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THE PHILADELPHIA JEWISH Sports Hall of Fame is hoping for a stirring come-from-behind victory in the coming months, following a 2021 filled with ups and downs.

PJSHOF is revamping with a new organization model, prioritizing an updated website and a series of community events that will complement the hall of fame's annual induction ceremony.

The organization's board convened in December under the leadership of new chair Steve Rosenberg, former chief operating officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Former chair Stephen Frishberg left the position in October after a decade-and-a-half of leading the hall.

According to Rosenberg, a renewed presence of the hall will continue the mission of highlighting the accomplishments of Philadelphians and Jews in the world of sports.

"[Sports] really is something that brings people together, and there are great Jewish

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▲ 3G Philly founder Stacy Seltzer (center) with grandparents Sidney and Esther Bratt, both of whom are survivors
Courtesy of Stacy Seltzer

Next Generation Prioritizes Telling Survivors' Stories

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DURING THIS YEAR'S International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27, the mission to honor Shoah victims and provide educational opportunities to learn about the horrors of the Holocaust is the same, but the methodology is a little different.

And efforts to share survivors' stories

are in full swing.

Though events continue to feature survivors whenever possible, there's a collective understanding, even among survivors, that survivors have already met the last generation that will hear their stories directly from them.

"They are aware that they're not going to live forever," said Mariya Keselman-Mekler,

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Our resident advice-giver is seeking questions from our readers. Are you perplexed about Jewish traditions? Unsure of pandemic-era protocol? Confused about child care and its related issues? Concerned about changes in your life? 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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WILD RICE SALAD

Food columnist Keri White is trying to integrate more whole grains and raw vegetables into her diet, so she created a wild rice salad that works as both a main dish or as a side. Better still, the recipe is flexible and can incorporate various ingredients lying around the kitchen. Check Philacatessen for the recipe, and check the blog regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.
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France Decided 3 Weeks Ago to Recognize Israel

PARIS (JTA) — France decided to grant Israel de jure recognition three weeks ago, but has been waiting for some sign of recognition of Israel from the Arabs because of the fact that the French Empire is to a great extent composed of Moslems, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced here this week. He said that formal negotiations between the Arab states and Israel are the kind of recognition for which the French Government is looking.

A final, official decision will be reached within the next 48 hours depending upon international developments. A meeting of the Council of Ministers has been called to discuss the issue. Meanwhile, authoritative sources deny reports that France has changed its mind on the U.N. partition decision. They point out that the French Government is particularly interested in the partition plan since it provides for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

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Jewish Federation Welcomes New Senior Executive

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WHEN JEFFREY LASDAY entered the world of Jewish professionalism in the 10th grade, leading a club of 10-year-olds in the Pittsburgh Young Judaea, his reasoning was simple: “I became a Jewish professional for the money.”

The position paid \$5 per hour, but it opened Lasday up to the world of possibilities being a leader in the Jewish community had to offer.

Now Lasday is taking his 40 years of experience as a Jewish educator and professional and applying it to his role as the senior chief, external affairs at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, which he took on Dec. 20.

“I navigate towards people who don’t just look at this as a job, but really embody the whole Jewish community in their lives. So they personally participate; they personally engage. They’re members of Jewish organizations and not just someone who clocks in at a job,” Jewish Federation President and CEO Michael Balaban said. “Jeff and his family have always been deeply steeped in the Jewish

community.”

As senior chief, external affairs, Lasday will work to build relationships within the Jewish Federation, as well as work with congregations, organizations and constituent agencies in the Greater Philadelphia area to build more synergistic bonds.

“It’s working with the larger Jewish community and thinking about, ‘What would an ideal 21st-century Jewish Philadelphia look like?’” Lasday said.

Having served various leadership roles in Jewish educational institutions in St. Louis and New York, Lasday made the bulk of his impact thus far in Detroit, where he was the director of the Alliance for Jewish Education and senior director of community development at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit before becoming the chief operating officer of the Jewish Community Center there in 2017.

At the time, the JCC of Metropolitan Detroit was losing more than \$1 million a year. It was forced to close down one of its two buildings and reduce the staff and budget. In partnership with JCC CEO Brian Siegel, Lasday created a seven-point strategic plan to rescue the JCC.

“We integrated our



▲ Jeffrey Lasday assumed the role of senior chief, external affairs at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia on Dec. 20.

Courtesy of Jeffrey Lasday

departments in the [Jewish] Federation with the departments that were existing at the JCC and created a new vision for what a 21st-century JCC should look like,” Lasday said.

With a \$2.5 million budget, 15 full-time professionals and more than 100 consultants, Lasday’s department was transferred from the Jewish Federation to the JCC to smooth out operations there.

“In Hebrew, there’s a term, *tzimtzum*, which means contract,” Lasday said. “[Jewish] Federation was willing to contract some of its programming for the better good of the Jewish community.”

2017 was not Lasday’s last encounter with *tzimtzum*. As COVID hit in early 2020, the JCC was forced to furlough 90% of its staff — 230 employees — as well as shut down its fitness center, day care and day camp, the lifeblood of most JCCs.

“At the JCC, for us, it became a matter of just being able to survive,” Lasday said.

Navigating decision-making weekly, the JCC, under the guidance of Lasday, was able to successfully open their outdoor pool and later other facilities with COVID-protocols that aligned with the information available to them at the time.

“It was really a matter of holding our breaths and getting through and making decisions — like everybody at that time was — with not enough information,” Lasday said.

After the birth of a granddaughter last year, Lasday wanted to move back to the

East Coast to be closer to his and his wife’s family. A friend of Balaban’s for more than 27 years, the two connected to discuss a position for Lasday in Philadelphia.

Lasday’s hiring is part of a larger reorganization effort within the Jewish Federation that included the transition of Nikki DeCaro to the position of senior chief, finance and operations.

“This is a team sport,” Balaban said. “We’ve reorganized three key areas of the organization. Nikki plays a central piece, I play a central piece and Jeff plays a central piece in helping to reformulate those corridors of the organization, those pillars.”

With Lasday on board, Balaban is confident the reorganization will progress smoothly.

“He really has an incredible way of maximizing people’s potential and will be a great asset to me as we work to tackle some of the larger issues and opportunities that we face as a community,” Balaban said. ●

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Perelman Hires New Head of School

LOCAL

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DURING HER EIGHT-year tenure leading the Perelman Jewish Day School, Judy Groner presided over a generational change in the teaching ranks.

Now, the retiring Groner is handing over school leadership to the younger generation, too.

When the head of school retires this summer, Mitchell Daar, 36, will replace her.

The board of directors for the pre-K-5 Montgomery County institution announced the hiring with a letter to their community on Jan. 10.

"We are delighted to announce that we have secured our first choice for this essential role," wrote Nancy Black, the board president.

Black's kids, a son and a daughter, graduated from Perelman in 2008 and 2013, respectively. But Black, a Bryn Mawr resident, remains a donor to the institution and an active participant in its affairs.

She stayed involved because she loved what Perelman did for her children "during their formative years," she said. It gave them a strong foundation of Jewish identity and values.

"That school has a warmth that really shapes who they are," Black added.

During the search process, Black felt that same warmth and openness from Daar. The president called the new head of school dynamic, engaging, thoughtful and analytical.

"You need someone who can bring people together," Black said.

Daar may seem capable of bringing people together, but he has not yet done it as a head of school. When he starts his new role on July 1, he will take over as a building leader for the first time in his career as a Jewish educator.

But Daar feels ready for it, he said.



▲ Mitchell Daar

Courtesy of Mitchell Daar

He's the director of employment and strategy for the Rodeph Sholom School, a nursery-eighth grade institution on New York City's Upper West Side. Daar has held that role for three years, serving more than 400 students.

Before that, he was the associate head of the middle school at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School, also on the Upper West Side.

Before relocating to New York, Daar spent more than 10 years at his alma mater in Chicago: the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. He was a math teacher before moving to a variety of administrative roles, including director of educational operations and high school counseling.

Daar also earned an MBA to supplement his educational experience with business acumen. Both experiences molded him into an educator who could run an institution, he said.

"At my core, I'm an educator," Daar continued. "But I have the understanding of how systems work; how to create change in an organization."

Daar grew to believe he was ready to run a school during his current role at

Rodeph Sholom.

Part of his job is making sure enrollment is healthy, and he has launched rebranding and marketing efforts to make the school more "accessible to families that are a fit for our community," he said. One such group is families who have been in public school education.

"We need to remove the idea that Jewish education is only for incredibly affluent Jewish families," Daar said. "We need to make it for anyone who wants to be a part of it."

Daar was ready to implement that approach as a head of school even before he got the Perelman job. Through a recruiting firm, DRG Search, he interviewed for a different principal job but didn't get it.

That same firm, though, led Perelman's search and reached out to Daar last summer. As Daar started researching the Philadelphia-area school and interviewing for the role, he began to get excited.

With its use of technology and experimental classrooms, Perelman had "a culture of innovation," as Daar described it. He also liked how Perelman melded Jewish identity and the Hebrew language with secular subjects like math.

its new head.

"Everyone that's a part of Perelman praises it, and it's near and dear to their heart," Daar said.

After he announced his decision to his Rodeph community, he had multiple parents reach out to him about his new school.

"To say they went to Perelman, and it's such an amazing school," Daar recalled.

In the summer, Daar is marrying his fiancée, Gillian Miller-Lewis, and moving to the Philadelphia area. Then he's going to start figuring out how to build on Groner's progress.

"I'm most excited to just play a strong part in such a strong community," he said. "I'm so humbled by this role." •

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Cantor, Scholar Joseph Levine Dies at 88

OBITUARY

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JOSEPH A. LEVINE, a prominent Philadelphia cantor and Jewish musical scholar, died on Dec. 30.

He was 88.

The music enthusiast, who died of kidney failure, left behind a wife of 60 years, Doris Levine, and three daughters: Rona Black, Lisa Phillips and Donna Harlev.

In his cantorial career, Levine served two synagogues in Philadelphia: Congregation Emanuel in Oak Lane and the Ramat El Congregation in West Oak Lane. He also held cantorial positions in Baltimore, Long Island, Connecticut and St. Louis.

But after earning a doctor of sacred music degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Levine spent the last half-century of his life in Philadelphia. The cantor taught classes at the New York City-based JTS and at the Academy for Jewish Religion; he was editor of the *Journal of Synagogue Music* for 16 years; and he published many books and hundreds of articles.

“He really became a resource not only for Philadelphia cantors, but for cantors all over the world,” said Levine’s friend David Tilman, the cantor emeritus at Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park. “He had very strong opinions about how services should and should not be conducted.”

According to another friend, Benjamin Maissner, who met Levine while serving as a student cantor at Beth Sholom in the 1960s, the scholar had one core belief about synagogue music.

“Not compromising music to the lowest common denominator,” said Maissner, who became the cantor at Holy Blossom Temple in Canada for 41 years but maintained a



▲ Cantor Joseph A. Levine

► Cantor Levine performs.

Courtesy of the Levine family

friendship with Levine.

The scholar was not against the inviting culture of asking congregants to sing along during services. He liked that.

But he didn’t want synagogue renditions to devolve into “a singalong service,” as Maissner described it. Levine preferred service music to be true to the Jewish tradition and to have the grand, formal feel of a performance.

The cantor wanted traditional hymns, Hebrew typing in prayer books and well-trained choirs. With all those features, cantors could then invite congregants to sing along.

“He advocated for great standards,” Tilman said. “And if the music was done with great sophistication and integrity, the whole community would rise to those standards as well.”

As he got deeper into his scholarly career, Levine wrote and spoke about that argument more and more. The cantor believed that liberalizing Jewish synagogues of the late 20th and early 21st centuries were cheapening the standards a little too much.

English translations in prayer books, rock versions of Jewish songs and the decreasing size and use of choirs — Levine disagreed with all of that.



“He had very strong opinions about how services should and should not be conducted.”

CANTOR DAVID TILMAN

The scholar felt modern synagogues were pandering to popular, American tastes.

“For people concerned about declining synagogue attendance, if you make the music more relatable to American tastes, you bring people back,” said Tilman, explaining the shift.

Levine understood the challenge of trying to keep people coming to synagogue, according to Tilman. But that didn’t stop him from making his argument against the common, Americanized answer to it.

He argued for classical standards of musical sophistication and Jewish integrity with friends and students, in his books and articles and on an email list with members of the Cantors Assembly, a worldwide association of more than 600 Conservative cantors.

Levine’s candor must have gotten through to them

because when he died, emails started pouring in mourning his loss, according to Tilman.

“The Jewish world had lost one of its greatest thinkers and scholars,” Tilman said, summarizing the notes.

But in those messages, there was another recurring theme.

“He was as generous as could be. He wouldn’t say no,” Tilman added. “If you needed something, he would find it for you.”

Both Tilman and Maissner found Levine to be a great conversation partner.

“He was strong-willed,” said Tilman. “He had very intense opinions about things, and he could express those opinions very sharply.”

“What’s the best way to keep the congregation involved and be spiritually moved?” added Maissner, asking the question that animated Levine’s career. “He was very passionate about it. We had fiery discussions.”

Perhaps ironically, Levine’s wife describes the private Levine as the opposite of the public version. Doris Levine said her husband was “soft-spoken, sweet and funny.” He loved to be home with her and to travel with her to places like Europe and South America.

He also loved to draw and paint in his spare time, often giving away his creations to neighbors in Rittenhouse Square.

“In our earlier lives, we liked to hike, take long walks and be a part of the cities or mountain areas we were in,” Doris Levine recalled. “Then we took a lot of cruises.”

Of the days ahead, Doris Levine said they would be “lonely” and “long.” She also said she would miss “just having him here.” •

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Jewish Businessman Offers to Buy, Blow Up 800-pound Nazi Eagle, Swastika Crest

A JEWISH BUSINESSMAN in Uruguay has offered to buy an 800-pound eagle and swastika crest from a former Nazi ship and explode it into “a thousand pieces,” JTA reported.

Daniel Sielecki, 64, told a local news site that he wants to buy the eagle, then destroy it to keep it out of the hands of neo-Nazis.

The 6-foot-tall Nazi swastika and eagle crest was recovered by a private expedition in 2006. It had been affixed to the front of the Admiral Graf Spee Nazi warship, which British ships scuttled in a Montevideo harbor in December 1939.

The eagle was briefly shown to the public in Montevideo after its recovery, sparking controversy. Germany criticized the “Nazi paraphernalia” display, and the eagle was moved to a naval warehouse.

A Uruguayan court ruled in 2019 that the government must auction the crest, and that the proceeds must go to the investors behind the team that recovered it.

Stanford to Investigate Claims That Jewish Admissions Were Capped in the 1950s

Stanford University appointed a task force to investigate the existence of a quota for Jews at the school during the 1950s, JTA reported.

The group was tasked with researching the existence of quotas and recommending ways “to enhance Jewish life on campus, including how best to address any findings resulting from the research on admissions practices.”

The claims about Stanford’s admissions quota were first raised in a blog post by Charles Petersen, a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell University studying the concept of meritocracy. Petersen mentioned a 1953 letter he found in Stanford’s archives addressed to the university’s then-president, J.E. Wallace Sterling, from Fred Glover, an adviser to Sterling, that mentions Jewish applications and acceptances.

Casket Draped in Swastika Flag at Rome Funeral Sparks Outrage

A funeral procession outside a Rome church featured a casket wrapped in a Nazi swastika flag, sparking outrage, JTA reported.

The Roman Catholic Church strongly condemned the incident on Jan. 11. In a statement, the Vicariate of Rome called the incident “serious, offensive and unacceptable.”

Italian news site Open released photos and videos of the scene from the St. Lucia church in the Prati district. About two dozen individuals can be seen lining up to greet the casket of Alessia “Tungsy” Augello, 44, a member of the far-right New Force Italian political party. He died on Jan. 7 due to thrombosis complications.

Augello’s casket was hailed as it emerged from the cathedral after the mass with shouts and Nazi-style salutes.

Real Estate Scion Convicted of Murder Dies at 78

Real estate heir Robert Durst died on Jan. 10 in a California hospital, as a prisoner serving a life sentence for murdering his best friend, Susan Berman, in 2000, JTA reported. He was 78.

Durst had known Berman since the late 1960s and she became his spokesperson and fiercest defender against suspicions that he murdered his wife, Kathie McCormack Durst, in 1982. She disappeared and never was seen again.

Durst was convicted of killing Berman, but was acquitted

of shooting and beheading a neighbor in Galveston, Texas; he confessed to the killing but argued that he acted in self-defense.

Prince Charles Commissions Holocaust Survivor Portraits for Buckingham Palace

Prince Charles commissioned portraits of seven Holocaust survivors to be displayed at Buckingham Palace in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, JTA reported.

Charles, the Prince of Wales, commissioned the portraits as part of his service as the royal patron of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, a position he took over from Queen Elisabeth in 2015.

The portraits will be displayed in the palace’s Queen Gallery ahead of Jan. 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in 1945. It’s also the date that the United Nations designated as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The paintings will become part of the Royal Collection, Vanity Fair reported. The survivors are all in their 90s and have all since lived in the United Kingdom. •

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Caterer Offering COVID Tests at Events

LOCAL

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

DANIEL ISRAEL, owner of Deluxe Catering and Deluxe Events in Philadelphia, wants deluxe, catered events to come back in full.

Israel has a major business interest in making people feel comfortable at big gatherings again. But he also feels sympathy for customers who end up in a situation he keeps seeing during the omicron stage of the pandemic.

“We’re getting events where only half the people are saying yes due to COVID,” Israel said.

To raise that number from 50% to 100, the owner is adding a new feature to his parties: rapid COVID tests.

Starting on Jan. 30, Deluxe Catering and Deluxe Events will offer tests to all guests who want them. An individual who wants a test will walk into the lobby, take one, wait 15 minutes and then, if negative, continue walking into the party.

Then for the rest of the night, instead of fearing COVID, they can just take their mask off, dance and have fun.

“People can feel confident going to an event,” he said.

Israel hosts affairs throughout the Philadelphia area. Business has been good lately, but not as good as it could have been.

Customers are still hesitant about holding big events. Often, even when they are willing to have a lot of people, it’s the people who are hesitant.

If only half of the invited guests come, it creates an issue for the caterer and planner that accounted for the full party. It also creates an awful feeling for guests of honor like the bride and groom, Israel said.

So rapid testing, according to Israel, “is helpful for everybody.”



▲ A recent event catered by Daniel Israel Michelle Camperson Photography

Israel will administer his first set of tests in a little over a week at a birthday party at Lower Merion Synagogue. After that, he will offer them at other birthday parties, weddings and any type of big event he plans.

Hosts can decide whether they want the planner to do tests and whether they want everyone to take them. Even if they do not require tests, Israel plans on making them available to anyone who might want one.

If a bride, groom or other host wants everyone to take tests, they can say so on their invitations so people are more inclined to say yes. All rapids will be “free for the consumer,” he said.

Israel is not sure how long he will do this.

“COVID will tell us,” he said. “We’ll do it as long as

necessary.”

But he is sure that he has the supplier: Pennpac Care, a new company in Bala Cynwyd. Pennpac offers PCR and rapid tests with proof of health insurance, passport or Social Security number, according to Hallie Schapiro, its director.

Pennpac unveiled its Facebook page this month and friended Israel, the caterer in the Main Line community. Shortly thereafter, Israel messaged the company saying he had to figure out testing for his events.

Then, for a Jan. 15 gathering Israel planned, guests had to get tested the morning before. The owner then decided to take that idea a step further.

“I was like, ‘We should be offering this for all events,’” Israel said.

Israel already requires masks and vaccinations for his



▲ Daniel Israel

Michelle Camperson Photography

employees who work events. But now he will require them to take these tests, too.

He does not expect pushback from guests.

“At least not in the Jewish world,” Israel said.

He also says venues are open to the idea because they like to prioritize safety, too.

“But usually we supply most of the staff,” he said. “So it’s not

that big of a concern.”

A bigger concern is that, almost two years into COVID, we’re still not out of it.

“We want people to come back out and socialize again,” Israel concluded. “We can’t force everybody to stay in for too long.” ●

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Bucks County Synagogue Zoom Bombed on Shabbat

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TEMPLE JUDEA of Bucks County in Doylestown was victimized by a Zoom bombing during a Shabbat service on Jan. 7.

While the gathering was taking place, the intruder entered and started writing antisemitic, racist and homophobic comments in the chat section. The “unwelcome participant,” as a Temple Judea email described the intruder, also drew “an offensive image on a shared slide containing a healing prayer.”

Synagogue leaders shut down the meeting and reentered to complete the service. But the damage was done.

Days later, Temple Judea Rabbi Sigal Brier and President Len Saffren sent out an emailed statement explaining the incident to other Bucks County rabbis, cantors and Jewish organizations, including the Bucks County Kehillah, part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

“We still feel the pain and shock of it all as we write this. Our community is shaken by this breach,” they said. “We are doing our best to support each other, to heal and to mend.”

Also in their email, Brier and Saffren said they reported the incident to “several organizations” and were “reaching out for support outside the organization.” But they did not file a report to the Doylestown Township Police Department, according to the department.

Toward the end of their statement, the synagogue leaders alluded to “antisemitism and hate rhetoric in Central Bucks” more generally.

At a Central Bucks School Board meeting last November, a man used his three minutes during public comment to spew antisemitic falsehoods. His rhetoric, and hate speech in general, was condemned by school district leaders at the following



▲ Ohev Shalom of Bucks County's congregation faced a Zoom bombing shortly after switching to virtual services during lockdown in 2020. Rabbi Elliott Perlstein was able to kick out the intruder and resume the service. Courtesy of Evan Glickman

board meeting in December.

Temple Judea's rabbi and president explained that antisemitic attacks would not stop them from carrying on.

“We are committed to protecting our right to exist and to continue to carry on the Jewish legacy, to express and celebrate Judaism in community and in the public square,” they said.

“The public square” now includes the digital space, and Zoom more specifically, according to other Bucks County rabbis who received that email.

Several synagogue leaders said that they use Zoom for Shabbat and other services, too, and have been since the pandemic began. It became necessary due to lockdown policies then, but it has become a convenient tool for helping people attend services ever since.

During this time, Zoom bombings have become a new, unanticipated threat.

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County in Richboro faced one in 2020 shortly after opening Shabbat services in the digital space.

According to Rabbi Elliott Perlstein, the attacker “got a line in and was done.” Perlstein and Ohev leaders kicked the intruder out and resumed the service. Ohev congregants didn't even have to leave and come back in.

The anguish from the event was difficult, to be sure. It was difficult enough for Perlstein to stay on after that service to see if

anyone needed to talk through what happened.

“It's terribly disturbing,” he said.

But as Perlstein explained, nobody got physically injured. So despite the anguish, the threat of a Zoom bombing is not dangerous enough to outweigh the benefits of

Zoom services.

Virtual reality brings people together who may not have been able to get together in person.

“The benefits vastly outweigh the risks,” said Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy of Congregation Kol Emet in Yardley.

But congregations can't ignore the risks, according to Perlstein and Boswell-Levy. Virtual services have become yet another domain in which Jews need to protect themselves.

Since that 2020 Zoom bombing, Ohev Shalom requires participants to state their names and reasons for attending before they enter. Those questions are not foolproof, as an outsider can still make up a good story. But for service leaders, it does help clarify the judgment call about whether to let the person in.

They also allow the synagogue to stay open to outsiders who

genuinely want to pray.

“Usually, there's a reason why that person is joining us,” Perlstein said. “Like there's a person who had a loss in their family.”

Kol Emet leaders don't share the Zoom service link in a prominent place on their website. Instead, they email it to congregants in the weekly newsletter and embed it in an event link on the synagogue's website calendar.

The Reconstructionist institution also uses a Zoom with a password and a waiting room. If an unfamiliar name enters the waiting room, Boswell-Levy and her fellow leaders ask the same questions that Ohev Shalom leaders ask.

“So far that approach has worked,” she said. “If it's not enough, it might change.” •

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Livestreamed Services Meant Whole World Could Hear Texas Synagogue Attack

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FOR MOST OF THE Shabbat services streamed from Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, over the course of the past two years, only a few dozen people ever tuned in, mostly from their homes in the Fort Worth suburb.

But as the regular Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker was transformed into a harrowing hostage situation on Jan. 15, thousands of people tuned in from all over the world.

“How many people are in there?” one woman commented on the video as she watched, the strains of the attacker’s voice audible on the stream. “Prayers,” another person wrote, as heart and anger emoji “reactions” flowed alongside the video, which was frozen on an empty stage.

Another comment summed it up: “OMG. Is this LIVE??”

It was — and it remained that way for a significant amount of time before being taken offline, giving an unprecedented number of people a front-row seat into a dangerous attack on a Jewish community.

The dynamic was very different from past synagogue attacks, including the 2018 shooting at Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh in which 11 Jews were killed during Shabbat services. There, news trickled out, but much remained unknown about what transpired inside the synagogue for some time.

Like Congregation Beth Israel, Tree of Life began streaming its services in 2020 after the COVID-19 pandemic made in-person prayer dangerous.

A gunman aimed to stream his attack on a synagogue in Poway, California, in 2019, inspired by the perpetrator of a mass killing at two mosques in New Zealand who streamed the violence on Facebook. But he was not successful.

In Colleyville, the streaming was not a promotional strategy by a violent attacker but a function of the synagogue’s technology. Congregation Beth Israel began streaming services in March 2020, shortly after shutting down because of the pandemic, and like many synagogues it eventually set up cameras that are permanently trained on the bimah, where they remained focused on Saturday after the hostage situation began.

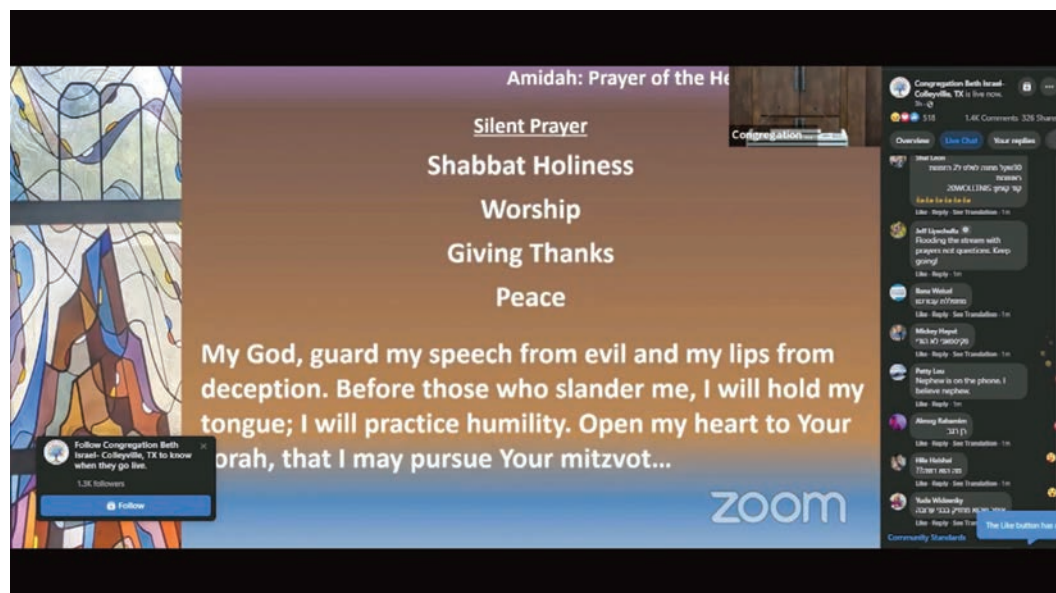
All over the world, thousands of people listened as the disembodied voice of the armed attacker came through their computers. Their screens showed the silent prayer that ends the Amidah, the point in the service at which the attacker interrupted the prayers.

Those listening in included law enforcement representatives who benefited from being able to hear what was happening inside the synagogue and people close to the congregation who tuned in to see if people they know and care about were safe.

It likely also included people who had never heard of Colleyville before Jan. 15 and people who may have never set foot in a synagogue before.

The attack’s transparency could be especially significant for them, Amy Asin, the vice president and director of Strengthening Congregations at the Union for Reform Judaism, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

“Most non-Jews don’t realize that Jews cannot worship free from fear,” said Asin, who



▲ For a significant amount of time after a gunman took four people hostage at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, the synagogue’s livestream continued to broadcast. Screenshot

works with Reform congregations such as Congregation Beth Israel on issues relating to security. “If this helps people understand that I’ll take it as a benefit.”

The fact that Beth Israel’s service was streaming likely changed the dynamics of the experience for the hostages, as well. The recent rise of the omicron variant meant that fewer people than usual were inside that morning; most of the people who participated in the service did so from home. Only four hostages, including Cytron-Walker, were taken, and the streamed audio made clear that he and others had built a relationship with the attacker.

“We have to remember,” Asin said, “that even if the sanctuary is empty of worshippers, the service leaders are still there, and we have to provide security for them.”

Some time into the crisis, the livestream was taken down, causing community members who had been watching with concern to be plunged into darkness.

“The live stream got shut down and I have no idea what’s happening anymore,” tweeted Ellen Smith, a congregant who commented widely during the crisis.

Michael Masters, the national director and CEO of the Secure Community Network, which works to boost security in synagogues and other Jewish institutions, said the situation points to a core challenge as Jewish communities adapt to more pervasive streaming.

“What’s important is that there is a plan in place by the individual synagogues or institutions for managing those streams in live feeds,” Masters said. “So that if an incident does occur, or an event does occur, those can be accessed remotely or on site and shut off either remotely or on site.”

At the same time, he said, streaming can help law enforcement understand what is happening inside a synagogue during an attack.

The streaming also allowed some inaccurate information to proliferate, such as

the idea that the attacker was the biological brother of the woman he hoped to free from imprisonment. In fact, he had called her “sister” as an expression of solidarity.

That’s all part and parcel of the streaming of Jewish communal life, which accelerated because of the pandemic but should be understood as a permanent shift, according to Lex Rofeberg, senior Jewish educator at Judaism Unbound.

“There are dangers in livestreams being so accessible in moments of intensity. There are also really positive pieces,” Rofeberg said.

“There’s a way in which livestreaming breaks open our ideas about geography,” he added. “When I can go on Facebook Live or YouTube Live or synagogue websites, that creates a new form of trans-geographical connection that is powerful — and unfortunately adds to some of the pain in a moment like this.”

Though the livestream offered limited information

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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Government Promises Citizenship to Hunger Striking Convert

A CONVERT OF African-American descent who began a hunger strike in an attempt to be recognized as an Israeli citizen ended his protest after receiving assurances from the government that he would receive full citizenship by January 2023, The Jerusalem Post reported.

David Ben Moshe received a letter from Tomer Moskowitz, head of the Population, Immigration and Border Authority on Jan. 11 that he would receive an immigration certificate on Jan. 1, 2023.

He has lived in Israel for more than four years, is married to an Israeli woman and has two children. He has sought citizenship under the Law of Return. The Interior Ministry's Population and Immigration Authority rejected his request in November 2020; under the Law of Return, citizenship can be denied if the applicant has a criminal record, which Ben Moshe does.

Ben Moshe started the hunger strike on Jan. 6 in front of the Interior Ministry.

Stolen Torah Scrolls Recovered

Israel Police retrieved and returned three Torah scrolls that were stolen over the Jan. 8-9 weekend from a Jerusalem synagogue, The Jerusalem Post reported.

A gabbai, or synagogue administrator, reported the theft after a suspect placed the scrolls in garbage bags and left the building.

"After an intensive investigation, police investigators were able to locate the stolen Torah scrolls in a storage unit in the city — and this morning the scrolls were returned to their owners," said Lior Ben Shalom, an officer in the Department of Investigations and Intelligence at the Lev Habira police station.

Police arrested a suspect on Jan. 12. The scrolls were found in a suitcase inside the storage unit.

Five Jewish Israelis Arrested by Shin Bet Suspected of Spying for Iran

The Shin Bet security service arrested five Jewish Israelis on Jan. 12 and accused of them assisting an Iranian operative in gathering intelligence and making connections in Israel, The Times of Israel reported.

The suspects told investigators they knew that Rambod Namdar may have been an Iranian intelligence operative, but continued their communications with him, the Shin Bet said.

The suspects — four women and one man — are Jewish immigrants from Iran or the descendants of Iranian immigrants. A court-ordered gag barred their names from publication.

The Shin Bet said the suspects took photographs of strategically significant sites, including the U.S. Consulate in Tel Aviv; tied to form relationships with politicians; and provided information about security arrangements.

Satellites Built by Israeli Students Sent into Space

Eight small satellites built by Israeli junior high school students were launched into space on Jan. 13 from Cape Canaveral, Florida, aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, The Times of Israel reported.

The student teams worked on the "Tevel" program for three years in collaboration with the Israel Space Agency and the Science and Technology Ministry. The satellites will perform a variety of tasks and can be controlled at several locations in Israel.

Students and officials

from the Israel Space Agency gathered in Herzliya and watched the live launch.

"The project connects the best that is in science, the best in space and the best in you," said Uri Oron, the space agency's director general.

Consumer Goods Prices in 2021 Show Highest Increase in 13 Years

The cost of consumer goods in Israel increased by 2.8% in 2021 — the highest rate in 13 years — according to Central Bureau of Statistics data released Jan. 14, Globes reported.

The consumer price index

showed sharp rises in clothing and footwear (1.1%), home furnishings (0.7%) and food (0.5%).

In addition, the average prices for homes across Israel grew by 10.6%.

The Finance Ministry has announced upcoming legislative amendments to raise taxes on those buying a second home. The move is intended to moderate home buys by real estate investors; the idea is to increase the supply of homes on the market, thus lowering prices. •

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athletes, men and women, across all sports,” Rosenberg said. “When you can induct a Jewish fencer or a Jewish rower and put the spotlight on these people ... that’s great for our city and our region.”

The changes to PJSHOF’s model will help build a more permanent and foundational support for the organization after its home in the basement of the Jewish Community Services Building was flooded with 7 feet of water on Sept. 4 in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

“We have this one big event,” Rosenberg said, referring to PJSHOF’s annual induction. “And we get a good crowd of a couple hundred people, but every year we’re starting over with a new audience.”

PJSHOF aims to hold five to eight events around the community in 2022, in addition to the induction.

“Rather than have people come to a museum, the museum is going to come to them,” said Carl Cherkin, the hall’s head of events subcommittee, 2020 PJSHOF inductee and an Emmy Award-winning sportscaster.

By bringing a speaker, such

as Olympian and lacrosse player Bonnie Rosen, and memorabilia, such as Dolph Schayes’ 76ers jersey, to a local community center, more people would have the opportunity to learn more about a sports history replete with Jewish protagonists, but one that is often not well-known.

“There’s a rich athletic culture emanating from Philadelphia that so many kids are so into today,” Cherkin said. “So many people are in the hero worship to begin with, they don’t stop to think they had their own heroes, their own Maccabees.”

Rosenberg hopes to hold the first PJSHOF event of the year in February with an audience of a couple dozen people interested in sharing their experience at the event with friends and family, who will, in turn, attend future PJSHOF events.

In hopes of attracting more traffic to the hall’s website, Rosenberg hired a new website developer, who has worked with Fortune 100 companies, to improve the website’s search engine optimization and marketing, as well as incorporate more videos on the homepage.

“We’re going to spend some money on having a lot more



▲ Retired Sixers announcer Marc Zumoff (center) hosts last year’s Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sept. 29, where both the 2020 and 2021 classes were honored.

Photo by Paul Joslin

video, so that if you click on any inductee, you’re going to actually hear from them,” Rosenberg said.

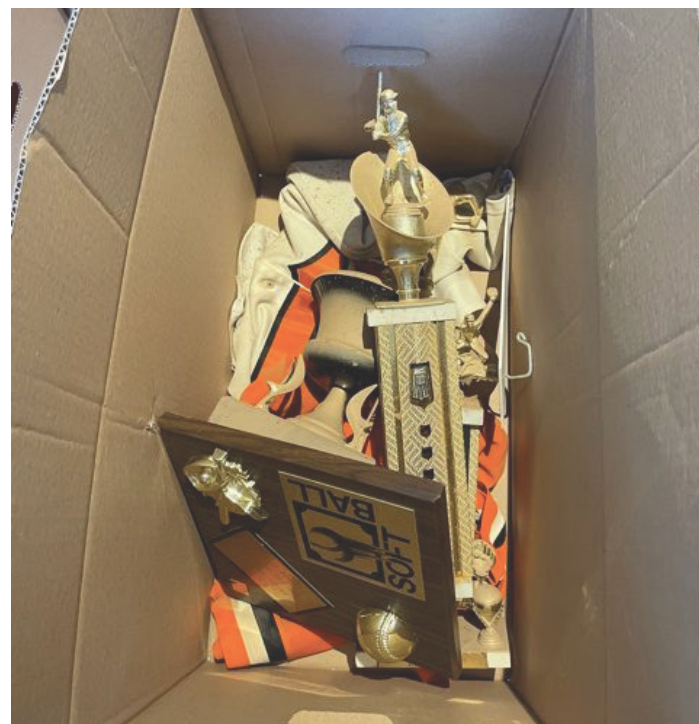
Instead of finding a new campus for all of PJSHOF’s memorabilia, the hall will work with surrounding organizations, such as the Kaiserman JCC, to have a smaller physical presence in multiple locations.

In its previous locations in the Jewish Community Services Building and the Gershman Y, the hall attracted little foot traffic, Rosenberg said.

Additionally, the hall’s memorabilia is unable to be displayed and is being housed in a warehouse, where it is drying off. Most of the objects were saved and restored after the flood, but some of the paper artifacts were permanently damaged.

Because the basement of the Jewish Community Services Building was not covered by insurance, neither were the damages to the hall’s memorabilia.

PJSHOF launched a GoFundMe page in September to raise money for restoration



▲ Following the Sept. 4 flood of the Jewish Community Services Building in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, the surviving memorabilia from the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame were packed up, restored and placed in a warehouse. Courtesy of Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

of the memorabilia and the rebuilding of a potential home for the hall. Through the GoFundMe, as well as a handful of philanthropic gifts, including one from businessman and Sixers-superfan Alan Horwitz, PJSHOF raised \$50,000. Estimated costs to fully restore the memorabilia will cost at least \$70-80,000, Rosenberg said.

While the money was instrumental in helping the

hall maintain a presence in Philadelphia, Rosenberg emphasized that the organization needs to become self-sufficient.

“We really have to come up with some real revenue opportunities for ourselves and figure out what the next few years are going to look like,” Rosenberg said. ●

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counseling and program manager at KleinLife, which provides wellness programming for survivors. “They are very conscious of the losses in the community.”

Organizations that work with survivors emphasize the importance of hearing survivors’ stories as a vital way for audiences to internalize the impact of the Holocaust.

“Just using numbers and dates and having this kind of distilled history or scientifically historic understanding of the Holocaust — it just doesn’t give the appropriate weight to what happened and to the magnitude of a loss and of the horror that it was,” said Sophie Don, senior manager of programs and operations at the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation.

Daniel Goldsmith, a Hatboro-based survivor, didn’t start talking about his family’s escape from the Holocaust until he stopped working and was approached by the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation – The Institute for Visual History and Education to record the story of his family’s survival.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, and separated from his parents and younger sister at the height of the war, Goldsmith, 90, took refuge in a series of Catholic homes until he was reunited with his mother and sister and later immigrated to the United States as a teenager.

Though now eager to share his story with others, Goldsmith said his mother never shared his desire to talk about the Holocaust, not even with her children.

“Many, many Holocaust survivors cannot talk about the Holocaust. My mother was one of those people,” Goldsmith said. “It took me a very, very long time to find a little piece here and a little piece there to put together what happened to her.”

Goldsmith felt he had an obligation to a younger

generation.

“Once I stopped working, I started speaking, and I made myself a promise: I will speak as long as I live because it’s so important to tell the story,” Goldsmith said.

These days, Goldsmith, similarly to other Holocaust organizations, is directing his attention to a younger audience. Partnering with the Elkins Park-based Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center and Fegelson Young Feinberg Jewish War Veterans Post 697 in Levittown, Goldsmith mostly speaks to schoolchildren.

“I cannot tell you how many times the teachers came over to me and told me they did not recognize the children because they were never so quiet and never so attentive,” Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith remains “cautiously optimistic” about the next generation’s ability to remember the Holocaust and combat everyday hatred, which he believes was its catalyst.

A grandchild of Holocaust survivors, Don believes that the infrastructure to do this within Holocaust organizations is already being prioritized.

“We’ve had so much good development of partnerships with peer organizations and with the Philadelphia School District and with other districts in the area that are interested in doing professional developments with us and having people join us for programs, whether in-person or virtually, who are really there to learn,” Don said.

To address the fewer opportunities young people may have to hear from survivors, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is replacing its Youth Symposium on the Holocaust with a pilot live theater program that will tell the story of 10 survivors and will be viewed by students from six area middle and high schools.

“By adding a live drama component (in place of a film), we will enhance the emotional and educational impact of the

program,” said Beth Razin, Jewish Federation’s senior manager of community engagement. “We feel this is an important change to make in regard to having a smaller number of Holocaust survivors able to participate in the Youth Symposium on the Holocaust programs.”

Though COVID is often a limitation when planning impactful programming, increased use of Zoom has proven an asset for some survivors.

“We’ve seen it as a barrier, but also an opportunity to connect with other organizations and to be invited by other organizations nationally and internationally, to unite Holocaust survivors from all over the world, especially all over the United States,” Keselman-Mekler said.

Goldsmith has been able to conduct more talks to schools, including one in Florida earlier this month. He’s been impressed by the way technology has made it easier to preserve stories of the Holocaust. During a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., he saw holograms of survivors speaking at length about their experiences.

“It was just as if that person was there alive,” he said.

Though some organizations, such as the Holocaust Memorial



▲ The 1964 dedication of Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway by the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation

Courtesy of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation

Museum, have addressed the dwindling opportunities to hear from survivors first-hand, organizations such as 3G, a collective of grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, are finding new ways of passing down their grandparents’ stories.

Through the organization’s We Educate program, 3G has conducted training sessions to teach third-generation members to tell their grandparents’ stories in new and respectful ways, as well as partnered with schools to create opportunities for others to hear the stories of survivors through the words of their grandchildren.

“Essentially, it is a way to get into schools and teach students

who may never even have heard of the Holocaust or who may never have met a Jewish person about what took place,” 3G Philly founder Stacy Seltzer said.

Seltzer understands that though she will never be able to tell her grandparents’ stories in the same way they would, the deep obligation to share their stories remains:

“That’s a conversation I’ve had to have, to say, ‘I’m so fortunate that you’re here. Are you comfortable with me sharing this story?’ And my grandmother has said to me, ‘I can’t do it anymore. I’m so grateful you are.’” •

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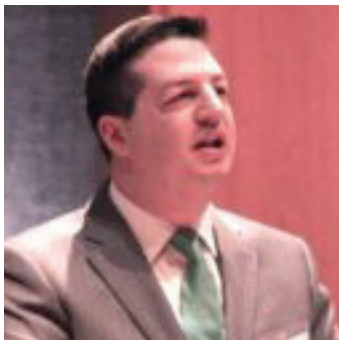
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My unit is where the sickest of the sick in the state come for care. Our ICU houses patients that other hospitals can't handle. When it's a last-ditch effort, they send them to us.

Most of the patients I see in the ICU are COVID-19 positive. Yes, there are other units that hold COVID-positive patients who have less severe symptoms — mainly vaccinated patients with strong working immune systems. Other patients are suffering illnesses unrelated to the coronavirus. But the vast majority on my patient lists are COVID-positive.

What is it like walking down the halls of the pods of the ICU? It's cold, it's dark and it's quiet. The patients are all intubated, hooked up to massive amounts of equipment, with machines breathing for them and feeding them through tubes.

Heavy blankets cover their bodies. Some of the machines are so big that you can't see anything but their legs. Families aren't around much: It's dangerous to visit the

hospital these days. COVID has spread to the staff, with over 1,000 staff members out statewide. Nurses are overworked, covering two to three patients each — far more than what's typical in the ICU.

COVID-19 is an especially cruel disease. To those who have overcome adversity, cancer, multiple sclerosis, bone marrow transplants and the like, COVID swoops in and takes them away from their families. They may have finished chemo just months ago, their diabetes was under control, and yes, they did everything right. They got vaccinated (if they could, as sometimes it's useless for those with compromised or no immune systems). They

I've been at this since August. The doctors and nurses have been at this for years. How they manage, I'll never know. But even a hello and asking how they're holding up makes a difference. If you know a nurse or doctor, give them a hug, tell them they matter, thank them.

overcame great odds, and yet they come to my unit to die.

"Teach us to number our days," Psalm 90 tells me, "that we may get a heart of wisdom."

There are far more who come who are unvaccinated.

The numbers don't lie. We are swarmed with the unvaccinated. Their family members tell us, "He/she was so stubborn." They tell us, "Well, I'm going to get vaccinated now" (all it took was the death of a loved one). They tell us they didn't believe "it" was real, referring to a virus that is soon on track to take 6 million lives worldwide.

They tell us to try to pray. Can you imagine? Sitting in my PPE gear, my M95 mask pinching my face, my face shield fogging up, my gloves tight on my hands, I am asked

by the unvaccinated wife to pray for an unvaccinated husband as he lays dying.

What prayer is appropriate? Prayer in these cases is no substitute for action — preemptive action that would have said louder than any psalm or supplication, "My faith compelled me to appreciate the miracle of vaccination and act on behalf of the elderly and the vulnerable."

An old Yiddish tale tells of an exhausted Chasid who came running to his rabbi. "Rebbe, help. Take pity. My house is burning." The rebbe calmed the Hasid. Then, fetching his stick from a corner of the room, he said, "Here take my stick. Run back to your house. Draw circles around it with my

stick, each circle some seven handbreadths from the other. At the seventh circle, step back seven handbreadths, then lay my stick down at the east end of the fire. God will help you."

The Hasid grabbed the stick and started off. "Listen," the rebbe called after him, "it wouldn't hurt also to pour water. Yes, in God's name, pour water. As much water as you can."

A nurse walks by as I stand in the doorway of another patient. Their family has moved them to comfort care, with a do-not-resuscitate order. There's nothing else to do. "Was he vaccinated?" I ask.

"I've stopped asking," she says. "Either answer makes me upset."

As I walk from room to room I think of the words of

the Shulchan Aruch, the book that forms the foundation of Jewish law: "One must refrain from putting coins in one's mouth, lest it's covered with dried saliva of those afflicted with boils" (Yoreh De'ah 116). The code of Jewish law lists other certain and suspected dangers, including precautions to take in the face of plague, but concludes with this from Rabbi Moshe Isserles: "A person who guards his soul will distance himself from [dangers], and it is prohibited to rely on a miracle in all of these matters."

Those last words accompany me as I see nurses setting up feeding tubes and ECMO oxygenation machines: "It is prohibited to rely on a miracle in all of these matters."

Patients are afraid. Families are heartbroken. They cry and argue in the "quiet rooms," wondering who brought COVID into the house, which aunt refused to get vaccinated and spread the virus that is now killing the grandfather. There's guilt, there's shame, there's anger.

And then there's us.

Some people drink, some people eat, to cope with what has become a sort of horror show on repeat: When one body is taken out of the room, another patient takes their place. I experience fatigue. At any point in my work day I could close my eyes and go to sleep right where I sit or stand.

"*Modeh ani l'fanecha, melech chai v'kayam, shehechezarta bi nishmati, b'chemla raba emunatecha,*" I revive

myself with the prayer that is traditionally spoken each morning upon waking. "I thank You, living and enduring sovereign, for You have graciously returned my soul within me. Great is Your faithfulness."

I've got to stay awake, provide care for the crying and stressed nurses, provide care for the families, vaccinated and unvaccinated, provide prayer for those dying alone, with only the sound of the machines to accompany them. Why? Because as a Jew I am obligated to do so, as the Torah teaches me: "You shall not stand idly by the blood of another."

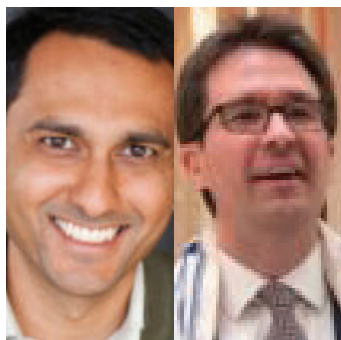
Indeed, people's lives are in danger. I've been at this since August. The doctors and nurses have been at this for years. How they manage, I'll never know. But even a hello and asking how they're holding up makes a difference. If you know a nurse or doctor, give them a hug, tell them they matter, thank them.

We seem to be fighting a losing battle. People are dying every day. And when we return to our staff meetings we hear the words "surge," again and again. It's scary. It's exhausting.

Gam zeh yaavor: This too shall end. Until then, I remember the words of another sage, F. Scott Fitzgerald: "Tomorrow we will run faster, stretch out our arms farther ... And then one fine morning — So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." •

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Jews and Muslims Can Walk a Common Path. Martin Luther King Jr. Showed Us How



BY EBOO PATEL AND
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IN 1957, AT Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered words whose wisdom continue to resound today: “For the person who hates, the true becomes false and the false becomes true. That’s what hate does. You can’t see right. The symbol of objectivity is lost. Hate destroys the very structure of the personality of the hater.”

When a weekend meant to commemorate Dr. King was shattered by the hostage-taking at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, we called upon each other as longtime friends and colleagues to find a better path forward for our respective communities. We feared that hate could disrupt the relationship that we had long shared and held dear.

Because the hostage-taker was a Muslim man apparently intent on freeing a Muslim woman convicted on terrorism charges, opportunists are already hard at work exploiting our trauma in order to pit Muslims and Jews against each other. In the spirit of Dr. King, equally embodied in the tireless bridge-building of Rabbi Charles Cytron-Walker of Congregation Beth Israel, we feel called to explore a new blueprint for how we can resist the temptation to allow hate to beget hate. This is

but an initial sketch, no doubt with much input needed from lay leaders and clergy from across the Muslim and Jewish communities.

First, we need to change the story. Extremists are of no faith tradition but their own: extremism. We need to stop framing the conversation as community against community, so much as Muslims and Jews together against a common enemy. We need to call out and sideline extremists, leaving them isolated in their own camp. To that end, we suggest reflecting on the hostage-taker at Beth Israel as an extremist from the United Kingdom with heinous goals unbefitting any faith.

Second, we need to tirelessly build bridges among the rest of us. We are all feeling isolated after two years of pandemic. We need to go out of our way to call friends, neigh-

sacred texts, learn how people live out the tenets of their faith and culture, understand how each tradition inspires Jews and Muslims to serve others, and how we all struggle with challenging concepts and ideas in our respective faiths.

Fourth, we need to expand our existing infrastructure of collaboration. The American Jewish Committee’s Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council holds the potential to expand its regional reach and engage hundreds more leaders across the country. Local collaborations, such as that which exists between New York’s Cordoba House and East End Temple, should welcome new partners and look into opportunities for larger-scale programing. College campuses are ideal spaces for interfaith cooperation, especially through projects that combine service, learning and dialogue.

We need to develop a knowledge and appreciation of each other’s traditions. It is easy to fear an “other” that you do not understand.

bors and relatives across lines of faith just to reaffirm the significance of relationship. Today, in the wake of Jan. 15’s trauma, Muslims should call their Jewish friends. Tomorrow, unfortunately, in a world brimming with hate, it may need to be the other way around. The rest of the time, both should call — and call upon — each other.

Third, we need to develop a knowledge and appreciation of each other’s traditions. It is easy to fear an “other” that you do not understand. We need to visit each other’s houses of worship, read each other’s

Fifth, we need to build entirely new paths to connection. We are working with Rabbi Benjamin Spratt of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Manhattan to gather a book group for clergy, so that we can study deeply and reflect upon social issues that we can best address together. We need to establish advocacy coalitions to push together for better governmental monitoring of Islamophobia and the overdue confirmation of Dr. Deborah Lipstadt as U.S. Special Envoy to Combat and Monitor Antisemitism. We need to dream about more

Muslim-Jewish community centers and shared spaces for gathering. We need to create a joint fundraising mechanism to seed new ventures and increase resources for grassroots organizations like the Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee and the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. We have countless common causes, but have underbuilt mechanisms to act upon them.

In honor of Rabbi Cytron-Walker’s heroism and longstanding commitment

are vibrant, empowered and open-minded. In the wake of Colleyville, we need to build as never before. Together, we can. ●

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KVETCH ‘N’ KVELL

Article Appreciated, WRN Warranted a Mention

I WAS DELIGHTED AND PROUD to see so many of our local colleagues highlighted in Jarrad Saffren’s article, “Female Rabbis at 50: Challenges Remain” (Jan. 13). It is inspiring to see at this half-century mark, that there are so many women rabbis leading our spiritual communities here in Philadelphia.

In this tribute to the history and future of women in the rabbinate, I was hoping Saffren would mention the tremendous impact of the Women’s Rabbinic Network, founded in the late 1970s to support that first generation of women rabbis.

Since its founding, the WRN has created gathering spaces — in person and virtual — for women rabbis to draw strength from each other as we face the many frustrations mentioned in Saffren’s article. The WRN has provided me and countless other rabbis with mentorship, opportunities for professional development and resources that help us to navigate the challenges of the rabbinate.

While the network is affiliated with the Reform movement, the impact of our advocacy work regarding pay equity, family and medical leave, and safe and respectful workplaces extends far beyond our movement.

In honor of the 50th anniversary, the WRN has developed a four-part curriculum on the history of women in the rabbinate called, “Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, and Explorers.” Congregation Kol Ami will offer the course online on four Thursdays starting Feb. 10. For details, contact rabbi@kolamielkinspark.org. ●

Rabbi Leah R. Berkowitz | Congregation Kol Am and immediate past president, Women’s Rabbinic Network

STATEMENT FROM THE PUBLISHER

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JEWISH FEDERATION'S IMPACT ON ANTISEMITISM & SECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITY



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

This weekend's hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Texas is yet another reminder that antisemitism is a current day reality. The Jewish Federation and our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) play a vital role in countering and opposing the pervasiveness of antisemitism by teaching the dangers of discrimination that led to the Holocaust, advocating for a more just and safe world, building relationships with others that are committed to standing against hate and bigotry, and investing in security for Jewish institutions.

According to the 2019 Jewish Community Portrait Population Study, ADL and AJC:

1 in 4 American Jews were targeted by antisemitism in 2020

1 in 3 Jewish students on a college campus experienced antisemitism in 2021

87% of Jewish adults indicate combating antisemitism is an important factor in Jewish life

40% of the general public - and nearly 50% of Jews - think antisemitism is taken less seriously than other forms of hate and bigotry



"JCRC has been a great partner to Hillel at Temple University whenever there have been reports about an antisemitic or anti-Israel incident on campus. The professionals never make assumptions about what is happening, advise us on how to respond and provide impactful support on campus and in the community."

– Rabbi Daniel Levitt, Executive Director,
HILLEL AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY: THE ROSEN CENTER

Impact by the Numbers

30 synagogues in the area assessed for capital needs

1,182 total attendees for educational programs on best practices for countering and opposing antisemitism and other forms of bigotry

\$1,000,000+ raised for immediate needs in Israel following the rocket fire in 2021

200% increase in funding – to \$360 million – allocated statewide through advocacy efforts in partnership with The Jewish Federations of North America



I thank the Jewish Federation for making us aware of and providing the resources to access critical funding. We received a Nonprofit Security Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) which will aid us with security guards, security cameras and threat and response training.

Jodi Roth-Saks
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY



Br-oasted Chicken

FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE a roast chicken. It's comfort food, it's elegant, it's hearty but not heavy, and it provides far beyond one meal — soup, salad, sandwich ... it's really darn perfect.

So, far be it from me to mess with perfection. But you may recall my New Year's food resolution to mix it up, tweak ingredients, alter techniques and experiment. So I played with my food in the form of this chicken.

I started with a 24-hour brine, then roasted the chicken in a large, covered pan with some water. The results were pretty darn spectacular: The meat was juicy, flavorful and cooked in about 30% less time than expected.

The only down side was that the skin did not turn a brown color with a crispy texture. Now that doesn't bother me because I don't eat the skin, but if that is a deal breaker, simply remove the cover for the last 15 minutes or so of the cooking to brown up the bird.

This was such a hit in my house that I've made it twice in the last 10 days. And the subsequent chicken salad and soup fed us for a couple days after, so that was a lot of "bang for the buck." The first menu consisted of the chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes and roasted cabbage. The second menu comprised the chicken (no gravy), roasted sweet potatoes and carrots, and a green salad with mustard vinaigrette.

I chose a large roaster for this — 8-9 pounds in anticipation of useful leftovers, which did not disappoint. Normally, a chicken that size that would need about 3 hours in the oven, figuring 20 minutes per pound, but these big birds were done in 2 hours!



▲ Whole roasted chicken

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The drippings that result in the pan made a gorgeous gravy, recipe below, but if you are not inclined, skip it and use the drippings for a killer chicken soup tomorrow. And if you do make the gravy, save the leftovers and throw it in the soup anyway.

BR-OASTED CHICKEN

Serves 4 for dinner, with leftovers

I call this "br-oasted" because it is the midpoint between a braise and a roast. The water in the bottom of the pan works magic in keeping the meat from drying out and making it super-tender, like a braise, but the chicken holds its form. It almost falls apart but not quite.

For the chicken:

- 1 large roaster (about 8 pounds)

For the brine:

- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon each black pepper, garlic powder, thyme and rosemary
- Cold water

Place the spices and a bit of cold water in a large bowl or pot to dissolve. Rinse the chicken, and place it in a pot with the spice mixture, then cover it with water. Refrigerate it for 24 hours. Drain the chicken, and rinse it well.

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the chicken in a large roasting pan with a cover — there should be plenty of room around and above the chicken;

air circulation and steaming are key for the juicy, flavorful meat. Put about 1 cup of water in the bottom of the pan, cover it and place it in the oven.

Cook the chicken for approximately 15 minutes per pound, and check for doneness (internal temperature of 165-170 degrees). When done, let the chicken rest, covered in a pan, for at least 15 minutes and up to an hour before serving.

For the gravy:

- 1½ cups of pan drippings from the roasting chicken
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 cup water (or more, if gravy is too thick)
- ¼ cup Wondra flour (see note)
- ¼ teaspoon Gravy Master or Maggi
- Salt and pepper to taste

When the chicken is done, carefully pour or ladle 1½ cups of drippings into a saucepan. Add the Wondra flour, and whisk it until smooth. Add the wine and water; heat the gravy to a boil and then lower the heat to simmer. Add Gravy Master or Maggi seasoning to achieve a golden brown color and additional saltiness.

Simmer until the gravy is thickened to a desired consistency. Taste for flavor; add salt and pepper, if desired.

Note: Wondra flour is used for sauces and gravies; it dissolves well and does not form lumps. If it is not available, simply mix equal parts of all-purpose flour with water to form a smooth paste, and add that to the gravy. ●

Without his Saxophone, Who is Kenny G?

TELEVISION

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IN 1974, FRANKLIN High School student Kenneth Gorelick was asked by mentor and composer James Gardiner to perform a saxophone solo at a Seattle Center Opera House concert.

Gardiner expected Gorelick to improvise a complicated lick to impress the masses. Instead, the young musician held one note for over 10 minutes, the spotlight shining directly on him.

“That was the moment little Kenny Gorelick became the ‘G Man,’” Gardiner said.

Dubbed the “best-selling instrumentalist of all time,” Kenny G’s reputation ranges from sax symbol to blowhard — notoriety that documentarian Penny Lane doesn’t shy away from in her film “Listening to Kenny G,” now streaming on HBO Max as part of the “Music Box” series created by Bill Simmons.

“I don’t think I’m a personality to people; I think I’m a sound,” Kenny G said to the camera, standing on an empty stage.

Yet his sound was near-instantly recognizable to so many, becoming iconic in the 1980s.

Composer of “Songbird,” which sold 5 million copies in the U.S. and reached No. 4 on the “Billboard Hot 100,” Kenny G and his music were cast as the pinnacle of romance to some.

With long, breathy notes, Kenny G’s music was the perfect background for offices, dentist waiting rooms and elevators. Entire radio stations, including Philadelphia’s WJJZ, were designated to Kenny G’s music and the “smooth jazz” genre he helped to popularize.

His long, curly, Ashkenazi locks made Kenny G further recognizable, not only as a musician but as a pop



▲ Born Kenneth Gorelick, Kenny G is considered the “best-selling instrumentalist of all time.”

► “Listening to Kenny G” is documentarian Penny Lane’s contribution to the HBO series “Music Box.” Courtesy of HBO Max

culture star, even as his pop stardom was eclipsed in the 21st century. Appearing on pop artist Katy Perry’s “Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)” music video and Kanye West’s 2019 album “Jesus is King,” Kenny G earned recognition from younger generations who wouldn’t know to attribute “Silhouette” and “Going Home” to the saxophonist.

“Listening to Kenny G” portrays the musician’s rise to stardom as easy — to a fault. Kenny G describes himself as a young musician as “trying to become a white Grover Washington Jr.,” and admitted that he failed, though it helped him discover his own sound.

Though he created his distinct sounds branded as smooth jazz, Kenny G was accused by critics as drawing generously from the wealth of jazz tradition, steeped heavily in Black American culture, without paying homage to the Black thinkers and musicians who paved the way

for the genre.

On his early records, Kenny G would be shown as a silhouette with shadows obscuring his white skin, making him appear dark-skinned to market him to a younger Black audience.

“I’ve never really thought about that before,” he said, considering whether his whiteness was a driving factor in his success. “I’m going to say I probably benefited.”

The ease to which Kenny G rose to stardom is his greatest gift and most obvious shortcoming.

Reminiscing with producers while looking at a wall of framed childhood pictures, Kenny G remarks that he was always the happy-go-lucky guy the audience now sees him as in front of the camera. Sure, he would kvetch, he said, but he defines the meaning of the Yiddish word as transient: His anger or frustrations would go as quickly as they came.



Meticulously dressed and with a smile always plastered on, Kenny G attributed his success to his hard work (and, in fairness, to Arista Records former president Clive Davis, who signed him). Practice, he said, is what made him a success at whatever task he was looking to master, claiming success at golf, investing and even parenting.

Kenny G’s confidence and positivity are off-putting at times. For every fan who loved his music is a music scholar who found his records insufferable. Kenny G said that’s just how he makes music.

When allowed to dig deeper, reveal something about his music or his past, Kenny G instead remains neutral

and nonoffensive, but not too compelling. In this case, maybe the personality is the same as the sound.

“Listening to Kenny G” allows the titular musician to be his most honest self, but instead, Kenny G comes across as disingenuous at times, despite his self-awareness.

Kenny G doesn’t admit any culpability to his audience or show any sign of struggle, and in the end, it doesn’t do him any favors. Though he wonders why he’s not known for his personality, Kenny G gives the documentary’s audience little insight into who he actually is when he’s not playing the sax. ●

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‘Wonder Years’ Revisits Bat Mitzvah Ritual

TELEVISION

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PAUL PFEIFFER’S BAR mitzvah made Jewish television history when “The Wonder Years” devoted an episode to it in 1989.

Pfeiffer, played by a Jewish actor named Josh Saviano, was the best friend of the show’s main character, Kevin Arnold, also played by a Jewish actor — Fred Savage — but who was not Jewish on the show. The episode focused on Kevin’s jealousy as Paul’s big day crowds out his own birthday, but for Jewish viewers, the bar mitzvah offered a dose of meaningful representation, including a realistic depiction of a Shabbat service.

Now, 33 years later, a revamped version of “The Wonder Years” that showcases the contemporaneous experience of a different tween as he comes of age in 1968 Montgomery, Alabama, has served up a new on-screen depiction of Judaism’s coming-of-age ritual.

The main character of the reboot, Dean Williams, is Black, and much of the show focuses on his experience as one of just a few Black students at his junior high school at a time of great turmoil over integration in the United States. That gives him insight into the psyche of his best friend, a Jewish boy named Brad.

“Even though he looked white, people saw him differently, too,” Williams says early in the episode that aired Wednesday night, as a classmate throws a penny at Brad in an antisemitic gesture.

“At 12 I didn’t understand the complexity and hate behind the joke,” Williams continues. “I just knew they were targeting Brad because he was Jewish.”

Later that day, Brad demurs when Dean and their friend invited him to a comic book

store: He has to go to Hebrew school because his bar mitzvah is coming up.

Brad isn’t excited. “I’ve got to learn to sing my whole bar mitzvah parsha, and then write a whole speech about it. And it’s not one of those cool portions about locusts or boils either. It’s about a father giving his son advice from his deathbed,” he says. “Imagine singing something in a language you barely know in front of people you barely know.”

Dean answers, “Sounds brutal,” before offering to help with the speech. “Thanks! Now I can focus on the best part of having a bar mitzvah: throwing the party!” Brad responds.

The actor who plays Brad, Julian Lerner, is Jewish, and he told TV Fanatic that he was proud to represent his culture in the show.

“I am Jewish, so I am well-versed in Judaism,” he said. “My great-grandparents are Holocaust survivors, and my grandmother was born in the woods during the war. To share Jewish life in this episode means a great deal to my family and me.”

“Brad Mitzvah,” which aired Jan. 12, was directed by Savage. He connected Lerner with his own children’s Hebrew teacher as part of the preparation, while the writer of the episode, Yael Galena, drew on her own bat mitzvah experience in crafting the episode, Lerner and showrunner Saladin Patterson told TV Insider.

The episode delivers an extended reflection on race, religion and inclusion. When Dean and his parents discuss his invitation to the bar mitzvah, his mother emphasizes how welcoming Brad and his family are to invite Dean and his sister.

“A bar mitzvah means a lot to a young Jewish boy, and it says a lot about Brad to include everybody,” she says.

Dean’s father is more circumspect, warning that



▲ From left: Elisha Williams and Julian Lerner in the “The Wonder Years” episode “Brad Mitzvah”

Screenshot

some people who are present may not be happy to see Black guests — much the way, he says, that Dean’s own grandfather sometimes speaks unkindly about white people. Dean’s sister, on the other hand, is hung up on the fact that she is being made to chaperone her brother.

On the day of, she warns, “I don’t want you talking to me or looking at me or breathing on me. I don’t even want people to know we’re related.”

Her father responds, “Uh, I’m pretty sure they’re gonna know.”

Much of the plot revolves around Dean’s new girlfriend and how he treats her and his friends as he navigates the terrain of preteen romance. That distracts him from supporting Brad as the big day approaches — though he comes through at the last minute, awkwardly making his way to the bimah to give Brad tips about managing his anxiety.

That empowers Brad to deliver a moving speech about a rabbinic teaching about how Jews have three names, the one they are given by their family (for him, Baruch), the one they use with their friends and the one they take on themselves.

“It was that third one I was

stuck on. I had to really think about who I was separate from who people wanted me to or who people were forcing me to be.

“Being Jewish in Montgomery means feeling different all the time. I spend a lot of the time feeling embarrassed about being Jewish.

“But I don’t want to feel that way anymore. So from now on, I’m not just going to stand by while people make fun of me or try to make me feel bad. Instead, I’m going to stand up for myself, for my people and for what I believe is right.

“I may not know what my third name is yet, but I do know who I am: a proud Jew from Alabama!”

Laughter follows. So does some physical awkwardness for Brad, who had taken Dean’s advice to picture the congregation in their underwear.

Some elements of the episode strain belief — most notably, that a bar mitzvah guest list in 1968 Alabama would be so thoroughly integrated — but others ring true. The synagogue lobby, with its wood paneling and tallit rack, would be familiar to anyone who has ever walked into a mid-century synagogue in the United States. So are the tweens shoveling

sweets — including Israeli flag cookies — onto their plates. (One guest can be seen stuffing food into his pockets.) And Brad’s triumphant, “Thank you, and Shabbat shalom!” at the end of his speech has been replicated countless times.

For Dean, the whole experience is one that — as happened to Kevin in the original episode — causes him to reflect on his friendship and his own behavior. He realizes that he and Brad have a great deal in common. He also realizes, sitting alone in the synagogue social hall as the rest of the guests dance a spirited hora, that he hasn’t been so kind to his friends.

“Luckily, I was able to lean into the part of Judaism that suited me in that moment: the suffering part,” Dean says. “Hmm. Maybe I had gained a better understanding of Brad’s cultural history.”

Dean goes on: “But watching Brad get lifted up on that chair, I realized that standing up for yourself and owning who you are can actually elevate you in the long run. Because even though I had lost so much that day, I gained something else: self-respect. And if that doesn’t make you a man, I don’t know what does.” ●

Bridging the Worldly and the Heavenly

CANDLE LIGHTING

Jan. 21
Jan. 28

4:49 p.m.
4:57 p.m.

BY RABBI JON CUTLER

Parshat Yitro

"The grand premise of religion is that man is able to surpass himself; that man who is part of this world may enter into a relationship with Him who is greater than the world." (Abraham Joshua Herschel)

CHAPTERS 19 AND 20 in this week's Torah reading, Yitro, are among the most difficult and mysterious narratives in the whole of Torah. God reveals himself on Mount Sinai to the people of Israel using his "voice," which is heard through a mountain enshrouded by smoke and fire. These few verses may be among all the verses in Torah which both conceals and defines.

God appears in the earthly world, the world of flesh and bone, the world of mortality and Moses on Mount Sinai enters the transcendent world of angels and immortality, a world unfettered by time and space.

And when God speaks, shattering the barrier that exists between the world of flesh, the Torah tells us: "all the people who were in the camp trembled." (Exodus 19: 16) After the recitation of the Decalogue, the Torah further tells us "All the people

witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance. 'You [Moses] speak to us, and we will obey, but let not God speak to us, lest we die.'" (Exodus 20: 15-16)

After a pause in the narrative, the Torah picks up the story to tell us that Moses together with Aaron, his two sons and a group of elders numbering 70 ascended and "they beheld God, and they ate and drank." (Exodus 24: 11)

It was as though the veil that separated the mortal from the immortal world had been lifted. But only Moses could go up the mountain, into the divine realm, spending 40 days and nights concealed and covered by the cloud enshrouded over the mountain. Moses had crossed over and disappeared into the realm of the unknown.

The Midrash elaborates the Torah account. Rabbi Joshua ben Levi envisions Moses, after ascending the mountain, standing in the divine domain. And Moses' presence is immediately challenged. The ministering angels object to Moses' presence saying: "what business does one born of woman have in our midst."

Moses is an intruder, a mortal figure in a world of pure spirit and immateriality.

God replies that Moses has come to receive the Torah, to which the angels protested by proclaiming "this precious item which has been in Your possession since before creation You will now give to mere flesh and blood?"

At this point in Rabbi Joshua's ingenious story, God turns to Moses and asks him to justify why He, God, should give the Torah to Moses and the children of Israel. That's an odd request. Why should God have to justify anything He does? Master of the divine world, He need only speak, and it becomes. He commands, and it is done.

But Moses steps forward and asks God about the content of the Torah. "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt" (Exodus 20:2) and turning to the angels Moses declares "Did you go down to Egypt? Were you enslaved there?" The Torah has nothing to do with your experiences. What else is written in the Torah, Moses asks? God replies, "You shall have no other gods beside me." (Exodus 20:3)

Turning to the angels Moses says: "Do you live among idol worshippers?" And Moses goes down the list of commandments. None of them apply to this otherworldly region that Moses has entered.

The angels having been

overcome, concede and Moses returns with the tablets, the letters having been engraved onto the tablets by the finger of God. (Exodus 31:18)

Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish recognized that the tablets of stone upon which were engraved the letters of the commandments were a symbol that connected this world and the transcendent world that Moses had just left. The tablets were the physical connection between the world of flesh and blood and the world of the transcendent, the symbol linking the two realms.

And hence Shimon ben Lakish described the spiritual essence of those letters as written with black fire upon white fire, sealed with fire and embraced with bands of fire. The Torah was a fusing between the physical and the spiritual, between the substance of human life, and the profound words with its spiritual power to lift the human being into a life of sanctity and wonder. (Jerusalem Talmud, Shekalim 6:1)

Never again would God reach down and lift the veil between this world and the world of the ministering angels. Never again would God reveal himself so openly, to an entire people, awe-inspiring the senses, and allowing the Divine to descend from the

heavenly world into the world of flesh and blood.

It is impossible to imagine, that this story can only approximate the experience of revelation. Even after those who experienced the moment when the finger of God touched the living letters inscribed on stone, the Israelites still turned to a golden calf.

Hence, we humans, live in the eternal struggle between the flesh and the Divine, the worldly and the heavenly, the absurd and the transcendent. And every rabbi, every student, every scholar who studies the Torah brings to life new interpretations which bridge once again the worldly and the heavenly, the flesh and the Divine, the reenactment of *Matan Torah*, the giving of the Torah. •

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about what was happening inside the synagogue, the last two years of streaming at Congregation Beth Israel generated much more detail.

Watching videos of previous services, viewers can see that Cytron-Walker, a transplant from Michigan, has become a real Texan since becoming Beth Israel's rabbi in 2006 and frequently slips "y'all"

into his speech. They can see that Cytron-Walker likes to intersperse his livestreamed services with videos of cantors and choirs from around the world singing some of the prayers in the service. And they can see firsthand evidence that Cytron-Walker may be, as Smith lovingly identified him in a Zoom vigil, the "worst singer in the world."

Strangers could even see what Cytron-Walker was

planning to teach in a Torah study session; his lesson plan for the day was posted to Sefaria, an online database of Jewish texts. In it, Cytron-Walker planned to talk about the sense of uncertainty and stress felt by many during the pandemic. He planned to finish with a comment from Moshe Greenberg, an influential 20th-century Bible scholar, on the verse from Exodus 7:3, "I will harden Pharaoh's heart."

That comment had resonance for the situation that Cytron-Walker found himself in during services. "While events unfold under the providence of God," Greenberg wrote, "their unfolding is always according to the motives of the human beings through whom God's will is done without realizing it."

In the wake of the incident, Asin said she was heartened by the supportive response

from across and beyond the Jewish community. She also said she didn't think that the unprecedented transparency of the latest assault on American Jews would change the shape of antisemitism in the country.

"I'm personally hopeful — and skeptical that the public nature of this event will have any impact," she said. •

JTA's Ron Kampeas contributed reporting.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kehillas to Sponsor Night of Jewish Learning

THE KEHILLAH OF Delaware County and the Kehillah of Chester County are teaming up on Jan. 22 for “Kallah: A Night of Jewish Learning 2022.”

Kallah is an ancient term originally used to describe a gathering of scholars.

The online event from 7:15-10:15 p.m. will center around the theme of *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers).

Event highlights include a performance at 7:45 p.m. of “Ethics of the Fathers AKA: The Gangster and The Grandpa,” a one-man show written and performed by Jesse Bernstein and directed by Deborah Baer Mozes, the artistic director of Theatre Ariel. A Q&A with Bernstein follows.

At 9 p.m., classes on *Pirkei Avot* will be taught by local rabbis and scholars.

A final gathering and *l’hitraot* follow at 10 p.m.

The cost is \$10 (\$5 for students), but nobody will be turned away for a lack of funds. Contact Shelley Rappaport at chestercounty@kehillah.jewishphilly.org.

New Accessible Icon to Debut at Perelman, JCC

Perelman Jewish Day School and the Kaiserman Jewish Community Center will host on Jan. 25 a ceremonial “first parking spot painting” to mark the organizations adopting the New Accessible Icon to mark designated parking spaces for persons with disabilities.

The icon depicts independence and motion by positioning the silhouette with its body leaning forward, head up and arms cocked back over the wheels of the chair. The prior icon featured a silhouette rigidly sitting upright in a wheelchair.

The icon stencil was provided by Einstein Healthcare Network’s Jewish Health Resource Center and MossRehab. The latter adopted the new icon in 2014 and successfully lobbied the City of Philadelphia to adopt it in 2019.

The day school and JCC, which share a campus in Wynnewood, are joining other area institutions that have adopted the icon, such as Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia Museum of Art and

Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Program to Tell How Bulgarian Jews Survived the Holocaust

In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Jewish Federation’s Jewish Community Relations Council and AJC Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey are hosting a program that details historical events associated with Bulgaria’s resistance of pressures from Germany during World War II to deport the 50,000 Jews living there.

Joseph Benatov, who is the director of the Modern Hebrew Language Program at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss the competing national narratives from this time period while Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas Judge Ramy Djerassi will reflect on his family’s survival experience.

To register for the event, which runs on Jan. 26 from 7-8:15 p.m., contact the JCRC at 215-832-0500. ●

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, JAN. 21

Branching Out Exhibit

The **Old City Jewish Arts Center** will host “Branching Out: A Celebration of Trees” by award-winning artist Diana T. Myers of Elkins Park until Jan. 30. The exhibit commemorates the Jewish holiday of Tu B’Shevat and honors the four seasons. Private showings can also be arranged by contacting dianatmyers@gmail.com. 119 N. Third St., Philadelphia.

Parsha for Life

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

Shabbatones Concert Congregation Mikveh Israel

invites you to join us for an evening of Jewish choral ensemble with the University of Pennsylvania Shabbatones, “A Shabbat a Cappella Experience.” Services begin at 4:45 p.m. Singing commences at 6 p.m., followed by dinner. Reservations are

required; call 215-922-5446. 44 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia.

▼ SUNDAY, JAN. 23

Journalist Talk

Congregation Adath Jeshurun presents “The View from Jerusalem.” NPR journalist Daniel Estrin will share his experience as a frontline correspondent covering the politics, culture, technology and everyday happenings from Israel. The 11 a.m. event will be live on Zoom. Register at adathjeshurun.info/form/daniel-estrin.html.

Genealogy Lecture

Sydney Cruice Dixon, a professional genealogist, will present “Analyzing Evidence and Sources for Genealogical Research” as part of **Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia’s** lecture series. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the program starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit jgasgp.org.

▼ MONDAY, JAN. 24

Tikvah Support Group

The **Tikvah** Friends and Family Support Group is a facilitated space to provide support and resources to parents,

family members, friends and caregivers of those with the lived experience of mental illness. Join facilitators Alexis Bracy and Neen David at 6 p.m. Call 215-832-0671 for details.

Mahjong Game

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

Virtual Bingo

Old York Road Temple-Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to join us for a night of bingo at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Tickets range from \$18-25 per person and include three bingo cards and one to five raffle tickets. For further information, contact cin.garber@gmail.com.

▼ WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

Woman Rabbi Celebration

In June 1972, Sally J. Priesand became the first woman to be publicly ordained as a rabbi in the United States. 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of her ordination. M’kor Shalom will have Priesand join us

virtually at 7 p.m. Visit mkorshalom.org/priesand for more information.

Holocaust Lecture

Bulgaria successfully resisted German pressures to deport the 50,000 Jews living in Bulgaria. Join the **Jewish Community Relations Council** at 7 p.m. on Zoom for an overview of the facts surrounding these historical events in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Call 215-832-0650 for details.

▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 27

Film Screening

Philadelphia Jewish Film and Media’s first film of 2022 is here. “Persian Lessons” follows a young Jewish man who is saved from execution by the Nazis by pretending to be Persian and tasked with teaching Farsi to the head of camp. In commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, “Persian Lessons” will stream though Feb. 3. phillyjfm.org/event/persian-lessons.

Author Lecture

Gratz College, in partnership with **One Book, One Jewish Community**

with Jewish Studies, Hillel and Alumni Relations at Drexel University

presents “People Love Dead Jews: An Evening with Author Dara Horn.” Reading, interview and book signing will be online and in-person at the Drexel University Bossone Research Enterprise Center in Mitchell Auditorium. For more information, contact mcohen@gratz.edu or 215-635-7300, ext. 155. ●

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ADELMAN

The family is saddened to announce the passing of Marilyn Adelman , 87 (or older than 21 as she would say), on January 13, 2022 after a long brave fight with lung cancer. Marilyn formerly of Philadelphia and Warminster PA, dedicated her entire life to her family and brought joy to everyone she encountered. Professionally, Marilyn worked in bookkeeping, and ran a business with her husband, Irvin. When she was able to, she retired to focus on her family, which was always the most important thing to her. Describing Marilyn as a loving mother, grandmother or great grandmother just isn't enough. Marilyn cherished her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren more than anything. She was always the one that they went to for a hug, song, partner in crime, or an advocate. The summers that her family spent down the shore were always her favorite. She thrived in the chaos of a house filled with loud young children. Once the madness dissipated, she could be found with a good book, candy, or a cocktail. She is survived by her husband of nearly 69 years, Irvin; daughters Janice (Larry) Strug and Lisa (Robert) Aberman; granddaughter Lindsay (Jesse) Emple; grandsons Michael (Kelley) Strug, Harry (Danielle) Aberman, and Zachary Aberman; and great-grandsons David and Joseph Emple. She was also the loving grandmother to the late Eric Aberman. She was adored by her family and will be so sorely missed. Please send donations in memory of Marilyn Adelman to Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice.

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BELSH

Gloria Belsh (nee Epstein) on January 8, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Albert; Loving mother of Michael Belsh (Kris Weeks), Paula Belsh, Marcia Belsh, and the late Helen Belsh Dahlia; Devoted grandmother of Aaron Belsh; Dear mother-in-law of Richard Dahlia; Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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BERKOWITZ

Constance (nee Gordon) On January 12, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Theodore. Devoted mother of Ira Berkowitz (Bette) and Neil Berkowitz (Alison). Loving grandmother of Laura Gunson (Frank), Joshua Berkowitz, Rachel Mermelstein (Scott), Adam Berkowitz (Kieran Koch-Laskowski), Seth Berkowitz, and Noah Berkowitz. Dear Great grandmother of Samantha, Austin, Isabel, and Phoebe. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. www.jewishphilly.org.

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BERKS

Erma (nee Zarr), 80, on January 2, 2022. Beloved wife of Henry S. Berks, loving and devoted mother of Mindy Berks Kleinman, loving grandmother of Mitchell Kleinman and Elyssa Kleinman, and loving sister of Mark Zarr. Private remembrance to be held in Huntingdon Valley, PA.

CHESKIS

Marilyn Cheskis died on January 13, 2022 at her home in Harrison, NY. She was 89 years old. Marilyn was born in Philadelphia and grew up there. She is the daughter of Ida and Max Goldberg of Philadelphia. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Herbert Cheskis, her son, Andrew Cheskis, daughter Carole Leder, and her four grandchildren, Amanda, Michael, Jason, and Abby. Marilyn led a highly successful, meaningful and fulfilling life. She was a true nurturer who left a better world behind her, with loving family and friends who will always cherish her memory.

CLAYMAN

Roberta (nee Badler). January 11, 2022 of Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Wife of the late Morton. Mother of Lynne Clayman and Deborah Clayman Rayman. Also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services and interment will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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FREEDMAN

Marvin Freedman, CLU, January 10, 2022, of Elkins Park, PA. Beloved Husband of Gertrude (nee Aronowitz); Father of Gary Freedman (Abby Gilbert) and Mitchel Freedman (Liane Sher); Brother in Law of Sylvia Sack and Jean Mallin; Grandfather of Robyn, Murray, Emily, Rycki and Joanna. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to Klein JCC www.kleinlife.org

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GOLDMAN

Jay M. Goldman of Indianapolis, IN passed away on December 15, 2021, at the age of 94. He was born on November 2, 1927, to Morris and Anna Goldman in Philadelphia, PA. He was a 1951 graduate of Temple University. The Naval Station in Florida where he proudly served his country from 1946 to 1948 later became part of NASA's Cape Canaveral facility. Jay spent the early years of his career selling wholesale hosiery with his father, later sold insurance with Metropolitan Life (see photo) and Mutual of Omaha, and then became a residential Realtor® in the brokerage led by Miriam Einhorn in Elkins Park, PA. He greatly enjoyed catching, collecting, and displaying butterflies, moths, and other insects. He was a genius at finding bargain tchotchkes and built a real estate empire of miniature houses. He loved to cook and feed his family and he collected a wide variety of kitchen timers. More than anything else, Jay was proud of raising his three children. He is survived by Ellen (Don) Chernoff of Indianapolis, Daryl (Jeanette Nichols) Goldman of Oakland, CA, and Jonathan Goldman of Indianapolis. Jay was preceded in death by his beloved wife Claire in 2008. Jay's pride was mirrored by his children's appreciation. His honesty, integrity and determination in business served as a blueprint for his children's success in scientific research, psychology, and business. He was always there when his children needed him, no matter when or how far he had to travel to reach them. His mind was sharp, and he maintained his optimism even as his body was failing. All who knew Jay miss him deeply. Graveside services were held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Beth-El Zedeck North Cemetery in Fishers, IN. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.annmotuary.com
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GREENBERG

Minerva (Russ) Greenberg, January 13, 2022; of North Wales, PA, formerly of Bala Cynwyd, PA; beloved wife of the late Albert H. Greenberg and the late Irwin H. Greenberg; loving mother of Dr. Beth Greenberg (Beth Simon) and Alan Greenberg (Jennifer); cherished grandmother of Isa and Allyson. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Minerva's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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LEVENSON

Harold E. On January 12, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Rita (nee Cravetz). Devoted mother of Donald Levenson (Debora) and Alan Levenson (Merav). Loving grandfather of Alah, Mia, Nitai, and Lance. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimers Association. www.alz.org/delval.

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GREENSPUN

Zelda Greenspun, 99 1/2, died on January 8, 2022 after a brief illness. She was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1922, the daughter of Harry and Millie Ettinger. She attended Lower Merion High School, graduating in 1940, the yearbook acknowledging that "In her small way, she was an integral part of the school." During high school, she worked in the family shoe store, Ettinger's, on Lancaster Avenue in Ardmore. After high school, she gained her certification as a technician from Jefferson Hospital and also worked in the tuberculosis laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1945, she met her soulmate Leonard Greenspun, beginning a lifelong love affair that was cut short when Leonard died from colon cancer in 1986. Zelda had many interests, but her husband and five children were paramount. She created and prepared everything from invitations to decorations, to food to clean up for family celebrations at their home, often for over 200 people. She was a smart and hands-on mother who cared deeply for each child and made sure that each had what they needed growing up, all the while working outside the home, as well. She held positions at one of the early shopping malls, Bargain City in Levittown, PA in marketing and as one of the first professional comparison and consumer shopping consultants. In later years, Zelda worked at the family's table pad factory, Lee Table Pad in the Kensington neighborhood in Philadelphia, first with Leonard and after his passing with their son Eric. She also joined two of her daughters in separate successful retail and design businesses. Zelda had many interests and was a talented and experienced calligrapher, composing and designing invitations for her family and many others. Her signature creation was decorated cards for each place setting at events sponsored by charities and especially for the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association, as well as for weddings and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of family and many friends. Zelda was recognized for her commitment to the Philadelphia ALS Association at a luncheon in her honor in 2006. She became active in the association after her father succumbed to that awful disease. In suburban Philadelphia over the course of 85 years, she was also active in B'nai B'rith, the Main Line Reform Synagogue Board and the Lower Merion High School Distinguished Speaker Bureau. After spending her entire life on the Philadelphia Main Line, Zelda at the age of 85 moved to Portland, Maine close to her daughter Susie's family. As she did wherever she went, she lived life to the fullest in Maine, joining a book group to discuss some of the many books that she read, the Cedars Auxiliary Board, and the ALS Association of Northern New England. Zelda attracted many friends, young and old, wherever she went, always taking an interest in others. And to Zelda, family was everything. Her holiday meals were legendary. She reveled in the visits and accomplishments of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, rarely talking about herself. However, people were interested in her, especially her life experiences. A few years ago, she fulfilled a dream of "attending" Harvard College, actually speaking to a senior seminar class about the experience of living through World War II. Though not Bat Mitzvahed as a 13 year old, she fulfilled that achievement at age 72 at Main Line

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Reform Synagogue. Zelda is pre-deceased by her parents, her brother Si, and her beloved daughter-in-law, Jane. She is survived by her sister Beverly Rivkees and many nieces and nephews. She is survived by her children, daughter Andrea Ehrlich, her husband Alexander, and his son Adam, daughter Beth Frezel, her husband Jerry, and children Ron (Stacey) and their children Sam, Lily, and Maddie and Michael (Andrea) and their children Tess and Winnie, son Peter (Katherine) and their children Samantha Schoop (Josh) and their daughter Isabel, Liza Yang (Peter) and Jake and his son Ace, daughter Susie Schwartz (Steve) and their children Lenny, Andrew, and Jack, and son Eric (Jane, of blessed memory) and their children, son Dan and daughter Annie Berger (Rory) and their children Lucy and Abby. Zelda's family would like to thank the firefighters and paramedics of Portland Fire Department Ladder 4 and Medcu, the caring staff of Maine Medical Center, Rabbi Carolyn Braun, who provided a sense of calm and spirituality during Zelda's last hospitalization, her long-time primary care physician, Jamie Zeitlin, Dr. Mary Brandes, Dr. Andreas Stefan, Gosnell House which provided loving hospice care in Zelda's final days, even ensuring that she had her trademark red lipstick on, and Rabbi Gary Berenson of the Jewish Funeral Home, who provided comfort to Zelda's family and dignity to Zelda during her last journey to the Main Line. Arrangements are by the Jewish Funeral Home in Portland and Joseph Levine & Sons in Philadelphia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the ALS Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter, the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance, or to the charity of one's choice.
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LIPETZ

Dr. Jacques Lipetz. We share the news of the passing of Dr. Jacques Lipetz, loving husband to Inez, brother to Eric, father to Andrew and David, stepfather to Jed Fishback and Trina Weingarten, and grandfather to Miranda, Jordan, Jeremy, Eli, Sam, Jillian, Jordan, Elena and Sofia. Jacques died early in the morning on Tuesday, January 11th at the age of 89. Jacques was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and survived the Holocaust by escaping Europe to the Philippines with his family. They lived in Manila through the Japanese occupation and ultimately landed in New York City. After graduating from Brown University, where he earned his AB and MA, Jacques attended Yale University where he earned his PhD. His early career was spent as a research scientist and educator at the Rockefeller Institute, Manhattan College, Boyce Thompson Institute, Wistar Institute, and Drexel University where the students awarded him Professor of the Year honors. Later in life he found his next calling, returning to the University of Pennsylvania to prepare for a career in clinical psychology. Jacques spent the last 40 years as a clinical psychologist, treating his patients up until the days before his death. His warmth and caring will be missed by the many lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, please honor Jacques' memory with a contribution to either: Yad V'Shem - www.yadvashem.org or Philadelphia Orchestra www.philorch.org
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MILLER

Elvin Miller, January 8, 2022; of Sanatoga, PA. Beloved Husband of the late Rosalie (nee Smith); Father of Susan Sabolick (Stephen), Linda Edwards (Art) and Scott Miller (Nancy); Grandfather of Heather (Nathanial), Jennifer (Andrew), Andrew and Eric; Great Grandfather of Roxanne. Services were private. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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OPPENHEIM

Betty Lois (nee Wolf) passed away on January 8, 2022. Wife of the late Raymond Oppenheim. Mother of Rhonda (Dr. Matthew) Smith and the late Steven Mark Oppenheim. Grandmother of Jared Laine Smith and the late Steven Elliot Smith. Betty was born in Philadelphia and graduated Chester High School where she was the outstanding student in Distributive Education for the Class of 1949. She worked at Weinberg's, a local department store, and enjoyed traveling to Manhattan on buying trips. She completed a New York School of Interior Design program in the Decorative Arts, which continued her lifelong passion for design, furnishing, fashion, and style. A few years later she became very interested in sewing and couturier design, making all of her own clothing. She taught sewing to adults at the local high school and her friends would frequently gather at her home for instruction. Her sewing accomplishments were all the more remarkable because she had been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis beginning at the age of 18. She fought that battle for the rest of her life. She enjoyed traveling with her husband around the world to many exotic locales, and her journeys through Asia sparked an enduring interest in Asian decorative arts. After raising her family, she and her husband retired to Atlantic City, not far from the place on the beach where they first met. They enjoyed an active social life which included casinos, boxing events, and live entertainment. In Atlantic City, she would frequently have the opportunity to see top headliners. Some of her favorites were Frank Sinatra, Smokey Robinson, Andrea Bocelli, Tony Bennett, Joan Rivers, and Don Rickles, just to name a few. After her husband passed away, she moved with the rest of her family to the Tampa Bay area where she enjoyed the warm Florida sunshine. Contributions in Betty's memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation at arthritis.org

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PLON

Nancy D. Plon (née Lipton) passed away at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. on January 11, 2022. Mrs. Plon, a native of Philadelphia, was a resident of Washington, D.C. for many decades. Mrs. Plon is survived by her daughter, Ruth De-dole (Pascal) of Dijon, France, a son William Plon (Victoria) of Colorado, a granddaughter, Jessica Martin (Lionel) of Paris, France, and 5 great-grandsons (Ouriel, Aaron, Yoni, Ari, Avner) who brought her great joy. Mrs. Plon was preceded in death by her sister whom she loved dearly, Dorothy Lipton, and she is survived by her beloved brother, Leonard Lipton (Nancy) of New Jersey. Mrs. Plon earned a bachelors degree from Temple University and had a career rich in the classical arts. Based in Vienna, Austria, from the 1960s until the 1980s, Mrs. Plon worked closely with classical and jazz artists to promote their talent and arrange performances throughout Europe under the auspices of the United States government. Upon returning to the United States, Mrs. Plon worked with the Federal Communications Commission and was a member of the team that addressed the Y2K phenomenon at the turn of the millennium. Mrs. Plon completed her career with the FCC by dedicating herself to improving communications policy and deployment on Native American reservations. As a patron of the arts, Mrs. Plon was an ever-present supporter at the Kennedy Center in Washington. An avid attendee of symphony, opera, and other classical music performances, Mrs. Plon could always be found in "her" seat, prominently located in the front row of each of the Kennedy Center venues. Mrs. Plon often marveled that the Kennedy Center was a temple to the beauty of music and human creativity. A private interment ceremony is planned for Mrs. Plon, next to her beloved sister and parents, at Mt. Sharon Cemetery in Philadelphia. She will surely be missed by her friends and family.

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ROSENBLATT

Marilyn Rosenblatt (nee Hunn) on January 9, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Leon; Loving mother of Dr. Nancy Markus (Eric) and Marc Rosenblatt (Dena); Devoted grandmother of Daniel, Kayla, Melissa, and Brett. Contributions in her memory may be made to Ohev Shalom Bucks Co., Inclusion bkavod Fund, 944 Second St. Pike, Richboro, PA 18954, or Bnai Israel Cong., Beverly G. Schnitzer Tikun Olam Endowment, 6301 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852

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ROSENTHAL

Vanda Lee Rosenthal (nee Cohen) of Lafayette Hill, PA died on January 7, 2022 at age 83. Beloved wife of Samuel. Mother of Ann Robin Rosenthal (Michael Litchman); Kimberly Dale Rosenthal (David Budner, former spouse); Sara Beth Silberman (Eric). Adoring "Mom Mom" to grandchildren Isaac, Chaya, Drew, Pearl, and Ella. Predeceased by her dear granddaughter Carly, brother Dr. Hunter Cohen, and sister Ellen Mae Abrahms. Vanda was a diva with a big heart, often described as being fun-loving with a wry sense of humor. Very much loved and admired for her progressive thinking, she was the kind of mother that everyone wished they had. She looked younger than she was, had a lot of style, and spoke her mind freely. An accomplished cellist, music was Vanda's passion. As a music teacher in the Philadelphia and Upper Darby school districts, she taught generations of children to love music. She composed countless songs, including a special song for each of her daughters, making them feel loved and unique. Through her music, Vanda enriched the community. She was a cellist for decades in the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra and sang in community choirs at Main Line Reform Temple and Haverford College. The beautiful music she taught, played, and sang to others became the soundtrack to the lives of her family, friends, and students. In addition, she taught swimming at Har Zion Day Camp, together with her husband Sam, for many years. Besides having an infectious sense of humor, Vanda inspired others to be their own person, fight for what they believe in, and give back to the community. Her special spark, which she shared so freely, lives on through all that had the pleasure of sharing their lives with her. Private funeral service and interment. Shiva will be observed virtually. Donations in her memory may be made to Settlement Music School, www.settlementmusic.org/give

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TOLTZIS

DANIEL, On January 13, 2022. Beloved husband of Lois (nee Cherry), Loving father of Richard Toltzis (Carrie), Eve Rosen (Marc), and Deborah Kotzen (Richard). Adoring Gege of Andrew Rosen (Jonathan DeSantis), Scott Rosen, Jeffrey Rosen, Ryan Toltzis, Elyse Toltzis, Nicole Akbari (Christopher), Leah Kotzen, Matthew Kotzen, Matthew Madigan, and Zachary Madigan. Dear brother-in-law of Martin Cherry, and sister-in-law Esther Rech. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Walter D. Cherry Fund at Temple Beth Hillel/Beth El, 1001 Remington Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

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ESTATE OF NEISER B. DIONGLAY a/k/a NEISER DIONGLAY, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to NEOVIE DIONGLAY, EXECUTOR, c/o Bradley Newman, Esq., 123 S. Broad St., Ste. 1030, Philadelphia, PA 19109, Or to his Attorney: BRADLEY NEWMAN ESTATE & ELDER LAW OFFICE OF BRADLEY NEWMAN 123 S. Broad St., Ste. 1030 Philadelphia, PA 19109

ESTATE OF PETRO SOKIRNIY, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to IVAN SOKIRNIY, ADMIN-ISTRATOR, c/o Peter L., Klenk, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: Peter L., Klenk The Law Offices of Peter L. Klenk & Associates 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF RICHARD B. COSTELLO, DECEASED. Late of Southampton LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to John Francis Costello, Executor, 114 Wrenfield Lane, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

ESTATE OF ROBERT A. MOREEN, DECEASED. Late of Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to VERA B. MOREEN, EXECUTRIX, c/o Rebecca Rosenberger Smolen, Esq., One Bala Plaza, Ste. 623, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004, Or to her Attorney: REBECCA ROSENBERGER SMOLEN BALA LAW GROUP, LLC One Bala Plaza, Ste. 623 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

ESTATE of Robert Spolin, Deceased Late of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania LETTERS TESTAMENTARY Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to her or her attorney and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to: Administratrix: Jane Levy c/o Diane H. Yazujian, Esquire P.O. Box 1099 North Wales, PA 19454 Attorney: Diane H. Yazujian, Esquire P.O. Box 1099 North Wales, PA 19454



ESTATE NOTICES
ESTATE OF SHIRLEY WHITE, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to - SANDER WHITE, EXECUTOR, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: Adam S. Bernick Law Office of Adam S. Bernick 2047 Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF VALERIE DENISE NORWOOD, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JUSTIN ALDAM NORWOOD, ADMINISTRATOR, 2351 W. Hagert St., Philadelphia, PA 19132, Or to his Attorney: MARK J. DAVIS CONNOR ELDER LAW 644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Estate of Walter K. Debes aka Walter Debes, Debes, Walter K. aka Debes, Walter Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to: John A. Debes, c/o Henry S. Warszawski, Esq., 413 Johnson St., Ste. 201, Archways Prof. Bldg., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Executor. Henry S. Warszawski, Esq. 413 Johnson St., Ste. 201 Archways Prof. Bldg. Jenkintown, PA 19046

Estate of Wanda Marie Carter aka Wanda Carter; Carter, Wanda Marie aka Carter, Wanda Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to: Nakia Stevenson, c/o John R. Lundy, Esq., Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC, 450 N. Narberth Ave., Suite 200, Narberth, PA 19072, Administratrix. Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC 450 N. Narberth Ave. Suite 200 Narberth, PA 19072

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Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 06, 2021 for BOMBARDMENT PRINTING at 443 W. Girard Ave. Suite 2C, Philadelphia, PA 19122. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Marc Murphy at 315 N. Holly Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417
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NEWSMAKERS

Barrack Athletes Going to Maccabiah Games

Three Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy students — junior Eden Singer, junior Jenna Ufberg and eighth grader Mikayla Trajtenberg — will represent the United States in the 22nd International Maccabiah Games in Israel this summer.

They will compete in soccer, lacrosse and basketball, respectively.

Courtesy of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy



▲ Eden Singer



▲ Jenna Ufberg



▲ Mikayla Trajtenberg

Jewish Family Service Announces 2022 Goal

The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties revealed its 2022 fundraising goal of about \$200,000 on Jan. 12. JFS hopes to raise that money through events like the JFS and JCC Golf Tournament in the spring and the 33rd Annual House Tour, of specialty homes, in the summer.



▲ Amy Herskowitz, Wendy Martinez, Ellen Spear and Marcy Dash Friedman enjoy a round of golf at last year's JFS and JCC Golf Tournament.
Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

Jewish Family Service Collecting Soups

The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties is hosting a “Soup’er Bowl”: From Jan. 17 to Feb. 16, JFS is collecting canned, hearty soups, including both meats and vegetables, to distribute to community members looking for a hot and filling meal during the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at 607 N. Jerome Ave. in Margate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



▲ Thomas Moller and Jim Brambilla of Mutual of America deliver 60 cans of hearty soups as part of the 2021 “Soup’er Bowl” fundraiser at Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties.

Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

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Passover Palate Our annual and much anticipated collection of Passover traditions, recipes and entertaining ideas

Cancer Awareness Published in October, this section takes a look at the latest techniques in treating and coping with cancer.

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Healthy, Wealthy and Wise	Jan 21	Jan 27
Camps	Feb 4	Feb 10
The Look	Feb 18	Feb 24
Passover Palate	March 18	March 24
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The Good Life	April 14	May 5
Confirmations	May 26	June 2
This Summer	May 27	June 16
Rosh Hashanah Food	Sept 1	Sept 8
Rosh Hashanah Food	Sept 9	Sept 15
Rosh Hashanah Greetings	Sept 16	Sept 22
The Guide to Jewish Philadelphia	Aug 18	Sept 20
Cancer Awareness	Sept 30	Oct 6
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Hanukkah Gift Guide	Dec 4	Dec 8
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