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## Rabbi's Dog Wins Honors at Westminster

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

FRIDAY, FEB. 22 was a good day to be an Abrams Hebrew Academy student.

Right after *shacharit*, rather than being shuttled off to class as they normally would, the entire student body was seated in the auditorium, big kids in folding chairs and little kids sitting criss-cross on the ground — when they could actually be cajoled into sitting.

Teachers and administrators milled about as the exquisitely groomed star of the assembly scrambled on the slippery wooden floor on all fours, panting and yelping, clad in tiny pink bows the same color as her extended tongue.

Adults shushed hopelessly as Brooklyn the Tibetan terrier, the Best Female Tibetan Terrier at the most recent Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York, prepared for a special stop on her victory tour. (Her prize is technically the "Best of Opposite," awarded to the opposite sex of the Best in Show winner.)

"Please, let's be on time, let's go!" pleaded Rabbi Ira Budow, one half of Brooklyn's

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▲ Samara Barrack, a survivor of the Parkland shooting, shares her experience of what happened on Feb. 14, 2018.

Photos by Selah Maya Zighelboim

## A Year After Parkland, KI Teens Take Action

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

ABOUT 450 PEOPLE from across the area came to Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel (KI) in Elkins Park on Feb. 19 and filled the sanctuary in anticipation of a speech by a Jewish 10th-grade student.

That 10th-grader was Samara Barrack, a survivor of the Marjory Stoneman

Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14, 2018, which left 17 students dead and 17 others wounded. She spoke as part of "Taking Action: One Year Later," a gun violence prevention event organized by KIFTY, KI's chapter of NFTY, the Reform Jewish youth group organization.

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### Philcatessen

#### CABBAGE STEAKS

Pickings are kind of slim in terms of locally grown foods this time of year, but Keri White discovered a possible use for a winter mainstay. Cabbage "steaks" are a good way to use a vegetable that's in plentiful supply because of its long storage life. Check out Philcatessen, our online-only food blog, for the recipe, as well as content not normally found in the printed edition, including restaurant reviews, gift ideas and food news from around the Delaware Valley. [jewishexponent.com/2019/02/25/cabbage-steaks/](http://jewishexponent.com/2019/02/25/cabbage-steaks/)



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# Bunny Gibson Goes From 'Bandstand' to 'Bubbies'

## NATIONAL

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**HUNDREDS APPLIED** when the casting call went out across Los Angeles.

Jewish Life TV was looking to star three Jewish grandmothers, or bubbies, in a new series where they'd pair contestants up with one of three potential suitors for a date. A handful of applicants were brought in for the live audition.

It was there lead producer Brad Pomerance and his crew learned that one of the potential cast members, Kathleen "Bunny" Gibson, was raised Catholic and only recently learned she was half Ashkenazi Jewish.

"And I just thought that was the most interesting, unique, compelling story and really could potentially add a lot to our show," Pomerance said. "Sure, we could bring on three traditionally Jewish grandmothers ... but I want to see how this would play."

Gibson, 73, grew up in Philadelphia and has decades worth of small acting roles to her credit. She has appeared on shows like *Glee* and *How I Met Your Mother*. But after all these years, Gibson is best known for having been part of the original cast of teen dancers on Dick Clark's television sensation, *American Bandstand*, from 1959 to 1961.

The TV star was raised Catholic by her mother and adoptive stepfather. She never got the chance to know her biological father. With her mother passing when Gibson was 27, his identity was lost. A year ago she decided to take a DNA test from **Ancestry.com** with hope of finding a connection to him. To her shock, Gibson discovered something else.

The test showed she was 50 percent Ashkenazi Jewish, most likely from her mother's side. She was in disbelief — so much so that she took a second DNA test from 23andMe. But the results were the same. Gibson

had no clue of her Jewish heritage growing up, although she did always wonder why no one else in school liked bagels with lox as much as she did.

"It was a total shock, just because it rocked my understanding of my identity," Gibson said. "Growing up, it was like we're Christian and you're Jewish, and it was always that division when I was young. I feel now that I embody both of them, that I embody both heritages."

Gibson has gotten the chance to learn a lot about the Jewish religion and culture from her fellow bubbies, S.J. Mendelson and Linda Rich, along with the contestants on *Bubbies Know Best*. She now tries to incorporate Yiddish into her everyday vocabulary, with "oy vey" being one of her new favorite things to say. The two bubbies have embraced Gibson and even invited her over for dinner.

"I feel like now Bubbie Linda and Bubbie S.J., they're my new sisters," Gibson said. "I feel like I've found a family in this Jewish community. I've learned their warmth, their openness and their love for me, and that is so beautiful."

Pomerance said he appreciates Gibson's enthusiasm to learn and embrace the culture. It's heartwarming to him when she tries to speak the language, even when she stumbles on the pronunciation. He's even impressed by her humor.

"For somebody who didn't grow up Jewish," Pomerance said, "her humor actually feels Jewish. She has a lot of that Jewish humor, that sticky Catskill-type humor, but I don't know where it comes from. Maybe it's genetic, who knows."

The show marks the second time in Gibson's life that she's been embraced by the Jewish community. While on *Bandstand*, Gibson was often bullied and harassed by her fellow classmates at Holy Cross Academy in New Jersey and at St. Hubert Catholic High



▲ Kathleen "Bunny" Gibson (back right) in a promotional photo from *Bubbies Know Best*

## ► Bunny Gibson's prom photo

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School. With rock 'n' roll considered taboo by many at the time, students at the Catholic school shunned her.

Gibson recalls nuns ripping out her beehive hairdo, cutting her nails with pinking shears and dragging her down the hallway by her hair. Despite the harassment, she was going to be on *Bandstand* no matter what. But after receiving death threats, she decided it was time for a change. Enter Northeast High School.

One of Philly's oldest high schools, at the time it was home to a large Jewish student population. It was this community that Gibson said gave her acceptance. They welcomed her with open arms, and she was quite popular among them. She even went to her senior prom with a Jewish boy named Bob Shuman.

"Quickly, when they found out who I was, instead of walking down the hallway and having people say these nasty remarks, I had teens look up to me as a *Bandstand* star," Gibson

said. "They appreciated that I had the *chutzpah* to go to *Bandstand* during a time when, in the '50s, it was looked as dancing to the devil's music, rock 'n' roll. But they thought it was wonderful."

Today, Gibson proudly wears a Star of David necklace whenever out and about. What she likes most about Jewish culture is how family is at the center of everything. Gibson's family has also embraced its newly found cultural identity, including her two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She appreciates how everyone has been so welcoming of her being "new to the tribe", as Gibson puts it. One day she hopes to cross off visiting Israel and her 11 relatives who live there from her bucket list.

Pomerance said the network is airing the first six episodes of *Bubbies Know Best*, with a sec-

ond batch to begin production in the coming months. He said Gibson's story shows how welcoming the Jewish community can be to new members.

"It was a tough 20th century; we don't have a lot of Jews to waste. And so if someone wants to be part of the tribe, we should welcome them with open arms," Pomerance said. "I'm just glad that a national television network could do that and, in a lot of ways, demonstrate how easy it is to welcome and accept others." •

Eric Schucht is a freelance writer.





# Former 6abc GM Larry Pollock Dies at 86

## OBITUARY

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

**LARRY POLLOCK**, the former general manager of 6abc whose leadership helped make it the market's dominant news channel, died Jan. 31. He was 86.

In Philadelphia, he was "the architect of the modern Channel 6," Action News anchor Jim Gardner said in 6abc's video of his passing. Pollock arrived at WPVI-TV in 1975 and transformed Channel 6 and Action News. He knew that audiences responded best to people, so he brought on the right talent and put them in the right places.

"He did very well, but he genuinely enjoyed it," daughter Jackie Kane said. "He liked the challenges."

Pollock grew up in the Bronx,



▲ Larry Pollock Photo provided

N.Y. He attended The City College of New York and started his 45-year career at ABC in 1956, serving as manager of research for ABC Radio and director of advertising and research for WABC-TV, ABC's television network in New York City.

He met his wife, Carol Pollock, at the Catskills. ("Ours was a 'mixed' marriage,"

Lawrence joked in 2013. Carol Pollock was from Brooklyn.) The two married in 1959. Carol Pollock died in 2013.

In 1963, he moved to Albany, N.Y. to join Capital Cities. Leaving New York City, especially for a job at a smaller media company, was an eyebrow-raiser, but that small media company bought ABC in 1985 and then was bought, in turn, by The Walt Disney Co., which rebranded it as the Disney-ABC Television Group in 1996.

At ABC, Pollock worked his way up through the ranks. He moved to Buffalo, where he was vice president and general manager of WKBW-TV. Then, in 1975, his career took him and his family to Philadelphia. He started there as vice president and general manager for WPVI-TV, then became

president and general manager.

In 1991, Pollock was appointed president of Capital Cities/ABC station group. He retired in 2000.

"He believed very strongly in doing the right thing, and that getting ahead in business and life had to be done the right way or it wasn't worth doing," son David Pollock said.

Pollock was also involved in civic organizations and philanthropy. He was a longtime fan of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. His family knew him as a good storyteller.

Much of his philanthropy was focused on the Jewish community, particularly the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. He served as president of the Jewish Publishing Group,

on the board of trustees of the Jewish Federation and as a board member of Main Line Reform Temple.

"When you hear about what leading a Jewish life is — honesty and integrity and being philanthropic and mitzvahs and stuff — he had a strong sense of ethics," Kane said. "He really did. He was generous."

Pollock is survived by his brother Michael Plancher and his wife Marilyn Plancher; sister-in-law June Hirsh; daughter Jackie Kane and her husband David Kane; daughter Debbi Lindenberg and her husband Howard Lindenberg; son David Pollock and grandchildren Michael Kane, William Kane, Jessica Lindenberg and Nicky Lindenberg. •

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# Deb Ryan Running for Chester County DA Job

LOCAL

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

**IT TOOK JUST ONE CASE** for Deb Ryan, now running for District Attorney in Chester County, to know she wanted to be a prosecutor.

After graduating from Boston University, she had a sense of wanting to “help” in some way; she just didn’t have a “how” yet. She landed an internship at the office of then-Phila-

delphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham, where she “fell in love with the work.”

Early on, she sat in on a trial where she watched a prosecutor make a closing argument in a murder case.

“It was riveting,” she said. “Watching him advocate for justice on behalf of the victim and the survivors, his family, was so awe inspiring I was hooked instantaneously.”

As she spent more time in the internship, she found that sort

of sense of justice to be exactly what she had been seeking.

“There was this incredible sense of unity and support for victims, and the idea of advocating for justice for someone who has been harmed in some fashion by a team of people who really cared about doing the right thing was inspiring,” she said. “The people I had worked with or for were amazingly kind, generous, smart people who really just wanted to help the community in some way.”

Now, Ryan, a graduate of University of Pittsburgh School of Law, is running as a victim’s rights advocate in her race against incumbent district attorney (and former boss) Tom Hogan in Chester County, positioning herself as the candidate most interested in protecting victims and working with police.

“They’re looking for someone who will be a supportive leader,” she said, something that her friends in law enforcement have told her has been lacking in recent years.

Ryan, the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, moved around a lot when she was young, as her family followed her father’s job with General Electric from Massachusetts to Syracuse to Villanova, where they finally settled. Ryan attended Harriton High School and Har Zion Temple before leaving for Boston University. After she graduated law school in 1998, she joined the DA’s office in Philadelphia.

Those were trying but exhilarating days.

“We dealt with so many different kinds of crimes, we had an enormous caseload, and we tried a ton of cases every day there,” she said.

Still, she found the experience rewarding, especially when it came to the difficult work of combating childhood sexual abuse, an area that has come to be her calling card.

In 2002, she had her second child and decided that she would stay at home for a few years. The family moved to Chester County and, for the next four years, Ryan worked part time as the chief operating officer at her mother’s nonprofit, Champions of Caring. The programs she ran encouraged children to become “social entrepreneurs,” creating action plans for bettering their communities and training them in skills like resume writing and public speaking.

Still, the old life called.

“I’m a prosecutor through and through,” she said.



▲ Deb Ryan

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In 2006, she began working at the Chester County DA’s office as an assistant district attorney and spent the next decade rising up the ranks, earning promotions and awards from Hogan himself. In 2016, she started working at the Crime Victim Center of Chester County as the county coordinator for the Safe and Healthy Communities Initiative, working on a program to eradicate child sexual abuse through education.

About a year ago, her friends in law enforcement began to tell her that she should consider running, a request she first rejected out of hand. They felt disrespected by the current administration, without support, and looked to Ryan as the solution. “I’m not a politician,” she reasoned. But she’d think about it, she told them.

Around then, she visited her brother in Israel, a reporter for *The Jerusalem Post*.

“He looked at me and said, ‘You know you can do so much good for so many people if you do this,’ and I took that to heart.”

A week later, he died unexpectedly.

Ryan believes that the sense of justice instilled in her by her grandparents, teaching her and her brother to advocate for the marginalized in whatever way they could, still powers her.

“I want to be the voice on behalf of victims and survivors,” she said. ●

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# Orthodox Parents of LGBTQ Kids Seek Inclusion

## NATIONAL

VICTORIA BROWN | JE FEATURE

**MINDY SAGER DICKLER'S** guiding philosophy is *ahavas Yisrael* — love for fellow Jews.

"There's no exceptions. We have a responsibility to love one another and not to judge one another. Those should be overriding principles," said Dickler, president and co-founder of JPride Baltimore and an Orthodox mother of a gay child. "There certainly should be no room for homophobia any place in our society, including in our Orthodox communities."

Eshel, an organization devoted to promoting the acceptance of LGBTQ youth in the Orthodox community, recently published results from a survey conducted at its annual retreat in November.

The report details the desires of parents of LGBTQ children.

"We want you to know how we feel," the report's opening said, "and what you can do to change the often negative and sometimes bigoted viewpoints you express."

The survey, titled "Moving Forward: A Request from Orthodox Parents with LGBTQ Children," found that 62 percent of LGBTQ children had left Orthodoxy (compared to the findings of a Pew study that 83 percent of Jewish adults raised Orthodox remain Orthodox).

The survey found that parents felt that privately discussing LGBTQ experiences with rabbis has not changed overall community mentalities toward LGBTQ individuals. The survey cites the need for Orthodox institutions to reassess their stances on LGBTQ individuals in the community and "reach

out to the broader community to begin a positive dialogue," the survey said. More parents felt the messaging of national Orthodox organizations should change (37 percent) as opposed to the messaging of their pulpit rabbis (27.5 percent).

The survey also found that every parent felt that day schools needed to be doing something different to address bullying and discrimination against LGBTQ children. More than 63 percent suggested mandated training for faculty and staff while just under 32 percent wanted schools to publish an inclusion policy.

"One of the biggest surprises for us is that the majority of parents want their children to be in a happy relationship, whether it's a same-sex partner, or a partner of their choice, and not be celibate," Eshel

Executive Director Miryam Kabakov said.

Dickler said that LGBTQ children of Orthodox families "have to make a choice between being a part of the LGBT community ... and being affiliated with the Jewish community," and that it shouldn't be that way. The next steps toward greater equality and acceptance in Jewish Orthodox communities, Dickler said, are "in the hands of the rabbi and the Jewish leaders."

Kabakov hopes that rabbis take notice of the survey and recognize that families of LGBTQ congregants want acceptance and inclusion from them.

Other steps Kabakov hopes come out of the survey's publication include education for staff and faculty at Jewish day schools and a greater discussion among rabbis about the issues facing their LGBTQ

congregants. Kabakov also hopes that rabbinic associations will behave differently with rabbis who are friendly to the LGBTQ community. She cited examples of the threats to remove a mashgiach's certification abilities and another rabbi's ability to build an eruv.

"They hold a lot of power and they use it to shut down discussions," she said.

Dickler is ready for the conversation to change.

"Time is up," she said. "It's time to create an understanding that [LGBTQ people] are in our communities, are in our families, they're in our homes and they're welcome just as much as any other Jew." •

Victoria Brown is a staff writer for the *Baltimore Jewish Times*, an affiliated publication of the *Jewish Exponent*.



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# Director Wins First Israeli Oscar in Years

NATIONAL

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*Skin*, a 20-minute movie, focuses on hate crimes and their impact on a skinhead and two young children, one black and one white.

wife and film producer, Jaime Ray Newman. “We hope that you grow up in a world where these things don’t happen because people learn to love and accept each other.”

Israeli screenwriter Sharon Maymon also accepted the award, and told Ynet that “it’s exciting to realize a childhood dream and send a message about racism, parenthood and education.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin congratulated Nattiv on Twitter.

an important cinematic chapter in the uncompromising struggle against those who choose racism as their way of life. I congratulate Guy and all those who were partners in his film.”

Yisrael Beytenu leader Avigdor Lieberman said Nattiv was “waving a red flag with his film in front of the troubling growth of anti-Semitism in the world. It is more food for thought for Jews around the world that only Israel is their real home.”

The last Israeli film which

won an Oscar was the 1979 *Madame Rosa*, which won Best Foreign Language Film for its adaptation of the 1975 novel *The Life Before Us* by Romain Gary.

Nattiv’s full-length film, also titled *Skin*, is based on an 2012 MSNBC documentary about Bryon Widner, one of the FBI’s most wanted white supremacists, who changed his ways after meeting a single mother and her three young daughters. It is expected to be released later this year. •



▲ Promotional photo of *Skin*

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My grandparents are Holocaust survivors. “The bigotry that they experienced ... we see that everywhere today — in America and in Europe. This film is about education; it’s about teaching your kids a better way.”

GUY NATTIV

The elated Nattiv ascended the stage to accept his award, telling attendees that “I moved here five years ago from Israel,” adding “Laila Tov, Yisrael!” (Goodnight, Israel!).

“My grandparents are Holocaust survivors,” he said. “The bigotry that they experienced in the Holocaust, we see that everywhere today — in America and in Europe. This film is about education; it’s about teaching your kids a better way.”

“We dedicate this to our 5-month-old baby, who is sitting at home with my parents watching this,” said Nattiv’s

“Congratulations to Guy Nattiv on winning Best Live Action Short at tonight’s Academy Awards. Dear Guy, all credit for *Skin* goes to you, Sharon and Jaime Ray, but the movie is a gift to our children and grandchildren and for the future we wish for them,” Rivlin wrote. “Proud to be Israeli! Mazel tov!”

“This win is another story of the success of Israeli cinema,” said Sports and Culture Minister Miri Regev said. “Nattiv, the son of Holocaust survivors. Nattiv’s win, for a film about hatred and racism, is

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Gettysburg College Trustee Resigns Over Nazi Costume Photo in Yearbook

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE BOARD of Trustees member Bob Garthwait resigned Feb. 19 after a history student found a 1980 yearbook photo of him wearing a Nazi costume in the college's archives, [pennlive.com](http://pennlive.com) reported.

Garthwait, who graduated from the college in 1982, wore the costume to an Alpha Chi Rho fraternity party. Attendees were asked to dress as Hogan's Heroes TV show characters. His costume included a red swastika armband.

Garthwait apologized in a written statement.

"I understand how disturbing this image is to members of the Gettysburg College community, and especially those who are Jewish. As a sophomore in 1980, I was not fully aware of the significance of those symbols," he said. "While this is no excuse, I am deeply embarrassed and regret participating in this event where Nazi symbols were used."

Garthwait has contributed financially to the college for many years and the Garthwait Leadership Center was named in his honor.

### French Anti-Semitism Marches Coincide with Cemetery Desecration

On the same day marches occurred in France

protesting rising anti-Semitism there, about 100 grave-stones were found desecrated in a Jewish cemetery, JTA reported.

The stones in a cemetery in the eastern French village of Quatzenheim were desecrated with blue spray-painted swastikas.

French President Emmanuel Macron — who visited the cemetery — said the government would take action. Later on Feb. 19, he held a moment of silence at the Holocaust memorial in Paris.

Meantime, there were about 70 protest marches in France. Protestors held signs that read "That's Enough." Former French presidents Francois Hollande and Nicolas Sarkozy joined the march, as did much of Prime Minister Edouard Philippe's cabinet and most major political party leaders.

### Orthodox British Nursery Wins Appeal of Case Against Fired Teacher

The Orthodox Gan Menachem Nursery in Hendon, England, won an appeals court ruling against a former teacher it fired because she lived with a boyfriend, JTA reported.

Zelda de Groen had sued the school, saying she had been victimized with discrimination and harassment. She lost her job in July 2016, shortly after

moving in with her boyfriend. She worked at the school for four years.

After de Groen and her boyfriend were guests at a barbecue with school trustees and student parents, she said the school told her in a "threatening" tone that it was time to marry.

De Groen did marry the boyfriend later that year.

The judge in the appeal ruled that while an employer can't "act to the detriment of a worker based on their religious belief, it was permitted to do so based on its own beliefs," The Independent reported.

### Jewish Esports Platform Launched at BBYO International Convention

Lost Tribe Esports, an initiative to connect Jewish teens worldwide via competitive video gaming, was launched at the BBYO International Convention held in Denver Feb. 14-19.

The platform is the first initiative from 4G44 Esports, Inc., a nonprofit created by former Olympic swimmer medalist Lenny Krayzelburg and Lenny Silberman, who has long been active in the Jewish sporting community. •

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## Millennials Just Meh About Israel

**MILLENNIALS DON'T FIND** Israel all that interesting, according to a study Bloom Consulting conducted for Vibe Israel, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Millennials ranked Israel 49th in the Best Countries Index, compared to 30th by prior generations. In addition, 84 percent of those surveyed were unaware of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

The study concluded that Israel isn't properly targeting itself to the young, who see it as a religious country.

“To succeed,” CEO of Vibe Israel Joanna Landau said, “we must join forces around a common vision and develop a consistent message about Israel in the world.”

The survey, which was presented on Feb. 20 to Israeli President Reuben Rivlin, included 4,000 people between the ages of 15 to 55 spread across 12 countries.

## Measles Vaccination Approved by Judge

An Israeli judge ruled in favor of a divorced woman who wanted to vaccinate her 12-year-old daughter against measles over the wishes of the father, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

The father had argued that “there’s no chance she’ll contract measles” and that his daughter “doesn’t want to [be vaccinated].” The mother has full physical custody of the child.

Judge Yehoram Shaked's verdict included testimony from Lior Ungar, a Sheba Medical Center doctor who said, "If an amusement park had a roller coaster ride in which one out of 600 children who rode on it would be ejected from the ride and killed, would you allow your child to get on it? That's measles."

In November, the Ministry of Health reported that there were 1,334 measles patients in the country.

## Israelis Leaving Big Cities for Suburbs, Mid-Sized Towns Across the Country

Residents of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa are leaving to instead live in suburbs and mid-sized towns, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data, **JNS.org** reported.

In 2017, 23,040 residents left Tel Aviv, while 17,098 residents left Jerusalem. In Haifa, 9,870 residents left.

Meantime, suburbs and mid-sized towns are experiencing growth, including Ramat Gan, Rosh HaAyin and Hod Hasharon in central Israel; Afula and Hadera in the north; and Ashkelon in the south.

For example, Tel Aviv suburb Ramat Gan took in 9,180 new residents, of which 2,593 are former Tel Avivians. Only 1,632 Ramat Gan residents, however, moved into Tel Aviv.

Rosh HaAyin took in 5,223 new residents, while Ashkelon welcomed 4,270 and Hadera claimed 3,341.

## Hungary to Open Trade Office in Israel

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced Feb. 19 that his nation will open a trade office in Jerusalem, JTA reported.

Orban was one of several Central European prime ministers meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I just informed the prime minister that the Hungarian government decided to open a trade representation here with diplomatic status," Orban said. "So we will have an official presence in Jerusalem as well."

Afterward, Netanyahu said via a statement that Slovakia intends to open an innovation and cultural center in Jerusalem; that dovetails with a Czech Republic announcement about the opening of an honorary consulate called the Czech House in the capital city. ●

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**IF YOU ARE LOOKING** for a European destination that is rich in history, splashed with eclectic architecture and vibrating with a dynamic nightlife, head for Berlin.

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Walking the streets of Berlin, the capital of past and present Germany, it is impossible to escape history. The city dates from the 13th century and has experienced centuries of Prussian and German political achievements and turmoil and was essentially destroyed during World War II. It also played a huge role in the Cold War with its infamous Berlin Wall.

Despite being occupied and divided in the aftermath of World War II, contemporary Berlin has recovered smartly in the last generation.

Its architectural mixture of new and old reflects both its history and the city's deliberate and ongoing choice to recover fully from its destruction. Its Holocaust Memorial, Jewish Museum and historical markers are evidence that the city is trying to both remember and denounce its Nazi past.

Although the city gleams with new skyscrapers and striking modern architecture, visitors can find many restored and/or preserved buildings such as the Reichstag and city gates. With its many trendy clubs and restaurants, Berlin has attracted throngs of young people and has again become a significant business center.

With smart shopping streets, a vibrant street café scene and great museums, Berlin is definitely worthy of a visit, especially since its hotel rates are among the lowest in Europe.

2019 is a good time to visit



▲ The Fernsehturm (TV Tower) is visible from most of central Berlin. It boasts a popular rotating restaurant.

Photos by Jeff Orenstein

since it marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and, as usual, boasts a busy cultural calendar which will reflect a now thoroughly united metropolitan area and the 100th anniversary of the Bauhaus movement, so influential in modern architecture and banned by the Nazis.

### Before You Go, Check Out:

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- [handluggageonly.co.uk/2017/01/09/17-sights-you-need-to-see-on-a-first-time-visit-to-berlin-germany/](http://handluggageonly.co.uk/2017/01/09/17-sights-you-need-to-see-on-a-first-time-visit-to-berlin-germany/)
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### Getting There and Getting Around:

Berlin can be reached by highway, air or train.

- By air, Berlin's main airport is

Tegel (TXL), 5 miles from the Berlin Central Train Station. Schoenefeld (SFX) is another airport served mainly by budget airlines. It is linked by train to Central Train Station, 15.5 miles away.

- By car, Berlin is served by Autobahns 9 to Munich, 24 to Hamburg and 13 to Dresden.
- By train, Berlin has a central train station and several outlying stations and is part of the DB and Eurail system.
- The nearest cruise port is Warnemünde, 165 miles north.

### Must-Sees for a Short Trip:

Among attractions that you should take in are:

- Getting a Berlin Welcome Card and taking advantage of included public transportation and museum admissions.



▲ The ruins of the former Anhalter Bahnhof train station, once the largest in Europe. Started in 1839 and rebuilt in 1880, it was an important station used to ship soldiers and supplies to the fronts of World War I and II, by visitors to the 1936 Olympics and, involuntarily, by Jews on the way to Nazi death camps after 1942. It was bombed in WWII and closed in 1952.



▲ One of the many historic city gates in Berlin

- Explore the walkable Mitte District which includes Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall, the Holocaust Memorial, the Fernsehturm (TV Tower) with its rotat-

ing restaurant and the Reichstag (parliament) building. Also noteworthy in Mitte are the Cathedral Church, Tiergarten park, Alexanderplatz, Museum Island and Potsdamer Platz.



## If You Have Several Days:

- Kurfürstendamm, one of Berlin's most important shopping and dining districts
- Memorial Church. The partially restored church is both a unifying symbol and a reminder of wartime destruction.
- Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, moving series of 2,711 coffin-like concrete shapes
- Visiting the Jewish Museum
- Exploring the museums at Museum Island in depth.
- Visiting the Zoological Garden
- Taking a boat tour on the River Spree
- Checking out decommissioned Tempelhof Field of Berlin Airlift fame

## Ginny O's Tips for Dressing The Simply Smart Travel Way for Berlin:

Berlin is trendy and fashionable so dress up a little when out for a nice dinner. Upscale casual is OK for daytime.

## This Destination at a Glance:

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## When to Go:

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## Where to Stay:

Berlin boasts about 800 hotels and guesthouses at all price ranges. We found the Mercure Berlin Mitte a comfortable and convenient choice to explore the city's Mitte section.

## Special Travel Interests:

German and Cold War history •

Jeffrey and Virginia Orenstein are travel writers from Sarasota, Fla.



▲ The soaring DB (German Railroad) tower at Potsdamer Platz is typical of the new buildings that have risen from the rubble of bombed-out buildings in Berlin. Note the shadow of another skyscraper across the street.



▲ The central train station in Berlin, the Berlin Hauptbahnhof, is a transportation hub as well as a tourist mecca with its many shops, tourism office, frequent trains and nearby restaurants.

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# Jewish Berlin

**TODAY'S BERLIN** has a thriving Jewish community despite the decimation of Jews during the Holocaust.

Among the city's most illustrious past Jewish residents were philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, Fanny Mendelssohn, Rosa Luxemburg and Albert Einstein.

A Jewish presence in Berlin dates to at least 1295, when Jews were mentioned in a master wool weaver's certificate forbidding wool merchants from trading with them.

Early Jews lived mostly in a Jewish quarter, but some wealthier Jews lived elsewhere. In 1671, 50 Jewish families moved there from Vienna, invited there by Frederick William of Brandenburg, to help with war reconstruction.

During the reign of Frederick the Great (1740-1786), Jews enjoyed some freedom and prosperity. Eighteenth-century Berlin Jews were typically bankers and traders, and a few served as court Jews.

The edict of 1812 finally bestowed Prussian citizenship upon the Jews. Many 19th-century Berlin Jews were prominent in journalism, literature and the arts, although they faced strong and consistent anti-Semitism.

By the 1920s, the city was home to about 70,000 Jews, albeit part of their environment was a backdrop of anti-Semitic culture. Most were forced to flee Germany after Hitler's rise to power, and 55,000 perished in the Holocaust. From late 1942, only Jewish laborers employed in vital war production were safe from deportation.

After the war, the community had a registered membership of 5,070, most with non-Jewish spouses; 1,321 survived the war by hiding, and 1,628 returned from concentration camps. By 1970, there were about 5,600 Jews.

By the 1990s, however, Berlin's Jewish population exploded with immigrants from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere.

The current Jewish population is about 100,000 out of roughly 3.6 million.

Today, there is a Jewish Museum, a Holocaust memorial, three Conservative congregations of varying size, four Reform congregations and six Orthodox congregations. Kosher food is obtainable, and there are several tours of Jewish Berlin available.

Unfortunately, despite this renaissance, anti-Semitism still exists. An April 2018 article in *The New York Times* chronicled its presence, despite official government efforts to stamp it out. •



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## Dog

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ownership team (more on the other half later). Again, useless, Brooklyn was too exciting.

Budow described the enormity of Brooklyn's victory to the students. The event seemed bigger than the Super Bowl, he said. Her victory was like the Abrams' basketball team beating the 76ers.

"I said, 'Susan, you don't have a chance to win,'" he recalled.

Meanwhile, his wife, Susan Fuchs, Brooklyn's other owner

and her primary trainer, stood off to the back, keeping Brooklyn as quiet as she could. After one growl, Budow raised his eyebrows to the assembly.

"She's telling you to be quiet," he said.

Fuchs, chair of the department of psychiatry at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton for more than 20 years, now runs her own private practice. She always looked for new ways to treat patients, she said, and as she started to learn more about animal-assisted therapy (especially regarding dogs), she became

more interested. She ended up getting her master's degree at the University of Denver relating to the subject a few years ago.

When she found Brooklyn at a breeder in Calgary, Canada, she knew almost immediately that Brooklyn was a good candidate to be a future therapy dog; Brook, for short, ran right up to her.

"I said, 'You know what, I think she's good with people,'" Fuchs recalled.

Now, she's an active therapy dog, registration and all, training up with extra classes a few times a month, helping Fuchs give the children she works with confidence and comfort during their sessions.

Her victory was unbelievable, Budow told the students. As Fuchs later said, the politics involved in tailoring a dog's performance and grooming to specific judges, not to mention the long hours and resources that need to be poured into training, are often prohibitive to those who don't spend their lives doing such a thing. The people of Westminster, well ...

"It's a very snobby group of people," he said. "These Westminster people have a different view of the world."

Nevertheless, he focused on the positives. He showed her ribbon off to the crowd, even as he groused that it came with no cash prize. He recalled the story of Brooklyn's inability to relieve herself on pavement, so acclimated she's become to the rolling green in Bucks County; consequently, Brooklyn was ferried to Central Park, where she did her business in dignity.

Budow noted that he was approached by another competitor who told him how happy she was to see him and his wife — the first visibly Orthodox Jews she had ever seen at Westminster in her 25 years of attendance.

"This is such a great lesson for your people," he told the children. "You can dream the



▲ Brooklyn at Westminster

Photo provided



▲ Students sit as still as they can for the presentation.

Jesse Bernstein

impossible dream!" *Im tirtzu* ... Indeed, it was an improbable victory.

"I was absolutely shocked," Fuchs said. "It was so totally unexpected."

A lot of dogs, Fuchs said, are sent away to handlers for years at a time, only rarely seeing their actual owners. Fuchs, meanwhile, did the majority of the training for Brooklyn. Additionally, the gung-ho members of the dog show world are out every weekend, establishing a rapport with the judges. Some even go so far as to do Academy Awards season-style campaigns for their pups, taking out ads in the industry magazines.

Fuchs introduced a short video compiled of Brooklyn's victory to the students, showing as she was trotted around a small ring by a gray-haired woman in heels and a red pantsuit. There was also a clip of Brooklyn's award presentation, as she panted happily.

The floor was opened for questions, as well as comments asked in the form of a question. "I've

never seen a dog with so much fur," one student asked. "I'm from Brooklyn," another inquired.

"How old is Brooklyn?" She's 4, was the answer. "What is Brooklyn's lifespan?" Probably another decade. "Can she do a backflip?" That's a negative. One student stood up, raised his hand, was called upon, and with the eyes of the room upon him, got too bashful and sat back down.

Speaking of sitting: The conclusion of the Q&A led into a display of Brooklyn's talents. She rolled over on the ground, she spun around on her hind legs, and yes, she sat.

"That's better than my class at sitting," one teacher called out.

"You don't have to go to the circus, come to Abrams," Budow told the students.

After the presentation ended, students were invited to pet Brooklyn on their way to class. Though Fuchs thought it might be a bit overwhelming for Brooklyn, she seemed to enjoy the attention. ●

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## Parkland

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went through because I want them to feel something,” said Barrack, who wore a red sweatshirt with “#DouglasStrong” emblazoned across the front. “I want them to be touched by something so they know what it’s like.”

Speakers included 10th-grader Zoe Freedman, who introduced Barrack; 10th-grader Sydnee Ostroff, who shared statistics of gun violence; and freshman Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-District 4), who gave an overview of the gun control legislation she introduced to Congress on Jan. 30. A group of students also sang at the event.

Barrack shared her experience of the shooting and how students at her school have since struggled with trauma and depression.

That day began normally for her. She was reading *The Catcher in the Rye* in her fourth-period class when gunshots rang out, and she dropped her book.

The students knew what to do because of the school’s active shooter drills. She and her classmates crowded behind the teacher’s desk in the corner. She heard gunshots “like pots and pans banging against each other,” screams from students in other classrooms and shouts of “Put your hands up!”

Those shouts were from officers who had arrived at the scene. But Barrack thought they were a group of shooters in the building.

When those officers broke down her classroom door, she thought she was about to die.

The officers escorted the students out and instructed them to keep their eyes forward. Students looked down anyway, and Barrack glimpsed bodies and bullets on the ground. The air was full of smoke.

“That was it for some people,” Barrack said. “That was it for a lot of my friends. I knew seven of the victims.”



▲ U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean talks about gun violence.

She is surrounded at school by daily reminders of the tragedy. Students and teachers sometimes break out into sobs. In one of her classes, she sits next to a student who was shot.

“It was an accomplishment to even go back to school,” Barrack said. “A lot of people transferred schools because the environment of the school was so different. Not even just the environment, the people changed. My friendships changed. I’m not friends with my best friends anymore, and I’d rather be friends with freshmen because they’re not depressed and they’re not on antidepressants.”

Later in the event, Dean spoke about her bill, the Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act, which would prohibit the possession of a firearm that is undetectable by airport-level detection devices.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, close to 16,000 people were killed and more than 28,000 were injured by firearms in 2018.

“What’s awful is we’re no longer surprised,” Dean said. “Think about it. This week, we marked the anniversary of the Parkland horrific tragedy and massacre, and then on Friday, the day after the Parkland anniversary, we watched another horrific mass shooting unfold at a company in Aurora, Ill. Six dead, including the shooter, and at least seven wounded. Just another day in America.”

Rachel Eisenman, an 11th-grader and co-president of KIFTY, said the group of teens

organized the gun control prevention event in about two weeks.

“Me and my friends, we really did that. We pulled that off,” Eisenman said. “We were really proud of ourselves and all the work we had done.”

In mid-January, Rabbi Stacy Eskovitz Rigler, director of religious education, took the synagogue’s confirmation class on its annual trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism’s L’Taken Seminar. There the students chose to lobby their representatives for gun violence prevention, and one student, Freedman, shared her version of events from the Parkland shooting.

It was a story Freedman shared again at the event on Feb. 19, when she introduced her camp friend, Barrack. On Feb. 14, 2018, when Freedman heard about the shooting, she had texted Barrack, wanting to see if she was OK.

“Three hours,” Freedman said. “Three hours I sat, staring at my phone, waiting, waiting for that one notification telling me she was alive.”

At a KIFTY meeting in early February, Rigler suggested to the students that they should organize an event honoring Parkland.

The students got to work organizing the event, with guidance from Rigler and others. Freedman reached out to Barrack about speaking at the event, while Ostroff wrote to Dean’s office. Shayna Saltzburg, KIFTY’s member-




▲ Zoe Freedman introduces her camp friend and Parkland survivor, Samara Barrack.

ship vice president, set up the RSVP form. The KIFTY teens contacted local youth group advisers, Jewish educational directors and CeaseFirePA, which tabled at the event. They made their own flyers and press releases.

“I want my teens, who are post-B’nai Mitzvah, to know that their responsibilities and opportunities as Jews in America begin at age 13,”


Rigler said. “For them, they were able to truly live out what it means to be a modern Jewish teenager. They were able to speak out for justice, they were able to give voice to suffering and they were able to take action to save a life or save many lives, and they did that all in a Jewish context.” ●

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THE VIEW FROM HERE

# Always Keep Moving, and Appreciate the Journey



BY JOSHUA RUNYAN

**WHEN I WAS** in college, if you had suggested — as many did — that I go to law school, I would have told you that I was soon to be done with academics.

Several years later, when I was the news editor of this publication, I was told by the then-executive editor that I could go as far in this industry as I wanted, even one day succeeding him on the masthead of the *Jewish Exponent*. Six months later, I stunned both my friends from college and the mentor who gave me my first post-university job when my wife and I — with three kids in tow — left Philadelphia and the *Exponent* to establish a new life in Israel.

Life has a funny way of coming full circle.

Just nine years after making aliyah, I was back in my native Philly to lead the *Exponent* as its editor-in-chief. Four years after that, I am leaving the *Exponent* yet again ... to practice law. (I will graduate from Temple University's Beasley School of Law in May, and sit for the bar exam in July.)

I've always told my children, who now number 10, that far from being something to fear, change is something that should be embraced — even to the point of seeking it out when necessary. Since my wife and I got married as students at the University of Pennsylvania, we've moved six times, calling University City, Bala Cynwyd, Beit Shemesh, Florida, Baltimore and Overbrook Farms home. And even as I embark on a new career as an attorney — having previously spent more than two decades as a journalist and several years as a commercial pilot and flight instructor — my wife is pursuing her doctorate in psychology.

Each step of the way, the twists and turns of our path around the North Atlantic have seen

our family grow, the challenges quickly giving way to opportunities, thereby producing more challenges and continuing the cycle of life. I can only hope our children, for whom resilience isn't so much a notion as it is an animating principle, have been as blessed by us and our journey as we are by them and their energetic spirit.

But while opportunity offers the promise of a better tomorrow, change is often bittersweet. Two years ago, I dedicated this column to my son Sefi's Bar Mitzvah. I had dreamed of being able to do that for my son Mendel's this June, but as so frequently happens, the Almighty had other plans.

So I shall use what little space I have left here to speak directly to my son, whose Torah portion is the meaty section known as Shelach. In that parashah, Moses sends spies to the land of Israel to scope out its breadth, the quality of its produce and the strength of its inhabitants before the Jewish people, on the precipice of their conquering it, cross into it.

Unpredictably, a majority of the spies give a factually accurate but improper report, foolishly concluding that the same

people who had been delivered from Egypt would not be able to settle the Holy Land. Those who heard the report were whipped into such a frenzy that they refused to go; their punishment was to die in the desert, leaving their children to inherit the land of milk and honey.

What were the people, who witnessed with their own eyes the miracles of the plagues and the splitting of the sea, afraid of? One explanation is that given the choice between divine revelation in the desert and the demands of physical toil in the agricultural society planned in the land of Israel, they preferred effortlessly receiving their spirituality rather than working for it.

To be sure, it was a rational choice, but according to the Torah, it was a completely wrong one.

Too often in life, the promise of comfort confounds us; we tend to confuse the reality of what we have for the reality of what can be. A person should always be happy with what he has, of course, but he should also not be afraid to embrace the potential for change.

Change is not a good in and of itself, though. And it needn't

— some might say shouldn't — be radical. For the generation in the desert, settling the land was a categorical shift in their experience. But for the person who is used to reviewing a piece of knowledge 100 times, the 101st time is a completely new reality. Sometimes, moderation is radical enough, and so in a world bounded by two extremes, be a radical moderate.

As you go through life, you will be faced with choices. Always know that the changes you are presented with are not the entire realm of available paths. Moving ever so slightly to the left or to the right, moderate though it is, might just be the change necessary to open the door to a new opportunity.

And when that opportunity comes, don't be like the spies. Seize it with the knowledge that Divine Providence has placed it there.

If it doesn't work out — or even if it does — there's always law school. •

Joshua Runyan has been the editor-in-chief of the *Jewish Exponent* for the past four years. He has loved every minute of it, and wishes the incoming editor, Liz Spikol, the best of luck.

## Trump Repeats Mistake of Obama's "Peace Processors"

BY STEPHEN M. FLATOW

**PAST U.S.** administrations invested so heavily in fruitless attempts to facilitate Arab-Israel negotiations that American envoys came to be known as "peace processors" — that is, they were so focused on maintaining the appearance of a "process" that they couldn't face up to the obvious fact that the Palestinian Arabs just don't want peace.

In other words, for the

Obama administration and its predecessors, process was more important than peace.

Is the Trump administration repeating Obama's mistake? U.S. envoys Jason Greenblatt and Jared Kushner have announced that they will soon be heading back to the Mideast for yet another round of diplomacy concerning their not-yet-revealed "peace plan."

The administration's persistent courtship of the Palestinian Authority is puzzling precisely because it seems

to be odd with the statements of senior U.S. officials and envoys.

After the murder of Israeli Rabbi Raziell Shevach a year ago, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, rightly pointed out that Palestinian Authority "laws will provide [the killers] financial rewards. Look no further to why there is no peace." The Palestinian Authority responded by calling the American ambassador a

"son of a dog" and demanding that he be added to the U.S. "global terror list."

In an address last September, Friedman remarked that "since 1994, the United States has thrown more than \$10 billion in humanitarian aid to the Palestinians," yet "we found that these expenditures were bringing the region no closer to peace or stability, not even by a millimeter."

In December, the ambassador tweeted: "The Pal

Authority maintains laws that will compensate these terrorists and their families for their heinous acts. The PA can be a political body OR a sponsor of terror, not both." It's pretty obvious which one of those the Palestinian Authority has chosen.

White House envoy Jason Greenblatt likewise has shared some blunt words about the Palestinian Authority. In a

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# A Time of Transition, and Continuity



BY NAOMI ADLER

IN 2015, after the *Jewish Exponent* went through a series of significant changes, Joshua Runyan was appointed editor-in-chief. For Runyan, the job was a natural fit, as he began his journalism career years before with the *Exponent* upon his graduation from college.

the vibrancy and diversity of our region's Jewish life to the *Exponent's* pages.

Under his guidance, the editorial section deeply engaged our readership and encouraged passionate responses, with fresh commentary that tackled everything from the U.S.-Israel relationship to the opioid epidemic to local zoning laws. During his tenure, Runyan made sure readers were up to speed on issues affecting their day-to-day lives, always capturing the unique intersection between Jewish and Philadelphia life.

The *Exponent* is the second-oldest continuously published Jewish weekly in the United States, and in its 131 years of existence it has not

as publisher, while the editorial team will continue to report on pertinent Jewish Federation and community news and events to keep the audience engaged and informed.

As we wish Runyan well as he prepares for the next step in his career, we are incredibly grateful that two years ago he hired reporter and editor Liz Spikol.

Spikol, a lifelong Philadelphian with an extensive and estimable local journalism career, will take over as editor-in-chief beginning with next week's issue. We expect she will bring a new perspective, energy and excitement while maintaining the fresh and original content that *Exponent* readers are now accustomed to.

I encourage everyone to

Whether you enjoy opinion pieces or news features, or recipes or engagement announcements, the *Exponent* will remain your go-to place for "what it means to be Jewish in Philadelphia."

A native Philadelphian, Runyan had a great perspective and impeccable credentials to spearhead the *Exponent's* next editorial chapter.

Over the last four years, with Runyan's leadership and a renewed focus on reader input, we have seen our cherished community paper flourish and prosper. Through thoughtful crafting of breaking news coverage and local community profiles, Runyan brought

missed delivery of a single issue. The changing of an editor will not deter the *Exponent* from remaining the essential source for Jewish news source in our region.

Whether you enjoy opinion pieces or news features, or recipes or engagement announcements, the *Exponent* will remain your go-to place for "what it means to be Jewish in Philadelphia." The Jewish Federation will continue to serve

continue to read the paper each week and engage with the *Exponent* online at [jewishexponent.com](http://jewishexponent.com), while also following the paper on social media for the most up-to-date content.

Josh, thank you for your time and dedication, and Liz, welcome to your new role. •

Naomi Adler is the president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

## KVETCH 'N KVELL

### Agreeing to Agree, and Disagree

I AGREE WITH the authors of a recent article that tikkun olamism, the exclusive focus by liberal Jews on repairing the world via social justice as the totality of their Judaism, evinces an existential threat to the Jewish people ("Tikkun Olam: A Return to Our True Mission," Jan. 31). I also agree with the authors that those congregants of Beit Tikkun Olam should recognize the state of Israel for what it is — a not-perfect-but-much-better-than-average country when it comes to their secular religion's core tenets: free speech, free press, religious freedom, women's rights, gay rights, minority rights, an independent judiciary, public education, economic freedom and on and on.

But for us Jews who believe that there is no creator of the universe, and for our fellow Jews who at least do not believe that the God of Moses commanded the Jewish people to obey His commandments, the challenge is to figure out what in Judaism is the baby and what is the bathwater.

Unfortunately, for some of us, the closer we look, the more bathwater we see. As a result, my fellow liberal Jews have grasped onto *tikkun olam* as a lifesaver thrown to someone who has fallen overboard into the Sea of Reasonable Doubt.

Tikkun olamism is just a symptom of the real existential threat to the Jewish people: disbelief.

Steve Mendelsohn | Penn Valley

### Searching for Jewish View

I don't get it ("Listen Now, Rather Than Planning for the Future," Feb. 14).

Your publication is the *Jewish Exponent*. But Dave Anderson's opinion piece could easily have appeared in a general circulation publication.

It possessed no distinctive Jewish angle or content.

Why devote your precious/limited print space to information which could easily appear elsewhere? •

Jesse H. Wohlberg | Philadelphia

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# Beyond Inclusion — The Jewish Community Acts to Advance Disability Policy

BY AARON KAUFMAN

**WHEN I WAS** born with cerebral palsy, my parents knew that I would encounter obstacles that neither they nor my peers had to navigate. Aside from the frustration that inevitably results from navigating an inaccessible world, having a visible disability means I also feel a constant need to prove myself and added pressure to excel and disprove societal biases about people with disabilities. I felt this pressure at school, I feel it now at work, at the theater and even on my weekly trips to the grocery store, where I am met with averted eyes and looks of pity.

However, living with a disability has also helped me channel this frustration into a fruitful career at the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), where I help lead the Jewish community's efforts to advocate for and with people with disabilities — including our annual Jewish Disability Advocacy Day, where Jews with disabilities and our allies converge on Capitol Hill.

This event, which brings together professional and lay volunteers from across the Jewish Federation system and beyond, is one crucial way of ensuring that we don't just talk about disability acceptance and inclusion in our places of worship or inside the Jewish community. Instead, we actively lift our voices and fight for change. At this year's Jewish Disability Advocacy Day on Feb. 26, advocates urged Congress to pass two key bills that will help disabled Americans live independent lives without fear of bankruptcy due to medical costs.

One of the major reasons why I've been successful as a lobbyist and disability self-ad-

vocate is that I have a measure of financial security thanks to my Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Account. ABLE Accounts allow people with disabilities and their families to establish tax-advantaged savings and investment plans. These accounts ease financial strain for people with disabilities by allowing them to withdraw their own tax-free savings to pay for costly disability-related expenses. Thanks to my ABLE Account, I have money set aside for disability-related expenses, such as mobility devices and various therapies.

Currently, to be eligible for an ABLE account, one must receive a disability diagnosis prior to age 26. While many Americans, like myself, are diagnosed with a disability early in life, millions of Americans with disabilities are prevented from accessing this critical financial tool because their diagnosis came later in life. Due to this age cutoff, adults who acquire their disability later in life, such as individuals with spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, Lou Gehrig's disease, and multiple sclerosis, are barred from this essential program. The ABLE Age Adjustment Act (S. 817/H.R. 1874 in the last Congress) would raise the age cutoff to 46, ensuring that more than 6 million Americans can achieve financial stability and access to essential disability-related health services.

For the past three years, I have worked with disability rights lobbyists, advocates and self-advocates to urge Congress to reauthorize the bipartisan Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, which is in jeopardy. MFP is one of the longest-running and most successful demonstrations in

Medicaid. Thanks to this program, more than 88,000 people with physical and intellectual disabilities, mental illness and senior citizens in 47 states have transitioned from institutional settings back into home- and community-based services. As a result of MFP, thousands of participants who need long-term services and support can successfully transition from institutions back to their own homes and communities. Despite its success, MFP expired in September 2016, leaving states scrambling to use their own funds to continue these positive efforts to integrate seniors and people with disabilities into the community. The efforts of the disability rights and advocacy community have not gone unnoticed. Last month, the Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019 was signed into law. While a good first step, this legislation only extends MFP until March. We must continue to advocate for a long-term solution. This is why we are focusing our energy on advocating for the bipartisan, bicameral EMPOWER Care Act (S. 2227/H.R. 5306 in the last Congress).

At the heart of these two programs is a commitment to caring for all members of our community. To me, being Jewish is about the bonds of connection that help uplift all members of our community — and way beyond that. Jewish Disability Advocacy Day will demonstrate the power that this community can have when we think beyond awareness and acceptance alone, and work to make inclusion a reality for millions more people throughout the country. •

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## Flatow

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Dec. 3 tweet, he wrote that it was “absurd” that it “now tries to defend Hamas & terrorism by undermining a condemnation of Hamas at the UN. It's time to speak the truth.” And in a Dec. 11 op-ed on **FoxNews.com**, Greenblatt wrote: “The Palestinian Authority continues to reward terrorists and their families and fails to condemn Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israelis. It also defends Hamas, an unrepentant terrorist organization.”

Just last week, Greenblatt tweeted to a P.A. spokesman: “You're doing nothing [for peace]. You can't claim to want peace and also try to sabotage the potential for an agreement.” Greenblatt also accused

while battling against the evil occupation, equals what?”

Yet U.S. envoys Greenblatt and Kushner are on their way back to the region in order to tell Arab representatives about “the economic portion of the U.S. peace proposal for Israel and the P.A. ... which is expected to include a combination of aid and investment to help the Palestinian people,” an unnamed U.S. official told Reuters.

Translation: The Trump plan includes the United States and others pumping billions of dollars into the corrupt terrorist P.A. regime and the Palestinian state that the plan reportedly will propose to establish. Talk about throwing good money after bad.

The Trump administration needs to learn from its predecessors' mistakes, not repeat them. Running after the Palestinians with armloads of cash has never brought peace, and never will.

the Palestinian Authority of wanting “only benefits and no responsibilities” from its relationship with the United States.

Meanwhile, two congressmen have just managed to pry loose from the U.S. Government Accountability Office a previously classified report on schools in Palestinian Authority areas. The 65-page report states that the P.A. school curriculum uses “militaristic and adversarial imagery, and preaches the values of resistance.”

Even math equations are “problematic,” the report found, citing math problems based on the numbers of Arabs allegedly killed by Israelis in various conflicts. I guess that would be something like: “One glorious Palestinian martyr viciously murdered by Israeli Nazis while trying to liberate Palestine, plus two heroic Palestinian fighters savagely slaughtered by Israeli criminals

One of the most reprehensible images of the pre-Trump Middle East “peace process” years was that of then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright taking off her high heels so she could run after Yasir Arafat down the hallway when he stalked out of the negotiations over some triviality. John Kerry's diplomatic efforts, while not involving high heels, followed the same approach. And yielded the same results.

The Trump administration needs to learn from its predecessors' mistakes, not repeat them. Running after the Palestinians with armloads of cash has never brought peace, and never will. •

Stephen M. Flatow, an attorney in New Jersey, is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995.





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# Sheet Pan Dinners

## FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

**MY DISHWASHER BROKE** last week. This is clearly a first-world problem, but it encouraged me to use fewer kitchen items for meal prep.

Every bowl, spoon, pot and pan meant more work for the cook, and that was not appealing. I had read something somewhere about sheet pan meals — the concept that the entire meal, or the bulk of it, is prepped and cooked on one rimmed pan.

With this in mind, I created these two meals, and both were quite good. The Lemon Olive Chicken did double duty as a dinner salad the following night.

If you are not rationing calories or dishes, both of these dishes would work well with rice, potatoes, quinoa or the carb of your choice. We served simple green salads both nights and were quite sated.

### JALAPENO FLUKE WITH CUMIN-ROASTED GREEN BEANS

*Serves two*

My fishmonger told me the fluke was particularly good last week, but any fillet or steak works with this recipe. I used a version of jalapeno-garlic “pickle” that I pureed. ‘Twas good, flavorful and just the right texture for this dish.

- ¾ pound fluke fillet or your favorite fish**
- 2 tablespoons pureed jalapeno “pickle” (see note)**
- 1 pound green beans, stems removed**
- 1½ tablespoons neutral cooking oil, such as canola or vegetable**
- Salt and pepper to taste**
- 2 teaspoons cumin seeds**
- ½ lime**

On a rimmed sheet pan, place the fish on one side and

the green beans on the other. Heat your oven to 375 degree.

Drizzle the oil over the beans and fish. Sprinkle both with salt and pepper.

Spread the jalapeno puree over the fish. Sprinkle the cumin seeds over the string beans and toss to distribute evenly.

Bake 15-20 minutes until the fish is done (flaky and opaque throughout) and the beans are cooked. When the pan is removed from the oven, squeeze the lime juice over the fish and serve.

Note: If you do not have jalapeno pickle on hand, you can make a small batch as follows: Cut the stem off a small jalapeno; remove the seeds if less heat is desired — or leave them in for more kick. Place it in a mini Cuisinart or blender with 2 cloves garlic, ½ teaspoon salt and 2 tablespoons of canola or vegetable oil. Puree until well mixed.

### LEMON OLIVE CHICKEN WITH ROASTED CARROTS

*Serves two*

I started this dish early in the morning, but don’t be impressed. It was not some long, involved, mess-making prep. I threw the marinade ingredients into a Ziploc bag, banged them with a meat tenderizer (look mom, no dirty dishes) and left them in the fridge to soak with the chicken while I worked all day. I came home, dumped the contents on the sheet pan and I was 85 percent to dinner.

The leftovers were wonderful atop a bed of green leaf lettuce lightly dressed with lemon vinaigrette. I cut up the chicken and carrots, heated them in the microwave with the pan drippings/marinade and poured it all over the salad. The hot/cold juxtaposition worked well, and the salad was flavorful and

satisfying. It’s also a good way to avoid using too many dishes.

- 1 pound boneless chicken breasts, sliced horizontally across to create thin cutlets. (Each breast generally makes three slices.)**
- ½ cup pitted black olives**
- 1 teaspoon capers, with juice**
- 1 lemon, cut in half**
- ½ teaspoon salt**
- ½ teaspoon pepper**
- 4 cloves garlic**
- ⅓ cup olive oil**
- 1 pound long carrots, cut in half lengthwise**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- Salt and pepper to sprinkle on carrots**

In a large Ziploc bag, place the olives, the juice and rinds of lemon, capers, salt, pepper, garlic and olive oil. Bang the ingredients with a meat tenderizer or rolling pin to break up the olives and garlic cloves.

Add the chicken, shake the

bag to coat it thoroughly, and place in it in the refrigerator for 2-24 hours.

When you’re ready to cook, heat your oven to 350 degrees. Dump the contents of the Ziploc onto a large, rimmed baking sheet and spread them to make a single layer, distrib-

uting the olives and marinade evenly. Push the chicken to one side of pan.

Place the carrots in a single layer on the opposite side of the pan and toss with oil, salt and pepper.

Bake for about 45 minutes until done. •



Photos by Keri White





# Show Redefines the Definition of a Diva

## THEATER

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

*Calling All Divas*, a jukebox show featuring original songs and classics from the likes of Carole King, Aretha Franklin and Miley Cyrus, opens at the Keswick Theatre on Mar. 2.

Featuring a quartet called The Un4gettables, the show was co-created by one of the singers, Lisa Sherman, and Academy Award-winning songwriter Franke Previte of *Dirty Dancing* fame. The show is directed by Michael LaFleur, a veteran of Las Vegas stage shows, among other venues.

The show tells the story of a producer and four women who compete to become superstars, all in service of saving a legendary nightclub.

For Sherman, co-creator of the show and one of its stars, the show is the summation of everything she's spent her career doing.

In true diva fashion, Sherman declines to disclose her age.

"Let's just say I'm old enough to say 'no' to that question. I am ageless. I am an ageless diva," she laughed.

The Rumson, N.J., native grew up as one of the handful of Jews in her town, singing and dancing from a young age. She joined her first dance company at 15, and went to Adelphi University to study dance. Right after school, she left for New York, where she's performed on and off since — as a Rockette, and as a personal trainer sponsored by Nike on the side, for good measure.

*Calling All Divas* began as *Songbird*, which featured Sherman alone singing the songs of the divas she had grown to love, starting with divas of the '30s and '40s and going to the likes of Bonnie Raitt. If Raitt isn't your idea of a diva, well, Sherman has an answer for that.

▲ *Calling All Divas*

Photo provided

“A diva can be many different definitions. A diva can be something that you feel within in yourself. A diva can be the best that you are. A diva is a confidence. A diva is an excitement. A diva is a sharing concept. Whatever you have inside your soul, whatever you want to offer, you can share to others.”

LISA SHERMAN

"A diva can be many different definitions," she said. "A diva can be something that you feel within in yourself. A diva can be the best that you are. A diva is a confidence. A diva is an excitement. A diva is a sharing concept. Whatever you have inside your soul, whatever you want to offer, you can share to others. ... A true diva is someone who has this inner energy, and this inner excitement, and this inner talent. Whatever talent it may be, you could be a sports person, you could be a theatrical person, you could be someone who is an artist. We're all divas."

After performing *Songbird* for a while, a friend of hers suggested that she switch up the concept a bit to keep everything fresh, leading to a similar show called *Decades of Divas*. A chance meeting with Previte led to yet another discussion that went beyond a new title, *Calling All Divas*, but to Previte

himself becoming involved with the production. He and the rest of the creative team joined then, reworking the show to add in other singers — Carol Riddick, Trenna Barnes and Brittneyann Accetta — while still creating space for the distinctive Lisa Sherman-ness of the original.

The show, she said, is about "unity, tension, friendship, love, belief, teamwork and girl power," though not necessarily in that order. "I want people to walk away feeling better than when they walked in the door." One of the ways that is achieved for Sherman is getting to sing her big show-stopper toward the end of the second act, though she won't reveal what it is.

Lindsay Rush knows the feeling.

Originally from Northeast Philadelphia, Rush is a songwriter living in Los Angeles. Two of her songs, "Just Trying To Matter" and "Can

You Dance In The Rain?" are included in the show, the result of — what else? — a chance encounter with Previte, just a few months ago.

Rush started writing songs

"obsessively" when her family moved from the Northeast to New Hope midway through her sophomore year of high school. Though she'd always been around music — her father has been in bands her whole life, and her mother was a wedding singer for decades — it took the upheaval of leaving all her friends to really spur her to action.

"I needed something that was mine and a place I could go, and I really feel like songwriting is a place," she said.

Rush describes her musical sensibility as being like "Lillith Fair, and then also Spice Girls," which would seem to suit her well for *Calling All Divas*. Sticking to Sherman's definition of diva-ness (divatude?), she sees songwriting as a way to speak truth to the world, truths that she learned growing up about what it meant to be a Jew, she said. Honesty, she said, is the most important trait for a song.

It's all in the service of uplift. "I like to bring light to the world, because it's so dark," she said. ●

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# Israeli Drama ‘Shtisel’ Lives up to Hype

## TELEVISION

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**SHTISEL**, AN ISRAELI drama Netflix picked up in December, can best be summarized by a quote from Marta Kauffman, the creator of *Friends*, who has said she is working on an American version of the show.

“Make sure those stories, and the universality of those stories, is what people take in,” she told *Variety* in 2016. “The rest is just background.”

*Shtisel*, which is available on Netflix with English subtitles, follows a Haredi family in the Geula neighborhood of Jerusalem. Since its Netflix release — it originally premiered in Israel in 2013 and ran for two seasons — word has spread. On social media, people are recommending the show to their friends, and reviews have lauded *Shtisel* for portraying the ultra-Orthodox as “ordinary” people.

What is certainly true about the show is that its storylines and the actors’ performances are so engrossing, it’s almost easy to forget about the characters’ *peyot* and *sheitals*. This is probably because the stories aren’t about how the characters’ struggle with their religion, unlike other portrayals of the Orthodox in mainstream media, such as *One of Us*, *Disobedience* and *The Chosen*. Instead, they are about love or loss or other universal stories.

That certainly does not mean their ultra-Orthodoxy is merely incidental. It shapes the storylines, such as in one plotline where a main character searches for love during hotel lobby dates arranged by a matchmaker.

The way the show follows its characters and its subtle, slow drama is reminiscent of Amazon Prime Video’s *Transparent*, another show about a Jewish family. *Shtisel*’s primary focus is on the family’s patriarch, Shulem Shtisel (Dov Glickman), and his youngest son, Akiva (Michael



▲ From left: Michael Aloni as Akiva Shtisel and Dov Glickman as Shulem Shtisel Screenshots from the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival trailer



▲ Michael Aloni as Akiva Shtisel



▲ Neta Riskin as Giti Weiss



▲ Shira Haas as Ruchami Weiss

Aloni), the last of Shulem’s children to still live at home.

Shulem is an imposing man in his 60s with a dark gray beard, whose wife passed away about a year before the start of the show. He works as the teacher and later principal of a *cheder* and has a penchant for falling asleep in front of the Talmud as he studies late into the night. His rigid demeanor, sense of duty to tradition and attempts to control his offspring might spark some dry laughter in viewers. During the series, he spends time with a few widows and divorcees but is reluctant to settle down with any of them, seemingly more interested in their cholent.

Akiva, on the other hand, is a romantic and a dreamer. (Sometimes literally, such as when in the first episode, he starts a heater loan program after dreaming about being cold — in the early spring.) He’s a young man in his mid-20s, fresh out of yeshiva and starting a job as a teacher at his father’s

*cheder*, while nursing aspirations of becoming an artist.

Outside of work and his time sketching animals at the zoo, he meets young women in hotel lobbies for dates. He’s in pursuit of true love and has been disappointed by his dates so far. Then, he meets Elisheva (Ayelet Zurer), an older woman and twice-widowed mother of one of his students. He pursues her, while she struggles with guilt over the deaths of her husbands.

Aloni shines in this show. His performance exemplifies how the show almost makes you forget that its characters are Haredi. Akiva’s status as both an insider and an outsider (he’s accepted as one of the Haredi community, though considered somewhat peculiar) provides the secular audience with a relatable perspective and an entry point into the insular Haredi community.

The show also follows other members of the family, in particular Akiva’s sister, Giti Weiss

(Neta Riskin), a homemaker and mother of five. After her husband abandons their family and stops sending money from Argentina, where his work as a *shochet* takes him for months at a time, Giti struggles to make ends meet. She keeps her situation a secret from almost everybody so as to make it easier for her husband to return. The only one who knows is her teenage daughter, Ruchami (Shira Haas), who fills in as parent for her younger siblings.

Other important characters in the family at the start of the series include Shulem’s octogenarian mother Malka (Hanna Rieber), who has taken to watching soap operas in her nursing home, and Zvi Arye (Harel Piterman), Akiva’s older brother, whose lighthearted escapades are maybe intended to release tension from the show but which instead take time away from other more compelling storylines.

*Shtisel*’s Netflix release has renewed interest in the show

to such a degree that Dikla Barkai, a producer for the production company behind the show, told *The New York Times* that the creators are thinking about creating a third season.

That popularity has been evident in Jews from across the religious spectrum.

One of the show’s creators, Yehonatan Indursky, grew up in a Haredi family, which lends the show its needed authenticity.

“*Shtisel* gives secular Israelis, live-and-let-live Jewish Americans of all persuasions, and non-Jews alike a glimpse into the mysterious and cloistered world of the ultra-Orthodox,” one Orthodox commentator, Ruchi Koval, wrote for the *Cleveland Jewish News*. “But when it draws back that curtain, here’s what you find: your father, your sister, your neighbor. They are you, and you are they. That’s what makes it so lovable, and that’s what makes it so fun.” ●

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## Spring 2019: Flared Pants, Mixing Patterns and More

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

**THIS SPRING'S LOOKS** include high-waisted bottoms, flared pants and puffy sleeves.

That's according to Sandy Edelstein, owner of Grove 121 in Bryn Mawr, who says that when she buys pieces for her boutique, she's not thinking about the trends. She's looking for pieces that she likes and that fit the lifestyles of her customers.

But trends influence the designers and determine what is available for each season. So even though trends should not be the most important consideration when choosing an outfit, Edelstein said, "trends

become something that you can't help but be aware of."

This season, yellow and lavender are popular colors, Edelstein said, as are mixing different patterns in a single outfit.

When it comes to fit, flared pants — or bell-bottoms — have returned. Flared pants look flattering on women, Edelstein said. They elongate figures and balance out hips. High-waisted bottoms are also popular, especially for younger women.

One look Edelstein is particularly excited about this season is menswear-inspired clothing for women. This look, which might include a blazer with a more feminine silhouette, is

right up Edelstein's alley. She recently, for example, got a gray-and-white pinstripe suit for her store. The jacket nips in at the waist and the pants have a flared leg, giving it a more feminine twist.

"You think about almost men's shirting but made in a feminine style, whether it be nipped in at the waist or having some kind of a cute detail that makes it different and cool," Edelstein said. "That's what I love doing anyways, taking classic things and mixing them up a little."

Menswear-inspired clothing and flared pants are doing the best among her customers. High-waisted bottoms are

An example of flared pants  
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doing well among younger women, while women over 40 are still preferring the mid-rise.

Elissa Bloom, executive director at the Philadelphia Fashion Incubator at Macy's Center City, has noticed the menswear-inspired fashion trend as well.

It's going in the other direction, too, she said, with men's clothing looking a little more feminine.

"Men are wearing brighter colors and wearing florals," Bloom said. "It used to be, I remember, that if a guy wore orange or a guy wore pink or purple, that was like, a huge big fashion statement. Now, it's them wearing more florals or carrying a bag."

Like Edelstein, Bloom said that what's trendy is not the most important element of picking out an outfit. The more successful designers don't look toward trends, she noted.

Consumers are also shopping differently than they have before, and they're shopping less. In the age of Marie Kondo, Rent-the-Runway, consignment shops and clothing swaps, people invest less in their attire. When they do invest, they save up for that one-of-a-kind special piece to add to their wardrobe.

Some in the fashion industry are even starting to question whether fashion shows are becoming obsolete, Bloom said. Now, people see the new styles six to eight months before they hit the market, and by the time a trend gets to the stores, they've moved on to the next thing.

"You only wear like 20 percent of your closet," Bloom said. "Eighty percent of the things in your closet, you don't even wear. People don't want to own or have all of that stuff anymore, and it frees them up to be more stylish and risk-taking in how they dress because



▲ Pantsuits are trendy right now.

they can experiment without having to invest in purchasing. That's going to continue to be a trend."

Social media is democratizing trends, Bloom said, and trends are coming from more places than ever before.

Part of that is more clothing targeted to underserved markets, such as clothing for people with disabilities or plus-sized clothing.

Pantsuits are becoming more popular, as are colors like pink and yellow.

There are also more Orthodox designers and fashion bloggers out there now, and Bloom has seen modest clothing, which cover the body but are still modern and feminine, becoming more popular all over the world — not just in the Jewish community.

When it comes to accessories, jewelry is becoming more bold, Bloom said. Women are choosing to wear one statement piece instead of multiple pieces of jewelry.

On the other hand, athleisure wear is going away. Instead of wearing athleisure, like yoga pants and shorts, while running errands after

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going to the gym, women are looking to have a wrap dress to layer over workout clothes. People are also moving away from fringes.

"Where do the trends come from?" Bloom said. "It used to come from the fashion shows, but now trends are everywhere. Trends come from streetstyle. They come from the music industry. They come from travel. All the French editors and British editors and Japanese editors are going to New York and looking look at trends, and all the New York editors are going to Japan and Milan and London looking for trends. It ends up being a mish-mash of things that are out there in the global world marketplace that we're living in."

Joan Shepp, co-owner of Joan Shepp in Center City, said she's noticing more color and mixed patterns, "like a dress might have plaids and checks, but it all seems to go together." The increasingly popularity of color is especially noteworthy at a boutique like Joan Shepp, which tends to carry darker attire.

"Fashion is pretty exciting right now," Shepp said.

Customers are buying a lot more hats now, Shepp said, in a variety of different



▲ Praje Oscar power suit

styles. Mixed patterns, pleated skirts and new shapes are also popular.

"I've been in this business for over 45 years, and what's exciting in this business is that things change," Shepp said. "Some people want to go with the change, let's say, short skirts to long skirts, or all kinds of different things. Some people like to dress as they have been most of their lives, and what-ever makes them feel good is what they should be wearing." ●

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◀ Menswear-inspired fashion is becoming more popular.

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## Clean Lines Embraced in Bathrooms, Kitchens

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

FOR THIS YEAR'S edition of *The Look*, the *Jewish Exponent* spoke to interior designers across the area about the trends they're seeing take off in 2019 when it comes to kitchen and bathroom design.

By and large, they agreed that the contemporary, European-style philosophy of clean lines and multi-functional spaces that reduce clutter are leading the charge.

### Kitchens

"Excess is out," said Tina Delia of Delia Designs.

Delia, an independent interior design consultant based in the Wanamaker Building, draws a line between this trend and the hit Netflix series *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*, a reality show following Kondo as she applies her vaunted Konmari system to cluttered, messy houses. Though not crediting the show completely with the trend, she said, it was at least worth mentioning as a factor. Her clients seem to want to hold on to less.

She's begun to receive more requests for open shelving in the kitchen, in line with minimalist style that's becoming more popular. Wider, deeper sinks are in high demand, along with color cabinets and black stainless appliances.

"People are being a little bolder with their appliances," she noted.

Katy Lynn (of designs by Katy Lynn) noted that as well. More of her clients have begun to request colored appliances, especially when it comes to ranges. And like Delia, she's been inundated with questions about larger sinks that can function as a sort of "work station," she said. These types of sinks can include nesting



▲ Flow Bath+Kitchen Studio

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components, including space for a cutting board, taking some of the clutter off of the counter-top.

"You can use it as more than a sink to wash your dishes, which is nice," she said. As for the clean lines of the European style, she said, it's not quite new — "It's kinda been coming in waves," she noted — but it's only now that it seems to have gotten here for good.

Part of the reason for this, she believes, is that the kitchen has become more a showpiece for the home than in years past; though there are some controlled stylistic risks that clients are willing to take, going with a neat, mostly white style seems to do the trick for a lot of people.

Rachel Lucks-Hecht of Flow Bath+Kitchen Design Studio in Glenside concurred on that to a degree. There was a time, she said, when the kitchen was stuck in the back of the house; now, it's being reconceived as a centerpiece, as a gathering place for family and guests, in a way that isn't quite new, but in a way that had seemed to fade a bit.

"Everything old is new again," she said.

Accessories in the sink have been a theme among her

clientele as well. Sinks with colanders, drying racks and

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▲ A kitchen by Delia Designs

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ledges within have taken off in popularity. Meanwhile, faucets, she noted, have gone from an afterthought to something you could almost center a room around, she said. Clients are going for “every finish imaginable,” she said. Almost everyone interviewed for this article mentioned gold’s roaring comeback for faucets.

“Oh, but my appliances are stainless steel! That doesn’t matter,” she added.

Marble countertops seems to be going out, but not because of its look. More people are opting for quartz, a cheaper material that can be made to look like marble but doesn’t require the same level of maintenance; for, say, red wine drinkers, she said, it can be a real pain to be thinking about the upkeep for marble as it relates to spills.

In a sense, less is more seems to be the new mantra for kitchens, as the look becomes more industrial, as opposed to the modern farmhouse look of a few years ago, according to Lucks-Hecht. Mixed metals and acrylics pop up everywhere you look.

Jen Laurens of Tiny Anchor studios has noticed the mixed metal approach, too.

“Now people are really doing more in terms of color,” she said.

Like Lucks-Hecht, she’s noticed the change in countertop material preference, if not

in style. And like Delia, she’s picked up on the changes that have come with appliances.

“Stainless is still around,” she said, “but there’s more of a matte black stainless that’s taking hold.”

One interesting observation came with regards to the wood species of cabinets:

“Walnut and oak seems to be having a hot moment,” she noted.

## Bathrooms

Laurens spotted the trend mentioned by all the designers interviewed: an embrace of tech in the bathroom.

“A lot of people are embracing smarter technology,” she said.

For the bath, that can mean water temperature settings by remote or music settings for the bathroom. She’s even had clients request medicine cabinets with small TVs that replace their own reflections.

Like the kitchen, the bathroom is a place for clean lines, she said. Whereas the other designers noticed more of a demand for simple white subway tile in the bathroom, Laurens said she’s actually experienced the opposite, noting clients that wanted “more vibrancy” in their tile.

Though Lucks-Hecht felt the opposite way, she concurred on the clean lines point. The bathroom “is about luxury now,” she said. “It’s not just a toilet and a sink to get the job done. It’s now



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▲ A blue island with a brass pulls and fixtures

Jen Laurens

more of a place where people want to feel happy and relaxed more so than just functional.” That comfort often comes in the form of higher-end technology, like towel and floor warmers. Freestanding air baths are in;

Jacuzzis are out.

That luxurious experience can come in the form of big rainheads and body spray showers, and even the occasional sauna. She noted a desire for the “least amount of fram-

ing possible” on shower doors.

Lynn concurred on the points relating to white subway tile and luxurious showers, adding that “brass is back” in a big way.

Delia said more clients seem to be requesting floating vanities.

“That’s been around for a little while, but more people are latching on,” she said.

Like Lucks-Hecht, she sees that clients look for a “spa-style” bathroom, as opposed to a more spartan, functional room.

That means people are willing to take some interesting chances. One recent client decided to put the vanity in front of a window in the bathroom.

“I don’t know that people are rushing to put vanities in front of windows, but that did happen,” she laughed. ●

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▲ From left: Jodi Miller, Tracy Gordon, Holly Nelson and Jewish Federation Board Chair Susanna Lachs Adler enjoyed the morning at the Jewish Family and Children's Service building in Bala Cynwyd.



▲ From left: Jewish Federation President and CEO Naomi Adler makes calls with JFCS President and CEO Paula Goldstein.



▲ Super Sunday co-chairs Amanda Prine and Marc Prine spent the day cheering on volunteers and found time to make some phone calls themselves.



▲ Hurriyah Amatullah Bey and her granddaughter enjoyed making phone calls from the Jewish Community Services Building in Center City.



▲ The community came out in droves at the Super Sunday location at Convergent Technologies, Inc. in Malvern.





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▲ U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (right) presents a U.S. Capitol flag dedicated to the Jewish Federation to Community Engagement Director Addie Klein and Bucks County Jewish Coalition Chair Alain Sheinberg at Shir Ami.



▲ Children take part in playtime activities while their parents make phone calls at Super Sunday in Bala Cynwyd.

► Mary and Nathan Relles (standing) and Stephanie and Ilan Sussan (sitting) lead the Super Sunday team at the SofterWare office in Fort Washington.



► From left: Philadelphia Councilman Alan Domb and Ron Desir catch up at Super Sunday in Center City.



▲ Students from Temple University Hillel joined fellow Hillel members from the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University to make phone calls and write letters to thank supporters on Super Sunday.



# The Taxman Cometh: Implications

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If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet.  
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— George Harrison,  
"Taxman," 1966

**FROM BENJAMIN** Franklin's certainty regarding "death and taxes" to the Beatles lamenting Britain's progressive taxes of the '60s, one theme of humankind remains consistent regardless of age or era: taxes.

And don't tell me you're not thinking about it right now. The dutiful among us have already met with their accountants and,

from what I'm hearing around the coffee maker, it isn't looking pretty. Others of us are procrastinating — a temporary reprieve from inevitability.

But the truth is, long before the Fab Four sang about them, and millennia before our native son Benjamin Franklin complained about them, taxes are actually a biblical notion, and the different types of taxes a society needs to levy in order to function are painstakingly laid out throughout the Torah.

This week's Torah portion, Vayakhel, also heralds the coming of Rosh Chodesh Adar II, which means that as a *maftir* (additional) reading, we add the first of four special *maftir* portions that are added in advance of Purim and Passover. This week's portion, known as Parshat Shekalim, describes one version of such a biblically ordained tax, the *Mahatzit HaShekel*, the half-shekel tax.

In Exodus chapter 30, God speaks to Moses, explaining that he is to take a census of the

people; those who are enrolled in the counting shall pay "a half shekel of the sanctuary weight — twenty gerahs to the shekel — a half-shekel as an offering to the Lord." Then, in verse 15, an enjoinder is added to this tax: "The rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than half a shekel when giving the Lord's offering as expiation for your persons."

This extra prohibition, this mandate for the tax to be levied equally among the citizens regardless of economic status piques the interest of the commentators.

Ramban (Nahmanides) expresses concern that this injunction is equally applicable to the rich (who must not add more than a shekel) as it is upon the poor, (who cannot add even an ounce less than the prescribed weight), and perhaps this is why the Ramban does not count this verse as one of the 613 commandments. And the Hasidic commentator Rabbi Moshe Avigdor Amiel sarcastically opines: "The rich

are extremely zealous in their observance of this negative commandment, it's as though they have never transgressed it in their lives!"

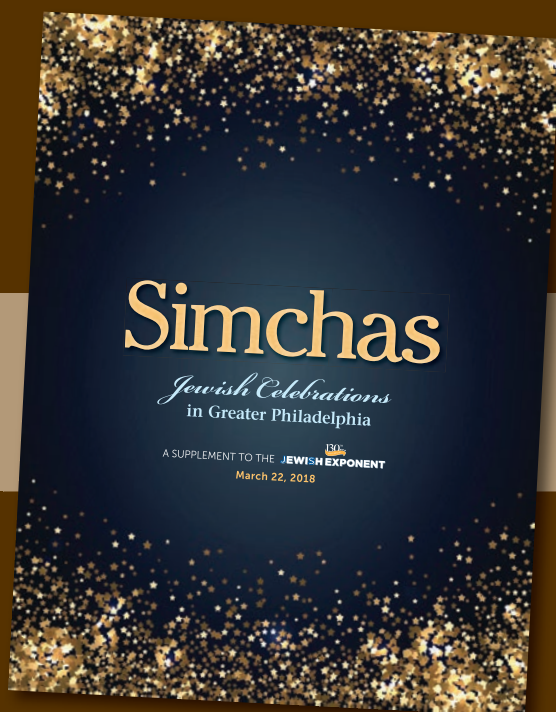
Now, before we go and institute a national flat tax based on the above passage, it is important to note that the Bible has several other types of taxes such as *Terumot* and *Ma'asrot*, gifts to the priestly classes in the temple and tithing to the poor (see Numbers 18; Deuteronomy 14; 26.) These other taxes would be examples of proportional taxes, where each citizen had to set aside one-tenth of their wealth to support the most sacred institutions to the society, as well as to help those in their community who are less-fortunate.

And that is what makes the half-shekel tax all the more remarkable. Whereas the other taxes have clear economic and societal import, this tax is given to the operations of the Tent of Meeting "as expiation for your persons." To cleanse our sins.

This type of tax, whose purpose is spiritual, cannot be a tax that is levied based on status or class. This type of burden must be born on the shoulders of each member of the community, equally. For in this way, says Rabbi Ovadiah ben Ya'akov Sforno, when all the community are lined up in solemn solidarity, "we cannot tell who is rich and who is poor."

So in this, the high holy days of the tax season, let us dream of a time and a world where we can once again give equally and with united purpose — because our souls may depend upon it. •

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**Lunch and Learn.**

NORC members (public welcome, too) assemble for a lunch and learn (\$1) at the **Northeast Older Adult Center**, followed by an interesting program. Call 215-320-0351 to inquire about the topic of the program or to request a ride for NORC members. 8101 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

**Canasta.**

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

▼ FRIDAY, MARCH 1

**Minyan, Men's Club.**

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

**Shabbat Across America.**

Come celebrate Shabbat Across America at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim**. At 6 p.m., join hundreds of synagogues across the continent and take part in a historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jewish people: Shabbat. We be serving a traditional Shabbat dinner, followed by services and concluding with an Oneg Shabbat. Come enjoy the Shabbat experience with family and friends. The cost is \$15 per person. Call 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

**Family Shabbat.**

Join **Congregation Beth Or** for a family-oriented Shabbat Worship service at 6:30 p.m. The service is followed by a dessert oneg (Oreo-neg) for the kids. 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

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**Kindergarten Shabbat.**

Join **Congregation Brothers of Israel's** kindergartners for their own special Shabbat at 7 p.m. They'll sing songs and prayers and each child has a chance at their own part of the service and an opportunity to shine.

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530 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown.

**Shabbat Sababa.**  
Join **Tiferet Bet Israel** at 7:30 p.m. for a musical and spiritually uplifting Kabbalat Shabbat service with a Middle Eastern flavor. Join Rabbi Eric Woodward, Cantor Elizabeth Shammash and Roger Mgrdichian (oud), Stan Slotter (flute), Marc Bernstein (bass guitar) and Joe Tayoun (percussion). Come experience prayer and welcome Shabbat with us in a way that will move your body and warm your soul. 1920 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell.

▼ SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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

**Torah Study.**  
Each week, our **Main Line Reform**

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

**Jewish Film Festival.**  
Join us at 7 p.m. at **Congregation Beth El** for one, two or all six films. Beginning March 2, weekly for six weeks. For more information call 215-493-1707, or email info@bethelyardley.org. 375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley.

**JFS Cocktail Party.**  
Get ready to catch some beads and wear some bling at the 12th annual **Jewish Family Service of Atlantic and Cape Mays Counties** Cocktail Party. Starting at 7 p.m., guests are invited to this event to benefit Jewish Family Service and its children and family programming. Cocktail party tickets are \$150 per guest. For more information or to buy tickets, call 609-822-1108 or visit [jfsatlantic.org](http://jfsatlantic.org). Bourre, 201 S. New York Ave., Atlantic City, N.J.

▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**Israel Elections.**  
Ilan Peleg, the former president of the

▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**Challah Bake.**  
Join Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Aish HaChaim and Adath Israel for a women's community challah bake. Hundreds of women will gather at Adath Israel in Merion Station to make and braid challah to take home and bake. 3:30 p.m. at **Adath Israel**, 250 N. Highland Ave., Bala Cynwyd.



Association for Israel Studies, will speak at 10 a.m. at the **Germantown Jewish Centre** about how the all-important Israeli elections of April 9 ought to be interpreted within the broader context of Israel's prolonged identity crisis. Cost is \$18. 400 W. Ellet St., Philadelphia.

**Torah Tots.**  
Parents and tots from babies to 5 years old are invited to join Amy Deutsch at 10 a.m. at **Congregation Brothers of Israel** for age-

appropriate, hands-on, Jewish-themed programming. Snacks and fun. 530 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown.

**Game Day.**  
**Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El** Sisterhood invites the community to Game Day at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20, including lunch (pizza, salad and dessert). For more information, contact us at 215-635-1505 or email office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

**Luncheon, Concert.**  
The Henrietta Szold group of **Hadassah** is sponsoring a luncheon at Angelo's Italian Restaurant, 441 Second Street Pike in Southampton, to be followed by a performance of the Bryn Athyn Symphony and the Bryn Athyn College's Mitchell Performing Arts Center, 800 Tomlinson Road in Bryn Athyn. The event begins at noon. Cost is \$50.

**Hamentashen Baking.**  
Hamentashen baking, PJ Library



▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**Breast Cancer Event.**  
The Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer will present at **Congregation Beth Or** at 9 a.m. Rachel Brem, a renowned breast cancer physician, will speak on the importance of early detection, individual risk factors and self-advocacy. Free genetic counseling available. Light refreshments will be served. Event is free, but RSVP at [bethor.org/brem2019](http://bethor.org/brem2019). 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

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Purim stories, a Purim craft and snacks at 2 p.m. at **Temple Brith Achim**, 481 S. Gulph Road, King of Prussia.

## ▼ MONDAY, MARCH 4

### Hatha Yoga.

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

### Talmud Class.

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then moves on to examine stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question: What is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming? 10:30 a.m. **Har Zion Temple**. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Mahjong.

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

### Bereavement Group.

For the newly bereaved, there's help at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Contact Rivkapowers55@gmail.com or leave a message at 215-677-1600 for details. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

### Baking Group.

Come join Baking with Donna Shaid and Naomi Sheftack, a joint venture program by **Northeast NORC** and **The Congregations of Shaare Shamayim**, 1 p.m. at CSS. Come and join us for some fun in the kitchen and goodies to enjoy. Call 215-677-1600 for details. Transportation available through Northeast NORC at 215-320-0351. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

### Mahjong.

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

## ▼ TUESDAY, MARCH 5

### Jewish Playwrights.

In this interactive hands-on class presented by **Golden Slipper Gems**, we will read and discuss 10-minute plays by American Jewish playwrights to answer the question, what are they writing? Each session will focus on a different theme, time period or issue, including Biblical Midrash, American history, the Shoah, American Jewish identity, Israel, family and faith. 10 a.m. **Adath Israel Synagogue**. 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station.

### Lunch and Learn.

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

### Lunch and Learn.

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

### Mahjong.

Our mahjong group meets at 1 p.m. in the **Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel** synagogue chapel, to play the game, have fun and raise money for *tikkun olam*. Have you heard of mahjong and

want to learn to play? Are you new in town looking for the game? Have you lived in town and want a new group to play with? We're always looking for new players. We ask for a \$4 donation per session. 303 S. 18th St., Philadelphia.

### Rosh Chodesh.

Come celebrate the women's holiday of Rosh Chodesh. It's an evening of sharing, spirituality and snacks with your sisters at 7 p.m. RSVP at 215-886-8000. **Old York Road Temple - Beth Am**. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

## ▼ WEDS, MARCH 6

### Lunch and Learn.

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

### Bereavement Group.

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

### Mahjong.

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

### Mahjong Strategy Class.

The Sisterhood of **Old York Road Temple - Beth Am** will offer a three-week strategy and defensive playing mahjong class at 7 p.m. Come learn strategies and defensive playing

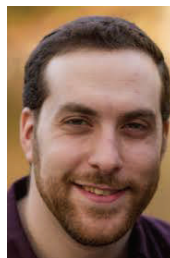
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techniques. \$45. Call 215-886-8000. 971 Old York Road, Abington. Call 215-886-8000.

## Online Education.

Join Rabbi Aaron Gaber of **Congregation Brothers of Israel** at 7:45 p.m. for this online discussion of "How to Bring Shabbat Into Your Life." On your computer, the dress is [zoom.us/j/7686776767](https://zoom.us/j/7686776767); by phone, dial 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID is 768 677 6767.

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### Jewish Theater History.

Learn the history behind Jewish theater-making and what makes a play Jewish at 11:15 a.m. Explore topics ranging from the Purimspiel to the turn of the last century's Yiddish theater to today's contemporary Jewish theater. **Shir Ami**. 101 Richboro Road, Newtown.

### MLK Lecture.

Former NAACP President and CEO Ben Jealous and former federal appeals judge Timothy K. Lewis discuss the legacy and leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. at noon at **AJC Philadelphia/South Jersey's** Daniel Veloric Lecture Series. \$15. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Hilary Levine at [levineh@ajc.org](mailto:levineh@ajc.org) or 215-665-2300. The Pyramid Club, 1735 Market St., 52nd Floor, Philadelphia.

### Canasta.

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p.m. with the Sisterhood of **Ohev Shalom of Bucks County**.

\$2 donation. Lessons by request. Call 215-958-6755 for information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.

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### Bereavement Support.

Bereavement support for adults at 6:30 p.m. at the Keystone House. Free. Contact Christine Pugh at [cpugh@keystonecare.com](mailto:cpugh@keystonecare.com) or 215-528-4300. 8765 Stenton Ave., Wyndmoor.

### Leonard Bernstein Program.

Discover the breadth of Leonard Bernstein's Jewish motifs through musical recordings, photographs, PowerPoint presentation and handouts during a lecture by Hazzan David Tilman. Class participants are invited to sing Maestro Bernstein's setting of "Yigdal." This free program is open to the community and is offered as part of the adult education program of **Melrose B'Nai Israel Emanu-El**. 8839 Old York Road, Elkins Park. ●

## DEATH NOTICES

### ABRAMS

Estelle Abrams (nee Drohlich), February 19, 2019; of Chester County, PA; beloved wife of the late Sydney; loving mother of Kenneth Abrams (Carren) and the late Bruce Abrams; cherished grandmother of Samantha J. and David E. Abrams. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the Donor's choice.

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### BAKER

Joseph "Bud" Baker, age 88, died on February 16, 2019. He was the owner of his own dry cleaning company who resided in Rydal, Pennsylvania. Beloved husband of the late Rita (nee Abrams); loving father of Paula (Mark) Shavell, Matt (Linda) Baker; adored grandfather of Danielle & Holly Shavell and Allison & Jonathan Baker; and brother of Steven and Charles Clamper, Joyce Cohen (and the late Saul), and Ellen (Richard) Rosen. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Philadelphia Zoo, 3400 W. Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### BERNSTEIN

Stanley Bernstein, on February 21, 2019. An American hero, a member of the greatest generation who served in the 29th Division, landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Husband of the late Charlotte Bernstein. Father of Joel Bernstein, Deborah Bernstein (Arne Abramowitz), Stephen (Gayle) Bernstein, David Bernstein and Sarah Lesser Avins. Grandfather of 12. Great grandfather to 1. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Hebrew Home at Riverdale, 5901 Palisade Ave., Bronx, NY 10471. Beloved by all. Forever in our hearts.

### BRACHMAN

Ruth Brachman (née Linsky), February 13, 2019, of Haverford, PA; beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Brachman; loving mother of Ronald (Gwen) Brachman, PhD, Michael (Denise) Brachman, PhD and Bruce Brachman; cherished grandmother of Rebecca Brachman, PhD, Lauren (Eduardo Contijoch) Brachman, JD, Aaron (Caroline) Brachman, Paula Brachman and great grandmother of Isaac and Daphne; devoted sister of Evelyn (the late William) Dubin. Contributions in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) or MentorNet ([www.mentornet.org](http://www.mentornet.org))

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### CHESTER

Alvin M. Chester, died May 10, 2018 after a long illness. International, award winning playwright, film writer, film director and producer. He was the winner of 7 Cine Awards, council of non-theatrical events, plus other national and international awards. Mr. Chester graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia, PA, Class of 196; Penn State University, June 1952. While attending Penn State he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity. He was President and CEO of Chester/Roth Communications. He is succeeded by his loving wife Rosanne, his son Jeffrey A. Chester, daughter Pamela Chester and grandson Jonathan E. Chester.

## A Community Remembers

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## DEATH NOTICES

### COHEN

Jack Cohen, February 16, 2019 of Warminster, Pa and Boynton Beach, FL. Cherished husband of the late Evelyn (nee Berkowitz). Beloved father of Robin (Randy) Ayoob, Louis (Barbara) Cohen, Susan Waller and Amy Poppel. Grandfather of Michael (Marcie), Rachael, Jonathan, Bobby, Lauren and Andrew. Great-grandfather of Emily and Jackson. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to Abington Hospice @ [giving.jefferson.edu](http://giving.jefferson.edu) (or) by check to Abington Health Foundation - 1200 Old York Road Abington, PA 19001 - Attention: Hospice Program

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### DEUTSCH

Ruth Deutsch (nee Feldman), February 15, 2019. Wife of the late Alfred Deutsch. Mother of Lauren Deutsch, Robin Herman and Naomi (Daniel Berkowitz). Grandmother of David (Beth) Herman, Rachel Herman, Aviva Berkowitz & Noah Berkowitz. Great-grandmother of Arielle. Graveside services will be held Sunday, February 17, 2018 at Haym Salomon Memorial Park, Frazer, PA. Donations in Ruth's Memory may be made to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Children's Fund. <https://chop.donordrive.com>

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### DORTCH

Adele Dortch (nee Paul) on Feb. 18, 2019. Wife of the late Benjamin. Mother of Helene (Marshall) Sterling. Grand-mother of Scott (Melissa) Sterling, Dr. Lisa (Eric) Share and Kevin (Kristin) Sterling. Great grandmother of Ben, Rachel, Mollie, Ethan and Jonathan. Contributions in her memory may be made to Old York Road Temple Beth Am, 971 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 19001 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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### FEINBERG

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

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### GLANTZ

Renee June Glantz (nee Switt), Feb. 21, 2019. Loving wife of the late Max Glantz, daughter of the late Aaron and Dora Switt. Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. Renee is survived by her beloved family; sister Myra Kanze, children Andee (Alan) Greenbaum, Bonnie (Howard) Fatell, Ellen (Shelly Gehr) Glantz and Ken (Natalie) Glantz, grandchildren Marni (Jonathan) Decker, Dana (Jordan) Schachter, Daniel (Andie) Fatell, Sara (Kelsey Ryland) Fatell, Alex (Katie) Glantz, Heather (Mike Plunkett) Glantz, great grandchildren Sati and Dakota Schachter and Izzy and Sammy Decker. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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#### LEVY

Shirley Levy (nee Stern) February 19, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Norman Levy. Loving and devoted mother of Ellie (Peter) Reyner, Elizabeth (Barney) Lihn, and the late Arthur K. Levy. Loving and doting grandmother of Jacqueline, Benjamin, Jacob, Eric, and Rachel, and great -granddaughters Lana and Alayna. Loving and devoted sister of Harold Stern and Joel Stern. Shirley attended regular Torah Studies with her beloved husband, Norman. She was an active volunteer for many years with B'nai B'rith Women's Organization of Phila. PA. With a great love of music, Shirley brought joy to many residents of Wesley Manor with her weekly music programs. She will be sadly missed by all whose lives she touched. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Family and Children Services 2100 Arch St. 5th Fl. Phila. PA 19103.

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#### LIBBY

Dr. E. Robert "Cy" Libby died peacefully in his home of over 50 years on Tuesday February 19, 2019. Cy was married to Mira who passed away in 2011. He leaves behind two children, Claire Libby and Daniel (Lori) Libby and 2 grandchildren, Jacob and Max Libby. Born on June 8, 1920, Cy grew up in Philadelphia's Strawberry Mansion. After graduating from Overbrook High school, he attended Pennsylvania State Optometry College. Cy has been called a man of many parts. Cy was an Optometrist, a hearing aid specialist, inventor, publisher, Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing at Hahnemann Medical School; and most importantly a husband, father and grandfather. He started out as an optometrist in Upper Darby and then fell into his true calling as one of the pioneer hearing aid specialists. Among his many revolutionary inventions was the infamous "Libby Horn" which he developed and patented in 1982 and then sold in every country. Traveling all over, Cy lectured to thousands about hearing and became world renowned. Upon retiring from his private practice, Cy started a new career teaching "Longevity and Wellness" at Temple University Association of Retired Professionals where he was well known and loved by all his students and colleagues. Later in life in his 90's, he authored 17 volumes of his self-titled books, "Libby's Random Pieces" which is a collection of notes that he accumulated over his many years of teaching, writing and lecturing. He also got a copyright of a poem titled "The Billy Penn on Top of City Hall." Cy was a true Renaissance Man and will be well missed by everyone who's life was touched by him. Cy's advice is that the key to a long, happy life is choosing your parents wisely. L'Chiam to Life!

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### DEATH NOTICES

#### MILLMOND

Irving Millmond, age 95, died on February 20, 2019. He was a retired accountant who resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Husband of Carol (nee Chorney); father of Steven Millmond; and grandfather of Tal, Eden, Daniel, and Ethan. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market Street, Suite 102, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 or to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

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#### POLANSKY

Larry Polansky (Born July 24, 1932), died on February 13, 2019 at the age of 86. Husband of the late Eunice (Neun); Father of Steven (Kathleen) Polansky, Harriet (Lindsay) Strothers, Bruce (Deborah) Polansky, Godson Michael (Jan) Miller; Grandfather of Michelle (Jason) Gaynor, Jeffrey (Stefanie) Polansky, Scott (Brittany) Polansky, Kelly Britton (Emilio Alvarado), Jessica (Jeff) Clausen, William Polansky (Carrie Hargrove), Allison Polansky (Brandon Fowlkes), Emerson Miller, and Grady Miller; Great-Grandfather of Ashley Gaynor, Jacob Gaynor, Brittany Polansky, Brooke Polansky, Charlotte Polansky, Willow Alvarado, Joaquin Alvarado, and future great-grandchild Clausen; Uncle of Joanne Beebee, Helene Neun, Alyce Neun, and Beth Webb, Farley Neun and Barry Singer. He was from Lake Harmony, PA, formerly of Pine Valley, Philadelphia. Korean War Veteran, Accountant, Computer Professional and Attorney. Served as Chief Deputy Administrator Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia, Deputy Administrator of Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Executive Officer - District of Columbia Court System, Reagan Presidential Appointment to the State Justice Institute, President/Treasurer Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Co., and Chairman Kidder Township Board of Supervisors. Contributions in his memory may be made to: Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104 or The Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Co., PO Box 554, Lake Harmony, PA 18624.

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#### SOLOMON

Marilyn Solomon, Feb. 17 2019 Beloved daughter of the late Emanuel and the late Joan (nee Wand). Devoted sister of Janice Solomon. Also survived by many wonderful friends. Funeral services private. Contributions in her memory may be made to any animal charity of the donor's choice or any charity of the donor's choice.

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**TERRACES-COMING SOON** 1st floor, 2 BD, 2 BA, W/D, modern granite kit. w/breakfast bar. Open sunny balcony. **SALE/RENT**



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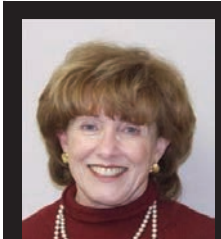


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### New Construction



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Or to his Attorney:  
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Glenside, PA 19038

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Trevose, PA 19053

ESTATE OF SAMUEL WILF, DECEASED.  
Late of the Township of Lower Merion, Montgomery County, PA  
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## BIRTHS

### ▼ HENRY COLE OCCHIOGROSSO

Diedre and Stephen Cole of Huntingdon Valley announce the birth of their first grandchild, Henry Cole Occhiogrosso, on Jan. 27. Henry is the son of Ashley (née Cole) and Michael Occhiogrosso of Astoria, N.Y.

Sharing in the joy are great-grandfather Sheldon Stein, Uncle Jared Cole, grandparents Debbie and Francis Occhiogrosso and Uncle John.

Henry is named in loving memory of his maternal great-grandmother, Helen Stein.



### ▼ RAYA ISABELLE HEITNER



Sandy and Jerry Heitner of King of Prussia announce the birth of their granddaughter, Raya Isabelle Heitner, on Nov. 30.

The parents are Ian and Gayle Heitner of New York City.

Sharing in the family's happiness are Raya's maternal grandfather, Barry Fisher and his wife Shelley, of Manalapan, N.J.

Raya Isabelle is named in loving memory of her maternal grandmother Rose Fisher and great-grandmother Inge Holz.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### ▼ GOULD-MILLMAN

Julia Gould and David Gould and Simone Millman announce the engagement of their children Samantha Ashley Gould to Robert Frank Millman.

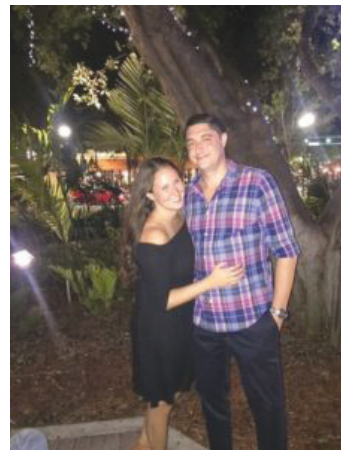
Samantha graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in hotel restaurant industrial management. She is the manager of wholesale account operations at Jofit in Ivyland.

Robert graduated from Holy Family University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in accounting. He is a small business relationship manager at TD Bank in King Of Prussia.

Samantha is the granddaughter of Floyd and Fran Zonenstein of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Rochelle and the late Sheldon Gould of Fairless Hills.

Robert is the grandson of Laura Millman of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Samantha and Robert live in Doylestown and are planning a spring 2020 wedding in Philadelphia.



### ▼ ROSOFF-VERBIT-LUTZ

Beryl Rosoff-Verbit and Arthur Verbit of Dresher and Lauretta and William Lutz of Dallas announce the engagement of their children Zoe Hannah and Daniel Thomas.

Zoe graduated in 2015 from the College of Charleston with a degree in psychology. She works as a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania while she pursues a master's in public health there.

Danny graduated in 2010 from Texas A&M with a degree in history. He was awarded his J.D. from Villanova Law School in 2013. He is an associate claims counsel at First American Title Insurance Co.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are grandparents Miriam and Morrie Rosoff; brothers Noah and Brett; and sisters and brothers-in-law Casey and David Samollow and Megan and Matthew Villarreal.

An October 2020 wedding in Philadelphia is planned.



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## NEWSMAKERS

Challah for Hunger brought Joshua M. Finan on as its board treasurer. Finan is an analyst at Argosy Private Equity, serves as vice president of operations on the executive board of Temple University Young Alumni Association and is a member of the Next Generation Committee of Philadelphia Youth Basketball and Young Leadership Academy of the Jewish Relief Agency.



► Joshua M. Finan

Stuart Weitzman spoke at the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) in front of the Jane, Stuart, Elizabeth and Rachael Weitzman gallery on Jewish life in colonial America. He talked about his upcoming March 26 program at Congregation Rodeph Shalom.

► Stuart Weitzman



The Alumni Showdown, part of the festivities of the National Hockey League's Stadium Series in Philadelphia, served as an announcement of a \$7 million donation from Snider Hockey to renovate the Class of 1923 Arena at the University of Pennsylvania, which will become operational year-round and a home to Snider Hockey programming.



▲ From left: Scott Hartnell, Philadelphia Flyers alumni member; Bill Whitmore, chairman of the board of directors of the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation; Willie O'Ree, Hockey Hall of Fame member and first black professional hockey player; Amy Gutmann, University of Pennsylvania president; Paul Holmgren, Philadelphia Flyers president; and Michael Chism, Snider Hockey alumni member

The sound of constant callers was heard all day Feb. 24 at Jewish Family and Children's Service in Bala Cynwyd as Super Sunday participants kept busy during the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's annual fundraising event.



▲ Volunteers work the phones for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Super Sunday event.

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Students at Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley have learned about American and Israeli history by dressing up as wax museum historical figures. On Feb. 15, a group of third- and fourth-grade students dressed up as national monuments and people from American history, and on Feb. 21, the sixth-grade Hebrew language teachers and students put together an Israeli “wax museum” at Abrams for the first time.



▲ From left: Maiyan Amar, Abigail Beigman, Rebecca Feldsher, Ora Weinstein, Sarah Adler and Mikaela Senders



▲ The sixth-grade teachers and students in their Israeli wax museum

KleinLife recently hosted a red carpet salute to the 91st Academy Awards. Some 150 members and guests posed for a personal photo with a replica of the famed Hollywood statue on a red carpet, voted for their favorite movies and actors, enjoyed Oscar-related brain games and ate a celebratory lunch.



▲ From left: Marci Lyons-DiCamillo, Ron Homer and Shelley Geltzer, program director of active adult life

West Laurel Hill Cemetery celebrated its 150th anniversary.



▲ From left: Montgomery County Commissioner Valerie Arkoosh, state Rep. Pamela Delissio (D-194), Nancy Goldenberg, West Laurel Hill Cemetery and Funeral Home president and CEO; and George Manos, Lower Merion Township commissioner



▲ From left: Ginny Heyer, West Laurel Hill Cemetery and Funeral Home family services representative, and David and Glenda Glassman

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