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THIS PAST YEAR will go down as evidence that the Jewish community is not immune to crime.

The Jewish Exponent has been following a handful of cases of particular interest to readers in the Jewish community. They include a former Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity president facing sexual assault charges, a man who pleaded guilty to urinating on a synagogue, a Jewish woman charged with two counts of homicide and an Israeli flag vandal who continues to elude police.

Here's a roundup of the latest updates on those cases.

AEPi Sexual Assault Case

Attorneys will argue whether to consolidate the cases of Ari Goldstein, the former president of Temple University's AEPi chapter facing two sets of sexual assault charges, at a pretrial motion scheduled for March 1.

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Alison Perelman

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If you see a stranger wondering where their glasses are — when they're on the top of their head — should you say something? That's the question Miriam answers this week. As is often the case, there's no all-encompassing answer to the question, as it depends on the circumstances. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line.

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Philacatessen SPICE FINCH A MEDITERRANEAN GEM IN RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

Food columnist Keri White recently visited the new Spice Finch restaurant in Rittenhouse Square and came away impressed with the Mediterranean cuisine. Just about everything sampled was a winner, including salads, shared dishes, main courses and desserts. Check out Philacatessen, our online-only food blog, for details, as well as content not normally found in the printed edition, including recipes, gift ideas and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2019/02/18/ spice-finch-a-mediterranean-gem-inrittenhouse-square/

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ADL: Online Hate Up, 40 Percent Experienced It

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PERHAPS THE MOST striking and disturbing statistic the Anti-Defamation League gleaned from its recent national survey of about 1,000 internet users is that close to 40 percent of Americans have experienced "severe online harassment."

Severe harassment includes sexual harassment, stalking, physical threats and sustained harassment.

17-27 showed a spike from a similar survey conducted by the Pew Research Center only a year prior.

While that study found 41 percent of respondents had experienced any kind of harassment, compared to 53 percent in the 2018 ADL survey, only 18 percent characterized the online harassment as severe, while the 2018 ADL survey found 37 percent had experienced severe online harassment.

The "scale and complexity of and outside the office." The survey conducted Dec. online hate has reached unprecedented levels," the ADL report said, citing coordinated online harassment of high-profile targets including Jewish journalists and black public figures.

While 11 percent of respondents said they were targeted because of religion, more Muslims at 35 percent than Jews at 16 percent said they were harassed because of their religion.

Most commonly reported was online harassment based on sexual orientation, with 63 percent of LGBTQ people having experienced harassment.

In addition to Muslims and Jews, the survey found 30 percent of Hispanics, 27 percent of African Americans, 24 percent of women and 20 percent of Asians experienced online harassment. At the bottom of the scale were men at 14 percent, Christians at 11 percent and whites at 9 percent.

In her 2014 book Hate *Crimes in Cyberspace*, Danielle Keats Citron, law professor at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law and affiliate scholar with the Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School, wrote about the impacts of cyber harassment and cyber stalking.

"Although definitions of these terms vary, cyber harassment is often understood to involve the intentional infliction of substantial emotional distress accomplished by online speech that is persistent enough to amount to a 'course of conduct' rather than an isolated incident," Citron wrote. "Cyber stalking usually has a more narrow meaning: an online 'course of conduct' that either causes a person to fear for his or her safety or would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety."

Citron cited Elizabeth Cargill, a psychologist who works with cyber stalking victims, about how online harassment feels: "like the perpetrator is everywhere: Facebook, email, message boards

"As a result, emotional harm and distress routinely accompany the financial costs. Post-traumatic stress disorder, anorexia nervosa and depression are common," Citron wrote. "Cyber harassment victims struggle especially with anxiety, and some suffer panic attacks. Researchers have found that cyber harassment victims' anxiety grows more severe over time."

Citron noted that the incidents of people experiencing cyber stalking rises, perhaps not surprisingly, in correlation with the amount of time people are online, especially young people who spend a lot of time online.

The ADL survey found that 65 percent of 18-29 year olds had experienced online hate or harassment, with 49 percent reporting severe harassment.

The numbers dropped, but were significant for older age groups, with 60 percent of people aged 30-49 experiencing harassment and 42 percent reporting severe harassment. Of those above 50, 39 percent reported harassment with 25 percent reporting severe harassment.

By far, of the leading online or social media platforms on which people said some of their online harassment occurred, Facebook was the leader, with 56 percent of respondents reporting harassment on Facebook. Lesser percentages of harassment were reported on Twitter (19 percent), with YouTube and Instagram at 17 percent and 16 percent, respectively. At the (10 percent), Twitch (8 percent) and Discord (7 percent).

Meanwhile, some numbers were reversed for frequent, daily users of these platforms, with daily users of Twitch, Reddit and Facebook at 47 percent, 38 percent and 37 percent of respondents, respectively, reporting harassment.

That impact of harassment is reflected in the actions people took following online Exponent.

harassment, with 38 percent of respondents stopping or changing their online activity. Eighteen percent contacted the platform where they were harassed, while 15 percent "took steps to reduce risk to physical safety," and 6 percent contacted police.

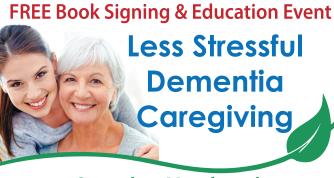
With 59 percent of respondents believing online hate and harassment makes hate crime more common, increases the use of derogatory language (50 percent), makes young Americans lose faith in their country (39 percent) and makes people feel less safe (22 percent), the question arises as to solutions.

The ADL survey found that most people, regardless of party affiliation, support more action in response to cyberhate, including strengthening laws against perpetrators and online platforms and giving police more training.

"Americans also want to see private technology companies take action to counter or mitigate online hate and harassment. They want platforms to make it easier for users to filter and report hateful and harassing content. In addition, Americans want companies to label comments and posts that appear to come from automated 'bots' rather than people," the report said. "Finally, a large percentage of respondents were in favor of platforms removing problematic users as well as having outside experts independently assess the amount of hate on a platform."

The report found support bottom of the list were Snapchat is strong for these types of action to be taken to mitigate online harassment, "across the political ideological spectrum. Although liberals especially support platform recommendations, with a majority of conservatives also supporting all recommendations." •

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Old City Bookstore a Throwback to a Different Era

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IT WOULD BE grossly underselling it to say that when Jules Goldman bought his store at Second and Market streets in 2009, it bore the imprint of its previous owners, a mattress company called Foam Land. There was extensive fire damage, faulty plumbing and electric, and hulking machines that weighed in the tons.

Walk in today, and you're liable to get a nod from Goldman before stepping into an equally overwhelming display. The 4,000-square-foot Jules Goldman Books and Art store is home to hundreds of paintings, hung on the wall by local artists or stacked haphazardly on the floor for those willing to look a little harder. Thousands of books line the to Philadelphia in 1952, and shelves and spill out of boxes; some are general reading, but just as many are rare and out of print. If you're looking for, say, *Furniture of the Pilgrim Century* (1910), it can be had here.

Goldman doesn't discriminate when it comes to music, either. You can pick up a vintage Vivaldi pressing as surely as you can snag a vinyl copy of Cam'ron's "That's Me," the second track on his 2000 album, S.D.E. If none of that does it for you, there's also a bar's worth of beer steins, stacks of maps and drawings, vintage posters and advertisements, and a few imposing grandfather clocks. Not even to mention knickknacks and tchotchkes as far as the eve can see.

"It's one of very few of its kind still around," Goldman said of his store.

One might say that of his walls by local artists. Goldman, too.

Holocaust survivors who met in Germany after the war. His mother had holed up in Siberia, and his father somehow survived the war despite living in Poland.



▲ Jules Goldman has been an Old City mainstay since 2009. Jesse Bernstein

he managed it, nor did his father talk much about it, but it didn't take much imagination.

"You're Iewish in Poland rough," he said with a laugh.

His parents made their way Goldman has lived here his entire life, if you don't count a few sojourns to the suburbs (too boring there, he said). He went to Olney High School, and studied at Peirce Junior College and the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. He painted back then and, though he enjoyed it (he focused mostly on landscapes, once even getting his work featured on the cover of a 1964 Philadelphia Bulletin magazine), he didn't feel it was an efficient use of time.

"I would win awards but never get any money," he said. "That's why I gave it up. Everybody else would get the money, and I'd get, yeah, a little plaque, a certificate, gee, thanks, what happened to the money?"

Today, he makes a commission selling paintings hung on

He spent a few years in the Goldman, 71, is the son of military, stationed in Germany and Vietnam during the war. After all the time he spent reading in libraries during high school and college, his military time was filled with anything Goldman never knew exactly how but that pursuit. Besides the lack

of English books, he said, he was just too busy. And when he did have free time, it was usually dedicated to drinking. He during the war, it's a little shook his head as he described the long-lost days of beer at 25 cents a bottle and cartons of the building would get sold a 215-832-0740

cigarettes going for \$1.10.

Goldman spent a few years as an accountant before he decided to get into bookselling. Back then, it was easy for him to show up to Freeman's Auction and pick from among hundreds of boxes of books on a Saturday to be towed back to wherever his store happened to be that year.

"Philadelphia had an endless amount of books," he recalled.

He'd sometimes buy 40 or 50 boxes in a day. For the rarer stuff, he'd have to go to auctions, which he continues to do. He's been running into the same buyers in the area for decades. To them, one of his claims to fame is that he jumps to buy Judaica.

The store was once on Kater Street, another time at Fifth and South streets. The problem, it seemed, was that every time he'd find a new location,

few months later, and he'd be off to find replacement digs. He moved back into the city when he opened up the current location. His second wife had just passed away - cancer and he was tired of puttering around a big, quiet house.

He's tried to sell online, but it is, in his words, "too much of a pain in the ass." Younger people don't buy like they used to, and older customers are "saturated" in material, he said. Throw in the fact that online booksellers have cut into his business in ways he didn't foresee, and it's not hard to see why his operation is largely an analog one.

And if anyone's interested in a first European edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin, he's been trying to unload it for years.

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Kutas Named Holocaust Foundation Director

LOCAL

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

WITH THE HORWITZ-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza complete, the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation is going through a few changes: It will transition its fundraising focus from a capital to an endowment campaign, and Eszter Kutas - a leader of the plaza project - will transition from a consultant to fulltime staff member.

Kutas accepted an offer to become the foundation's executive director, starting April 1.

She comes to the role from her position as assistant vice president at Fairmount Ventures, a consultant firm that provides services to nonprofits and public sector organizations. There, she began supporting the foundation more than two years ago as a consultant. She has been the foundation's acting director for the past year.

The crux of her work has been developing the plaza, located at 16th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The plaza's various elements bring atten-

the deportations, and six pillars that contrast events leading up to the Holocaust with democratic values.

"Understanding of the Holocaust is rapidly decreasing, and most people lack basic knowledge about the Holocaust," Kutas said, noting a recent study commissioned by the Claims Conference, which mark the first time she's done found that 41 percent of millennials believe 2 million or fewer Jews died in the Holocaust, among other findings. "Our hope [is] that, with the plaza's numerous key features, we can bring material reminders of the past to create a space for remembrance and education."

position is fundraising. She descendants for lost assets. has helped raise \$9 million so educational programming.

programming. This already includes an iWalk app, develtion to different facets of the oped through a partnership with

Holocaust. This includes a sec- the USC Shoah Foundation, tion of the train tracks that led where users can learn about to Treblinka, which underscore the plaza and listen to testimonies from Holocaust survivors. Kutas said future programming will include hosting Holocaust expert speakers and providing teacher outreach training.

"The history of the Holocaust didn't start with concentration camps," Kutas said. "That's where it ended."

The foundation does not work related to the Holocaust.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2003, she worked for the Claims Conference in New York City to determine how to distribute a \$1.25 billion settlement from Swiss banks to compensate about 600,000 The primary focus of her Holocaust victims and their

"I arrived in the Claims far for the capital campaign Conference early on, when this and is seeking to raise another bank settlement case was just \$4 million for the endowment settled," Kutas said. "The big campaign, which will support question was how do we dismaintenance of the plaza and tribute this huge fund and find the rightful owners of these Kutas will also develop the bank accounts. It was about figuring out processes and of food deserts. building it all up."



▲ Eszter Kutas in front of the Monument to Six Million Jewish Martyrs, which stands at the focal point of the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza Photo provided

moved to Philadelphia. She worked for Korn Ferry, an executive search agency, and then for Philabundance, where she served in a variety of project management and fundraising roles. She also launched Fair & Square, a nonprofit grocery store, to address the issue

"Similarly at Philabundance After four years at the and the Holocaust Remembrance Foundation, I arrived at points when an idea was just forming, and the intellectual challenges for me was how to figure out an actionable plan that can bring these ideas to reality and how can I get both support for it internally and support from the outside communities," Kutas said. "These are the challenges I like to focus my career on."

Foundation Chairman David Adelman said Kutas has been key to the success of the capital campaign and the development of the plaza's education programming. When the foundation decided to hire an executive director, he asked Kutas if she would be interested before expanding the search.

She's been a partner with szighelboim@jewishexponent.com; the foundation since the begin- 215-832-0729

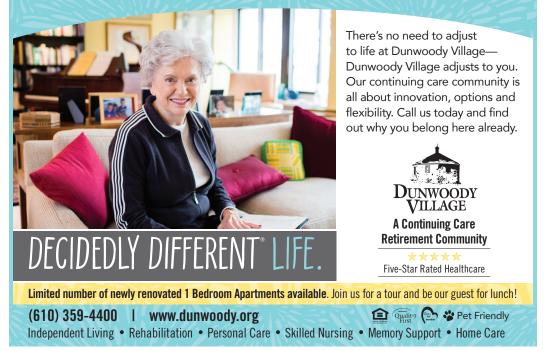
Claims Conference, Kutas ning, Adelman noted, and it's rare to get the chance to work with a prospective employee.

"She's been passionate about the project, and it's a great fit all around," he said.

Holocaust remembrance is a personal issue for Kutas, who grew up in Budapest with four grandparents who survived the Holocaust in concentration camps, ghettos and as partisans.

Her grandparents spoke about their experiences in the Holocaust, Kutas said, but as she was young when they died, she mostly learned their stories from her parents.

"The world has changed," Kutas said. "There is much, much more need to talk about these things, as we are farther removed from it happening. It's extremely important that everyone refreshes their memories and is open to learning more about what has happened. I also feel that Holocaust survivors are very cognizant of this. They see a world that's turning more hateful, and they feel there is a calling for them, more and more, to share their stories." •



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Transformer Explosion Leads to Chevra Fire

LOCAL

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THE CHEVRA, ONE OF Philadelphia's primary organization that puts on programming for young professionals, is assessing the damage from recent fires that occured at its Center City building on Feb. 12 and 13.

No one was injured.

ues for other upcoming events, including for its Purim party in soot damage as well. March, which usually attracts hundreds of attendees.

Vice President yet know when The Chevra will reopen.

"It's an evolving, developing process, but we're moving as quickly as we possibly can and hope to reopen as soon as we possibly can," Vinokur said.

"We look at everything through the lens of the expres-Leon sion gam zu l'tova, i.e. 'every-Vinokur said they do not thing is for the good'," Vinokur said. "While we realize this challenge poses a temporary setback, it also gives rise to an opportunity for even greater things to come for The Chevra and Jewish Philly."

CBS Philly reported that

several-hundred-pound metal transformer access cover flying. The windows of several nearby stores broke, although Mama's Vegetarian, a kosher restaurant at the intersection of the explosion, was unaffected.

Mama's Vegetarian owner Haviv David was in the kitchen when the explosion happened, he said. He heard the explosion 215-832-0729

which sustained smoke and the transformer explosion sent and felt the building shake. His several manhole covers and a first thought was that it might be a terrorist attack.

There weren't many people walking around outside yet because of the time of day and bad weather, or else David believes there would have been deaths.

"Thank God nobody got hurt," David said.

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▲ No one was injured in the fires at The Chevra on Feb. 12 and 13. Photo provided

The fire was the result of a PECO underground transformer explosion near the corner of 20th and Ranstead streets in Center City just before 8 a.m. on Feb. 12, according to The Chevra. No one was injured by the explosion, but nearby businesses sustained damage, CBS ers were able to put it out. Philly reported.

Ludlow St. is not usable, and the organization has set up temporary offices at 1800 John F. Kennedy Blvd., which it also plans to use for small events.

The Chevra has cancelled its next event, "Urban Campfire," which was scheduled for Feb. 23, and is working with other organizations to secure ven-

On the morning of Feb. 12, the transformer explosion led to flooding and an electrical fire in The Chevra's basement. The fire had started to spread to the first floor, The Chevra's main programming space in the fourstory building, when firefight-

There was a flare-up of the The Chevra building at 2002 fire in the early morning of Feb. 13.

> By the time firefighters were able to stop it, the building had sustained more damage. The basement and the first floor had significant fire, smoke and soot damage, while the second and third floor had smoke and soot damage. There is a fourth floor, not operated by The Chevra,

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IIA, Jefferson Team Up for Biotech Contest

LOCAL

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JEFFERSON THOMAS University is partnering with the Israel Innovation Authority (IIA) on a competition for Israeli biotech and life science companies that will provide \$1 million in total prizes to be devoted toward research and development for four winning applicants, according to a joint announcement on Feb. 12.

The competition will seek out Israeli companies focused on new, innovative technologies in areas like virtual reality, artificial intelligence, wearable tech and more.

"This is something that we've eight years," Zvi Grunwald said.

than 20 years, serving as a professor of anesthesiology and as chair of that department within the Sidney Kimmel Medical College; as of last July, he is now the James D. cal innovation incubators." Wentzler professor and emeritus chair, along with his post ment also pledged to "scale-up as the executive director of the Jefferson Israel Center.

This new project, he said, relationship that Jefferson continues to foster with medical students and professionals in Israel, but "is itself part of a much larger vision of the for greater global reach and global Jefferson that we are creating now."

The Jefferson Israel Center been bringing together for six, was launched in June, the third such international center Grunwald, an Israeli citizen founded by the Philadelphia Valley was in the late 1990s. It's

born to Holocaust survivors, medical center. According to has been at Jefferson for more a press release then, the goal was to "expand collaborative research ties with more Israeli academic centers, encompassing all of its medical schools, as well as the forefront Israeli biomedi-

At the time, the announcejoint ventures with Israeli companies, by leveraging Jefferson's unique co-developis not only emblematic of the ment business model and the substantial scale of its rapidly growing clinical care footprint and clinical trials consortium."

> Besides the general desire collaboration, Grunwald said, it is Israel in particular that provides enticing opportunities to Jefferson.

"Israel today is what Silicon



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

Israel today is what Silicon Valley was in the late 1990s. It's an ecosystem of innovation."

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has more technology startups per capita than anywhere in the world right now," said Mark L. Tykocinski, provost and executive vice president at Jefferson and the Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College, at the announcement last June. "In an increasingly global academic ecosystem, the opportunities are unbounded for leveraging international institutional partnerships to innovate science and professional training, and in so doing, to give life to our vision for 'redefining humanly possible.""

This partnership between Iefferson and Israeli medical professionals has been building for some time, according to Grunwald.

In the past, he said, "this relationship materialized in many areas — computational biology, cancer research and other areas. Jefferson scientists worked together with Israelis in order to develop new areas jbernstein@jewishexponent.com; of research, apply for grants, 215-832-0740

an ecosystem of innovation that receive their grants in dollars, and eventually ended up publishing the fruits of the combined research in elite journals in the life sciences area."

> He stressed that he sees this work as real-life practice of the ideas discussed in books like the famous Start-Up Nation.

The IIA, under the purview of of the Jefferson Israel Center the Ministry of Economy, is tasked with fostering scientific research and development in Israel.

> "We are delighted to collaborate with a leading academic and medical center such as Jefferson," said Ami Appelbaum, chairman of the IIA. "The combination of Israeli innovation and Jefferson's clinical experience, expertise and facilities will enable the creation of cutting-edge solutions that will prove instrumental in laying the groundwork for the future of health care and providing superior personalized medical care."

Applicants have until March 28 to submit their expression of interest. Winners will be announced in December.

Educator Brings Past to Present with Tours

LOCAL

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MICHAEL SCHATZ'S LOVE for Jewish education has taken him to working at Gratz College, serving as president of the Jewish Educators Assembly and running Philadelphia Jewish History Tours.

Schatz, an Elkins Park resident whose family has lived in the Philadelphia area for generations, has taken groups on walking and bus tours of Philadelphia's Jewish history for about three years. The tours are an offshoot of his work as a Jewish educator.

"As an educator, to look at history and living history and classroom — in a different kind of a format was an exciting sideline to what I am typically doing," Schatz said.

Schatz works at a few different synagogues, as well as for a private company called Hebrew Helpers. This past year, he was awarded an honorary degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He mostly does group tours — with students, senior adults, sisterhoods and others - but has also done a tour open to individuals and a family tour. He is interested in expanding, for example by taking National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) visitors to places they have learned about at the museum.

Schatz leads the groups on different paths through the old Jewish Quarter of Society Hill and Queen Village, or Wynnefield and West Philadelphia, or the Northeast still young. and Elkins Park and more.

the walking tour of Society Hill and Queen Village, while older adults love to go back to the neighborhoods where they or their parents grew up.

when Jewish immigrants began establishing a community in Philadelphia — with visits to the Mikveh Israel Cemetery, the oldest Jewish cemetery in Philadelphia. He shows participants the places where the community's synagogues, schools, kosher eateries and recreation centers used to be.

pants as far back as the 1740s -

Schatz often learns more about Philadelphia's Jewish history from his own tour participants.

Once, when Schatz took a tour group to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, a man in the group happened to have been instrumental in the merger of the two synagogues and told Schatz that story in great detail.

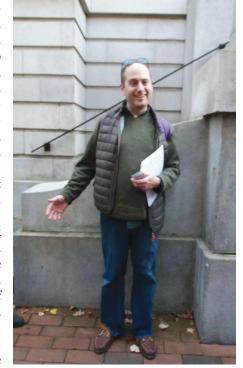
Another time, while tourteaching people — not in a ing a church that used to be a synagogue with a group of seniors from Golden Slipper Gems on the Main Line, one Mitzvahed there.

> director of Golden Slipper Port Richmond, the German Gems on the Main Line, Jews spread north toward said she took two groups of Elkins Park, Schatz said. older adults on the tours with Schatz. He previously taught a course at Golden Slipper, into the suburbs in substantial which SimonHazani said resonated with the older adults who attended. She said Golden itize living closer to work over Slipper Gems was interested living near other Jewish peoin organizing more tours with ple, the population has spread Schatz in the future.

> "He's very important to both preserving the history of Schatz said. "The community is Jewish Philadelphia but also projecting to the next generation," SimonHazani said.

The history of Jewish Philadelphia begins with immigration from London and Amsterdam when the city was

As different migratory Teenagers, Schatz said, like waves of Jews came from different countries throughout the centuries, they spread out. When German Jews began grew up in fascinated him, arriving in the 19th century, and his Jewish education at they clustered to the north near Beth Sholom Congregation The tours can take partici- Franklin Square, then later into cemented that interest.



▲ Michael Schatz in front on Society Hill Synagogue

man said that he had been Bar Northern Liberties. As Russian Jews settled around South Moriah SimonHazani, the Street, Marshall Street and

> It wasn't until the '60s and '70 that Jews began moving numbers, Schatz said.

Nowadays, as people prioracross Greater Philadelphia.

"Today is really different," so spread out and so suburban, and there's a lot of people moving back into the city, young people and empty nesters moving back into Center City, so there still is a vibrant Jewish community, but you can't say that there's a Jewish neighborhood."

Schatz has always been interested in history. As a child, stories from his grandparents about the neighborhoods they



▲ Tour group visits Vilna Congregation.

Photos provided

being a Jewish educator was Camp Ramah, where he spent every summer from the age of program for high schoolers.

After high school, he attended Vassar College, where he studied pre-med for a bit before changing his major to Jewish studies. Vassar didn't have a Jewish studies program at the time, so he designed his own curriculum, taking classes in religion and history.

"My father's a doctor," Schatz said. "It's not that they pushed me into [pre-med], but I guess that's what a lot of kids see what their parents do - and 215-832-0729

His training ground for they figure that's what they're going to do, until they realize they can be their own person."

After college, he worked for 17 to 25 as a counselor. He also United Synagogue Youth as participated in Gratz College's a regional director, then got a master's in education from Arcadia University and started working at Gratz.

> "I love being Jewish," Schatz said. "I loved the study and the ritual and synagogue and the culture of the Jewish people and Israel, and imparting that to young people and also to interested learning adults and my own children and, beyond that, my students. It is what I wanted to do." •

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HEADLINES

NEWSBRIEFS

Longtime Jewish Federation Employee Dies FORMER JEWISH FEDERATION of Greater Philadelphia employee Joe Polidoro, who spent 38 years with the organization, died Jan. 26, according to his family.

Polidoro, 70, of Philadelphia, retired in 2013 as Jewish Federation's senior database analyst.

"Joe was beloved by all at the [Jewish] Federation, and he was seen as the go-to guy who could always help," said Michelle Wetzel, who was the information technology director there from 2004-08. "He was never subpar and always gave 200 percent."

Kosher Hotel Proposed in Florida

Kosher patrons of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla., will have a nearby lodging option if a proposed kosher hotel comes to pass, according to **JNS.org**.

The Kosher House — to be built across the street from the casino — would feature synagogue space and a kosher restaurant, as well as automatic elevators operating on the Sabbath, developer Sharon Sharaby said in an interview with the South Florida Business Journal.

The six-story, 100-room hotel would have 87,124 thets were recently painted around the city.

square feet of space, 104 parking spots and a pool on the roof. Sharaby said room rates would be in the \$125 to \$150 range.

The City of Hollywood Technical Advisory Committee will hear Sharaby's proposal in the weeks ahead. Sharaby's firm, the Shoppes of Hard Rock LLC, holds a 99-year lease on the two-acre site, which is also home to a McDonald's.

Anti-Semitism Soars in France

French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said Feb. 11 that the number of anti-Semitic acts committed in the nation increased by 74 percent in 2018, JTA reported.

There were 541 anti-Semitic acts in 2018, compared to 311 a year earlier.

Castaner said that "anti-Semitism is spreading like poison" and called it "an attack against hope." He pledged that the government would fight it.

The same day Castaner spoke, a tree planted near Paris in memory of Ilan Halimi — a man kidnapped and tortured in 2006 by a gang that thought his Jewish family would pay ransom — was chopped down. In addition, swastikas and anti-Semitic epithets were recently painted around the city.

JFNA Supports Security Grant Approval

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) said it was appreciative of Congress for approving \$60 million for FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program on Feb. 14. President Trump is expected to approve the measure.

"Since Sept. 11, nonprofits generally, and Jewish communal institutions specifically, have been the victim of an alarming number of threats and attacks," said William Daroff, vice president for public policy and director of the Washington, D.C., office of Jewish Federations.

JFNA said those risks prompted the creation and continuation of a strong security program so at-risk nonprofits can respond to threats by hardening their facilities and improving preparations to deter, detect, mitigate and recover from potential attacks.

"We witnessed the deadliest act of anti-Semitism in North American history just a few months ago — the attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh," said David Golder, JFNA's Domestic Policy and Government Affairs Committee. "This and other recent episodes underscore that Violent Homegrown Extremists across the ideological spectrum continue to target our institutions." •



Headlines

ISRAELBRIEFS

Homophobic Incidents on Rise in Israel

A NEW REPORT SAID homophobic incidents reported in Israel climbed 54 percent in 2018, according to JTA.

The report by the Nir Katz Center on LGBT-phobia counted 821 incidents of harassment or abuse against the LGBTQ community in 2018; that compares with 533 incidents in 2017.

The sixth annual report said harassment or abuse incidents against LGBTQ community members occur roughly every 10 hours in Israel. Hateful social media toward the LGBTQ community appears online every four minutes.

Association for LGBTQ Equality Chair Chen Arieli told Israeli President Reuben Rivlin that the biggest problem was "the need to raise consciousness about the need to report. The number of reported incidents has gone up, but it is still a drop in the ocean compared to the real number of events. Only by raising consciousness and by dealing with incidents professionally can we improve our society."

Chinese Investments in Israel Worry Security Officials

American and Israeli officials are concerned about Chinese investments in Israeli technology firms, **JNS.org** reported.

Those concerns stem from Chinese activity into companies that provide artificial intelligence and drones — products with both military and commercial uses. **JNS.org** said officials also worry about China discovering U.S. secrets through Israeli firms and possibly sending Israeli technology specifics to Iran.

In response, Israel is forming an interagency organization to oversee delicate commercial agreements involving foreign businesses. Officials said it would be comparable to the U.S.'s Committee on Foreign Investment.

China has responded to the criticisms, with Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying contending in January that the United States "has been abusing 'national security' to smear and strike down normal business activities of Chinese enterprises."

Adversaries to Join Russian-led Free Trade Agreement

Israel and Iran are both expected to join the Russian-led Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) — although the adversaries won't be able to trade with each, **JNS.org** reported.

Each country will sign its own free trade accord with the bloc. A spokesperson for the Economy Ministry told The Times of

Israel on Feb. 11 that Israel began negotiating with the EAU in April. "The agreement will cover various aspects of trade in goods, such as rules of origin, customs cooperation, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, e-commerce, dis-

Venezuela Interim President Juan Guiado Wants Israeli Ties Renewed, Seeks Aid

pute settlement and others," the spokesperson said.

Interim Venezuela president Juan Guiado said the process of stabilizing relations with Israel is ongoing, according to JTA.

"It is very important for us. We will renew ties, later we will announce the appointment of an ambassador to Israel, and we really hope an ambassador from Israel will come to us."

Guiado told *Israel Hayom* that he was hopeful Israel will send humanitarian aid to Venezuela.

Venezuela is in a tumultuous state these days, with Guiado, the president of the National Assembly of Venezuela, calling himself the country's interim president last month. He called on President Nicolas Maduro to authorize new elections, calling Maduro's election last year a fraud. The country's military still supports Maduro.

About 6,000 Jews live in Venezuela.



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How Do We Explain Societal Changes to Offspring?

SENIORS

MARCY SHOEMAKER | JE FEATURE

IT MAY SEEM almost impossible to exist in our present society where our past mistakes — which were previously acceptable behaviors - may be caught in various forms of social media.

Many populations were routinely discriminated against, and it was accepted as normal and OK. What do we tell our children and grandchildren about our past behaviors that embarrass us and why they were wrong? How do we ensure we raise them to be accepting, understanding adults?

We have seen a number of past negative behaviors finally being addressed. The use of blackface is one that has been in the news lately.

Back in the early 1900s, blackface was a popular way white people disparagingly depicted black Americans in theater and in movies. Recently, a number of white entertainers and politicians have been called out for using blackface in the past. Rather than offer sincere apologies, many have offered nothing but excuses and justifications or

have remained completely silent on the matter. What message does this send to young minds?

Another haven of bad behavior that is being examined is college Greek life. Increasingly, fraternities and sororities are being scrutinized due to tragic deaths that have occurred because of hazing and other reckless behaviors.

How many grandparents and parents engaged in similar behaviors that they now hide from their children and grandchildren? Luckily for many of us, social media didn't exist, so many of our secrets may remain hidden while we lecture our children to behave better and petition colleges to either end Greek life or propose sanctions on unacceptable and harmful behaviors. We have to raise confident children who know when to say no and how to stand up for themselves when being goaded to participate at-home mothers? How many in behavior that is detrimental to themselves or others

How do we explain to our the shadows from their employchildren the abusive behaviors of ers, friends and family members men toward women that have led out of fear of discrimination? to the rise of the #MeToo movement? How do we explain the discrimination based on somesocietal expectations that forced one's skin color, gender or sexmany of our grandmothers who strived to be in other professions



acceptable because it is a harm-

ful and an inaccurate represen-

tation. That danger from Greek

life has become recognized by

multiple voices in society and

dramatic change is warranted.

gained power because of the

brave men and women who were

willing to come forward and take

a chance to challenge powerful leaders in business and enter-

The #MeToo movement has

and also difficult time, where we can only explain situations and changes to the best of our ability.

Maybe the best lesson we can teach our children is that while change for the better often happens in small, sometimes painful, steps, it always depends on the strength and integrity of brave men and women. •

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Crime

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Goldstein faces sexual assault charges stemming from two separate incidents with two different women.

Goldstein's defense attorney, Perry de Marco Sr., plans to argue against the motion filed by the Philadelphia district attorney's office to consolidate the two cases.

Ben Waxman, director of communications for the DA's office, declined to say why the office filed the motion, but de Marco Sr. offered his own explanation.

"If you got two weak cases, you put them together to try to make one strong case," de Marco Sr. said. "That's why you do it, because these are not strong cases."

De Marco Sr. also said that Goldstein "has been systematically prejudiced in this case from the very beginning," noting that he was arrested at the airport on his way to a Birthright trip and that the DA's office had initially asked for his bail to be set at \$10 million, which de Marco said is significantly higher than what the guidelines suggest.

"He's been prejudiced at every turn, and why is that?" De Marco Sr. said. "I don't know

I haven't seen this done with anybody else from any other heritage, to be honest with you. Is he being made an example of for some reason, or is he being used for political gain?"

At Temple University, Greek life members have been grappling with campus sexual assault since the investigation and subsequent suspension of the university's AEPi chapter, WHYY reported on Feb. 16. Greek life chapters have joined efforts to raise awareness about sexual assault on campus, including hosting workshops and speakers on sexual assault and healthy relationships.

"Yes, it's a stereotype, but it does happen, and it's a place where things are more likely to happen," Pi Lambda Phi member Alex Derbyshire told WHYY. "I want to make sure that we're not playing into that stereotype."

Synagogue Urinator

determine whether to grant a that, Fish said that Dzhalilov motion to withdraw Sheidali is not a lawyer and didn't fully Dzhalilov's guilty plea at a understand. hearing scheduled for Feb. 28.

pleaded guilty to urinating on incident at the synagogue the entryway to Congregation and said that tips had identi-Beth Solomon in the early fied Dzhalilov as also having hours of Aug. 13, 2017. He a Facebook account under the and grandmother, Elaine why. Is it because his name is pleaded guilty to charges of name Ali Ahiska. On Oct. 17, Rosen, in July.

Goldstein? Is that why? Because ethnic intimidation, desecration of a place of worship and institutional vandalism. He faces as much as 11 years in prison and \$22,000 in fines.

Since then, he has acquired a new attorney, Lonny Fish, who has filed a motion to withdraw the guilty plea for the charge of ethnic intimidation. Assistant District Attorney Brendan Flynn said the district attorney will oppose the motion.

Fish said he is planning to argue that Dzhalilov was too drunk the night of the incident to have had the malice required for ethnic intimidation. He is not, he emphasized, disputing that Dzhalilov committed the act.

"He is guilty of some offense," Fish said. "It doesn't change the offensive nature of it. It doesn't change any of that. The people that were offended can still be offended by it."

At the plea hearing on Nov. 8, Johnson asked Dzhalilov a series of questions to deter-Judge Vincent Johnson will mine his competency. Despite

During the hearing, Flynn On Nov. 8, Dzhalilov provided a summary of the



Ari Goldstein is facing two sets of sexual assault charges. Photo provided

2005, this Facebook account shared a video from a page called "Images of Palestine" and wrote, "This video makes me wanna kill every single Jew out there, finish what Hitler couldn't."

Ventnor City Murders

Heather Barbera's initial disposition conference is scheduled for Feb. 21, when the prosecutor and defense attorney will discuss the case and schedule dates for the next steps in the process.

Barbera is facing charges of two counts of first-degree murder, third-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and first-degree robbery, stemming from the deaths of her mother, Michelle Gordon,



Heather Barbera is facing charges of two counts of first-degree murder.

Office of the Atlantic County Prosecutor

In October, she was indicted and pleaded not guilty.

Barbera's uncle, Richard Rosen, discovered his mother and sister's bodies in their Ventnor City, N.J. condominium. Rosen said in August that he immediately thought his niece had committed the act.

He said Barbera had been living with them for several months, since her second marriage failed.

In 2016, Barbera was charged with assault and defiant trespass.

"They were nice, quiet people. They didn't bother anyone," Rosen said. "It was nice of them to even take her in because she had nowhere else to go."

The Leonard Law Group, which represents Barbera, has not responded to multiple requests for comment.

Parkway Flag Vandalism

Police are still looking for the person who vandalized the Israeli flag on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway last May.

The DA's office posted a video of the suspect spraying the flag with a red substance and asked that anyone with information contact Central Detectives at 215-686-3093 or 215-686-3094.

The man originally arrested for the crime, Antoine Guyton, was found not competent to stand for trial.

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Security footage from the night of the incident at Congregation Beth Solomon Screenshot via Philadelphia Police Department

Perelman

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That spectrum is, in some ways, a broadly accurate way to describe the perception of Perelman's organization in Philadelphia, which started in 2014. It is a smaller, newer and more agile version of the good government institutions that it shares goals with, focusing on greater democratic participation, electoral reform and more competitive city council elections. At the same time, the organization's challenges to traditional city politics have ruffled feathers among both old guard Democrats and younger, far-left organizers.

Perelman, 36, is content to suffer the slings and arrows of both incumbents and upstarts for a simple reason: It seems like she's starting to make waves.

Philadelphia 3.0, a 501(c)(4), was founded on the supposition that one of the more corrosive aspects of Philadelphia's democratic process was the lack of competitive elections for City Council seats, among other issues. So, Philadelphia 3.0 supports candidates for council that challenge incumbents according to a set of standards those who provide funding to the group (more on that later).

"We just wanna know that you are smart, and have a vision, and that you're willing to take risks, and that you have a creative approach to problem solving," she said, describing the profile of a candidate that would garner their support. "They can be ideological, but that's not for us to adjudicate, necessarily."

Perelman, who is "Ali" to those know her, is the granddaughter of Raymond Perelman, the legendary businessman and philanthropist who recently died at the age of 101. She is a graduate of The Baldwin School and Princeton University, where she studied art history. She spent a few years in Hollywood as an assistant at a talent agency, then she was approached by a group driven she was, which was

sitcom So Notorious, before she found herself called back to Philadelphia.

"I wanted to Philadelphia my career," she said.

She began her Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 2007, focusing her dissertation on the ways that politicians, largely at the national level, make themselves legible to voters as "likable" or "approachable." Academia, she said, was a good way to "exercise a certain part of your brain when you're just thinking with such rigor about such incredibly specific questions," but it didn't stimulate the part of her that wanted to make an impact in the tradition of her family.

Perelman knows her name carries for weight for Philadelphians, in particular her family name as something to work toward.

"Inasmuch as there is like a weight that I carry - and it's by money, and it's backed by not a weight that I carry — but money," Agre said. inasmuch as there is something that you feel so responsible for this place," she said.

determined by Perelman and hasn't found religious practice Sanchez and Isaiah Thomas, to be as meaningful for her as it is for others, but credits a conventional culturally Jewish didates they support beyond posupbringing, replete with family dinner table conversations, with forcing her to punch above her weight class from a sive as her detractors are sure young age.

> Alongside her academic work, she became further she's determined, she has a involved in city politics, and was in the inaugural class of Legislative and Policy Research Fellows for the City of Philadelphia in 2012. In the program, she found herself disabused of the notion that one had to work in the mayor's office to get in on the real action of Philadelphia. Rather, she said, it was City Council 3.0's director of engagement, where things could really get said that even from afar he done. It was around then that could see how intelligent and

> working on the Tori Spelling of intentionally anonymous Philadelphia civic leaders about heading up Philadelphia 3.0.

One oft-repeated criticism make of the group is that it represents a serious contradiction to, on one hand, call for greater transparency and openness to the public when it comes to, say, electoral reform or committee-person elections, while also failing to disclose its own source of funding.

And it's hard not to think that Perelman is unfamiliar with that line of thought; sitting on the desk in her office (situated in a co-working space that literally overlooks City Hall) is a copy of Jane Meyer's Dark Money, a book that describes what Meyer sees as the nasty consequences of invisible donors. Her detractors have grabbed onto this issue.

"Philadelphia 3.0 is more or Jewish Philadelphians, but sees less a group that was founded to make the city of Philadelphia government more business-friendly. It was founded

Perelman is familiar with that is banging around in my these criticisms, but stresses head around that, it's more just that a look at Philadelphia 3.0's endorsements during the last election cycle - which included Jewishly speaking, Perelman candidates like Maria Quinonesamong others — reveals that any attempt to characterize the cansessing a general resolve to upend the status quo would fall flat.

> Her supporters are as effuof her insidiousness.

"She's clearly very bright, pretty good feel for the ins and outs of politics here, which takes some doing," said Thornburgh, who has been at the Committee of Seventy since 2014. "I think she's trying to do the right thing for the right reasons. I'm an admirer of hers."

Jon Geeting, Philadelphia

the group in August of 2016. (Geeting, Philadelphia 3.0's only other full-time employee, is more focused on engaging prospective committee members than on City Council.)

And in 2017, Ed Rendell told Philadelphia Magazine this: "I can close my eyes and see Ali Perelman as mayor of Philadelphia."

She's proud of Philadelphia 3.0's staying power thus far these types of groups usually have a short shelf life - and moreover, believes that they're 215-832-0740

part of what drew him to join much better positioned for the upcoming election cycle than they were for the previous one.

As for any personal political ambition, Perelman said she can imagine running for office at some point in the future, but remains focused on the task at hand.

"This year presents such an unusual opportunity to drive transformative change," she said, "and I'm thrilled that I get to help try to make that happen." •

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THE VIEW FROM HERE How Do You Learn to Hate?



BY JOSHUA RUNYAN

I'VE BEEN THINKING a lot about babies lately. Those who know me might say that it makes sense, considering that our household has had at least one child in diapers since our first was born in early 2003.

But late last week, staring at my newest son - who was born the week before -Imarveled at just how uncomplicated, helpless and unadulterated is existence in those first few days of life.

My son had not yet experi-

ered pattern of his bassinet.

embodiment of political phi- I wanted to write about the losopher John Locke's idea of a affair, but I wanted to see just tabula rasa. As he explores the what would come out of it. world every second that he's awake, he has not yet formed refresher, Omar, a Democrat such complex ideas as hate or anger. He lacks the capacity to two Muslim women elected to make the kinds of value judgments that depend so much on nurture, and not so much on nature. He comes into this over Twitter accused House world devoid of those emotions GOP leader Kevin McCarthy that have wrought so much of California of being in the destruction.

So if the newborn doesn't anti-Semite derive his venom, simple answer, of course, is those who love him.

When last week's issue of replied: "AIPAC!" the Jewish Exponent was going to press, I was asked by the per- yet another invocation of the son filling in for me whether old anti-Semitic trope that I wanted to write an installenced the trauma of the bris. ment of this column. I decided go around, but Omar isn't the (That happened on Feb. 17, and against it, my reasons rooted first member of Congress, he was given the name Simcha as much in the fact that I was Democrat or Republican, to Meir.) According to studies, he understandably busy with the traffic in such a stereotype in could really only see well half demands of paternity leave as the last couple of years. Omar, a foot away. It's the perfect in the idea that I wanted to who several years ago accused

mother, as well as the check- freshman Rep. Ilhan Omar's latest anti-Semitic tweet sim-A baby is, in many ways, the mered down. I knew then that

For those who could use a from Minnesota and one of Congress last November (the other was Palestinian-American Rashida Tlaib of Michigan) pocket of the pro-Israel lobby. McCarthy, who has threatened hate, from where does the to take action against Omar and Tlaib for their positions or the racist her hatred? The on Israel, was motivated solely by the "Benjamins," Omar that ironically, it's inculcated said. When asked to specify over time by, in many cases, what she meant by a journalist from The Forward, Omar

> The exchange represented Jewish money makes the world

distance to study the face of his wait until the skirmishes over Israel of "hypnotizing" the for how hatred — whether of anti-Semitism by explaining her stance as more rooted in attacking the big money that lobbies Congress. (Left out of her statement was a denouncement of the anti-Israel money that funded her campaigns.)

> But while Democrats and Republicans were united in calling Omar to task, President Donald Trump, no stranger himself to the use of a good tweet with anti-Semitic overtones to score political points (i.e., demonizing George Soros), upped the ante by demanding that Omar resign. Predictably, she hasn't, nor have many Democrats urged her to do so.

> That pretty much brings us up to date.

Left in the back and forth has been any meaningful dialogue on how someone like Omar, who by all accounts is a talented politician deeply committed to her own community, came to traffic in hate in the first place.

Left unsaid has been any type of reasonable explanation exponent.com.

world, was rightly condemned Jews or of blacks or of immiand forced to apologize by a grants or of the rich or of the united Democratic leadership. poor - seems to spread so But even in her mea culpa, easily among those tasked with she deflected the charge of representing all of their constituents and who have pledged to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.

We know that they were not born haters. Hate, if they truly hate as opposed to just employing it as a cynical device to achieve electoral success, had to have been developed, delivered and inculcated in them.

Were Omar to step down, we'd still be left with the most basic of problems: how to prevent hate from finding a home in an otherwise rational mind.

The only solution I can think of at the moment, still admittedly under the spell of my newborn son but fully cognizant that it's pretty much worthless as a political strategy, is to love each other a little bit more and to have that love be the primary mover of what we do and say. Let's start with our children.

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The Spark of the *Pintele Yid*

BY SAUL AXELROD

FOR THE PURPOSES of this article, I have divided Jewish Americans into three groups.

The first group consists of people who clearly identify as Jews. Some attend synagogue services regularly and observe the *mitzvot* as much as they can, while trying to enjoy the benefits of American life. Others in this group are of Jewish Americans that I not religious but relish their Jewishness by enjoying much of its culture and traditions. ucated and to be reasonably They will often ask, "But is it financially secure. They are a you that Judaism is not very music. I followed the sound

good for the Jews?" Most people in the first group are strong supporters of Israel.

Skipping to the third group, there are Jewish-Americans who want nothing to do with Judaism or Jewish lifestyle and might be at the forefront of the opposition to the state of Israel. I have no interest in this group and will not address it further. But there is a second group

would like to discuss.

They are likely to be well-ed-

part of the fabric of American life. Their connection to Judaism is mostly during life milestones. They might attend svnagogue services during the High Holidays, if at all. They might have some regard for Israel, but are typically not vocal supporters, nor do they attend pro-Israel rallies. They might connect to Judaism through its food, its humor and by occasionally reading a Jewish American novel or attending movies dealing with the Shoah. They might tell

important to them, but sometimes there are events that reveal that Judaism is import- playing remarkably joyful ant to them. Some of the people still have a *pintele vid* — the spark of a Jew. It just requires a special event to expose it.

Many years ago, I took a tour of a religious enclave in Borough Park in Brooklyn, N.Y., during Sukkot. Our bus was delayed, so I had a chance to walk through the small streets of what I suspect resembled a European shtetl. In the background, I heard Yiddish

until I found its source.

There was a Chasidic man music on an organ. In the building, men were dancing around the table, while in the bleachers young men locked arms and swayed from side to side. Eventually, the men left the shul and danced in the nearby street. I stood there with chills in what was the greatest *pintele vid* moment of my life. Later, I was to learn that this was referred to as a

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This Super Sunday, Remember that Every Dollar Counts

BY JODI KRASILOVSKY MILLER

ON FEB. 24, Jewish communities will come together across the Greater Philadelphia region to help raise crucial funds for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Super Sunday, as it's called, is one of the most important days of the year for Jewish communities and, ever since my first experience nearly a decade ago, I find it to be most inspiring.

On this day, we officially jumpstart our annual campaign to fund all the critical and lifesaving work that the Jewish Federation accomplishes each year. And we come together to celebrate our success. connect with new members and learn more about where our support is most needed.

The Jewish Federation is deeply enmeshed in the fabric of our communities, affecting each and every one of our lives every day. From young children who need access to pre-K education, to the teens involved in leadership programs, to the adults who need career advice and networking and to the elder adults who need assistance to continue to live in their home — the Jewish Federation is there.

Every day, this organization and its connected agencies provide lifelines to so many of our most vulnerable community members locally, in Israel and around the world.

With so many causes in need of support, the Jewish Federation eliminates any guesswork on where donations might create the biggest impact. As chair of the Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy affinity group, I see firsthand the intricate budget, allocation and strict evaluations ing to the Jewish Federation, we

and spent. With many diverse voices contributing to the process, Jewish Federation donors can rest assured that their dolour Jewish values to collectively achieve the most good.

Through this process we are creating bonds with those who share our values and are dedicated to the same cause. And we are opening our doors and our hearts to people and communities who are in need of extra support.

It is not an easy time to be Jewish: Following the terrible events at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and the continued rise in anti-Semitism in our country, I'm consistently reminded why the work enormously important for Jews

that go into every dollar raised are building a stronger, more inclusive community that truly benefits everyone.

This year's event is extra special because Super Sunday is lars are used in accordance with coming right to our doorstep: Our Main Line community will conveniently have its own event at the Barbara and Harvey Brodsky Enrichment Center of JFCS in Bala Cynwyd. By hosting five Super Sunday locations across Greater Philadelphia, our Jewish Federation is giving neighborhoods the opportunity to come together to raise money, make new friends and show our collective strength in order to secure a strong lewish future for generations to come.

In challenging times, it is

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people of all faiths for a comthat, a high-level security briefmuch-needed information to all of our local Jewish groups.

As Jews, we understand the importance of building bridges and working with all people of all faiths to strengthen our communities. It is critical now more Jodi Krasilovsky Miller lives in than ever for us to stand together in order to continue to grow and thrive. Fortunately, the Jewish across the Greater Philadelphia Federation is poised to address these challenges - and by giv-

of the Jewish Federation is so to continue to help other Jews in important. Just one day after every step of their lives. Super this recent tragedy, the Jewish Sunday is the best way for the Federation brought together Jewish community to meet face to face and work side by munity vigil. And the day after side to ensure our most critical needs are met and that our chiling was organized to deliver dren will share a bright, Jewish future. I look forward to seeing you there. And for those of you who aren't able to make it, join in the spirit of the occasion and answer that phone call.

> Wynnewood. Super Sunday will be held on Feb. 24 at five locations region. For a listing of all locations, times and directions, visit jewishphilly.org/SuperSunday.

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Instead of Aborting, Try Adoption

CONFRONTED WITH NEW York state's newly adopted "late term abortion" policy, I would offer an alternate solution for other states considering the same policy ("Where Religion Falls Short," Jan. 31).

Given that our country now recognizes that loving relationships come in all colors, beliefs and genders, rather than killing these late-term babies, let's offer couples who are looking to adopt a beautiful child.

Rather than wasting a life, we would be fulfilling a dream for prospective parents while still allowing the birth mother to end her pregnancy. Viable preterm babies can live healthy lives. Happily, the American population has melted into a beautiful rainbow of colors, beliefs and gender combinations.

Let's use this much needed and wanted congruence to permit adoption of these fragile, but most certainly vibrant with life, babies. Let's give them a loving home rather than a medical waste bag. If we want to allow all those wishing asylum to come to our shores, can we not provide our youngest and most vulnerable with a first birthday?

Ann Krauss | Havertown

Nothing Cavalier Nor Easy About Abortion

A recent letter contains comments and assertions that are patently false ("Human Life is Worth the Inconvenience," Feb. 7). The writer draws the conclusion that women who have abortions do so for cavalier reasons.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The decision to have an abortion is one that requires a great deal of thought. I do not believe that any pregnant woman wakes up one morning and says to herself, "I have nothing to do today, so I think I will go and get an abortion." Any woman who contemplates ending a pregnancy does so for deeply personal reasons, and I do not question her thought processes.

Furthermore, the writer says that safe and legal abortions were easily available in Philadelphia prior to the decision in Roe v. Wade in 1973. This is incorrect. A woman who wanted an abortion in Pennsylvania prior to 1973 had to find two psychiatrists who would deem her unfit to take care of a child.

Let that sink in for a moment. A woman who was already a mother had to convince two other adults that she was an unfit mother. Assuming she went through that ordeal, she had to find a doctor who would agree to perform the abortion. This was not an easy task. The usual ways were through someone who knew someone, or going to an unlicensed practitioner and risking infection and/or death; there was also the "do it vourself" method, also known as the wire coat hanger. Also, in 1973, many doctors would not prescribe contraception and, in many states, it was illegal.

I always thought that Judaism defined when life begins as the moment when the head emerges from the birth canal and the soul enters the body.

One thing I have learned in my 80 years is to try not to be too judgmental of other people's life decisions since I cannot possibly know what is really going on in their lives and why they make the choices they do. I think that it would serve the writer well if he applied that philosophy to his own thinking and spent his time trying to make life better for the living.

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The Era of 'Never Again' is Ending

BY ERIC ROZENMAN

STEVEN FILMMAKER Spielberg told NBC News he thinks society must take the possibility of genocide more seriously now that it has in the past generation. In an interview marking the 25th anniversary of Schindler's List, Spielberg referred to the massacre at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue and warned that "hate leading to genocide is as possible today as it was during the Holocaust."

He was behind the curve. The era of "never again" is ending in Western Europe, fading in North America and never penetrated the Middle East. Relentless demonization of the Jewish state renormalizes demonization of Jewish people.

Examples of post-Nazi genocide and attempted genocide abound, including Muslim Indonesia's seizure of largely Christian East Timor, the auto-genocide perpetrated by Cambodia's Khmer Rouge, suppression of southern Sudan's Christian and animist Darfur region by the government of the Muslim north, the murder of much of Rwanda's Tutsi leaders of the Women's March respondents between 18 and minority by the Hutu majority and today's oppression by Myanmar's Buddhist majority of its Rohingya Muslim minority.

Two post-Holocaust mass murders of Jews already have been attempted.

In 1948, five invading Arab countries committed to the destruction of the fledgling Iewish state. The United States no sooner became the first nation to recognize Israel than it slapped an arms embargo on the region. Though intended to diminish general tensions, in practice the move undercut Israel, since the other side continued to receive British arms ever-enduring Jew hatred and advice

a potentially overwhelming attack by Egyptian, Syrian and

Gamal Abdell Nasser trione would have lifted a finger tion will be sufficient. to save the Jews."

missiles and seeks to develop nuclear warheads for them, functionally asserting that "the Holocaust never happened and we intend to finish it." The European Union, smarting at American insistence that it re-impose economic sanctions on Tehran at the expense of trade, has sought a way around potential penalties.

Nazism obsessed over racially inferior Jews destroyaccused Pittsburgh murderer event halted by the Allies' fantasized that pro-immigration Jews threatened "his peomailing letter bombs to prominent Americans reportedly also described as the "alt-rewags the American dog.

Not entirely dissimilar, movement demand that Jewish 34 tell CNN they've never privilege and apologize for the Jews' racist suppression of black and brown people.

of "Christ killers" to contemporary indictments of Jews as killers of Palestinian Arabs, those who portray Jews and the Iewish state as demonic - as Louis Farrakhan did yet again zism and anti-Zionist anti-Semshortly after Pittsburgh — serve to reopen "the Jewish question." As in, what shall be done with this never quite assimilated, always stubborn people?

Infinitelv adaptable, today regressing to its pre-Aus-In 1967, Israel preempted chwitz mean through the gateway drug of anti-Zionism - retains its eternal answer: Jordanian forces mobilized the elimination of Judaism Middle East Reporting in America.

on its border. Afterward, the and those who proclaim it. philosopher Eric Hoffer noted Among polite circles, like that "had [Egyptian President those who insist they are never anti-Semitic, "only anti-Ziumphed ... he would have onist," marginalization and wiped Israel off the map and no social-cultural re-ghettoiza-

The original ethical mono-Today, Iran builds ballistic theism, with its damned "thou shalls" and "thou shall nots," contradicts the West's increasing secular fundamentalism just as it called into question Christianity and then Islam's claims to supersession. Including this small chosen people with their tiny promised land in that nowyou-see-it, now-you-don't multicultural rainbow remains one diversity too many.

The Holocaust must be ing the German people. The understood not only as an defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945 but also as a process ple." The man charged with interrupted. As the survivor and author Primo Levi put it, "It happened, and therefore, it wanted "to go back to Hitler can happen again. This is the core of what we have to say." The words are inscribed at the ich" — imagines the Israeli tail entrance to Berlin's Holocaust memorial.

Twenty percent of French activists check their white heard of the Holocaust. So does a similar proportion in the United States. A Labour Party unit in northern Britain From medieval allegations rejected a proposed resolution condemning the Pittsburgh murders because there's too much talk of "anti-Semitism this, anti-Semitism that."

Today, the spread of neo-Naitism makes continued war against, and potential genocide of the majority of the world's Jews — that is, those living in Israel — a renewed possibility.

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Axelrod

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Sukkot tisch (table).

I recall a story about Isaac Bashevis Singer. He had just finished giving a talk in Paris and was finding his way to a Shabbat dinner he had been invited to by strangers. When the door to the apartment opened, it all unfolded — the succulent aroma of the chicken soup, the beautiful glowing candles, the warmth of the challah, people from different parts of the world, previously unknown to each other, hugging lovingly.

Similar scenes occur at Chabad Houses during Shabbat dinners throughout the world. They have something in common. It is the *pintele yid*.

Several years ago, I was walking through the streets of Ierusalem on a Fridav afternoon with my friend, Eitan. Shabbat was approaching. Soon the buses would come to a halt and Chasidim would fill the streets. Neither Eitan nor I am religious. Yet, he turned to me and said he felt there was something special in the air of Jerusalem as Shabbat approached. I could feel the presence of my zeyda, after whom I was named another instance of *pintele yid*.

Golda Meir's path from Kiev to Milwaukee to Palestine reflected a person who moved from the Orthodox religiosity of her grandparents to the secular Zionism that resulted in her being the elected leader of Israel. But an incident in Moscow in 1948 resulted in a pintele vid moment.

As the first Israeli ambassador to the Soviet Union, she addressed a Rosh Hashanah crowd of thousands outside the main synaorganized by a local Chabad organization, and in front of her was a sea of dancing black-hatted Chasidim, joining in the raucous chorus of, "Golda, Golda!" Rejected by many 20th-century Jews, the Chasidim refused to reject one of their own. Meir was shaken by the incident and College of Education.

admitted that, for an instant, she considered becoming observant.

Jerry Weintraub was a famous producer and talent agent. Although he was not a religious man, in his book When I Stop Talking, You Will Know I Am Dead, he reveals some major pintele yid moments. When his father was ill, he brought him to the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Father and son were transfixed as the Rebbe held the elder Weintraub's hand. The Rebbe was incapable of healing a sick man, but he was able to provide him with comfort.

I was recently sitting in a Jewish deli with a friend. His food order violated Jewish dietary laws in at least two ways. I had a half smile as we made eye contact. He looked at me and said firmly, "I am a Jew through and through." I know him very well, and his statement was believable. We both had a good chuckle — the *pintele yid*.

If you believe "My Yiddishe Momme" was written for your mother; if you get tearful every time you sing "Hatikvah" or remember your grandmother swaying as she lit Shabbat candles; if you can hear a pained wail in the prayer of a Chasid; if you feel, as Itzhak Pearlman does, as he tells Joel Grey, "klezmer means everything good;" or if you get chills when the Israeli flag is raised, you are not 100 percent assimilated.

In the beginning of the 20th century, many European Jews felt obligated to be loyal to either the Yiddish or Zionist political movements. But the Shoah, among other events, has reduced Yiddish adherents to a small number, and Israel is a strong state steeped in Zionist ideals and the Hebrew language.

So, instead of choosing one gogue of Moscow. The rally was or the other, I say, "Choose both!" Ironically, Israel is in the best position to save Yiddish culture. It would be a pintele yid moment for the Jewish state.

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'March' Composer Draws Varied Inspiration

MUSIC

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

IEWISH COMPOSER ANDREW Bleckner found inspiration in both religion and musical history when he wrote The Children's March.

Bleckner and librettist Charlotte Blake Alston will perform their original work which explores a civil rights-era historical event — on Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. at Philadelphia Episcopal Church, and on March 10 at 3 p.m. at Lincoln University. They will be joined by Singing City, the SC Children's Choir, T-VOCE, the Germantown Friends School Middle School Choir and Keystone State Boychoir's Anonymous 8.

The Children's March is a choral and theatrical piece about the 1963 Children's Crusade in Birmingham, Ala.

than 1,000 students, most of them black, skipped class to march in the downtown area in support of the civil rights movement. They were met with clubs, dogs, paddy wagons and high-powered hoses, all under the direction of the notorious Bull Connor, then the commissioner of public safety in Birmingham. The images were broadcast to millions of television viewers around the world, eventually bolstering the cause of the marchers. A few days later, an agreement to desegregate important public spaces his name. was reached.

that Bleckner had in mind when he was commissioned to compose the music for The *Children's March* back in 2013. Bleckner, a native of Rockland County, N.Y., has composed music for decades. Though he found much of his inspiration and other luminaries of classiunconventional place.



Andrew Bleckner Photo provided

he said, "I read a short book by Martin Buber that had a profound influence upon me. Buber posits that each individual has a unique place in the world, and that we should find our own path, and thereby honor God in doing so by fulfilling our unique path. I started to learn piano at that point, and I felt that sitting at the piano was a form of the On May 2 of that year, more highest prayer possible, that it was my unique path in which I could honor God and fulfill my potential in the universe."

Bleckner continued to draw from Judaism as he made his way through the world of classical music. He counts a setting of Psalm 150 for choir and percussion that he composed towards the end of his time in grad school as his first real success as a composer. Since then, he's become a nationally recognized composer, with numerous fellowships and awards to

In 2012, he and Alston were It was this radical history commissioned to write The Children's March by Singing City. Singing City was founded as an integrated choir in 1948, and over the years has performed with everyone from the Philadelphia Orchestra to the Israel Philharmonic.

"I was so excited when I in the work of Beethoven, Bach learned of the project, because I felt such a powerful conneccal music, he also found it an tion to the story," Bleckner said. "The Children's March project is "When I was in 11th grade," both theatrical and choral, so it

suited my interests and abilities as a composer ideally."

Alston, he believes, was similarly suited to the task.

"It was a wonderful and profound experience to collaborate with her," Bleckner said. "In creating the musical setting for her story I found myself swept up in the range of emotions it depicts, from pain, to righteous anger, to defiance, to joy, and to celebration."

The Children's March, Bleckner said, is not only a lifts the listener to a higher performance that seeks to exalt a pivotal moment of the Civil Rights movement, but one that speaks to "the universal human story of our fight with tyranny and injustice."

"I believe The Children's March is, in fact, a sacred journey," he said. "It is a march for freedom and justice, and 215-832-0740

Alston is also the piece's narrator. the conclusion - a setting of 'There is a Balm in Gilead' spiritual plane.

"In today's dark times," he concluded, "I naturally hope that listeners will be inspired to activism against resurgent forces of prejudice and intolerance." •

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Award-Winning Drag Queen Reflects on Art

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SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

IN ERIC JAFFE'S HOME, there's a shelf lined with wigs, a closet full of glittery dresses and a menorah by the front door.

Jaffe, 29, was named Drag Queen of the Year at the annual Philadelphia Drag Awards on Nov. 30. Sitting at his vanity - piled with makeup, brushes, books and another wig — Jaffe explained his approach to drag.

"In the mainstream, drag is mostly identified as female impersonation," said Jaffe, who is Jewish. "I do not identify it as that. Drag is sort of anything that elevates you to an extension of yourself or of another character, and it can be defined by physical things, like the way that you dress in appearance, or it can be from within. Drag has a very broad definition. There are a million kinds of drag.

"For me, my drag is a perspective on gender itself because I am a bearded drag queen. drag with theater. In October, done Chanukah-themed songs That's beautiful, that you can be a glamourous creature who still has a hairy chest, a beard and In January, he starred in a those kinds of features."

At various venues throughout the city, Jaffe plays ukulele, sings and does comedy as a drag queen. He also has a monthly cabaret show at Tavern of rehearsal and had a cast of OnCamac. Its takes him two 15 in "various states of drag," hours to do his makeup, he said. He wears wigs and an assortment of different dresses, including pieces made by his partner, expressions of queerness. balloon artist Greg Laut.

was nominated in a category other than alternative drag at the annual Philadelphia Drag Awards, Jaffe said. While he has performed in cabaret shows for the past five years, he has transitioned into performing as a drag queen over the past two.

This year, he won best alternative drag queen and best host, in addition to drag queen of the year.



▲ Eric Jaffe at his vanity

Selah Maya Zighelboim



▲ Eric Jaffe was named Philadelphia's Drag Queen of the Year at the 2018 Philadelphia Drag Awards. Photo provided

"Over the years, I just started experimenting more and more with what it would be like to play with gender," Jaffe said. "I've always enjoyed and relished the fact covered a love of theater when that gender was a man-made he was young, performing construct. As I got more and in community productions, more comfortable on stage, including shows with the Beth I decided to play more and Sholom Players. more with those concepts."

he played the host in Basic Witches at the Arden Theatre. Passover skit. satirical version of *Sweeney* background for his shows' humor. Todd called Thweeney Todd: The Flaming Barber of Fleek never a fart joke that wasn't the Street, which he also wrote.

The show took two months Music Director Foster Longo said. This included drag queens ied theater at Florida Atlantic and drag kings but also other

This was the first year Jaffe expressed interest in continuing to make these satires.

> tinue making these Broadway parodies and these fully staged productions," Longo said. "We're figuring out what exactly that's going to look like, but we're definitely interested in making this a company that produces work regularly. We're still feeling out what exactly is on the horizon, but there's something there."

Jaffe is a Philadelphia-area native. He grew up in Elkins Park, where he went to services and was Bar Mitzvahed at Beth Sholom Congregation. He dis-

He sometimes brings his Recently, he has blended Judaism into his drag. He has and plays Moses in an annual

Jaffe also credits his Jewish

"In my family, there was funniest thing in the world," he said. "We were a big, loud Jewish family, and a lot of my humor stems from that."

After high school, he stud-University, but felt disillusioned when his teachers told Both Longo and Jaffe him he needed to deepen his voice and act straight.

"It was always very import-"We definitely want to con- ant to my parents - because they knew who I was from early on — it was always important for them to stress to me to just be myself," Jaffe said. "That felt really hurtful to me that I was constantly being told to change and I wasn't really get casting his return to theater. in college at all."

He starting turning away from theater and took up the



▲ Eric Jaffe dressed as a menorah in a piece designed by his partner, balloon artist Greg Laut Photo provided

ukulele instead, performing at open mic nights.

When he moved back to Philadelphia after college, he performed in cabarets, playing ukulele with a glitter beard.

It wasn't until this past year that the community started to see him as a drag queen, he said.

His recent work has marked

Most drag queens, he noted, have a drag name. But he goes szighelboim@jewishexponent.com; by Eric Jaffe in honor of his 215-832-0729

parents, who both died when he was in his early 20s. His older brother is his biggest fan, Jaffe said, but his parents never got to see him perform drag. He thinks they would have loved it.

"At the end of the day. I'm a performer and an entertainer," Jaffe said. "They would definitely see that and respect it and appreciate it." •

Puerto Rican Chef Luis Liceaga Learned Kosher Cooking in College

FOOD

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LUIS LICEAGA, chef/owner of Loco Lucho, the Puerto Rican restaurant in the lost brothers. David Reading Terminal Market, is not necessarily someone you'd peg to have kept kosher for part of his life.

"My friends called me 'Liceagastein,'" he joked, "and I loved every minute of it."

It began when Liceaga arrived at the University of Pennsylvania from Puerto Rico 40 years ago. He did not know a soul.

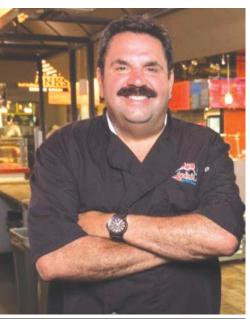
The first person he met was David Alben, a fellow freshman from Yonkers, N.Y. The Ricans and Jews value second person he met was Michael Yasner, a junior from Long Island. Both were Jewish - a culture that Liceaga had parents. We are both little exposure to growing up are very warm, wel-

Catholic in Puerto Rico. They became instant, immediate, lifelong friends.

"It was like we were long and I even looked alike. We didn't think about it at the time we just became friends and hung out together all the time, but I've considered it a lot over the years, and once you take the religious rituals out of our two backgrounds, we are very, very similar," he said.

"Both Puerto family above all. We place such respect on parents and grand-

coming and affectionate. parents Mom and Dad. I went Food is a huge part of our to their homes for holidays; it traditions. I was so far from was wonderful." home, and both David and Michael's families sort of to their trio, Jose Melendez, adopted me. I called David's another student from Puerto



Photos provided



The friends added a fourth

Rico, and the quartet decided to live together the following year. The first item of decoration they acquired for their pad was a sign the hung over their door: "PRIB Pleasure Palace" (PRIB stood for Puerto Rican Jewish Boys — which they now attribute to the folly of youth; they were 19 after all).

Liceaga was the only one who knew how to cook, so the kitchen became his domain. He came by the skill honestly; his mother, grandmother and greataunt are the renowned cookbook authors of the seminal work on Puerto Rican cuisine: Cucina Criolla.

Yasner was strictly Orthodox, so they had to create a kosher kitchen. Liceaga learned the rules from Yasner's and Alben's mothers and grandmothers.

"They taught me Yiddish curses as well was the recipes and the rules! We got two sets of dishes; we observed Shabbos," he said. "I bought the *chametz* during Passover. We did seders. I still remember word for word."

In addition to tra-Liceaga adapted Puerto Rican dishes to kosher dietary laws. A favor- mer for 30 minutes. ite of the group was chicken with rice.



ARROZ CON POLLO

Serves four hungry college boys, or six regular appetites

- 1 chicken (2¹/₂-3 pounds), cut up Salt
- Adobo seasoning (can be found in Latino section of most grocery stores)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- small onion, chopped 1
- clove garlic, minced 1 1 can stewed tomatoes (19 ounces)
- 1/3 cup cooking sherry
- 1 package sazon
- (seasoning mix, available in Latino section of most grocery stores)
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 bay leaf
- 1¹/₂ cups water

1¹/₂ cups uncooked white rice Pimentos and/or green olives to garnish.

Season the chicken generously with the salt and adobo. In a large skillet with a cover, heat the oil and brown the chicken on all sides.

Add the onion and garlic the Four Questions and brown the chicken for five minutes more.

Add the remaining ingrediditional Jewish recipes, ents except the rice, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Add the rice, cover and sim-

Top with sliced pimentos, his arroz con pollo, or and/or pitted green olives, if desired, and serve. •

No Single Leadership Style Ideal

BY RABBI ALAN ISER

Parshat Ki Tisa

IN THIS WEEK'S Torah portion, we encounter two very different leadership styles in the ways Moses and Aaron deal with the crisis of the Golden Calf.

The people grow restless when Moses is slow to return from Mount Sinai. Indeed, they seem to fear that Moses will not return at all.

From a straightforward reading of the text, it looks like Aaron collaborates with the people in constructing the Golden Calf and worshipping it. Not only are the people engaging in idolatry, but according to some commentators, they get drunk and engage in sexually inappropriate behavior. (The Hebrew used here, l'tzachek, elsewhere in the Torah has sexual connotations.) The people are totally out of control.

rashic commentaries go out of their way to exculpate Aaron by claiming Aaron was just engaging in delaying tactics, stalling the people by collecting gold and saying the next day would be a holiday for God, hoping that Moses would return in the meantime. There is even a midrash which has Aaron fearing for his life because he has just seen his nephew, Hur, killed by the angry mob when he refused to help them make the Golden Calf.

Despite these rabbinic midrashim, the Torah itself seems to render a guilty verdict on Aaron's behavior. In Deuteronomy 9:20, Moses reports that God was angry enough at the time of the the Israelites' acts, Moses first Golden Calf that God would have destroyed Aaron were it not for Moses' intervention.

Aaron's behavior?

Aaron grew up as a slave so he understood this recently

The rabbis in their mid- liberated people's mentality. He empathized with their vulnerabilities and insecurities. He reacted emotionally to the trauma they were experiencing when Moses did not return by the appointed time. Furthermore, Aaron, by nature, was one who made accommodations and, according to rabbinic tradition, was a born peacemaker who hated conflict.

Moses, by contrast, was reared in Pharaoh's palace, and not as intimately familiar with the Israelites' emotional make-up. Moreover, he is more cerebral than the emotional Aaron and more of an idealist, and perhaps even an absolutist in his outlook on the world.

When receiving news of reacts by interceding with God who wants to destroy the entire nation. He cogently appeals to How are we to understand the covenant God made with the patriarchs, and God relents.

anger when he breaks the tab-

when he sees the people boisterously worshipping the Golden Calf. However, the rabbis see this as Moses cleverly destroying the evidence that the Israelites are bound by the Ten Commandments not to worship other deities. He then punishes not the entire people, but just the main participants.

According to the medieval commentator Nachmanides, Moses understood that there were too many perpetrators to try them all in court, but he still needed to put an end to the Israelites' destructive behavior. He then goes back up the mountain to again intercede with God on behalf of the people so God does not abandon them.

Moses' battlefield justice may seem harsh, but at the same time he is able to sustain his role as an advocate for his people. Moses is able to grasp the big picture and discern that True, Moses reacts with the whole enterprise and future of the Jewish people is at stake

lets of the Ten Commandments here and not totally give in to the emotions of the moment. He is able to deliver stern justice but also show compassion for his people.

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CANDLE LIGHTING

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The question for us today in the Jewish community and American society is what kind of leaders do we need: an Aaron, with his accomodationist love of the people, or a Moses, who puts more emphasis on ideals than on an emotional connection to the people. Is it possible to find leaders who combine the virtues of both? •

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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.

What is the NORC?

IN NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA, there's a free retirement community - one where older adults can age safely and with dignity in their very own homes, with Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's support. We call it the Northeast NORC.

NORC stands for Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. It's a neighborhood that contains a large proportion of people over age 60. Since the area wasn't originally planned to meet aging populations' needs, residents of a NORC can find it increasingly hard to do things like grocery shopping, changing light bulbs, mowing the lawn or getting to a doctor's appointment. Often, they can feel isolated.

And yet residents of the Northeast NORC — which spans six zip codes — would prefer to continue living in their homes. That's why Jewish Federation, along with many community partners, created a system to link NORC's 1,700 members with the services they need.

NORC provides home assessments; home maintenance and repairs; transportation to medical appointments and Jewish life and learning events; socialization opportunities; and information and referral services.

'The squirrels get in and chew up all my screens. And they sent someone and repaired all my screens." said Helen, a 92-year-old NORC resident. "I have a friend in North Wales who tells me, 'I wish I had someone like that.'"

NORC personnel also regularly check in with friendly visits and phone calls. And residents are encouraged to come to KleinLife for free exercise classes, gardening in the hoop houses and socializing over lunch and learns.

Volunteers are key to the NORC's success.

They do everything from raking leaves, flipping mattresses, painting and changing smoke alarm batteries to minor repairs like installing shower grab bars and winterizing homes by covering windows in plastic. NORC volunteers find the experience meaningful beyond the work itself, as it becomes an opportunity to talk and connect with older adults, and hear their stories. One recent group of teenage volunteers visiting a woman living by herself even lit Chanukah candles together.

At the Jewish Federation, we help our older adults stay healthy, safe and connected. For more information about the NORC or to volunteer, visit jewishphilly. org/norc or contact the NORC at norc@jewishphilly.org or 215-320-0351.



Jewish Philly Podcast Episode 11: Attorney General Josh Shapiro



IT'S 2019, AND we're kicking off of righteousness and equality. the new year by celebrating new life and examining the challenges parenthood.

That's followed by a conversation about the recent Women's March with Jewish Exponent reporter Selah Maya Zighelboim, and finally we'll share the communities combatting anti-Semitism. story of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel,

We also had the honor to sit down with Pennsylvania's Attorney General Josh Shapiro to facing Jewish millennials and young talk about the issue that has propelled him on to the national stage — the Pennsylvania Catholic clergy abuse scandal. We also talk about how his Jewish values guide him as Pennsylvania's head lawyer, his future political plans and his advice for Jewish

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IN AMERICA, we treat our first responders with great respect, as well we should. They put their lives on the line for us every day.

And with a tip of the cap to them, you are reminded there is something you can do for yourself each and every day: Put your fiscal health on the line. Keep it front and center and be your own fiscal first responder.

No doubt you have financial goals. They will differ from your friends and neighbors, and sometimes they will test your mettle. But you can achieve them because, through the course of your life, let's face it ... your buck stops with you.

Sound retirement. College savings. Bigger home. Starting

a business. Health care needs. And more. It all can be accomplished if you choose to be your own fiscal first responder.

What steps must you take? The choices will vary and statistics will differ as to how much you will need for what, but this list will serve as an initial fiscal first guide:

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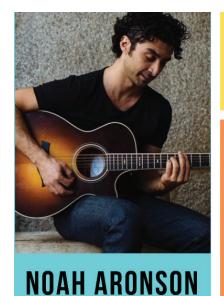
Any time you have the opportunity to contribute to an employer's retirement plan, jump on it as fast as you can and for as much as you can. Especially when your account will grow tax-deferred and your employer may make matching contributions.

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Some may have a longer list of steps. Some shorter. But if you are going to be your own fiscal first responder, you can plan for what you can control and be prepared for what you can't.

Develop your list. Be aware of it every day but check it at least once every three months. Work with the financial professional(s) with whom you feel comfortable keeping in mind your own particular circumstances.

Fiscal first.

Ben Feld is an adviser with



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▼ SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Magic Show.

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim has scheduled an outing to the Smoke & Mirrors Magic Theatre, 2840 Pine Road, Philadelphia. Join us and see Scott Alexander headline a fabulous 90-minute show. There are two options: the 8 p.m. show only for \$36 or a light Mediterranean nosh at 6:35 p.m. in the Karff Auditorium at CSS and then the show for \$40. Call 215-677-1600 to RSVP or for information. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

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

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Book Club.

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

Book Discussion.

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

PAFA Visits Hazak.

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

Shul Stitchers.

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

▼ FRIDAY, FEB. 22

Minyan, Men's Club.

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

Active Adult Friday.

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

JDAIM Speaker.

Congregation Beth Or supports Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month throughout February. This week's Shabbat guest speaker is Lynne Maleef, who does not let progressive eye disease, which limits her sight, stop her from being an active participant in the Jewish community. She will discuss how she navigates daily life and makes social connections, as well as her work at the Apple store. 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Or. 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

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▼ SATURDAY, FEB. 23

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

Torah Study.

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

Jewish Disability Awareness.

Meet Lior Liebling, the inspiration for *Praying with Lior.* A family story of triumph and challenge, most of all it is a story infused with divine inspirations, It chronicles Liebling's journey as a prayerful boy with Down Syndrome to becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Today, he is an accomplished young Jewish adult living a full rich life. Service begin at 9:15 a.m. and Liebling's presentation is at 11 a.m. **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

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Torah Yoga.

Torah, yoga, meditation and song with Leah Weisman, who is a student and practitioner of yoga and holistic healing. 10 a.m. **Beth Sholom Congregation**. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Torathon 2019.

Temple Beth Hillel–Beth El continues a 30-plus-year tradition: a one-night university featuring scintillating Jewish scholarship and down-toearth discussion. This year's program offers the opportunity to learn from 15 distinguished scholars, rabbis and local experts. Registration and lots of food beginning at 6:30 p.m. Presentations start at 7 p.m. Admission \$10; no charge for students. Free babysitting is provided. Call 610-649-5300 for details. 1001 Remington Road, Wynnewood.

▼ SUNDAY, FEB. 24

Predicting the Oscars. Join the Sisterhood of Old York Road Temple – Beth Am to hear Professor Emeritus Moylan Mills discuss "Oscar Buzz." This is one of the most competitive Oscar races ever. Almost every category is up for grabs, with no clear winner in sight. So let's see what we can do to straighten out this tangled thread. 9:30 a.m. For tickets/

reservations, call 215-886-8000. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Bill Wine Oscar Picks.

Hear movie critic Bill Wine's picks for the awards show, learn about the history of the Oscars and compete with your friends in a fun and entertaining Oscar trivia game at 11 a.m. at **Gratz College**. Elaborate kosher continental brunch included. \$28. For more information, contact mcohen@gratz.edu or 215-635-7300, ext. 155. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park.

Party Expo.

Planning a simcha? Join us for Party Expo, a free resource to the community offering an opportunity for families embarking upon the party planning process to interface with vendors providing party-related services. Meet kosher caterers, photographers, stationers, decorators, DJs and more. It's one-stop shopping for your simcha. 11 a.m. at **Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El**. 1001 Remington Road, Wynnewood.

PJ Our Way.

Join PJ Our Way Parents and Tweens at 2 p.m. at the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation** for a hands-on mitzvah activity with other PJ Our Way families (kids ages 8.5-12). Bring gently used books or clothes to donate. Free. For more information, contact Robyn Cohen at rcohen@ jewishlearningventure.org. Register at



goo.gl/forms/vfrWnYohuA3tYwZE3. 1561 Gehman Road, Harleysville.

Music Circle.

February is Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month (JDAIM), and we are bringing an afternoon of music, stories and crafts about understanding and respecting each other's differences. Singer-songwriter Joanie Calem will teach us through music. 2 p.m. Free. Register at goo. gl/forms/j1J69bJUqErG7Nvs2. Common Space, 25 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore.

Children's March.

A concert at 3 p.m. features "The Children's March," a work commissioned by Singing City by local composer Andrew Bleckner, with a libretto by Charlotte Blake Alston. \$25. Features performances by Singing City, the SC Children's Choir, T-VOCE, Keystone State Boychoir Anonymous 8 and the Germantown Friends School Middle School Choir. **Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral**, 23 S. 38th St., Philadelphia.

▼ SUNDAY, FEB. 24

Sip 'n' Paint.

Join THZ Sisterhood for an afternoon of wine and artistry. Make your own *shviti* (a piece of art used for meditation) while you sip your favorite wine and nosh a little. Cost is \$36 after Feb. 11. To RSVP, email sisterhood@ templeharzion.org and send a check to: THZ Sisterhood, P.O. Box 548, Mt. Holly, N.J. Event at **Temple Har Zion**. 255 High St., Mount Holly, N.J.

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▼ MONDAY, FEB. 25

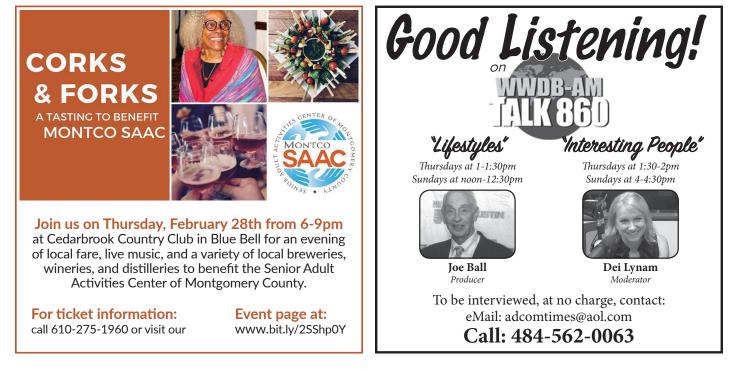
Hatha Yoga.

Women come together in this weekly, open to the community yoga class to practice balance, muscle strength and stillness through yoga. All ages, health levels and experience are represented. The class is \$5 for the hour, with no prior reservation needed. Come make a difference to your breath, body and community. Feel free to email our **Main Line Reform Temple** member and teacher Eileen Edman at Eedman@ comcast.net. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Talmud Class.

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then





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moves on to examine stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question: What is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/ shaming? 10:30 a.m. Har Zion Temple. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

Mahjong.

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

Bereavement Group.

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

Mahiong.

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

Life and Death.

A course exploring Jewish images of life and death at 7:30 p.m. taught by Reb Simcha Raphael, founding director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy, and Training. For questions/RSVP, email info@spiritualwell-being.org or call 215-887-1342. ext. 109. Beth Sholom Congregation, 8231 Old York Road. Elkins Park.

▼ TUESDAY, FEB. 26

Jewish Playwrights.

In this interactive hands-on class presented by Golden Slipper Gems, we will read and discuss 10-minute plays by American Jewish playwrights to answer the question: What are they writing? Each session will focus on a different theme, time period or issue,

including Biblical Midrash, American history, the Shoah, American Jewish identity, Israel, family and faith. 10 a.m. Adath Israel Synagogue. 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station.

Lunch and Learn.

Join us for a lunch (\$1 donation) at KleinLife Rhawnhurst, followed by a stimulating discussion about current issues. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. and the discussion begins at 12:30 p.m. Call 215-320-0351 to register or to request a ride for NORC members. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week. This session will be led by Rabbi Robert Alpert. All are welcome. Noon-1 p.m. at BDO USA LP. 1801 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia.

Lunch and Learn.

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

Mahiong.

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

▼ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

Museum Trip.

The Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamavim is running a trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. We will be seeing the Dior fashion exhibit at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Drivers needed. Meet at 9 a.m. at CSS to carpool to the museum. Make checks payable to CSS Sisterhood. Contact Lynn Azoulay at 267-904-9516 for information or to make a reservation. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

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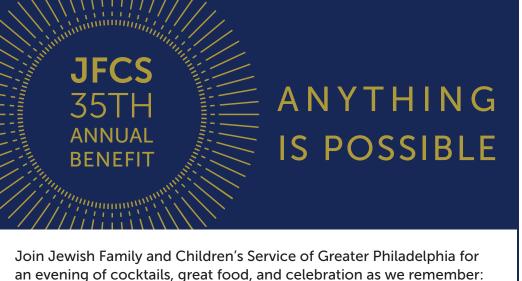
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same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Nicholas Deighan Minott, 323 Cheswold Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 or to his attorney Al-len H. Tollen, Esquire, 41 E. Front St., Media, PA 19063. Allen H. Tollen, Esquire 41 E. Front Street

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CORPORATE NOTICES Becker Audio & Video Inc., a cor-poration organized under the laws of the state of New Jersey, has ap-plied for registration in Pennsylvania under the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Associations Code. The address of the principal Code. The address of its principal office under the laws of the jurisdiction of formation is 23 Aims-worth Lane, Sicklerville, NJ 08081 and the address of its proposed re-gistered office in this Common-wealth is c/o 2021 Arch St., Phila., PA 19103.

Bettors Insider Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, has applied for registration in Pennsylvania under the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Associations Code. The address of its principal office under the laws of the jurisdiction of formation is c/o 203 NE Front St., Ste. 101, Milford, DE 19963 and the address of its DE 19963 and the address of its proposed registered office in this Commonwealth is 1 Franklin Blvd Commonwealth is 1 Franklin Blvd. Apt. 918, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Fox Rothschild LLP Stone Manor Corp. Ctr. 2700 Kelly Rd., (300) Warrington, PA 18976

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CORPORATE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given PHASE TWO PODIATRY, P.C., a foreign corpora-tion formed under the laws of the State of New York where its prin-cipal office is located at 301 Mill Rd, Ste U-7, Hewlett, NY 11557 has registered to do housingers in Hd, Ste U-7, Hewlett, NY 11557 has registered to do business in Pennsylvania with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, PA, on 1/31/19, under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corpor-ation Law of 1988.

SamDi Inc has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988. Michael J. McCaney, Jr. Esq. 1528 Walnut Street Suite 900 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Department of State of The Com-**One Five Entertainment Inc.** under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Notice is hereby given that, pursu-ant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, Viventia Bio USA Inc., a corporation incorporated under a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Country of Canada will withdraw from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office is 305 Milner Aven-ue, Suite 914, Toronto, ON, CA M1B3V4.

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PETITION NAME CHANGE Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, January Term 2019, No.0704. Notice Is hereby given that on January 11th 2019 the petition of david lovell brewster, aka david brewster, aka hereutete david horel also lovel brewster, david lovell, aka lovell brewster, david lovell, aka lovell brewster, aka david brewster (YH-WH), aka david lovell govan, aka govan,david lovell, aka david lovell govan el, aka lovell govan el, aka david lovell govan YHWH, aka lov-ell goven el, YHWH, refer to the same Indigenous Aborigine man who will still have the use of all who will still have the use of all variations of his name: who filed variations of his name; who filed for a decree to change his name to david brewster (YHWH). The Court has fixed March 01, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. in Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for the hearing; all persons interested may show cause if any, why the said petition should not be granted. 02-14-19

Notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2018 the petition of Hope Destiny Dennis was filed praying a decree to change her name to Hannah Wyeah Gittens. The court has fixed March 1 2019 at 10:30am in room number 691 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hear-

Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2019 the petition of KENNETH DOGAN, JR was filed praying a decree to change his name to KENNEIS MAXWELL DOGAN-THORPE. The court has fixed March 1, 2019 at 11:30am in room number 691, City Hall, Phil-adelphia, PA for hearing.

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BANK

Joan Bank (nee Lavine),on Feb. 9, 2019 of Elkins Park, PA. Wife of the late Dr. Arnold A. Bank: mother of Andrew Bank (Deborah Katz), Melissa Bank and Margery Bates; sister of Henry Lavine; grandmother of Alice and Oliver Bates and Georgia and Asher Bank: daughter of the late Sally and Samuel P. Lavine. Contributions may be made to The Friends of Elkins Park Library, 563 Church Rd., Elkins Pk., Pa 19027. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS



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BERMAN

Gertrude Berman (nee Ostrofsky), Feb. 12, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Aaron. Mother

of Jerry (Debbie) Berman, Joan (Art Horn)

Berman. Grandmother of Michael (Reiko)

Berman, Laura Berman, Matthew Berman, Brett Berman, Adam (Rebecca Singh)

Marchese, David (Willa Paskin) Marchese

and Melissa Horn. Great grandmother of Ten-zin, Axel, Vita and Silvie. Step-mom of Fran

(Len Abrams) Kolchinsky. Aunt Gert to Debi

Schultz, Allen (Jan) Kolchinsky. Great Aunt Gert to Jake Schultz, Zachary Schultz, Se-

dona Kolchinsky and Lana Kolchinsky. Con-

tributions in her memory may be made to Be-

nevolent Care Fund at Ann's Choice, 20000

Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

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A RESOLUTION OF ABRAMSON SENIOR CARE

The Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care record with sorrow the passing of their esteemed colleague and friend

Lawrence J. Pollock

whose commitment to philanthropy benefited the seniors served by Abramson, and whose life serves as an example of kindness and generosity to the entire community.

Mr. Pollock's involvement with Abramson Senior Care began with a generous donation to the Capital Campaign which helped enable the construction of the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life, Abramson Senior Care's state-of-the-art campus in Horsham. Soon after, he joined the Board of Trustees in 2003. During his time on the Board, he served on the Quality of Care and Resident Life Committee, furthering his commitment to the organization's mission of enhancing the lives of seniors and their caregivers. His dedicated support of the Annual Fund has ensured that Abramson will be able to provide seniors throughout Philadelphia with essential programs and services.

Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were truly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Mr. Pollock's time, leadership and enduring tzedakah.

To his children Jackie (David) Kane, Debbi (Howard) Lindenberg, and David Pollock; his grandchildren; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that his dedication, generosity and good works will serve as a living tribute to him and will benefit future generations.

Howard J. Davis, Esq. Board Chair

Carol A. Irvine President and CEO DEATH NOTICES

COHEN

Edna M. Cohen (nee Goldzweig), age 84, died on February 8, 2019. She was a retired Arts Administrator who resided in Wynnewood, PA. Beloved wife of Rabbi Henry Cohen; loving mother of Shelley and Lisa (Harold Phil-lips) Cohen; devoted sister of Rochelle (Maks) Etingin and the late Shlomo Goldzeig; adored grandmother of Tali Phillips. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Fund for Beth David Reform Cong. or Assoc. for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. 261 Old York Rd., Suite 530, Jenkintown. PA 19046 or American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 1001 Avenue of the Americas, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

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DODIES

William Dodies on Feb. 10, 2019. Husband of the late Ruth. Father of Norma (Yonah) Melnik, Phyllis (Charles) Salinger and David (Cathy) Dodies; grandfather of Rona Melnik Zelinkovsky (Yuval), Ari Melnik (Yossi Erdman), Josh Salinger, Nina (Adam) Prasanphanich, Rachel Dodies and Rebecca Dodies; also survived by 6 great-grandchildren. Con-tributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS

FEINBERG

Samuel Feinberg, on February 13, 2019. Husband of Helene (nee Rosenberg). Father of Frank Feinberg (Sherri) and Andrew Feinberg (Kathy McDowell). Grandfather of Ariel, Zachary, Jacob, and Elise. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice

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GELFAND

Ruth Judith Gelfand (nee Gottlieb), 78, died at her home in Monsey, NY on February 4, 2019. Ruth was a long time resident of Northeast Philadelphia and then Huntington Valley. Her father Theodore Gottlieb taught at Fels Jr. High for many years and was principal of New Hope High School. Survived by her brother, Ralph Gottlieb of Los Angeles, children and their spouses Steven and Kristie Cohen of Orlando, FL and Debra and Yehudah Inger of New City, NY, grandchildren Theodore, Adam, Brendan, Sara, Rivka and Moshe. Her sister, Muriel predeceased her. May her memory be a blessing

GINSBURG

Sigmund M. Ginsburg, Age 94, February 8, 2019; of Phila.; husband of Helen (nee Alper); father of Phyllis Slutsky (Donald), Barry Ginsburg (Rona) and Meryl Uranga; also survived by 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchil-dren. Sig lived a long life and was sustained by his family, Phillies baseball, his favorite foods and the music of the 1940s including the "best ever" Artie Shaw Contributions in his memory may be made to Casa Youth Advocates of Delaware County. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS

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GOLDBERG

Irving Goldberg, Feb. 14, 2019, of Phila., PA Husband of the late Elaine Goldberg. Father of Michael (Sandra) Goldberg, Steven (Jami) Goldberg and Dena (Mark) Rosenblatt. Grandfather of Emily, David, Melissa, Brett, Samantha, Eden and Sam. Contributions may be made to Camp Ramah in the Poconos-The Debbie Lusana Memorial Fund www.ramah poconos.org/giving/endowments PLATT MEMORIAL CHAPELS, Inc.

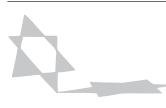


Mildred "Mickey" Goldstein (nee Klinghoffer), of Phila., PA passed away peacefully in her home with family on Sunday Feb. 10, 2019. Wife of the late beloved David H. Goldstein, she is survived by children Lawrence and Jill, and grandchildren Sabra and Joseph. Mickey enjoyed having her great-grandchildren around her during her final years. She will be remembered for her sharp wit, soft spot for animals, and all the beautiful paintings she made. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Humane Society of The United States, www.humanesociety.org

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Adelaide "Cookie" Jacoby (nee Hulnick), Feb-ruary 7, 2019; of Bryn Mawr; Beloved wife of the late Samuel T.; loving mother of Richard A. Jacoby, Esq. (Rita) and Dr. James H. Jac-oby (Myrna); also survived by 8 cherished (Jenny) Jacoby, Steven Jacoby, Paul (Selen) Jacoby, Ellen (Bill) Novick, Jonathan (Hollye) Jacoby, Rachel (Jason) Kirkham, and David (Keath) Jacoby as well as 21 adored greatgrandchildren. Cookie was a modest, unpretentious woman who was an avid reader, stu-dious bridge player and a struggling golfer. Her greatest pleasure was eliciting a smile from anyone who would put up with her mischievous wit. She earned a Masters in Ed. from Temple University and taught kindergarten and pre-school prior to returning to NYC during the war to work for a newspaper while her husband was serving in Europe. Following the war, she became the first president of the Parents' and Teachers' Association at Gompers Elementary School. She then raised her family in Wynnewood during which time she continued volunteer work for various Jewish organizations, including ORT, as well as reading for the Overbrook School for the Blind. Thanks to the devotion of the Reid sisters she was fortunate to live a full and happy life, passing just 6 weeks shy of her 105th birthday. Services and interment were private. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the Donor's choice

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KOGEN

Florence Kogen (nee Aion). On February 8, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Samuel B. Ko-gen. Loving mother of Neil (Carol) Kogen, Neile (Arthur) Davis, and the late Robert Kogen and the Gail (Gila) Gottlieb. Adored grandmother of Jennifer (Kevin) Burke, Alison (Jeff) Feldman, Jonah (Erin) Kogen, and Shayna (Ryan) Ash. Cherished great grand-mother of Lucas, Rebecca, the late Sara Kate, Jack, Leah, Madeline, Hana, and Kaia. Devoted sister of the late Seymour Milton and Herman. Survived by Dear sister-in-laws Molly Aion, Betty (the late David) Kogen, and her many cousins, nieces and nephews Contributions in her memory may be made to Sara's Smile Foundation. www.sarassmile.org

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KOHN

Dr. Edward M. Kohn, February 10, 2019, of Wynnewood, PA. Devoted husband of 66 years to Amy (nee Pincus). He cherished his children Seth (Dodie) and Rebecca (Larry) Brisman, his grandchildren Sarah, Hannah, David and Jeffery and his great grandchild Colin. Edward graduated from City University of New York, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, and received his PhD from Duke University. He was employed by DuPont and Sun Oil Co. Contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



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KOHN

Helen Kohn (nee Fisher), of Broomall, PA. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Jerome Kohn. Loving mother of Susan, Alan (Denyse) and the late Richard and (Janet) Kohn. Survived by 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, www.hadassah.org/waysto-give/ or Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care, https://crhcf.org/Donate/. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS

KRAMER

Minna Kramer (nee Markel), on February 12, 2019. Wife of the late Harvey. Mother of Beth (Brad) Schondelmeyer and Edward (Beth) Kramer. Sister of Charles Markel and the late Miriam Lunenfeld. Grandmother of Samuel, Simon, Stella and Matthew. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jefferson Hosnice at Warminster 225 Newtown Rd Warminster, PA 18974, or to Chandler Hall Hospice Pavilion, 99 Barclay St., Newtown, PA 18940

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ROSEN

Marlene Rosen (nee Feinstein) wife of the late Leonard Rosen of Voorhees, NJ; mother of Beth (the late Dr. Ronald) Brody and Stewart (Karen) Rosen, Sister of Elaine (Harvey) Stern, grandmother of Eden (Michael) Feld, Jason (Kristen) Brody, Benjamin (Brittany) Brody, Brandon (Andrea) Rosen, Bryan Rosen and Zachary Fried; also survived by 4 great grandchidren. Services and Int. were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053 JOSEPH LEVINE & SONS

RUDAY

Jeannette Ruday (nee Gordon) on Feb. 9, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Harry; lov-ing mother of Dr. Dean (Joyce) Ruday, Cathy (Chuck) Buretta; adored grandmother of Jared (Amy) Ruday, Heather (Bea) Richards, Todd (Abby) Richards, Alex (Lauren) Ruday; cherished great-grandmother of Carly and Alexia; sister of the late Dr. Isadore Gordon. Contributions in her memorymay be made to Huntington's Disease www.hdsa.org or a charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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SCHWARTZ Hyman Schwartz, 98, devoted husband, fath-er, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully Sunday night, February 10.2019 at Abramson Center for Jewish Life in North Wales, PA. He was born on October 28, 1920 to the late Harry and Vera Schwartz. The patriarch of a large and loving family, he is survived by his beloved wife, Tillie, daughters Gina Cooke and Randee Kruger (Donald), son Bruce Schwartz (Karen), five grandchil-dren, and six great-grandchildren. Memori-al contributions can be made to a charity of

your choice. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS

SCIRANKO

Abby M. Sciranko (nee Peiper), February 2, 2019. Wife of Michael. Mother of Maxie. Daughter of Martha (Eric) Rosenstein and Albert Peiper (Marlene Boise). Sister of Chad (Aryn) Peiper and Shannon Peiper. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., 150 Monument Road, Suite 100, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004 GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS

SHANDLER

Gloria B. Shandler (nee Goldman) on February 9, 2019. Wife of the late Nathan. Mother of Alan (Kimberly) Shandler and Scot (Brandice) Shandler. Grandmother of Brooke, Eric, Brittany (Ross E.) Lauren (fiance Dale M.) Rachel and Brittany (Jake G.). Contribu-tions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

RAPHAEL-SACKS

DEATH NOTICES **SCHNEIER**

Howard Schneier passed away peacefully on February 2nd, 2019, in Warminster, PA. He is survived by his wife, Charlene, his children, Gail, Robert, and Steven, and his grandchil-dren, Ethan and Justin. He graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with an engineering degree and Temple University with a masters degree in psychology. Memorial donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

TANNENBAUM

Beatrice Handelsman Messinger Tannen-baum, Aug. 14, 1923 -February 10, 2019, was the daughter Eva and Morris Handelsman and sister to Jacob. Beatrice was a long-time member of the Southern Poverty Law Center, The Sierra Club and a Lifetime Member of Haddassah and Ohev Shalom Synagogue in Richboro, PA. Beatrice is survived by her daughter, Ellen Weiser (husband David Weissman); her step-daughter Francis Kuehn (husband Ray Hoobler); her step-son Allan Tannenbaum; granddaughters Layla Leigh Batejan (husband Ed); and Beth Monge (husband Cheto); grandson Dylan Bruce Weiser and step-grandson Joel Jones Weissman; great granddaughter Meadow Ann Offenbach (husband Kyle); great grandsons Sage Peter, Noah Jonathan and Cadan Batejan and Chrisopher and Colin Monge. Please send contributions to Hadassah for the Per-petual Yahrzeit Program, 50 West 58th Street, New York, New York, 10019, or to Southern Poverty Law Center

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WARTENBERG

Susan H. Wartenberg (nee Halpern), February 9, 2019. Wife of James H., Mother of Melanie Wartenberg (Heath Carlisle) and Daniel (Julie) Wartenberg. Grandmother of Jack. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Israeli Guide Dog Center for the Blind, 968 Easton Road, Suite H, Warrington, Pa. 18976 or Hadassah, 1518 Walnut Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa 19102 or Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777

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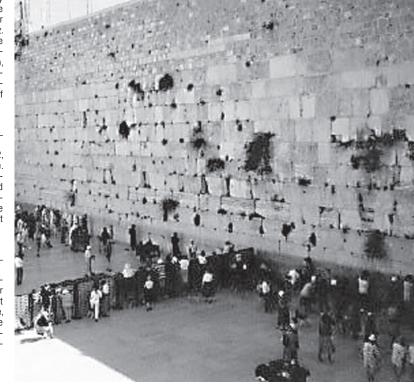
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Andrew Finkle joined Marcum LLP as a transaction advisory services partner in the firm's Philadelphia office, where he will serve as a Mid-Atlantic regional leader in Marcum's private equity practice group. He also serves on the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Audit Committee.



Andrew Finkle

Kenneth Zeitzer was appointed chief of radiation oncology for Einstein Healthcare Network. Zeitzer is a member of Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El in Elkins Park, Chabad of Montgomery County in Fort Washington and Temple Sinai in Dresher, where he serves as a gabbai and has previously served as a Men's Club president, board member and executive board member.



▲ Kenneth Zeitzer

The Jewish Residents' Counsel (JRC) at Ann's Choice in Warminster hosted Asaf Romirowsky, a fellow at the Middle East Forum and co-author of *Religion, Politics, and the Origins of Palestine Refugee Relief.* He discussed the upcoming Israeli elections and the major players running for prime minister, as well as issues related to a Palestine peace plan and anti-Semitism that appears to be increasing around the world.



▲ From left: JRC President Phyllis Halpern, Asaf Romirowsky and Program Chair Joe Shrager

KleinLife celebrated the renaming of its Wellness Program for Holocaust survivors from the former Soviet Union. The new name, "Revive," which features a bird logo, will be featured in all future events and activities.



▲ From left: Andre Krug, president and CEO of KleinLife; Yury and Sheva Kruglikov; Anatoliy Cherniavskiy, who won a sweatshirt for renaming the program; and Inna Gulko, director of support services at KleinLife.

COMMUNITY

Federation Housing, in partnership with Golden Slipper Gems and Activities Coordinator Debra Ross, held Valentine's Day activities that included food, entertainment and raffles.



▲ Adele Kaplan



▲ From left: Connie Berkowitz and Ellie Oder

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A Participants chop up Israeli salad



The table is set with flyers of different foods with their names in Hebrew.

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