up for the Havdalah at jewishphilly.org/signup and visit jewishphilly.org/supersunday to see the list of more than 35 schmooze room hosts.

On Sunday, March 7, volunteers can do a mitzvah by donating food and essential items at one of the five Mitzvah Food Pantries across the community or Shir Ami Congregation in Newtown. The Jewish Federation is accepting curbside drop offs, providing a safe and simple way to give back. With 28% of Philadelphia residents having trouble paying for food, these donations can help ease their burden. Visit jewishphilly.org/fooddrive for more details.

Instead of making calls, community members may still receive a call from a professional service hired to connect on this critical day. To make a gift, please visit jewishphilly.org/give, call 215-832-0899 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, or respond to a text message.

As the Jewish Federation continues to support the increased needs of our community in the wake of COVID-19, now, more than ever, raising funds for our collective sustainability is vital. Thank you for helping ensure a vibrant Jewish future for our community.

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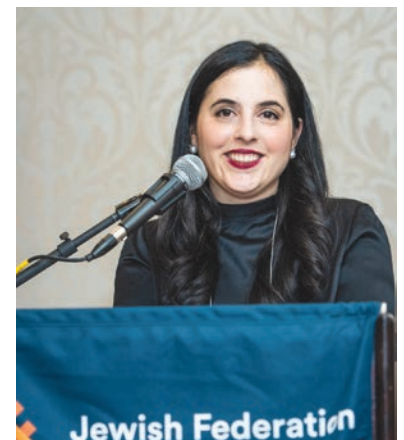
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COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, FEB. 19

Disability Awareness Shabbat

Or Hadash invites all to join a virtual Shabbat service at 7 p.m. celebrating Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month with guest speaker Rabbi Julia Watts Belser, associate professor of Jewish studies at Georgetown University. This discussion draws the voices of disability culture leaders into conversation with Jewish tradition. The event is free and open to the public, but advanced registration at tinyurl.com/JDAIMOH is required to receive the Zoom link.

▼ SATURDAY, FEB. 20

Disability Awareness Shabbat

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El invites the community to virtual Inclusion Shabbat services at 9:30 a.m. Lauren Appelbaum, vice president of communications of the disability advocacy nonprofit RespectAbility, will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact the MBIEE office at 215-635-1505 or facebook.com/groups/mbiee.org.

The Vigil Virtual Screening

Steeped in ancient Jewish lore and demonology, "The Vigil" is a supernatural horror film set over the course of a single evening in Brooklyn's Chasidic Borough Park neighborhood. **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** will stream the film for seven days beginning Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in partnership with IFC Films and Tamar Simon from Mean Streets Management. General admission \$12. Email info@pjff.org for more information.

▼ SUNDAY, FEB. 21

Purim Speed Dating

Tribe12 invites Jewish singles in the Philadelphia area who are in their 20s and 30s to Love is Masked, a speed dating event on Zoom. In keeping with the Purim theme, participants are encouraged to wear masks and costumes. Cost \$5-\$24. Register for the 5 p.m. event at tribe12.org/event/love-is-masked/.

▼ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

JFCS Author Series

Join **Jewish Family and Children's Service** and Beyond the Bookends at 7:30 p.m. for a series of intimate conversations with award-winning authors. This week's selection is Anita Abriel's "Lana's War: A Novel," a story of a young woman recruited to spy for the French resistance during World War II. Cost \$36-48. RSVP at jfcsphilly.org/authorseries. Zoom link provided after registration. For more information, contact Sharon Schwartz at 267.256.2112 or sschwartz@jfcsphilly.org.

▼ THURSDAY, FEB. 25

The Race for America

"Jews, Race and Religion," a free online lecture series offered by the **Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies** at the University of Pennsylvania, will focus on intersections of race and religion, drawing lessons from the history of anti-Semitism, examining the role of Jews in the racialized culture of the United States and exploring the role of race in Jewish identity. All events in the series will take place on Thursdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m. Register at katz.sas.upenn.edu/resources/blog/jews-race-and-religion. ●

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

AJC Philadelphia to Honor Fox Rothschild's Stephanie Resnick

STEPHANIE RESNICK, the managing partner of Fox Rothschild's Philadelphia office, was honored by the American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey on Feb. 17 with its 2021 Judge Learned Hand Award.

The award is given "annually to recognize outstanding members of the Philadelphia legal community who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement and dedicated community leadership."

A former chair of the board of governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Resnick was appointed to serve as the Third Circuit representative to the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. She also served as chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Federal Courts Committee, and chaired its Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

Then-Mayor Michael Nutter appointed Resnick to his Advisory Task Force on Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform and she also served on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Gender Fairness Task Force.

Resnick is a former board chair of Women's Way, a member of the corporate board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a volunteer lawyer for Support Center for Child Advocates.

PICC Elects New Board and Advisory Board Members

Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce announced the Jan. 26 election of several people to its board and advisory board.

Lori Gavrin, executive director of business development for Tmunity Therapeutics, and Elizabeth D. Sigety, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, will serve a second term on the board.

Matt Dane Baker, senior vice provost for academic affairs at Thomas Jefferson University; Sarah Fishman Goncher, deputy general counsel — operations, legal/risk management at ChristianaCare Health System; and Lawton Laurence Sr., director of applied research and technology at West Pharmaceutical Services, will serve a first term.

The following two-term board members were appointed to the advisory board: Eric B. Kmiec, director of the Gene Editing Institute of the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute at ChristianaCare; Michael R. Kelsen, CEO of Paramount Enterprises International, Inc.; and Bernard C. Rudnick, managing partner of CapGenic Advisors, LLC.

They will be joined by David Baker, president and CEO of Vallon Pharmaceuticals, and Gwen Melincoff, managing director of Gemini Advisors LLC.

Cardiologist Bernard L. Segal Dies at 91

Prominent cardiologist Bernard L. Segal, who practiced medicine for more than 60 years, died on Feb. 10 in Palm Beach, Florida. He was 91.

The Montreal native, whose parents were Russian immigrants, came to Philadelphia to work at Hahnemann University Hospital, where he was later appointed chief of cardiology. He then developed the Philadelphia Heart Institute at Presbyterian Medical Center.

After 10 years there, the entire faculty moved with Segal to create a new cardiovascular network with Allegheny University, where he served as senior vice president.

In 1998, Segal joined Thomas Jefferson University, serving for 10 years as director of the Division of Cardiology and endowing a chair in clinical cardiology.

He retired in 2016, having written 12 books and 375 scientific papers. ●

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Hochman

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The bat mitzvah began. Anndee distributed the booklet she had prepared to those present. The rest of us accessed it through screen-sharing.

“Why is this night different from all other nights?” Anndee asked, borrowing words from the traditional Passover Haggadah.

“I chose to open that way,” Anndee said, “because I had come to think of this home-based ritual with all of us wearing masks as differences that enlivened and enriched the experience. It felt resonant and immediate because we had cobbled it together so quickly

for a reason that made it memorable.”

All eyes kept moving from Scout’s face to her bubbe’s. Scout could see her leaning forward in her wheelchair, humming the prayers and mouthing the words.

“It was clear that she knew exactly what was happening,” Anndee said. “I watched her lips move as she said the Sh’m’a. She was as present, alert and checked in as I had seen her in months.”

Scout’s Torah portion was about celebrating the Sabbath and the gifts that each person in the community brings to the occasion. Anndee wanted this community of bat mitzvah guests to mark the moments

when Scout would move from learner to teacher and to shepherd her in her journey toward adulthood.

Scout fingered the yad that would help her keep her place as she chanted 15 verses from the Book of Numbers in the Torah that her father had imported, FedEx, from an Orthodox rabbi in Brooklyn. It had arrived before sundown Friday and would be returned on Monday. Scout’s voice was clear and resonant, and she spoke directly to her bubbe, whose eyes were riveted on her youngest grandchild.

She read flawlessly, then confided, “I was very nervous about today because I wasn’t sure what it was going to look

like. But anyone who knows me knows that for me family always comes first. And I wanted my bubbe and all of my other grandparents to be alive and observe my bat mitzvah.”

In a room so hushed you could hear a tissue fold, those who attended knew they were part of a singular ceremony they would always remember.

Anndee conferred her priestly blessing on Scout.

May your life be rich with laughter and may you always sleep peacefully at night.

May the sun shine its warmth upon you so that you can walk confidently knowing that you are perfect, just exactly as you are.

May you always feel the

love that surrounds you at this moment and may you grow to return that love back into our world.

“This couldn’t have been any more beautiful if you and Scout were on the bimah,” Scout’s bubbe whispered in Anndee’s ear.

“My only wish,” said Anndee, “is that there had been enough physical space to do the hora, to join hands and do one circle around the room.”

Eleven days later, Joni Spivack, Scout’s beloved bubbe, passed away. •

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Phillips

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Authority without stooping to absurd and baseless claims about the Capitol Hill rioters actually being Antifa provocateurs.

Right-of-center Jewish groups have shown over the years that they can be quite prolific and vocal when they want to be. When they have

an opinion on some issue, they make it clear. And that makes their silence regarding Greene’s extremism all the more conspicuous, and all the more disturbing. •

Moshe Phillips is national director of Herut North America’s U.S. division; Herut is an international movement for Zionist pride and education and is dedicated to the ideals of pre-World War Two Zionist leader Ze’ev Jabotinsky.



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BROWN

Sandra Brown, February 9, 2021 of Philadelphia, Pa. Beloved daughter of the late John and Frieda Brown. Devoted cousin of Jacqueline Brookman, Larry Brookman, Andrea Dubin and Jodi Feigenbaum. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Services and interment were private due to Covid-19. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donors choice.

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CLIBANOFF

Phyllis Koch Clibanoff, 84, of Mt. Laurel, NJ, January 25, 2021. Born Phyllis Esther Goldstein in Philadelphia. Devoted wife of Alan Clibanoff. Loving mother of Terri (Terry) Martin, Wendy (Dave) Erb, Stuart (Jenelyn) Koch. Step mother of Ed (Tobey Strumpf) and Andrew (Santee) Clibanoff. Adoring Mom Mom of Steven (Lizelle) and Lindsay Martin, Daniel (Brandy) Erb, David (Ashley Sweet) and Emalyn Koch, Matthew, Jason, and Amy Clibanoff, and five great-grandchildren. Devoted aunt to Sean Gibbs and Lauren Hannon. Predeceased by sister Genie Gibbs. A graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls, she enjoyed traveling, music, playing the piano, and mostly doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Due to covid-19, graveside services were held privately. Contributions in her memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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EDELMAN

Blanche Edelman (nee Heimerling) on Feb. 9, 2021. Wife of the late Isadore, mother of Cindy (Larry) Frank, Jay (Janet) Edelman, Michelle Oeffler and Ruthe (Richard) Weinstein; sister of Marian Weintraub; grandmother of Matthew (Erika) Frank, Scott (Jamie) Frank, Jessica (Michael) Lynch and Jackelyn Edelman (fiance A.J. Kurtz); great grandmother of Emelia, Derek and Harrison. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Parkinson Council, 555 City Ave., Suite 480, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

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GARELIK

Shirley Garelik (nee Fatow) passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 7, 2021. She was 93 years old. Shirley, the daughter of Louis and Ruth Fatow, grew up in the Wynnefield section of West Philadelphia and was married for 71 wonderful years to her devoted husband Larry Garelik. Shirley is survived by Larry, her brother Eli Fatow, her children Jeff (Barbara) and Joan Deutsch (John), and 4 grandchildren: Ruthie, Karen Schwartz (Jake), Annie and Joseph. Shirley loved music and was an accomplished pianist. She worked for years as a nursery school teacher at the Klein JCC-Northeast, and was a long-time member of Hadassah and Teknion. Funeral services were private.

GOLDBERG

Isadore Goldberg died on February 6, 2021. Husband of the late Henrietta; father of Alan Goldberg (Lisa Grossman) and Bruce Goldberg (Terri Hartman); grandfather of Pamela Goldberg Smith (Matt Smith), Laura Goldberg (Matt Clair), Cantor Ethan Levin Goldberg (Rabbi Shoshi), Rabbi Benjamin Goldberg (Daniel Olson), and Sarah Goldberg (Kyle Bloch); great-grandfather of Anna, Hadar, and Akiva; and companion of Elaine Madonick. Contributions in his memory may be made to In Home Support Program, c/o KleinLife, 10100 Jamison Avenue, Phila., PA 19116

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KELLMER

Joan Kellmer, February 12, 2021; of Merion Station, PA; beloved wife of David Sack; loving mother of William (Jennifer) Sack and the late Joshua Sack; devoted sister of Judy Kellmer. Services are private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society donate.lls.org

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LONDON

Ronnie London age 85, of Delray Beach Florida passed away peacefully with his family in attendance on February 16, 2020. Ronnie was born on July 8, 1934 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Ronnie adored his wife Leona Liss London and his two sons Keith Scott London, William "Billy" London. Ronnie and Leona were married November 3, 1959 and recently celebrated their 60-year anniversary. Ronnie was the only child of Kalman London, and Anna "Glassman" London of Passyunk Avenue (right across the street from the Riding Academy) in South Philadelphia. Ronnie brought his family down to South Florida in 1979 and became a true Floridian enjoying all the wonderful things Florida offered like sand, surf, and sun, but he was through and through a Philadelphia (City of Brotherly Love) man with his high morals and group of longtime friends from Philadelphia, Atlantic City (down the shore), Texas, Canada, Hollywood, Valencia Isle and Abby Delray in Delray Beach. Ronnie proudly served his country overseas during the Korean War. Which started his interest in exploring other countries, meeting new friends and sharing his love of travel with his family and especially his bride of 60 years. Ronnie was a double kidney transplant survivor and helped form the Kidney Association of Palm Beach County which he proudly served on the board of directors for approximately 10 years. He was always there to answer questions for those that were going through dialysis or wanted help getting on the transplant list. Ronnie leaves behind Leona London who was there at his bedside when he passed away peacefully. Leona still resides at Abbey Delray in Delray Beach. He is deeply missed by his son Keith and Keith's wife Ilene Sultan of Hallandale Beach Florida. To see a celebration of life video of Ronnie and his family please go to here or https://www.apex-h.com/r/

MASCH

Michael Masch, February 7, 2021, of Philadelphia, PA; beloved husband of Rachel Falkove; loving father of Solomon & Isabel Masch and Ezra & Annmarie Avila-Masch; devoted Zeyda of Avinoam and Shaiah. Services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Germantown Jewish Centre, Howard University Annual Fund, Education Law Center or the Phila. Interfaith Hospitality Network.

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PAVEL

Sheldon "Shelly" S. Pavel on February 7, 2021. Beloved husband of Paula (nee Blackman) Loving father of Shani (David) Bardach; dear stepfather of Ariel (Afshana) Broido. Also survived by 2 grandchildren. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish National Fund, 78 Randall Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570 or Associated Alumni of Central High School (AACHS), P.O. Box 26580, Philadelphia, PA 19141.

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RACHMELL

Lewis Jay Rachmell, 89, passed away on February 6, 2021. Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA to Rae (Baron) and Michael Rachmell. He was always jolly, jumping and running. He made people laugh and sing. Growing up he watched his father working in his pharmacy in Oxford Circle. He delivered prescriptions on his bicycle and made ice cream sodas at the fountain. He went to Edmunds Elementary, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High and Olney High School where he still kept in touch with schoolmates. He met his sweetheart Ruth Belfer when they were both Trojanaire ushers at school functions. They married Oct. 4, 1953 with both sets of parents blessing. They raised two children, Andrew and Irene. Lew was an energetic businessman owning a card and gift shop with Ruth in Juniata Park. Later he worked for a lamp manufacturer and eventually owned his own factory in Southwest Philly. He and his wife were members of Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center and deeply involved. He was a Mason with Shekinah Lodge and did charity work with Shriners Hospital. When they both moved to Delray Beach, FL, he was deeply involved with Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. He hosted the bi-weekly bingo and the 1st and 10th anniversary ball wearing his tuxedo. He volunteered many hours at the Community Center's Blume Café on Atlantic Ave. serving hot lunch and coffee. His sunny smile and humor made joyfulness abound. At his community, The Lakes of Delray, he served on COP (Citizen Observer Patrol) and was recognized & awarded for 25 years of service from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. Lt. Rachmell wore his uniform proudly. At the clubhouse the Wheel of Fortune party game was enjoyed by all attendees for his wit and pleasant personality. He greeted everyone with his deep smile. He devoted 20 years to Pinecrest Rehabilitation Center transporting patients to their therapy and engaging in conversation. Being a recipient himself at the hospital, he was aware of how vital the service really was. Rest in peace, dear Lew. We'll all miss you. Please send contributions in Lew's memory to Jewish National Fund for trees 1-800-542-8733 or Shekinah - Fernwood Lodge #246 Masonic Temple, 1 North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107

RASKE

Gerald L. Raske passed away January 20, 2021. Beloved husband of Lillian Raske (nee Skiba) for 70 years. Loving father of Carol Raske Warsaw and the late Michael Raske. Adoring grandfather of Sarah Warsaw, Lauren Raske, Justin Warsaw, and Dani Raske. Dear brother of the late Donald Raske. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Cindy Raske, his sister-in-law, Adele Raske, and his nieces and nephew Cindy, Debbie, and Howard. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 700, Phila PA 19103 www.heart.org

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REINGOLD

Dolores "Dolly" Reingold (nee Portnoy), February 9, 2021 aged 94. Dorothy was a teacher and educator who spoke three languages and was known for her wit and sarcasm. She enjoyed most music and loved to dance, play the piano or keyboard, and sing. She is survived by her children Leonard "Len" Reingold and Sherry Reingold, niece Barbara G. Maimon (Don Hill), and nephew Steven R. Maimon.

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SALIN

Dr. Eugene Salin passed away on February 8, 2021 at the age of 80. He was the husband of Gay (nee Girer). Loving father of Caren Ravitz (Daniel) and Dr. Michael Salin (Dr. Donna). He was a devoted and adored grandfather to Zachary, Hailey, and Noah Ravitz, and Samantha and Sydney Salin. Gene graduated from the University of Maine and the University of Massachusetts with degrees in microbiology. He then attended Temple University School of Dentistry, and served as a captain in the armed forces. He was a beloved and respected dentist for over 30 years. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Michael J Fox Parkinson's Foundation.

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SCHILLER

Rose G Schiller (nee Grife), passed away on February 2, 2021. Wife of the late Jack Schiller. Mother of Steven (Patricia) Schiller and Karen (Ned) Kripke. Also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A native New Yorker, Rose had a long and rewarding career as a kindergarten teacher in New York City and in Nanuet, New York. A member of Temple Beth El in Spring Valley, Rose was also a co-chair of her Hadassah chapter in Rockland County. In 2008, Rose moved to the Philadelphia area in order to be closer to her daughter, son-in-law, and beloved grandsons, Joe and Ben. During the past 13 years, Rose continued to enjoy her life, celebrating holidays with loved ones, attending family simchas, and seeing her two great-grandsons, Jordan and Leo. Private Graveside Services were held at Beth El Cemetery, Paramus, NJ. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Audrey Sonnenfeld (nee Fine), January 31, 2021; of Lower Gwynedd, PA. Wife of the late Richard Sonnenfeld; Longtime companion of the late Samuel Glantz; Daughter of the late Mary and Isadore "Al" Fine; Mother of Stacy (Fred) Frankel; Sister of Dov Eden and the late Leonard Fine; Grandmother of Alexa, Dillon, Noah, Jonah, Sofia and Zev; Also survived by Gordon (Laurie) Glantz and Margo (David) Berkowitz. Services were private. Audrey grew up in Atlantic City, NJ and attended Temple University where she earned both her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education plus 60 additional credits and was licensed as a drug and alcohol counselor. She worked all of her academic career with the School District of Philadelphia. She also helped start and run her late husbands advertising newspaper, Smart Shopper. She was a voracious reader, talented oil painter, seamstress/sewer, and always had fresh flowers and plants in her home. She enjoyed her family home in Margate, NJ during the Summers, exercised regularly, ate a healthy diet complete with vitamins/supplements, and played the stock market. She most liked connecting with and listening to people, but did not need a huge circle of friends. She had season tickets to Temple University basketball, various theaters, museums and went to the Phila. Flower show yearly. She had an insatiable thirst for travel and saw much of the world. She loved shopping on the sale rack and never paid full retail for anything. She will be most remembered for her myriad of sayings, one of the most memorable being "Life is not a dress rehearsal". The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to the Temple University General Scholarship Fund or Congregation Beth Or General Fund.

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Mom & Dad

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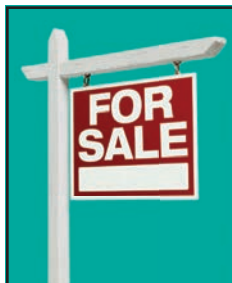
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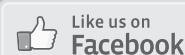
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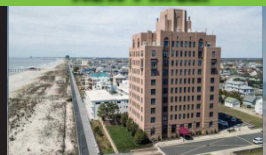
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ber Term, 2020. No. 1463. NO-
TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on
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Identities

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being able to talk in a group and decide — so this is a community, what do we stand for? Who are we? And what does it really mean to be these things?”

Slosberg and Rudolph decided to take the concept — bringing Asian American Jews together to talk openly and casually about their identities and experiences — and branch out with it. Beyond just Chinese-Americans, they found Jewish people with what was for them an unexpectedly diverse array of different Asian backgrounds, from Indian to Thai to Filipino and more.

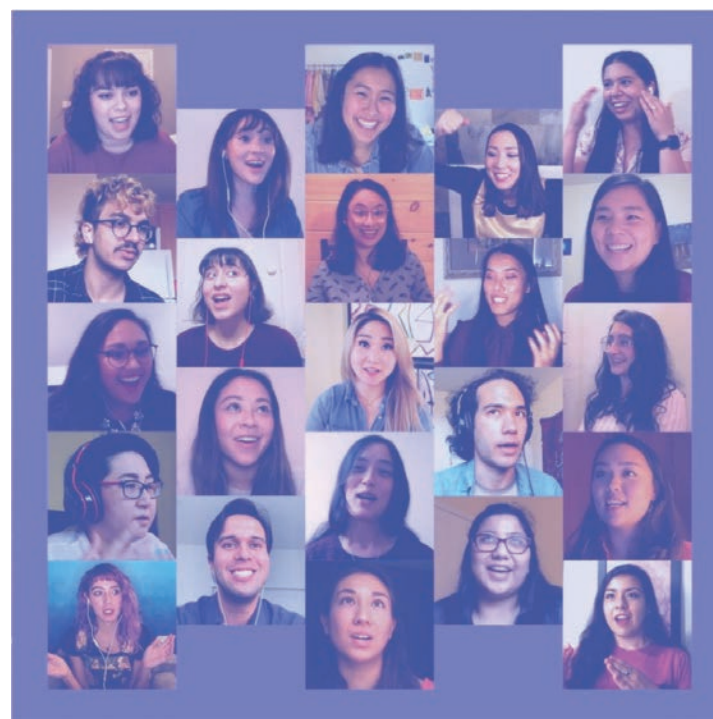
One thing they quickly realized was that all of them felt that they had not seen their identity represented in American Jewish spaces.

The American Jewish community has begun to pay more attention to the experience of Jews of color in recent years, as highlighted by the rise and expanded profile of groups such as Be'chol Lashon and the Jews of Color Initiative, and the increasing number of Jews of color in organizational leadership roles. An analysis by researchers from 2019 found that Jews of color have been slightly undercounted in broad surveys on American Jews.

But there has not been much research done on Asian American Jews in particular. Sociologists Helen Kim and Noah Leavitt — who are also a married couple — have published two landmark research papers on Asian Jewish families, one in 2012 and another in 2015. Besides that, Slosberg and Rudolph did not have previous projects like theirs to turn to for inspiration.

“We saw a gap in the media that could be filled,” Rudolph said.

She and Slosberg remained mindful throughout their project of how broad the term “Asian American” can be a flattening term.



▲ The Lunar project brought more than 20 Asian American Jews together in conversation.
Courtesy of Lunar: The Jewish-Asian Film Project via JTA

“The Asian diaspora is just so huge and diverse that it feels weird to kind of lump ourselves in, but also — white America lumps us all in together anyways,” Rudolph said. “So that’s kind of a common thread that we’re all relating on. We have a lot of very common experiences.”

For participant Jacob Sujin Kuppermann, born to a Brazilian Ashkenazi father and Thai mother, the project’s diversity was an important selling point.

“That’s kind of what made me excited about this project — that there was a very diverse range of different Asian experiences,” Kuppermann said. “Obviously there’s not a huge amount of discussion about mixed race Jews [in American society]. But usually when it comes up, it’s tiny. It’s Chinese American.”

In the inaugural video, participants talk about how their knowledge of both Jewish and Asian foods helps them feel like they “have stake in” each broader cultural community, in the words of one person. Another said that that knowledge helps her “prove” her

Jewishness in Jewish spaces that are predominantly white. Some pointed out the ways in which Asian and Jewish flavors go well together, while others talked about the difficulty of eating Asian dishes while trying to keep kosher — stemming from the fact that multiple Asian staples, such as shellfish and pork, are not allowed in Jewish dietary law.

Katz-Ali shares in a clip that Ashkenazi Jewish food doesn’t always “feel like home” for her, but she’s always excited when finding Indian restaurants that are kosher. After participating in the project, in December she inaugurated “pakoras and menorahs,” her name for a new Chanukah tradition that incorporates a traditional Indian fried food into the Jewish holiday that celebrates oil.

Now she’s trying to keep the Lunar group together, in part by planning OneTable Shabbat events for them.

“I’m so excited that this is taking off,” she said. “This is also going to give more permission to people to create and find that place of belonging and community that they can gather within.” ●

NEWSMAKERS

Bucks County Kehillah hosted a panel conversation on Feb. 10 titled “Combating Bias ... Creating Allyship in Bucks County: The Connections Between Racism and Anti-Semitism.” Robin Burstein, senior associate regional director of the Anti-Defamation League’s Philadelphia office, Karen Downer, president of NAACP Bucks County, and Danny Thomas, executive director of The Peace Center, were the featured speakers. Rabbi Aaron Gaber of Congregation Brothers of Israel moderated.



▲ Danny Thomas, executive director of The Peace Center

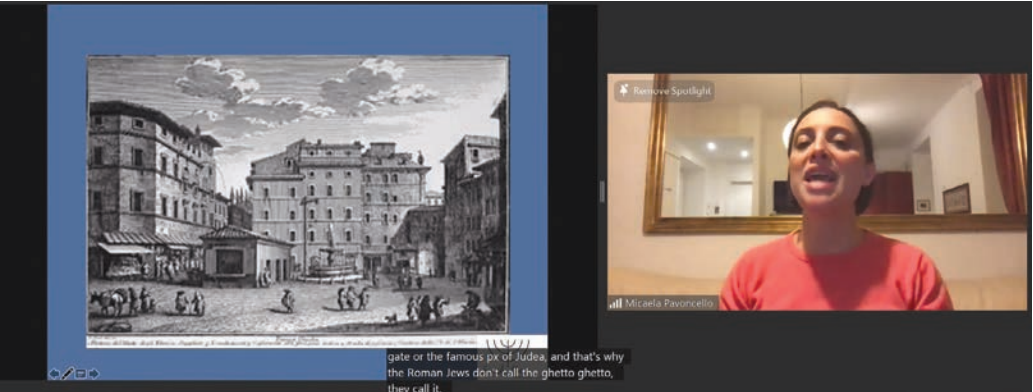


▲ Robin Burstein, senior associate regional director of the Anti-Defamation League’s Philadelphia office

Screenshots by Jesse Bernstein

Through Golden Slipper Gems, about 75 people attended “A Visit to Jewish Rome” on Feb. 14 with tour guide Micaela Pavoncello. Pavoncello, who is an art historian, spoke about Jews of Rome.

Photos by Moriah SimonHazani



The National Museum of American Jewish History screened the documentary “Flory’s Flame” on Feb. 10. The movie tells the story of Flory Jagoda, known as “The Keeper of the Flame” and “La Nona” (The Grandmother), an important preservationist of Sephardic cultural history, especially music. Following the screening, her friends, family and colleagues hosted a talkback celebrating Jagoda, who died on Jan. 29.

► Clockwise, from top left: Lori Jagoda-Lowell (Jagoda’s daughter), Betty Murphy (Jagoda’s daughter), Susan Gaeta (Jagoda’s apprentice) and Jon Lohman (former director emeritus of the Virginia Folklife Program and Jagoda’s friend)

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