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WITH COLD WEATHER causing people to spend more time indoors and delays hindering the national vaccine rollout, the death toll of the pandemic continues to grow.

As of press time, 441,831 people have died of COVID-19 in the United States. In Pennsylvania, the figure stands at 21,687. In our five-county region — Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Bucks counties — 7,131 people have died of the disease.

This is the Exponent's sixth installment of "Those We've Lost," because these people deserve to be remembered as more than statistics.

Mary Heller Cope

Mary Heller Cope died Jan. 10 of Alzheimer's disease and complications from COVID-19. The Yardley resident was 86.

Born in Englewood, New Jersey, she graduated from Oberlin College and received a master's degree in public administration and business from Radcliffe College. She also was one of the first international exchange students to Germany with American Field Service (now AFS-USA) after World War II.

She married Dr. Constantin Cope in 1957 and the couple raised their children in

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▲ Klielle Glanzberg-Krainin harvests vegetables at True Love Farm in Shaftsbury, Vermont.

Courtesy of Klielle Glanzberg-Krainin

Why Young Jews Are Flocking to Farming

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

FOR AMERICAN JEWS living in the Northeast, it may seem strange to celebrate Tu B'Shevat in January.

How do you celebrate the birthday of the trees at a time when they look cold and dead?

The answer lies under the surface, according to Klielle Glanzberg-Krainin.

"Around now is when the sap is starting to flow in the tree, so if you're tapping, like, maple trees to make maple syrup, around now is when you start tapping," she explained.

The recent Tufts University graduate spoke about her experience learning about sustainable food production on farms at a Tu B'Shevat webinar for Beth Shalom Congregation and Kehillah of Old York Road. During "What's

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Steamed string beans are a common standby preparation, but are kind of boring. That's why food columnist Keri White jazzed up a bag of string beans with salted vinegared onions to make a tasty side dish. Better yet, the preparation method would work on many different kinds of produce. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition.
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That Ole Debbil Intermarriage

Should Our Teen-Agers Be Discouraged from
Mixing Socially with Non-Jewish Schoolmates?

By Alfred Segal

I HAVE JUST BEEN READING in the Jewish press about a parent group in one of our Jewish communities coming out with a purpose to discourage their teen-age school kids from mixing socially with their non-Jewish schoolmates. That is to say, mixing at parties.

(I forget the name of the city in which Jewish parents have made this protest; the paper in which the matter is reported has disappeared off my desk. This may suggest that I am not the meticulous reporter I have pretended to be all my adult life. A good reporter should always have the name and address of his subject at his fingertips.)

Anyway, the fact that Jewish parents are thinking that seriously and collectively about their kids in such a matter suggests the worry concerning intermarriage that goes on among us. The fear is that if our teen-agers mix freely with non-Jewish teen-agers, there may be intermarriage and intermarriage has become one of the vexing Jewish problems.

I myself am old enough to remember when intermarriage was scarce in American Jewish life. When it occurred, it was like some



prodigy of nature, such as the sun suddenly stopping in its timeless course, or, anyway, like papa eloping with a wicked woman. An intermarriage was something to make gossip for a long time in any town.

I am thinking of Jewish life in our own town long ago. Then the German Jews, as they were called, were the social and business leaders. They had two stately Reform temples and the Orthodox used to think of them as being practically goyim whose Reform Judaism could come to no good. They felt sad for the Reformers.

Nevertheless, intermarriage was very seldom among our Reform Jews in those times, except for a flurry of intense shock when the daughter of one of the rabbis up and married a non-Jew. The Orthodox, as I have heard, said then that was what you could expect to come out of Reform. They thanked God that their own children were so well protected behind the ordinances of Sinai. They felt sure the Reform Jews would be intermarrying until they were all assimilated and only Orthodox Jews would survive. But that didn't happen. Reform boys and girls kept on marrying within the Reform circle to continue their generations in Reform temples.

BUT, oh, what changes! Today, intermarriage, of which there has been plenty, has been occurring mostly in families of Orthodox origin. Some of our most Orthodox families have had to take it, though most of them have rationalized to make the best they could of it.

There was one very Orthodox gentleman who sat shiva, as if for the dead, when his daughter married a non-Jew; though, later, when the grandchildren came, he took the daughter back to his heart, though he had mourned her as one who could no longer be of his life.

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Hillel International CEO Adam Lehman Talks COVID, Digital Change

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ADAM LEHMAN TOOK over Hillel International in January 2020 after spending decades as a volunteer in Jewish institutional life, serving as a board member at his synagogue and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and as a founding member of the D.C.-based Jewish a cappella group JewKvox.

He made the leap to Hillel in 2015, serving as chief operating officer until he got the top job on Jan. 7, 2020.

Now, as colleges start thinking about beginning a second fall semester amid the pandemic, Lehman spoke about how Hillel has adjusted to reality — and found new opportunities — during the past year.

You participated in Hillel as an undergraduate and today your daughters are doing the same. What's the most important difference between your experiences?

There are a few big differences. First and foremost, we have invested in talent across the Hillel movement in a way that ensures that wherever a Jewish student is showing up for school, there's the opportunity to have a great Hillel experience. When I was in college, there were several campuses where you had a strong Hillel presence, but [at] a lot of schools ... the resources weren't there, and the talent wasn't there. We've now got examples like both of the schools where my daughters attend [Tulane University and



▲ Adam Lehman, CEO of Hillel International

Courtesy of Hillel International

Washington University in St. Louis], where you've got robust staff who are bringing not only passion, but real skill in how to engage every Jewish student, regardless of the background they're coming from.

Were there things that were on your agenda for leading Hillel that you've had to put on the back burner because of the pandemic?

By virtue of the pandemic, we absolutely did shelve some of our aspirational growth plans. My hope coming into my role was that we could take what is already a really broad footprint, in terms of having engaged more than 140,000 Jewish students a year, to an even higher level. Our aspiration is to engage every Jewish student.

We have the happy distinction of being almost 100 years old at this point, and so one of my strategic themes coming into the job was focused on how we could enter our second century with strength and sustainability from a resource point of view. With the pandemic, we obviously reimagined, and had to shift

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ADAM LEHMAN

in everything we were doing to meet immediate student needs in a very different context.

What will Hillel keep from this pandemic? And what are you happy to leave behind?

The pandemic period has given us the opportunity to invest aggressively in digital transformation in a way we needed to do, in any case, but it really accelerated our progress. And we absolutely will be continuing to invest in digital experiences, not as a replacement for in-person community building, but as a complement.

This period also led us to focus even more on cohort-based learning and engagement groups. We were able to fully transition our Jewish learning fellowship into online space, and also build up a whole series of other learning and leadership cohorts, some in person and some in digital space. Those have provided such meaningful value to students who are starved for community in this moment, and it reinforced for us that those cohort approaches can be just core to how we build community moving forward.

A big learning from the period has also been that as a movement, we can provide some experiences movement-wide that relieve the need for intensive effort on programming locally. An example of that is with the High Holidays. Many campuses were not in a position to do extensive in-person services. We created nearly 50 hours of quality video programming, covering a whole range of services and other related experiences. We had

nearly 50,000 views of [the Hillel video series] “Higher Holidays” content, and it relieved campuses from the need to try, during the pandemic, to put together the full range of service offerings.

How will Hillel deal with a growing sense of skepticism toward institutions among younger people?

The current generation of young people has lived through really trying times and times

that do produce skepticism about institutional life. We are a movement more than an institution. We really take seriously person-to-person engagement, and getting to know the whole student, and just being there as a resource and a partner in terms of their personal journey and their Jewish journey. And when our professionals, many of whom are young and connected to Gen Z, have the opportunity to really get to know students and be there for students, it transcends any preconceptions

around what Hillel is as an institution, and provides opportunities for inspiration and transformation.

They’re showing up because they’re getting value because they realize Hillel is not about Hillel. Hillel is about them. Hillel is about their future. Hillel is about their development. And so that has helped us cut through some of the cynicism that is understandably there for this generation. •

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Penn Lecture Series Explores Race and Religion

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STEVEN WEITZMAN THINKS the story of race and religion in America goes beyond the Black and white binary, a narrative that excludes many Jews of color.

After the racial justice protests that swept the nation last summer, the director of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania decided to create a lecture series to explore the topic.

"I really wanted to push this series beyond the two-dimensional approach that a lot of people bring to the topic, and to really explore many different dimensions of a kind of multi-racial justice," Weitzman said of "Jews, Race, and Religion," a program he has developed in partnership with the Center for Jewish Ethics.

The talks focus on intersections of race and religion, the history of anti-Semitism, the role of Jews in the racialized culture of the United States and the role of race in Jewish identity.

The lineup features scholars from all over the country who hail from diverse racial and religious backgrounds.

The program, which features 11 lectures, is offered in conjunction with the academic course Religious Studies/Jewish Studies 207 taught by Weitzman, but is also a stand-alone series open to the public. More than 1,500 viewers registered for the first lecture.

Weitzman said communities across the country were spurred to examine their own role in the fight for racial justice after the killing of George Floyd, and the Jewish community was no exception.

"Being privy to some of the conversations, I thought it would be helpful to learn more about the intersection of race and religion and Jewish identity and how Jews relate to other people within the United States, and how it fits into the larger struggle against racism," Weitzman said.

The first installment, "Is the Talmud Racist?," took place on Jan. 28 and featured Rabbi Mira Wasserman, director of the Center for Jewish Ethics and

assistant professor of rabbinic literature at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Her goal was to challenge both anti-Semitic conceptions of the Talmud as consistently hostile to non-Jews and aspects of the Talmud that perpetuate hateful ideas among Jewish people about different groups.

Wasserman argued the rabbis inherited a diversity of views on the meaning of Jewish identity and on the nature of the boundaries between Jews and non-Jews. In the Book of Ruth, the titular character is a Moabite woman celebrated for converting and dedicating her life to the Jewish people.

"Ruth is revered as the great-grandmother of King David, which makes her an ancestor of Messiah, as well. For the Book of Ruth, boundaries between Jews and others are permeable, and people of non-Jewish backgrounds are not only welcome but embraced and celebrated when they throw their lot in with Israel," Wasserman said. "The Book of Ezra takes a very different view, railing against Israelite men who married women who are

of Moabite or other non-Israelite elite backgrounds."

Marc Dollinger, a professor of Jewish studies at San Francisco State University, will present "Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s" on Feb 25.

He said the scale and scope of the Black Lives Matter protests are similar to the civil rights movement, but there are key differences in how white liberal Jews perceived racism then and how they perceive it now. Whereas activists in the '50s and '60s viewed racism as hateful behavior, segregation and the violence of the Ku Klux Klan, today's activists are more focused on structural racism, or systems of oppression that benefit some while harming others.

Dollinger said white Jewish

leaders actually understood systemic racism during the civil rights movement, although it was not discussed as widely.

"They understood the limits of their own movement. And they understood that there was going to be tension between white Jews and Blacks around racial difference," he said. "So what we have happening today is really an even deeper and more profound understanding of the fundamental differences based on race when it comes to allocating resources on society, whether it's education, health care, criminal justice, all of that."

Viewers can register for the lectures at katz.sas.upenn.edu/resources/blog/jews-race-and-religion.

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▲ Clockwise from top left: Rabbi Mira Wasserman, Steven Weitzman and Anne Albert participate in a lecture series.

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Longtime Cantor Sidney Karpo Dies at 93

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CANTOR SIDNEY KARPO, whose 55-year career began in 1952 and spanned two organizations and hundreds of students, died Jan. 18. He was 93.

Karpo spent 11 years at the Yeadon Jewish Community Center, then was installed as the cantor of Congregation Ner Zedek-Ezrath Israel-Beth Uziel (now part of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim) in 1963, where he served for the next 44 years.

In a 2007 Jewish Exponent article about his retirement, Karpo, who sang in his South Philadelphia Hebrew school's junior choir, said he knew he had a good voice, but never dreamed of being a cantor. It was his late wife of 71 years, Sylvia, who convinced him to do it.

"I could have been anything," said Karpo, the youngest of 10 children of a fruit huckster and a mother who lost her sight by the time he was born. "My wife is a very musical person, and I'd sing her songs. So she talked me into it."

Daughter Lynn Karpo-Lantz said she believes her father, who studied with noted cantor Moishe Oysher, was gifted with such a strong voice to compensate for his mother's blindness.

Daughter Shelia Banner said her father possessed a dramatic tenor that made the words he davened meaningful.

"He had a passionate voice — a cry," she said. "His high notes were glorious."

Karpo had a love of teaching that many of his former students never forgot. Years after bar and bat mitzvahs, his one-time pupils checked in with him, often asking him to preside at their weddings.

Karpo-Lantz recalled her



▲ Cantor Sidney Karpo in 1962
Courtesy of the Karpo family

father setting up a table outside the Hebrew school classrooms so his charges could have cookies, doughnuts and chocolate milk before they started.

"He made learning fun," son-in-law Dr. Ronald Banner said. "Education was one of the most important things in his life. The concept of how to live a Jewish life ... he instilled in his bar and bat mitzvah students by his daily activities."

Shelia Banner said her father was especially skilled at working with students not particularly interested in the bar and bat mitzvah process.

"He helped them understand what the bar mitzvah would mean to them and in the future," she said.

"He gave them confidence they could do it," Karpo-Lantz said.

Aside from his duties at Congregation Ner Zedek-Ezrath Israel-Beth Uziel, Karpo served for a time as president of the Philadelphia Region Cantors Assembly. He was honored with a doctor of music degree at a convocation at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, for having served the Conservative movement and the Jewish people with distinction. He also was a Mason and served in the National Guard.

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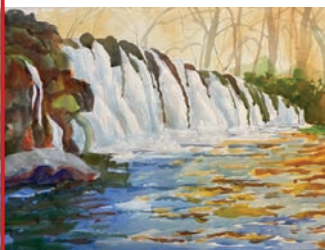
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2020 Polling Errors, Dissected

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WHEN IT COMES to the 2020 presidential election, it's all over but the shouting. Joe Biden has taken office as the 46th president of the United States. But what actually *happened*?

Where did Democrats make gains, and where did Republicans do the same, and why? How can it be that, in many cases, overestimation of the Democratic margin was even more egregious than the much-discussed mistakes in 2016? And what do the finer points of voting and polling patterns mean for Jews?

All these questions were the subject of a Jewish Battleground Coalition webinar hosted by Jewish Democratic groups in Wisconsin, Texas, Minnesota, Michigan, Georgia, Florida and Pennsylvania. The two speakers at "Blue Wave/Red Shift: Trends in Polling & the Jewish Vote from 2020 & Beyond" discussed the 2020 election polling via Zoom on Jan. 27.

Brandishing a seminar's load of charts, graphs and maps, pollsters Jeffrey Pollock and Ira Sheskin tried to explain it all. Democratic Jewish Outreach of Pennsylvania Chair Jill Zipin moderated the event along with Samuel Edelman of the Israel on Campus Coalition.

Pollock, who is a sought-after pollster for Democratic candidates and liberal organizations, didn't offer comforting assessments for Democrats.

Biden and the Democrats may have won the House, the Senate and the presidency, Pollock said, but the monumental GOP turnout ensured that the Democrats' majority was the slimmest of the postwar era. It wouldn't have taken much of a flip for a radically different outcome;

according to Pollock, Biden wouldn't have been elected if the pandemic hadn't taken discussion away from the strength of the economy prior to March 2020.

"If you look at the numbers there, we're talking about 44,000 votes," Pollock said, directing his audience to a red and blue map. "If they had flipped the other way, Biden loses, and Donald Trump is president of the United States."

Dramatic overestimation of the Democratic margin by public polls in key states, Pollock said, was avoided by private polling by outfits like his own, Global Strategy Group. Still, questions remain as to why, after four years of tinkering by public pollsters, an error of more than six points in Wisconsin in 2016 became an error of almost eight points in 2020.

Pollock discounted commonly held explanations about Trump voters reluctant to tell pollsters about their preferences, pointing out that similar overestimations of the Democratic margins were made in races featuring Republican senatorial candidates like Steve Daines and Joni Ernst.

"There's no evidence for a shy Trump voter," Pollock said.

John McLaughlin, whose McLaughlin & Associates has polled for the Republican Jewish Coalition, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, was not at the webinar, but shared Pollock's skepticism about the "shy Trump voter."

But where Pollock sees flawed methodology as the reason for bad polling, McLaughlin sees a deliberate attempt to undercount Republican voters. McLaughlin accused numerous polling

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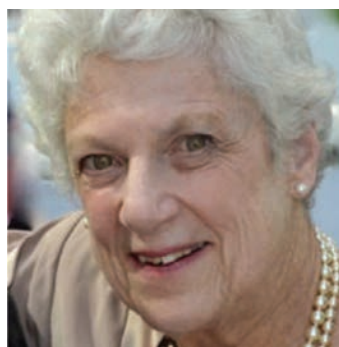
Cheltenham. She was passionate about public service and education, which she considered part of her Jewish heritage and identity, and served on executive committees for local chapters of the League of Women Voters, American Cancer Society, American Field Service, Cheltenham Township Government Study Commission, the Cheltenham Center for the Arts, the Cheltenham Adult School and the Elkins Park Library. She was awarded a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for her exemplary record of service in 1995.

In 2004, she and her husband retired and spent several years in Bend, Oregon, where they provided a scholarship for students at the local community college.

"She just loved being involved with the community and volunteering, and she was one of those people who would do absolutely anything for you if she could," her daughter Connie Franckle said.

Sally Hoberman

Sally Hoberman died on Dec. 30 due to complications



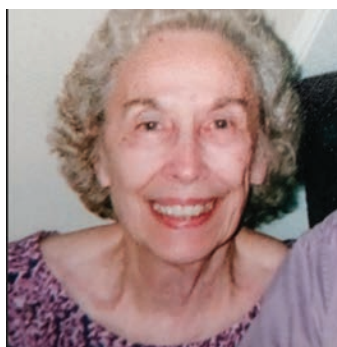
▲ Mary Heller Cope
Courtesy of Connie Franckle

of COVID-19 at the age of 91.

She was raised by her father and grandparents in West Philadelphia after her mother died when she was young. She grew up speaking Yiddish with her grandparents, who immigrated from the Pale of Settlement, and remained fluent throughout her life.

She graduated from Overbrook High School in 1947 and worked as a secretary for Milton Shapp, who would go on to become Pennsylvania's governor, before she became a mother. She married Leonard Hoberman and had three children. The couple would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Jan. 7.

Her daughter Eileen Roseman said she was a dedicated mother known throughout her neighborhood for her warmth and generosity. She enjoyed helping



▲ Sally Hoberman
Courtesy of Eileen Roseman

her grandchildren with schoolwork and playing games with them.

"Since she passed away, we've had people who grew up in the neighborhood talking about how they always felt welcome coming to our home," she said.

She was diagnosed with dementia at age 89 and moved to Artis Senior Living of Huntingdon Valley.

Roseman remembers her mother's love of laughter.

"We would just laugh at the silliest things, and then, you know, we would get it under control and I would look at her and she would look at me and we just start laughing all over again," she said.

Edward Malinoff

Edward Malinoff, 84, died of COVID-19 on Jan. 19.



▲ Edward Malinoff
Courtesy of Josh Malinoff

The Yardley resident was born and raised in South Philadelphia, and his family was one of only a few Jewish families in the area. He was a graduate of Temple University, where he earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in psychology. He served in the Air Force in Bermuda and worked as a logistics manager for the Navy for 35 years.

He was married to his wife, Karen Malinoff, for 40 years before her death in 2007. The couple raised their children Conservative Jewish and belonged to Congregations of Shaare Shamayim.

"He and my mom were very active with the synagogue," said his son, Josh Malinoff.

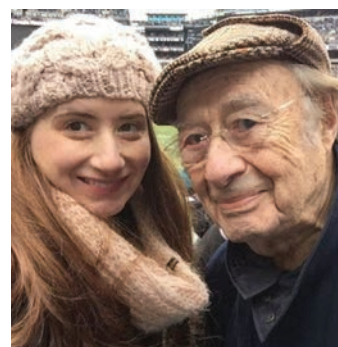
He was an avid Philadelphia sports fan and enjoyed visiting the Jersey shore, especially Margate and Atlantic City. He also loved music, sang frequently and even sent a song he wrote to Billy Joel, who wrote back to say he only sang his own material. He remembered the lyrics to songs from old movies with great accuracy despite having dementia in his later years.

"What we really, to be honest, remember the most is his sense of humor," said his daughter Dori Cowan, adding that her father was known for his love of witty puns.

Alan Tripp

Alan Tripp died of COVID-19 at Beaumont at Bryn Mawr retirement community on Dec. 24. He was 103.

The writer, broadcaster and marketer recorded "Senior



▲ Alan Tripp with his granddaughter, Dr. Abigail Tripp Berman
Courtesy of Dr. Abigail Tripp Berman

Song Book," an album of original songs, with his writing partner Marvin Weisbord at age 102. The album garnered national attention and was covered by CBS, NPR, The Washington Post and even "The Kelly Clarkson Show."

"Aside from boundless creativity, Alan was a hopeless romantic. He wrote verses non-stop and enjoyed charming an audience," Weisbord said in a statement.

Tripp was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, and graduated from Northwestern University. He worked as a newspaper reporter in Chicago, a radio broadcaster in New York, a copywriter for a New York advertising agency and a columnist for an ad business trade journal before moving to Philadelphia.

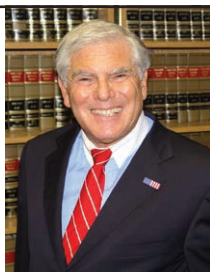
He spent four years in the Army Signals Corps and served during World War II. He became president of the ad agency Bauer, Tripp, Foley, Inc., which produced live weekly TV musicals and oversaw local and national TV ads.

He relocated to New York in 1966 and served as president and CEO of Product Resources International before returning to Philadelphia in 1987 to be near his family. He was married to his wife, Maggie Tripp, for 73 years.

"He was a source of just constant support in every way to me and my family," his granddaughter Dr. Abigail Tripp Berman said. ●

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Farm

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Drawing Jewish 20-somethings to Farming?” on Jan. 27, three Jewish college students discussed their experience working on farms and its connection to their Jewish identities.

Jessica Schenk, a sophomore at University of Vermont, and Simmy Decker, a junior at Brandeis University, have both participated in World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms, more commonly known as WWOOF-ing. The program links visitors with a global network of organic farmers to promote a cultural and educational exchange and build a global community focused on sustainable farming.

Decker has worked on farms in Israel, the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii. Producing fruits and vegetables reminded her of the Jewish tradition of recognizing where food comes from in the blessings before meals, a corrective to a food production system that relies on disconnection and distance.

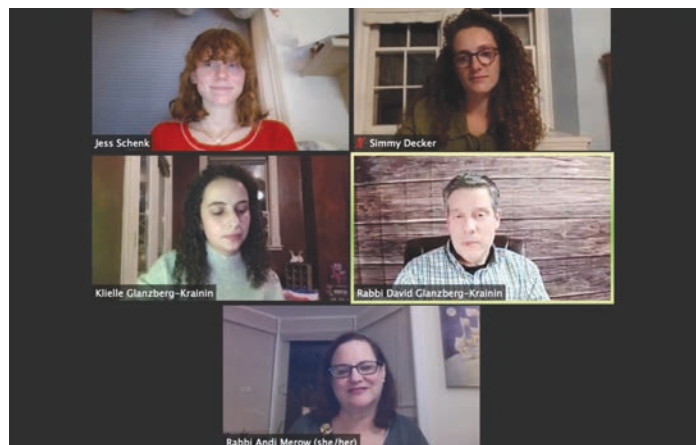
“We devote that time before we eat our food to think about how our food grows, whether it grows in the ground, whether it comes from a tree,” she said.

Schenk decided to start WWOOF-ing due to the pandemic, which closed the summer camp she was planning to work at and moved her classes online. She changed her plans and worked on farms in Pennsylvania and Tennessee, where she learned how to care for cows and harvest vegetables.

The experience completely changed the way she thought about eating. She grew used to cooking based on what was in season and available, rather than what she could find on supermarket shelves.

Now, she goes out of her way to select less-than-perfect produce, knowing that it may go to waste due to superficial flaws.

“Something that I’ve been trying to do more recently is that even if something doesn’t



▲ Clockwise from top left: Jessica Schenk, Simmy Decker, Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Rabbi Andi Merow and Kilielle Glanzberg-Krainin talk about sustainable farming.

look perfect, that doesn’t mean that it’s not still going to be delicious, or, you know, completely edible or just good when cooked. So I try to be less picky about the food that I’ve been eating,” she said.

Glanzberg-Krainin was drawn to agriculture from a young age and grew up growing vegetables in her grandparents’ garden in Vermont. She worked on a farm near their house for several summers during college. She spent last year on a farm in Israel, where she studied permaculture, the design of agricultural frameworks based on natural ecosystems. She also interned on an urban farm in West Philadelphia in the fall.

She loved the work, and is now interested in pursuing a career in sustainable agriculture and food justice.

Nati Passow, operations manager at Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action, said young adults’ interest in farming experienced a revival between 10 and 15 years ago.

“Our society is one in which people are largely disconnected from their food, disconnected from the earth,” he said. “It’s been a kind of reawakening of sorts, a resurging interest in finding work that feels more physically meaningful.”

Passow was the co-founder and executive director of Jewish Farm School, a Jewish sustainable agriculture organization in Philadelphia that closed in 2019. He said many

Courtesy of Beth Shalom Congregation of the young adults who participated in its programs, like summer camps and alternative college breaks, felt like they didn’t have a Jewish home in synagogue life. Joining the farm school seemed different.

“They finally felt like they had people who were simultaneously interested in Judaism, interested in creating a robust

and vibrant Jewish life and doing so also in an environmentally sensible way,” he said.

While the organization no longer runs programs for young Jewish farmers, it created a “seed packet” of tools and resources to be used by synagogues, day schools and Jewish individuals interested in seeking a spiritual connection to their food.

The Jewish farm movement is far from over in the Philadelphia area.

Farmer and Jewish educator Yitzchak Glasman is planning to start building Shalem Farm in Doylestown this month. The organic farm will be an education site for Jewish sustainable agriculture, and Glasman is using some of the JFS “seed kit” to develop his programs.

The pandemic also has heightened interest and concern about food production systems. Passow said many organic farming

programs are working to meet demands for donations to food pantries in the face of widespread hunger and unemployment. Farming presents job alternatives to students like Schenk and Decker, whose plans for work and school changed in the face of remote classes and shutdowns.

Glanzberg-Krainin said Judaism and farming have provided comfort in the face of uncertainty.

“When you’re farming, you can do everything right and then still have a crop failure because of the weather or like any number of things,” she said. “I feel like a big part of what’s important to me about Judaism, or I guess just being a religious person more broadly, is just like being aware of the mystery of the things that are out of our control.” ●

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Power of Connection More Important Than Ever



BY LAURA FRANK

THIS WEEK MARKED the start of Black History Month, an opportunity for Jews to honor and reflect on our special relationship with Black communities and to actively work to strengthen our kinship at a critical moment in our collective history.

To mark the occasion, Jewish communities across the country often cite the familiar story of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who marched arm-in-arm with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and U.S. Rep. John Lewis in the third Selma civil rights march. Dozens of rabbis throughout the country joined Heschel in the Jewish cause for racial equality, including a handful of rabbis in the South.

But many Southern Jews feared that their participation would trigger a hostile

backlash among anti-Semites. Heschel, who observed the violence directed at Jews and synagogues that participated in the movement, proclaimed, “The problem to be faced is: how to combine loyalty to one’s own tradition with reverence for different traditions.”

I see this “problem” as more of an opportunity, one that I hope to spend much of my time as the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council working to address. Since joining the Jewish Federation in 2017, after stints in local political and public relations work, I’ve seen firsthand how imperative the role of the JCRC is in building an equitable society in which Jews and other minorities are secure, free to flourish and supportive of one another’s goals — and shared humanity.

When asked about the role of the JCRC, I like to refer to it as the advocacy arm of the Jewish Federation. Our outreach is both internal and external: We bring our Jewish community together around common causes and we advocate for those causes by building relationships with elected officials, interfaith religious leaders and community activists.

Throughout its history, the JCRC has been instrumental

in organizing on behalf of a wide array of causes, including Philadelphia’s rallies in support of Israel, Soviet Jewry advocacy, Holocaust remembrance activities, vigils in response to anti-Semitic violence and vandalism, and missions to Israel for Pennsylvania political leaders and non-Jewish clergy.

JCRC’s core mission is to combat anti-Semitism in every way possible. With a significant rise in hatred toward Jews and other minorities in recent years, we have relied on our community relations to build coalitions to fight back against BDS and other anti-Zionist efforts on college campuses and in the halls of our government. We have worked with our local partners to soundly reject white nationalist movements and have pledged to do the hard work of dismantling systemic racism in our society, and in our own communities. But, to effectively eradicate a thousand-year-old hatred like anti-Semitism, we must work urgently and proactively, and in collaboration with community partners.

JCRC’s interfaith and intergroup relationships allow us to cut this prejudice off at the source. Anti-Semitism, racism and other forms of hate are nurtured ideologies, and they

spread all the more rapidly when not confronted by a coalition committed to destroying them. In many cases, these ideologies and biases are spread due to a simple lack of exposure or interaction with Jews and other minority groups.

Working in partnership on issues of common concern with religious leaders and elected officials in other minority communities is an incredibly important way to make these introductions and build new relationships. But, as we see in our Jewish communities, more and more of our neighbors are becoming less affiliated with any kind of institution, religious, political or otherwise. Reaching these people is vitally important to advance the mission of the JCRC, but doing so won’t be easy. It will require commitment, resolve, and intentional engagement.

The next phase of our intergroup outreach will require us to take up seats at unfamiliar and sometimes unwelcoming tables. It will require speaking with and connecting with communities where it may seem difficult to find common cause. It will entail meeting with people who may believe the worst of us, or don’t trust us, or don’t want us there at all.

Facing this work is daunting, but it is also exciting and has the potential to be transformative, both on the individual and community levels.

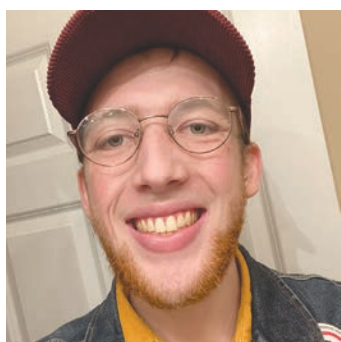
During my time at JCRC, I have experienced the power of these connections firsthand. I genuinely believe it’s possible that a single conversation can, in fact, change hearts and minds. Paired with organizing and community building, it can be a gamechanger.

We know that bridges of understanding do not fall from the sky or rise from the ground. They are built by engaging in dialogue, forming a relationship and engaging in joint advocacy work.

As the poet and historian Aberjhani once said, “Individual cultures and ideologies have their appropriate uses, but none of them erase or replace the universal experiences, like love and weeping and laughter, common to all human beings.” This is something I intend to carry with me throughout my work as the JCRC’s director. And I welcome all Exponent readers to join me and the JCRC in this critically important work.

Laura Frank is the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

I’m a Student and I’m Not Afraid of Where My Party’s Headed



BY JACOB T. MARDER

Ed. note: This column is a response to Sophia Rodney’s op-ed “I’m a Student and I’m

Afraid of Where My Party’s Headed,” which ran last week.

LIKE SOPHIA RODNEY, I am proud to be an American Jew. I am a Democrat. And I am proud to stand with my Israeli and Palestinian peers for self-determination, peace and health. But unlike Rodney, I do not allow Israel to be the deciding factor when it comes to determining where I fall on the political spectrum.

Rodney cites two issues of concern. One is President Joe Biden’s stated intention to

return the United States to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, also known as the Iran nuclear deal. In fact, between 2015, when the deal was agreed to, and 2018, when former President Donald Trump unilaterally walked away from it, Iran had complied with its requirements. This judgment was rendered not only by the respected International Atomic Energy Agency, which had responsibility for monitoring the JCPOA, but also the U.S. State Department. The deal was never intended to address

Iran’s ballistic missile program and its malign activities in the region, rather to remove the nuclear threat that poses the greatest existential threat to Israel.

Since the U.S. walked away, Iran, feeling it was not obligated by the deal if the U.S. was not bound by it, has moved closer to nuclear breakout. President Joe Biden wants to return to the deal to roll back Iran’s nuclear program. He also wants to strengthen the deal and expand its scope to include those problems not

addressed back in 2015. That would be good for Israel, and good for the United States and our other allies in the Middle East.

Rodney also cites worries about “The Squad,” a group of Democratic congresswomen — including Reps. Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez — who advocate for climate justice, health care and human rights. These legislators, especially Ocasio-Cortez, are often characterized as

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Lessons My Holocaust Survivor Mother Taught Me



BY BENNY GANTZ

I DON'T THINK it would be an exaggeration to say that 2020 was one of the toughest years that the world has endured in recent history. In the wake of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 76th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I reflect on the lessons I learned from my parents, both Holocaust survivors, who taught me the capacity for both evil and kindness that exists within the human spirit.

Even as a general who witnessed up close the ravages of war, and as a politician who engages in challenging political battles, I couldn't have foreseen the current state of affairs facing the Jewish people today.

For many years, we have seen the rise of anti-Semitism disguised in its many faces, shapes and forms. But nothing could have prepared me for the moment when I saw a shirt with the words "Camp Auschwitz" at the insurrection on Capitol Hill, the symbol of American democracy.

At the same time, seeing these manifestations of hate is not surprising. Anti-Semitism always rears its ugly head during times of stress. Hatred always thrives when there is a lack of love; darkness always prevails in the absence of light.

We can learn this lesson from the history of 1930s Germany: Isolated and humiliated, forced to carry the shame and

responsibility for World War I on its shoulders, suffering from inflation, unemployment and poverty, the fractured German society turned toward violence and hatred, placing the blame for their woes on the Jews.

In a report issued this week by the Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, we see an alarming rise in anti-Jewish sentiment worldwide in 2021. Especially alarming is the widespread growth of malignant conspiracy theories that often blame the world's troubles on the Jews.

We must not allow the past to repeat itself. We must understand once and for all that division leads to polarization and extremism, which in turn lead to hate and violence. A fragmented society whose members feel alienated and marginalized is a society ready to target those it holds responsible for its troubles.

My mother endured firsthand the consequences of the Nazi ideology of hate in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. But after surviving and rebuilding her life in Israel, she always ensured that she spoke softly and respectfully, even to those with whom she disagreed.

In any military campaign or operation I led, my mother always asked me if I had remembered to provide humanitarian aid, medicine and food for the civilian population on the other side. I imagine she must have been very proud when she looked down at me from heaven on the day that the Israeli army offered to treat casualties from Syria's bloody civil war; perhaps even more proud than the day I was promoted to the rank of general. I remember she held me, smiling, and then calmly said: "Now General — please take out the trash." She always understood the value of human connection and the perils of alienation. She understood that the human fabric of society is

what deters people from turning to hateful ideologies as a way of filling the void.

Looking at global trends today, I am deeply troubled by the growing social and political divisions across Europe and the United States, even at home in Israel, and by the hate-filled online discourse that, regrettably, we've come to know so well. They represent the most fertile soils for xenophobia and anti-Semitism. As someone fortunate enough to head the defense establishment of the miracle that is the State of Israel, I will not know peace until every Jew, near or far, feels secure. Protecting the people of Israel, who lived as a persecuted minority for over 2,000 years, will always be the absolute imperative for this Jewish general.

That was my parents' legacy to me. But I know that without global action to stop extremists and their attacks against the Jewish people, we won't manage to curb this troubling trend. World leaders must immediately and uncompromisingly reject any expression of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Simultaneously, they must also work to advocate for tolerance, and for creating bridges among communities. These two efforts must go hand in hand in order for us to truly rid this world of anti-Semitism, bigotry and hate.

So with the spirit of my mother dwelling within me always, I remember and remind others that hatred can only give birth to more hatred and that darkness cannot be driven away by more darkness. No, my friends, that requires something far more powerful. That requires light. •

Benny Gantz is Israel's defense minister, the Israel Defense Force's 20th chief of staff, and chairman of the Blue and White Party. This piece was originally published by JTA.

KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Torah Portion Makes Hateful Generalizations

UNLIKE MOST OF the Torah portion submissions, Rabbi Jankovitz' "The Question of Unity" (Jan. 28) is not a "perspective on Torah commentary" as envisioned by the Board of Rabbis, but a shameless excuse to engage in a blatantly political and hateful rant that has nothing to do with the Torah, but much to do with the author's left-wing politics.

Yes, hateful, as the writer manages to demonize half of the population of this great country while making arguments for ostracizing them or worse. The article is full of generalizations, short on specifics and long on outright lies. And it ends with a lie.

No, Rabbi, this Jew who happens to be a Republican, just like the tens of millions of us, Jews and non-Jews alike, is not part of some sort of a cabal who "sought to destroy [you]" or eager to debate civil liberties every four years as you stated — this is because we believe they are not up for debate, period.

And no, we have nothing in common with few, yes few, idiots and scum who attacked the Capitol.

And finally, unlike you, we have the decency and common sense not to equate you and other good people on the political left with the death and destruction that your fellow travelers inflicted over the past year.

Isaac Svartsman | Philadelphia

This is the most hateful column I can ever recall reading in the Exponent. I am surprised that a rabbi would write such a divisive and mean-spirited column.

Howard Lurie | via jewishexponent.com

Protect Israel's Reputation

A news outlet that serves the Jewish community should care about the well-being of the Jewish state of Israel. Part of that well-being includes Israel's reputation.

Yet in an online-only article from JTA asserting that a significant member of Congress was upset with Israel and accused it of depriving COVID-19 vaccines to Palestinian-Arabs ("Some Democrats, Including Joaquin Castro and Rashida Tlaib, Criticize Israel on Vaccines for Palestinians" Jan. 27), author Ron Kampeas placed the most salient part of the story at the bottom rather than in the lead and/or the headline: The Palestinian-Arabs do not want the vaccine from Israel, nor, under the vaunted Oslo Accords, is Israel responsible for supplying the Palestinian-Arabs with vaccines. The Palestinian-Arabs are governed by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, and not Israel. Furthermore, Castro reveals his bias by accusing Israel of committing "occupation" in the quote the Exponent published. There is no "occupation."

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Lighter Fare for Winter Days

FOOD

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THESE DAYS, many people gravitate toward warming, hearty dishes — comfort is king as we weather these chilly temps, not to mention the pandemic, tumultuous political climate, economic downturn and general stress.

Who wouldn't seek solace in a bowl of macaroni and cheese?

But there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we want to fit into our clothes when the time comes that we can resume normal life.

With that cheery thought in mind, I offer three satisfying, healthy, but lighter meals.

They are versatile; the poached egg “bowl” can be served for any meal day or night, and can incorporate a selection of whatever vegetables you have on hand.

It is the favorite of my college-age daughter, who tends to appear in the kitchen around noon after a morning of virtual work from her third-floor bedroom. This serves as a healthy brunch and sustains her through the rest of the afternoon, when she descends again for dinner.

Winter caprese offers a January version of the summer favorite. By reconstituting sundried tomatoes and using the heated tomato “tea” in the dressing, the salad avoids an overly summer vibe and delivers a bit of warmth.

Both of these meals can be rounded out with crusty bread (or not) and can serve as a light main, or a side with other dishes for a more substantial meal.

POACHED EGG BOWL

Serves 1

An interesting thing about this dish is the blending of cooked

and raw veggies. My daughter is a fan of Brussels sprouts and avocados, so that is the selection described here.

However, there is truly no limit to the options — you can use sautéed onions and white or sweet potatoes and top it with chopped fresh herbs or baby lettuces; cooked greens like spinach or kale topped with sprouts; or cooked broccoli topped with raw scallions, just to name a few.

It's a little like shakshuka, but more veggie and less saucy than the versions I usually encounter.

The one slight downside is that despite this being a simple meal, you do need to use two pans — the skillet for the veggies and the saucepan for the poaching — but it is worth the effort.

The egg:

- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

The vegetable base:

- Oil for spraying the pan
- Pinch of salt, sprinkle of fresh cracked pepper
- 8 Brussels sprouts, stemmed and cut in half
- ½ ripe avocado, cut in chunks

Sriracha or your favorite hot sauce, to taste, if desired

Fill a 2-quart saucepan $\frac{3}{4}$ way with water; add the vinegar and salt, and bring it to a boil. While you wait, heat a small skillet, coat it with a light spray of oil and sauté the Brussels sprouts with salt and pepper until done, about 8 minutes. Set aside.

When the water boils, lower it to a simmer and crack an egg into a small cup, then gently pour it into the simmering water. Remove the pan from the

heat, cover the pan and allow the egg to cook undisturbed for 4-5 minutes, depending on how firm you want it.

While the egg cooks, pour the Brussels sprouts into a bowl, then top them with the avocado and season as desired.

When the egg is done, gently remove it from the water with a slotted spoon and place it atop the veggies. Drizzle with Sriracha, if desired, and serve immediately.

THE BEST EGG SALAD

Serves 2

My friend Kate Markowitz (she of the Spanish lamb stew featured in the Nov. 29 column) provided me with this recipe. She was spending some time in a friend's vacant Florida condo and called me from the lanai, where she was enjoying this dish.

It was an improvised version because the condo was not equipped with a huge spice selection, so she had to make do, but now says her old version is out the window and she will use this recipe from now on.

This is great served on a bed of lightly dressed lettuce or spooned onto rye bread.

- 3 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
- ½ teaspoon “everything but the bagel” seasoning

Place the eggs in a pan of cold water (be sure they are covered). Bring the water to a boil and remove it from the heat. Cover the pan and allow the eggs to sit, undisturbed, for 12 minutes.

Remove them from the hot water, cool completely and chop coarsely. Place the eggs in a bowl and add the remaining ingredients. Mix, chill, if desired, and enjoy.



▲ Poached egg bowl

Photos by Keri White



▲ Winter caprese salad

WINTER CAPRESE SALAD

Serves 1

I am a huge fan of the summer version of this salad — in-season, local heirloom tomatoes are almost an addiction.

But this time of year we can enjoy an alternative version of the iconic dish.

By soaking the dried tomatoes in hot water, we soften them up and also siphon some of their intense flavor out into the water, or tomato

“tea,” which adds flavor to the dressing.

Also, drizzling a warm dressing over the salad makes this a little more appropriate for January.

This recipe uses the dried tomatoes that are not packed in oil, which saves some calories and cost, but you can certainly substitute those and skip the hot water step.

If that is the case, just use the tomato oil for the salad in place of the olive oil and

tomato tea.

If you can't get burrata, or don't like the creaminess seeping all over the greens, try fresh mozzarella instead.

Note: You will not need all of the tomato tea for this recipe.

Feel free to save it and add it to pasta sauce, soups or other dishes that could benefit from an additional boost of flavor.

8 sun-dried tomatoes cut in

strips

½ cup boiling water

1 small head curly green leaf lettuce (or your favorite type)

1 ball burrata cheese

½ teaspoon balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons tomato tea

1 tablespoon olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Place the cut tomatoes in a bowl or measuring cup and

cover them with boiling water. Allow them to sit for about 30 minutes for the tomatoes to soften and the water to absorb the tomato flavor.

Place the lettuce in a bowl.

Drain the tomatoes, saving the liquid, and toss them over the lettuce. Add a burrata ball or fresh mozzarella.

In a small cup, mix the vinegar, tomato tea, olive oil, salt and pepper. Drizzle it over the salad, toss and serve immediately. •

Marder

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being “extreme,” a description that only serves to normalize the excesses of the far right. In reality, Ocasio-Cortez and others have been at the forefront of fighting white supremacy in the U.S. and battling human rights violations abroad.

Meanwhile, there is a dangerous extreme in people like Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, who recently claimed “Jewish space lasers” caused forest fires, and in far-right claims about “globalists”

and “the Rothschilds.” Those on the far right incite violence backed by white supremacist groups, making Jews of so many intersections afraid for their lives. How can they be compared to someone like Rep. Cori Bush, who is standing up for racial justice everywhere? The only thing the left incites is calls for justice, equality and human rights.

Like Rodney and many people in our community, I care about Israel and its fate. But political participation, whether voting in elections or

donating to campaigns, should not be determined on a single-issue basis. Worrying about my student debt, the future of education, white supremacy and fascism keeps me up at night. Why would I only think about Israel policy, when my life is dependent on the party in power in the U.S.? Sure, it's fair to have disagreement on Israeli foreign policy, but should that be the sole factor in choosing a political party?

Our country just experienced four tumultuous years, topped off by an insurrection.

I believe that the president we have now is dedicated to getting the pandemic under control using science, rebuilding our shattered economy, and healing the wounds of a deeply polarized society, so unlike Rodney, I am not worried about my party. And given that both parties support a Jewish state and neither one has cut back

aid to Israel — but only one party unequivocally denounces far-right white supremacy — the choice for me is clear. •

Jacob Marder, a student at Temple University, is an intern with Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania, frequently advocating for education policy, climate justice and racial justice.

Letters

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Since, in the article Israel is also accused of being “racist,” it is unfortunate Kampeas opted to omit from the article entirely the fact that all of Israel's Arab citizens — be they Christian, Muslim, Druze, Baha'i or other — are receiving the vaccine along with Israel's Jewish citizens.

Steve Feldman | Executive director, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, Zionist Organization of America

Student Writer Should Not Be Afraid

Sophia Rodney (“I'm a Student and I'm Afraid of Where My Party Is Headed,” Jan. 28) should not be afraid of where her party is headed. Certainly, the opinions of Democratic legislators are many and varied, and some may seem frightening. But there is nothing more frightening than a child (Israeli leadership) spoiled by parents (Trump and friends) who give the child everything he or she desires.

The huge majority of Democrats, and indeed those in the White House, will never want to see the slightest harm come to our longstanding ally in the Middle East. But this unwavering support should never be diminished by a desire for fair treatment for other constituencies in the area, as America seeks to reestablish its leadership and negotiating capability.

When, in my view, Israel's leadership follows policies involving grabbing what it can that may not belong to it at the expense of other residents in the area, I cannot sit idly by without speaking out. I am sure some would say I am anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. Not so. But I do support policies that are balanced and fair to all peoples in the Middle East, while at the same time guaranteeing Israel's right to exist and to do so in peace. •

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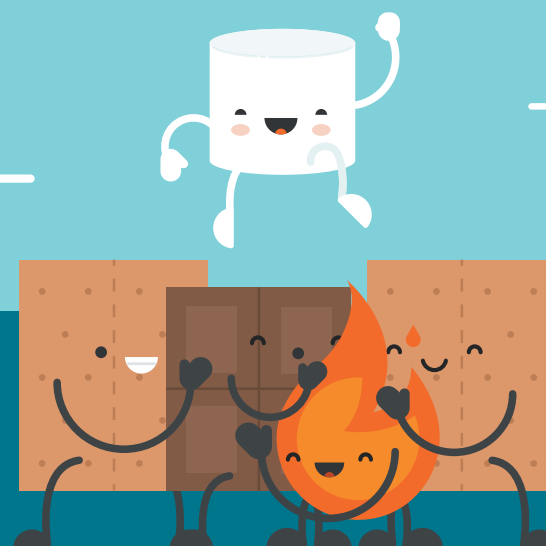
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‘Philly D.A.’ Asks Unanswerable Questions

TELEVISION

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THERE IS A SEQUENCE toward the end of the second episode of “Philly D.A.” that is genuinely sublime.

In minutes, filmmakers Ted Passon, Nicole Salazar and Yoni Brook make the case for their entire project, an eight-part docuseries on the election of Larry Krasner and subsequent changes made to the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

The state is about to lose a homicide case after it’s revealed that the key evidence that would have identified the perpetrator cannot be used in court; two detectives searched the primary suspect’s phone without a warrant, on camera, and then lied about it.

In a 10-minute sequence, the filmmakers introduce you to the family members of victim Tafari Lawrence, alternating between interviews and head-on shots of their sullen, slumping faces.

Lawrence’s mother, Dionne Galloway, does the best she can to prepare her children for what she already fears will come next — that the man who killed their brother will likely escape responsibility because of the state’s carelessness — but

even she is only human.

On the sidewalk outside of the Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice, after the terrible inevitability has been spoken, she pulls herself together to ask Krasner questions that can only technically be answered. He can use words to apologize, to tell her that the responsible detectives have been pulled from the homicide division, but her primary question — “Why?” — can’t be answered so simply.

The questions that animate that sequence are the same that Krasner asks himself in “Philly D.A.,” and the same that the filmmakers ask of us.

Why does the power of the state have to be used in this way, such that it grinds down and impoverishes the people with the fewest resources to defend themselves? How can it be changed? And who should change it? What is criminal law meant to do, and for whom? What should the role of police be, and is a man who made a career out of suing them the person to work that out?

It’s not immediately clear that these are the questions being asked, because the first 15 minutes of the initial episode veer toward Krasner hagiography — the tells-it-like-it-is

defense attorney fights the staid establishment to become district attorney. The quintessential Krasner footage is all there, including his singing The Clash’s “Clampdown” onstage with the band Sheer Mag at First Unitarian Church. Opponents tell Krasner that his ideas are a dangerous experiment, and he counters that the status quo is the dangerous experiment. Krasner holds rallies, debates, shakes hands and then wins. It’s intoxicating, it’s fun and it’s basically an advertisement.

But when “Philly D.A.” shifts the focus ever so slightly to “Philly District Attorney’s Office,” it becomes a much more interesting viewing experience — and not just because the tense, wonderfully varied score from musician Dan Deacon shows up more frequently.

Fighting the establishment by taking it over isn’t just a slogan, but a complicated, excruciating process. Career prosecutors deemed unfit for the new administration’s vision lose their jobs in a manner that seems designed for maximum embarrassment. Those who are left behind only have a moment to breathe, as their new colleagues and superiors were elected on the promise to radically change their



▲ Larry Krasner and his office’s policies provide fodder for tense debate in the upcoming series “Philly D.A.”
Photo by Yoni Brook

functions. The Fraternal Order of Police, a powerful union in city politics, declares all-out war on the new administration.

The office holdovers make the most compelling critics of Krasner, and it’s no coincidence that the battles fought over juvenile detention and police misconduct transparency are among the most dramatic portions of the first two episodes. It’s easy to get an audience to instinctively side with Krasner when the opposing voice is FOP President John McNesby; it’s harder, and more worthwhile, to see him and his allies have to argue their philosophy with the people at the next cubicle over.

The filmmakers also include the voices of voters, police officers, journalists, crime victims, community activists

and local news anchors.

The implementation of Krasner’s vision and that of key allies Bob Listenee, Patricia Cummings and Dana Bazelon is the propulsive force of the series. But the context of Philadelphia’s troubled history and the residents who live in its wake are what that vision is responding to, and the filmmakers provide helpful accounts of the MOVE bombing and the career of Frank Rizzo for viewers who may be unfamiliar.

Though there is certainly much more to the Krasner story, reviewers were provided with just two of the eight-episode series, which debuts on PBS on April 20. I can’t wait to see the rest. ●

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New Fran Lebowitz Series Elevates Art of Complaining

TELEVISION

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FRAN LEBOWITZ KNOWS why she’s angry.

“The anger is, I have no power, but I’m filled with opinions,” the writer, humorist and social critic laments in director Martin Scorsese’s “Pretend It’s a City.” The Netflix series, which was filmed before the pandemic and consists of several free-flowing conversations between Lebowitz and Scorsese on various topics,

is an ode to a bygone era, a changing New York and Lebowitz herself.

Lebowitz opines to Scorsese, an old friend, about art, culture, sports, her upbringing, the #MeToo movement, technology and her friendships with artists. Most of the discussions also somehow involve moving to New York, living in New York, being annoyed by New York and why she will never leave New York.

She skewers social media use, travel and the subway, but reserves her most withering

scorn for “wellness,” a trend she believes must have originated in California that convinces people to take part in physical activities usually reserved for prisoners of war. There is a shot of her gawking in horror at young women wearing fitness gear and hauling tires down the sidewalk that pairs beautifully with these remarks.

People who know and love Lebowitz will find this series comfortably on-brand. Those who are not familiar with



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▲ Fran Lebowitz in “Pretend It’s a City”

Courtesy of Netflix

Jews of Philly Fashion: Rachel Mednick

FASHION

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

*It's the newest edition of **Jews of Philly Fashion**, introducing you to the Chosen few who dress our city. They might mix wool and linen, but they've got some strong opinions on mixing stripes with florals. In this space, we'll talk to designers, sellers, buyers, influencers, models and more. This week, we spoke to Rachel Mednick.*

FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS, Rachel Mednick, 33, worked on selling new clothes to new parents — her children's clothing line, Lucy & Leo, is still stocked at stores across the country, including three in Philadelphia and one in Kennett Square. But Mednick's new project is quite different.

These days, Mednick, an adjunct instructor at her alma mater Drexel University, is trying to convince consumers, clothing producers and the budding designers in her classes to radically rethink their relationship to new clothes. Which is to say: buying



▲ Rachel Mednick
Photo by Alejandra Buljevich

much, much less of it.

"We're making way too much. And we're consuming way too much," Mednick said. "And it just gets incinerated or put in a landfill in a place like Africa, and I don't think that's right. It's our trash. It's our problem. And we need to deal with it here."

The Fishtown resident was

initially drawn to fashion by the creative possibilities of design. Mednick joined the fight for sustainable clothing as she gained a greater understanding of the waste, pollution and subpar labor practices that produce the world's new garments.

Mednick, who is a member of the sustainability committee of the Philadelphia Fashion & Garment Industry Task Force and a member of the Philadelphia Fashion Incubator Advisory Council, spoke about good jeans, landfills and Jackie O.

What's the last book you read?

"The Editor," by Steven Rowley. Jackie O is on the cover, which made me grab it immediately. I am now reading "Such a Fun Age" by Philadelphian Kiley Reid.

What clothing trend would you like to see make a comeback?

Not so much come back but continue: I would love to see people continuing to shop vintage and secondhand as their main form of shopping,

and make wearing the same outfit over and over again cool. We don't need so many clothes, and need to wear what we already have in our closets.

Dream Shabbat dinner guest?

Michelle Obama.

What's something you can't believe you used to wear?

Those choker necklaces that look like tattoos. They were really cool in the '90s.

What's the best quality in a friend?

Honesty and heart. I believe the good friends tell you the truth, even if it's hard to hear, and will be there for you no matter what.

Can any style tip be truly universal?

Jeans and a white T-shirt. A good pair of jeans that fit well can make anyone look good.

What item of clothing should more people be wearing?

The ones already in their closets. We have a huge fashion crisis right now — one garbage truckload of clothing

is going into the landfill every second, according to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. Shop your own closet and be creative, learn to see clothing as fabric, not as "shirt" or "dress." Can you take your cardigan and put it on backwards to create an entirely new look?

What person's style do you admire?

Jackie Onassis. I love a classic vintage look.

Who's an exciting designer in Philadelphia who people aren't talking about enough?

Kim McGlenn from Grant Blvd. She is one of the smartest people I have ever met, and using her brand as a change agent in both the fashion industry and in the Philadelphia community.

What talent would you most like to have?

I would love to be able to play musical instruments with ease. I love the idea of it, but just don't have the knack for it. ●

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Lebowitz

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her work, especially younger audiences, will be entertained by her persona and offered a fascinating cultural history of a New York long gone.

Scorsese occasionally lets Lebowitz's past interviewers — Alec Baldwin, Spike Lee, Olivia Wilde and others — stand in for himself. The friends' conversations are interspersed with clips from Lebowitz's lectures and interviews over the years, footage of celebrities that come up in conversation, old advertisements and other materials that create a viewing experience like thumbing through a scrapbook.

One of the best episodes in the series is "Board of Estimate," where Lebowitz offers some of the most refreshingly candid commentaries about the links between money, gender and art available in contemporary entertainment.

She claims her troubles are a result of hating money but loving things. She loved writing until she got her first paid writing assignment, when she began to hate it. She discusses the odd jobs she took when she moved to New York, which included cab driver and cleaning lady.

Many of her friends made more money as waitresses, but she refused to work in a restaurant.

"You could not get a shift in a restaurant unless you

slept with the manager," she explained.

She also refused to rent an apartment in the East Village, though that was where many of her peers lived at the time, and opted for a pricier home uptown because, she said, she didn't want to get raped on her way home.

Lebowitz is not particularly religious, but she offers her takes on Judaism's prohibition of bacon, her great-grandfather's experiences immigrating through Ellis Island and how she kissed her Nancy Drew book when she dropped it on the ground as a child because she loved books so much she thought the Hebrew school rules about kissing dropped prayer books applied to secular

volumes as well.

She remembers one particularly nasty encounter when she presented her driver's license to a woman issuing fishing licenses during a vacation on the West Coast. At the time, she said, West Coast IDs had photographs, but East Coast ones did not.

"She goes, 'What's the matter, you don't have photographs on your license in Jew York?' I was really shocked. I said 'No.' 'Why not?' I said, 'Because we can read.'"

The series is generally at its best when viewers get a glimpse of the true friendship between Scorsese and Lebowitz. During their visit to the New York Public Library, their aura of celebrity melts away and they

become two regular old New Yorkers chatting about their immigrant heritage amid stacks of genealogy records.

For all its charms, "Pretend It's A City" is too long. Lebowitz's relentless complaining, though witty, starts to grate if the episodes are binged too quickly. The series would have been a fantastic documentary, but at seven episodes it feels endless — like a visit to an eccentric relative that drags on for more time than you bargained for. It's worth your time, especially if you need something diverting to fill endless days of quarantine, but fair warning: Pace yourself. ●

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You've Got a Friend

BY RABBI TSURAH AUGUST

Parshat Yitro

BEFORE I BECAME a rabbi, I was a management consultant to large corporations. One of my roles was to help them find leaders for new enterprises.

There were basically three different types of leaders: people who built new businesses; people who maintained and grew businesses; and people who transformed businesses that were in trouble. Yitro was a transformer.

Initially, I was going to focus this dvar on Yitro's brilliance as an organization consultant, the crucial role governance plays in society and the imperative of having a common document of ethical behavior.

However, I left the world of consulting to become a rabbi and chaplain. And while I still see Yitro as an exemplary organizational change-agent, the lens I now see through has changed.

One of the best pieces of advice I received in my "practical" rabbinic training was "know what hat you are wearing." So, today, as I don my

kippah on my way to officiate at a funeral, I will focus on Yitro as kinsman, friend, trusted companion and chaplain.

Along with the high drama of political intrigue of the past four years, another drama has gripped us — the pandemic. The pandemic has wreaked havoc on all of our lives in so many ways. One of the most crushing of all is the physical suffering and death it has and continues to cause. During this time, each of us is called to ease the suffering — of friends, family, neighbors and all those with whom we share at most six degrees of separation (or 6 feet).

There are myriad needs and ways to help. And we want to help. But how can we do the most good? Yitro is here, in this week's parshah, to offer a model that works. It is very similar to the approach of pastoral care that is taught to clergy in Clinical Pastoral Education, known as CPE, and it works for all of us who want to reach out to help alleviate the suffering all around us.

We met Yitro earlier, when he invited Moses, who was seeking refuge from the threat of death from Egyptian authorities,

into his family. Moses married Yitro's daughter, Tziporah, with whom Moses had two sons, Gershon and Eliezer.

Then, as the drama of our Exodus unfolds, we don't hear about Yitro. He is in Midian with Tziporah and sons, as the Israelites' journey out of Mitzraim unfolds:

Through Bondage, Plagues, Terror, Dread, Regret, Anger, Blame

Hunger, Thirst, Regret, Fear, Hope, Despair ...

And now, enter Yitro. He is wise, skilled and experienced enough to know the difference between helping and "fixing" — and he cares about Moses and the people.

First, Yitro astutely gives Moses and his family time to reunite alone before meeting individually with him. Wise move, Yitro! Moses needed that intimate time with Tziporah before engaging with her father. And Yitro needed the time to take his own gauge of the community and time to prepare himself for this important meeting.

When Moses and Yitro

do meet, Yitro takes time to reestablish their relationship and build ease and trust with Moses. I've distilled the process that Yitro used, down to the quintessence/*ikar* of his process:

- Choose a time when you won't be pressed for time.
- "Check in" with some light conversation.
- Ensure privacy and confidentiality.
- Listen to everything without comment or interruption.
- After listening, offer feedback and understanding of what was shared.
- Empathize.
- Affirm, affirm, affirm.
- Show respect for beliefs.
- Build trust.
- Take time to just be present.
- Share a meal.
- Take time alone to assimilate all that was heard, seen and felt.
- Spend more time simply being present, observing without commenting.
- Invite further discussion to "tell me more."
- Ask if advice and/or resources are wanted.
- Be available for future discussions.

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In preparation for the program I am doing for JFCS Facebook Live next week, on how to reach out to friends who have had a loss, I reached out to friends and clients and asked them what were some of the best and some of the worst ways people had reached out to them.

It was no surprise to me that the best were some version of the things above. And these can even be done over Zoom or the phone. The worst were attempts to immediately "fix" the pain and suffering with advice or their own religious beliefs.

Thank you, Yitro, for being here for us, *Bim Heyra B'Yameinu*. •

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Karpo

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Karpo retired at the age of 80 not because his voice failed him, but because he was suffering from knee issues and other ailments. He was offered the chance to sit during services but declined.

"If I can't stand, I'm not doing it," he said.

At the time of his retirement, synagogue co-presidents Jack Belitsky and Joe Cooperstein praised Karpo in an email.

"The cantor has always conducted himself as if we are the center of the Jewish world in Northeast Philadelphia," they wrote. "There is the Sidney Karpo

of the bimah, whose voice shakes the very structure of the building. But there is also the Sidney Karpo that most of us don't see: the one that patches the roof and the sidewalk, the one that fixes broken doors and windows, the one that puts up the sukkah."

Upon retirement, Karpo and his wife moved to Florida, but he returned to the area five years later after her death.

Karpo is survived by children Shelia Banner (Ronald), Lynn Karpo-Lantz (Aron) and Alan Karpo (Shari); seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. •

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Polling

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companies and media outlets of purposely publishing fake polls as a suppression tactic meant to convince Republican voters to stay home.

"They basically start with a narrative and then manufacture polls that are either skewed by sample or demographics," McLaughlin said.

Pollock and Sheskin saw it differently.

Sheskin, a professor of geography at the University of Miami and director of the Jewish Demography Project, posited that a mistrust of institutions kept Republicans

from taking part in polls. And neither he nor Pollock believed the overstatement of Democratic margins was the result of deliberate malice. Rather, they provided evidence that there were flaws in sampling methodology.

When it came to polling Jewish voters, Sheskin demonstrated how subtle differences in question formation could lead to different outcomes in getting voters to identify as Jewish. Those differences in questions by pollsters from RJC, J Street and the Associated Press, Sheskin showed, could have drastic consequences.

Some question formations could result, for instance, in

a higher percentage of Jewish voters who call themselves "Jews of no religion," a group that tends to vote Democratic. But other polls that only yield Jews with specific religious affiliation might skew Republican. Either way, a non-representative sample is the result, Sheskin cautioned.

On winning messages for Jewish voters in 2022, Sheskin and McLaughlin came to similar conclusions, identifying support for Israel as key for any candidate. But American Jews, they concluded, are more likely to base their vote on the economy than Israel. •

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Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month Is Going Virtual and Staying Strong

WHEN GABRIELLE KAPLAN-MAYER'S ELDEST SON, George, was diagnosed with autism at 3, she realized inclusivity is more than just a welcoming spirit. Now 15 years later, the mom of two and the Co-Interim Executive Director of Jewish Learning Venture (JLV) is a major proponent of creating a more accessible Jewish community.

Through the years, she has come to learn disability inclusion requires understanding specific needs and implementing them into a system not set up for people like her son.

"Before my son was diagnosed, I really didn't understand what the experience of parents and families who had children with disabilities was like," said Kaplan-Mayer, who heads JLV's Whole Community Inclusion initiative that supports families raising Jewish children with disabilities. "That's really inspired me to make sure that we can make our Jewish community more aware of issues around disability."

February is national Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), which has provided a platform for disability advocates to bring exposure to these issues on a local level.

Each year, JLV's Whole Community Inclusion and the Jewish Special Needs/Disability Awareness Consortium of Greater Philadelphia plan a month of events focused on disability inclusion.

This February is no exception. However, the month's programming will be conducted virtually due to the pandemic, a reality which has created its own set of accessibility challenges.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, a member of the Jewish Special Needs/Disability Awareness Consortium, is addressing the pandemic's impact on the disability population with "Making the World More Accessible in the Time of COVID" on Feb. 15 at noon.

During this virtual event, the Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) will have a conversation with Kaplan-Mayer of JLV and Stacy Levitan, executive director of the Judith Creed Horizons for Achieving Independence (JCHAI), a multi-faceted organization that helps young adults with disabilities achieve independence. Kaplan-Mayer and Levitan will discuss their agencies, both of which are supported by the Jewish Federation, and how they have responded to the needs of their communities during the pandemic.

"Our Jewish community is diverse, and there is no 'one size fits all' approach to Jewish life. That is why it's so important to support organizations and communities that are welcoming individuals with disabilities," said Rachel Berger, the Jewish Federation's director of Jewish life and learning. "I'm so proud of the organizations that we work with who are making Jewish life accessible, welcoming and joyful for all members of our community."

Another important aspect of JDAIM is not just its work to raise awareness with community members, but also with congregations and Jewish institutions. JDAIM will have events tailored for clergy, including a training on Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. for rabbis and cantors. The workshop will be led by Rabbi Darby Jared Leigh of Congregation Kerem Shalom in Concord, Massachusetts. Leigh is an acclaimed disability rights activist and the second deaf rabbi to serve a hearing congregation.

Local synagogues also have been invited to be a part of "JDAIM Shabbat Across Philadelphia," where they will dedicate one Shabbat service in February to focus on disability inclusion. Thus far, about 20 synagogues have committed



▲ JDAIM is underway for a month of virtual disability awareness and inclusion programming.

Courtesy of Whole Community Inclusion family program

to this call to action.

Regina Levin is one of the speakers that Kaplan-Mayer has connected synagogues with to share her story about being born with a hearing impairment. A congregant and the chairperson of the Inclusion and Special Needs Committee at Temple Shalom in Broomall, Levin has been a leader in advocating for institutionalized changes in Jewish spaces and changing perceptions of invisible disabilities like hers. Ultimately, Levin believes that true inclusion will come when those with disabilities no longer need to ask for accommodations.

"If we have to keep asking for something then we're not being included," said Levin, who needs a front row seat at events to read lips. "Just because you're willing to give me something doesn't mean you're being inclusive. Inclusive means that when I or someone else with a disability shows up at a function that our needs are already met."

While there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to achieve this goal, both Levin and Kaplan-Mayer have noted that the Jewish community has made strides in the last decade.

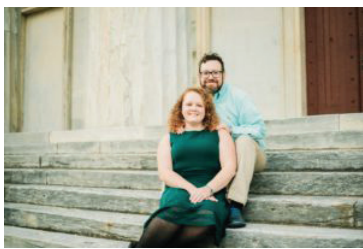
"What we're creating through Whole Community Inclusion are things that did not exist when my son was a young child, so this is incredible. It makes me feel like my family is being seen," reflected Kaplan-Mayer, who thanked the Jewish Federation for a five-year grant that enabled JLV to make sensory-friendly options for their jkidphilly programs. "Professionally, what I see is there's so much desire and we're not having to convince anyone to make these changes. This is an important issue."

For more information about local JDAIM events, please visit: jewishphilly.org/jdaim.

ENGAGEMENT

► VERBIT-TENENBAUM

Raymond and Teena Verbit of Wynnewood and Evelyn Portnaya and Roman Tenenbaum of Blauvelt, New York, announce the engagement of their children, Daniel Verbit and Irene Tenenbaum.



Daniel is a graduate of York College of Pennsylvania and received his MLIS from The University of Alabama. He is a scholarly communications and digital initiatives librarian at Jefferson University. Irene is a graduate of Barnard College and received her MBA from Cornell University. She is an associate director working on payer market access at Merck.

The couple met at a Shabbat dinner at the Old City Jewish Art Center in 2019. They reside in Philadelphia and are planning a spring wedding.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are Irene's sister Anna, brother-in-law Alex and nephews Isaac and Theo, Daniel's sister Linda, brother-in-law Jeremy, nephew Nathan and niece Aviva.

Photo by Kris Kelley

BIRTHS

► LEVI REESE MILLER

Max and Randi Miller of Havertown announce the birth of their son, Levi Reese, on Oct. 20, 2020.

Levi is the grandson of Susan and Elliot Miller of Elkins Park and Amy and Ben Levitt of Crownsville, Maryland. Sharing in the happiness are uncles Scott and Adam Levitt, and great-grandparents Marge and Clive Pinsker.

Levi Reese is named in loving memory of his maternal great-grandparents, Sue and Milt Levitt, and paternal great-grandfather, Maurice Berry.

Photo by Randi Miller



► CORA BRYNN LOVITZ

Dr. Lori Eve Lovitz announces the birth of her daughter, Cora Brynn, on Dec. 10, 2020, in Chicago.

Sharing in her joy are grandparents Arnold and Florence Lovitz; aunts and uncles Dara and Josh VanNaarden, HopeAllyson and Jeremy Dwiggin and Shannen and Jordan Lovitz; and cousins Kovey, Annie, Becca, Noah, Joey, Eden and Tal.

Photo by Lori Eve Lovitz



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

JFCS Introduces Virtual Cooking Series

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE of Greater Philadelphia has introduced Nourishing Community, a once-a-month virtual cooking series featuring top area chefs, home cooks and cookbook authors sharing recipes and kitchen tips, while raising money to support JFCS food relief programs.

The program debuted Feb. 2 with Frank Olivieri of Pat's King of Steaks sharing recipes.

Upcoming sessions include Sara May, tasting room manager and head chef at South Hill Cider in Ithaca, New York, preparing a chocolate strawberry pie on March 16; Amelia Meath, songwriter, musician and home cook preparing borscht on April 27; Michael Solomonov, James Beard Foundation Award-winner and co-owner of CookNSolo Restaurants, and Olivieri preparing lamb shoulder shwarma on May 11; and Tamar Adler, contributing editor at Vogue and cookbook author, preparing scones on June 8.

Registration is required at jfcspilly.org/events/nourishing-community.

Gratz College Announces Holocaust and Genocide Studies Advisory Board

Gratz College announced the formation of an advisory board for its Holocaust and Genocides Studies Program.

The board will meet once a year to discuss trends in Holocaust and genocide studies and to advise Program Director Monika Rice on curriculum direction, research gaps and emerging subspecialties.

Gratz first created an online master of arts program in the field in 2012 and added a Ph.D. program in 2017. About 100 students have graduated with a master's degree or graduate certificate and about 120 students are now enrolled in the two programs.

The seven board members are Chair Antony Polonsky, emeritus professor of Holocaust studies at Brandeis University; Omer Bartov, the John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History at Brown University; David Engel, the Maurice Greenberg Professor of Holocaust Studies at New York University; Laura Jockusch, the Albert Abramson Associate Professor of Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University; Steven Luckert, senior program curator for the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.; Robert Melson, emeritus professor of political science and a member of the Jewish Studies Program at Purdue University; and Stephen D. Smith, Finci-Viterbi endowed executive director of the USC Shoah Foundation.

NMAJH to Screen Documentary About the Late Ladino Singer Flory Jagoda on Feb. 10

The National Museum of American Jewish History will screen online the 2014 documentary "Flory's Flame" about National Heritage Fellowship Award winner and legendary Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) singer-songwriter Flory Jagoda at 1 p.m. on Feb. 10.

The screening will be followed by a short panel discussion and Q&A with Jon Lohman, a longtime

friend of Jagoda, who is director emeritus of the Virginia Folklife Program and founder of the Center for Cultural Vibrancy; and musician Susan Gaeta, who apprenticed and toured with Jagoda for two decades.

Flory, who died Jan. 31 at 97, fled the Nazi invasion of Bosnia as a young woman, leaving with only the clothes on her back, her instrument and her songs. She spent decades in the United States and performed all over the world. She was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship in 2002.

Visit nmajh.org/virtual-museum for details.

Mayor Kenney Joins AJC's Mayors United Against Antisemitism Initiative

Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney signed on to the American Jewish Committee's Mayors United Against Antisemitism joint initiative with The U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"We, the undersigned Mayors, express our deep conviction that antisemitism is not only an attack on Jews but an assault on the core values of any democratic and pluralistic society," the statement reads. "In a world of global communications, where antisemitic ideas spread rapidly, a concerted and principled response is required to raise awareness, to educate, and to ensure decency prevails."

The initiative statement affirms a core set of principles, including the condemnation of anti-Jewish hatred in all forms, and pledges to advance the values of respectful coexistence. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

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ALLEN

Dr. Steven Allen, passed away on January 23, 2021. Husband of Phyllis (nee Lev). Father of Alexa Allen-Patlakh (Michael) and the late Chad Allen. Grandfather of Maddi. Private Graveside Services were held at Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to Reform Cong. Keneseth Israel, www.kenesethisrael.org, or to any local food bank.

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BLOCK

Francene Block (nee Cohen) on January 21, 2021. Beloved mother of Sheree (Andrew) Paul and Jeffrey (Clare) Block; Dear sister of Alan (Olga) Cohen; Devoted grandmother of Jacob, Max, Evan, Connor and Ryan; Beloved companion of Eric Kesselman. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Tikvah AJMI, www.tikvahajmi.org

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BRODSKY

Larry H. Brodsky, on January 28, 2021. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Blume). Loving brother of David Brodsky and the late Jack Brodsky. Dear brother-in-law of Susan Brodsky and Carrie Brodsky. Loving son of the late Melvin and late Sonia Brodsky. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great nieces. Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Nature Conservancy or JBSTV.org.

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FARBER

Beatrice Farber (née Phillips), age 98, on January 26, 2021. Beloved wife of the late David Farber. Loving mother of Betsy Farber Sternthal (Lewis) and Dale Farber Kessler (Robert). Also survived by grandchildren Andrew Sternthal (Adena Shear), Lee Sternthal (Louise Munson), Julia Rowbotham (Jeremy), Benjamin Kessler (Lauren Frank), and four great granddaughters, Lily and Violet Rowbotham, Lucy Sternthal and Yvive Kessler. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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FLITTER

Abraham A. "Al" Flitter, on January 22, 2021, of Philadelphia, PA, beloved husband of Faye Anita (nee Ozer) Flitter. Loving father of Mitchell Flitter, Andrew Flitter and Lori Teitlow (John), devoted grandfather of Isabella and Nikolas, brother of Esther Katz and uncle of Michael and Marla. Mr. Flitter served his country in the United States Coast Guard. He was a Mechanical Contractor and owned his own business. Funeral Services and Interment at Shalom Memorial Park were Private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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FREILICK

Joseph G. Freilick, January 26, 2021. Husband of the late Grace. Father of Adrienne Shanin, Vivian Margolis and the late Michael (Carol) Freilick; also survived by 5 grandchildren. He was a WW II Veteran and a recipient of 6 medals including the Bronze Star and Legion of Honor from Republic of France. Graveside services were private.

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FRIEDRICH

Florence K. "Flossie" Friedrich, nee Kornberg, died January 26, 2021. Wife of the late Myer. Mother of Lewis (Evona) Friedrich and the late Robert Friedrich. Grandmother of William (Amy) Friedrich, Dana Glaser-Friedrich, Heather (Ray) Eisenhart, Richard Friedrich (Amanda Shoulson), Joseph (Veronica) Friedrich and Lawrence Friedrich. Great grandmother of Rayna, Maya, Parker, Ella and Leo. Flossie was a curriculum coordinator for Drexel University and retired at age 94. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market Street, Suite 102, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

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GERSHENFELD

Leona Janet Gershenfeld, 91 of Broomall PA, January 13, 2021; Leona was the daughter of Ruth and Fred Levy of Philadelphia. She was adored by her late husband Marvin K Gershenfeld. She is survived by her beloved children Holly Sue and Steven Alten and Mitchell and Sandra Gershenfeld. She cherished the loves of her life, grandchildren Justin (Tiffanie), Michael and Matthew and her unborn great grandchild. Leona worked as Code enforcer for Marple township for 40 years. She was the mom everyone loved and welcomed everyone into our home. She was an artist, played the piano, and rode horses as a kid with her father and made the best Matzo Balls. Most of all she was the most loving mother, grandmother, friend and coworker anyone could ever have. Services were graveside and private, led with love by Rabbi Meryl Crean.

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GLENN

Uri Eric Glenn, January 23, 2021, of Philadelphia, PA. Devoted son of the late Menachem G. Glenn, and Ilse Glenn (nee Heidelberger), and loving brother of the late Anna Glenn. Uri attended Akiba Hebrew Academy, graduated from Overbrook High School, and later from Temple University. He served briefly in the United States Army, worked as a buyer at Gimbel's, and was a religious scholar. Uri was an avid fan of all Philadelphia sports teams, particularly his Phillies and Eagles. He loved music and singing, and always remembered the names of everyone he ever met. He liked to travel around Philadelphia, and would offer people the shirt off his back. Most importantly, Uri loved his family. His love, kindness and generosity knew no bounds. Due to Covid, services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GOLDMAN

Dr. Arnold D Goldman (Arnie) was the only child of Katie and Abraham Goldman born on September 29th, 1933 and peacefully left us on January 24th, 2021. He was raised and educated in Philadelphia, P.A. Dr. Goldman had a thriving private practice in the South Jersey Area. Some recognition's of Dr. Goldman was when he received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for Voluntary Faculty at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in 1997, and election by his colleagues to Inclusion in "Top Docs" in Philadelphia Magazine in 2002. In all of his many activities he always displayed tremendous spirit and teamwork. His happiest achievements were his marriage of 63 years to his wonderful wife Lynn (whom he met on someone else's blind date), his forever silent partner, who worked with him in his practice. They have a beautiful family of four original children and four gifted to them by marriage and ten stellar grandchildren: Audrey (Brian) and children Brandon (Michelle), Leigh (Bianca), and Scott (Emely); Shari (Keith) and children Katrina and Bianca; Daniel (Cheryl) and children Abigail and Tara; and Rachel (Simon) and children Jordan, Phillip, and Chase. His greatest joy was the family vacations he took every summer. Dr Goldman, Arnie, Dad, Zaydah, had the most beautiful blue eyes and stunning smile which will be greatly missed by all. We were all fortunate to have known a man such as him and the world is a better place for having had Dr. Arnold D Goldman in it. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 1818 Market St., Ste. 2820, Phila., PA 19103, www.cancer.org

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GOOD

Frieda Good (nee Klein), January 23 at the age of 97. She was the wife of the late Martin Good. Beloved mother of Janis Good, Larry (Julie) Good, and goddaughter/niece Marsha Beitchman; grandmother of Cassandra Good and Amanda (Andrew) Chang; great-aunt and honorary grandmother of Lilith and Celine (Jay Mott) Beitchman and Lilith's children Maryjane and David Cole. She was unflinching positive and loving, and she will be greatly missed. Donations can be made in her honor to Feeding America.

HOBERMAN

Sally Ann Hoberman (nee Cohen), age 91, passed away on December 30, 2020 of complications due to Covid-19. Beloved wife of Leonard, with whom she would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on January 7. Beloved mother of Eileen (late Roy) Roseman, Susan (Bryan) Dunderdale, and Elise (John) Cameron. Cherished "Granny" of Daniel Rubin, Amy Rubin (Joshua Higasson), Jacob Dunderdale, and Sarah Cameron. Great-grandmother of Jonas. Services private. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to Dementia Society of America, 188 N. Main St., Doylestown PA 18901.

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KATZ

Dr. Eugene Emanuel Katz passed January 10, 2021 in Warminster PA. Formerly of Blue Bell and Conshohocken. Survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Lenore (nee Schwartz), daughter Carol (Ginny Cutting) Katz. Pre-deceased by his son Matthew Katz and his brothers David and Robert. Born in 1925 to Samuel and Rachel (nee Parris). Enlisted in the Navy Air Corp (V5 Program) and was promoted to naval aviation cadet. After graduating from Temple University, he practiced dentistry for over 50 years and served as a leader in the dental association. Due to the risk of COVID, a celebration of Eugene's life will be planned in the future. Contributions in his memory may be made to Abington Health Foundation/Health Hospice at Warminster 1200 Old York Road, Abington PA 19001 or to Ann's Choice Benevolent Care Fund C/O Philanthropy, 20000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster PA 18974.

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KLEIN ROSENBERG

Sarah Klein Rosenberg (nee Griner), January 14, 2021. A Holocaust survivor. Predeceased by her husbands Rabbi Herman Klein and Isadore Rosenberg. Mother of Morton A. Klein (Rita) and Samuel Klein (Hilary). Sister of Dvora Plotkin (Shmuel) and Genia Eckhaus. Grandmother of Avi Klein, Hannah Klein, and Rachel Don (David). Also survived by 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on January 17, 2021.

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KOSSMAN

Irene Joy Kossman (nee Reif), passed away on January 21, 2021. Beloved wife of Andrew Kossman. Loving mother of Rebecca (Max) Schnaper and Tara Kossman. Adoring Bubbie of Samuel. Caring sister of Elaine (Carl) Steinberg. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or The School Fund at Congregation Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County, 2909 Bristol Rd., Bensalem, PA 19020, www.tiferethisraelpa.org.

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LIEBERMAN

Miriam Lieberman (nee Wohlburg), January 27, 2021 formerly of Lafayette Hill, PA. Beloved wife of the late Jack Lieberman; loving mother of Harris (Ellice) Lieberman, Flora "Faye" (Sheldon) Bass, and Debra (Steve) Gautier; adoring bubbie of Rachel (Brandon), Daniel (Lauren), Anna and Jacob; great-grandmother of two. Predeceased by siblings Lillian, Florence, and Herman. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah www.hadassah.org/donate or other charities.

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MANSKY

Violet L. Mansky, passed away on January 28, 2021, age 99. Beloved wife of Joseph (deceased); loving mother of Sam and Pat Mansky, Phil and Lauri Mansky, and Art and Shelley Mansky; devoted grandmother of Misty, Annie, Jennifer, Andrew, Erica, Amy, William, Joey, and Ben; loving great-grandmother of Morgan, Taylor, Carsten, Jordan, Violet, Lucy, Ryan, Lena, Gabriel, and Ezra; and beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. She was predeceased by her siblings Celia Blumner, Benjamin Levin, and Frances Baer. She was born and raised in Chester, where her parents owned a grocery store, and moved to Parkside a few years after getting married, where she lived for more than 60 years. Active throughout her long life, she enjoyed a 75-year career as a bookkeeper and never missed a day of exercising. Her warmth, kindness, and generosity will be greatly missed by the many lives she touched. Contributions may be made to the Minyan Fund at Congregation Ohev Shalom, 2 Chester Rd., Wallingford, PA or the charity of one's choice.

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PASTON

Alan Paston, on January 22, 2021. Beloved husband of Bryna (nee Nelson); Loving father of Michael (Carrie) Paston and Dina (Brent) Bruun; Dear brother of Kenneth Paston; Devoted grandfather of Rachel (Evan), Jake (Kristina), Kelsey (Andrew), Matt, Amanda and Alexis; Adoring great-grandfather of Olivia. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Eldridge Street Synagogue, 12 Eldridge St., New York, NY 10002.

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REIBSTEIN

Eleanor Reibstein (nee Kasselman), January 28, 2021 of Philadelphia, PA; beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Saul (Shelley) Reibstein and Betty Carol Reibstein; adoring grandmother of David (Mindy) Reibstein and JB Reibstein; great-grandmother of Jacob, Justin, Samara and Nate. Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Abramson Senior Care, <https://abramsonseniorcare.org>; Congregation Adath Jeshurun of Elkins Park, PA <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/> or a charity of the donor's choice.

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SHELANSKI

Rita Marie Shelanski (née Cardile) passed away peacefully at home in Wynnewood, Pa., on Tuesday, December 29, at age 91. Born in Philadelphia to Sicilian immigrants Salvatore and Anna Cardile, and one of eight children, she converted to Judaism and was married to Dr. Morris V. Shelanski for 65 years. She was a member of the 1951 graduating class of Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a nurse at that hospital. There, she met her future husband, who predeceased her in July 2020. She is survived by five children, Joseph, Herman, Samuel, Anne (Dougherty) and Stephan, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Rita was warm, feisty, fun-loving and a fantastic cook with an infectious laugh. She was exceptionally proud of being a nurse, wife, mother and grandmother, as well as sister, aunt and friend. She gave so much love and so many lives are better because of her.

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SINGER

Lillian S. Singer (nee Goldman) on January 25, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Aaron and loving mother of Dr. Eileen M. Singer and the late Dr. Hedy K. Singer. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to: Dr. Hedy K. Singer Endowment Fund, Gratz College, 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027 or Hadassah, 1518 Walnut Street, Suite 402, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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SINGER

Phillip Singer, on January 23, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Sylka (nee Steinberg); Loving father of Ira (Cathy) Singer, Evan Singer and Bryna (Paul Feldman) Singer; Devoted grandfather of Jaime (Josh), Sean, Ashley (Roy), Jacob, Emily and Rose; Adoring great-grandfather of Lucas and Sophia; Dear friend of the late Janet Polis. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Rydal Park Friendship Fund, 1515 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

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TAUB

Joy Taub, 87, (nee Fromberg), formerly of Wallingford, PA and Philadelphia, passed away from COVID-19 on Jan 23, 2021. Daughter of the late Eva and Harry Fromberg. Predeceased by her beloved husband of 63 years, Burton Taub. She had many interests in life including real estate, accounting, and sports. She is survived by Jeff (Amy), Harilyn (William) Kaplan, and Steven (Ellen) and 5 grandchildren, Casey (Matt) Kaminski and Joy's great-grandson Logan, Erica Taub, Zachary (Hannah) Taub, Dana Taub, and Shana Kaplan, who doted on her and in whom she took great pride and gave much love. Also survived by her caring brother, Carl (Barbara Stein) Fromberg. She will be remembered mostly for her positive outlook. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's Association, visit alz.org or Congregation Ohev Shalom, Wallingford, PA, visit ohev.net

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WENITSKY

Phyllis Specter Wenitsky (nee Wasserman), 64, of Blue Bell, PA, passed away on January 26, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Howard, daughters Jennifer (Jon Smith), Samantha and Erica; her grandson Jordan; mother Dorothy (Dottie); siblings Bobbi Wasserman (Harry Koplin), Ted Wasserman (Marcia Lyons) and James Wasserman; and nieces and nephews. Phyllis was born in Philadelphia to Leonard and Dorothy Wasserman on September 14, 1956. When her late husband John passed away, she proceeded with immense courage and love, determined to build a beautiful life for her daughter Jennifer. She found love and built a family with Howard Wenitsky, who had also lost his spouse. Howard, and his daughters Samantha and Erica, joined Phyllis and Jen and together created a household filled with laughter, love and joy. She embodied values inherited from her parents: decency, selflessness, resolve in adversity, goodness and unquestionable love of her family and friends. From the moment they said "I do" 22 years ago, she and Howard set an example of what a strong marriage looks like, rooted in unconditional love, partnership, friendship, appreciation for one another's uniqueness and mutual respect. Phyllis had all the hallmarks of a perfect Jewish mother. She had an ability to "hear" the words written on the hearts of her children, even when unspoken. She always made sure everyone was fed, well-dressed and happy. She wrote handwritten notes in her elegant cursive script, filled with heartfelt gratitude and thoughtfulness. Phyllis taught her girls to be self-sufficient, self-assured and most importantly, kind. Contributions in her memory may be made to The National Museum of American Jewish History, www.nmahj.org or Steinbach Veterinary Hospital, www.steinbachvet.com

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USATCH

Jerald D. Usatch, age 82, of Penn Valley, PA, passed away quietly on January 23, 2021. Jerry was born January 1, 1939 to Sonia and Harry Usatch in Philadelphia. He graduated from North East High School and Temple University. Beloved husband of the late Florence Usatch (nee Shapiro) for 47 years, he is survived by his children, Dr. Ben Usatch (Robin), Andi Bookbinder (Brian) and Heidi Boudreau (Jim); his eight grandchildren, all of whom he adored: Sarah, Rachael, Emily, Zack, Nick, Jack, Jake and Gabi; and his sister Bobby Katz. Jerry and Florrie spent many years together fly fishing, skiing, boating on the Chesapeake, and attending the Philadelphia orchestra. In later years, Jerry was happiest listening to Opera and spending time at the Jersey shore. The family requests donations in his memory be made to Living Beyond Breast Cancer www.lbbc.org/how-you-can-help/donate, an organization that was close to his and Florrie's heart.

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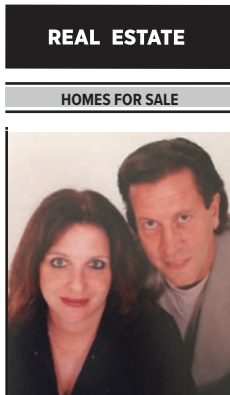
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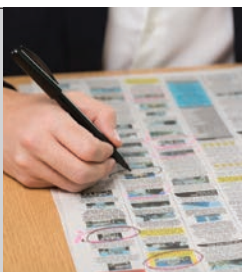
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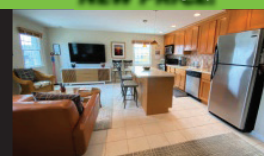
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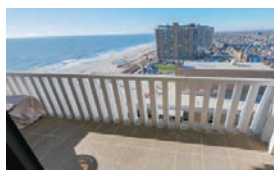
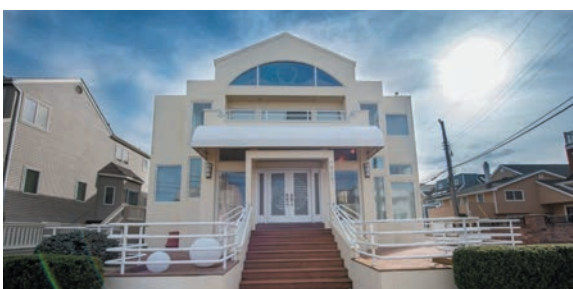
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▼ MONDAY, FEB 8

Race, Sex and Sports

Join **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel** at 10 a.m. for the lecture, “The Relationship between Race, Sex and Sports: How a White, Male Patriarchy Created a Closed Industry That Remains Painfully Repressive.” Speaker Marcus Hayes has been a sportswriter for 31 years, the last 26 in Philadelphia for the

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▼ WEDNESDAY, FEB 10

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▼ THURSDAY, FEB 11

The Race for America

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

NEWSMAKERS

In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia presented “Maybe Even Higher,” an original virtual dance program. The program was presented and choreographed by the ARTIST HOUSE in Philadelphia, led by Artistic Director Asya Zlatina, who also danced in the presentation. The performance was inspired from the children’s artwork from Theresienstadt.



◀ “Maybe Even Higher” performed via Zoom
Photo by Stephanie Hampson

Fifth and sixth graders from Kellman Brown Academy have participated in the “Better Together in a Box” program since fall, exchanging letters, poems, pictures and gift boxes with residents at Lions Gate, a retirement community in Voorhees, New Jersey. On Jan. 25, residents and students joined together via Zoom for a Tu B’Shevat celebration.

Photos by Stephanie Hampson



Iris Needleman and Andrea Poetsch of The Caring Committee collected non-perishable food and handbags filled with basic essentials at Shirat Hayam in Ventnor, New Jersey, to donate to Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties as part of its community assistance programs.

► From left: Iris Needleman and Andrea Poetsch
Courtesy of The Caring Committee



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JEWISH EXPONENT

A third of Holocaust survivors live below the poverty line. 1 Love 4 Animals would like to help these survivors by offering free pet food to feed their dogs and cats. We recognize the many benefits afforded seniors who share their lives with companion animals, and now more than ever the elderly or disabled should not be forced to give up their pets simply because they cannot afford to feed them. 1 Love 4 Animals is here to help.



If you are a survivor or witness to the Holocaust email BillSmith4Animals@gmail.com or write to 1 Love 4 Animals, PO Box 1414, Southeastern, PA 19398 to request free pet food.
OR contact us if you wish to contribute/support our pet food programs.
OR if you know a senior or have neighbors who are struggling financially due to the pandemic, why not share your dog's or cat's food with their pets?