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Dog Facebook Group Brings People Joy

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RABBI ROBYN FRISCH officiates a lot of weddings and, in recent years, has noticed a trend.

Around three-quarters of the couples she marries either have dogs or get them within a year, said Frisch, who directs a rabbinic fellowship for a nonprofit called 18Doors and serves as a part-time rabbi at Temple Menorah Keneseth Chai in Northeast Philadelphia.

The rabbi saw dogs in engagement photos and wedding photos, walking girls down the aisle and playing roles in proposals.

People would tell Frisch, "The dog is my first kid."

So the rabbi, herself an owner of two dogs, Bo and Frankie, came up with an idea: a website for dog lovers to post pictures of their furry children. The idea stayed in her mind for months and months.

"I wanted to connect with people over dogs somehow," Frisch said.

Finally, after talking to friends and family members, she decided on a more seamless and activating approach to

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▲ Most Jewish organizations awarded NSGP funds will invest in cameras or surveillance equipment. Miljan Živković / iStock / Getty Images Plus

State Security Grant Allocations Could Benefit Jewish Community

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PENNSYLVANIA SENATORS and Jewish officials announced on Jan. 27 \$4.5 million in budgetary allocations in support of the state Non-Profit Security Grant Program for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The grant, administered under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, was created in 2019 under Act 83 as a five-year program to bolster the security infrastructure of nonprofit spaces in the commonwealth. Since its inception, the grant has allocated \$14.5 million.

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KOHLRABI: NEW YEAR, NEW VEGETABLE

Food columnist Keri White got her first taste of kohlrabi recently and decided that the cruciferous vegetable related to the cabbage/kale/broccoli family would work well in a slaw. As a side with meatloaf and roasted kabocha squash, it proved ideal and pairs well with apple. Check Philacatessen for the recipe, and visit the blog regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2022/01/31/kohlrabi-new-year-new-vegetable/



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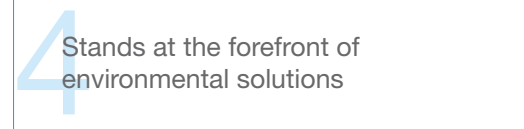
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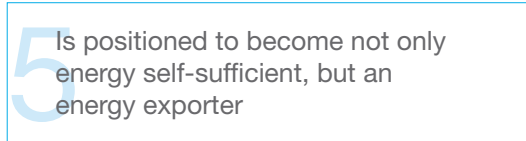
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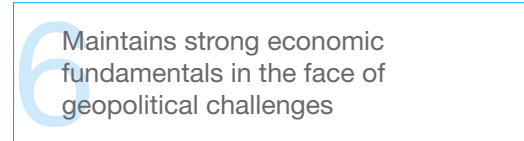
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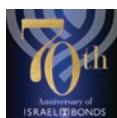
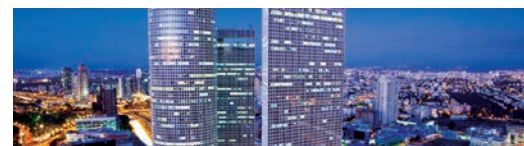
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Holocaust 'second generation' finds common ground in tragic memories

By STEVE FELDMAN
Exponent Staff

About 300 children of Holocaust survivors from around the world gathered in Israel in December. The occasion was the First International Jerusalem Conference of Children of Holocaust Survivors.

Philadelphia had the largest Diaspora delegation at the gathering. Simone Gorko of Drexel Hill and Marlene Mermelstein of Philadelphia were among area residents in attendance. They discussed the meeting and their experiences as members of the Holocaust's second generation in an interview.

According to Gorko, two-thirds of the attendees were Israeli, but the remainder came from places such as Greece, Australia, South Africa, England and Hungary. Aho, there were a number of Poles, including some children of "righteous gentiles."

There were even some child survivors — because their parents were also survivors, she said.

The Philadelphia area sent 11 people to the conference, including six children of survivors and five family members. "I attribute that to a lot of people in Philadelphia being involved in Holocaust issues," said Gorko.

"Philadelphia has a very active Holocaust community," she said. Gorko, director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, estimated that there are some 10,000 children of Holocaust survivors



Marlene Mermelstein (left) and Simone Gorko, children of Holocaust survivors, discuss the recent international conference of the second generation, held in Israel.

Photo by Cliff Hester

in the Metropolitan Philadelphia area. There are about 50 second-generation organizations in the United States and Canada, she said. The network was a co-sponsor of the conference.

The conference, she said, enabled participants "to come together for the first time and discuss issues of children of survivors."

According to Gorko, it's just more than a decade that the second generation began to openly discuss their unique experiences.

"We never talked about it until 1977, when a New York Times article and a

book, *Children of the Holocaust*, came about." The first national conference was held in New York in 1979. "That was the beginning of the movement."

The reason for the delay in discussing the matter, Gorko said, was simply that "we had to be grown up." Aho, until that time, "American Jews did not want to hear from survivors publicly."

"We knew we were different from other people, but we didn't know it affected us in a similar way," she continued. "We just didn't talk about

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What's in a Name? Meet the Newly-named Nazun

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AFTER 17 YEARS under the name Challah for Hunger, the Philadelphia-based grassroots hunger-relief organization rebranded itself on Jan. 10 as Nazun, the Hebrew word for “we will nourish.”

The organization, created in 2004 at Scripps College to address food insecurity among students, began with members coming together to bake challah to raise money for local nonprofits fighting food insecurity.

As Challah for Hunger grew, it began to operate equally under the three pillars of community, philanthropy and advocacy, becoming not only an entity pushing to pass legislation to relieve food insecurity on college campuses, but also an incubator for young leaders interested in advocacy work beyond anti-hunger efforts. Nazun now has active chapters in 23 states.

However, most outsiders were not aware of the organization's work.

“We found that a lot of the public perception of Challah for Hunger didn't necessarily match all of that multifaceted work that we were doing,” Nazun Executive Director Rebecca Bar said.

Board member and naming working group chair Amy Zitelman experienced that

firsthand, and an analysis conducted with 20 stakeholder interviews consisting of funders, donors, alumni and students reflected similar misconceptions.

“When I told people I joined the board of Challah for Hunger, most people thought it was a baking group,” she said.

Nazun leadership started to think about changing the name from Challah For Hunger before COVID, but when pandemic restrictions prevented them from baking challah, the need for a name change became even more apparent.

The organization was faced with a question: Who is Challah for Hunger without the challah?

“When the pandemic hit, and we couldn't bake for close to two years, that question wound up really being answered for us, which was we still are relevant, viable, vibrant and very much active in all of the rest of the work that we do, beyond coming together and making and breaking bread with one another,” Bar said.

In partnership with branding agency Little Warriors, the organization chose a name that better reflected the breadth of its work.

The word “Nazun” created a sense of curiosity, argued Rabbi Lily Solochek, Nazun director of programs and education.

“It really opens up an opportunity for us to say, ‘This is what we do as an organization. This is

the advocacy work we do; this is the community-building we do; this is the philanthropy we do,’” Solochek said.

Before becoming Nazun's director of programs and education, Solochek was a staff adviser for a Challah for Hunger chapter at the University of Wisconsin, Madison — as well as someone who experienced food insecurity in college.

“College, in general, puts a huge demand on students, in terms of academics and extra-curriculars and internships and all these things,” they said. “And adding one more layer for any student of not knowing where they're going to get their next meal, if they're going to get their next meal ... It adds this extra layer of stress.”

When the pandemic struck, dining hall closures and students going home prematurely for the semester brought more awareness to food insecurity and, subsequently, to Nazun's mission.

“The statistics that only very few people knew about became front and center in the headlines,” Bar said.

In addition to having a presence on college campuses, Nazun has partnered with nonprofit Swipe Out Hunger since 2019.

The organizations have similar missions and meet with legislators together to push for the passage of anti-hunger bills.

“In Pennsylvania and beyond,



▲ Campus chapter members of Nazun push for the passing of anti-hunger legislation on the state and federal levels. Courtesy of Nazun

we provide an outlet for a lot of their students to engage in systemic policy change,” Swipe Out Hunger CEO and founder Rachel Sumekh said.

Swipe Out Hunger also receives 50% of the money raised by Nazun's challah bake sales.

Nazun spearheaded a national campaign called FUEL Higher Ed, advocating for “fundamental, universal, equitable and long term” solutions to ending on-campus hunger.

Along with Swipe Out Hunger, Nazun is looking to help pass the Hunger Free Campus, which provides state-by-state funding for universities and colleges. The organization also advocated for the EATS Act, which reduces federal restrictions on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

In 2021, Nazun launched a b'nai mitzvah pilot program for

young Jews looking to host their own bakes to raise awareness of food insecurity.

In 2022, Bar hopes to expand Nazun's presence to all 50 states as well as, when it's safe, resume baking challah with community members.

Even after two years of challah being a small fraction of Nazun's mission and now absent from its name, there's clarity about the role challah played in Nazun's inception and growth.

“Challah gave us a reason to come together,” said Carly Zimmerman, Challah for Hunger CEO from 2013-2019. “The challah baking was certainly a unique part of it, but it's so much bigger than that.” ●

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Abrams Hebrew Academy to Expand its Campus

LOCAL

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THE ABRAMS HEBREW Academy in Yardley is getting three acres of land from Jeffrey Siegel, the developer who owns the property next door.

School leaders want to redevelop the land into a series of

flat fields and facilities that can be used for sports teams, after-school programs and recess, according to Head of School Rabbi Ira Budow. Right now, the school has a playground and some fields, but it could use more recreational space, Budow explained.

Soccer fields, basketball courts and a track are all possibilities. The head of school wants

to make the fields turf, too, so students can use them in all seasons.

“When it gets cold here and there's no grass, it sometimes precludes the kids from going outside,” Budow said. “You don't want children to be inside all the time.”

Siegel is Jewish and a Yardley native. But he has no ties to

Abrams and he has lived in New York City for the past 30-plus years. The developer just likes giving back to the Jewish community, he said.

“They are our neighbors,” Siegel added. “This was, frankly, an easy and beautiful opportunity to support this wonderful school.”

In November, the rabbi was

looking to expand the school's outdoor territory, and he contacted the developer's office.

Siegel's Yardley property features a long building in which businesses, including a restaurant and software company, rent space. But the building doesn't take up the entire 19 acres.

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‘Passionate’ Israel Advocate Lou Balcher Dies at 66

OBITUARY

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ISRAEL ADVOCATE and Jewish youth organizer Louis “Lou” Norman Balcher of Langhorne died on Jan. 23 after a 19-month battle with bladder cancer. He was 66.

Balcher’s commitment to Philadelphia Jewish community-building and Israel advocacy began more than 40 years ago when he served as a unit director for B’nai B’rith International. He also served as the outreach coordinator for the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College; educational director of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Bensalem; academic affairs and community relations director of the Consulate General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region; and the

national director of American Foundation Creating Leadership for Israel.

Balcher founded Youth Jewish Leadership Concepts in 1986, which provided “opportunities for Jewish young professionals to form strong community bonds, learn about their Jewish heritage and build connection to Israel” according to his eldest son Daveed Balcher.

Over his career, Lou Balcher amassed a massive social network, loved ones remembered, a testament to his “passion” for “perpetuation of Jewish life,” said friend and colleague Ken Brier.

Daveed Balcher attended the Israeli-American Council conference with his father in December, where Daveed Balcher recalled Lou Balcher



See Balcher, Page 6 ▲ Lou Balcher (front) at a Phillies game with sons Daveed and Alex

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knowing half the attendees there. He greeted the other half of attendees in the same way.

“He would do his 30-second Google introduction: Type in ‘Philadelphia’ then type in ‘Israel’ into Google,” Daveed Balcher recalled.

“Lou” would pop up in the search suggestion bar immediately, he said.

Lou Balcher’s wide network impressed attendees of events he organized.

“He had amazing contacts and was able to bring them in,” said Congregation Tifereth Israel Rabbi Jeff Schnitzer, a friend for 25 years. “So when he would announce a program, it was somebody real that was presenting.”

Balcher hosted an annual event to remember Operation Entebbe, a covert mission in 1976 by Israel Defense Forces commandos to rescue 102 hostages, mostly Jewish and Israeli, held in an airport terminal in Entebbe, Uganda. He invited special force operatives who completed the mission to speak.

Balcher’s ability to connect with others is what made him an apt leader of YJLC, Schnitzer said. He was interested in engaging a demographic he felt lacked a cohesive Jewish community.

“There really is no organization other than what — at least at that time — he was doing that addressed young Jewish singles after college,” Schnitzer said. “And he felt that the best way to do that was to engage them in activities and with other young adults.”

YJLC hosted a ski trip in February and a summer canoe trip in the Poconos. The organization hosted meetups in Philadelphia, New York, Washington, D.C. and Florida.

“Lou immediately went to heaven and was ... immediately promoted to archangel in charge of Jewish youth affairs,” Brier said.

Brier met Balcher in 1972 in Philadelphia; he was one of the Jewish youth with whom Balcher

was organizing a trip to Israel.

In the 1970s following the Vietnam War, young people were weary of authority, Brier said, making them a challenging demographic to engage. Balcher could connect with young people, even if they had conflicting politics.

“His passion transcended left or right,” Brier said.

His interest in connecting others extended to his family life.

“Every chance, every opportunity, he told us how proud he was of us,” said Balcher’s younger son Alex Balcher.

In his last months, Lou Balcher would come downstairs every morning and tell his wife Jocelyne that he loved her, Alex Balcher said.

Born in Cleveland, Balcher was the second-youngest of six children.

“He was very determined to unite us together over the last year-and-a-half,” eldest brother Aharon Botzer said. “We have been having Zoom meetings every week, without exception, for a year-and-a-half.”

Though Botzer was not living at home much while Balcher was growing up, he came home from college over breaks and took Balcher and his other brothers on cross-country hitchhiking trips, including one from Ohio to across the West Coast, to the Rocky Mountains and across the Canadian border, over a month.

During a trip in Wyoming, the brothers tried to build a raft to take down the river. Botzer remembered Balcher standing on the shore, holding the ropes to the raft, which fell apart in the water. Balcher pulled the raft and his brothers to shore.

“That’s very much what Louie did in his life — pulling the strings to make things happen,” Botzer said.

Balcher is survived by his wife and two sons, as well as his siblings Aharon Botzer, Shari Weiss, Connie Inukai, Chuck Balcher and Judah Botzer. ●

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Former Hillel Rabbi Howard Alpert Dies at Age of 70

OBITUARY

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ON JAN. 21, a Friday night, Rabbi Howard Alpert and his wife Sarah had eight friends over for dinner at their Boca Raton, Florida, apartment.

The rabbi gave a d’var Torah, and they enjoyed a night of eating and conversing.

Later that night, after their friends left, according to Sarah Alpert, “things went downhill.” Rabbi Alpert, who spent 30 years as CEO of Hillel of Greater Philadelphia, died the next day. He was 70.

Alpert is survived by his wife, their five children and 10 grandchildren.

“He lived in all his years of life,” said Sarah Alpert, his wife of 48 years.

During his career, Rabbi Alpert served Jewish students from the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and other schools in the region. Hillel of Greater Philadelphia had a general

mission to help Jewish colleagues at local institutions.

Alpert stepped down from his position in February 2017. In an interview that month with the Jewish Exponent, Alpert explained how he viewed his legacy.

“We tried to create Hillel as a model for a pluralistic, unified community,” the rabbi said. “We may pray different and think different, but our students respect all Jews and forms of expression.”

That impact was real, and it lived on, according to Alpert’s proteges.

Jeremy Winaker is the executive director of the Greater Philly Hillel Network, the successor organization to Hillel of Greater Philadelphia. After rabbinical school, Winaker joined the Hillel staff at the University of Delaware. While there, he networked with Alpert and observed him from afar.

Through that experience, he learned Alpert’s core principles for a Hillel operation: availability to each student

and pluralism. It was essential, according to Alpert, for a Jewish campus organization to help all types of young Jews, from the Orthodox to the religiously ambivalent.

Now, Winaker is in Alpert’s town playing a similar role to that of his mentor. And in helping young Jews from Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College and other schools that the Greater Philly Network serves, he is applying the same principles.

“He set an example,” Winaker said.

Rabbi Daniel Levitt is the executive director of Temple University Hillel, another successor to Hillel of Greater Philadelphia. Levitt is in his seventh year working at Temple, and for the first three he served under Alpert.

The director said, more than anything else, he learned from his mentor’s “radical trust in our students.”

Alpert saw students as young people on their own Jewish journeys and as the



▲ Rabbi Howard Alpert

Courtesy of the Alpert family

HEADLINES



◀ Rabbi Howard Alpert
with his wife Sarah
Courtesy of the
Alpert family

next generation of Jewish leaders. Therefore, Hillel directors needed to help them lead, make mistakes and learn.

The rabbi's approach applied to both individual Jewish journeys and communal issues that Jewish collegians wanted to address.

"It is Hillel's role to give students independence to figure it out for themselves," Levitt said. "He wanted Hillel to be a student organization. He didn't want it to be too institutionalized."

Levitt views his operation the same way.

"That's a really important lesson," he concluded.

A legacy like Alpert's can't really be measured.

But Levitt credited him with impacting thousands of young Jews who figured out what Judaism meant to them. He also recognized his mentor for hiring, training and helping to shape multiple generations of Hillel staffers.

Winaker gave Alpert a similar degree of credit.

"Jewish campus life is much stronger in our region thanks to Howard Alpert," he concluded.

According to that 2017 Exponent story, the rabbi "grew up in New York, attended Queens College and received his rabbinic degree from Yeshiva University." Before arriving in Philadelphia, he led Hillels at Queens College, the University of Illinois and the Ohio State University.

Daniel Alpert, the rabbi's 40-year-old son, said there were four decades of students who "were inspired by him and guided by him."

Alpert's own five children felt the same way, according to Daniel Alpert and his brother Avi Alpert.

All five kids have had different Jewish journeys. Together, they now represent both Conservative and Orthodox Judaism. In the past few years, the family has celebrated a Conservative b'nai mitzvah, an Orthodox b'nai mitzvah and a women's-only Orthodox b'nai mitzvah.

Rabbi Alpert couldn't attend the women's-only service. But he loved it as much as the others, according to his sons.

"He was so glad that it was happening," Daniel Alpert said.

Outside of his religion and career, Rabbi Alpert enjoyed spending time with his wife.

In the final summer of his life, they traveled cross-country in a trailer and went camping. Later in the year, Rabbi Alpert stunned Sarah Alpert with a surprise 70th birthday party. They went back to their old Lower Merion community and walked into a roomful of friends.

"I didn't know it was coming," she said. "He gave a beautiful speech. How much he loved me. How our life was so good." •

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connecting online over dogs: a Facebook page, called Mazel Pups, for Jews, mostly in the Philadelphia area, who love their dogs and want to post about them.

The Villanova resident created the page on Dec. 30. One night within its first 10 days, she woke up at 4 a.m. and opened Facebook. Mazel Pups already had 613 members.

By the middle of January, it was up to 980. And by the start of February, it had grown to more than 1,200 dog lovers.

They are not just Philadelphia-area residents who know Frisch, either. Mazel Pups members come from New York, Baltimore and all over the United States; they come from Israel, too; they even come from London.

Mazel Pups is open to anyone who loves their dogs and dogs in general, and a little over a month in, it has a pretty well-established rhythm. A member posts a picture of his or her dog with a story above it, and other members like it and comment on how cute the dog is.

One Jan. 31 post was made by a rabbi who lives in Rhode Island. He was talking about his new



▲ Rabbi Robyn Frisch, creator of the Mazel Pups Facebook group, with her dogs Bo and Frankie
Photo by Tali Frisch

“It felt like there was this environment of joy. People were commenting with smiles, hearts.”

ROBYN BELSON

labradoodle who came home for the first time the day before.

“So far she has been wonderfully playful and she even let me sleep this morning until 5:10 AM (far longer than I expected!),” he wrote.

“Adorable,” wrote one of the many commenters.

“She is just adorable,” wrote another.

According to Frisch, the group started out, in its first

few days, with only people she knew. But it spread because members started inviting their friends from outside the rabbi’s immediate circle. And then they invited their friends, and those friends invited their own friends, and it kept going.

“It felt like there was this environment of joy,” said Robyn Belson, a Voorhees, New Jersey, resident, dog owner and group member since late January.



▲ Southampton resident Danielle Hess’ dog Betzee, who has appeared in the Mazel Pups Facebook group
Courtesy of Danielle Hess

“People were commenting with smiles, hearts.”

When Belson posted a picture of her dog, Gracie, a yellow lab, members flocked to it and commented things like, “Oh sweet girl.” Then Belson did the same for them.

Frisch believes the connections in the group are strong because members are both Jewish and lovers of dogs. But for 18Doors, the rabbi runs a fellowship for rabbis who work with interfaith couples and parents, and her Facebook group is open to non-Jews, too.

As the administrator explains it, members are both Jewish and Jew-ish, meaning some have married a Jew but maintained their own religious identity. Several people have posted pictures of their dogs playing with Chanukah toys in front of Christmas trees.

“It’s just meant to be fun,” Frisch said. “And it’s meant to share common love.”

That love runs deeper during

these isolating pandemic times, Frisch said. She started noticing the dog trend at weddings over the last two years, as COVID forced people to stay home more often.

Some members think that Mazel Pups is a balm for the general feeling of negativity in the wider world. They said they liked that the group was unifying and apolitical.

“It’s an outlet,” said Danielle Hess, a Southampton resident and the owner of a doodle named Betzee. “It’s just stupid things dogs do. Or cute things dogs do. Dogs are such a part of our life.”

Group members have started to post about possible meetups in local dog parks. Frisch, for her part, might want to do a Mazel Pups podcast or Instagram at some point.

“I very much enjoy doing this,” she said. ●

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Grant

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For Jewish organizations shaken by the Colleyville, Texas, hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel, the grant could offer solace, in addition to security provisions.

“As hate crimes have markedly increased in recent years, and white supremacist groups have proliferated, the need for security upgrades at our communal institutions was apparent,” Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition Chairman Marc Zucker wrote in a press release.

The grant was created following the Tree of Life synagogue complex shooting in Pittsburgh in 2018 and is available to all nonprofits, such as synagogues, mosques, churches and community centers vulnerable to hate crimes.

The announcement of the budget allocations was unrelated to the Colleyville crisis but underscores the grant’s urgency, Zucker said.

“That crisis illustrated how critical it is to have adequate funding for institutions to protect their security,” Zucker said. “While the decisions are in the hands of the governor and the legislature, we’re hopeful that this [crisis] properly focused attention on the risks faced by synagogues, churches and other institutions.”

Because of the ongoing violence targeted at Jewish institutions, the demand for grant money has been “huge,” said Robin Schatz, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia director of government affairs.

In 2021, the NSGP had an allocation of \$5 million; there were more than \$20 million in requests, Schatz said.

According to PJC Executive Director Hank Butler, only 30% of the 2020-’21 applicants received funding, or about 130 of 429 applicants. The year before, 14% of the applicants, 113 out of 807, received funding from the \$5 million in allocations.



▲ Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition Chairman Marc Zucker
Courtesy of Marc Zucker

The unmet demand in past years is frustrating to Schatz and Butler, both of whom helped to write the legislation that called for the grant.

In the past, it’s been difficult for the grant to have a line in the governor’s division of the budget, so finalizing the grant allocation budget is a scramble.

Schatz speculated that about 70% of the 2019-’20 grant recipients were Jewish, but that percentage dropped in the 2020-’21 fiscal year. Because of the Colleyville crisis, Schatz suspected the number of Jewish recipients will increase again this year.

NSGP grant requests must demonstrate the need for funds to bolster their security, according to Ilene Cohen, a grant writer and consultant.

“The state funds were created for any organization that has the potential to be or has been the victim of hate crime,” she said.

The umbrella of what can be considered a hate crime is wide, Cohen said. Synagogues that experienced a Zoom bombing, vandalism or even a child in the congregation being bullied at school for being Jewish can be reasons for institutions to apply for the grant.

A September FBI report stated that 60% of U.S. hate crimes in 2020 targeted Jews, despite Jews making up only 2% of the population.

Most often, institutions request funds for parking lot lighting, surveillance equipment, cameras, access control systems and electric doors, and key fobs.

In 2020, Federation Housing, Congregation Or Ami in Lafayette Hill and Ahavas Torah in Rhawnhurst were among the 38 Philadelphia-area Jewish organizations and 113 successful applicants to receive funding. Most were awarded about

\$25,000 to invest in cameras and bulletproof windows.

The Jewish Federation is providing grant-writing assistance for organizations like those seeking funds.

“The [Jewish] Federation has enabled the organizations, the agencies and the synagogues that are interested in pursuing this funding to get some assistance in making that happen,” Cohen said.

In addition to Pennsylvania’s NSGP, the federal NSGP, similar to its Pennsylvania counterpart but administered by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, will have allocations announced later this month.

The application process for the Pennsylvania and national grants differ greatly. While the commonwealth’s application process is rolling, and funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, national

applications are scored by DHS/FEMA based on need.

For the 2020-’21 fiscal year, Congress appropriated \$180 million for nonprofits, but Schatz is hopeful that this year’s allocations will double to \$360 million.

The commonwealth’s 2023 NSGP is already drafted, with Jewish Federation leaders having already requested \$5 million. In the future, Schatz would like the budget increased to \$10 million and for the grant to be extended for another five years. Schatz said the region’s entire congressional delegation has signed on to a letter requesting the increased allocation.

“We don’t think we can get it written in perpetuity,” Schatz said. “Just because, hopefully, there will come a day when we won’t need those funds.” ●

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Philadelphians For Ukraine



BY MARCIA BRONSTEIN

THE CROWD SWELLED at the rally's designated meeting point — the towering Philadelphia Museum of Art steps. Although just a day after a blizzard in our region, the warmth of friendship filled the air, along with numerous yellow and blue flags that represented the Ukrainian skies and wheat fields.

Standing together with the Ukrainian community were many elected officials and dignitaries and communities representing Belarus, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Uzbekistan — each carrying signs of support and flags of

their home countries. The unified message was clear: We stand with a democratic and independent Ukraine and against Russian aggression.

U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, declared, "Unequivocally, we will stand with Ukrainian allies and hold Russia accountable. All NATO allies and every freedom-loving country needs to do the same."

I came and spoke as a concerned Jew. My family is from Ukraine. They settled there after returning from Siberia where they endured the war fleeing one step ahead of the Einsatzgruppen, the Nazi paramilitary death squads who murdered more than 2 million people. Leaving their hometown of Shedrin in Belarus, they existed in survival mode in Siberia. Upon arriving in Ukraine, they had one hope: to resume life.

I had planned to visit relatives in Rostov and several Ukrainian cities in 1988 along with my uncle David and

cousin Marty. The visa application and passport photo, which I still have, were never used because our relatives were too frightened to have American visitors. Not wanting to jeopardize their safety, we canceled our trip plans.

The Ukrainian people want the same thing my family wanted: safety, protection and normalcy. That is in jeopardy today as Russia has deployed more than 120,000 troops along the border of Ukraine to the north, the east and the south. They are there to instill fear, intimidate and threaten the country.

American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern NJ works hard to support Ukraine through our longstanding partnership with the Ukrainian Federation of America. Ukraine officially declared itself an independent state on Aug. 24, 1991, and AJC has never wavered in its support. Just a few weeks ago, a high-level national AJC delegation was in Ukraine to demonstrate solidarity and

support with the government and Jewish community.

Philadelphia City Councilmember David Oh, U.S. Rep Dwight Evans, U.S. Rep. Brendan Boyle and U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean reinforced the message that Russia does not have the right to determine the future of another sovereign nation, and Ukraine has the right to protect its own fate, borders and citizens. Russian aggression and any attempt at invasion must be stopped.

The stakes could not be higher at this moment. President Putin said in 2005 that the collapse of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century. Today, his goal is to reconstitute as much of the so-called Russian sphere of influence as possible.

We are stronger when we work together with coalition partners and friends. Allies can amplify our voices and stand up for our shared humanity. The future of Ukrainian independence and democracy

are at stake. The democratic values we advocate for around the world and hold dear are at stake. As Jews, we know well what happens when democracy is challenged and the rule of law eliminated.

Iryna Mazur, honorary consul of Ukraine in Philadelphia and a lead organizer of the demonstration, proclaimed that "this rally sends a message from all of us gathered here today, that we stand for peace and justice. We stand for international order and, with a united voice, we demand an end to Putin's aggression and an end to war."

American global leadership, in unison with our key western European allies, is key to ending this crisis, to compelling Putin to stand down. All of us who love democracy and freedom need to be laser-focused on #SolidaritywithUkraine. ●

Marcia Bronstein is regional director of American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey.

Sports a Place to Fight Antisemitism



BY STEVE ROSENBERG

THE OLD JOKE from the movie "Airplane" has a passenger asking the flight attendant if she has anything light to read, and she hands her a tiny pamphlet called "Jewish Sports Legends."

It's a joke that has lasted a lifetime. It is funny, but it isn't accurate. Jews have been

accomplished athletes for decades and have used their skills to excel on a plethora of playing fields. Mark Spitz, Dolph Schayes, Sue Bird, Julian Edelman, Kerri Strug and Alex Bregman are just a few of the outstanding Jewish athletes of the last several decades.

However, one arena we can use assistance from athletes is in fighting antisemitism and helping with the pro-Israel narrative. There have been many great performances propelling Jewish athletes to the top of their profession and putting their religion front and center.

One can think about Sandy Koufax and his declining to pitch on Yom Kippur during the World Series, gymnast Aly Raisman performing to "Hava Nagila" after the Olympic

Committee failed to recognize the Munich 11, and, of course, Holocaust survivor Alfred Nakache swimming in the Berlin games in 1936 and then competing in London, making it to the semifinals in 1948 after being a prisoner in Auschwitz.

We also can think of non-Jewish athletes who have been standard-bearers for the fight against antisemitism. Pittsburgh Steeler Zach Banner has been unrelenting in his pro-Jewish stance, as has NBA Hall of Famer Ray Allen after his visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Enes Kanter, a Turkish-born Muslim stood loudly and proudly with the Jewish community after Orthodox Jews were attacked in Monsey, New York.

As we approach the

Olympic Games in China, it is incumbent upon all of us to remember and to think that the best way to defend antisemitism is with a good offense. Jews around the world are fighting the worst rise in antisemitism in decades. Social media is littered with alleged stars who not only don't understand the situation in Israel but also make up their own facts, and Twitter, Instagram and Facebook allow their lies to fester. We need a counter-offensive from athletes and celebrities like Allen, Banner and others who are willing to be champions of the Jewish people.

As chair of the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, we honor and take pride in the achievements of the athletes

who've done well on the field and have a connection to Philadelphia. However, I recognize it is equally important that we also do our best to fight both public and insidious forms of antisemitism.

Sports are the opiate of the masses. It consumes our daily lives as we watch, read, wager and discuss the happenings of the games taking place. By having the games in Germany in 1936, the IOC gave Hitler a platform to help him energize his base. Hitler pressured the head of the US Olympic Committee Avery Brundage to replace two Jewish athletes from the track team, which Brundage did.

More politicians, celebrities and athletes should acknowledge Israel as the only real

democracy in the Middle East, a place where women, the LGBTQI+ community and Arabs live freely, vote in elections and can participate freely in society. Who wins and who loses in athletics pales in importance to battling the prejudices inherent in society right now.

Jewish and non-Jewish athletes participating in the Winter Olympics in the next few weeks need to stand up and fight against antisemitism. We must continue to stand together, fight the good fight and use the platform of the Olympics — particularly in a place like China — to show the world that all hate, including that of the Jews and Israel, will no longer be tolerated. The memory of the Munich 11 and the fight against antisemitism depends on it. •

Steve Rosenberg is the chair of The Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. To learn more, visit phillyjewishsports.org, or help us rebuild by visiting gofundme.com/f/help-rebuild-our-museum.

The Meaning of the ‘Maus’ Removal



BY ZEV ELEFF

ON JAN. 11, the McMinn County Board of Education in Tennessee voted to remove Art Spiegelman’s Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel from its eighth-grade language arts curriculum. Spiegelman’s “Maus” depicts the author’s interviews with his father, a Holocaust survivor. The illustrations present Jews as mice and Germans as cats.

The Tennessee school board’s rationale was that “Maus” contains within it “unnecessary use of profanity and nudity and

its depiction of violence and suicide.” The final two points center on a small but provocative panel in the comic. In it, Spiegelman drew his mother, dead and naked in a bathtub.

The board determined that the graphic novel was “simply too adult-oriented” for its eighth-grade classes and apparently for any other grade level. The board reiterated its commitment to Holocaust education and hoped that its teachers could find a “more age appropriate” alternative to Spiegelman’s critically acclaimed graphic novel.

The trouble is that finding a replacement for “Maus” is difficult. Teachers who assign the graphic novel in their classroom ensure that through Spiegelman’s memoir their students receive a full “dosage” of Holocaust education. Through its pages, “Maus” relays the historical facts of the Holocaust and the depth of Jewish suffering during that nadir of European civilization.

Tennessee is among the 22 states that mandate Holocaust education in public schools. Like most of the others, Tennessee offers curriculum standards. A 2021 report furnished by Arizona State University showed that states by and large leave it to the schools to determine the duration and intensity of the teaching.

Tennessee’s guidelines read like most others in the American public school arena: “Explain the state-sponsored mass murder of the Jews in Nazi-controlled lands, and describe the varied experiences of Holocaust survivors and victims.” This can be accomplished in a short set of lesson plans, or it can occupy a much larger swath of classroom time. Inserting “Maus” into the curriculum assures that Holocaust education reaches a satisfactory dosage.

Then again, there’s no doubt that Spiegelman’s work

is provocative. I suspect that an unmentioned factor in the McMinn County board’s evaluation of “Maus” was Spiegelman’s postmodern art design, a style he explained at a Gratz College Holocaust education event in March 2021 was first introduced to him through Mad magazine in the 1950s. The cartoonists for Mad drew with a subversive touch, anticipating the counterculture of the 1960s.

Spiegelman’s cartoons are dark and edgy. His lettering — his placement of words in the comics — is also intentionally tense. Consider, for example, the page with which the Tennessee school board took the most issue: the cartoonist’s mother’s suicide. To convey his conflicting emotions and grief, Spiegelman’s jarring drawings are framed on the page around large black letters that read: “Menopausal Depression,” “Hitler Did It!” and “Mommy.”

I suspect that the full presentation of the art, taken together, rather than the individual parts — harsh language, unsettling cartoon style, a solitary nude panel and mention of suicide — was what had set off the oppositional board members in mid-January.

Several McMinn County educators defended “Maus” in all its postmodernism. One assistant principal posited at a school board meeting that all teaching materials on the Holocaust are gruesome: “There is nothing pretty about the Holocaust and, for me, this was a great way to depict a horrific time in history.”

The two sides represent an important debate about Holocaust education. According to the first view, Holocaust education ought to be focused on “cultural literacy.” Students must obtain knowledge about the Holocaust and keep the memory of Nazi terror in circulation. Educators should deliver this curriculum with appropriate teaching

tools.

The counterpoint argument is that Holocaust education is in fact about being provocative. The confrontational aspect is one of the key ingredients in the value proposition of Holocaust education.

In September 2020, Echoes and Reflection — a partnership program between ADL, USC Shoah Foundation and Yad Vashem — released findings of a survey that asked 1,500 U.S. college students about the impact of Holocaust education. Those who received Holocaust education also, claimed this report, possess more pluralistic attitudes and openness to different opinions and different people. This change takes place, I suggest, because “there is nothing pretty about the Holocaust.”

No doubt, both sides of the Holocaust education debate are eager to see improved Holocaust literacy and for students to become more open-minded because of that education. Still, there is a stark difference in pedagogical emphasis.

Policymakers and community stakeholders look to Holocaust education to cause a controlled amount of confrontation. They view it as an important intervention to combat antisemitism and address other brands of human hatred.

Education leaders can debate whether Holocaust education is the appropriate antidote to combat contemporary hate and make suggestions on how educators might broaden the curriculum. Until then, it seems to me that eliminating “Maus” from the syllabus removes a very valuable tool to provoke thought and ensure that our students receive a satisfactory dosage of learning on this all-important subject. •

Zev Eleff is president of Gratz College and a scholar of American Jewish history.

KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Fort Myers Named After a Jewish Man

AFTER READING ABOUT “Jewish Fort Myers” (Jan. 27), I was surprised that Abraham Charles Myers, the Jewish Army officer for whom the fort was named, wasn’t mentioned.

Paul L. Newman | Merion Station

Henry Ford Was Antisemitic

In your Jan. 27 edition, I turned to page 10 and read “Edison-Ford Winter Estates.”

Does anyone at the Jewish Exponent understand how much of an antisemite Henry Ford was? Ford bought the Dearborn Independent and published 91 articles claiming a vast Jewish conspiracy was infecting America. These articles were then put into four volumes entitled “The International Jew.”

It amazes me that the Orensteins felt compelled to write about anything to do with Henry Ford. •

Marv Waxman | Hatboro

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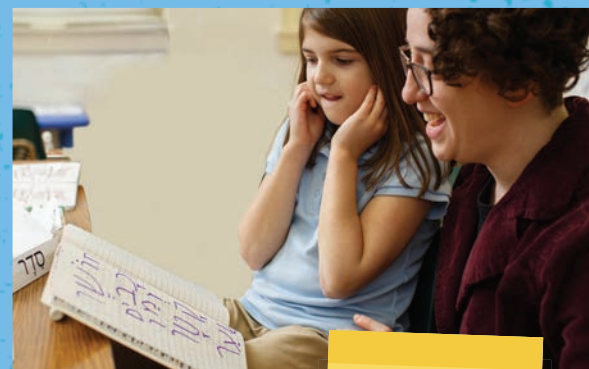
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In Love with Chestnuts

FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

WHEN TRAVELING in Rome last year with my daughter, I bought a cup of roasted chestnuts from a street vendor. They were utterly intoxicating, and we have both been sort of obsessed ever since.

We managed to find Italian chestnuts for sale at Iovine Produce in Reading Terminal Market and attempted to recreate our Roman snack. We know that everything tastes better in Italy, and the bustle at the bottom of the Spanish Steps enhanced the culinary experience, but, objectively, our version was a pretty good substitute.

Before we get to the recipes, however, let's look at the nutritional punch chestnuts pack. Low in fat and high in fiber and vitamin C, chestnuts deliver a healthy dose of antioxidants, magnesium and potassium. They can be served on their own as a snack, ground into a flour and can swing to both savory (pasta or stuffing anyone?) and sweet dishes (see below) to great effect.

ROASTED CHESTNUTS

The key, we learned, is to boil the chestnuts first. A food scientist can probably explain the thermodynamics of the technique; I'll just say that one long-ago winter, my husband and I had the "romantic" notion of roasting chestnuts on an open fire. Many cut fingers, a few splinters and zero delicious snacks later, we abandoned the effort and never tried again.

But my daughter was determined; she researched it and found the secret. Here's what we did:

1 pound chestnuts in shells

Heat your oven to 425 degrees.

Make an "X" cut across the

brown, rounded side of each chestnut. Be sure to penetrate both the shell and the inner skin.

Place the cut chestnuts in a pan of cold water. Bring it to a boil, and immediately drain the chestnuts.

Place the boiled chestnuts cut side up on a baking tray, and roast them in the oven for about 20 minutes. Remove the chestnuts from the oven, wrap them in a clean kitchen towel and allow them to sit for about 10 minutes.

Enjoy the chestnuts as soon as they have cooled slightly in the towel. Be sure to peel any leftovers before they cool (or they are difficult to remove from the shell), and store them in the refrigerator for a few days or freeze them for a few months.

CHESTNUT-FILLED CAKE

Makes 1 square cake

This is a "go-to" cake recipe for me — dense, buttery, vanilla and fairly foolproof. It married beautifully with the chestnut filling, but I've made it dozens of times without the chestnuts, and it's always a hit.

The cake:

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
1 stick unsalted butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Spray a square pan with oil, then line it with parchment paper; spray the parchment. Set it aside.

Sift the cake flour with the baking powder, soda and salt into a medium bowl; set it aside.

Beat the butter and sugar in a large bowl, and add the vanilla and eggs. Beat until blended. Slowly add the flour mixture and buttermilk, beating on low speed until just mixed.

Pour the batter into the pan, and bake 35 minutes, or until the edges are lightly brown, the center of the cake springs back when pressed and a toothpick comes out clean. Remove it from the oven, and let it cool completely before filling or icing.

The filling:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cups roasted, shelled chestnuts
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix all the ingredients in a medium saucepan, and heat them over medium-low. Allow it to simmer uncovered for about 20 minutes until the liquid is reduced to about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup. Stir occasionally.

When done, remove it from the heat and, using an immersion blender, puree the mixture. (A regular blender also can be used; just use caution with the hot liquid.)

Buttercream icing:

$\frac{1}{2}$ stick butter, softened
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups powdered sugar, or as needed for texture
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon milk, or as needed for texture

Mix all the ingredients, blending until smooth. Adjust as needed with the milk and sugar to achieve spreading consistency.

Assemble the cake:

Slice the cooled cake horizontally across into two layers. Spread the chestnut filling on the bottom layer, and place the top cake layer over the filling. Top the cake with the buttercream icing. •



▲ Roasted chestnuts



▲ Chestnut-filled cake

Photos by Keri White

Museum Exhibit a Mosaic of Jewish History

ARTS

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

HISTORY IS OFTEN framed as the story of major people and events. But if you have enough artifacts, it also can be presented as a mosaic of everyday experiences.

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel's Temple Judea Museum has the artifacts, and now through the end of March it will use them to portray Jewish history as that mosaic.

The museum, which is named for the other Elkins Park synagogue that KI merged with in 1982, often showcases exhibits about specific themes. Its most recent show, in the fall, focused on Jewish summer camps, according to museum director Rita Poley.

But this exhibit, called "Signs of Our Jewish Times," is a collection of objects that, as Poley explained, do not fit into a narrow theme.

There are pins from Jewish events, the Israeli Army and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, among others; there are signs and pictures from Hesch's, the old Jewish steakhouse owned by Philadelphia entrepreneur Harry Jay Katz; there's an old sign from Satmar Bakery in New York telling customers that the bakery had no matzah left.

And that's only a sampling.

"All these things that made up Jewish life," said Poley, who has run the museum since 1999.

Poley, now in her late 70s, spent her career as an art consultant and museum curator throughout the region. She organized shows at synagogues, schools and even the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She also wrote a column about exhibitions for the Jewish Exponent.

Now retired, Poley remains a KI member and the driving force behind its Jewish history museum. Though Poley runs the operation, her shows are often the products of generous



▲ The Temple Judea Museum at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park
Courtesy of Rita Poley

donations of entire collections, like the Jewish summer camp contribution.

But the "Signs of Our Jewish Times" show is different. This one is about Poley coalescing a bunch of old gems into an exhibit.

A few years ago, Ellen Tilman, an Elkins Park resident who served as KI's director of library services for 13 years, gave Poley her collection of pins from Women's League events and activities.

Then, about a year ago, Al Gilens, a Gladwyne resident and a friend of Poley's, donated his pins from a career in Jewish fundraising. One was from the annual charity walk that the Jewish Community Relations Council used to hold.

At that point, Poley came up with an idea.

"How can we exhibit those pins?" she recalled.

The curator knew she already had a lot of signs in the museum's collection, too. She realized that the pins and signs together could make for an interesting show.

And then about four months ago, Katz's estate donated

the artifacts from Hesch's Steakhouse. They included a picture of Katz with Sylvester Stallone holding a Hesch's menu, as well as a poster of Liza Minnelli against a ticket for a fundraiser at the steakhouse.

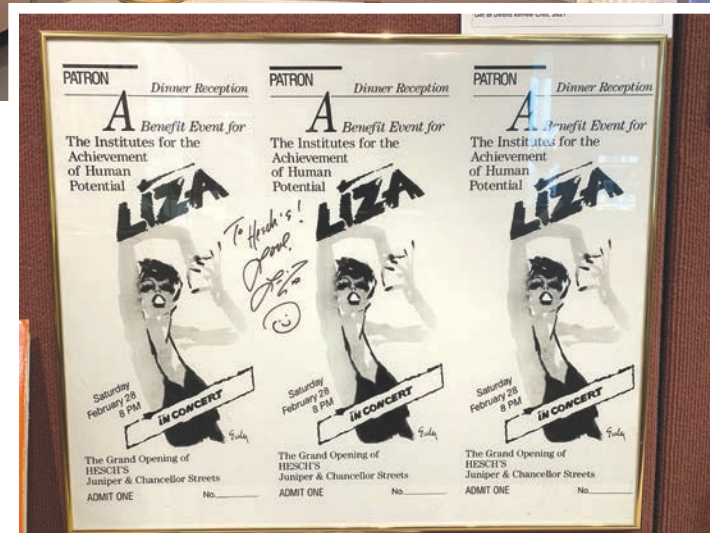
"That's how this collection came together," Poley said.

Those were the major contributions, but others were just items Poley gathered herself over the years.

She has a campaign poster for former New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug, a Jewish leader in the feminist movement elected to Congress in 1970. The curator bought the poster on eBay for a few bucks.

"One of the first feminist officeholders. She was a real character. So famous in the 1970s and 1980s," Poley said of Abzug. "When I take it out, people don't even know who she is."

Also on eBay for a few bucks, the director bought a corned beef sandwich bag from Bernstein's Restaurant on the Lower East Side. And, after connecting with an art dealer, she procured an advertisement sign from the



▲ A poster of actress and singer Liza Minnelli from an event at Hesch's Steakhouse in Philadelphia
Courtesy of Rita Poley

first Jewish airport, Palestine Airways, in pre-state Israel.

"I look and see if I can find little treasures and find ways to use them," Poley said.

The way Poley sees it, if she doesn't preserve the artifacts, people will forget. They forget anyway, she said.

But the "Signs of Our Times" exhibit is a way to remind them.

Tilman, who contributed the Women's League pins, said you don't want to miss it because you're unlikely to see anything like it again.

"It's a collection of things that would never otherwise be put together," she said.

Gilens, who contributed the pins from his fundraising events, believes that no two people will walk through the exhibit and have the same favorite image or display.

"It should create a lot of conversation," he said.

Admission to the show is free, Poley said. The museum is "generally open business hours and Sunday mornings," a release said. But people who want to attend are encouraged to contact the synagogue in advance at TJMuseum@kenesethisrael.org or 215-887-8700. ●

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Philly Faces: Amanda Shulman

PHILLY FACES

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

AMANDA SHULMAN, 29, grew up eating Shabbat dinner with her family almost every week. It was such a sacred time that her parents imposed a rule: no going out with friends on Friday nights. Instead, as a loophole, Shulman and her siblings would invite friends over to their “revolving dinner table.”

Learning to cook Shabbat meals with her grandmothers in the kitchen, Shulman quickly fell in love with feeding others, and she began cooking dinner for her family every

night while she was in high school.

Her epicurious skills honed through spells as a chef at Amis Trattoria — once part of the Marc Vetri restaurant empire — and The Bakeshop on 20th, Shulman grew her desire to feed others.

The prototype of a full dining room on Shabbat evolved into a supper club she hosted in her tiny University of Pennsylvania apartment, then a pop-up concept and now the semi-permanent Her Place supper club with its home at 1740 Sansom St.

Was there a dish growing up that you remember your

family making that really stuck with you?

Every Friday night we would make roast chicken — roast chicken with vegetables.

It was also all about the holidays: my great aunt’s stuffed Cornish hens — like the craziest thing ever. I remember eating them once a year at her house for Rosh Hashanah with apple cake.

What else? And my grandma’s baked salami — kosher baked salami covered in sugar-mustard glaze.

Have you found that the way you ate growing up has influenced how you cook?

Definitely. It’s abundant,

and it should make you feel good, and [it’s] not too complicated.

I’m one of four kids; everyone besides me had a picky-eater phase. So my mom would have to make three different things, and there was always just so much concern that there was never going to be enough, so that’s definitely something I have taken.

I really love spreads and a lot of things on the table at once, just to give everyone some options.

Cooking with your family growing up, cooking in restaurants under chef mentors, what are some lessons you’ve learned?

Work ethic is inherent not necessarily learned, but just how to put your head down and learn and just listen, really how to listen. How to soak up everything you can from an opportunity.

Recognizing you can literally learn from every single person, whether ... it’s a sous chef, whether it’s a dishwasher ... you can learn from everybody. You just have to be like a sponge.

It’s also a relationship business. So don’t burn a bridge and be respectful. Just know that everyone is connected. That’s really important. And just being nice, constantly. Just being kind can go a long way, especially in today’s kitchen culture.

You are pretty adamant about making a distinction between a supper club and a restaurant. What are the differences between those two concepts?

Honestly, the real truth is by not saying I’m a restaurant, I have a lot more flexibility. By not defining myself as really anything, I can kind of change the rules.

It gives the customer a different expectation — or no

expectation, really — in a good way. Because how many restaurants have you been to where there’s a set of rules: You go in, you sit down, you order; you act in a certain way? You expect an appetizer, an entree, a dessert and a side, and we are just, like, ‘Nope, that’s not how we play.’

By not calling ourselves a restaurant, it gives us a lot more freedom and flexibility to bend the rules.

What are some ways in which you bend the rules?

We’re open basically four days a week maximum. We don’t do dietary substitutions. There’s plenty of food; if you don’t like something, eat more of something else, or come another time.

The menu changes every two weeks, but it really changes like every day, based off of what I can get or what I’m excited about. A conversation I have will literally change an entire menu.

We only release reservations every two weeks, and it’s definitely crazy to say this, but we basically run this entire restaurant off of social media.

Who would your dream dinner guest be?

My grandma passed away two years ago. I wish she could come. She’s probably my No. 1 person who I wish I could feed.

It’s not just being like a dinner guest. I want to cook for you ... but it’s just such a different environment than a regular restaurant. It’s kind of like a dinner party. You’re walked through your whole meal, so you can’t just be a food person, you have to be a good time — are you adding to the atmosphere? My grandma checks all the boxes, so she’ll be my answer. ●

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▲ Amanda Shulman

Courtesy of Amanda Shulman

NEWSBRIEFS

Barnes & Noble Removes “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion” from Website

AFTER A SOCIAL MEDIA outcry, Barnes & Noble removed “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion” from its website, JTA reported.

Twitter users began tweeting about an online listing on Jan. 25 selling the fabricated antisemitic text for \$24.95 on the book retailer’s website. The retailer said in a statement that the book was fed automatically to the website from “standard industry databases” and that the company would “take prompt action to remove” the title.

A Barnes & Noble representative wrote that the bookseller does the “utmost to diligently monitor such submissions for violations of our content policy” and that the book was never stocked in its stores.

The Jerusalem Post reported that while Barnes & Noble was targeted on social media, other major online booksellers, such as Walmart, Book Depository, Thrift Books and Hudson Books, were selling versions of the book.

Tennessee School Board Removes Holocaust Memoir ‘Maus’ From Its Curriculum

A Tennessee school board voted unanimously to remove “Maus,” Art Spiegelman’s graphic memoir about his father’s Holocaust experience, from its curriculum, JTA reported.

Board members raised objections about curse words, nude drawings and “not wise or healthy” content within it.

During a Jan. 10 board meeting, educators explained that “Maus” was the centerpiece for a months-long study of the Holocaust by eighth-grade English classes in McMinn County.

Board member Mike Cochran said he didn’t object to students learning about Holocaust history but questioned why “Maus” was an appropriate choice because it includes profanity and a drawing of the author’s mother naked. (Like the other Jews in the book, the author’s mother is rendered as a mouse.)

The district had agreed to redact the profanities and obscure the nude image, but the board voted unanimously to pull the book.

Spiegelman, who won a 1992 Pulitzer Prize for the book, told CNBC that the decision was “Orwellian.”

French Antisemitic Incidents Climb 75% in 2021, Physical Assaults Increase 36%

Antisemitic incidents in France increased by 75% in 2021, according to the French Jewish community’s main watchdog group.

SPCJ recorded 589 hate crimes against Jews in its annual report released on Jan. 26, including a 36% increase in physical assaults over 2020.

Incidents targeting people accounted for 45% of all incidents in 2021. Ten percent of those were physical assaults.

One-fourth of all incidents happened inside or just outside the victims’ homes, typically perpetrated by a neighbor, SPCJ wrote.

Flyers Saying Jews Have “COVID Agenda” Resurface in Florida, California

Flyers blaming Jews for COVID-19 were found in multiple cities in Florida and near San Francisco

the weekend of Jan. 22-23, less than two months after similar ones were found in at least eight states, JTA reported.

Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber, who is Jewish, saw some of the flyers while taking a walk and posted a photo of one on Twitter. The flyers were delivered inside plastic sandwich bags with small pebbles and listed names of Jewish public health officials, including Rochelle Wolensky, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Jeff Zients, the Biden administration’s COVID-19 czar.

The flyers also contained an advertisement for Goyim TV, a video website run by the Goyim Defense League.

The Jewish News of Northern California reported that Pacific Heights residents also found some flyers near their homes that weekend. ●

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Carving Out Sacred Space

BY RABBI SHOSHANAH TORNBERG

Parshat Terumah

IN PREPARATION FOR this Shabbat of Terumah, I have worked with a young student who celebrates his becoming a bar mitzvah this week. We have been exploring the meaning of the *mishkan* — that dwelling place for God that the Israelites created in the wilderness — the precursor to the Temple in Jerusalem. Terumah outlines the specific instructions for how the Israelites are to build this cultic centerpiece, right down to its measurements, materials and implements.

For contemporary Jews, it is hard to make much of the specificity of this blueprint/instruction manual. For the creative building type, the lushness and artfulness of the design compels. But how can it compel the rest of us? After all, Torah was not written for our ancestors alone: We were at Sinai, too. So there must be some meaning in the passages that describe the building of the Tabernacle for *us*, in *this* moment?

In these last two years, our sense of “space” has changed. The pandemic has kept us away from our *mishkans*. Our classrooms, chapels and buildings have not been where we gather. More and more we are continuing our communal activities and sharing our spiritual lives in the virtual world. We have switched from in-building learning and worship to livestreams and Zoom meetings.

And though many of us were hoping that our coming trajectory would move us back into our physical spaces — would let us come home — we likely will switch between the virtual and the physical to some extent and for some time to come. So, now we ask: If we cannot rely on our buildings as the places we gather in order to let God in, what do we do?

One answer to our current conundrum lies in our embracing a new understanding of space, though one that is, in reality, very old.

The Midrash collection, Bereishit Rabbah, teaches that God does not dwell in the universe; but rather the universe dwells within God (68). The

midrash reminds us that God is often called “*HaMakom*” — the place. We hear in this reference an intimation of God as encompassing all other senses of place. God is not in space — God is outside of space, and space is in God.

Further, God is not in time — God is outside of time, and time is in God. So if God doesn’t dwell in the universe, or does so in a way that is not “of” the universe, then in creating the world, what does God do?

First, God created the world with laws we need — gravity, polarity, relativity, cause and effect, to name a few. God created the world in such a way as to make our existence possible. God designates and builds a space for us — for living things and the elements of our universe. God creates this world “like an apartment” [1] within existence — complete with the laws of physics, time and mind that render this a world in which we can thrive.

So, too, when we created a *mishkan* in ancient times, or when we create another kind of sacred place today, that space becomes designated in

our world for God to *be* in our world — it is *God’s* apartment in our corporeal world. And just as the created universe follows laws that make our existence possible, so must our holy spaces follow patterns and intentions that can make God’s presence in our midst a reality.

Yes our buildings still exist and, yes, we still long to return to them in full force. One day, I pray we will. But in recognizing that, for now, they will not be the only or even primary place where we meet God and each other, now, here, in this moment. What do we need to do to make room for God without the building? What are the God-inviting laws and *kavannot* (intentions) that we can bring to our changing sense of space? What will God’s apartment look like now?

God is *kadosh* — holy; separate; source of, but not of, this realm. What are the ways that we can honor that separateness in our prayer, learning and celebration modes? Some of the ways we can sanctify online “spaces” — perhaps even in the emerging metaverse — have not yet been invented.

So we need to begin inventing

them. If we participate in remote Jewish life, our tradition invites us to think carefully about how we carve out these spaces? Can we designate a sacred, separate space for our bodies when engaging in these gatherings? Can we control our surroundings so that they can be crafted for holiness? Can we give ourselves the gift of pause from all the other tasks that call to us?

Where is God?

Paraphrasing the Kotzker Rebbe, we answer — wherever we invite God in. ●

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Abrams

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So, the rabbi asked the developer if he could buy about five acres in the middle of the property. Siegel was amenable, but the zoning got too complicated.

“We were taking over land right in the middle of his land,” Budow said. “I really gave up on it.”

But on the morning after Thanksgiving, Budow was driving to Baltimore to visit his granddaughters when he got a call from Siegel. The developer asked if the rabbi was in Yardley; he wanted to show the Abrams head his new idea for the land.

When they met the following

week, Siegel told Budow that he wanted to offer the piece of his property that was adjacent to the school. It was empty. The school would just have to flatten a slope and do some other work to prepare the fields.

The rabbi thought the land “looked pretty good,” he said.

“Kids don’t have to walk three minutes to get to the other property,” he added. “It’s right there.”

So then, the rabbi asked Siegel how much it would cost.

The developer answered, “It’s not going to cost anything.”

“That was the first time I met the guy,” Budow said.

As Siegel explained it, he came to understand the school’s need through his conversations

with the rabbi.

He also knew that, since the property was so big, its outdoor space got a lot of recreational use from tenants and the township community for events. Siegel wanted Abrams’ students to have the same opportunity.

Siegel grew up attending a Conservative synagogue in Trenton, New Jersey. He is a member at another Conservative synagogue in New York. The owner views this act of goodwill as a chance to help the next generation of Jews.

“I don’t think we did anything special,” he said. “We just did our part.”

Now, the Abrams community will handle the rest.

The rabbi mentioned the

project to school parents on a December Zoom call and started working with an architect. Budow is figuring out how much it will cost to cut down some trees and level the land.

Brooke Rosenthal, a landscape architect whose daughter is a second-grader at Abrams, is offering her expertise to Budow in an advisory capacity. She is not the primary architect, but she wants to help.

Rosenthal, who has designed parks and plazas, including many in New York, believes it’s important for everyone to spend time outside, especially kids. Throughout the day, the architect explained, students are in school and looking at books or screens.

“To foster relationships

through play — being outside helps you do that,” she said. “Being surrounded by trees and nature is a wonderful way for their brains and bodies to be in a different place.”

Rosenthal’s daughter is a first-year student at Abrams. The mother said she already felt like she made the right decision, as Abrams’ teachers all “seem to know my daughter.” But she also said she was excited about what the addition would add to an already healthy school community.

“It’s great that the school is continuing to create more opportunities for the students,” she concluded. ●

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Holocaust Survivor Dr. John J. Spitzer Dies at 94
DR. JOHN J. SPITZER of Haverford, a Holocaust survivor who spoke often later in life about his experiences, died on Jan. 20. He was 94.

A native of Baja, Hungary, he became an orphan at 17 in 1944 when the Nazis invaded, and he was selected to work for a traveling SS group performing manual labor. He was liberated the following year.

He met his late wife, Judy, a year later while enrolled in medical school in Budapest, Hungary. She also was a doctor.

Although they were engaged in 1949, she was able to leave and go to the United States because she had family in Philadelphia, but he could not get out of Hungary. Spitzer paid off authorities to illegally take him and other Jews to Vienna, Austria; in transit, he realized the truck was heading back to Budapest, so he and two others crawled to safety, eventually making it to Vienna and, after graduating medical school in Germany, to Canada, where they were reunited in 1951.

After landing a job in Nova Scotia, Spitzer later worked in Tallahassee, Florida.

From 1956 until 1973 the Spitzers worked in Philadelphia, including as professors of physiology at Hahnemann Medical College. Briefs in Jewish Exponent archives mention a \$307,448 National Institutes of Health grant in 1967 to study fat metabolism. Two years earlier, he received an unspecified \$79,000 grant and was elected president of the Philadelphia Physiological Association.

After leaving Philadelphia, the couple moved to New Orleans, where John Spitzer became the head of the

Department of Physiology at LSU Medical Center. While there, he established a drug and alcohol abuse center.

The Spitzers returned to Philadelphia after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their house in 2005. They told acquaintances that the only item they salvaged from their home was an oil-lit menorah they brought with them from Europe.

Over the past 15 years, Spitzer regularly lectured at local high schools about the Holocaust and, more recently, he mentored college students as well.

Spitzer is survived by his son Peter (Wendy), daughter Juliet (Phil Wachs), six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two Cherry Hill Synagogues to Merge

Two Reform Jewish synagogues in Cherry Hill, New Jersey — Temple Emanuel and Congregation M'kor Shalom — will unify as one new congregation on July 1.

The unification decision was approved by both congregations during meetings on Jan. 24 and comes after nearly 16 months of discussions and planning on both sides.

In early discussions, the synagogues said they discovered many similarities, shared values and complementing strengths and challenges. Both synagogues said they were strong but faced declining membership, creating a need for long-term strategic planning.

The new congregation, which hasn't been named, will meet in the current Temple Emanuel building at the corner of Springdale and Kresson roads in Cherry Hill, across the street from the Katz JCC.

All clergy from both individual synagogues are

being retained by the new synagogue to continue as their spiritual leaders.

Rabbi Jennifer L. Frenkel will be the senior rabbi, Rabbi Jerome P. David will be the rabbi emeritus, Cantor Rhoda J. Harrison will be the senior cantor, Cantor Neil Schnitzer will be the cantor sheini and Cantor Anita Hochman will be the cantor emerita.

Synagogue Supports Israeli Restaurant After Targeted Negative Reviews

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim members bought more than \$1,000 worth of food on Jan. 23 from Israeli restaurant Yalla in Teaneck, New Jersey, synagogue Executive Director Jacques Lurie said.

The effort was made in support of the restaurant, which received several 1-star ratings on its Yelp and Google pages from pro-Palestinian reviewers accusing Yalla of being “appropriative” of Palestinian culture, according to Yalla owner Jacob Goldberg. “Yalla” is the Arabic word for “let’s go,” but is commonly used by many non-Arabic speakers, Goldberg said.

Negative reviews of the restaurant increased after a TikTok user posted a video on the app encouraging people to leave negative reviews. United for Israel posted about the incident on Jan. 20, which prompted Lurie to support the restaurant.

Goldberg said that after the United for Israel article, Yalla’s business increased due to community support. The restaurant has a 4.6 rating on Google with 437 reviews.

Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations hosts “Nazis of Copley Square” Webinar

The Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations will host a webinar at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 detailing “the forgotten history of American terrorists who, in the name of God, conspired to overthrow the government and formed an alliance with Hitler.”

“Nazis of Copley Square: The Forgotten Story of the Christian Front, 1939-1945” will be led by Jesuit scholar Charles Gallagher, an associate professor of history at Boston College.

On July 14, 1939, 200 Philadelphia police and a crowd of 6,000 filled Philadelphia’s Metropolitan Opera House to hear the famed “radio priest” Father Charles E. Coughlin commission John F. Cassidy to lead his new Christian Front organization.

Six months later, FBI agents burst into Cassidy’s home, arrested him and seized military-grade rifles, ammunition and homemade bombs. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover alleged the group was planning to incite a revolution and install a “temporary dictatorship” to stamp out Jewish and communist influence in the United States.

Gallagher’s discussion will include insight into how the Christian Front’s antisemitism was inspired by Sunday sermons and lay leaders openly espousing fascist and Nazi beliefs.

Contact the institute at ijcr@sju.edu for webinar registration, which is required. ●

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▲ Drs. John and Judy Spitzer in 1972. They had returned from a lecture tour of Japan; the poster announces one of their lectures. Jewish Exponent file photo

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DEATH NOTICES

COREN

David, Jan. 21, 2022. Husband of the late Selma (nee: Glickman), father of Sharon (Bruce) Frantz and Larry Coren (Matt Ketcham). Also survived by 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was a WW II Army veteran and a member of the Sandler-Pincus Post #305 and the Rippen-Bazell Post #148. Contributions may be made to the JWV of the USA. Condolences and contributions at BerschlerAndShenberg.com

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FINKELSTEIN

Bonnie (née Blumenthal), January 21, 2022, of Elkins Park, PA. Mother of Joel Blumenthal Finkelstein (Lauren); sister of Herman "Buz" Blumenthal III (Linda); grandmother of Maxwell and Rosalia. Services will be announced at a later date. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation www.cff.org

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KRAVITZ

Rita (née Nitzberg), January 23, 2022, of Wynnewood, PA; Beloved wife of the late Edward Kravitz; loving mother of Dr. Richard (Emily) Kravitz and Dr. Susan (Howard Sklaroff) Miller; cherished grandmother of Jeremy and Martha; devoted brother of Jerry (Esther) Nitzberg. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rita's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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RUBIN

Gladyce Feldscher, on January 27th, 2022, peacefully surrounded by loving family. Daughter of the late William I. and Anna R. Feldscher; loving wife of the late Dr. Frank H. Rubin sister of the late Donald and Dorothy; adoring mother of Arlene B. Rubin Esq. and Jeffrey (Susan Packer) Rubin, MD. Doting grandmother of Sara Ann and Michael Daniel. A graduate of Overbrook High School, Gladyce continued her education at Temple University where she earned her bachelor's and master's degree before continuing her post-graduate work at University of Richmond, University of Pennsylvania and Gratz College. Employed as the Chief Clerk of Civilian Personnel at the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation in Virginia during World War II prior to working 33 years with the Philadelphia School District, Gladyce served as a business teacher, Department Head, Vice Principal and acting Principal while staying active in her community. While being in her community she served as President of Temple Adath Israel of the Main Line, President of the Temple University College of Education Alumni Association Board of Directors and Judge of Elections in Montgomery County. Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple University c/o the Frank H. Rubin, DPM, '43 Memorial Fund in Podiatric Medicine, TUSPM, 148 N. 8th St., 6th Fl., Phila. PA 19107 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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KUSHNER

Selma Lita (nee Bernstein) Passed away on January 24, 2022. Wife of the late Gerald Kushner. Mother of Janice Rebecca Stewart (the late Edward) and Howard Jay (Patricia Carolina) Kushner. Grandmother of Brynn Stewart, and the late Barry and Chad Stewart. Great Grandmother of Robert John and Emberlia. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

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SLAP

Slap, Henrietta – born - December 5, 1928; died- January 24, 2022. Henrietta Slap ("Henni") passed away peacefully at her home in Philadelphia. Born in Harrisburg, PA, she was graduated from the University of Miami, where she received her Bachelor's Degree. Predeceased by her 2 loving husbands: Milton L. Margulis in 1960 and Matthew Slap in 1985. She is survived by her children Eve Slap, David Slap, Alison Tress (Manny) and Albert Slap (Julie Wagner). She is also survived by 10 grandchildren; Michael Sloane, Elizabeth McKee (Chris), Catherine Sloane (Ben Davis), Eryn Slap, Ben Slap-Marshall, Matthew Slap Andrew Slap (Hannah) Marina Slap, Nikki Slap, Dani Slap and 8 great-grandchildren; Maggie Sloane, Grace Sloane, Caroline Sloane, Kate McKee, Claire McKee, Henry Davis, Jane Davis and AJ Slap. Henrietta lived in Philadelphia most of her life and was active in local institutions such as the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, where she served on the Board of Directors, and Moss Rehabilitation Hospital. She spent many winters at the Boca West Club in Boca Raton, FL, where she was active in golf and tennis. Contributions in her memory should be sent to: the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (themmr.org)

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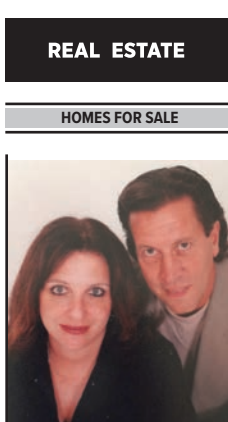
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DECREE NISI - Court of Common Pleas Phila. Orphans' Court Div. O.C. #870 DE of 2020/Control #203853 -Estate of Giuseppina T. Urban a/k/a Angelina R. Urban f/k/a Angelina Tozzi Russo and/or Giuseppina Tozzi, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that on 11/18/21, upon consideration of the Petition by Robert Markley. It is hereby Ordered and decreed nisi that Petitioner is authorized to record a corrective deed retitling real estate located at 608 Flora Street, Phila., PA 19125, unto Robert Markley in fee simple. If no exception to this decree is filed within 3 mos., it shall be confirmed absolutely. By the Court, George W. Overton, J. Paul Chung, Atty. for Petitioner, Grifo & Chung LLC, 30 S. 15th St., 15th Fl., Phila., PA 19102. 267.777.9127

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PRIVATE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT - Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of the **Myer H. Goldman Foundation** is available at the principal office of the Foundation for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests same within One Hundred and Eighty (180) days after the date of this publication. The Foundation's principal office is located at 50 S. 16th St., Ste. 3530, Phila., PA 19102, 215.665.8000, and the Foundation's principal manager is Bernice J. Koplín.

ESTATE NOTICES

Estate of Edward Witalec Witalec, Edward
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Mark Edward Witalec, 3025 Livingston St., Philadelphia, PA 19134 and Lisa A. Wilk, 1322 Greentree Lane, West Chester, PA 19380, Administrators., Mark Feinman, Esquire 8171 Castor Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19152

ESTATE OF CAROL A. DAHLBERG, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Kathleen Hunsberger, Executrix, 1225 Bellemeade Dr., Warminster, PA 18974.
Or to her Attorney: MARK D. FREEMAN P.O. Box 457 Media, PA 19063

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ESTATE OF ANN RUTH COHEN, DECEASED.
Late of Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Gina Monaco, c/o Jeffrey S. Michels, Esq., 1234 Bridgetown Pike, Suite 110, Feasterville, PA 19053 Administration.
Jeffrey S. Michels, Esq. 1234 Bridgetown Pike Suite 110 Feasterville, PA 19053

ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SPOTWOOD, (a/k/a BARBARA MILLER SPOTWOOD, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney: DANIELLA A. HORN KLENK LAW, LLC 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF CAROLE P. WEITZMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Warminster Township, Bucks County, PA
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Or to her Attorney: DAVID SCHACHTER 1528 Walnut St., Ste. 1507 Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF DAVID FORSTEIN a/k/a DAVID STEVEN FORSTEIN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to his Attorney: BRADLEY NEWMAN ESTATE & ELDER LAW OFFICE OF BRADLEY NEWMAN 123 S. Broad St., Ste. 1030 Philadelphia, PA 19109

Estate of David Michael Goluboff aka David M. Goluboff Goluboff, David Michael aka Goluboff, David M.
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payment without delay to Susan A. Danyluk, c/o Hope Bosniak, Esq., Dessen Moses & Rossitto, 600 Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090, Executrix. Dessen, Moses & Rossitto 600 Easton Rd. Willow Grove, PA 19090

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

ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAE JOHNSON, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to KAREN PALMER, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
Or to her Attorney: Daniella A. Horn Klenk Law, LLC 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

Estate of Esther Farrell, Farrell, Esther
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Kimber Lynn Robertson, 1260 E. 2nd St., Apt. 18, Long Beach, CA 90802, Administratrix.
Mark Feinman, Esquire 8171 Castor Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19152

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

ESTATE OF GROVER REED, JR. Deceased
Late of Pennsylvania
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ESTATE OF KATHLEEN M. BOZZUTO, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Kristen A. Bozzuto, Executrix, 144 Wolf St., Philadelphia, PA 19148

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

ESTATE OF LORRAINE M. DANYLUK, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF MAN HO IVINS a/k/a KIM MAN HO IVINS, MAN H. IVINS, KIM IVINS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF MARY BERNADETTE CORY a/k/a MARY B. CORY, MARY CORY, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF RICHARD B. COSTELLO, DECEASED. Late of Southampton
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ESTATE OF SALVATORE GANCI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF SHEILA MURPHEY, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF VALERIE DENISE NORWOOD, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF WILLIAM CHESTER ZEBROWSKI a/k/a WILLIAM C. ZEBROWSKI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to THOMAS WILLIAM ZEBROWSKI, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Carol S. Sharp, Esq., 412 E. Street Rd., Feasterville-Treves, PA 19053, Or to his Attorney: CAROL S. SHARP CAROL S. SHARP, P.C. 412 E. Street Rd. Feasterville-Treves, PA 19053

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 19, 2021 for **Above All Automotive** at 1901 Tomlinson Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19116. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Edward J. McNamee III at 1901 Tomlinson Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19116. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 17, 2021 for **ArtByAlicia** at 2822 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Alicia Levantini at 2822 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 10, 2021 for **Project Objects** at 100 Beecher Ave. Unit C, Cheltenham, PA 19012. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Scott A. Shimkonis at 100 Beecher Ave. Unit C, Cheltenham, PA 19012. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 24, 2021 for **SexAppeal Boutique** at 3843 Reno St. Philadelphia, PA 19104. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Alicia Jeter at 3843 Reno St. Philadelphia, PA 19104. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, FEB. 4

Jewish Signs Exhibit

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

Parsha for Life

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

▼ MONDAY, FEB. 7

Mahjong Game

Melrose B’nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood invites the community to join our weekly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$36 per year or free with MBIEE Sisterhood membership. For more information, call 215-635-1505 or email office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ TUESDAY, FEB. 8

Bingo with Barry

Join Barry at **Tabas KleinLife** for an afternoon of bingo from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Feb. 8, 9 and 10. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on Feb. 9. For more information, call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.

Sisterhood Meeting

The **Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will host a Zoom general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Join us to learn how to enjoy your photographs again. Darla DeMarrow will present a program on virtual photo organizing. An email link will be sent prior to the meeting. Contact the synagogue office at 215-677-1600 for further details.

▼ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

Book discussion

Rabbi Richard Address of **M’kor Shalom** leads us in the study of Joshua-Judges, Isaiah and Daniel at 10:30 a.m. There is no cost for congregants; \$10/person/session for non-congregants. Visit mkorshalom.org/morebooks for more information. 850 E. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Global Connections

Robert Siegel (former senior host of NPR’s “All Things Considered”) interviews Timothy Snyder (Yale University; author, “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century”), Fionna Hill (Brookings Institution), Ivo Daalder (Chicago Council on Global Affairs) and Aaron David Miller (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) as part of the “**Global Connections: Navigating a New Normal**” series. 4 p.m. Free registration: rb.gy/0i8ocv.

▼ THURSDAY, FEB. 10

Bend the Arc Meeting

Join **Bend the Arc** for an evening of focused movement-building in South Jersey. Learn more about the Moral Minyan, ideas for action and start thinking about your role in the movement. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.; register by the Tuesday before: bendthearc.us/southjersey_signup. ●

NEWSMAKERS

Perelman Updates Parking Spots

The Perelman Jewish Day School, the Kaiserman JCC, Einstein Health and Moss Rehab changed the logos on parking spots for people with disabilities on Perelman’s Wynnewood campus.

The new logo shows a silhouette leaning forward in an active posture, replacing the old silhouette that was not in an active posture. Fifth-grade students, Perelman Head of School Judy Groner and JCC staff members helped paint this international symbol of accessibility.



▲ Perelman students paint the new logo onto a parking spot.



▲ The spot with the new logo
Courtesy of the Perelman Jewish Day School

Ann’s Choice Hosts Talk with Scholar

The Jewish Residents’ Council at Ann’s Choice in Warminster hosted a talk by Asaf Romirowsky, the executive director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East and a research fellow at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies. He discussed the impact of the Balfour Declaration in the establishment of Israel.

► From left: Joe Shragar, Asaf Romirowsky and Jewish Residents’ Council President Phyllis Halpern.

Photo by Bernie Roseman



Volunteers Help Jewish Family Service

Stockton University students Julie Tran and Lynn Tran helped the Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties stock its food pantry on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. The students checked product dates, stocked shelves and bagged groceries for clients.

► From left: Julie Tran and Lynn Tran stock the food pantry.

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



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