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Raymond Perelman Dies At 101

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RAYMOND PERELMAN, the businessman and philanthropist whose name adorns institutions across the Philadelphia area, died Jan. 14. He was 101.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of my father Raymond G. Perelman, who passed away peacefully last night," said Ronald O. Perelman, in a family statement. "Raymond was not only a renowned businessman and an extraordinarily generous philanthropist but most importantly for me, he was a mentor and a wonderful father, as well as a deeply loving grandfather and great grandfather."

Born in Philadelphia in 1917, Raymond Perelman was the son of a Lithuanian immigrant father, Morris, who spoke no English. Morris Perelman founded the American Paper Products Co., which Perelman took over after graduating from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

The company enjoyed fabulous success, and Raymond Perelman became extremely wealthy. Over the next few decades of his career, Perelman expanded his business, opening manufacturing plants and mills

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▲The shutdown of the federal government is now the longest in U.S. history.

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Furloughed Jewish Workers Feel The Squeeze

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"THERE'S NO REIMBURSEMENT for this interview, is there, possibly?"

Informed that the *Jewish Exponent* does not pay for interviews, the furloughed federal employee, who asked to remain nameless, said that she understood. "Well," she said, "you can certainly

hear where I'm coming from."

About 380,000 federal employees remain on unpaid leave during what is now the longest government shutdown in U.S. history. It began on Dec. 22 after negotiations on the budget for the 2019 fiscal year were held up by disagreements between House Democrats and President Donald Trump over funding for a wall to

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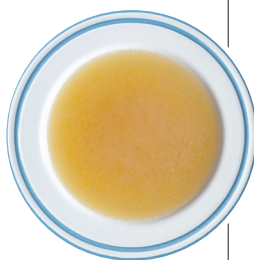
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A budget-conscious reader who has decided on hand-me-down winter gear for her three children has the opportunity to receive a snowsuit that would fit the middle child. How does she justify accepting it without causing a stir among the other children? Read Miriam's Advice Well for her thoughts. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line.

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THE HEART OF THE EAGLES: SPECIALTY COCKTAIL

Nick Foles may have thrown his last pass as a member of the Philadelphia Eagles, but food columnist Keri White has created a drink in his honor. The red color is symbolic of the heart Foles has shown the last two years. Check out the Philacatessen blog on our website for details. And check the blog regularly for content not found in the printed edition, including additional recipes, gift ideas, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.

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J-STEM Grows: Science with a Jewish Twist

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STEM LEARNING — the combination of science, technology, engineering and mathematics — is taking hold as the preferred way to educate children for the jobs of the future.

The Department of Labor recently shared that 65 percent of the careers that children today will enter have not yet even been invented, but those jobs will be centered in the four STEM fields.

Kellman Brown Academy (KBA), a Jewish day school in Voorhees, N.J., is taking STEM a step further, integrating Jewish themes and thinking into its curriculum as part of its J-STEM Lab, which will celebrate its grand opening on Jan. 20.

"We feel STEM thinking is Jewish thinking," KBA Principal Rachel Zivic said. "A cornerstone of Judaism is critical thinking. Additionally, Judaism consistently adapts and evolves in creative ways through changing times. J-STEM is the integration of Jewish themes and customs into the framework of STEM."

KBA's Community STEM Lab will feature many of the same equipment found in any public school setting — an augmented reality/virtual real-



▲ From left: Rachel Zivic, Helene Sterling, Eliana Seltzer, Sherri Quintero, Brittany McIlhenny and Joshua Schaeffer

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ity center, robotics, advanced coding, 3D printing and engineering and circuitry — but it will be put to use in ways that work for the entire South Jersey Jewish community. The move follows the establishment of similar labs at Jewish day schools throughout the region over the last couple of years.

A flagship partner is Jewish Interactive, a London-based company with a goal of providing "universal access to high-quality Jewish education using modern tools." Jewish Interactive is piloting some of its key products with KBA, including educational games and its J-STEAM curriculum.

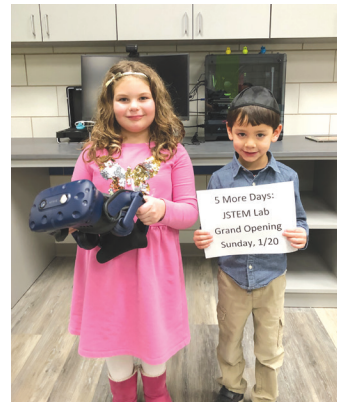
"I started talking to [Jewish Interactive CEO] Chana [Kanzen] last year," Zivic said. "Jewish Interactive is really revolutionizing Jewish education with

its ideas and technology. They needed a school to pilot their products, to see if they work and, after vetting us, they partnered with us. We're really pleased the way it all worked out."

Kanzen, who will bring her London team to KBA for the grand opening, is equally pleased.

"Jewish Interactive is thrilled to have partnered with KBA on creating their J-STEM lab," Kanzen said. "This special community school is so obviously passionate about providing the very best educational experiences they can for their children, and we have been proud to be able to support and guide them in implementation of this worthwhile endeavor."

"I have no doubt that the students in KBA will fulfill both a love of Judaism that is relevant and meaningful, while gain-



▲ Natalie Leibowitz (first grade) and Jonah Frantz (kindergarten) prepare for a virtual reality activity.

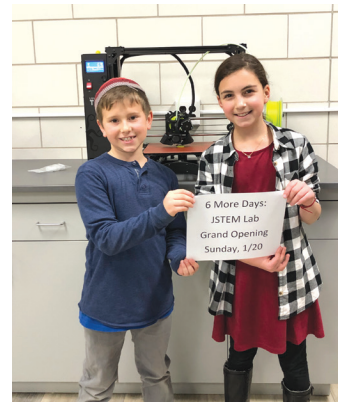
ing core essential skills for the future workplace. It is a perfect partnership and one that will be a model for many other schools around the world."

Zivic and KBA will be co-presenters of Jewish Interactive products at the 2019 Prizmah Conference of Jewish Education in March in Atlanta.

Philadelphia's Franklin Institute has collaborated with KBA in the science area in setting up the J-STEM lab, while Philadelphia's PJ Library, which provides free books for Jewish children and their families, has also contributed.

Zivic is proud of her assembled KBA STEM Team.

"They are in the lab and with the kids all the time," Zivic said. "We're all learning and are flexible with all this. I couldn't ask for any more."



▲ Tyler Whitney and Mira Berman (fourth grade) paint a Jewish artifact on a 3D printer.

Zivic and her staff are showing how a J-STEM facility can mix science and Judaism.

"Our children are learning to read the Torah, but we take it a step further," Zivic said. "A student can design his or her own unique yad that they will use in reading, then send it to our 3D printer and actually put it together. Technology, Judaism and learning hand in hand."

Another exercise was performed at Sukkot, with a virtual reality sukkah that only one student was able to access at a time.

"Each student, by himself or herself, was able to accomplish the mitzvah of sitting in the sukkah," Zivic said. "Our kids again learned how Judaism works with all the new technology." •

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Tu B'Shevat, MLK Day Has Weekend of Events

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TU B'SHEVAT AND Martin Luther King Jr. Day both fall on Jan. 21 this year, resulting in a three-day weekend full of volunteer opportunities.

Both holidays have social justice connotations. In recognition of the civil rights leader, MLK Day has always been a holiday that promotes

racial justice. Meanwhile, Tu B'Shevat, also called the "New Year of the Trees," has, in modern times, become associated with environmentalism.

For some, the overlap serves as an opportunity to discuss the intersection between racial and environmental justice and participate in volunteerism.

The MLK Day weekend is one of Repair the World: Philadelphia's biggest programs, fellow Rel Bogom-Shanon said.

The organization has more than a dozen activities planned, including an MLK Weekend Shabbat Dinner on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m., which will bring in Tu B'Shevat with a discussion on racial and environmental justice.

"[People] are more inclined to volunteer [on MLK Day]," Bogom-Shanon said. "Our mission is to have folks make volunteering and direct service a normative part of their lives. We love MLK Day because it

gives people that little taste, and then we can say, 'Hey, you can actually do this throughout the year and create relationships throughout the year.'"

Repair the World isn't the only organization offering holiday-themed Shabbat activities.

At 6 p.m. on Jan. 18, Congregation Rodeph Shalom is holding a Friday evening Shabbat service in honor of



▲ Volunteers participate in last year's Repair the World MLK Day programming. Photo provided

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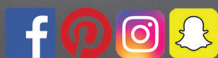
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PennDOT Secretary Speaks at Women's Event

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WHEN YOU'RE STUCK in traffic or when the train is running late, it might be easy to curse the infamous Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Secretary of Transportation Leslie S. Richards hears your pain.

As the head of PennDOT, she oversees 40,000 miles of state roadways, 126 public-use

airports, three ports and 64 operating railroads, as well as more than 11,000 employees.

On Jan. 24 at Fox Rothschild LLP, Richards will speak at 6 p.m. at a professional women's networking event put on by Women's Philanthropy, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

"Transportation is really tied to the quality of life, communities, where people live and how they get to work, how they go about their daily life,"

said Richards, who belongs to Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun. "It helps get freight and goods movement as well to those communities and helps build the economic vitality here in Pennsylvania and everywhere."

Richards said she plans to speak about PennDOT and women's leadership.

Richards has put together the Transportation Investment Plan and the PennDOT Road MaP to improve the state's roadways, but considers PennDOT

Connects, a program she began to get stakeholders involved in their communities' infrastructure projects, her greatest accomplishment.

"Because of this program, we're seeing improvements in pedestrian safety because we better understand how people walk around these assets or use these assets," said Richards, who has lived in Montgomery County for 25 years. "We're seeing improvements in trails and getting them built and partnering with communities if they don't have the funding."

Richards earned a bachelor's degree in economics and urban studies from Brown University and a master's degree in regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She started her career with the Environmental Protection Agency and also did some work for the City Planning Commission and the Central Philadelphia Development Corporation.

She became a stay-at-home mom for eight years and became active in her township as well as the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

She rejoined the workforce at an environmental engineering firm, where she became interested in transportation projects.

"I fell in love with it as we started to work with so many different stakeholder groups, and also it's really gratifying to start something and see it built," Richards said.

She was then asked to run for the Whitmarsh Township Board of Supervisors. Her initial response was a firm no, but her husband — whom she met on a Jewish Federation mission to Israel — convinced her to give it a shot.

She won the election. After four years, she went on to serve as vice chairwoman of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners and, in 2015, Gov. Tom Wolf appointed her secretary of transportation.

Because of her professional



▲ Leslie S. Richards is the first woman to serve as Pennsylvania's secretary of transportation.

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background as a planner, she wanted to improve planning and engineering while in office.

She is the first woman to serve as secretary of transportation, and advancing diversity and inclusion within PennDOT and at partner organizations has been one of her goals. One way she has done that is by adopting gender-neutral language in the agency.

She has declined to work on Yom Kippur, even when she was in Melbourne, Australia for the ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) World Congress in 2016. She skipped that day of the conference and went to a local synagogue instead.

When, in 2018, the conference was held in Copenhagen and once again fell on Yom Kippur, she left for services. But this time, a group of other Jewish attendees accompanied her.

"I jokingly have earned the nickname 'The Sandy Koufax of Transportation' because I won't work on certain days, but really it's just Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur," she said.

Women's Philanthropy Director Marni Davis met Richards at a Jewish Business Network event and reached out to her about a speaking gig.

"She's an amazing role model and someone that we feel other professional Jewish women in our community would like to hear from," Davis said. "We're thrilled to have her." •

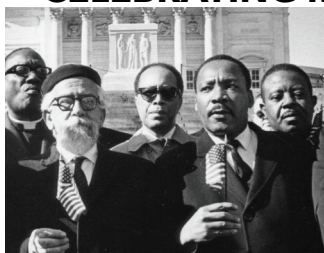
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New Niche Career Spawned by Former Client

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BROOKLYN-BORN Levi Brennan was working for a Wall Street credit card processing firm about a decade ago when one of the clients he was assigned was Manhattan's legendary Midtown Comics.

This was no ordinary store and Brennan, while waiting for some needed receipts and papers, began reading some of the stock, including *The Amazing Spiderman*.

"The three locations are still massive — Times Square, Grand Central Station and Downtown," Brennan said. "They gave me comic books to read while I was waiting for what I needed, all day and every day. The numbers of books they sold was amazing."

Brennan's job was eliminated by the Great Recession. So he packed up what he had and came to Philadelphia, making his growing avocation with comic books his profession as he set up shop in 2010 in his residence, from

where he still operates.

"I opened an online store and figured out the business, what's worth money and what's not," Brennan said. "The niche items [rare covers, statues, signed items] are really exclusive. I decided I would sell those online."

Then came his break and a famous partner.

"I started going to shows, where I met and began working with Stan Lee, who would sign some of these items," Brennan said. "It all grew from there."

Born Stanley Martin Lieber to Romanian-immigrant Jewish parents, Lee died at 95 on Nov. 12. He was a key figure in the transformation of Marvel Comics from a small publishing house to a media conglomerate.

He revolutionized the comic book industry. *Spiderman*, *Hulk*, *Daredevil*, *Fantastic Four* and others had emotions, drew the reader in more and changed the level of stories told. Lee retired from Marvel in the 1990s, but continued to work creatively and at shows until his death.

Brennan and Lee struck up a friendship over the course of dozens of shows each year.

"Stan didn't talk much about his childhood, but he wouldn't work on Shabbat," Brennan said. "Say we'd get to a show on a Friday, Stan would disappear late Friday afternoon and we wouldn't see him until Saturday evening. It was that way at every weekend show."

Brennan got involved in acquiring and selling a line of Stan Lee Funko Pop, which are figures created by the artist. They are still sold, with some fetching \$25 or \$30. But some offerings signed by Lee have price tags of \$5,000 or more.

A set of two bobblehead-like Funko figures was recently advertised online for \$60,000.

"The prices vary by market as well," Brennan said. "Stan had his own line of comics and figures. My market with them is on eBay, as there wasn't enough traffic online with a website. ... Many are unique, and collectors will often pay top dollar for them. I deal in a lot of Stan's niche items."

There are comics signed by Lee that sell for affordable prices, but ones that are rare, what Brennan aims to sell, can

reach six or even seven figures. For instance, the original *Amazing Fantasy* issue introducing Spiderman in 1962 sold for \$1.1 million. *The Incredible Hulk No. 1* from 1962, which cost 12 cents at the time, sold for \$320,000.

Collectors seem to enjoy getting their hands on all the renditions of Spiderman, which runs from 1963 to the present.

"Every time Marvel brought it out as another series, it was another entire set for collectors," Brennan said. "Stan continued to sign a lot of those each time there was a reissue. It's a series that has lasted over 50 years."

Comic books and covers have a rating system.

"Mint is 9.9-10, with 9.8 and 9.6 ratings what collectors like to see," Brennan explained.

While Marvel, DC and others offer digital comics, print comics of old held their own before slumping in 2017, according to Comichron, which tracks such sales. In 2017, digital and print comics accounted for \$1.015 million in sales.

"You can still find a lot of familiar titles like *Superman*



▲ Stan Lee

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and *Batman* in bookstores or comic shops," Brennan said. "There are about 30-40 titles on a weekly basis. Orders are placed in advance and new comics are shipped to vendors each Wednesday."

While Lee and many of the other artists and illustrators were Jewish, Brennan says the business itself and the collectors are not.

"It's funny how it is, but I would not call this a business that caters heavily to Jews," Brennan said. "I don't know why that is." •

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Junior Maccabi Games Back at Kaiserman JCC

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KAISERMAN JCC CEO Amy Krulik is walking around all smiles these days, thinking of a warm May Sunday.

For the first time since 2015 the Wynnewood facility will host the Mid-Atlantic Junior Maccabi Games, scheduled for May 5. The event features competition for Jewish athletes ages 9-12.

"We're thrilled," Krulik said. "We hosted the first-ever of these games in 1998; it was then the Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games, and it's good to have the competition back. Since the beginning, these games have really expanded. There will be



▲ A past Junior Maccabi Games delegation

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delegations from 18 JCCs, from upstate New York to Virginia. In all, we figure 850 to 1,000 athletes will be attending."

Scheduled to attend are JCCs from Pennsylvania, New

York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.

The athletes will compete in seven sports at various venues in the Wynnewood area, with basketball, soccer, baseball,

swimming, tennis and track and field — holdovers from other years — and coed flag football making its debut.

No athlete will compete until after the opening ceremony.

"The goal of these games is to give young Jewish athletes the feel of what an Olympics-style competition is really like," Krulik said. "So we have an opening ceremony. All 18 delegations will march in, there will be some short speeches and then we'll start."

"This is not just about winning a gold medal, but also about sportsmanship and sharing our Jewish values. It's really a nice experience for Jewish athletes of this age group. We are really all together as a com-

munity; *tzedakah* and *mitzvot* are a major part of this."

Krulik referenced one of Kaiserman's soccer teams at a past game in Richmond, Va.

"As it turned out, one of our teams was short a player," Krulik said. "All the other teams agreed to play short a player. We do some special things as part of these games."

The general community is helping out, including nearby Friends Central School.

"Friends Central will be our venue for the swimming, soccer, tennis, track and field and some basketball," Krulik said. "Their track teams use our indoor track during the winter, and they are

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Activist Announces 2020 State Senate Campaign Run

LOCAL

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

IN THE MIDDLE of explaining how she came to be a part of Sara Atkins' campaign team, Abby Jones, a part-time communications professor at Temple University, mentioned that Atkins has been arrested 10 times during her years of activism.

Atkins corrected her. "Eleven times," she said, laughing.

Atkins, 39, is betting that her record of civil disobedience will propel her to the 17th District's state Senate seat held by embattled incumbent Democrat Daylin Leach. Though the seat won't be up until 2020, Atkins believes that her message is going to start resonating with voters once they get to know her. She is running as a Democrat.

"I want to bring ethics back to Pennsylvania," she said.

Born in Chicago, Atkins was raised in a home that was "somewhere between Conservative and Reform." Her father, incensed over the voting issues of the 2000 presidential election, became an elections judge, and her grandfather, Jack Rotman, remains a legendary figure in the world of Chicago labor activism for his work on behalf of cabdrivers. She majored in Judaic studies at the University of Arizona, where she and her now-husband, Daniel, both became *ba'alei teshuvah*.

If her name sounds familiar, you may have read it in the *Forward*, **CNN.com** or perhaps even the *Jewish Exponent*. Her protest at the committee hearings for judicial nominee Brett Kavanaugh was caught on camera, and there are photos of her being dragged from the hearing room as she chanted, "Shame!"

There's also her health care activism. Atkins is a mother



▲ Sara Atkins with her mother in Washington, D.C. T.W. Collins

of five, and all of them suffer from various medical maladies requiring care that is highly specific, achingly necessary and, most pertinently, of a high cost. One daughter has an unknown autoimmune disorder, and has been diagnosed with idiopathic anaphylaxis and eosinophilic esophagitis. Her immune system is failing, and one of the methods by which she's kept alive are biweekly trips to The Johns Hopkins Hospital for shots that can run \$10,000 without insurance, Atkins said.

Atkins serves as the director of activism for Torah Trumps Hate, a coalition of Orthodox and "Orthodox-aligned" people who seek to marry progressive politics with their religious values. For Atkins, that's a simple *shidduch*.

"The Lubavitcher Rebbe always said, we shouldn't focus on *lashon hora*, we should focus on love of thy neighbor," she said. "How can you love your neighbor if you don't believe that it's a human right to have health care? A livable wage?"

Presently a committeeperson for Lower Merion 14-3, she was part of PA Dems Coordinated Campaign ahead of the 2018 primaries, leading canvassing efforts to such success that she was eventually tapped by her superiors to train canvassers.

Some of her policy positions — such as a \$15 minimum wage

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and universal health care — may be national issues, but Atkins believes that it's up to state legislators to promote them.

On her campaign website, she ticks off progressive boxes related to gun control, reproductive rights and criminal justice reform.

There's another issue: protections for survivors of sexual

assault, which may prove pertinent to her race against Leach. In June, at a protest related to allegations that Leach had inappropriately touched female colleagues and made sexually demeaning comments in their presence, Atkins said that he was "a sexual predator" and "no different than Donald Trump." When asked if she still stood by those

comments, Atkins deflected.

"I don't really know Sara Atkins," Leach said in response. "I'm not even sure I've ever met her personally." Regardless, he said, "to put me in the same category as people like Donald Trump is preposterous." •

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NEWSBRIEFS

Jews Win Several Awards at Golden Globes
JEWISH PERFORMERS PLAYED a key role at the 2019 Golden Globes on Jan. 6, JTA reported.

From Jewish co-host Andy Samberg to actress Regina King sporting a tattoo made up of three Hebrew letters, there was a decidedly Jewish influence.

For example, Michael Douglas won the best actor award for a TV musical or comedy for his role as aging acting coach Sandy Kominsky in *The Kominsky Method*. In his acceptance speech, he gave shoutouts to Jewish co-star Alan Arkin and Jewish show creator Chuck Lorre, and paid tribute to his 102-year-old father, Kirk Douglas, by shouting “alter kockers rule!”

Joe Weisberg, the creator, writer and executive director of *The Americans*, accepted the best drama series award.

Songwriter Mark Ronson was part of a team of four winning best song for “Shallow” from *A Star is Born*.

In addition, Rachel Brosnahan — who is not Jewish but plays a Jewish woman in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* — won best actress in a comedy show for a second consecutive year, defeating Jewish nominees Alison Brie and Debra Messing.

Chasidic N.Y. Community First Official Haredi Orthodox Town in U.S.

A New York village of more than 20,000 Yiddish-speaking Jews called Kiryas Joel split from the town of Monroe on Jan. 1 to become the town of Palm Tree — believed to be the United States’ first official haredi Orthodox town, JTA reported.

More than 80 percent of Monroe voters supported a 2017 measure to create the new town.

Kiryas Joel dates to the mid-1970s, when Chasidic Jews began settling there. The new town includes 164 acres annexed from Monroe and 56 other acres.

N.J. Synagogue Receives \$2.5M in Religious Discrimination Case

Congregation Shomrei Torah/Tiferes Boruch of Clifton, N.J., will receive \$2.5 million in a mediation settlement stemming from alleged religious discrimination, **JNS.org** reported.

Synagogue leadership said construction plans were illegally discriminated against in a number of ways, including arbitrary zoning code interpretations and planning board requirements, numerous public appearances and having to spend large sums to hire outside engineers for consultations.

Synagogue attorney Yehudah Buchweitz said

Shomrei Torah appeared before the Clifton Planning Board 25 times between March 2013 and October 2015, before the zoning board seven times between November 2008 and January 2013, as well as four times in state court.

The settlement is one of the largest ever under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA).

Aside from paying \$2.5 million, Clifton will build sidewalks in front of the building.

Canadian Company Fined for Forged Kosher Certification on Cake Mix

Adee Flour Mills was fined \$25,000 by the Kashruth Council of Canada for using its logo on products that haven’t been certified kosher, *Forward* reported.

The company was decertified in 2017 by the Council of Orthodox Rabbis (COR), which is run by the Kasruth Council. However, its Easy Bake Devil’s Food Cake mix still contained the COR logo. COR issued an alert to warn kosher shoppers because the judge couldn’t legally have the cake mix removed from grocery stores.

In small claims court, Adee was accused of causing “spiritual trauma” to Jews. •

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Former Israeli Minister Sentenced to 11 Years

FORMER ISRAELI MINISTER Gonen Segev — who gave sensitive information to Iranian intelligence officials for six years — received an 11-year prison term as part of a plea bargain with the Jerusalem District Court, **JNS.org** reported.

The former minister of energy and infrastructure had a charge of assisting an enemy in wartime stricken in exchange for reduced charges concerning security-related offenses.

“The defendant gave the Iranians secret information with the intention of harming state security,” the charge sheet said. “Among other things, the information included the location of security installations, the names of security personnel and more. The accused also gave the Iranians dozens of pieces of information in order to harm state security.”

Segev was extradited to Israel from Equatorial Guinea. He had been living in Nigeria since serving time in 2007 for drug smuggling.

The official sentencing is set for Feb. 11.

Record Amount Raised by Israel High-Tech Companies for Sixth Consecutive Year

Israeli high-tech companies recorded a sixth consecutive year of record growth in 2018, raising \$6.47 billion via 623 financial deals, *The Jerusalem Post* reported, citing data from IVC Research Center and ZAG S&W Zysman, Aharoni, Gayer & Co.

The number of deals declined from 661 in 2017, but the amount of capital raised increased 17 percent from \$5.52 billion. Annual funding has climbed by about 120 percent since 2013.

“Most of the capital was raised by well-established software companies with annual revenues of up to \$10 million in the verticals of AI [artificial intelligence] and cybersecurity,” said Marianna Shapira, research director at IVC Research Center. “The term ‘wealth attracts money’ describes the continued investment trend in Israel, as in the U.S.”

Six in 10 Israelis Worry About Hacked Elections

A Pew Research Center poll showed that 62 percent of Israelis surveyed are worried that the country’s upcoming elections could be tampered by hacking, *The Times of Israel* reported.

That said, 73 percent said the country can handle a major cyberattack, the highest among the 26 countries surveyed by Pew. But 59 percent are concerned hackers could access national security information, while 67 percent believe an attack could damage the nation’s infrastructure.

On Jan. 7, Shin Bet head Nadav Argaman said a foreign nation “intends to intervene” in the April election, but didn’t specify which one.

Population Growth Slows in Judea and Samaria

Population growth in Judea and Samaria continued a 10-year decline in 2018, **JNS.org** reported, citing data from the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria.

The 2018 population growth was 3 percent in 2018, compared to 3.4 percent a year earlier and 3.9 percent in 2016. There were 12,964 new residents in 2018, compared to 14,299 in 2017.

Settlement leaders attributed the decline to the government not building enough new settlement homes. The Jewish growth rate in Judea and Samaria began dropping in 2009 when Israel agreed to President Barack Obama’s demand to freeze construction. A year earlier, population growth reached an all-time high of 5.6 percent.

At the end of 2018, there were 448,672 Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria. •

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How to Promote Elderly Independence

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ONE OF THE most important desires of seniors is to maintain independence in their lives as they grow older.

Even though there may be changes and possible restrictions required in a senior's life, there are many ways to continue to retain independence. As we mature from infants to adults, our independence increases. Unfortunately, as we age, illness or mental decline may cause the reverse to happen and many seniors find themselves becoming increasingly dependent on others.

The common goal for many seniors is to find ways to preserve their independence as

much as possible. There are many recommendations that the senior or a loved one can incorporate to promote independence.

Take Control

Take ownership of your schedule instead of delegating this responsibility to a friend or family member. There is a greater chance of attending activities and following through with activities when you take ownership in the decision making of your schedule.

If you are a caregiver of an older loved one, encourage them to have a schedule in order to maintain a feeling of independence in their lives. When a senior develops a daily or weekly schedule this is a helpful way of having a sense of

purpose in their lives.

Don't schedule too many doctors' appointments in one week. Many seniors feel that their lives are dictated by doctors' appointments and other medical issues, including scheduling and follow-up. It is important to balance medical issues with other areas of life including social, relaxation and personal interests.

Thoughts and Attitude

A part of aging is how we think about making changes. These changes may not directly reduce our independence but they may require us to live our lives differently.

We may need to modify our homes so that we can continue to live independently. This may involve safety proofing our bathrooms with nonslip floors,

Independence as we age is achievable. It takes planning and a new mindset.

handrails in our showers and the consideration of wearing a safety alarm in case we fall. We may consider downsizing and moving to a community that will reduce our responsibilities or modify our existing home.

Consider adding meditation and mindfulness into your life. Life is stressful at all ages, and can be especially so during the senior years. A commitment to a regular practice of mindfulness, including meditation and relaxation exercises, can promote a reduction of anxiety and depressed mood.

Don't let age define your life. Many seniors often feel much younger than their chronological age. By incorporating socialization, mindfulness, exercise and decision making, many seniors feel much younger than their birth year.

Planning

Plan now for future living arrangements as opposed to having others make these decisions. By deciding where you want to live as you age and/or what changes you would like made to your home, you promote a sense of independence.

Make financial, legal and health decisions in advance so that this decision is not delegated later to a loved one. It is helpful for the elderly to make decisions earlier in their lives concerning what type of health care to receive, power

of attorney, health care proxy and the types of home care and assistance he or she would like to receive if needed. This decision-making process also reduces a great deal of pressure on loved ones while promoting independence.

Exercise, Learning and Education

Incorporating some form of exercise into your life based on your physician's advice is an important step in maintaining independence. Since falls can be a major deterrent in the lives of the elderly, incorporating medically approved exercise in your life is an important step.

Stay social so that your free time is not dependent on family members.

Add hobbies that you previously enjoyed or new interests to enrich your life or the life of an elderly loved one. Incorporate computers into your life to simplify tasks and stay in touch with others and as a way to learn something new so your mind stays active.

Independence as we age is achievable. It takes planning and a new mindset.

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Few Things Are Perfect, Including Investments

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HAVE YOU NOTICED how the word “perfect” has crept into our lexicon?

Someone asks you a question and when you reply, the reply back to you is “perfect.” And that seems a little much given that most replies are not perfectly exact. Answers may be great or wonderful or excellent, but perfect? Hardly ever.

A perfect game pitched in baseball — 27 up and 27 down — qualifies. A hole-in-one in golf — also perfect. A presentation to the board? Maybe it was really good. But no doubt there was some slight imperfection.

Which brings us to the perfect investment. Invariably not a week goes by that someone does not call me seeking the perfect investment. I think I am an outstanding financial professional, but I have yet to find any client or prospect the perfect investment. And for one simple reason: It does not exist.

The proper mix of investments and insurance will help you meet many of life’s financial needs.

Here is a list of what a perfect investment might look like:

- **No risk:** No part of the investment could ever be lost due to market activity or any other reason.
- **High rate of return:** The yield outperforms inflation and taxes while still giving you a solid return.
- **No income taxes:** There will never be any income taxes due on the investment growth with the client keeping all that it earns.

- **Always available:** There will be 100 percent liquidity with complete access to redeem all or part of the investment at any time without penalty.
- **Easy as pie:** It will be an investment anyone could manage at any time without having any special financial knowledge or training.

The age-old advice for someone who comes across an investment with all these attributes: If it sounds too good to be true, it is.

However — and be glad there is a however when doing due diligence — asking certain questions will help you to focus in on the alternatives and aid in making the wisest investment choice given specific financial needs. For example:

- **What is the purpose of the investment?** This is the most important question to ask and the answer should be as specific as possible.
- **What is your risk tolerance?** Will you be able sleep whenever the markets suffer a hiccup, or do you

have the ability to ride out short-term ups and downs in exchange for potential long-term growth?

- **When will you need the income you expect the investment to generate?** Simple, right? A short-term investment to meet long-term goals, and vice versa, is a recipe for disaster.
- **What amount do you have to invest?** Your financial professional can recommend various options based on the sum you have to invest.

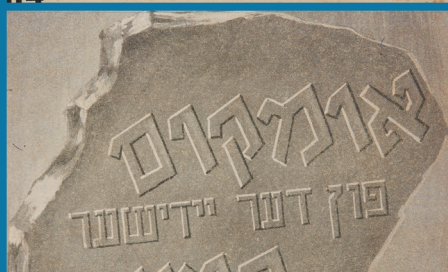
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- **Are income taxes a concern?** Different investments offer different tax treatments. Your tax bracket plays a part in this question as well.
- **In what state is the economy?** This is last on the list because the economy's current (and future) condition is out of your control. But it must be taken into account

and is another topic to be considered when meeting with your financial adviser.

So there you have it — attributes to seek and questions to ask. Unfortunately, you won't find the perfect investment.

But asking the right questions about your financial needs, and building a financial foundation

that includes the proper mix of investments and insurance — including life, health, disability income and long-term care — will help you meet many of life's financial needs.

Even without the perfect investment. •

Joe Bonfanti, CFA, works for the 1847 Private Client Group.

Perelman

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in the Philadelphia area and, in the 1960s, buying Belmont Iron Works, at the time one of the largest structural steel producers in the Northeast. All of his interests were eventually consolidated as part of RGP Holding Inc., of which he was president and chairman of the board.

He served, at various points, on the boards of directors for Temple University Hospital, the National Museum of American Jewish History and the Albert Einstein Health Center. He had stints as the chairman of the board for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, as general chair of the Allied Jewish Appeal and as a trustee at Penn Medicine, in addition to numerous other leadership posts.

Perelman was married to

Ruth Caplan from 1941 until her death in 2011. They had two sons, Ronald and Jeffrey; the former is one of the wealthiest men in the world, reported to be worth more than \$9 billion and a major donor to Chabad, while the latter was locked in litigation with his father that was rumored to have ended their speaking relationship. Perelman is survived by his sons, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

"I am saddened to hear of the loss of Raymond Perelman, one of our city's great civic leaders and philanthropists," Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said in a statement. "Throughout his life, he demonstrated an exceptional commitment to Philadelphia's advancement as a world-class city."

During his lifetime, Perelman made a series of philanthropic contributions to institutions across

Philadelphia, including to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. His original \$3 million donation to the Raymond and Ruth Perelman Jewish Day School, with branches in Elkins Park and Wynnewood, was followed by additional pledges in excess of \$3 million.

"Raymond was an incredibly generous philanthropist who understood the importance of supporting Jewish identity and investing in a Jewish future through the Jewish Federation and so many institutions in our community," said Naomi Adler, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation. "He was an irreplaceable asset to our community and we were so fortunate to have known him."

"Our school and its students continue to benefit from the Perelmans' philanthropic vision to this day," said Judy Groner, the head of school at the Perelman Jewish Day School.

He perhaps made no greater gift than a \$225 million donation to the School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, now named after him and his wife. That was just one among several gifts he made to his alma mater, including an endowed professorship in the medical school and to the Center for Advanced Medicine, home to the Abramson Cancer Center.

"I considered Ray a dear friend — both to me and the university — and I am so gratified to know he will be remembered for the countless lives he has touched through his philanthropy," said Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2014, Perelman made a \$6 million pledge for the construction of the Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life at Drexel University (just two years after a \$5 million pledge for the Raymond G. Perelman Plaza on campus).

"Ray's generous contribution to Drexel University made



▲ Raymond Perelman as a younger man

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the dream of a permanent home for Jewish life on our campus a reality," said Rabbi Isabel de Koninck, executive director and campus rabbi at the now-completed center. "May Ray's legacy continue to be a blessing for us, helping us to provide relevant, engaging and innovative pathways to Jewish life and learning for our Drexel students for years to come."

In the same year, he made a \$50 million pledge to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to establish the Raymond G. Perelman Campus and the establishment of three research endowments.

"Thanks to his generosity and advocacy, CHOP's Raymond G. Perelman Campus has become the site of ambitious breakthroughs poised to transform the lives of children for generations to come," CHOP President and

CEO Madeline Bell said. "We are extremely grateful for his gracious spirit, enduring friendship and unwavering commitment to all children, especially those living in the city of Philadelphia."

"I am saddened to learn of Ray Perelman's passing, a friend to me and a friend to The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts," said Anne Ewers, president and CEO of the Kimmel Center, itself the recipient of \$6 million in gifts from Perelman. "May Ray rest in peace knowing his legacy will bless generations to come."

"Ray certainly knew the importance of good timing — and, of course, Ruth had something to do with that," said Gail Harrity, president and COO of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where the main building is named after Perelman and to which he donated \$15 million. "He always seized the day, as

Raymond was an incredibly generous philanthropist who understood the importance of supporting Jewish identity and investing in a Jewish future.”

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a businessman, as board chair and in countless initiatives over the course of a lifetime that was as remarkable as it was long.”

“The National Museum of American Jewish History mourns the loss of our trustee emeritus and generous patron,” museum CEO Ivy Barsky and chair Phillip Daviroff said in a statement. “May his *Only in America* legacy live on at NMAJH and may his memory be a blessing.”

“Raymond Perelman is an individual, in my humble opinion, that symbolized and reflected a very import-

ant part of the period of prior to, and during and after, the Holocaust,” said Rabbi Avarham Shemtov. Shemtov, a leader in the worldwide Chabad movement for decades, is a close friend and confidante of Ronald Perelman.

“I was there yesterday,” the rabbi said, “just before he passed, and I looked at him, and I saw in him a reflection of a very important part of our history, of Jews in America. And that’s how we saw him off, just now in the funeral.” •

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▲ Raymond Perelman was “one of our city’s great civic leaders and philanthropists,” Mayor Jim Kenney said.

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Furlough

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be built along the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump has said that he was prepared to wait “months, or even years” for Democrats to relent. As of now, there doesn’t seem to be an end in sight.

Sidney Ozer, 61, grew up on West Oak Lane and has been an EPA employee in Philadelphia since 1987, one of 800,000 furloughed federal workers. He’s thankful that his savings and his relatively high pay grade have given

as a single mother, it’s gonna be a very difficult thing for you to not have your paycheck come in on Friday.”

What’s more distressing for him is the work left undone. As a contracting officer, Ozer issues contracts to evaluate the level of contamination at hazardous Superfund waste sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Pennsylvania alone, home to 92 of the 1,338 total Superfund sites in the country, requires an inordinate amount of attention from the EPA.

have on the federal government’s ability to attract labor to its ranks in the future.

“People come to the federal government because we want to serve, we want to protect public health and the environment. But you’re going to question it if you don’t have the security of knowing that, y’know, I’ll be able to feed my family, pay the rent, send my kids to school, etc.,” he said.

In the meantime, he said, all he can do is support the Local Federation of Federal Employees 3631, which rallied at Independence Hall on Jan. 8 and

Dec. 24, one that would’ve been paid. Now, she said, she’s off of work, but without compensation. (Last week, Congress and the president agreed to give federal employees back pay from the beginning of the shutdown, but the government would have to end the shutdown first.)

Snoparsky’s ability to help out on student loans for her son, a translator and cybersecurity expert living in Israel, is compromised, and she had to ask her synagogue to defer payment of dues. Like Ozer, she’s worried about the work left undone.

“It’s not easy to just go back in and pick up where you left off,” she said.

She looks forward to returning to her post if and when the

issues surrounding the shutdown are resolved; she enjoys the regulatory aspect of her work at the EPA, and while she’s worked in private industry before, it’s just not for her anymore.

“I don’t think the public understands what the service is that we provide,” Snoparsky said, “and they just think, ‘Ah, they’ll get paid, what’s the big deal?’”

In the meantime, she’s trying to keep busy. She went to the union rally at Independence Hall, for one. There’s also her new hobby.

“Talking to reporters,” she laughed. •

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MINDY SNOPARSKY

him a cushion with which to absorb the blow of receiving a half-paycheck for the last pay period, but he knows he’s an outlier in that respect.

“I’m a little bit older, and I happen to have some savings, so the immediate impact is not there,” he said. However, “if you’re making \$50,000 a year

“It feels very bad,” said Ozer, “because we’re not able to protect the health and welfare of the people of the mid-Atlantic states and across the country.”

Beyond the immediate impact of letting hazardous waste sites fester without constant attention, Ozer said, he worries about the impact that the shutdown will

at the AFL-CIO building in D.C. on Jan. 10 in concert with more than 30 other unions affected by the shutdown.

Mindy Snoparsky, 62, has been an EPA hydrogeologist for 32 years, also working in the Superfund program. The Roxborough native intended to take a vacation beginning on



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Waking Up to a Different World



BY JOSHUA RUNYAN

IT'S A TRUISM of life that you never really know what you had until it's gone. (That's not exactly true, as more than one person has noted that the saying really means that you always knew what you had, you just didn't realize that you could lose it.)

It applies as much to interpersonal relationships as it does to physical possessions: Sometimes, you can't really appreciate something until its effects linger in a kind of relief, the something having already disappeared.

More often than not, the realization produces feelings of remorse. This will certainly be the case in the coming days and weeks when we collectively as members of the Jewish community of Philadelphia — joined by everyone else who call Southeastern Pennsylvania

home — ponder the greatness of philanthropist Raymond Perelman, who at the age of 101 departed this world on Jan. 14.

His beneficence extended not only to such institutions as the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the National Museum of American Jewish History, the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, the Kimmel Center and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, but it also enabled generations of Jews to explore their heritage and better their souls. He will truly be missed.

More generally, feelings of sadness following loss are far from guaranteed. More than once, in fact, I've gone outside during a neighborhood-wide power outage not to mourn the loss of air conditioning but rather to marvel at the serenity of the world when electricity and the noises its use produces are taken out of the equation. (Many people reported similar feelings when the enormous tragedy of the 9/11 attacks led to the closure of America's airspace and the grounding of civilian aircraft for three days.)

If reporting in *The Washington Post* is to be believed, there are more than a few who are hoping for some positive effects from the sudden disappearance of govern-

ment paychecks and certain government services.

More than three weeks into the longest federal government shutdown in U.S. history, the theory is that among a certain set of small-government conservatives who have been railing for decades on Capitol Hill and in the White House to cut spending on social welfare spending and the administrative state, 800,000 government workers not getting paid isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Their motive, according to the article, isn't so much the building of a wall along the nation's southern border with Mexico but rather the long-term contraction of the federal government. Yes, Congress and the president last week agreed to provide back pay to workers who have gone without since the shutdown began, but one of the effects, say observers, is that fewer people will seek government jobs in the future. Faced with the uncertainty of perhaps an even longer shutdown looming in the distance, the thinking goes, they'd rather be employed in the private sector.

That may or not be true, but let's ponder for a second what the contraction of government has meant in the short term. In the first days of the shutdown, many of us were despondent

over the closure of national parks and monuments, but unless we were used to collecting checks from the U.S. Treasury, we didn't have a visceral appreciation for what was going on. Two weeks after the shutdown began, I noticed that security lines at Philadelphia International Airport were no longer than normal.

That's not the case now. Tasked with essential jobs that meant they'd have to work through the shutdown but not get paid, Transportation Security Administration screeners across the country have called in sick. The resulting slowdown has affected air travel.

In addition to working without pay, air traffic controllers employed by the Federal Aviation Administration are ensuring separation between aircraft without the benefit of support personnel. FAA inspectors responsible for ensuring the safety of airframes, maintenance programs and pilot proficiency are largely house-bound, the agency now relying on "risk-based management" to decide who to employ — again, without pay — on any given day.

Maybe you don't travel much. Do you invest?

Much of the Securities and Exchange Commission is furloughed, meaning that over-

sight of the securities industry is a shadow of what it was before the shutdown. Companies' initial public offerings have ground to a halt; there's no one at the SEC available to approve their applications.

The fact is — and it gets worse the longer the shutdown goes on — everything from the administration of federal courts to criminal investigations is at stake. Food inspections, energy infrastructure oversight, accident investigations, certain home loan approvals — these are all at stake.

Can government do its job more efficiently? Certainly. Does this country need a lasting solution to border security, immigration abuse and the plight of undocumented workers? Absolutely. But inaction is not a solution. It's actually been a detriment.

Most people, whether they're blue collar or firmly ensconced in the "1 percent" fail to appreciate all of the government programs and initiatives they've relied on through their lives. Just imagine what things would like if you woke up one morning to find every bit of that government support gone. •

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Crackdown in Xinjiang — the Islamic World's Achilles Heel

BY JAMES M. DORSEY

A DISAGREEMENT between major Indonesian religious leaders and the government on how to respond to China's crackdown on Turkic Muslims raises questions about the Islamic world's ability to sustain its silence about what amounts to one of the most concerted assaults on the faith in recent history.

Rejecting a call on the government by the Indonesian Ulema Council, the country's top clerical body, to condemn the Chinese crackdown on Turkic Muslims that has seen up to a million Muslims detained in re-education camps in China's northwestern province of Xinjiang, Indonesian vice president Jusuf Kalla recently insisted that the government will not interfere

in the internal affairs of others.

The disagreement could take on greater significance after the elections in April, which incumbent president Joko Widodo is expected to win. Widodo's vice presidential running mate, Ma'ruf Amin, is the Ulema Council's chairman. Since joining the ticket, Amin has retained his Council position as non-active chairman.

Nonetheless, Kalla's posi-

tion is in line with that of a majority of Muslim countries. Eager as they are to attract Chinese infrastructure investment, those countries have opted to remain silent on the crackdown in a bid to avoid jeopardizing relations with the People's Republic. These same countries have responded angrily to far less threatening incidents, such as the condemnation of British writer

Salman Rushdie for his novel, *The Satanic Verses*; the cartoon depiction in Denmark of the Prophet Muhammad; and the burning of a Quran by an American pastor.

In a similar vein, Mushahid Hussain, chairman of Pakistan's Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, said the cardinal principle of Pakistan-China

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How Should Jews React to the Belgian Ban on Shechitah?

BY RICHARD H. SCHWARTZ

RECENTLY THE BELGIAN government banned the practice of shechitah (Jewish ritual slaughter). How should Jews react?

Jewish Veg, formerly Jewish Vegetarians of North America, of which I am president emeritus, is against all slaughter, but we object when shechitah is signaled out for criticism or is banned. Shechitah was designed to minimize pain, but even if it is carried out perfectly, the many months during which animals are mistreated on factory farms should be considered.

People who think that other methods of slaughter are more humane should read the book *Slaughterhouse: The Shocking Story of Greed, Neglect, and Inhumane Treatment Inside the U.S. Meat Industry* by Gail

- There would be a reduction in the widespread heart disease, several types of cancer and other diseases afflicting many Jews and others.
- There would be a reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases. While the world is increasingly threatened by climate change, a 2006 U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization report, "Livestock's Long Shadow," indicated that animal-based agriculture emits more greenhouse gases (in CO2 equivalents) than is emitted by the cars and all other means of transportation worldwide combined.
- There would be a reduction in environmental problems, including deforestation, soil erosion, water pollution, loss of biological diversity and desertification.

The shechitah ban must be opposed, but it is hoped that rabbis and other Jewish leaders will help increase awareness of the many benefits of vegetarianism and of Jewish teachings.

Eisnitz. It documents the many problems at slaughterhouses where animals are stunned prior to slaughter, with many of the workers becoming sadistic and cruel under the horrible conditions of their daily efforts.

There is a familiar admonition that states that when one is given a lemon they should make lemonade, meaning make the best of what appears to be a negative situation. I believe this can happen in the case of the Belgian ban on shechitah. While meat-eaters will understandably have a negative reaction to the ban, if it leads some Jews to shift to a vegetarian or vegan diet, there could be many benefits:

- Resources would be used more efficiently. In an increasingly thirsty and energy-dependent world, a person on an animal-based diet requires up to 14 times as much water (mainly for irrigating feed crops) and 10 times as much energy as a person on a vegan (only plants) diet.
- There would be a reduction in the number of animals who suffer greatly from cruel treatment on factory farms.
- There would potentially be a reduction in the number of hungry people. At a time when food prices are skyrocketing, an estimated 20 million people are dying annually worldwide

from hunger and its effects, and almost a billion of the world's people are chronically hungry, since 70 percent of the grain produced in the United States and 40 percent produced worldwide are fed to farmed animal. What makes that even more shameful is that the corn, soy and oats that are high in fiber and complex carbohydrates are converted into animal products that are devoid of these nutrients, but high in cholesterol and saturated fat that are so harmful to health.

It should also be considered that plant-based diets are most consistent with Jewish teachings on preserving human health, treating animals with compassion, protecting the environment, conserving natural resources and helping hungry people. Also, such diets are consistent with conditions during the two ideal times pictured in the Jewish tradition: the Garden of Eden (based on Genesis 1:29) and the messianic period, based on Isaiah's vision of a peaceable kingdom (Isaiah 11:6-9).

The shechitah ban must be opposed, but it is hoped that rabbis and other Jewish leaders will help increase awareness of the many benefits of vegetarianism and of Jewish teachings that point to it as the ideal Jewish diet. This would help revitalize Judaism by showing the relevance of its eternal teachings to current realities, bring many idealistic Jews back to Judaism, and help shift our precious, but imperiled, planet onto a sustainable path. •

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Organization Calling Out Hill Should Look in Mirror

TALK ABOUT THE *fendl* calling the *kesl shvarz* ("Temple Is Actually Protecting Professor Hill," Jan. 10). A Zionist Organization of America official denounces Professor Marc Lamont Hill for "rhetoric that is bound to sow resentment," averring that "it is a fallacy that being anti-Israel and anti-Zionist is different than being anti-Jewish."

This is the same group whose national president uses language such as "filthy Arab" and has slammed and questioned the intelligence of Harvard graduate Natalie Portman, which has gone out of its way to cultivate alt-right luminaries, such as the individual behind Pizzagate, and most recently, was reprimanded by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations for insulting other members of that umbrella group.

The real fallacy is that being pro-Israel and pro-Zionist automatically means being anti-Palestinian and/or Islamophobic.

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Are We Really Anti-Immigrant?

The mistake the ADL and those on the left constantly make is stating there is an anti-immigrant sentiment in this country ("ADL Report: Anti-Immigrant Views Have Become Mainstream," Dec. 27).

If we are so anti-immigrant, why do we accept more legal immigrants than the rest of the world combined? Why would they want to come here if we are so anti-immigrant? Why doesn't the media (and the ADL) not differentiate between legal and illegal immigration when they report on immigration-related stories?

We can all agree that immigration reform is needed and neither party has done much to that end. But we also know some of the steps that can be taken. Many in the Democratic Party have said in the past a wall or the like is acceptable, but they have changed their tune since President Donald Trump's election. •

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‘Sand and Death,’ or Opportunity Knocks?

BY BEN COHEN

“SAND AND DEATH.” With a phrase that sounded strangely poetic, U.S. President Donald Trump prophesied what lies ahead for the armed forces of the United States should this country maintain a military presence in Syria indefinitely. Given Trump’s past utterances on the same subject, these off-the-cuff remarks in the White House Cabinet Room on Jan. 2 were hardly shocking, but what came right after was, shall we say, unexpected.

Iran’s experience of sending its troops into Syria had left the Tehran regime with a similarly bleak perception of its neighbor, Trump suggested.

“Iran is no longer the same country. Iran is pulling people out of Syria,” the president said. “They can do what they want there, frankly, but they’re pulling people out, they’re pulling people out of Yemen. Iran wants to survive now.”

That last point should not be dismissed as out of hand, even if it was as part of a stream of consciousness on foreign policy that also contained preposterous claims (e.g., that the Soviet Union, which invaded Afghanistan in 1979 to prop up the Communist regime in Kabul, did so “because terrorists were going into Russia.”)

Trump is correct — as he made sure to remind us — that Iran’s economy has suffered severely since he became president. The re-imposition of tough sanctions has come at the same time that Tehran has invested massively in its regional proxies stretching from Yemen to Lebanon, and cutting through Iraq and Syria. Iran’s regime has also been experiencing the only push-back it really understands in the form of frequent Israeli airstrikes on its military convoys and facilities in Syria.

In terms of its relationship with their subjects, Iran’s rulers are also experiencing a degree

of turmoil. When Trump said there were “riots every week in every country,” he likely meant the student-led anti-regime demonstrations that ebbed and peaked in 2018, and which picked up again following a horrible bus crash in which 10 students from Azad University were killed and 27 injured.

And even within the regime, there are some clerics who are talking up the notion that Iran is in the midst of a “crisis.” Arguably, the most interesting of these figures is Hassan Khomeini — grandson of the Islamic Republic’s founder, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini — who spoke on Dec. 29 of the “continuous fragmentation of society” under the Islamist regime, “spreading hatred, grudges, hypocrisy, double standards and dishonesty.”

Hassan Khomeini’s anxiety is based on his fealty to the governing concept of *velayat-e-faqih* (“guardianship of the jurists”) introduced by his grandfather. At the same time, given that his family has been marginalized under the present ruling clique, Khomeini Jr. is also engaging in political maneuvering, so it may suit him to present the Islamic Republic as facing collapse. But as far as the Iranian regime itself is concerned, where others see “sand and death” and imminent collapse, they also see opportunity knocking.

In a speech in Tehran on Jan. 3, Iran’s foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, painted a rosy picture of a multipolar world in which “it is a big mistake to think that there are superpowers.”

As a real-world example, Zarif boasted of Iran’s enhanced status in Syria, alongside Russia and Turkey. But he also cast a broader eye over the opportunities presented by a world composed of multiple powers, advocating the efficacy of propaganda as a means of inspiring “resistance”

among one’s rivals.

“The factor that brings about victory is creating public hatred of the invaders,” noted Zarif in a nod to the trusted method of propaganda merchants since Josef Goebbels. That is a clear message that even if we assume Iran is presently retreating, it’s not going to do so quietly. And once the United States is out of the way, it is quite conceivable that the surge of power that Tehran has enjoyed over the past decade will be reinvigorated.

That’s the inherent problem with dividing the world (as both Trump and Zarif do) into zones of influence based on geographic proximity. As is depressingly usual in the Middle East, the Kurds will again be the first victims of this new shift in the power balance; in order to ward off a threatened genocide at the hands of Turkey, Syrian Kurds may have to turn to Russia, to the Assad regime in Damascus, and ultimately, to the Iranians for military and political assistance. When you realize that assistance would come from a power that, even now, is repressing its own Kurdish minority of more than 6 six million people, you get some sense of the political price America’s Kurdish allies will have to pay for yet another abandonment.

It’s often said that Jews are a civilizational equivalent of the proverbial canary in a coal mine, and that is true of the Kurds as well. In a region that has seen the periodic mass slaughter of thousands of Kurds during the last 30 years — from Saddam Hussein to ISIS — their fate is intimately tied to that of the region as whole. The tremors of Trump’s decisions now, if they are actually implemented, will be felt long after he has departed the White House. ●

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relations is to refrain from commenting on anything to do with another country’s domestic issues — even though some 200 small Pakistani businessmen have been campaigning for the release of their Uyghur spouses from Chinese camps, or for the lifting of travel bans on their children, or for permission to visit them.

Turkey, too, despite its ethnic and cultural links to China’s Turkic Muslims and past support for Uyghur aspirations, has adopted a similar attitude as Chinese investment and financial aid expands.

With the exception of a few protests in Bangladesh and India, and some critical statements by Malaysian leaders, Muslims across the globe have largely refrained from pressuring their governments to speak out about developments in Xinjiang.

Nabeel Shariff, founder of U.K.-based halal holiday company Serendipity Tailormade, struggled with the ethical aspects of promoting Muslim tourism to China, but concluded that “in a way, it makes sure the Uyghur community are not forgotten.”

Shariff’s justification notwithstanding, there is little evidence that the plight of China’s Turkic Muslims remains in the Muslim public eye.

For one thing, the crack-down in Xinjiang is expanding to the Hui, China’s non-Turkic Muslims. The autonomous region of Ningxia Hui recently signed a cooperation agreement on anti-terrorism with Xinjiang in a bid to learn from the crackdown on the Turkic Muslims, or, in the words of the *Global Times*, a Communist Party organ, “to learn from Xinjiang’s experiences in promoting social stability.”

Mounting Western criticism of the crackdown, which is toughest on Muslims but also targets other religious groups,

including evangelists, puts Muslim nations on the spot. The criticism may lead to Western companies boycotting products made in Xinjiang by re-education camp inmates.

A recent Associated Press investigation tracked the shipment of sportswear from a factory linked to the camps to Badger Sportswear in the United States. “We will voluntarily halt sourcing and will move production elsewhere while we investigate the matters raised,” Badger CEO John Anton said.

New Jersey Republican Rep. Chris Smith called on the Trump administration to ban imports from Chinese companies associated with detention camps.

A potential black swan is anti-Chinese sentiment in a number of Muslim countries, some of which have ethnic links to China’s Turkic Muslims. This could be a result of perceptions that Chinese commercial terms for project finance and loans associated with the People’s Republic’s infrastructure-driven Belt and Road Initiative are debt traps.

In an illustration of the risk, Kunaysh Sultanov, a member of the Kazakh parliament, took issue with the government’s attempt to balance its relations with China with its need to stand up for the rights of Kazakhs.

“There should be talks taking place with the Chinese delegates. Every delegation that goes there should be bringing this topic up,” Sultanov said after an escaped Chinese camp worker of Kazakh descent testified in court about what she had witnessed. ●

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Film Event Captures School Counselor Need

FILM

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OVER LUNCH, Enoch Jemmott's frustration mounts as his mother reveals she doesn't have her 1099 in her files.

Jemmott is one of the subjects of the film *Personal Statement*, which documents some of the challenges facing students from low-income backgrounds. Jemmott needed the form for college, but over and over again, obstacles blocked his path to obtaining it.

It's the scene, Director Julianne Dressner said, that has most shocked audiences. The documentary follows three students — Jemmott, Christine Rodriguez and Karoline Jimenez — as they navigate the college application process with little guidance. To fill the guidance gap, the three serve as peer college counselors to their fellow students.

At 3 p.m. on Jan. 21, *Personal Statement* will screen at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.

The event will include a panel discussion with School District of Philadelphia student organizers and counselors, as well as City Councilwoman At-Large Helen Gym. Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg of The Public Interest Law Center will moderate the discussion. Dressner, who is Jewish, and Rodriguez will be in attendance.

The event is free but RSVPs are required. Attendees can reserve tickets through Eventbrite.

"Often, we go to events and the quote-unquote experts are up there talking to the audience about the situation," said Heather Marcus, a school counselor at Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School who organized the event.

"Based on the film, where the students are just telling their own stories, I wanted the panel to represent students and counselors telling our stories in Philadelphia, so the audience could really hear what it



▲ Karoline Jimenez tries to track down a student so he can take the SAT.



▲ Christine Rodriguez runs a workshop.

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was like from the students who are seniors and juniors in our schools in Philadelphia who don't have enough resources."

The American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of one school counselor for every 250 students.

But nationwide, there is just one school counselor for every 464 students, according to the American School Counselor Association's data from the 2015-2016 school year. In Pennsylvania that same year, the ratio was one counselor to 396 students.

While more than 90 percent of high school students want to go to college, many don't achieve higher education. The National Center for Education Statistics found that only 14 percent of students of low socioeconomic status obtain their bachelor's degree within eight years of graduating high school.

"What we find is the college counseling gap is a major cause of this achievement gap, and yet, many people are unaware of it," Dressner said. "When they're made aware of it, from seeing the film and then hearing about these statistics and the situation, they're outraged, and they want to do something about it."

About five years ago, Dressner learned of College Access: Research & Action (CARA), the organization that trained the three students to be peer college counselors, and was struck by its potential to tell a story about education equity through film.

CARA was receptive to the idea.

On the first day of training, Dressner was in a room with 70 students who were there to learn about becoming peer college counselors. Dressner let them know she wanted to make a film and that anyone interested in collaborating should come and talk to her.

She ended up selecting Jemmott, Rodriguez and Jimenez as her subjects.

"When people hear about the fact that young people are working as peer college counselors, it's hard to imagine just hearing about it, that they're actually doing the work of college counseling," Dressner said. "You don't really understand how powerful the work is unless you can see it in action."

Personal Statement is not Dressner's first documentary, although it is her first feature-length one. She previously created the short films *The Scars of Stop-and-Frisk*, published as an op-doc by *The New York Times*, and *An Education*, published by *The New York Times Magazine*.

Filmmaking is a second career for Dressner. She previously worked in the nonprofit sector, where she documented best practices in social programs, including youth organizing. She wanted to make documentaries to share the work these young people were doing.

Dressner said her Jewish identity is part of what motivates her to pursue social justice through film.

Though *Personal Statement* came out last year, Dressner has continued work around the documentary through an outreach, engagement and impact campaign. Dressner has worked with Jemmott, Rodriguez and Jimenez to attend screenings and raise awareness about the need for more school counselors.

They have put on screenings to inspire students from disadvantaged backgrounds to persist with their own college aspirations.

"Our goal is to use the film to really put this issue on the table, to focus more light on it," Dressner said. "When people learn about it, they can't believe it." •

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CLIFFORD ODETS’ DRAMA

Awake and Sing, a classic of the American social realist genre that deals with Americanized Jewish immigrants in New York in the 1930s, opens at the Quintessence Theater on Jan. 26.

In a cramped Bronx apartment, three generations of Bergers try to figure out what it means to be a Jew and an American, with far-reaching consequences.

For director Max Shulman, it’s “a kind of dream” to be able to bring *Awake and Sing* to the stage.

“When I was an undergraduate at Northwestern University, I thought Odets hung the moon and the stars,” he said. The Philadelphia-born Odets was “everything that a

quintessential American playwright was supposed to be” — “a poet of the Philly streets,” in Shulman’s words.

Shulman, 38, hails from Boston, and was convinced to direct the play by his friend and Quintessence art director Alex Burns. Where in college his interest in the play was buoyed by his desire for gaining a particular role, he finds now that he has a greater appreciation for the totality of the play’s themes. In 2019, he says, it’s more relevant than ever.

Awake and Sing, he said, is about how it feels when “to be disillusioned becomes a daily occurrence, to be shocked to the point of numbness becomes a daily occurrence.” “But this play,” he said, “in many ways, is a call for strength at a time like this, when things cannot get any worse.”

Shulman, whose family entered the country through



▲ Lawrence Pressman plays Jacob in *Awake and Sing*.

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“Whatever your political position today is, you can’t escape the fact that America is going through an identity crisis.”

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Ellis Island-like characters in the play, finds that *Awake and Sing* “really brings to light what it meant to be a Jew in the period.”

Lawrence Pressman, 79, playing the role of Jacob, agreed.

The play is about the “drama that happens in family units” (which it has in common with “all great dramas,” Pressman said, “in particularly American dramas”), but it’s also about the perils and complex questions that face new immigrants to the United States. The force and honesty with which the play confronts those questions, Pressman said, are what gives it its vitality for the current day.

“Whatever your political position today is, you can’t escape the fact that America

is going through an identity crisis. Who are we in relationship to what we always were?” Pressman asked.

And it’s not simply a political or academic question to him; he remembers his Jewish immigrant grandparents well, and his grandmother once labored in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory (though she was gone before its infamous fire).

Pressman himself is a veteran actor, having appeared in fare as diverse as *Shaft to Doogie Howser, M.D.* to *American Pie*. The last time he was in Philadelphia was “at least 40, maybe 50 years ago,” he said, when he appeared in a show at the Playhouse at the Park. He quite enjoys the “directness that

Philadelphians have,” he said.

The lives of Shulman and Pressman intersect in ways that stretch across decades. Both attended Northwestern, where each discovered Odets and fell in love. Pressman starred as Jacob alongside an actor named Richard Benjamin in a student production of the play. Benjamin, as it turns out, happens to be Shulman’s father-in-law. What better way for a family drama to be produced?

“It’s a play that once you read it, or are exposed to it, it’s viral,” Pressman said. “It just goes through your system and never leaves you.” •

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Beef Bone Broth: Healthy and Versatile

FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

BONE BROTH seems to be having its 15 minutes of fame these days.

The name — bone broth — refers to a long-simmered concoction of bones, vegetables and herbs that becomes a rich, deeply flavored and healthy elixir.

But it is a misnomer; it is actually a stock with an extended cooking time. Stock is simmered for several hours with bones and various aromatics, whereas broth is generally simmered with meat for a shorter period, results in a thinner consistency and a milder flavor and generally does not use bones. But with apologies to Shakespeare, a broth by any other name would still taste as rich.

Bone broth has been touted as a bit of a cure-all. It is reported to help everything from the common cold to joint pain to intestinal inflammation to the effects of aging. Scientific research does not necessarily support all of these claims, but I have a colleague who swears her achy knees feel better when she drinks bone broth.

And scientific research does support the indisputable fact that easy-to-digest, wholesome, nutrient-rich foods like bone broth are good for one's health, so it is a reasonable choice for a sensible diet.

My husband has become a bit obsessed with beef bone broth. It started a few weeks back when he made his first chili of the season as the weather turned cold. He had a notion that the chili called for beef broth, and was determined to go the distance with bone broth, so he asked me to get marrow bones, which he roasted and then simmered for a day.

In the end, the recipe did not require beef broth (don't get me

started), so we had a gallon of bone broth with no clear destination. The good news was that we used it for a wonderfully warming and healthy vegetable soup. We also froze a couple of pints for future use.

Oh, and of course, I gave a container to my colleague with the achy knees. One note of warning: Bone broth is fragrant and the smell fills the house while it cooks. This is worth considering before you embark on the project as the smell is quite pervasive.

BEEF BONE BROTH

Makes about 1 gallon

The beef bones need to be roasted first in order to temper the flavor. This only takes about 40 minutes, but it is crucial for a successful result.

For the roasting step:

- 4 large marrow bones
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 3 carrots, coarsely chopped
- 3 stalks celery, coarsely chopped
- 1 parsnip, coarsely chopped (optional)
- 1 head garlic, cut in half
- A handful of fresh herbs: rosemary, thyme, parsley, marjoram, whatever you have on hand or
- 2 tablespoons mixed dried herbs

For the simmering step:

- All contents of roasting pan, plus drippings
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 cup red wine

In a large roasting pan, place all the "roasting step" ingredients, evenly distributed.

Roast at 400 degrees for about 40 minutes until the meat is browned and the vegetables are cooked.

Dump the contents of the roasting pan, including all drippings, into a large stockpot.

Cover with water, add the remaining ingredients and bring it to a boil.

Lower the heat, cover and simmer for 12-36 hours.

Strain and use as desired.

BEEF BONE BROTH VEGETABLE SOUP

This soup was a great way to use the spare vegetables I had lying around. This version uses a classic assortment of late fall/early winter produce like cabbage, squash and root vegetables, but you could adapt it to whatever is in season.

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 8 cups assorted chopped

vegetables: carrots, cabbage, butternut squash, parsnips, sweet and white potatoes, celery, etc.

- 1 teaspoon salt, plus generous sprinkling of pepper
- 2 quarts bone broth
- 1 cup red or white wine
- 1 cup water
- 2 cans chickpeas or white beans, drained

In a large stockpot, heat the oil and sauté the garlic and onion. When fragrant, add the remaining vegetables, salt and pepper.

Sauté the vegetables until they are soft, about 10 minutes.

Add the broth, wine, water and chickpeas. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for an hour. ●



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Sing, Remember on Path to Liberation

BY RABBI ANNIE LEWIS

Parshat Beshalach

IN THIS WEEK'S parshah, Beshalach, we make our way out of Egypt via a roundabout route and a march through the sea on dry ground. Moses carries the bones of Joseph as together, trembling, we venture into the unknown.

According to the Midrash, there is an unsung hero of the Exodus story named Serach bat Asher, daughter of Asher and granddaughter of Jacob. Back in Canaan, when Jacob has given up hope of ever seeing his beloved son Joseph again, he hears the song of his granddaughter.

In his darkest time, Serach's song gives Jacob hope and allows him to keep going. When Jacob's sons discover that Joseph is indeed alive, Serach breaks the news to her grandfather in song, so that Jacob can hear it, so that his heart can bear this twist in what he knows to be true. God rewards Serach for the life-giving power of her voice by declar-

ing that she will live forever.

For this reason, our sages teach, Serach is mentioned in the Torah both as part of the Israelite community leaving Canaan to go down to Egypt, and her name is listed again several generations later among those present in the wilderness.

On his deathbed, Joseph comforts his children, promising them that, "God will surely remember you" and take you out of Egypt — "*Pakod yifkod Elohim etchem.*" In turn, he asks for his children's word that, when that time arrives, they will carry his bones with them to the Promised Land.

Four hundred years later, in our parshah, Moses fulfills that pledge. According to the Midrash, when it is time to leave, no one has any idea where to find Joseph's bones. At this moment, Serach comes forward. She remembers that the bones are in the Nile. She goes to the right spot on the banks of the river and recites her uncle Joseph's words, "*Pakod yifkod Elohim etchem.* God will surely

remember you."

Serach is a role model of resilience. She is at once a child full of hope and possibility, and a wise elder — a guardian of sacred stories of struggle and survival. When we suffer in the stuckness of slavery, Serach remembers the promise of redemption. Through years of oppression, she holds onto hope. She tells our people when the time for liberation has come.

It is only because of her deep knowledge of our past that we are able to get out of Mitzrayim. I imagine her song rising from her lips. "*Pakod yifkod ...*" Joseph's bones rise up in the water. And we know we are ready to go forward, to go home.

Serach bat Asher reminds us that, in order to make change and to survive it, we need the stories and the songs of those who have come before us. The stories and songs of our ancestors are the seeds for our own liberation.

This Shabbat, I will be participating for the third year in a row in the Philly Women's March. As a local rabbi, I have

been invited to speak at the rally and address the pressing issue of anti-Semitism and its connection to other forms of discrimination and inequality.

The theme of this year's march is "We Shall Be Heard!" I will be carrying the voices of our ancestors who took risks to fight for equity and dignity. I will be holding in my heart names and stories of Jews of different races, ethnicities, ages, abilities and gender identities, along with our neighbors of different faiths.

Like our journey out of Egypt, sometimes the road to liberation zig-zags and the path forward seems inscrutable.

The work of ending anti-Semitism, sexism and racism is immense. As we have lifted up our voices to push for change, we have encountered the sting of anti-Semitism. There are moments when we have felt forgotten.

As we work for our freedom and the freedom of others, I pray that we will hear Serach's voice singing, "*Pakod yifkod*

Elohim etchem. God will surely remember you" and that we — and our allies — will have the courage to speak out and to keep showing up for ourselves and one another.

May we share our stories and know that we are remembered, seen and loved, that we are beautiful, beloved and worthy of life. May we remember to tune into the voices of people of all backgrounds who face oppression and seek dignity in order to create a world where all of us may live and flourish.

Like Serach, may we lift up our truths and our songs. May we hear one another and may we be heard. ●

Rabbi Annie Lewis serves as director of rabbinic formation at Reconstructing Judaism. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide the Torah commentary for the *Jewish Exponent*.



Holiday

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MLK Day that will feature the Chester Children's Chorus.

Mishkan Shalom has a special weekend planned as well, with a Shabbat service that includes a dialogue on racism and white privilege.

During services on Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m., founding Rabbi Emeritus Brian Walt will return to the synagogue for a talk on religious life and the pursuit of justice. The next day at 10 a.m., synagogue members will share their experiences and expertise in standing up to racism. That evening at 7 p.m., the synagogue's Havdalah service will include a talk by Walt on his relationship with Israel.

Tu B'Shevat begins the evening of Jan. 20, and the synagogue will mark the start of the

holiday with a seder at 7 p.m.

Kol Tzedek and the Jewish Farm School are also co-hosting a Tu B'Shevat seder at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20. The seder will include a discussion on the intersection of racial and land justice.

On Jan. 21, several Jewish organizations are holding events in collaboration with the MLK Day of Service.

This includes Beth David Reform Congregation, which is organizing a group of volunteers to clean up Gladwyne Jewish Memorial Cemetery from 9:30 a.m. to noon; Har Zion Temple, which is collecting nonperishable foods from 1 to 3 p.m. among other activities; and Beth Am Israel, which is hosting a variety of hands-on projects from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While there are a good number of events celebrating either Tu B'Shevat or MLK

Day, jkidphilly — a program of Jewish Learning Venture — is hosting events combining the two holidays.

On Jan. 21 at 10 a.m., everyone's invited to jkidphilly's Tu B'Shevat nature walk at the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University.

At 10:30 a.m., jkidphilly will make calendars and bookmarks at Wesley Enhanced Living in Media for the residents there. There will be a Tu B'Shevat component in this event as well, said Lori Rubin, chief program officer at Jewish Learning Venture.

"We look at the themes of Martin Luther King Day and peace and being kind to others. We want to be kind to the environment as well," Rubin said. ●

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Maccabi

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glad to help. There will also be some basketball at Kaiserman, and I am confirming two other venues. Basketball is the most popular sport, with many teams at each age level."

Two other Lower Merion venues will also be used, as soccer will be played at Penn Wynne Park and baseball will take place at South Ardmore Park. Kaiserman will be the site for coed flag football.

"All the venues are close, so it will be easy for parents and others to watch different events without having to travel far," Krulik said.

When Kaiserman hosted the Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games, only athletes 11-12 were included. Then, several years ago, the Rockland

JCC began the Mini-Maccabi Games for athletes ages 9-10.

After a decision to combine the 9-10 competition with the 11-12, the first Mid-Atlantic Junior Maccabi Games involving athletes 9-12 was a major success in Baltimore in 2018.

"We are glad to be carrying on a new tradition," Krulik said. "The Junior Maccabi games are a great introduction to the Maccabi experience and a great feeder for our Maccabi program for high school students."

Krulik and Games Director Sam Schuman are putting the finishing touches on the logistics involved with the event.

"Traffic, you name it," said Krulik. "We want all our visitors — athletes and others — to enjoy their time with us." ●

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Three Ways to Celebrate Jewish Earth Day

JAN. 21, IN addition to celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this year we also happen to celebrate Tu B'Shevat.

Known as the "Festival of the Trees," the holiday traditionally celebrates the blooming of Israel's almond trees and the pending return of spring. Lately, however, a growing movement of Jewish environmental activists have infused the holiday with fresh meaning by turning it into a wider appreciation of nature and an opportunity to consider the ways in which Judaism informs our obligations around issues like climate change, sustainability, food production and consumerism.

We can all take small steps in our daily lives towards a greener world. Here are a few ways *you* can join with community to be a little greener this Tu B'Shevat:

1. Attend the Jewish Farm School seder.

A seder not on Passover? Yes, indeed: Tu B'Shevat seders are an old tradition now making a comeback among the ecologically-minded. Our Jewish Federation-supported Jewish Farm School is co-hosting one such seder with Kol Tzedek synagogue on Jan. 31. Registration is required at kol-tzedek.org/tu-bshevat-2018.html for this intimate discussion about climate change and climate justice.

2. Conduct your own seder with Hazon's Free Haggadah.

Our Hungry for Change food conference partner Hazon — the "Jewish lab for sustainability" — has compiled a thoughtful, creative and free downloadable Haggadah for Tu B'Shevat. Updated for 2019, it encourages us to examine our relationships with food, Israel, trees and the wider world, including a social justice component in honor of MLK Day. To download a copy, visit hazon.org/tu-bshvat.

3. Learn at Kallah: Night of Jewish Learning.

On Jan. 19, the Kehillah of Bux-Mont and Kehillah of Chester County present "Three T's: Torah, Tikkun Olam, Tu B'Shevat," an evening of teachings by local scholars and rabbis. Delve into the mystical significance of trees in the Torah; the modern religious response to today's environmental crisis; and, with our Jewish Federation's own shlichas, stories about the seven species. More details can be found at jewishphilly.org/events.

However you choose to celebrate, *chag sameach*.



Be a Super (Sunday) Hero

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A HERO? Do you need superhuman strength, the ability to fly, an intergalactic backstory and inner turmoil?

Sure, that helps. But sometimes, being a hero means showing up when your community needs you. And we're calling on you to be our superhero by joining us for Super Sunday on Feb. 24.

Super Sunday is the Jewish Federation's largest day of community fundraising when, working together, we make phone calls to secure vital resources for our Jewish communities. Last year, with your help, we provided food assistance to 17,606 local low-income individuals; educated 1,779 Greater Philadelphians about the Holocaust; granted

2,276 scholarships for Jewish learning and camping locally; and so much more.

This year, let's do even more to serve vulnerable populations, inspire community engagement and support Jewish life and learning. With five Super Sunday locations — in Center City, Bala Cynwyd, Malvern, Fort Washington and Newtown — it's never been easier to Carry the Light.

Be a Super Sunday hero: Spend time with friends and neighbors while keeping our Jewish communities strong. For information (including shift times, child care info, FAQs and our volunteer training video) or to register, visit jewishphilly.org/supersunday.

▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Mommy and Me.

Sherrie Turetsky, director of the School of Early Learning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**, will lead a weekly one-hour “Mommy & Me” class at 9:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Tu B'Shevat Program.

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat at **Morris Arboretum**. Groups from pre-K through third grade may reserve space now. Registrants will participate in guided tree-themed activities, and take home a tree seedling to tend until spring. This program, available to groups by advanced registration only, will be held Jan. 13-17 and Jan. 20 from 10-11:15 a.m. The cost per child is \$10, with one adult admitted free per every 10 children. Required adults are admitted free; additional adults \$12 each. Reservations required; contact Lisa Bailey at Morris Arboretum, 215-247-5777, ext. 157, or by email at BaileyL@upenn.edu. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia.

Thursday Morning Movies.

The Meyers Library and Adult Education present Thursday Morning Movies: *A Stranger Among Us* (2012) at 10 a.m. In this crime thriller, a tough New York female cop is put on the case of a young Chasidic diamond cutter who has gone missing with a fortune in gems. The apparently open-and-shut case becomes more complicated when his body turns up — minus the diamonds. \$10 if not an adult education member. For more information, call 215-887-8700. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple's** clergy leads a discussion of

the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Book Discussion.

The Book Discussion Group of **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will discuss at noon the *USA Today* bestseller *The Girl Who Wrote In Silk* by Kelli Estes. \$2 donation. Light refreshments. Call 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

Canasta.

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

Myth, Trade and Luxury.

Temple Beth Shalom Hazak presents Judy Okun at 1 p.m., who will discuss “Myth, Trade and Luxury — the Allure of Spice Since Ancient Times and the Silk Road/Spice Routes.” Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Guests pay a \$10 fee, while members are free. Any questions, contact Zelda Greenberg at 856-751-4201. For further information, check tbsonline.org/hazak. 1910 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, N.J.

HIAS History.

Join the Hilltoppers of **Temple Shalom in Broomall** at 1:30 pm as we welcome Cathryn Miller-Wilson, executive director of HIAS Pennsylvania. She has spent her career doing social justice work. HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) Pennsylvania is an organization that provides legal and supportive services to immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Free for Hilltoppers members. Suggested \$5 donation for guests. Contact the temple office with



▼ FRIDAY, JAN. 18

‘The Boomerang Kid.’

Moving in with your parents has never been funnier. *The Boomerang Kid* follows Adam Blum, a 23-year-old college graduate who does what every communications major does after college: He moves back in with his parents. It takes his mom creating a fake JDate profile and inviting a nice Jewish girl over to the house to see that there's more to Adam than they realized. 8 p.m. Runs Jan. 10-27 at **Christ Church Neighborhood House**. 20 N. American St., Philadelphia.

questions at 610-356-5165. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.

▼ FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Tu B'Shevet Seder.

A full day of activities for active adults, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at **KleinLife Center City**. Rabbi Beth Janus will lead a Kabbalat service and a Tu B'Shevet seder. A hot kosher lunch will be served. RSVP at 215-832-0539. Also check kleinlife.org/adults-55/center-city/. 2100 Arch St., Philadelphia

New Members Shabbat.

Join the MBIEE family at new members Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat services are at 5:45 p.m. followed by an Israeli dinner catered by Mama's Vegetarian restaurant. \$20 per person. **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El**. 215-635-1505. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Shabbat Evening Service. Congregation Rodeph Shalom

welcomes the Chester Children's Chorus as guests for services beginning at 6 p.m. The children will sing from our bimah. John Alston, former associate professor of music at Swarthmore College, founded

the chorus in 1994 to offer Chester children the opportunity to change their lives through music. Today, the Chester Children's Chorus numbers 130 children, ages 8-18, from every school in the city of Chester. 615 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

Tu B'Shevat Celebration.

Shir Joy begins at 7 p.m. at **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. Call 215-887-8700 for information. 8339 York Road, Elkins Park.

Wawa Shabbawa.

D.C.-based performance artist Brian Feldman brings the Pennsylvania premiere of Wawa Shabbawa to the largest location of the more than 800-store chain. Combining both of your favorites under one roof, while there may not be any matches, wine or challah, there will be LED candles, carbonated grape juice and soft pretzels. We'll also be reciting all of the Sabbath blessings, so BYOYOT (Bring Your Own Yarmulke or Tichel) at 7 p.m. 150 S. Independence Mall W., Philadelphia.

Singles Shabbat Services.

Congregation Beth El's 8 p.m. service is open to the whole community, no matter what your status is. If you have

any questions, contact Norma Karmis at 856-662-7916 or normatrack@verizon.net. 8000 Main Street, Voorhees, N.J.

▼ SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Torah, Bagels, Coffee.

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

Torah Study.

Each week at **Main Line Reform Temple** at 9 a.m., our rabbis lead us as we read from the parshah, or weekly portion, and learn about its context and history. There is always a lively discussion and anyone is welcome to join us. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

MLK and Earth Day.

Join **P'nai Or** for a day of dedication to the Earth in honor of MLK Jr. weekend. The morning Shabbat service will weave words, prayers

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and music about the magnificence of our world and what is being done to protect it. Torah study 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a lunch and learn. Group music at 4-6 p.m., followed by Havdalah. Bring your voices and instruments. 6757 Greene St., Philadelphia.

Tu B'Shevat Luncheon and Seder.

The **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will host a Tu B'Shevat luncheon/seder following Shabbat services. Dairy luncheon. Cost \$15 per person. Seder led by Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham following the luncheon. For information, call 215-677-1600. To reserve, mail payment to the CSS office at 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

▼ SUNDAY, JAN. 20

Tu B'Shevat.

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat at Morris Arboretum from 10-11:15 a.m. Groups from pre-K through third grade may reserve space now for this popular program. Registrants will participate in guided tree-themed activities and also take home a tree seedling to tend until spring. An additional 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. session will be available. The cost per child is \$10, with one adult admitted free per every 10 children. Required adults are admitted free of charge; additional adults \$12 each. Reservations required; contact Lisa Bailey at Morris Arboretum, 215-247-5777, ext. 157, or by email at BaileyL@upenn.edu. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia.

Walking with Jeanne.

Sponsored by **Northeast NORC**. Meet at various locations in the Penneypack Park area by 11 a.m. and walk as a group. Lead by Jeanne Joseph. Call 215-320-0351 to register or to request transportation for NORC members. 8546B Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

Book Review.

Join the **AMIT Philadelphia Council Shira Chapter** for a book review at the Latch's Lane Social Room from 2-4 p.m. featuring Beverly Rosen discussing *Dona Gracia of the House of Nasi* by Cecil Roth. This event will benefit the conversational English program at AMIT's Sderot Religious

Junior and Senior High School. This program is designed to boost our students' confidence in learning a second language through cooking, robotics, art and dance classes taught entirely in English. 40 Old Lancaster Road, Merion Station.

▼ MONDAY, JAN. 21

Bereavement Group.

For the newly bereaved, there's help at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Email rivkahpowers55@gmail.com or call 215-677-1600 for details. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

Mahjong.

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

MLK Day of Service.

Melrose Park B'nai Israel Emanuel-El's Inclusion Committee is partnering with St. Christopher's Hospital for Children for its 24th annual Day of Service. There will be distribution of hats, scarves, gloves and socks for infants through 17 years and new book bags, pencils, pens and notebooks. Bring your donations to the MBIEE lobby between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

MLK Day of Service.

Congregation Beth-Am Israel has scheduled an interfaith gathering from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with experiential and hands-on activities for all ages. Hands-on activities for teens include creating book plates for donated books, cooking for a friend, recording audiobooks, constructing toys for shelter dogs, sorting clothes for those in need and creating spoken word poetry. Adult programming includes an interfaith clergy panel, as well as the programming for teens. 1301 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

Golden Slipper January Series.

If you are an active adult and

are curious about history, art appreciation, politics or current affairs, your place is with **Adath Israel Synagogue**, 250 N. Highland, Ave., Merion Station. Join our semester of learning, meet new friends and expand your horizons about the world. This program features courses and classes about ancient Egypt, medical ethics, one book one Jewish community, and more. For more information, contact Moriah SimonHazani at 610-359-8632, ext. 11, or msimonhazani@goldenslipper.org. 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station.

Tu'B'Shevat and MLK Day.

Join **jkidphilly** and Temple Ambler Arboretum from 10-11 a.m. to celebrate Tu B'Shevat and MLK Day. In honor of the birthday of the trees, enjoy a family tree walk, games, mitzvah project, crafts, stories and snacks. In honor of MLK Day, bring a winter item such as hats, gloves or socks that will be donated. Looking forward to a wonderful morning together. Information at jkidphilly.org/node/2472. 500 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler.

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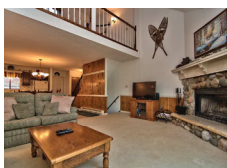
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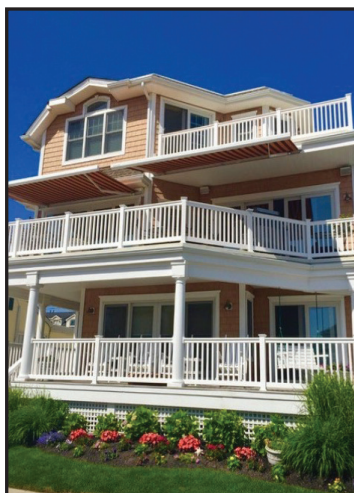
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PETITION NAME CHANGE

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Director of Early Childhood Education JCC of the Lehigh Valley January 2019

Job Description

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Primary Responsibilities

Education

- Develop and implement a vision for the early childhood department, including core values, educational philosophy, and programmatic standards
- Maintain Keystone STARS Level and serve as the primary point of contact for licensing and accreditation

Recruitment & Retention

- Create strong sense of community and trust for families, building personal relationships with each child and parent
- Actively market the early childhood program to new families, including attending events, generating leads, networking, and working with the marketing department to produce online and print materials
- Develop and implement a process for lead generation, tours, follow-up, enrollment and intake
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- Recruit, supervise, and evaluate education professionals
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- Lead departmental staff meetings with both administrators and teachers

Financial Management

- Create the department's annual budget, in conjunction with the Executive Director and the Director of Finance, providing feedback and recommendations on strategic priorities and objectives
- Review and provide feedback on monthly financial statements
- Report on revenue goals and approve departmental expenditures in line with the approved budget

Programming

- Work in cooperation with staff in the children's departments to build a continuum of family-friendly programming
- Work with the Parent Volunteer Organization to foster parent involvement and conduct a parent education program series
- Identify grant opportunities and work with the Executive Director to apply for and steward grants
- Plan and execute fundraisers targeted toward early childhood families

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field (Master's degree preferred)
- Early Childhood Director Credential from the Pennsylvania Key, or ability to obtain it within the first year of employment
- Minimum five years of early childhood teaching and/or administrative experience
- Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
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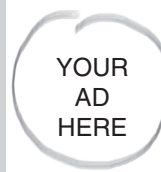
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AXE

Beverly Constance (Solomon) Axe, 94, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2018 in Warminster, PA. She donated her body to University of PA Medical School. Raised in Far Rockaway, NY, Beverly moved to Philadelphia in 1950 upon marrying Norman Axe, her husband of 60 years and later moved with her family to Cheltenham. An active member of Congregation KI in Elkins Park, Beverly was dedicated to imparting her love of Judaism to her family. Beverly enthusiastically enjoyed a variety of activities throughout her life. She was an avid reader and founding member of a book group which lasted more than 45 years. A talented and prolific knitter, she enjoyed teaching others to knit. Beverly loved to swim, play bridge, take walks, go to plays and frequent thrift stores, often generously gifting her finds to family and friends. Beverly is survived by her three children, Susan, Francesca, and Martin, her sons-in-law, Peter and Alex and her grandchildren, Johanna, Stephanie, Gabe and Bradley. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

BERRY

Maurice Berry, Jan. 3, 2019. A traffic engineer for PENNDOT, WW II Army veteran of the Battle of the Bulge with 4 Bronze Stars and the French Legion Medal of Honor. Husband of the late Barbara (nee: Goldberg), father of Susan (Elliot) Miller and Andy (Jolie) Berry, brother of Morton Berry, grandfather of Ryan, Zoe, Jillian, Braydan Berry, Max (Randi) Miller and the late Jordan and the late Eli Miller, companion of Marcia Labovitz. Condolences and more at BerschlerAndShenberg.com

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BLUMBERG

Grace Blumberg (nee Bassel), age 85, died on January 3, 2019. She was a retired art teacher who resided in Audubon, Pennsylvania. Beloved wife of the late Harris; loving mother of Richard (Sharon), David (Debra) and Sandy (Eric) Koehler; dear sister of Sara Slavin; and devoted grandmother of Lauren, Steven, Eliana, Gedalia, Alyssa, Jacob, and Rachel. Contributions in her memory may be made to Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun.

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BRUSMAN

Leila Brusman (nee Kessler) on January 6, 2019. Wife of the late Calvin. Mother of Lisa Brusman Zaidel (Moshe Zaidel), Margie (Robert) Holber and Michael (Cynthia) Brusman. Grandmother of 3. Relatives and friends were invited to Funeral Services Sunday 1 PM precisely at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Suburban North, 310 2nd Street Pike, Southampton, PA. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust St., Phila., PA 19103, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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DAVIS

Harold Allen Davis, age 88, January 5, 2019 of Philadelphia, PA; beloved husband of Edith (nee Goldstein); loving father of Craig Davis, Ellen Cohen, and Bonnie Horowitz; cherished grandfather of Emily, Gabriel, Julia, Jeffery, Nina, Melanie, and Cole. Contributions in his memory may be made to Ann's Choice Benevolent Fund, 10000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

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DUNNOUNS

Jack Dunnoun, 93, of Philadelphia, PA, died Thursday, January 3, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Gloris; children: Claudia, and Robert (Christine Leo); and granddaughter, Hannah. Funeral service was Sunday, January 6th at West Laurel Hill Funeral Home, Inc. Memorial contributions in Jack's name may be made to the Music Fund at Congregation Rodeph Shalom.

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FORD

Dr. Robert Ford, Jan. 8, 2019. Husband of Shelby (nee Tinkelman) of Bryn Mawr. Father of J. Stuart Ford (Alyson) and Nancy Ford Grossman (Dr. Michael). Brother of Phyllis Victor (Herbert). Grandfather of Jayde, Avi, Brenen, Benjamin, Carrie Jean and Robert Walter. Relatives and friends were invited to Services Thursday 11 A.M. Har Zion Temple, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley. Int. West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Har Zion Temple or Abramson Center for Jewish Life, 1425 Horsham Rd., North Wales, PA 19454.

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FREED

Dr. Edmond L. Freed, 83, retired to Delray Beach, FL (formerly Podiatric Surgeon of Philadelphia) passed peacefully in his sleep on January 6, 2019; loving father of David and Eric, brother to Phyllis Bergman, and cherished Zayda of Steven, Justin & Grayson. Buried at Montifiore Cemetery, Section O, Lot 116. Memorial contributions in Eddie's name may be made to the School of Podiatric Medicine.

HOFFMAN

Elaine Hoffman, 89, of Philadelphia, PA died on January 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Allen Oxenfeldt and the late Herman B. Hoffman. Daughter of the late Samuel and Jean (Ollitsky) Wernikove. Loving mother of Harvey Oxenfeldt (Nancy) and Robin Levenberg. Grandmother of Adam and Scott Levenberg, Alissa Sirbu (Adrian), Evan and Katie Oxenfeldt. Great-grandmother of Emilie Sirbu. Sister of Nelson Werner. She was predeceased by a brother Herbert Wernikove. Funeral Services will be private.

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GILLER

Phyllis Segal Giller passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was 80. She was a devoted and loving wife to Frederick Giller for 55 years. Born in the Logan section of Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Ethel Mintz Segal. Phyllis was vibrant and full of life. She was extremely talented with her needlepoint and knitting. Her knitted sweaters were gorgeous, unique and colorful, much like her personality. She enjoyed the beach, her friends, racquetball, tennis, and was gifted with a "green thumb" for nurturing her house plants to the skill level of a master gardener. She loved to wander through art museums. She enjoyed dancing, the theater, musicals and watching her grandchildren perform. Her children and grandchildren were always her crowning achievement in life. In addition to her husband, Phyllis is survived by her loving children, Bryan and Maryanne Giller, and William and Karen Stanell; as well as her four grandchildren; Steven and David Giller and Samuel and Benjamin Stanell. Services will be private. Contributions in Memory of Phyllis Giller may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777 or on line: www.michaelfox.org

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INGERMAN

Corinne Ingberman passed away on January 5, 2019. She was born in Philadelphia in 1930, in the throes of the Great Depression, to Albert and Dora Schwait. She attended Olney High School in Philadelphia, Pa., and met her future husband, Albert Ingberman, shortly after her graduation in 1948. They married in May, 1949, when Corinne was 19. Corinne and Albie enjoyed 61 happy years together. They had two children, Michele and Mark. Corinne was a homemaker, devoted to her husband and children. She always regretted that her family could not afford to send her to college, so she encouraged her children to seek higher education. Her daughter became a lawyer and her son, a doctor. What Jewish mother could ask for more? Corinne was a lifelong swimmer and played tennis competitively at Idle Hour Tennis Club in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. She also was a devoted bridge player her entire life, constantly honing her skills with bridge lessons and Charles Goren at her side. After moving to Florida in the mid 1970's, Corinne continued playing tennis and bridge, finding new partners and expanding her social circle. But it was in Florida, specifically, Palm Beach County, where her career as an artist blossomed. Art was her true passion. She focused seriously on her career as an artist after her children left the nest. She took classes at Philadelphia College of Art and volunteered at Elwyn Institute, where she taught art to disabled children. She built an art studio onto her home and painted prolifically. She displayed her paintings all over her home, sold many commercially and exhibited her works at various galleries around Palm Beach County. She won numerous prizes for her art. In addition, Corinne was a founding member of the Wellington Art Society. She played an active role in the Society until she returned to Philadelphia in 2016. She spearheaded many projects, including a large-scale undertaking in which local artists decorated the children's wing of a local hospital. After her children were grown, Corinne and her husband actively traveled throughout the United States and abroad. Despite her active schedule, Corinne always made time for annual trips to the Pacific Northwest and

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to Philadelphia to see her children and grandchildren. Corinne was known as "Nan" to six grandchildren and despite the geographical distance between them, always maintained a very close relationship with all six grandchildren. In recent years, Corinne welcomed seven great- grandchildren into the family. Corinne took her Jewish faith seriously. Until her move back to Philadelphia, she was an active member of Temple Beth Torah in Wellington, where she served on the Board of Directors for many years. She was a fixture at Friday night services. Corinne is survived by her brother, Allen Schwait, daughter, Michele Grable (husband Bill) and her son, Mark Ingberman (wife, Becky), her grandchildren, Katherine Walter (Michael), Andrew Hallman (Kim), Julia Hallman (Aaron Rubin), Lindsey James (Drew), Sarah Ingberman (Ty Thiele) and Kyle Ingberman. There was a private interment at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens, Boynton Beach, Fla. A memorial service for Corinne will be held at Temple Beth Torah sometime in late winter. For details on the memorial service, please contact administrator@templebethtorah.net

KERSHBAUM JACOBS

Judith Kershbaum Jacobs (nee Kurtz) January 3, 2019; Age 101; of Phila.; beloved wife of the late Dr. Alfred Kershbaum and the late Herbert V. Jacobs; loving mother of Sue Stevens (Joseph), Marjorie Shiekman and the late Dr. Kenneth Kershbaum (Susan); cherished "Granny" to Kathy Evans (Jason), Sharon Kershbaum (Tim Kelly), Joe Stevens (Tomo), Andy Stevens (Bethany), Wendy Cohen (Shannon) and Tommy Shiekman (Kumiko); also survived by 12 adoring great-grandchildren, ages 5 months to 21 years old. Services and interment will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation (www.gbs-cidp.org).

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LEVY

Stanley Levy, on January 6, 2019, of Philadelphia PA. Husband of the late Martha (Nee Kenarik) Brother of the late William J. (Beverly) Levy and the late Sylvia (Martin) Vigderman. He was the uncle of Alice Levy (Motty Seal), Howard (Susan) Levy, Edward Levy, Robert (Rachel) Vigderman, Howard (Janine) Vigderman, Anne (Eric) Greenberg and the late David (Laurie Dameshek) Vigderman. Relatives and friends were invited to Graveside Services, Wednesday, 11 A.M., at Roosevelt Memorial Park, 2701 Old Lincoln Hwy, Trevose, PA 19053. Contributions in his memory may be made to Society Hill Synagogue www.societyhillsynagogue.org or Jewish Federation www.jewishphilly.org

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LIEBMAN

Florence Liebman (nee Kahn) 92, passed away January 4,2019 in Philadelphia. Survived by Husband Morton, Son Simon (spouse Rachel) Grandsons Jordan, Philip and Chase.


MILARSKY

Gary Milarsky, on January 9, 2019. Husband of the late Joan (nee Rultenberg); Father of Rona (Jim) Horst, Ivy (Ron) Gard, Marla and Lori (Tom) Klinger; Brother of Lenore Post, Edward (Diane), Lawrence (Judith), Judith Sinn, Rochelle Solomon, Jacob (Frances), Joan, Annette (Neal Schwartz), Adele (Angelo Branca) and the late Geraldine Pagliaro, Robert and Eugene; Grandfather of Harrison, Rachel, Jacob, Brendan and Maddie. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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NIPON

Morris Nipon, 93, of Galloway Township, passed away on December 21, 2018. Born to Sarah and Louis Nipon on November 7, 1925, "Morrie" was the first member of his family to be born in America. He lived a full life filled with love and good friends. He graduated from West Philadelphia High School and Temple University. He also served honorably in the United States Army. Throughout most of his life, he worked in the carpet industry. He enjoyed horse racing and was a fan of the Phillies, Sixers and Eagles. Morris was preceded in death by his brothers Ralph and Edward. He is survived by, and will be dearly missed by, his children Nancy Schultz (David), Robert Nipon and Michael Nipon (Terese); his grandchildren Rachel Rosenbaum, Lauren Crenshaw (Vic), Jason Schultz, Edward DeMaio, Alex DeMaio, Missy Gribbons (Scott) and Adam Nipon; his great-grandchildren Miranda, Sivi, Estee, Audrey, Ellie, Sebastian and Macc; his brother Albert, and many nieces, nephews and beloved family members. Donations in memory of Morris Nipon may be made to Seashore Gardens Living Center, 22 W. Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway NJ 08205.

ROSENTHAL

Minerva R. Rosenthal (nee Rothman), on January 8, 2019. Survived by her eldest son Theodore S. Bloch (Cheryl) of Philadelphia, pre-deceased by her son Stuart E. Bloch, Esq. (Beth) of Boca Raton, Florida. Grandchildren include Dr. Heather A. Curry (Dr. Andrew P. Myers) of Hockessin, Delaware, Ms. Hannah B. Soffer (S. Aaron Soffer) of Philadelphia, Mr. David E. Bloch (Dr. Lilly Chang) of Gainesville, Florida, and Ms. Ann B. Richmond (Justin Richmond) of Philadelphia. Great-grandchildren include: Nathan and Leila Myers, Maya Soffer, and Parker and Adeline Bloch. She is also survived by her nephew Mr. Joseph Rothman (Jan) of Thornton, Colorado and her niece, Ms. Cyndi Rothman Schoenbrun (Stuart) of Boynton Beach, Florida. Funeral services were private. Donations may be made to Camp Ramah in the Poconos, 2100 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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ROSNER

Evelynn Rosner (nee Scharf) on January 9, 2019. Wife of the late Dr. Albert; loving mother of Dr. William (Eileen) Rosner, Dr. Bruce (Beth) Rosner, Dr. Michael (the late Sheryl) Rosner; adored grandmother of Abby (Jeremy), Jamie (Jonathan), Samantha (Brett), Deena (Matthew), Sara, Rachel (Scott), Dr. Andrew (Jennifer); also survived by 14 great-grand-children. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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SCHIFF

Myron 'Sonny' Schiff died peacefully in his own bed January 9, 2019. He was 89 years old. Sonny is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marilyn (nee Kleinman) Schiff. Father of Melanie Fruman (Steven) & Brian Schiff (Susan Kardon). Grandfather of Justin Fruman (Rachel), Brenda Crouse (Joseph), Jonathan Fruman and Juliet Schiff. Great-grandfather of Brandon and Ryan Fruman and Penelope Jane Crouse. Brother of the late Dr. Stanley Schiff and Carole Levinson. Sonny most recently lived in Cherry Hill and Atlantic City after living most of his life in Northeast Philadelphia. Sonny was involved in many businesses, mainly in the bar and food industry. He was a friend to all. In his ultimate, final selfless act, Sonny donated his body to science. A memorial service will take place in the near future. Donations can be made in his memory to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; donate.lls.org

SCHNEE

Dorothy Schnee (nee Gorman), on January 7, 2019. Wife of the late Morris Gottesman and the late Victor Schnee. Mother of Judi (Steve) Israel, Ilene (Mitchell) Rubin and the late Gary Gottesman. Grandmother of 4 and Great Grandmother of 4. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, 1425 Horsham Rd., North Wales, PA 19454.

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SCHNITZER

Dr. Jay S. Schnitzer on January 10, 2019. Beloved husband of Rochelle "Shelly" Schnitzer. Devoted father of Wendy Schnitzer (Kevin Woolsey) and Jordan Schnitzer (Jessica Sentell). Loving grandfather of Mara Woolsey. Dear brother of the late Gerald Schnitzer. Relatives and friends were invited to funeral services Friday 11:15 AM precisely at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Suburban North, 310 2nd Street Pike, Southampton, PA 18966. Int. King David Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County.

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SCHORR

Dr. Michael L. Schorr January 5, 2019; of Wayne, PA; beloved husband of Melissa "Missy" (nee Rose); loving father of Meredith Rose Schorr; devoted brother of Steven Schorr (Joy); dear son-in-law of Ellen and the late Jerry Rose; adored brother-in-law of the late Nancy Rose Tannenbaum. Relatives and friends were invited to services Wednesday, 1:30PM, Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnwood, PA 19096. Interment at West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were
truly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Dr. Ford's time,
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To his wife, Shelby, children Nancy (Dr. Michael) Grossman and
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SCHWARTZ

Alan Schwartz, a prominent Philadelphia trial attorney and a founding partner of the law firm, Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss & Schwartz (now known as Anapol Weiss), passed away on November 13, 2018 at the age of 80 after a long battle with multiple myeloma. Alan led a life of accomplishment and contribution marked by an unrelenting commitment to law and equal access to justice for victims of medical malpractice and personal injuries. Alan was born in West Philadelphia on May 5, 1938 to Goodman and Nettie (Ingeman) Schwartz. He was the middle son, sandwiched between older brother Ronald and younger brother Stephen. Despite a difficult childhood and adolescence burdened by financial hardship, Alan remained committed to achieving his long-term goals. After graduating from Overbrook High School, Alan served in the United States Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Reserve while concurrently earning his undergraduate and law degrees from Temple University (B.S., 1960; LL.B., 1963). Alan's passion for the law was an integral part of his identity. He was widely respected throughout the Philadelphia-area legal community as a tenacious, intimidating competitor with a wry sense of humor. In the courtroom, he displayed thorough preparation, remarkable attention to detail, and an exceptional ability to convey complex, technical information to juries and judges in a persuasive, easily understandable manner. Over his long and distinguished legal career, Alan represented many families who suffered morbid and mortal injuries due to personal and medical negligence. Alan was a dynamic speaker and consummate storyteller who zealously and passionately advocated for his clients, often winning multi-million-dollar jury verdicts on their behalf. Alan enthusiastically engaged in cutting edge, precedent-setting litigation. He successfully argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and changed the state law to allow parents to recover for the death of their viable fetus. Alan was one of the first attorneys certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and served in numerous leadership roles for multiple legal organizations, including the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. In addition to serving as Adjunct Professor for the Masters in Trial Advocacy Degree Program at Temple University School

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of Law, Alan lectured at numerous academic and professional institutions, including Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Widener University School of Law, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Alan was a passionate trial attorney, but he prioritized his family above all else. After marrying at a young age, he became the father of three children and eventually, five grandchildren. In his private life outside of the courtroom, Alan revealed his true nature: a quirky, loving, "softy." His children recall his fascination with useless gadgets he'd impulsively purchase from catalogues, his penchant for starting embarrassing conversations at the dinner table, and his willingness to cede the upper hand when negotiating their punishments for adolescent infractions. While Alan enjoyed many interests and activities—such as travel, skiing, golf, sports cars, and desserts—spending time with his family was his greatest joy. Alan took his family on many vacations and chose vacation homes with his family's interest in mind, incentivizing their joyful participation. "Your children are going to think you are a rockstar from when they are born until they turn about 14 or 15 years old. Then other distractions—their friends, love interests, school, activities, careers, children—take priority. While they may still love you, the time they spend with you becomes less and less. But no matter what it costs, no matter how much work you might have, it's important to spend time with your family and create memories." Alan's goal was to create memories, with the understanding that "long after you're gone, those memories endure forever." Throughout his eventful life, Alan never lost his perspective or took himself too seriously. He was quick-witted and found humor in everything, even the dark moments. He lived life to the fullest and was a pillar of wisdom, support, and advice for his entire extended family. His indomitable spirit never wavered as he fought multiple myeloma gallantly over the past several years with the love and support of his family and friends. Alan is survived by his wife, Elaine Schwartz; his three children, Carrie (Steven) Leskowitz, Lisa Schwartz, and Todd (Susan) Schwartz; grandchildren Jason (Kira) and Dylan Bell, and Zachary, Gabrielle and Emerson Schwartz; brothers Ronald (Sandra) Schwartz and Stephen (Renée) Schwartz; and numerous nieces and nephews. Alan is also survived by his former wife and the mother of his children, Jeanette Schwartz. The Schwartz Family requests that contributions be made in lieu of flowers to the International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, North Hollywood, California, 91607 or donate online at www.myeloma.org.



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▼ TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Mahjong.

Our mahjong group at **Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel** meets in the synagogue chapel at 1 p.m. to play the game, have fun and raise money for *tikkun olam*. 300 S. 18th St., Philadelphia.

Lunch and Learn.

Ties between Jewish groups and civil rights organizations are explored at **Gratz College**. Gratz President Paul Finkelman will speak. \$23 Includes kosher lunch. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at 215-635-7300, ext. 155, or mcohen@gratz.edu. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park.

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week. This session will be led by Rabbi Robert Alpert. All are welcome. 1801 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia.

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week at the **Congregation Adath Jeshurun** library. This session will be led by Rabbi Barry Kenter. All are welcome. 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mosaics Party.

Join friends and neighbors for an evening of relaxation with local pottery and mosaics artist Meredith P from 6-8 p.m. at the **Milton and Betty Katz Jewish Community Center**. Light snacks and beverages will be served. This event is free to Village by the Shore and JCC members, \$5 for nonmembers. Space is limited to the first 15 sign-ups. Contact Tina Serota at 609-822-1109 for more information or to RSVP. 501 N. Jerome Ave., Margate City, N.J.

▼ WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Bereavement Group.

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

Mahjong.

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

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week. This session will be led by Rabbi Gary Charlestein. All are welcome. 1710 Romano Drive, Norristown.

Talmud Study.

This program will focus on "How are we like God" and "How we relate to God." Gather at 7 p.m. at **Melrose B'Nai Israel Emanuel-El**, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

‘Catching The Sun.’

This documentary film explores the global race to a clean energy future and the local jobs it creates at 7 p.m. at **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. Screening is free and open to the public. Details can be found at readyfor100.org/montcopa.

For more information, call 215-887-8700. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park. For more information, call 215-887-8700.

▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 24

Mommy and Me.

Sherrie Turetsky, director of the School of Early Learning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**, will lead a weekly one-hour "Mommy & Me" class at 9:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple's** clergy leads a discussion of the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Canasta.

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

Thursday Morning Movies.

Dough is a hilarious British comedy that will be screened at 10 a.m. at **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. An old Jewish baker hires a young Muslim teen to work in his failing kosher bakery. When his apprentice's marijuana stash accidentally falls in the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves. \$10 per person if not an adult education member. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Knitting with a Mission.

Join us as we knit/sew squares together to make beautiful afghans for people in need of comfort, and knit hats and scarves for vulnerable individuals. Yarn is provided. 10 a.m. at **The Barbara and Harvey Enrichment Center of JFCS**. Use the rear entrance. Free parking in the JFCS lot. Metered parking available on the street. Information available at jfcsp Philly.org/knitwithamission. Event is free. Attendees will need to show ID. 345 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

Lunch and Learn.

Sponsored by **Northeast NORC** at the Northeast Older Adult Center. Lunch, \$1 donation. Starts at 11:30 a.m. Program begins at 12:30 p.m.; blood pressure screening available. Call 215-320-0351 for program details or to request transportation for NORC members. 8101 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

Stress Reduction Program.

This is the start of a program that will run through March 14. This is organized by **Beth Sholom Congregation**. Cost for the course is \$500, with Beth Sholom members receiving a \$100 discount. Payment arrangements are available. For registration, visit jefferson.edu/mindfulness and select Public Programs or email mbsr@jefferson.edu. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park. ●

WEDDING

▼ BUZGON-SCLAROW

Susan and Howard Buzgon of Huntingdon Valley announce the marriage of their daughter, Lori Nicole, to Steven Eric Sclarow, son of Audrey Sclarow of Philadelphia and the late Stuart Sclarow.

The ceremony and reception took place on Nov. 17 at The Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. Rabbi Lynnda Targan officiated.

Sister of the bride April Pokotilow served as maid of honor. Niece of the bride Addison Pokotilow served as maiden of honor. Bridesmaids included sister of the groom Pam Russakoff and Jen Lengyel.

Nephew of the groom Jules Russakoff served as best man. Groomsmen included Mark Cooperberg, Scott Kober and Scott Weiner.

Completing the wedding party were nephew of the bride Dylan Pokotilow serving as ring bearer and niece of the groom Molly Russakoff serving as flower girl.

The ketubah signing was witnessed by Miriam Lerner and Zak Goldman. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple lives in Philadelphia.



EAGLE SCOUT

▼ ALEC GERSZBERG

Alec Gerszberg, son of Jodi Levin (formerly of Lafayette Hill) and grandson of Marcy Levin of Bala Cynwyd, earned the rank of Eagle Scout on Jan. 5.

Alec is a resident of Closter, N.J. and was his troop's 86th scout to earn the rank of Eagle since Troop 63 was incorporated in 1917. He designed and built a 30-foot-by-30-foot pollinator garden to attract bees and butterflies at his town's elementary school. The garden features fencing, an irrigation system, a paver patio, two benches and more than 120 flowering plants.

Alec is a senior at Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest, N.J., and plans to study landscape architecture in college.



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NEWSMAKERS

Mark L. Tykocinski, a molecular immunologist, will receive the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce's (PICC) 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. Tykocinski is the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Thomas Jefferson University and The Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma dean of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College.



▲ Mark L. Tykocinski

Carole Miller has assumed the position of director of development at OROT. Miller has held a variety of development positions and most recently served as associate director of admissions at Perelman Jewish Day School.



▲ Carole Miller

The Mesivta High School of Greater Philadelphia completed its new Torah and celebrated with dancing in the streets.



▲ A crowd dances in the streets of Lower Merion to celebrate the Torah.



▲ Sandy Bruck, who donated the Torah, participates in the celebration.



◀ From left: Rosh Mesivta Rabbi Avraham Steinberg; Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky, rosh yeshiva of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia; and sofer Rabbi Shmuel Schneid

The Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce (PICC) and the University City Science Center co-hosted a event on Jan. 10 about the current state and future direction of self-driving cars with guest speaker Jeff Moskowitz, a Philadelphia native and machine learning engineer at Mobileye.



▲ From left: PICC Executive Director Vered Nohi, PICC board member Mike Krupit, Jeff Moskowitz, Marian Moskowitz, Dave Moskowitz and PICC Vice President Matt Fingerman

Trauma experts Cathy Markey and Stephanie Sailes from Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia's Emergency Medicine Department presented Stop The Bleed, a national campaign with a focus on bystander response in an uncontrolled hemorrhage emergency on Jan. 10 at Gratz College. Representatives from Gratz, as well as the Perelman Jewish Day School, Ramah Day Camp, Kehillah of Old York Road and more attended the training.



▲ From left: Trauma experts Cathy Markey and Stephanie Sailes lead the training.

Fifth-grade students at Perelman Jewish Day School competed as finalists in the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement Annual Citizenship Challenge on Dec. 11 at the National Constitution Center. The students worked together to craft an essay on the First Amendment and then presented a skit.

► From left: Maya Yotam, Ella S., Belle Harris, Noa Singer, Danielle Aharon, Adi Keinan and Charlotte Ufberg



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