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Yeshiva U. Basketball Team Forfeits Crucial Game, Citing Inadequate Warmup Time After Shabbat

If Yeshiva University’s men’s basketball team had won its game Saturday night, on Feb. 18, it would have gone into the postseason ranked No. 1 in its division yet again. But it didn’t even play.

That’s because the Maccabees’ game against the Farmingdale State College Rams was canceled after its scheduled tipoff time, with YU’s athletic director citing tight timing after Shabbat as the reason.

In a statement issued late that night, the athletic director, Greg Fox, said a promise to allow “adequate warmup time” after the YU team traveled from its home in Washington Heights to Farmingdale State’s Long Island campus had been broken.

“It is sad for me to report that we chose to cancel tonight’s men’s basketball game against Farmingdale State College,” Fox said. “When we arrived at the game, as early as possible after Shabbat, we were not provided with sufficient time to warm up. In the interest of safety, we could not allow our student-athletes to proceed. Farmingdale had made a prior commitment to provide adequate warmup time, which was not honored.”

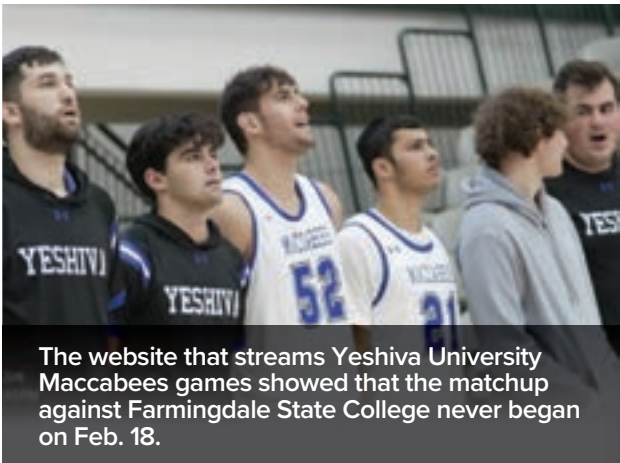
The stakes of the game were high: The winner would

get the top ranking in the Skyline Conference and get to play all of the postseason games at home.

The game was set for 8:30 p.m. But that time came and went without a starting whistle. Instead, the student broadcaster who has streamed YU’s games since before the team’s improbable NCAA tournament run last year tweeted that the game would start closer to 9 p.m. Two minutes before that, he tweeted again: “The game has been canceled.” Fox’s explanation came hours later.

The incident marks a rare public collision in YU’s unusual status as the only Modern Orthodox school in the NCAA. Last year, as the team extended its winning streak past league records, ultimately ending at 50 games, national news coverage focused on how players were able to balance religious observance and athletic commitments, and how their conference devised a schedule that would not require the team to play on Shabbat.

Saturday night’s schedule was tight. Shabbat, when travel is prohibited, ended at 6:15 p.m. at YU’s campus in Washington Heights. Farmingdale State’s Long Island campus is just under 40 miles away, and travel by car



or bus typically takes just under hour, suggesting that an hour-long warmup would not fit before the officially scheduled start time.

The two teams last faced off in November, during a Saturday night game at YU. Farmingdale State won that matchup 80-69, meaning that even though the two teams each had a 12-3 record during the regular season after the cancellation, Farmingdale State will have the top seed in the postseason competition that began on Feb. 21. YU is ranked No. 3 and will play Saint Joseph’s University-Long Island at home that night.

The championship game is also scheduled for the evening of Feb. 25. According to the Skyline Conference’s website, “The championship final will take place Feb. 25 (note: accommodations will be made for religious observances).”

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# Despite Digital Dating, Jews Still Look for Love In Person

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

**V**alentine's Day — far from a Jewish holiday — is over, and Tu B'Av, the Jewish holiday of love, isn't for months. But love is still in the air for Jewish Philadelphians.

On Feb. 16, Be Single No More, founded by Jewish owner Susan Mitchell, hosted a speed dating event for 20- and 30-something Jewish singles; it's just one example of how single people, fed up with apps, are not only looking to meet their match in person but also in a Jewish environment.

"There's just such a need in our community, to bring a place, in person, that people can meet and connect," Mitchell said. "Especially when it comes to dating in community, you really want to see people in person and have that connection."

At the event, hosted at the Infusion Lounge in Old City, Mitchell sees attendees, about 20-35, not only schmoozing, but connecting Jewishly, talking about their bar and bat mitzvahs or favorite Jewish foods. Some even recognize each other from Hebrew school decades prior.

It's a reminder to Mitchell that dating in person isn't such a lost art, especially in a world where dating apps, albeit frustrating, are the norm.

"When you're at a speed dating, what you see is what you get," she said. "There's no catfishing; the person isn't wearing a mask; the picture isn't 20 years old. Like it's them. It's who they are."

Michal Naisteter, a Philadelphia-based Jewish matchmaker, has made similar observations.

"I feel like 99 out of 100 people haven't necessarily enjoyed the apps," she said.

On dating apps, people are impatient, often swiping left (declining a profile) at first glance of any negative trait. In person, you're more likely to have patience with a person who's not your type.

"When we used to meet people at bars or in public, we didn't look at them as these checklists and data points and



Attendees of Be Single No More's Jewish speed dating event on Feb. 16 schmooze.

things like that," Naisteter said. "We would look at who the whole person is."

Gavi Weitzman, a 20-something artist in Philadelphia, has experienced little success on dating apps since joining apps such as Hinge and Bumble.

"It's so hard to tell if you actually connect with someone online because you're seeing a very curated version of them," Weitzman said. "You don't hear their voice or hear their inflections; you don't hear how funny they are or how they look at you, and those are all things, I think, that inform your attraction to someone."

But despite little success with dating apps, many people continue to use them.

"They're easy," said Michael Spanier, a Jewish Haddonfield, New Jersey, resident. "You can do it from the couch. You can do it late at night, when you only have a moment, as opposed to waiting for certain Friday night events."

Apps such as Hinge also have a free option to select only Jewish options. While other apps such as JDate or Lox Club are made for Jewish users, the subscription fees and smaller dating pool make them less appealing to Spanier.

While the easiness of dating apps is part of the appeal, it's also a big reason why they're frustrating, according to Spanier.

"That's the issue," he said. "It's so easy, people are putting very little energy or effort into it."

If there's a speed dating or singles event, attendees will get dressed up and give themselves a pep talk before stepping out of the house. The greater the stakes for going out and meeting people, the more effort someone is likely to put in.

But in person or online, there are still plenty of Jews wanting to access exclusively Jewish dating spaces, which

has benefits to them, regardless of the medium they use. In a world of endless scrolling and myriad of singles events, finding a more curated community to begin dating efforts makes the process less intimidating.

"This is a culture I come from. This is important to me," Spanier said. "I've noticed that there's a lot more to relate to."

Naisteter refers to Jewish dating spaces as a "safe container," a feeling that can continue in more serious relationships.

"Being Jewish is just such a huge part of my life," Weitzman said. "And if someone doesn't have that history, then I feel like it's very hard to understand who I am. I don't want to have to explain myself to someone. I want someone to also have that love for going to shul or know what Yom Kippur is all about." ■

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# Lifelong Philadelphian Leaves Behind Scholarship for Young Jewish Women

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

**J**ewish Army veteran, real estate developer and lifelong Philadelphian Harold Slotnick did not leave any children behind when he died in 2020. So instead of bequeathing his money to descendants, he is spreading the wealth to fellow members of the tribe.

His estate left the Harold Slotnick Endowed Scholarship to the Jewish National Fund, a not-for-profit organization devoted to investing in Israel. Slotnick's gift offers \$1,000 to "young American Jewish women interested in attending the Alexander Muss High School in Israel," according to a JNF news release.

The Alexander Muss High School, run by JNF, offers programs of four weeks or longer that take American Jewish students to the holy land. Sixty percent of the institution's enrollees are female, according to Stephanie Feit of JNF.

Slotnick, a lifelong bachelor, devoted his free time to ballroom dancing, traveling to Israel and contributing to Jewish causes. The news release calls him "a passionate Zionist" who "believed a strong Jewish education was the most effective way to ensure the future of the community."

"We want to empower these women to feel they have the experience needed to become future Jewish leaders," said Feit, a campaign associate for the school.

AMHSI offers immersive programs during the school year and over the summer. Students learn the history, culture, language and geography of Israel by exploring the country, according to descriptions on [amhsi.org](http://amhsi.org). For sessions during the academic year, kids also have time to complete their coursework from their schools back home.

As Feit explained, "AMHSI's mission is to connect Jewish high school students to Israel and their Jewish identity." That is why all of its programs are at least four weeks. It takes four weekends, according to Feit, to be able to listen to and experience enough in Israel to feel that deeper connection. Teenagers are also establishing friendships with peers who are going through the same experience.

The school has more than 50,000 alumni, at least 30,000 of whom are Jewish leaders, according to Feit. Some work at JNF. Others are rabbis, teachers and "leaders in all different types of fields," she said. AMHSI helps women, in particular, gain the confidence to first speak up in the classroom and later become a synagogue president or some other important role in the community. But Judaism also starts in the home, so giving women — and men — the confidence to host a Shabbat dinner is just as important as any activity outside the home, Feit explained.

Slotnick agreed with that, according to his cousin Jeff Slotnick. His parents were immigrants from Eastern Europe who spoke Yiddish, so he always

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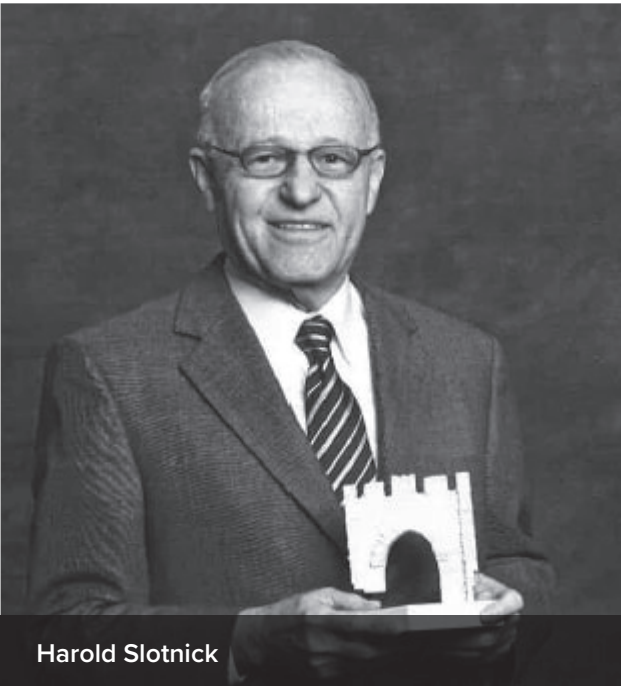
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cared about “Jewish continuity,” his cousin said. A \$1 million donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia was another one of his parting gifts. But as Harold Slotnick grew older, he watched as Jeff Slotnick put his five children through day school. Harold Slotnick and Jeff Slotnick’s family were close. Harold Slotnick would come over for holidays and lox and bagel brunches. He saw Jeff Slotnick’s kids grow into Jewish adults who built Jewish homes. And he watched his cousin’s two daughters as they maintained kosher households and sent their kids to day school. That last part led him to believe that women played an essential role in Jewish continuity, not only in establishing the household but in externalizing its values.

“He came to realize that he would like to support girls continuing Jewish education because he thought that the girls, more so as they grow older, would carry on the rich customs and traditions of



Harold Slotnick

Judaism,” Jeff Slotnick said. “The more pride a woman has in her Jewish identity that would help the family to continue their love for Israel and their pride in their Jewish history.”

But Slotnick is not just helping women. He is helping women with financial needs. This is crucial, according to Feit, because programs that take kids to Israel are often too expensive for lower-income families. But the Harold Slotnick Endowed Scholarship is endowed, which means that the principal amount makes money in the market, which then pays for the \$1,000 gift “in perpetuity,” Jeff Slotnick said. The principal amount is never spent.

“These travel programs are extremely expensive,” Feit said. “And that’s why we’re so appreciative of donors like Harold Slotnick who understand this need and will put their money towards it.” ■

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# Lehigh University Jewish Community Enjoying New Home

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

**W**alking into Lehigh University's new Jewish Student Center on a weekday, you might find one student lounging on a couch in the downstairs meeting room, doing school work on his laptop.

You might find another upstairs in an office, sitting at a table, also completing assignments on his computer. And you may find others hanging out in the basement gaming area, making food in the kitchen at the back of the building or relaxing on the porch out front.

This private, mid-sized university in Bethlehem has more than 7,000 students, almost 20% of whom are Jewish, according to Rabbi Steve Nathan, the director of Jewish student life. And now, after moving to this new center at 233 W. Packer Ave., those Jewish students have a big enough home to host Shabbat dinners, gather with other religious groups and ... just ... kill time in between classes.

"It's sort of a home away from home," Nathan said. "Luckily, we haven't had any major issues here with antisemitism, but if that were to happen, certainly it's nice to have a place."

Nathan, Tyler Katz, the engagement and programming associate for Lehigh's Hillel chapter, and Jane Hontz, the coordinator for the Office of Jewish Student Life, moved to their new home in November. Their previous space was



Lehigh University's new Jewish Student Center on West Packer Avenue

a twin house off campus with two floors and no finished basement. The West Packer Avenue building, according to Nathan, is about three times the size.

A nonprofit organization separate from Lehigh called the Jewish Student Advisory Council used to pay for the Jewish community's old home near the university. But when the Office of Jewish Student Life became a Lehigh organization in 2008, it "kept bugging," in Nathan's words, the school's leaders for a place on campus. The university reached out to Nathan last year with an option.

Now, it serves as "the official address of all things Jewish" at Lehigh, according to hillel.lehigh.edu. And the address is just steps away from a big "Lehigh



Lehigh freshman Alec Eskin at the Jewish Student Center

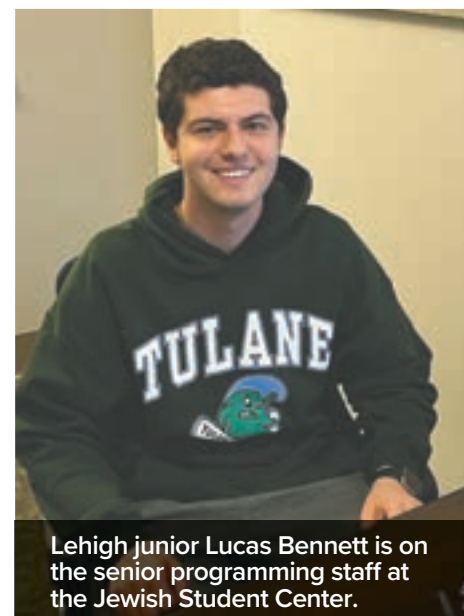
University" sign in the middle of campus. It is also only a block up from the classroom buildings that see traffic throughout the weekdays. Spend an hour or two around the building and you will see groups of students walking by. Plus, with a big sign out front, the Jewish Student Center's role is unmistakable. Two prospective Lehigh students walked in recently and said as much to the rabbi.

"Both of them were saying how nice it is to have a place where it's not just a place to come for Shabbat dinner," the rabbi said. "But a place that you can actually feel like it's home."

As Nathan was talking, he looked across the room at Alec Eskin, a freshman sitting on a couch in the downstairs meeting room. But he was not there for a meeting. He was there to sit back and do work on his laptop on a Friday afternoon.

"You could be studying somewhere else," Nathan said to Eskin. "But you are often here just because, I think, it does feel like home."

Eskin is a finance major from Delaware County. Growing up, he belonged to the Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester with his family. Eskin did BBYO in high school and came to view Judaism as a way to bond with other people. Now as a freshman away from home, he goes to Shabbat dinner at the center almost



Lehigh junior Lucas Bennett is on the senior programming staff at the Jewish Student Center.

every Friday night.

"It's a way for you to feel at home," he said.

Upstairs at the same time, Lucas Bennett, a junior at Lehigh, was also doing schoolwork on his computer. Bennett, similar to Eskin, grew up in Delaware County in a family that attended Congregation Beth Israel of Media. He found the off-campus Jewish Student Center as a freshman with his roommate when they were looking for a Rosh Hashanah service. They met Nathan and kept coming back for different events.

Today, Bennett works for the center trying to attract students to those same events. He is on the senior programming staff that hosts diversity Shabbats, kosher halal soul food dinners and a Moon Festival Shabbat, among other multicultural gatherings. Bennett views the Jewish Student Center as not just a home for Jews, but a place where they can connect with members of other groups like the Muslim community and the Chinese community.

"You learn so much more by being able to share it with other people and learn about other people's religions and cultures," he said. "It's been pretty special to, kind of, experience that." ■

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## Trent Works



Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

**Y**oung Jewish Philadelphians are experiencing a good problem to have: There are too many options for connection and too little time.

Between Jewish organizations serving 20- and 30-something Jews and synagogues designing programs and affinity groups for young professionals, there are dozens of Shabbat dinners, Chanukah parties and Sukkot dwellings to choose from.

But — like the paradox of choice — having more options isn't always better.

It's Trent Works' job to help young Jews choose their adventure in exploring Jewish community and identity. As director of engagement of the Jewish Graduate Student Network, part of the Greater Philly Hillel Network, Works is responsible for guiding local Jewish graduate

students on their Jewish paths.

If a 20-something grew up attending synagogue weekly, Works helps them find a synagogue that works for them. If someone is looking to kasher their apartment, Works will connect them with a rabbi. If a young Jew stopped going to shul after a b'nai mitzvah but wants to reconnect with their Jewish identity, it's Works' job to help them through it.

"A Jew is a Jew is a Jew, in my opinion, and that's what I love about Judaism," he said.

At 25 years old, Works can relate to the Jews he works with. The Fairmount resident hosts weekly Shabbat dinners with his boyfriend, inviting 15 or so guests over for lasagna, chocolate chip cookies and homemade challah.

"I get to meet all types of graduate students, whether they are Ph.D. candidates that come from a neurochemistry background, or they're just like an artsy person that loves to create fashion and such, I get to meet people, and I get to funnel them into their different Jewish experiences," Works said.

Works began working at the Greater Philly Hillel Network in August, but his commitment to Hillel has spanned his Jewish life.

Not raised Jewish, Works became interested in Judaism during his undergraduate years at the University of Delaware. He had Jewish friends and began spending his free time with them at Hillel events. Living with disabilities and as an openly gay man, Works felt comfortable in Jewish spaces.

"I felt more at home with the Jewish community, and I feel that they truly accepted me," he said.

Works visited the mikvah two weeks before his graduation, finalizing his conversion and cementing his passion for building Jewish community.

"It's a great way to show the next generation of Jewish leaders that they can take their Judaism to be anything that they wanted to be," Works said. "That they don't have to fit the mold of the perfect synagogue president or the perfect service leader; they can mold it around themselves."

After graduating, Works joined the Rutgers Hillel, first as a Springboard fellow, then as its director of engagement. In his three years working for Hillel, he's seen Jewish life transform due to COVID.

In early 2020, during the lockdown period, Works often lost track of the day of the week. Instead, he kept track of time by counting down the days to Shabbat, using Judaism to help him stay grounded.

At this stage of the quieting pandemic, Works can help young Jews reenter Jewish life. Working with Jews his age, he's able to identify their changing Jewish needs, which are likely different from what they were during college.

"Undergraduate Hillels are kind of like a catch-all, where graduate work for Hillels — I would say — it's much more focused," Works said.

College students find a built-in community at Hillels, which provide programming for holidays, as well as social events. Graduate students and young professionals, however, have a clearer sense of their identities. They are looking for something specific from Jewish life, especially as an increasing number of young Jews are part of the LGBT community or are in interfaith relationships.

As a result, Works has an expansive idea of what Judaism can look like. In the coming year, he wants to see studying and meetings take place outside the synagogue.

On Feb. 21, he began his own Rosh Chodesh Torah study. As the weather gets warmer, Works wants to hold study sessions in the garden outside the Barnes Foundation or the Rodin Museum. Beyond talking about the Jewish calendar and Torah portion, he wants to talk about anything that's of interest to Jews today, even if it's "The Real Housewives of Miami."

"All that's Torah, in my opinion," he said. "Because we're engaging with human beings who happen to have the Torah inside of them." ■

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The Codex Sassoon, estimated to be about 1,000 years old, is going to auction at Sotheby's.

### Oldest Copy of Hebrew Bible Headed to Auction This Spring

The oldest complete copy of the Hebrew Bible as we know it today is about to go on sale — and it could well become the most expensive book or document ever sold, JTA.org reported.

Written by a single Jewish scribe on 400 pages of parchment about 1,100 years ago, the Codex Sassoon is estimated to fetch \$30 million to \$50 million when it is sold by Sotheby's auction house this May.

Before then, the book is embarking on a worldwide tour that includes stops in London, Tel Aviv and more. Those who view it will lay eyes on one of only two known ancient manuscripts comprising almost the entire Hebrew Bible — along with the Aleppo Codex, which is incomplete after hundreds of pages went missing in the 20th century.

“Now that the Codex has been definitively dated as the earliest, most complete text of its kind, it stands as a critical link from the ancient Hebrew oral tradition to the modern, accepted form of the Hebrew Bible that remains the standardized version used today,” said Richard Austin, Sotheby's global head of books and manuscripts.

The Codex Sassoon is named after the book collector David Solomon Sassoon, who acquired it in 1929 for 350 British pounds, the equivalent of about \$28,000 today, when it resurfaced after 600 years.

### New Israeli Law Strips Citizenship From Convicted Terrorists Paid by the Palestinian Authority

Israel's parliament, the Knesset, voted overwhelmingly to strip citizenship from people who are convicted of terrorism and receive a stipend from the Palestinian Authority, JTA.org reported.

The bill passed 94-10 on Feb. 15, with opposition coming from some Arab lawmakers. The lopsided vote in favor of the measure stands in stark contrast to other more controversial proposals from Israel's right-wing government that have come amid a recent escalation in terror attacks. National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, a far-right politician, supports giving some convicted terrorists the death penalty and is pushing for a broad Israeli military campaign to root out Palestinian terrorism.

According to the law, any Israeli citizen or resident who is convicted of a terrorism charge and receives financial support from the Palestinian Authority, which governs some Palestinian areas of the West Bank, can be deprived of their citizenship and deported to either the West Bank or Gaza.

Israeli press reports did not specify how many people the law may apply to. Because Jews convicted of terrorism do not receive Palestinian financial support, the law will not apply to them. ■

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# ‘Deeply Troubled’ By Settlements

For the past several months, the focus of most Israel watchers has been concentrated on the Netanyahu government’s judicial overhaul proposals. Jurists, academics, politicians, diplomats and commentators joined more than 100,000 Israeli demonstrators in expressing concern about the government’s plan to change the selection process for justices on Israel’s Supreme Court and to empower a bare majority of the Knesset’s 120 members to override almost any Supreme Court ruling regarding the validity of a Knesset law.

The watchword was “democracy.” It was chanted by protesters. It was cited by those commenting on the plan. And while we subscribe to the guiding words of Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who pledged to judge the new Israeli government by what it does rather than by what some of its new members say, we remain troubled by the government’s steady move to enact the judicial reform plan as law.

And then, almost out of nowhere, early last week the Israeli cabinet did something that has the potential to be even more problematic for the Jewish state than the vaunted judicial reform plan. The cabinet unanimously voted to retroactively legalize nine West Bank settlements that, up to that point, were illegal under Israeli law. The vote also approved the planned building of close to 10,000 housing units in existing settlements in the West Bank, including on land owned by Palestinians.

This was the single biggest settlement announcement



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

ever made. And it was endorsed by Israel’s cabinet despite what were reported to be very clear and very direct objections from senior personnel in the Biden administration in private consultations before last week’s vote.

Much of the international community considers Israeli settlements in the West Bank illegal under international law. And Israel’s Supreme Court has ruled that settlements cannot be built on private Palestinian land. The retroactive legalization of illegal settlements and approval of plans

for further construction on Palestinian land is precisely the kind of “let’s see what they do” development that Blinken promised would be addressed. But the public U.S. reaction has been mild. Rather than condemn the decision, Blinken and the White House joined four European countries to say they are “deeply troubled” and “concerned” about the Israeli decision, which they “strongly oppose.” Those diplomatic expressions were virtually ignored by most of Israel’s leadership.

There is mounting pressure for the Biden administration to do something substantive to drive home its profound disappointment. Some have suggested taking steps that reflect a mild rebuke, like canceling a planned meeting or slow-walking the process for Israeli participation in a U.S. government program. But until earlier this week, the real focus was on how President Joe Biden would instruct his U.N. ambassador to vote when the Security Council considered a Palestinian-led resolution against Israeli policy in the West Bank. On Feb. 20 — the day that vote was supposed to happen — the resolution was tabled, following what was reported to be intense lobbying by the U.S. with both the Palestinian Authority and Israel over a less confrontational approach to deal with the cabinet’s settlement vote.

For now, there is calm. But we wait to see whether there will be any consequence to the Israeli cabinet’s unanimous message of dismissal, disregard and disrespect to its United States partner. ■

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# Autocrats Ganging Up on the US

Iran’s president, Ebrahim Raisi, made a three-day visit to China last week. He was greeted by President Xi Jinping in an official welcoming ceremony, complete with formal honor guards. The two leaders attended the signing of 20 bilateral cooperation agreements, including on trade and tourism. And they issued a number of statements, including what was widely viewed as a targeted barb at the United States and Western allies by Xi, who pledged that “China will unswervingly develop friendly cooperation with Iran no matter how international and regional situations change.”

The revitalized relations between China and Iran, and the ongoing mutual support and trade between Russia and Iran, are raising concern. Although there is no indication that the three autocratic states are considering a formalized security alliance, there is a sense that they are working hard to find common ground and support for one another in response to each country’s concerns about their common nemesis — the United States.

The China-Russia relationship has included significant arms sales, joint military exercises and cooperation

on technology issues. Moscow and Beijing have worked together to support other autocratic regimes, to challenge human rights standards and to frustrate technological norms promoted by the West. And they have both sought stronger ties with Iran.

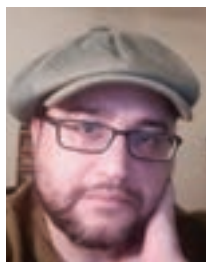
Moscow and Tehran have cooperated in Syria to prop up Bashar al-Assad’s government and to frustrate U.S. policy in the region. In addition to a history of arms sales that have strengthened the Iranian military, they are increasingly developing economic and diplomatic ties that have helped Tehran in its effort to minimize the impact of significant international sanctions.

Less than two years ago, Iran and China formalized their relationship through a 25-year strategic partnership agreement. Reports indicate that Raisi is unhappy with China’s efforts under the deal and used last week’s visit to lobby for more robust Chinese support, beyond the record amounts of Iranian oil that China is buying. We know that Raisi got vocal support from Xi. We don’t yet know many of the other details. On the other hand, Russia-Iran ties are significant, and growing. Among

other things, Iran is providing drones to Russia to assist in the Ukraine war effort and guidance in the art of avoiding the limitations of Western sanctions. In return, Russia is helping Iran with its satellite program and preferential treatment in gaining access to needed food supplies.

U.S. diplomats, political leaders and many commentators have raised concern about the growing alliances between China, Russia and Iran. In the words of Hal Brands in a recent analysis on Bloomberg.org, “It’s easy to understand the logic of this cooperation. All three autocratic powers seek to preserve and protect illiberal political systems, push the US out of their geographic neighborhoods, and roll back a post-Cold War order dominated by Washington.” And they find strength in their coordinated efforts.

Political, economic and strategic alliances among like-minded nations are nothing new. Nonetheless, it is important to keep an eye on the growing coordination among China, Russia and Iran and to be prepared to respond, as appropriate. ■



Benjamin Kerstein

# Godwin's Law and its Discontents

There is a famous axiom regarding internet discourse called "Godwin's Law," which holds, "As an online discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving Hitler approaches 1." That is to say, at some point, someone will call their opponent a Nazi. When this happens, the Law asserts, the very possibility of dialogue has been destroyed and the argument is now pointless.

Godwin's Law is only one expression of a wider sentiment, which is that to compare one's opponents to the Nazis is undesirable and offensive. First, as Godwin's Law holds, it demonizes one's opponent to the point that no agreement is possible. Second, it minimizes the Nazis' crimes by equating them to something that may be offensive but is hardly systematic mass murder. Third, given the immensity of the Nazis' crimes, the comparison is by definition inaccurate.

These are all good arguments and, generally speaking, applicable. Yet no one seems to have gotten the message. Political discourse in the West and beyond is riddled with violations of Godwin's Law. In the United States, for example, the left routinely accuses the right of Nazism or, in what is essentially a synonym, "fascism."

Such accusations were routinely hurled at Donald Trump, which might be put down to the divisiveness of his presidency, except the same accusation was made against the relatively innocuous George W. Bush, who was sometimes referred to by the awkward expletive "Bushittler."

While such rhetoric has long been the province of the left, the right has begun to hurl the same insult, claiming that since the Nazis claimed to be socialists of a kind, the left is a Nazi movement.

Even in Israel, where sensitivities ought to be highest, Godwin's Law is not infrequently violated, though usually in the form of the "fascism" accusation, as outright references to Nazism are still mostly taboo. Nonetheless, in the run-up to the last election, the satirical — and often very funny — television show "Eretz Nehederet" ("A Wonderful Country") broadcast a spoof of the musical "The Producers" that all but explicitly equated current National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir to Hitler.

Clearly, violations of Godwin's Law feed divisiveness and often demolish the possibility of dialogue. But is the Nazi comparison always entirely illegitimate? I believe it is not. There is one sense in which the Nazi comparison may be too important to entirely abandon.

Although religion remains a strong force in world

affairs, ours remains a largely secular age. Especially in the West, we have long since given up on the metaphysical claims of religion. The zeitgeist, despite challenge, remains mostly materialist, without a strong sense that "spiritual" ideas have a genuine, autonomous reality.

This is not necessarily a bad thing, in that things like burning witches, the Inquisition and slaughtering Jews for "deicide" are now long in the past. But it has one serious drawback: We no longer have a word for evil.

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That is to say, while we still see certain beliefs or acts as "bad" or undesirable, we do not see them as the expression of an autonomous metaphysical force. Thus, we find it difficult to fully condemn even the most horrendous acts. Recall, for example, the chorus of laughter from certain circles after Bush gave his famous "Axis of Evil" speech. No, it was said, we cannot call terrorism "evil." It is certainly a bad thing, but we must "understand" it and its root causes and then deal with it as we would any other irrational aberration.

While it is not necessarily wrong to refrain from demonizing people, this recoiling from the concept of evil has one very unfortunate side effect: It disarms us in the face of evil acts. Rather than see things like murdering 3,000 innocent people with suicide planes as the expression of a monstrous force that must be resisted, we regard it as a rather unfortunate misunderstanding. This fantasy is pleasant, but it is, alas, not true.

However, the general disdain for the idea that evil exists has one and only one exception: The Nazis. Whether due to the horrendous scope of their crimes or the hideousness of the ideology that drove them, the Nazis are rightfully viewed as a kind of Satan — the adversary of all that is good and sacred. Nazism is the one thing the West has that even vaguely resembles the devil.

This also provides the West with what may be the only moral imperative in which it absolutely believes: Don't be like the Nazis. Indeed, the entire Western discourse on issues like racism, human rights, imperialism, militarism, authoritarianism, democracy, geopolitics, international relations and a great deal more is almost entirely driven by this imperative.

While this can often lead to irritating and hysterical rhetoric, and sometimes outright bad faith, it is probably a good thing. The world could do and has done worse than attempt not to be Nazis.

Moreover, the rightful demonization of Nazism gives the world a concept of evil that enjoys almost universal consent. Whatever its discontents, this means that, in a godless age, it can still be acknowledged that evil exists and must be fought.

Godwin's Law is well and good for the internet and public discourse in general, but it is not a moral imperative. When we violate Godwin's Law, at least when we have good reason to do so, we are acknowledging, all unknowing, a certain essential truth: If we are to resist evil, we must acknowledge that it exists. We need a word for it. Pace Godwin, "Nazi," however problematic, is better than nothing. ■

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### How Does the Media Depict Israel?

I thank Mitchell Bard for his op-ed "Assad Hates Israel More Than He Loves His People" (Feb. 16).

I ask those Jewish organizations that focus on the presentation of Israel in the media to provide the general public with a review of how much space in the print and the electronic media was devoted to Israel's efforts to directly rescue people of neighboring Syria and Turkey — countries whose leaders choose to be Israel's enemies. This review would document the level of anti-Israel bias that exists in the general media no matter what Israel's humanitarian actions are. ■

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# There's More to Rising Antisemitism Than Joe Rogan's Rants



Jonathan S. Tobin

**T**he timing was fortuitous, even if the news was depressing. A week after an episode of the Joe Rogan Experience featured an antisemitic exchange between the host and fellow podcaster Krystal Ball, the American Jewish Committee released a new poll documenting the fact that most Americans — Jewish and non-Jewish — think that Jew-hatred is growing.

The survey, titled “The State of Antisemitism in America 2022,” contains some sobering results about a perception that hatred for Jews has increased, even if most of it is hardly surprising. What’s more, that opinion is shared by non-Jews as well as Jews, though there are some differences in the data. But it also shows us that many Jewish respondents are often as clueless about what constitutes antisemitism as their non-Jewish neighbors.

Yet given the fact of a consensus about something this serious, what is most dismaying about this problem is that those Jewish groups tasked with dealing with it aren’t focused on the most dangerous aspects of the challenge. Even worse, too many of those stating their concerns are directing their energies towards responses that are either of little use or actually counterproductive.

This isn’t the first time that Rogan has produced a podcast that validated antisemitic arguments. Back in the fall, he hosted Pink Floyd frontman and anti-Israel zealot Roger Waters, giving him an unchallenged platform to advocate for the antisemitic BDS movement, as well as hateful myths about Israel and conspiracy theories that justify Palestinian terrorism.

This time, he and Ball rose in defense of Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) to justify her antisemitic smears that claimed Jews were buying congressional support for Israel, which led the new Republican majority in the House of Representatives to boot her off the Foreign Relations Committee — something the Democratic leadership would not do.

Referencing her use of the standard theme about Jews and money, in which she said support for the Jewish state “was all about the Benjamins,” he said the following: “That’s not an antisemitic statement. Benjamins are money. The idea that Jewish people are not into money is ridiculous. That’s like saying Italians aren’t into pizza.”

The idea that Jews are “into” money any more

than any other group is a stereotype, not a fact and certainly not a serious argument. As many of Rogan’s critics pointed out, Italians haven’t faced genocide because of their connection to pizza. The issue is not a stupid analogy. It’s the fact that the person who hosts the most popular podcast on the Internet with an estimated 11 million listeners for each episode is not only willing to defend an antisemite, he is attempting to mainstream slanders of Jews and Israel.

The question to ask about this is not what should be done about Rogan. Those who might try to cancel or silence him over this will have the same lack of success that others had when he previously offended mainstream liberal orthodoxy by hosting people who contradicted popular, but often mistaken, beliefs about the coronavirus pandemic and vaccines. Much like the focus of groups like the Anti-Defamation League, who are primarily interested in dealing with online hate by censoring conservatives, that is a tactic that won’t work.

More importantly, as long as every Democrat in the House of Representatives is ready to vote against the GOP’s efforts to do no more than slap Omar on the wrist, the ability of such an antisemite to maintain their mainstream status can’t be blamed on Rogan, even if his influence shouldn’t be discounted.

The aftermath of Kanye (“Ye”) West’s public attacks on Jews was similarly instructive about the futility of concentrating fire on celebrities who say bad things. The willingness of former President Donald Trump to host West at a Mar-a-Lago dinner with other Jew-baiters like Nick Fuentes was justifiably condemned. Yet when others, like comedian Dave Chappelle via his appearance as host of “SNL,” reinforced some of the same antisemitic tropes as West and tried to distract attention from African-American violence against Jews, even as he mocked the rapper/fashion mogul, it also illustrated just how difficult it is to isolate and condemn sources of hate.

Nor should we fail to make the connection between the way fashionable liberal opinion has embraced ideas like intersectionality and critical race theory, and the problem of growing antisemitism. These concepts, which deem Jews and Israel to be examples of “white privilege” who oppress people of color, grant a permission slip for antisemitism in academia, the media and in politics.

All of this makes it little wonder that the AJC poll shows that Jews as well as non-Jews think antisemitism has not only increased but isn’t being taken as seriously as other forms of hate and bigotry.

One can take some solace from the fact that the number of Jews who say they have personally

encountered antisemitism either online or in person is small. However, the mainstreaming of antisemitic discourse explains why an ominously significant minority of Jews — 23%, almost one-quarter of an entire people — say they sometimes seek to conceal their Jewish identity.

Yet for all that, we know that Jewish legacy organizations have, like so many other elements in our society, become so thoroughly politicized that they are more interested in partisan attacks on opponents than condemning Jew hatred across the board. And their efforts at education against hate, particularly with respect to the Holocaust, focus on anodyne messages about kindness and all bigotry, rather than seek to anathematize contemporary antisemitism in all of its primary manifestations on the right, the left, and among African-American and Muslim communities.

This also contributes to the confusion that some Jews have about what constitutes antisemitism.

For example, both Jews and non-Jews overwhelmingly believe that saying “Israel has no right to exist is antisemitic.” Yet while that statement is backed by 87% of Jews and 90% of non-Jews, less than 40% of both groups are willing to label the BDS movement as antisemitic, as opposed to just having some antisemitic supporters.

That’s partly a product of the ignorance the poll demonstrates about the way anti-Zionism is merely a thinly disguised version of antisemitism. But it’s also a function of a political atmosphere in which the intersectional left, which has embraced the BDS movement, gets a pass because they are politically aligned with Democrats or spout opinions that have become commonplace in leading media outlets like The New York Times.

So long as that is true — and so long as those who purport to speak for the Jews, either in the Jewish world or in politics — aren’t willing to draw a line in the sand and declare that people like Omar and other BDS supporters are beyond the pale in the same way that West is now treated, don’t expect the situation to improve.

Blame Joe Rogan all you like, but the real problem about contemporary antisemitism isn’t what’s heard on a podcast. It’s the ability of some Jew haters and the popular ideologies they promote to be treated as acceptable discourse. That’s the real reason for troubling poll results that don’t tell us any more than what we already know about 2023 America. ■

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Joseph Epstein

# We Must Prepare for a Nuclear Iran

**F**or all intents and purposes, the Iranian nuclear deal, or Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, is dead.

In December, Iranian officials said they had doubled their capacity to enrich uranium. International Atomic Energy Agency monitoring cameras were shut down by the regime last May, and IAEA inspectors have been banned from checking on the program. IAEA officials say Iran has enriched 154 pounds of uranium to 60% purity. According to the head of the IAEA, Rafael Grossi, that is enough to produce several weapons.

Iran can now enrich its uranium stockpile to 90%, which is weapons-grade, within a few weeks. After that, the regime only needs to place the enriched uranium in a warhead and run a nuclear test to join the league of nuclear rogue states like Russia and North Korea. Barring a full-scale invasion of the country, or an extremely unlikely coup or revolution, this will happen. Constructing a nuclear warhead is no simple task; it is exponentially more complicated than constructing conventional bombs. However, given Iran's determination, it is only a matter of time.

What many proponents of the JCPOA have repeatedly failed to recognize is that Iran has been dead set on having a nuclear arsenal, no matter the cost. After watching what happened in Libya and Iraq, Iran's leaders understand this is the only way for them to guarantee their safety. In 2008, then-Libyan President Moammar Gaddafi warned Iranians to abort their nuclear program, saying that they would, "suffer the same fate as Iraq." Three years later, Gaddafi was overthrown and brutally murdered after NATO intervened to support a popular revolution against him. North Korea's official news service promptly claimed that by giving up his nuclear arms program, Gaddafi had opened himself up to an invasion. While they wisely remained silent on the issue, the Iranian regime drew the same conclusions.

Alex Grinberg, an expert on Iran at the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, says Iran has seen the cause of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine on the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, in which Ukraine gave up its nuclear weapons in return for a worthless U.S. guarantee of security.

Optimists suggest that if Iran were to get its nuclear warheads, its leaders might relax their policy of entrenchment through the arming, training and funding of proxy groups like Hezbollah, Yemeni Houthis and Shia militias. Yet while, of course, desirable, this is



unlikely. What is more apt to happen is Iran will join nuclear regimes like Russia and North Korea in becoming more aggressive globally precisely due to their new confidence.

Moreover, this tendency would only worsen once Iranians can guarantee a second-strike option, with either a nuclear submarine or hiding their stockpiles deep in the mountains as they have previously done with their nuclear facilities. Iran's massive size and numerous mountain ranges make that a likely option.

Iran is unlikely to use nuclear weapons, given the potentially fatal consequences as a result. Nonetheless, its nuclear threats must be taken seriously, as should be the potential for accidents. During the Cold War, on several occasions, the United States and Soviet Union were almost accidentally plunged into nuclear war, such as with the case of Vasili Arkhipov and many other close calls. It is noteworthy that Moscow and Washington have mutually consented to set a communication line following the Cuban Missile Crisis as the leadership of both countries realized the risks of an undesired nuclear conflict. Tehran has refused to establish any kind of communication with Jerusalem, even in the case of emergency alone. This only further aggravates the risk.

Given the likelihood of a nuclear Iran, U.S. policy should be aggressive containment and deterrence. Iran must understand that if it uses a nuclear weapon — even a tactical one — it will pay a large price, whether through crippling cyberattacks, conventional strikes on critical infrastructure or other means. There must be a credible deterrent in place to Iran and any other rogue nuclear power that breaking the nuclear taboo will never be worth it.

But the threat of nuclear weapons goes beyond their actual use. Nuclear weapons have always been a force multiplier, and if Iran feels that its force is multiplied, it will ramp up its subversive activities. Iran must also be made to understand that the security it has from

invasion does not apply to its proxies, and that it will be struck hard in reprisal for Iranian provocations. Overall, the regime must be made to understand that its nuclear weapons will not give it any advantages outside of Iranian territory.

Additionally, the United States should ramp up support for allies that would come under increased threat from a nuclear Iran — i.e., Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan. If the United States does not do so, these allies will likely turn to Russia and China for protection, giving those nations an even larger foothold in the Middle East and diminishing U.S. influence to almost zero.

Regardless of U.S. policy, Washington will have to prepare for Saudi Arabia to seek to acquire nuclear weapons, as it said it would once Iran does. The United States may be able to prevent Riyadh from proliferating by storing U.S. nuclear warheads on Saudi soil; however, given the Biden administration's teetering relationship with the kingdom, it remains unclear if there is enough trust on either side for this to work. Saudi proliferation may then lead to Turkish and Egyptian proliferation.

Unlike in Vladimir Putin's Russia, where only he is in charge of major decisions such as the deployment of nuclear weapons, in Iran, they are more likely to be taken by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps command together. Considering that this decision would have to be taken by such a large group whose consistent goal has been invulnerability and survival, this is unlikely. All the same, the force-multiplying ability of nuclear weapons in Iranian foreign policy is extremely dangerous. If the United States is not ready to respond with a robust policy to counter and protect its allies in the region, it risks losing them. ■

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# Israel's Shadowy Constitution

It was just Presidents Day in America, which, for reasons having perhaps something to do with slumbering patriotism, has long been associated with mattress sales. This year, however, there's a real fear that America's friend Israel is in danger of putting its democracy to bed.

That's right: Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East — or anywhere near that region, for that matter — is undergoing a constitutional crisis. The country has been democratic since its inception, commencing with a Declaration of Independence the day before five Arab armies declared war against the fledgling Jewish state. America has a similar origin story — with 13 colonies taking on the British Empire soon after July 4. When these allies of the Enlightenment — America and Israel — speak of shared values, that's what they mean.

This week, Americans may be reclining, but Israelis will be standing upright in mass protest. The new coalition government, the most conservative in Israel's history on a range of issues, is moving against its own Supreme Court with a panoply of reforms that opponents believe would undermine the separation of powers and the principle of judicial review.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Israel is still a very young country, nearly 75 years old, and very much a free society in an increasingly less democratic world. In 2012, there were 42 liberal democracies. Today, there are but 34. Poland, Turkey, Hungary and Russia are clearly now off the board, precisely because, among other features of authoritarian rule, none possess the checks and balances of independent judiciaries.

Many Israelis see the overhaul of their Supreme Court as an ominous sign that they are next. It is an especially sensitive subject. Maintaining Israel's democratic character is a numeric challenge in a nation that intends to remain a Jewish state. Israeli Arabs already comprise 20% of the population. There are other minorities in Israel. With declining Jewish birth-rates and loud whispers within the new government of annexing the West Bank and absorbing its Palestinian population, the Jewish majority will dissipate further. A majority-rule voting public could one day take the Star of David out of the Israeli flag.

Suddenly, the conflict with the Palestinians is being subordinated to an internal conflict among Israelis about the contours of their democratic governance.

In principle, the Knesset really should address serious



problems with its judiciary that are long overdue. There is no appellate court other than the Supreme Court in Israel. That means that its 15 justices hear everything — the appellate review of trial court decisions, the interpretation of its Basic Laws and the legality of military operations, security fence and building of settlements. There is probably no more overburdened high court, or one with a broader portfolio, on the planet.

Moreover, unlike the American judicial system, Israel largely places the responsibility of selecting judges in the hands of lawyers — not voters, legislators, the cabinet, prime minister or president. Perhaps that's too much independence, which is why the government is seeking more control over judicial appointments. And the Israeli Supreme Court, unlike most liberal democracies, exercises almost unchecked authority in invalidating legislation. That's why the new government's overhaul proposal includes an override that would enable lawmakers to preserve legislation that the court may have just ruled to be unconstitutional.

Speaking of the constitution: Israel does not actually have one. It may be a constitutional democracy, but it's one of three countries (England and New Zealand are the others) that functions without a written constitution.

Israelis just never got around to drafting one. They have Basic Laws (think of them as an evolving Bill of Rights), which they have enlarged and amended repeatedly. The expectation was that eventually they would all become incorporated into an actual Israeli constitution. Days and years passed, along with wars against its Arab neighbors, the terrorism of Palestinians, startups in high- and biotech, the blooming of barren land and desalinating of the Mediterranean Sea.

Honestly, who had the time for a constitutional convention?

America had its constitutional drafters in James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and The Federalist Papers.

Israel became better known for its Mossad and Nobel Prizes. Being surrounded by two major oceans gave America room to operate — to develop a body of law with oversight from three distinct branches of government.

Israel has never had that geographic luxury, is not set up for such governmental interplay and has never known a single day of peace. It has always been a magnificent work in progress, blessed with the agility of a people who know how to improvise and mobilize in a hurry. Like the ancient Hebrews baking bread without yeast in the desert, Israel inherited that same resourcefulness, making do with all deficits with deftness and calm.

All that enterprise came with consequences, however. Some things simply got left undone. Israel developed a shadow constitution on the fly and without a name. It borrowed elements from other democracies — England, Norway, France and Canada — and even some features from the Ottoman Empire and Bahrain. Yet, it even forgot to include freedom of speech as a Basic Law.

Perhaps it's now time for Israel to finally anoint its Basic Laws with constitutional status. And that same constitution should clarify the powers and limitations of the Supreme Court. Judicial review and independence must be respected, but the Court can't hold absolute veto power over the actions of the government and legislation of the Knesset.

Americans who were displeased with the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* knew that individual states were free to enact a woman's right to choose, the House and Senate could codify a federal right to an abortion and the president could issue an Executive Order doing the same. That's what Separation of Powers means in practice, and precisely what Israel lacks.

Democracies are messy. But Israel has never shied away from conflict. It might just emerge stronger from this constitutional crisis. Actually, it must. As a beacon of freedom, the light must stay on. Israel knows that its neighbors are despots and theocrats, and that minorities, women and homosexuals around the region all wish they lived in Tel Aviv. That has everything to do with the freedoms that are enjoyed in and the moral authority bestowed on a liberal democracy. ■

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# ISRAELI RESEARCHERS: Aerobic Activity Can Reduce Risk of Metastatic Cancer by 72%

JE Staff

A new study at Tel Aviv University found that aerobic exercise can reduce the risk of metastatic cancer by 72%. According to the researchers, intense aerobic exercise increases the glucose (sugar) consumption of internal organs, thereby reducing the availability of energy to the tumor.

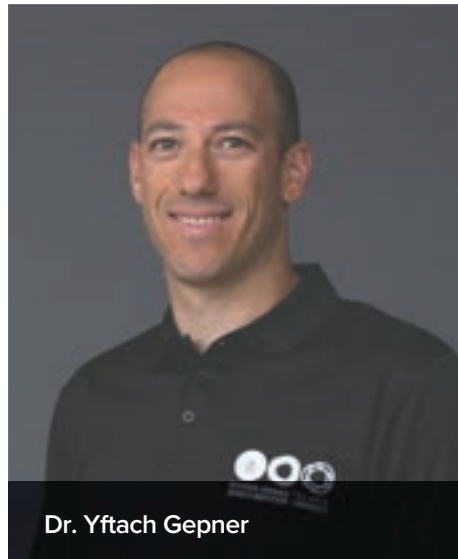
The study was led by researchers from TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine: Professor Carmit Levy from the Department of Human Genetics and Biochemistry and Dr. Yftach Gepner from the School of Public Health and the Sylvan Adams Sports Institute.

Levy said the study has led to an important discovery that may help prevent metastatic cancer, which is the leading cause of death in Israel. The paper was published in the journal Cancer Research.

Levy and Gepner explained that "studies have demonstrated that physical exercise reduces the risk for some types of cancer by up to 35%. This positive effect is similar to the impact of exercise on other conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes. In this study, we added new insight, showing that high-intensity aerobic exercise, which derives its energy from sugar, can reduce the risk of metastatic cancer by as much as 72%. If so far as the general message to the public has been 'be active, be healthy,' now we can explain how aerobic activity can maximize the prevention of the most aggressive and metastatic types of cancer."

## 'A rise in the number of glucose receptors'

The study combined an animal model, in which mice were trained under a strict exercise regimen, with data from healthy human volunteers examined



Dr. Yftach Gepner

before and after running. The human data, obtained from an epidemiological study that monitored 3,000 individuals for about 20 years, indicated 72% less metastatic cancer in participants who reported regular aerobic activity at high intensity, compared to those who did not engage in physical exercise.

The animal model exhibited a similar outcome, enabling the researchers to identify its underlying mechanism.

Sampling the internal organs of the physically fit animals, before and after physical exercise, and also following the injection of cancer, they found that aerobic activity significantly reduced the development of metastatic tumors in the lymph nodes, lungs and liver. The researchers hypothesized that in both humans and model animals, this favorable outcome is related to the enhanced rate of glucose consumption induced by exercise.

Levy noted that "our study is the first to investigate the impact of exercise on the internal organs in which metastases usually develop, like the lungs, liver and lymph nodes. Examining the cells of these organs, we found a rise in the number of glucose receptors during high-intensity aerobic activity

— increasing glucose intake and turning the organs into effective energy-consumption machines, very much like the muscles. We assume that this happens because the organs must compete for sugar resources with the muscles, known to burn large quantities of glucose during physical exercise."

Consequently, she continued, "if cancer develops, the fierce competition over glucose reduces the availability of energy that is critical to metastasis. Moreover, when a person exercises regularly, this condition becomes permanent: The tissues of internal organs change and become similar to muscle tissue." ■

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# Why Does Israel DEMOLISH HOUSES After Terrorist Attacks?

Ron Kampeas | JTA

Relatives of Palestinian Abdel Rahman al-Shaludi, blamed for killing two Israelis in a deadly vehicular attack last month, inspect their family home after it was destroyed by Israeli forces in Silwan neighborhood, eastern Jerusalem on Nov. 19, 2014.

Less than a hour after a terror attack in eastern Jerusalem on Feb. 10 killed three people, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a succinct message: Destroy the Palestinian attacker's home.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu has decided to take immediate action to seal and demolish the home of the terrorist," said the statement from Netanyahu's office.

Home demolition orders have almost become a matter of course following Palestinian attacks. They don't usually make headlines, nor do they tend to spark public outcry. For decades, Israel has used the tactic as a routine instrument of punishment, claiming

that the effect of tearing down the homes of terrorists deters future attacks.

But critics question that claim, and say that home demolitions constitute collective punishment that violates international law. Yet at a moment of deep political strife in Israel, the home demolition practice, like many others related to security, generates little political opposition. And while the Israeli Supreme Court, whose power Israel's right-wing government hopes to limit, can delay home demolitions, it almost always ultimately permits them to go forward.

Here's how the practice of Israeli home demolition began, how it's viewed in Israel and abroad, and how it may be changing under Israel's new government.

## Why does Israel destroy the homes of terrorists?

Israel began demolishing homes of Palestinian attackers after it captured the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem, along with other territories, in the 1967 Six-Day War. Since then, according to a 2019 assessment by the Israel Democracy Institute, Israel has demolished some 2,000 homes due to terrorism. The demolitions have taken place in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem, not within Israel's internationally recognized borders.

Israel claims that demolishing the homes of terrorists acts as a deterrent, a rationale cited last month in a bill introduced by lawmaker Eliahu Revivo,

a member of Netanyahu's Likud Party who also wants to deter attacks by deporting the families of terrorists.

"The national security establishment and the Israeli army have conducted research over the years into dozens of suicide attackers, and it emerged that the one deterrent for suicide attackers is what the consequences for their families will be after the attack," the text of the bill said.

Home demolitions were largely suspended in 2005 after the Israel Defense Forces found that the practice had no discernible deterrent effect. The demolitions were sporadically reinstated a few years later and fully brought back by Netanyahu in November 2014 during a wave of Palestinian attacks.

A 2010 research paper by political scientists at Northwestern University and Hebrew University suggested that home demolition works as a deterrent. The authors of the study based their findings on an examination of home demolitions in the five years prior to the army's 2005 suspension, a period that coincided with the second intifada.

"We show that punitive house demolitions (those targeting Palestinian suicide terrorists and terror operatives) cause an immediate, significant decrease in the number of suicide attacks," the paper said. "The effect dissipates over time and by geographic distance."

This year, Netanyahu's new government, the most right-wing in Israeli history, has indicated it will accelerate and expand the demolition of the homes of terrorists. It recently ordered the closing-off of an apartment belonging to the family of a 13-year-old who shot and wounded two Israelis near Jerusalem's Old City. The move was unusual because Israel had previously reserved home demolition for attackers who killed people.

### **Does Israel demolish the homes of Jewish terrorists?**

No. The Palestinian family of a boy murdered by a Jewish terrorist sued to have his killer's home destroyed. The Supreme Court in 2017 rejected the lawsuit, saying too much time had passed since the 2014 murder. The government argued that deterrence was not necessary in the case of Jewish terrorism, because, in the words of Judge Neal Hendel, Jewish terrorists are "a minority of a minority of a minority." The Israeli government counted a total of 16 Jewish attacks of terrorism in 2015, according to the Jerusalem Post. Israeli Arab politicians, including Knesset member Ahmed Tibi, had called on the government to demolish the Jewish terrorist's house as a matter of fair treatment.

### **Is demolishing terrorists' homes legal?**

Yes, according to Israel. No, according to experts in international law.

Israel bases its argument on a regulation from 1945, when Britain controlled what is now Israel, that was carried over into Israeli law when the state was established in 1948. It is known as "Defense regulation (emergency) 1945, regulation 119."

The regulation is broadly written, allowing a "A Military Commander" to destroy the home of "anyone who offended, or attempted an offense, or assisted offenders or abetted offenders after the fact," as determined by a military court.

Multiple international law experts say that home demolition is illegal under international law because it is a form of collective punishment, which is banned by the Geneva Conventions. Israel has long argued that the Geneva Conventions do not apply to its presence in territories it has captured, because the land in question was not the internationally recognized territory of any state prior to 1967.

The Biden administration also considers home demolitions to be collective punishment. "We attach a good deal of priority to this, knowing that the home of an entire family shouldn't be demolished for the action of one individual," State Department spokesman Ned Price said in 2021.

Israeli human rights groups, including B'tselem and the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, agree with international scholars that the practice violates international law. B'tselem cites both the Fourth Geneva Convention and a verse in Deuteronomy that reads, "Parents shall not be put to death for children, nor children be put to death for parents: they shall each be put to death only for their own crime."

### **Who owns the land once a home is demolished?**

Under the 1945 regulation, military authorities maintain control of the land, and it reverts to the original owners — if they are present — once military authorities leave.

### **How long does it take for a home demolition to take place? What happens to the family?**

Generally, the military consults with Israel's intelligence services before ordering a home demolition. In the case of high-profile attacks, however, the order may come down immediately, as it did on Feb. 10. Families have 48 hours to appeal a demolition to the military commander or another relevant authority.

However, Israel's Supreme Court has reserved the right to review demolition orders. This may delay demolition for months or years, but B'Tselem reports that in the majority of cases, the court ultimately



A demolished Palestinian home, 2006

upholds the demolition. In one notable case in 2018, the court stopped the demolition after the family presented evidence showing that the assailant suffered from a mental illness.

Homes may be demolished by bulldozers. Apartments or rooms are generally filled with cement, rendering them unlivable. Families sometimes split up among relatives, at least in the near term, according to a United Nations report.

According to The Jerusalem Post, the army commission that recommended ending the practice in 2005 reported that families of the terrorists often rebuild their homes with compensation funds from the Palestinian Authority and other sources. The Palestinian Authority pays monthly stipends to the families of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel or killed while committing violent attacks. Israel and its advocates decry the payments as an incentive for terrorism.

### **How many home demolitions have taken place? Are homes demolished for reasons other than deterrence?**

According to the Israel Democracy Institute, more than 50 homes "have been either fully or partially demolished" between 2014 and 2019 as a deterrent to terrorism. Hamoked, an Israeli human rights group, placed the total since 2014 at 75, according to Haaretz.

Israel has demolished a far greater number of Palestinian buildings due to lack of a building permit. Palestinian groups and Israeli human rights organizations argue that Palestinians face discrimination in obtaining such permits. Israel also has a policy of demolishing Palestinian dwellings for being built in a closed military zone.

The same academic paper that concluded demolishing the homes of suicide attackers was an effective deterrent also found that home demolitions for other reasons — including as a preventive measure — spurred an increase in terror attacks. ■

## THE LOOK

# Women's Spring Fashion Trends 2023

Emily Rose Barr

With spring set to debut, cashmeres are being swapped for cooler knits and the countdown to wearing that beloved cotton dress (that you may have tried on a half-dozen times since buying it just last week) is on.

Four shop owners from the Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia regions spoke about what trends we can expect to see in women's fashion this season: David Schwartz of Sophy Curson in Philadelphia, Ellen Shepp of Joan Shepp in Philadelphia, Katy Klassman of Upstairs on 7th in Washington and Ifat of LiLi the First in Washington. Weighing in on everything from popular patterns and prints to athleisure and how COVID has impacted the industry, here's what they had to say.

### Color makes a comeback

One thing is for certain: After the cooler hues of winter retire for the season, color will make a comeback.

"Chartreuse, pink and orange are always a welcome sign of spring," Schwartz said.

Shepp predicted we'll be seeing lots of colors from the '70s: "Melon, yellows, different green ... avocado and hunter."

Klassman had a similar hunch: "Lots of red, yellow, magenta and, of course, there will always be black and white."

Schwartz added, "Navy for spring still rings true. We have a wonderful pantsuit in navy with white cuffs that has been popular already."

### Cotton and linen to beat the heat

"Spring and summer are all about cotton, whether it be jersey, poplin or in blends, especially in D.C. where there is lots of commuting and heat and



A display at Joan Shepp

humidity," Klassman said.

Schwartz, too, has stocked up on linen for the sticky days of summer.

"I have bought the modern cotton shirt dress from a few designers because each has a different take on

the concept," he shared.

Shepp, meanwhile, is stocking up on soft fabrics for prints, airy light cashmeres for knits, and mixtures of cottons and linens to keep things interesting.

### Stripes are here to stay

Will stripes ever go out of style? Not any time soon! This timeless, classic pattern is easily wearable and has stuck around for good reason.

"Stripes are still a fresh summer staple," Klassman shared. Schwartz says to keep an eye out for lots of prints on a white background. "It makes the print stand out."

Shepp is on the lookout for '70s prints, mini stripes, color block, swirly and wavy prints.

### Out with the old, in with the new

Shop owners agreed that we can expect to see wider-leg pants emerge as the temperatures rise.

"I always carry lots of narrow-leg pants at many price points. Wider leg pants in linen and jersey are nice alternatives and have become more popular that past few summers, and I expect that to continue," Schwartz said.

Klassman still shows wider-leg pants, but also some slimmer styles and breezy tops, while Shepp is seeing bustiers, tube tops, and one-shoulder dresses and tops everywhere.

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### Dresses: short, mid or maxi?

Midi and maxi dress fans, there's good news.

"For most of our clients, I would say midi is where they feel at their best and it is what we get the most requests for," Klassman said.

Similarly, Shepp sees the highest demand for mid and maxis. Ifat agreed, noting, "Skirts are getting longer, to a maxi fit, but the tops are getting shorter, to cropped tops. These opposites are a sign for us that people are ready to try different things and not follow a single trend."

For those who don't know where they land on the dress debate, Schwartz offered the following: "Once you find a length that you like, you don't switch."

### Athleisure/ loungewear: here to stay or had its moment?

If you've grown comfortable in your athleisure, a little too comfortable perhaps, fear not: This trend isn't going anywhere.

"It depends on lifestyle," Klassman explained. "We have clients who dress to the nines to go to the grocery store and, for them, athleisure never had a moment, but we also have clients who live in it and will never stray. When it's done right, it can look really polished and sophisticated, so why should it go away? Practical is never a bad thing!"

For Schwartz, "If I touch on it there has to be a new take. I have travel pants for spring with cargo pockets on the side. They feel very light on the hanger, but when people wear them in the wind or on a chilly day, they block out the breeze. I didn't know that until my clients told me about wearing them."

As for Shepp? She's had her fair share: "Time to go. Everyone is happy to be getting dresses again."

### Blast from the past

What trends from days gone by might we expect to see make a comeback?

Shepp predicts a return to halters, platforms, vests and bootleg cuts.

Schwartz has started to see a more defined shoulder on some jackets: "It makes a reference to the shoulder pads of the '80s without the exaggeration," he mused.

Klassman, meanwhile, has already seen a lot of crochet knits in the marketplace, animal prints and lots of orange.



Fashion from LiLi the First

"I loved wearing crochet in the late '80s/ early '90s, but I'm probably going to stay away from it this go-around." As for the uptick in orange? "I've already bought a great orange coat for the store from Rachel Comey that someone could have for 20 years, and it would still look amazing."

### WFH Life

Shop owners discussed how the transition to more people working from home has impacted the industry.

"Tops are still way more important than bottoms! The online meeting and appointment culture has completely shifted how people feel about what they wear on the bottom," Klassman said. "We definitely sell more dresses and tops than pants and skirts, and I don't see that changing anytime soon. We also went through a long period of not needing as much occasion wear for the store, but that has shifted, and we are getting more and more requests for dressy clothes."

Schwartz said, "I approach my buying decisions based on the idea that I have to seek out items and outfits that the client doesn't have in their closet. Even if you work from home, you still go out to eat. You are going to want something different to wear outside of the house than what you wear to work inside the house."

Ifat reflected, "When it comes to the traditional professional outfit, we are not there quite yet. As people are going back to the office, we see a higher demand for a 'casual professional.' Serious with a bit of fun, professional with a comfort fit." ■

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### Family Features

**I**n the world of design, what's old inevitably becomes new again, and a similar pattern is inspiring today's on-trend color palettes for home decor. The latest styles reflect reviving and comforting colors influenced by heritage and romance, lending to a look that is familiar in an individualistic way.

With more people living their everyday, working lives at home, many homeowners are discovering the contentment that comes with slowing down. Often that means looking to the past to find comfort for moving forward.

Nostalgia serves as an emotional tool that delivers deep-rooted serenity and powerful healing properties. Looking to the past is often beneficial during times of uncertainty and can be an opportunity to bring styles and practices back to the present to create an appreciation of the past.

Whether living through the romance of rural lifestyles, the comfort of home or the nostalgia from far-off times, some of today's most beloved design aesthetics celebrate the past, present and future while bringing balance and comfort for you and your family to embrace.

Using color to evoke feelings and emotions is hardly new but combining a carefully curated color palette with other design elements can allow you to create a look that pays homage to the past while breathing new

life into your living space.

Reimagining classic, familiar tones allows you to achieve a design motif that is equal parts reminiscent and refreshing.

"The Vintage Homestead Color Collection offers an effortless look that reveals the importance of being hopeful to find stability and balance," said Ashley Banbury, HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams senior color designer. "Our 2023 Color Collection of the Year revives elements from the past that are perfectly paired with vintage, comfortable and classic colors."

### Blending Past and Present

Striking a balance between old and new can take many forms, as these styles show:

**Heritage Revival:** An interest in reviving the past is evident in design trends like a re-emerging appreciation of antiques and vintage elements, such as oversized furniture and traditional shapes. To capture this style, your design should focus on contrasting old and new for a mix-and-match look. Ultimately, the aesthetic is a look that feels simultaneously individualistic and curated. A cohesive color scheme can allow the various elements to stand on their own while working in harmony for an intentional design, including a combination of soft, familiar tones that have been thoughtfully curated by design experts who borrow color and design concepts from the past for a hopeful future and a sense of belonging. Hues like Poetry

Plum and Hot Cocoa evoke warmth and depth, while moderate shades like Restrained Gold and Glamour offer fresh ways to incorporate mid-range neutrals. Meanwhile, soft tones like Natural Linen and Cool Beige offer subtle color for lighter, brighter spaces.

**Mixing and Matching of Eras:** A new take on retro design is emerging in which eras are blended and new and old furnishing work side by side. To get this look, you'll craft a space that marries historical and contemporary design, celebrating both the old and new. To design for longevity, incorporate pieces that are ambiguous in era and stand the test of time.

**Vintage Homestead:** Reviving design elements from the past with mixed patterns, classic shapes and vintage decor adds up to comfortable and comforting design. With this trend, prints and patterns encompass a range of styles, reinforcing how interiors connect to fashion. Mixing classic elegance with sleek vintage shapes is refining the concept of polished comfort. To achieve the look, curate pieces in heritage shapes and patterns, along with retro accents. Be sure to incorporate vintage lighting and glass, as well.

Homeowners are also increasingly interested in biophilic design and bringing the outdoors in, which prompts a conservatory aesthetic in home design. To achieve the look, design your space to make maximum use of natural light in creative ways. Incorporate large potted trees and statement plants that blur the lines between indoors and outdoors. ■

# ‘Swastika Boards’ and ‘Surf Nazis’: New Documentary Explores Surfing’s History of Antisemitism

Jacob Gurvis | JTA

**W**hen he was 13 years old, Josh Greene moved with his family to San Clemente, California, a city known as one of the best spots for surfing on the West Coast. Greene quickly fell in love with the sport, even holding his bar mitzvah party at a local museum dedicated to it.

As a “skinny, very unathletic” teen, Greene said he endured a significant amount of bullying, including some that “extended itself into antisemitism.” Students at his school would compare his physique to that of a Holocaust survivor.

Surfing provided refuge.

“Surfing was my way to really carve my own niche and find the confidence, courage and physical strength I needed,” he said.

But years after his bar mitzvah, Greene learned that his parents had arranged for the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center to remove

swastika-engraved boards that were on display, to avoid disturbing the partygoers. Wanting to learn more, he discovered that the sport’s history is full of Nazi imagery: Particularly in the 1960s, seeing surfboards with swastikas or surfers giving “Sieg heil”

salutes was commonplace. Serious surfers called themselves “surf Nazis” as a way to signal their intense dedication to the sport.

An aspiring filmmaker — he received his first “real camera” as his bar mitzvah present — Greene decided to combine

his two passions and delve into the dark history.

The result, completed before he graduated from the University of Southern California in May 2022, is a documentary called “Waves Apart,” which chronicles the history



Josh Greene directed “Waves Apart,” a documentary about the antisemitic history of surfing.



Shaun Tomson is a former world champion surfer.

of antisemitism in surfing. Directed by Greene, the student-produced film was a finalist in the fall for a Student Academy Award, given by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

“Waves Apart” made its global debut at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival last week, before heading to other Jewish and documentary film festivals in California, Denver, Toronto and Maryland.

After chronicling his own journey with surfing and the bar mitzvah incident in the film, Greene interviews surf writer Dan Duane and Jewish history

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# A Culinary Trip to Basque Country Via Miami Beach

Keri White

I tagged along with my husband on a recent boondoggle to Miami Beach. While roaming, I stumbled upon Time Out Market, a venue that brings the best local culinary talent together under one roof in a carefully curated — for lack of a better term — food court.

But before you turn the page, envisioning a mall setting populated with Orange Julius and Cinnabon, hear me out.

TimeOut Markets, the brainchild of TimeOut Magazine, are located in trendy areas, often in historic buildings, and showcase everyone from Michelin-starred chefs to up-and-coming culinary innovators. They serve on real china, generally contain a few festive bars and you don't bus your table.

Each chef runs a small kiosk (think a higher Reading Terminal Market) and patrons can sample dishes from a wide variety. Launched in 2014 in Lisbon, TimeOut Markets have subsequently opened in Miami, New York, Boston and Chicago. Should you find yourself in any of those cities, I highly recommend a detour.

Needless to say, I spent most of my time in Miami Beach sampling the goods in TimeOut Miami. I had vegan Chinese dumplings, Venezuelan arepas, Mexican tacos, all-American chocolate chip cookies, Cuban coffee and Spanish pan tomate.

I also had the good fortune to score a reservation at Lur, the creation of Michelin-starred chef Aitor Garate Berasaluze. This eight-seat-only Friday night special offers a multicourse meal

served at a counter overlooking the bustling kitchen. The activity was staggering — chef and his assistant delivered world-class, beautifully presented cuisine and wine pairings, all while serving customers at the counter who ordered dishes from the tapas menu.

The tasting menu showcased dishes from Berasaluze's native Basque Country in Northeastern Spain. I did not have sufficient chutzpah to ask for his recipes, but the following are a decent approximation of courses adapted for home cooks. If you are squeamish about raw egg, you can coddle it or poach it before serving, or just give the mushrooms a drizzle of best-quality olive oil instead.

## Cauliflower Soup | Dairy

Serves 4

Chef served the soup with bonito flakes, which are dried tuna flakes. These are not for everyone; you can skip the garnish entirely or add some toasted garlic, toasted almond slivers, a sprinkle of fresh parsley or a drizzle of olive or truffle oil.

- 1 head cauliflower, cut into small pieces
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 potato, peeled if desired, and chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- White or black pepper to taste
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Garnishes: toasted almonds, chopped fresh parsley, truffle/olive oil or toasted garlic slices

In a large pot, melt the butter and sauté the onion until fragrant. Add the salt, pepper, cauliflower and potatoes. Stir to coat. Add vegetable broth, and bring it to a boil. Lower the heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes until the



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vegetables are totally soft.

Using an immersion blender, puree the soup until very smooth. Add cream, taste for seasoning and serve as desired.

## Basque Seared Mushrooms | Pareve

Serves 4

The traditional way to serve this is with a raw yolk in the middle of the mushrooms — you break the yolk, and stir it into the cooked mushrooms before you dig in — the theory being that the hot mushrooms “cook” the egg. If you do go this route, be sure to use a fresh, organic egg.

- 1 pound mushrooms (chanterelles, king oyster, et cetera), sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Handful fresh parsley
- 4 egg yolks (discard whites or use for another purpose)

In a large skillet, heat the olive oil and sear the mushrooms over medium to medium-high. Add the salt and pepper, and continue cooking for about 5 minutes, turning once. When the mushrooms are nicely seared, lower the heat to medium, add the garlic, and continue cooking for another 3-5 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add fresh parsley and more salt and pepper, if needed.

Divide the mushrooms among four shallow bowls, leaving a space in the center of each. Carefully place the yolk in the center, and serve immediately. ■

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# Temple Judea Remains a Spiritual Center for Doylestown-Area Residents

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

When it opened in 1959, Temple Judea of Bucks County became “the first synagogue in Doylestown” and “the first Reform synagogue in Bucks County,” according to a 2019 Bucks County Courier Times article. Today, the shul has 150 member families and a building at 38 Rogers Road in Furlong, its home for the last 10 years.

But in 2023 and 2024, the community will fight for its life.

A decline in membership since 2019, from almost 200 households to the current number, has made the Furlong property “too burdensome,” Treasurer Joel Weiner said. At a congregational meeting in January, shul leaders informed members that they were going to look into selling the building by the end of 2024. The almost two-year timeline would give the congregation time to figure out its next move.

But it was what happened over the rest of that meeting that gave everybody in the room hope. One after another, people got up and said they wanted to figure out that next step. It was important to them to “stay together and continue the tradition of Temple Judea,” according to President Len Saffren.

“No matter where we were in the physical space, we were a community,” Saffren recalled of the message he got from congregants. “I found that to be the most heartening piece of information.”

It also made practical sense. Sixty-four years on from its founding, Temple Judea plays the same important role that it did in 1959. It’s a spiritual center for the Reform Jews of Warwick, Chalfont, Warrington and other towns in the Doylestown area. Central Bucks has a Jewish population but not many synagogues. Lower Bucks has Shir Ami in Newtown, Ohev Shalom in Richboro and several others. But as you drive north in this county of more than 600,000 residents, it’s Temple Judea, the Conservative Tiferes B’nai Israel in Warrington, the Reconstructionist Kehilat HaNahar in New Hope and the Chabad Lubavitch of Doylestown. That’s it.

So even though Temple Judea’s membership is declining, it is getting younger, according to Weiner. The base includes 86 religious school students and 50-60 religious school families. Weiner estimates that a third of the shul’s congregants are Hebrew school families. There are also 156 kids in Temple Judea’s Small Wonders preschool, though not all of them are synagogue members.



Temple Judea of Bucks County

The Bucks County synagogue is also attracting a key group in Jewish community life today: interfaith families. Saffren said 35-40% of Temple Judea’s congregants are interfaith households.

“We play a very significant role in Central Bucks,” he added.

Tom Gibson, 45, is Catholic but he’s been a member of Temple Judea for 20 years. As Gibson explained, he married a Jewish girl, his wife Kim, and while he was not comfortable converting, he was secure in raising their three children Jewish. Today, Gibson is a board member at Temple Judea, and his first two kids have celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs there. His youngest daughter is 11 and on her way to starting that same process.

“I want to make sure this community stays in place,” Gibson said.

Janna Fisher, 43, feels the same way even though she only joined last year. Her 9-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son just went through Small Wonders. But now that Fisher’s daughter is in third grade, the family has to join to send her to the Hebrew school, according to synagogue policy. The Furlong resident is happy to do it. She had a Jewish community growing up and she wants the same for her kids.

In Hebrew school, you make Jewish friends who understand you. It’s not public school where you always have to explain yourself. Fisher believes that it’s important to have that safe haven, especially in an era of rising antisemitism. The Central Bucks School District in recent years has been too permissive of a culture of antisemitism, according to some Jewish parents in the district. And district leaders took down a poster in a school library that showed a quote from Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, only to apologize later and put it back up.

“When there’s so much going on in the world, it’s nice to have a central place where other people have similar beliefs as you, similar traditions as you,” Fisher said.

The synagogue’s plan moving forward, according to Weiner, is to sell the Rogers Road property and use the equity to pay for a new home. It will be in the Doylestown area since that’s where most congregants live.

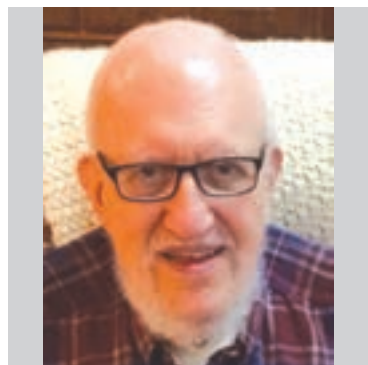
“People want this temple. They want to be a community. And that’s not going to go away,” said Lori Bergman, the temple’s director of education. ■

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## BELMAN

MICHAEL R. February 16, 2023; of Wynnewood, PA; Husband of Cookie Belman (nee Badder); Father of Felice Belman and Albert Belman (Drucie); Grandfather of Henry and Leo Belman; Brother of Dennis Belman (Phyllis) and the late Richard Belman (Cloe). The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El or Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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## BROWN

Dr. RONALD A, 86, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2023 at Oswego Hospital surrounded by his family. Ron was predeceased by his beloved wife Miriam A. Brown to whom he was married for 44 years, and by his sister Joan Brown. He is survived by his daughter Rachel Brown of Cicero, NY, his sons David (Yvonne) Brown and Joshua Brown of Oswego, NY, and his three granddaughters, Sarah Brown, Hannah Brown, and Keara Brown who all knew him as Zaida. Ron was born in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Leon and Ann Brown, but he grew up in downtown Philadelphia, PA where he attended the prestigious Central High School. He attended the University of Pennsylvania as a music major before changing to a career in physics. Ron earned a bachelor's degree from Drexel University and a Master's and PhD in physics from Purdue University. He started his teaching career as a professor at M.I.T and Kent State University before becoming a Professor at SUNY Oswego where he taught for over 30 years. Ron's mission was to make physics fun, and to teach elementary and secondary teachers how to teach science to their students. He developed his own physics courses for non-majors, and continued his work during summer institutes attended by schoolteachers. He made physics fun and interesting by using interactive demonstrations including his famous egg drop. His students enjoyed his classes, which were always full, and they continued to be in touch with him throughout the years no matter where they were in the world. Ron won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1974, and continued to publish articles for science periodicals well into his 80's focusing on women in science and the science of ancient cultures. Ron had many interests including reading and

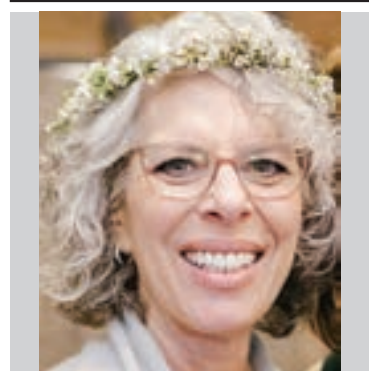
music. He played the piano almost daily for most of his life, and the sounds of him playing ragtime on the piano could be heard throughout the house. Ron was an avid reader of everything from Sherlock Holmes to Star Trek, poetry and anything related to science. He spread his interest in literacy by gifting books, especially for children, and late in life he wrote and published several children's books. He was a prolific joke teller, and everywhere he went he was ready to share a joke, and people who knew him would run up to him and ask him for one. He wrote a joke book a few years ago that he has since shared with 100's of people, including donating them to nursing homes, bringing everyone joy. Ron's gentle nature, big smile, intelligence, sense of humor, and kindness will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Manor at Seneca Hill in Oswego, NY, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, or Paws Across Oswego County.

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## CHERNOW

ETHEL (nee Wais); January 31, 2023, long time resident of Dresher, PA, member of Temple Sinai, teacher at Plymouth Elementary School, and active volunteer in many organizations. Wife of the late Max Chernow; Mother of Dr. Robert Benjamin (Lynn) and Linda Ames (Greg); Sister of the late Morris Wais, the late Sidney Wais and the late Hershell Wais; Grandmother of Roseanne, Daniel, Ari, Zev, Marc and Jaime; Also survived by 12 great grand children. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to Temple Sinai (www.tsinai.com) or a charity of the donor's choice.

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## COFF

CARYN, age 62, died after a three year battle with Bile Duct Cancer on February 13th, 2023. She was the loving wife of Howard for 34 years, proud mother of Allyson (Gregor Hoffman) and Sarah (Michael Matza), daughter of Pat Rosenthal and the late Dr. Ronald Rosenthal, sister of Judy Wetzler (Merrick), and Dr. Marc Rosenthal (Paula Cupertino), sister-in-law of Marcy Schulman (Richy). She was adored by her nieces and neph-

ews and a treasured friend to many. Caryn loved spending time with her family, going on walks in nature, being down the shore, riding her bike and traveling. She founded and led a successful home care agency for 15 years. Caryn had a heart of gold and was known for being extremely compassionate, genuinely caring, having a positive attitude and being a fighter. She defied odds since her diagnosis and was able to walk both of her daughters down the aisle at their recent weddings. Nothing made her happier than being with her family and she will live on in their hearts forever. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, cholangiocarcinoma.org

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## FORSTATER

SELMA HARRIS passed away on February 9, 2023 in Overland Park, KS. Beloved wife of the late Sidney Forstater. Devoted mother of Ira Forstater (Robin), Seth Forstater (Lindy), Mathew Forstater (Gail), and Ann Forstater. Loving grandmother of Jacob (Sarah), Rachel (Ian), Rebecca (Brendan), Sarah, Harris (Shuwan), Raymond, and Gabriel. Loving great grandmother of Ezra, Talia, Emilia, and Miles. Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, 300 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, bzbi.org; Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106, theweitzman.org; HIAS Pennsylvania, hiaspa.org; or Village Shalom Employee Appreciation Fund, Village Shalom - Attention: Development, 5500 W. 123rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66209, villageshalom.org/donate/employee/.

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## GRANOFF

STEVEN - February 12, 2023 of King of Prussia, PA. Beloved husband of Beverly (nee Lipkin); loving father of Stefanie Roden (Richard Roden); adoring grandfather of Jesse, Ava, Matthew, and Caroline; treasured brother of Ruthe Fleischman (Stephen Fleischman). Funeral services were held Friday Feb 17. Interment at Mount Sharon. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made

to Temple Sholom in Broomall (temple-sholom.org).

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## KATZ

LILLIAN (nee Feinberg) on February 11, 2023. Wife of the late Louis. Mother of Stuart (Sandi) Katz, Norman (Roxanne) Katz, Charna (Bruce) Schlakman and Howard (Julie) Katz. Sister of Herman (late Wilma) Feinberg. Grandmother of Marla Katz (fiance' Jason Krenzel), Debra (Brandon) Address, Shannah Katz, Nicki Katz, Brandon (Marlee) Schlakman, Justin Schlakman (fiance' Darcy Schild), Jordan Katz and Brett Katz. Great grandmother of Mason and Charlotte Address. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market Street, Suite 250, Philadelphia, PA 19106 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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## LEVENE

MARTIN L. - Feb. 9, 2023, of Cherry Hill, NJ. Husband of Audrianne Levene. Father of Robert Levene, Daniel (Heidi) Levene and Howard (Tamar) Levene. Grandfather of Rena, David, Avital, Maxwell Lindsay, Miriam, Ariella and Maytal. Brother of Michele Levene Brill. Int. Roosevelt Mem. Park. Contributions can be made to Cong. Kol Ami, College Connection Fund, 1101 Springdale Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

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## SCHLESSINGER

WILLIAM - Passed away on February 14, 2023. Husband of the late Rita Schlessinger z"l (nee Warshell). Father of Evan (Dana) Schlessinger, David (Carole) Schlessinger and Brian z"l (Tara) Schlessinger. Grandfather of Ricky, Mimi, Bella, Alex, Maya, Shira, Eitan and Shimon. Contributions in Bill's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice or to the William Schlessinger Memorial Fund at the Los Angeles Jewish Community Foundation: https://williamschlessinger.jewishfoundationla.org/fund/williamschlessinger.

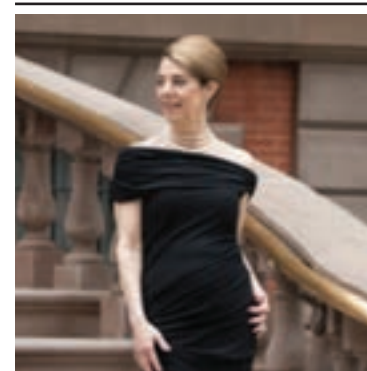
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## SILVER

SCOTT LAWRENCE on February 3, 2023. Beloved son of Linda Zaslow and the late Bernard Silver; Loving brother of Rick Silver, Brett Silver, and Tara Silver (T.J. Henry). Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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## SPANGLER-WEISS

JANE, age 71, passed away February 8, 2023. Beloved wife of Neil Weiss. Loving mother of Blair Scribner-Weiss (Samuel Scribner). Adoring grandmother of Raya Beatrix. Dear sister of Dr. Paul Spangler. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research/Lustgarten Foundation www.lustgarten.org.

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## SPEKTER

RUTH (nee Greenberg). February 12, 2023 of Wynnewood, Pa. Loving wife of the late Bernard L. Spekter. Devoted mother of Barbara (Emil) Ghen and the late Robert and Michael Spekter. Grandmother of Matthew (Anna), Evan, Katie (Neil) and Erin. Great-grandmother of Isabel, Willem, Olivia, Elsbeth, Jacob and Benjamin. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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## WOLGIN

NORMAN developer, philanthropist, lifelong car guy passed away Sunday February 12 2023. Norman Wolgin, 95, was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1927 to Israel and Rose Basin Wolgin. Norman served in the US Army during World War II. In 1946, upon returning home from Italy, Norman worked at the Atlas Credit Corporation, the family business, started by his father Israel Wolgin in the 1930's to finance automobiles and expanded after the war by Norman and his brothers Jack and Sidney who predeceased him. He is survived by his brother Dr. William (Bill) Wolgin. Norman entered the car business in 1949 as a used car dealer, in addition to used cars he sold many small European imports. He was the first VW dealer in Pennsylvania with the purchase of two cars and \$200 in parts and metric tools. Sales did not go well when people looked under the hood and found no engine. From 1960 to 1962, he owned Jenkintown Ford and had better success in 1962 with

a new VW dealership when America got used to rear engine cars. In 1958, Norman married Marian Jane Lebovitz his partner in all things: life, family, business, and philanthropy. In 1962 as Atlas Credit gradually evolved to a real estate-oriented finance business and mortgage company, Norman returned to serve as Executive Vice President. Atlas gained listing for its securities on the New York Stock Exchange. Norman's responsibilities included serving on the Executive Committee for all of the Atlas subsidiaries, which included the Colonial Mortgage Service Company, now GMAC Mortgage Company, one of the largest mortgage service companies in the country at this time. Norman Wolgin's activities on behalf of Colonial included responsibility for Joint Venture projects with builders. In 1969 Norman embarked on a new and long career in real-estate development. He formed Waverly Management, which built and managed 1,100+ units of multifamily housing apartments in the Philadelphia area and in 1974 developed one of the first condominium projects in downtown Philadelphia-Tower East (Center City One) at Broad and Spruce Streets. 1979 brought the development of a 400,000 sq ft office tower at 7th and Chestnut and two years later The Double Tree Hotel, Garage and Wilma Theater at Broad and Locust Streets. Also, in 1981 Norman and Marian embarked on a four-year redevelopment and restoration of the 100-year-old historic Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing, NY on Lake George. The economic

engine that is The Sagamore Hotel is now a 350-room resort and conference center. Throughout his career Norman used his development and construction skills to support philanthropic projects-the expansion of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House and the Annenberg Research Institute. The partnership of Norman and Marian was a very effective fund raiser for causes in the Philadelphia area, as well as The Adirondacks. Norman loved to fox hunt with the Huntington Valley Hunt while in Philadelphia and sailing on Lake George with family and friends. Since a young boy Norman loved all things cars-the through line of his life. He was a passionate collector and restorer of antique automobiles. His first restoration was of a 1936 Ford that he brought home in bushel baskets. Marian did all the upholstery and the convertible top. He built a collection of 1930's Classic Era cars and sports cars from the 1950's. In later years he took to designing custom cars, some influenced by the 1930's Classic Era and some wholly of his imagination. His creative designs fashioned from an eclectic blend of parts caused one friend to refer to them as "Frankinwolphins"-a misnomer for Norman's "Rolling Sculptures". Beyond career and hobbies, at his core Norman was a man dedicated to family-always home for dinner, family vacations, and supportive of his children's endeavors. He gave his daughter Amy and his son Ike the gift of the best high school, college, and graduate education. Beyond schooling he gifted his children a strong work ethic,

the importance of follow through, and hopefully some of his intuitive business skills. Most importantly, he was a role model for ethical conduct. Norman built a business career based on relationships over the bottom line. His conduct over 50 years earned him a devoted following of partners, associates, and employees. Norman lived a life that was always full and balanced-family, work and service. Norman was predeceased by his daughter Amy Wolgin Wiener. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Marian Wolgin, His son I Robert Wolgin (Ike) of Bolton Landing, NY, His grandson and his wife Michael & Alli Wiener of Seattle, WA, and his brother Dr. William Wolgin of Philadelphia, PA. Contributions in Norman's honor can be made to:

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Dear Matt: On this the 12th anniversary of your passing, we are still heartsick over the loss.

Is it possible that 12 years have gone by? Your children in Seattle are doing great with Jenn as a single mom. Jake is 17 and will be going to college this September. Zoe is 13 and High School is on the schedule for her. They both love sports. G-d bless them.

We are certain that your colleagues at DLA Piper LLP are still missing you.

Marc and Varusha in Havertown and their two little kids are doing fine. Olivia is 6 and Alex is 4. G-d bless them.

We think of you every day and look for you in rainbows.

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# Nadiv Lev: Offerings of the Heart

Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit

*Parshat Terumah*

Immediately upon breaking free from oppression and our birth as a people, not only clans, we have been committed to looking at financial resources as tools for building a sacred community, reflecting living values in the very structures and foundations of communal life.

The fundamental approach to economic resources from biblical times onward has been to sustainably manage available resources and to demonstrate gratitude and cultivating an abundance mindset by offering back a portion of what we have been graced with to those in need and the greater community.

Of course, confusion or tension can

also exist between private financial practices and faith-based congregational practices or between religious values and the business aspects of running a congregation or organization.

Our tradition asks us to put our financial practices through a Jewish values and practices audit to see how our actions line up with living a holy life. Simply attending synagogue, mosque, church or meeting place does not, in and of itself, heal this divide. We must also consider what spiritual insights might guide and determine our choices within the sanctuary, and how the prayers and policies of our congregations contribute to us all living lives *b'tzelem Elohim* — in the image of God.

We can benefit greatly in our communication and choices about financial matters when we share not only

balance sheets, but concerns over income and expenses, deeply held values and life experience. Avoiding these discussions — viewing them as “not related to the bottom line” or relegating sacred talk or values clarification to moments deemed “spiritual” — contributes to a financial and spiritual split where we may consider our financial decision-making as unrelated to us being the best person or community of faith we can be.

In congregations and Jewish organizations, we are also pulled in a variety of directions that, on the surface, can seem in opposition to the very foundations of our endeavor. We are neither for-profit “businesses” in the marketplace, nor classic nonprofits. I like to think of our faith-based communities as “for-prophet enterprises,” sharing the ultimate goals of manifesting the sacred values, laws and cultural traditions we have come to hold dear.

One of the Hebrew words most known to the world is shalom. The word shalom (peace, hello, good-bye) comes from the word *shalem* (wholeness or completeness). In a wonderful embodiment of a Jewish approach to the Divine and human intersecting in the world of practical matters, the word for paying for an item to take possession of it became *l'shalem*.

To obtain something is to create an exchange that leaves all parties feeling whole and holy in their comings and goings with each other. Money used as a spiritual tool in this way has the potential to leave everyone resting in a place of peace, of shalom.

To address realizing our personal and communal goals, we need to create a trusting environment for such a discussion, not unlike the framework of communal directives and interpersonal ethical conduct that precedes parshat Terumah. Conversations about money in a communal setting can be challenging because issues of class and money are tied to issues of self-worth, personal values and individual choices.

We may have discomfort or even shame at having too much, too little or not enough, especially when there has been little in the way of education and dialogue about money and religious life.

Through study, effective listening and open discussion of our attitudes and expectations, however, we can turn a potentially challenging subject into a profound opportunity for building relationships and community.

There has never been any organized religion that did not need resources of some kind, expecting its members to contribute offerings, dues or taxes to support its institutions. Along with the personal dimension as described above, we need to develop workable congregational systems where funds are collected, educated and communicated about and managed in a fair and just manner that both reflects our values and inspires further giving.

Envision how you and your congregation, organization or community's actions could be active participants in this process from a perspective of community-building, caring and justice in the world. Financial resources, and how they are organized and viewed, are an integral part of realizing this dream. Terumah (*l'harim*).

May we strive to bring Your Presence into the flow of our resources.

From our hearts, through our hands.■

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**'COME IN FROM THE COLD' CONCERT**

The Curtis Institute of Music partners with Main Line Reform Temple to bring to Wynnewood an hour-long concert at 3 p.m. featuring songs by Samuel Barber and a piano quintet by Brahms. **For more information, contact [frudnick@mlrt.org](mailto:frudnick@mlrt.org) or 610-649-7800. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.**

## FRIDAY, FEB. 24

**'SERIOUSLY' EXHIBIT**

The Temple Judea Museum will exhibit a unique trio of artists: Marlene Adler, Diane Pieri and Dan Soslowsky. What joins this disparate group together? Find out at this exhibit, running through March 15 and open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **For more information, contact Rita Poley at [tjmuseum@kenesethisrael.org](mailto:tjmuseum@kenesethisrael.org) or 215-887-8700. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

**PARSHA FOR LIFE**

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

**MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT**

Join Beth Sholom Congregation's Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Cantor Jacob Agar and the band at 6 p.m. for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat. The community is welcome to attend. **Call 215-887-1342 for information. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

## MONDAY, FEB. 27

**MAHJONG GAME**

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El

Sisterhood invites the community to join our weekly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$36 per year or free with MBIEE Sisterhood membership. **For more information, call 215-635-1505 or email [office@mbiee.org](mailto:office@mbiee.org). 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

**METAPHORS OF THE DIVINE**

This series from Congregation Kol Ami, starting at 10:30 a.m. for two Wednesdays, is for anyone who is

interested in increasing their awareness of the sacred. Our tool for discerning the Divine will be a metaphor. **Register at [kolaminj.shulcloud.com/event/divinepresence](http://kolaminj.shulcloud.com/event/divinepresence). For more information, contact [AdultEd@kolaminj.org](mailto:AdultEd@kolaminj.org) or call 856-489-0029. 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.**

**INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM**

Introduction to Judaism at Congregation Kol Ami is a multisession course for anyone who wants to gain

a deeper understanding of Jewish life, from Nov. 2-March 8 at 7-8:30 p.m. No charge for congregants. \$180 per device for non-congregants. **For more information, contact Ruth Scott, director of community engagement: [ruth@kolaminj.org](mailto:ruth@kolaminj.org). 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2

**GRATZ CAFE**

Sometimes called the "Pledge of Allegiance" of the Jewish people, Jews recite the Shema in times of joy as well as in times of crisis. At this Gratz Cafe event at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Wachs will guide a conversation about the implications of reciting these words with *kavannah* (intent, concentration). **For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at [mcohen@gratz.edu](mailto:mcohen@gratz.edu) or 215-635-7300, ext. 155. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park.**

**CANASTA GAME**

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County Sisterhood invites the community to a weekly canasta game from 1-3 p.m. Open play is \$4. **Call 215-968-6755 for more information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro. ■**

## social announcements/

**BIRTH****FALYN ALIVIA BLESHMAN**

Sallie and Michael Bleshman announce the birth of their granddaughter Falyn Alivia, born on Feb. 10.

She is the daughter of Dara Courtney Bleshman. Falyn Alivia is named in loving memory of maternal great-grandparents Frank and Adele Rakoff.

Aunt Heather, uncle Rich and cousins Justin and Andrew Badt join in welcoming Falyn Alivia to the family.

Photo by Sallie Bleshman



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



Courtesy of Rory Michelle Sullivan

Courtesy of Andrea Cantor



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Courtesy of Dan Zampogna, Commonwealth Media Service

1 The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties hosted an International Holocaust Remembrance Day event for Holocaust survivors in the region. 2 Local Jewish musician Rory Michelle Sullivan performed at a 10-year anniversary concert for her music journey at Howl at the Moon in Philadelphia on Jan. 26. 3 The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Jewish Federation Real Estate Group hosted a morning of learning, networking and breakfast at the Market Street property that is the new home to the law firm Morgan Lewis, as well as the newest commercial office tower to join the Philadelphia skyline. 4 The Jewish Residents' Council of Ann's Choice welcomed Karl Middleman, a conductor, lecturer and professor at Temple University. 5 The Abrams Hebrew Academy held a party to celebrate students getting their *chumashim*, or Torahs, in book form. 6 Jewish Leadership Initiative students from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy visited Harrisburg to meet with Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Barrack alum.

# WEITZMAN CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

# Jacqueline Glodstein

## STARTS NEW CHAPTER

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

Amid Israel's Six-Day War, Jacqueline Glodstein, then a child, took her piggy bank to her Long Island, New York, synagogue with her parents and donated the makeshift tzedakah box's modest contents to the nation-state. The moment was the earliest memory in Glodstein's life of her parents instilling in her a deep love of Judaism.

"They really reinforced that we had a responsibility to take care of our fellow Jews, our community and all of humanity," Glodstein said. "Those values instilled in me the desire — really, that's how I came into my career."

Glodstein's 40 years in development roles for Jewish organizations took her to Philadelphia and to the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, where the Center City resident took on the role of chief development officer on Jan. 3.

"We have all been taken with Jackie's enthusiasm for the Museum's mission and future directions," Weitzman president and CEO Misha Galperin said in a press release. "She has joined The Weitzman at a propitious moment, as our capital campaign gets under way. The role of Chief Development Officer is critical for our institution's success, and we are delighted that she is able to join our team."

Glodstein, 66, joins the museum's leadership after the Weitzman emerged from 20 months of chapter 11 bankruptcy in September 2021, and took on a new name in December 2021, after shoe designer Stuart Weitzman gifted enough money for the museum to buy its loaned building at Fifth and Market streets and establish an endowment.

As CDO, Glodstein wants to build on the Weitzman's momentum, growing the museum's endowment to ensure its



lasting impact on its audience, Jewish and non-Jewish, in Philadelphia and beyond.

"My job is really to build upon this foundation, to increase the annual fundraising campaign, to expand our national reach," Glodstein said.

The Weitzman is unique in its diverse audience, which became largely national due to the pivot to virtual programming during the height of the pandemic. In addition to the virtual programs, the Weitzman offers exhibits — free to visitors — that resonate with more than just Jews.

According to Glodstein, since the museum started offering free admission, about 70% of the visitors are non-Jews. With one of the museum's primary goals to challenge antisemitism and

other forms of discrimination, educating non-Jewish audiences on the history and experiences of Jews in America is an important first step in combating antisemitism.

Having relocated to Philadelphia for the position, Glodstein appreciates how the historic city has "synergy" with the museum's goals.

"Because the museum explains the development of the Jewish people here in the country, we can also see many of the Jewish values that have been adopted and incorporated into this country's fabric," she said.

Glodstein's love for Jewish education began with her parents: her mother, a Hebrew school teacher; and her father, a physical education teacher in New York's public school system. As a

result, Glodstein identifies as a "lifelong learner," particularly in Jewish education.

Her time in higher education reflects this passion, as Glodstein has a bachelor's and master's degree in Jewish communal service and Jewish history from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a master's in social work from Columbia University. Glodstein began her career interested in social planning, but she fell in love with development after working for the women's campaign at the UJA-Federation of New York.

"I loved engaging with the donors, developing those enduring relationships that allow you to collaborate as partners," Glodstein said.

Glodstein worked in development for various Jewish organizations, including Israel Tennis & Education Centers Foundation, American Friends of Hebrew University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

But in her four decades of experience in Jewish organizations, one of the most impactful moments of her career happened early on, during a UJA-Federation mission to Israel, where she visited Shechunat Hatikva, a working-class Tel Aviv neighborhood. There, on a Friday morning, she met with an older woman who lived in a tin hut.

The woman invited Glodstein into her home, and Glodstein saw that despite being impoverished, the older woman still set her table for Shabbat, complete with candle sticks and a tzedakah box. But when Glodstein offered to drop some shekels into the box, the woman declined.

"She said, 'No, that tzedakah box I fill' — she fills — 'before Shabbat because I want to give to others who are less fortunate than myself,'" Glodstein recalled. "When you hear a story like that, it inspires you forever in life, throughout your career." ■

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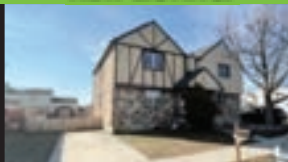
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LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JOHN QUIGLEY, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
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ESTATE OF ANNEMARIE SERPICO, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to AMY MARIE CIANCI and DANIEL SERPICO, ADMINISTRATORS, c/o John Yanoshak, Esq., 17 E. Front St., P.O. Box 626, Media, PA 19063,  
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ESTATE OF ANTHONY D. DEVLIN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ROSANNE M. DEVLIN and DENNIS J. DEVLIN, EXECUTORS, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
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ESTATE OF BARBARA L. VERDI a/k/a BARBARA LEE VERDI, DECEASED.  
Late of Lower Moreland Township,

Montgomery County, PA  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION CTA on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to RICHARD M. SAND, ADMINISTRATOR CTA, c/o Howard M. Soloman, Esq., 1760 Market St., Ste. 404, Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
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ESTATE OF BARBARA WALLEY SCHAFF aka BARBARA SCHAFF aka BARBARA W. SCHAFF, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against or indebted to the estate should make claims known or forward payment to, Joshua Lester Schaff, Executor, c/o Edgar R. Einhorn, Esq., 7 N. Columbus Blvd., Unit 243, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

ESTATE OF BLANCHE GORDON, DECEASED  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BARRY GORDON, EXECUTOR, c/o Don F. Marshall, Esq., P.O. Box 70, Newtown, PA 18940,  
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ESTATE OF BRYAN MCKIE, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA  
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ESTATE OF CARMEN EMILIA SARDINAS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to NANCY RIVERA, EXECUTRIX, c/o Jodi L. Griffis, Esq., 815 Fayette St., Ste. 200, Conshohocken, PA 19428,  
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Late of Philadelphia County  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SIERRA WALLACE, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Joseph D. Rutala, Esq., 1500 JFK Blvd., Ste. 1203, Philadelphia, PA 19102,  
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ESTATE OF FRANK AARON WADE a/k/a FRANK WADE, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DANIEL COLEMAN, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Benjamin L. Jerner, Esq., 5401 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144,  
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ESTATE OF GARY IRONS, DECEASED.  
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Late of Philadelphia County  
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ESTATE OF JEAN ROBBINS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BRIAN JEFFREY ROBBINS and KYLE E. ROBBINS, ADMINISTRATORS, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
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ESTATE OF JoANN M. PALMA a/k/a JO-ANN M. PALMA, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ANTHONY CIMINI, EXECUTOR, c/o John Philip Crampton, Esq., 1500 Market St., Ste. 3500E, Philadelphia, PA 19102,  
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ESTATE OF JOEY WAI HO MAK, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to LISAMAK, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
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ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE WADDY, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of Administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against or indebted to the estate should make claims known or forward payment to, Valjean W. Smith, Administratrix, c/o Hope Bosniak, Esq., Dessen, Moses & Rossitto, 600 Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090.

ESTATE OF KATHERINE WATTS LEWIS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County, PA  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to WALTER E. LEWIS, JR., EXECUTOR, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
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ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ETRI BURNETT, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia County  
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the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARIE L. HOLDER, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Angela D. Giampolo, Esq., 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Or to her Attorney: ANGELA D. GIAMPOLO GIAMPOLO LAW GROUP, LLC 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202 Philadelphia, PA 19107

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to the decedent to make payment without delay to GLADYS BAKER, ADMINISTRATRIX, 6911 Ardleigh St., Philadelphia, PA 19119, Or to her Attorney: MARK J. DAVIS CONNOR ELDER LAW 644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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ESTATE OF MYRNA SHURE a/k/a MYRNA BETH SHURE, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to WARREN JAY KAUFFMAN, EXECUTOR, 1650 Market St., Ste.

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ESTATE OF RANDALL G. VALE, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to RANDALL J. VALE, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Angela D. Giampolo, Esq., 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Or to his Attorney: ANGELA D. GIAMPOLO

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ESTATE OF STANLEY DOBREN, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against or indebted to the estate should make claims known or forward payment to, Janice Wigman, Executrix, 140 Meetinghouse Road, Hatboro, PA 19040.

ESTATE OF TERESA M. SUAREZ-SEMOLA a/k/a TERESA M. SEMOLA, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARTIN A. SEMOLA, EXECUTOR, c/o Paul L. Feldman, Esq., 820 Homestead Rd., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Or to his Attorney: PAUL L. FELDMAN FELDMAN & FELDMAN, LLP 820 Homestead Rd. Jenkintown, PA 19046

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

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professor Steven Ross, who provide a fuller picture of Southern California’s history of both surfing and Nazism, and their unfortunate overlap. As Duane wrote in a 2019 New York Times article, that overlap runs deep — the first commercially made surfboards made in California are thought to be the “Swastika model,” sold in the 1930s by the Pacific Systems Homes company, which also made prefab houses. The 1960s surfer icon Miki Dora was known to have painted a swastika on at least one of his boards.

Duane cites arguments that claim early surfers, who wanted to be seen as a rebellious subculture, used the swastika only to irk members of mainstream society. But Duane argues back that their antisemitism was part of a clear culture of racism in the largely white surfer community.

“I’ve heard all the predictable excuses for this stuff, like that the swastika was an ancient Sanskrit symbol,” he wrote in The Times. “Putting a swastika on something to anger people means you know that it angers them and very likely why.”

In his movie, Greene also speaks with Jewish surfers, both his classmates at USC and Jewish surfing legends like Shaun Tomson and Israel “Izzy” Paskowitz. Paskowitz shares a story of encountering a surfer with a swastika spray-painted on his surfboard — which his father, the famous surfer Dorian “Doc” Paskowitz, destroyed out of anger.

“Right as I was about to graduate, we had the first screening of our film, in our school’s theater,” Greene said. “We drew a packed crowd, and it was so rewarding and such a great sign of confirmation about the film’s message and connectivity with our audience. We saw people crying, people smiling at

the end, with the way our film ends with a hopeful tone and message for the future.”

That hopeful message is where Tomson comes in. A former pro surfer and now a motivational speaker, Tomson reached the pinnacle of the sport by winning the 1977 World Surf League championship. He won 19 major professional surfing events in total and is a member of both the Southern California and International Jewish Sports Halls of Fame.

Tomson, born in Durban, South Africa, also had a surfing experience tied to his bar mitzvah that would prove foundational. Tomson’s father took him on a surfing trip to Hawaii, which Tomson called “the Mount Everest of surfing.”

“For me, it was a total representation of what a bar mitzvah is — it’s coming into manhood,” Tomson said. “And here I was, a young boy paddling out in a 25-foot surf in Hawaii, which was a moment for me that changed my life. I came back to South Africa, and my career and my role in surfing changed after that bar mitzvah present.”

Tomson said he has faced antisemitism before outside of the sport — he was called a “Jew boy” by a fellow member of South Africa’s army as a teenager — but never as a member of the surfing community in the 1970s onward.

“While it’s not an excuse, I think there’s just a lot of ignorance,” Tomson said. “When I say ignorance, perhaps it wasn’t actually directed at Jews, it was more just blatant stupidity, and a lack of awareness of what actually happened in the Holocaust.”

There weren’t many Jewish surfers in South Africa when Tomson grew up, but he said he feels a direct link between his identities as a Jew and as a surfer.

“When you’re out in the ocean, there’s certainly

a spiritual and a religious connectivity there, which is totally aligned with Jewish values,” he said.

No experience exemplifies this connection more powerfully than the tragic death of Tomson’s son, Matthew, who died in 2006 at the age of 15 as a result of a schoolyard “choking game” gone wrong. Tomson tells the story in the documentary.

Tomson explained that his particular expertise is tube riding — the picturesque but challenging technique of riding inside a tunnel-like wave. Two hours before Tomson’s son died, he called his father to share an essay he had written about how in tube riding, “the light shines ahead.” Just hours later, Tomson received the devastating news.

“So when I was trying to make sense of the world and my life, and why God had done this to me, I went back to my old shul,” Tomson said. “The old shul where I’d had my bar mitzvah. And I look at that lamp of everlasting light that represents the hope and faith of Judaism. And I thought of the words that my son wrote, ‘the light shines ahead.’ And I realized that Judaism’s about hope.”

The film ends on that hopeful tone: The last scene features a group of Jewish surfers at a beach in Malibu, reciting the Shema prayer in the water, before hitting the waves as the sun begins to set. In the last shot, the group sits down to a Shabbat meal on the beach.

“Surfing can be seen as a microcosm for issues like that and I think we would be doing our sport a great disservice if we ignored our own signs of darkness,” Greene said. “I think that by making a film like this, we can dispel ignorance and divisiveness, and instead promote inclusivity, community and equality for all surfers and all people.” ■

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