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Experts Talk About Social Media Crackdown

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THE MAN WHO STORMED the Tree of Life synagogue building on Oct. 27, 2018, murdering 11 congregants in the midst of Shabbat prayer, was an active user of the social media site Gab. His Gab bio said, "jews are the children of satan," and his banner image was an unambiguous reference to a white supremacist meme. His final post, just prior to the massacre, read: "Screw your optics, I'm going in."

In the months following the Pittsburgh shooting, many pundits and the ADL urged social media companies to better police racist, violent and anti-Semitic accounts and clarify terms of service to make hateful content harder to find online - and to prevent such content from being monetized. The profligation of extremist activism online worried experts about radicalization, as researchers made connections between violent words and violent actions.

"There are 24/7 rallies online," Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and national director of the ADL said one year after the Pittsburgh shooting. "With just a few clicks, you can

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▲ Dr. Robert Pollack died at 94 from COVID-19.

Courtesy of Janine Shahinianl

Those We've Lost, Part 5

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

vaccines means the end of the pandemic could be in sight, the country faces grim statistics this winter.

As of press time, 400,022 people have died of COVID-19 in the United States. In Pennsylvania, the figure stands at 18,957.

In our five-county region — Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Bucks counties — the death toll is 6,652.

These people deserve to be remembered as more than statistics, so this is ALTHOUGH THE CREATION of the Exponent's fifth installment of "Those We've Lost."

Gilbert Liss

Dr. Gilbert Liss of Phoenixville died Dec. 18 after a one-week illness with COVID-19 and a years-long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was 91.

Liss graduated from Olney High School (now Olney Charter High School) and

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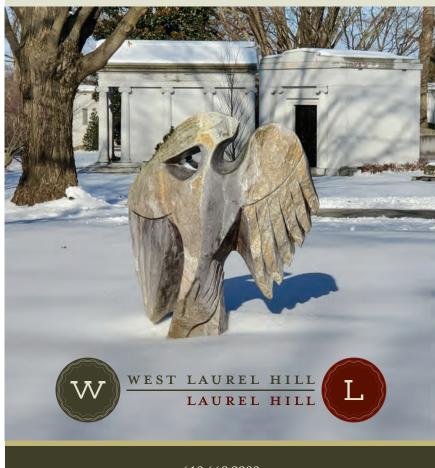
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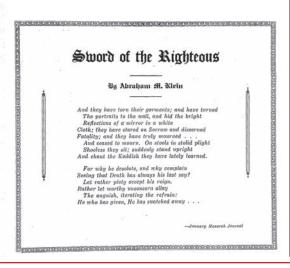
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How Did American Jewish Names Come to Be?

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

THERE IS A STORY typically told about the manner in which Jewish names and naming practices developed in the United States, especially regarding surnames.

Unscrupulous Ellis Island immigration agents, the conventional wisdom goes, saw a jumbled mass of unpronounceable Jewish surnames and, with the stroke of a pen, made sure that the names never made the journey with their bearers. Names that ended in -wicz became -witz, -ski became -sky, Meir became Meyer. Ethnic specienforced assimilation.

Fermaglich, one of the few "Fermaglich" represents a practice. And though some scholars in the world to devote relative's own adjustment to countries were fairly permisserious study to American an even more unwieldy Polish Jewish naming practices, the real yarn is quite a bit knottier, timeline of that commonly told story.

see name changing as completely of Jewish Name Changing in a product of the immigration America," seeking to compli-Exponent. "Because actually, for a lot of Jews, it happens as practices. a product of American antiand whatever people think of as America from Europe were Americanization."

Jewish Standard, is a rebuke the development of modern

According to Kirsten to the Ellis Island story -Jewish name.

Fermaglich is a historian of and quite a bit longer. Just for Jewish studies at Michigan State starters, she challenges the University, where she's taught since 2001. In 2018, Fermaglich published "A Rosenberg by "It's important to me not to Any Other Name: A History process," Fermaglich told the cate the typical conception of American Jewish naming

For starters, Fermaglich Semitism, rather than as a noted, the surnames that product of natural immigration Jews changed as they came to often fairly new — most Jews her research was that it was Even her own name, didn't start using last names ficity, wiped out in the name of Fermaglich recently told The until the 19th century, when

sive in allowing Jews to choose their own surnames, restrictions were quickly applied in order to mark certain names as Jewish. So the precious surnames of the Ellis Island story may not have been held so preciously or for so long.

Some of those names, like Cohen and Levy, predate the widespread use of surnames, as they served a religious function, but your Feinsteins, Goldbergs and Horowitzs, for example, are likely to be of a much more recent vintage.

frequently Jews themselves who, uncoerced, chose to adopt

states began to require the the sharper, more obviously Jewish edges into softer American nubs.

> Entry into the marketplace and higher education could be made easier for Jewish men and women without a name so obviously Semitic. And entering into the social circles of non-Jewish Americans could be a much smoother exercise, many Jewish immigrants and their descendants found, by adopting their names. In this way, name changes became a route to middle-class respectability for Jews who desperately sought it.

One doesn't need to be a What Fermaglich found in scholar of American Jewry to conclude that this practice was not without controversy among American Jews, who argued surnames that sanded down bitterly about how much

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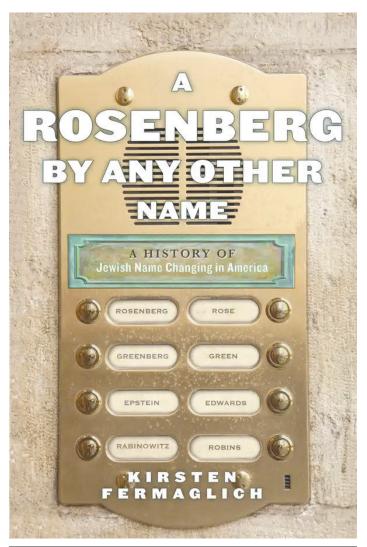
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▲ Kirsten Fermaglich's 2018 book, "A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America," complicates the story of Ellis Island name changes. Courtesy of NYU Press

Jewish Standard, unearthed letters to the editor in both general and Jewish magazines having a Hebrew name. that featured fiery back-andforth between American Jews names, like surnames, were on the subject.

Though research is focused on the said. Mendel, Menachem and development of American Lev became Milton, Morris Iewish surnames, she's also able and Louis over a few generto shed some light on their first ations. What happened, names. Many (though not all) American Jews have a separate Hebrew name, one that might only be used within the walls of a synagogue or some other religious context. Though this may appear to be another development of American assimilation, Fermaglich said, the practice of maintaining a second name for religious jbernstein@jewishexponent.com; purposes predates American 215-832-0740

was too much when it came Jewry. What changed in the to pragmatic assimilation. U.S., she noted, was that the Fermaglich, according to The mutating role of women in religious contexts sparked questions about the utility of

> But secular, English first often chosen as another manner Fermaglich's of assimilation, Fermaglich however, was that the speed of anti-Semitism was such that these seemingly innocuous names soon became marked as Jewish names, imperiling their originally designated purpose. What was meant to be the absence of ethnicity instead became a clear sign of it. •

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Jewish Leaders Discuss Historic MLK Speech

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER King Jr. could connect with any audience, including teenagers.

So said the panelists of the "26th Annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service with Global Citizen360: A Dialogue," a Jan. 18 webinar about how King's words could offer guidance in an age of unprecedented challenges.

Members of the communities of Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and PRO-ACT, Philadelphia Recovery Community Center watched a video of King's 1967 speech "What Is Your Life's Blueprint?" which he delivered at Barratt Junior High School (now Barratt Middle School) in South Philadelphia, and shared their thoughts on the enduring relevance of King's importance of education as the legacy to young people.

In his speech, which he gave six months before he was assassinated, King told students how to embrace the values that would create a moral blueprint these values were self-respect, determination and love.

"I think about these things now Hardy Williams Academy, broken lives," he said.



▲ JCRC and PRO-ACT panelists discuss "What Is Your Life's Blueprint?"

often, specifically as it relates to being a mother and raising three young boys," said panelist Shelby Zitelman, co-founder of Soom Foods. She added that not just in terms of academic these values were foundational in raising her children to be mensches who care about in life. And so it was just themselves and the people around them.

King also stressed the school," he said. gateway to economic opporturacism and poverty facing his young audience. Panelist substance abuse and violence. George Mosee, executive

just a few miles from Barratt, when King gave his speech.

"The six, seventh and eighth grades are critical grades, and growth and development, but preparing one for success wonderful that Dr. King took the time to visit a junior high

He added that King's ideas could be applied not just to nity, despite the overwhelming young people building their lives but to older adults impacted by

"It seems to me that Dr. director of the Philadelphia King gave us a blueprint, and for the rest of their lives. Among Anti-Drug/Anti-Violence not just for building a resilient at Shaw Junior High School, us a blueprint for repairing

chief of the Jewish Exponent, added that King's message key to repairing the world's injustices.

"Dr. King's message is that a person must determine their own internal truth and realize who they are individually. You can't ultimately contribute to a collective goal, as in societal progress, without first realizing who you are as an individual," he said.

Panelist Brother Robb Carter, co-director of the Men's Center for Growth and Change, reflected on how his own attitudes about King have changed throughout his life. As a teenager watching civil rights activists get brutalized by police and white mobs on television, he was horrified that King would advocate for protesters to refrain from physically defending themselves.

As an adult researching his legacy, however, he was inspired by King's need to balance calls for personal responsibility with advocating for societal change.

"I've come to appreciate that Network, said he was a student successful life, but he also gave he's one of the most gangster warriors there is," he said.

He listened to "What Is 215-832-0729

Panelist Joshua Runyan, an Your Life's Blueprint?" several attorney and former editor-in- times in the days leading up to the event.

"Today, hearing it just now, of instilling self-worth was I was able to just look at his face and appreciate him as an artist, as a preacher and as a storyteller," he said.

> The panel was moderated by JCRC Director Laura Frank and Marie Widmeier, coordinator of the Philadelphia office of PRO-ACT.

> Widmeier asked the panelists if Philadelphia's youth could still apply King's ideas to solving problems in their own lives and communities. Mosee said yes, and that young people needed to be encouraged to think about their moral strength as well as their academic and financial success. which are often too heavily emphasized in schools and juvenile justice systems at the expense of moral education.

> Runyan thought so, and shuddered to think of the alternative

> "Because I believe in a benevolent God, I can't imagine the Almighty would create a world that does not have the power to redeem itself," he said.

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Panel Discusses Ethical Eating, Pandemic

LOCAL

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

WHILE WORKING ON an essav about Iudaic ethics in a came across an ancient source that caught him off guard.

The small vignette in the Babylonian Talmud spoke of a great third-century sage who declared a fast after hearing of a pestilence spreading among pigs, maintaining that the disease could spread to humans because of similarities between the two species' organs.

The vignette surprised Crane, a scholar in bioethics and Jewish thought at Emory University Center for Ethics, for several

"First, there is concern about pandemic, Rabbi Jonathan Crane the spillover effect of diseases crossing species long before germ theory took hold among naturalists and scientists in the late 19th century," he said. "Second, this viewers of the hazardous working concern about zoonotic diseases is found in religious resources, and not in medical or public health instructions, or in secular essays on farming."

ancient sage's urgent response Reporting Network, more than

to a disease among animals as part of "Animals, Religion, and Public Health: An Interfaith Webinar." The Jan. 13 virtual event explored how religious perspectives could be used to address the flaws the pandemic has revealed in the food industry and to prevent future outbreaks.

Rev. Aline Silva reminded conditions facing workers in meat processing plants, many of whom are poor, Black and brown or immigrants without other employment options. According Crane spoke about the to the Food and Environmental





▲ Rabbi Jonathan Crane (lower left) discusses Jewish food ethics on the

200 meatpacking workers have died of COVID-19 since March.

grave humanitarian and animal welfare concerns emerged because of the disconnect

between humans and their food.

"We currently rely on a The panelists agreed that system that works based on distancing and concealment,"

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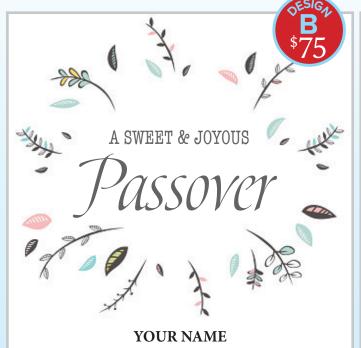


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Interviewer Brings Holocaust Stories to Life

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THE THING ABOUT a good story like the one that Louis Schmidt tells is that it's portable.

Whether delivered from a lectern or transmitted through a screen, Schmidt's lecture on his time as an interviewer for the USC Shoah Foundation, "The Untold Story of How the Stories Were Told," has riveted audiences.

Due to the pandemic, the Ohio native, 80, has spoken in far-flung locales that he couldn't have imagined when he delivered his speech for the first time at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in 2014. Audiences in Singapore, Israel and Australia have had the chance to hear the tale of Schmidt's experiences with Holocaust survivors in 1995 and 1996, when the former journalist and NFL Films senior producer conducted almost two dozen interviews intended to record their testimony for generations to come.

Though known to many for his speaking, Schmidt believes it was his skill doing the exact opposite that made him a successful interviewer.

"I was good at listening," Schmidt said.

Though he is Jewish, Schmidt didn't have any interaction with Holocaust survivors growing up in Youngstown. His experience of World War II was limited to watching his father serve as an air raid warden and feeling a child's generalized fear of Germans and Japanese.

After returning from time in the Army Reserve during the Vietnam War, Schmidt, who wanted to write for newspapers, went to New York. With a degree in journalism from Ohio State University, Schmidt was hired by "Look" magazine, which boasted a circulation in the millions. He worked with writers and cartoonists brought over from other magazines like "The Saturday



▲ Louis Schmidt delivers his lecture prior to the pandemic.

Courtesy of Louis Schmidt

Evening Post" and "Collier's," including Norman Rockwell.

It was an exciting time, and it led to Schmidt's next big opportunity. "Look" had a close relationship with the NFL during that period and, in 1968, the still-young NFL Films was looking for writers and producers. Schmidt was brought aboard, and that career move brought him to Philadelphia.

For 33 years, Schmidt helped develop the NFL Films fundamentals known to so many

narrating the drama of a key third-down conversion over a swelling orchestral score. He won three Emmys, produced "Inside the NFL" for 16 years and conducted hundreds of interviews with NFL greats.

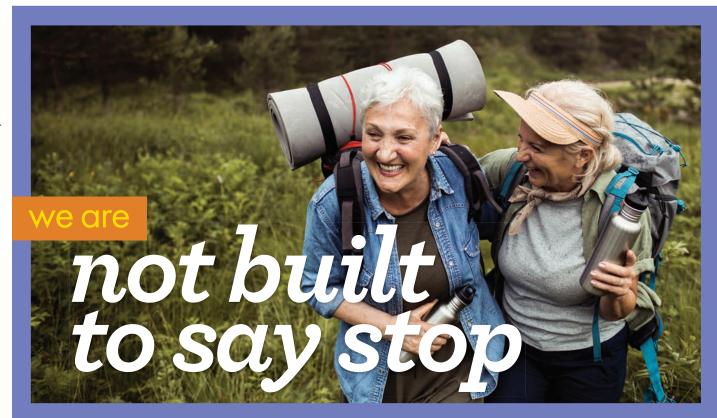
In 1994, Schmidt watched as director Steven Spielberg announced the creation of what was first called Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation at the Academy Awards. He was particularly

- that of gravelly voiced men interested in the prospect of speaking with survivors to record their testimony.

> When he walked into Gratz College for the first round of interviews to work with the foundation, he was shocked to see no fewer than 223 other people vying for the positions. He had no idea the competition would be so fierce, but Schmidt was among the final 46 selected.

The skills that Schmidt

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New Barrack Head Looks Back — and Forward

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

AT A DELICATE moment for Jewish day schools and private schools across the country, Rabbi Marshall Lesack was hired as the new head of school at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy.

Beginning this summer, he will replace Sharon Levin, who has been in the position since 2011 and at the school since 1986. The announcement was made on Dec. 23, and Lesack introduced himself to the community with a letter on Jan. 14.

Lesack, who graduated from the high school in 1997, accepted the position at a time when Jewish day schools are trying to answer some thorny questions. Some of them, like enrollment, tuition costs and a slowly building opposition to private schooling, predate the pandemic and will outlast it; others, like navigating COVID-19 and reckoning with race at predominantly white institutions, are newer, and hardly restricted to day schools. But they are being asked no less urgently.

All of that is on top of the typical trials that come with trying to manage the diverse even rarer." religious constituencies of a like it found the man for the job.

"We were looking for somebody like Lesack," said that Lesack's "warm personal qualities, as well as his intelligence and his sophisticated way of thinking about pedagogy" were immediately apparent.

demeanor"; Lisa Sandler, Seminary.



▲ Rabbi Marshall Lesack

Photo by David Steinberg

The Cherry Hill, New

vice president of the board understanding of what it is to run a pluralistic institution.

"Barrack is an unbelievable school, and it is an unbelievable community, and it's got such a long, impactful history," Lesack said. "The opportunity to not only lead a community and an institution of its name and its possibility is rare, but the opportunity to lead a place that you graduated from, and that had a big impact on who you've become in your life, is

Lesack, 42, had been the pluralistic Jewish day school. high school principal at the But the search committee feels Donna Klein Jewish Academy in Boca Raton, Florida, since 2015. Prior to that, he was a Marshall jack-of-all-Jewish-education-Howard al-trades in Atlanta, holding Treatman, president of the various concurrent positions in Barrack board and a member of the field at a synagogue, Emory the search committee, adding University's Hillel, the Brill Institute for Jewish Learning and Camp Ramah Darom, the branch that serves Jewish campers from that region (he was a Ramah in the Poconos Michele Levin, a member camper himself). He's a of the board and the search graduate of Rutgers University, committee, praised Lesack's where he studied history, "very calming and supportive and the Jewish Theological

at Barrack — then still Akiba taking that into account. Hebrew Academy - and remembers his time in high school fondly. He won't have to look far to find familiar faces; several teachers who remain with the school were there during his time as a student, and one teacher, Aron Freidenreich, was a classmate.

Even with those continuities, there will be plenty of new terrain for Lesack to explore.

For starters, there's the literal ground, as Barrack has moved from its old Merion Station campus since Lesack was a student, settling in its Bryn Mawr location. But beyond that, there's a new community and a new context that Lesack says he will spend and a member of the search Jersey, native played on some his first year getting to really committee, praised Lesack's of the school's more successful know. COVID-19 will make sports teams during his time that difficult, but Lesack is 215-832-0740

"When we're going through this time together, especially with the opportunity of a new head of school coming in, I'm really going to be focused on, how do we build community for our students, for our faculty, for our parents," he said. "How do we connect our alumni and our community members to the school? Because this has been a year that has upended a lot of those things."

Levin, who will hand the reins over to Lesack on July 1, is pleased that an alumnus - "someone who has the mission and the vision in their neshama" — will be the head of a school she spent so many years leading. •

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Crackdown

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literally find what was previously unspeakable. Social media has become a breeding ground for bigotry."

Following the Jan. 6 Capitol riots, which left five people dead, the social media giants took serious steps against accounts they deemed potentially dangerous. Twitter suspended more than 70,000 accounts linked to the QAnon conspiracy theory, whose followers believe Donald Trump is secretly saving the world from a cabal of Satanic pedophiles and cannibals, and who traffic in anti-Semitic tropes. Adherents of QAnon were numerous among the mob that stormed the Capitol.

Trump was permanently suspended from Twitter "due to the risk of further incitement of violence," Twitter announced. Other platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, also suspended Trump's accounts, as well as the accounts of some of his associates.

In the wake of the suspensions, many far-right voices moved to the platform Parler until Apple, Google and Amazon removed Parler from their platforms too.

accounts and sites, though, views," Blee said. "So, that's a does not necessarily halt the spread of violent rhetoric, anti-Semitism or other hateful law enforcement experts.

"When you limit these types of accounts, what happens is the folks who are using these various platforms to communicate will simply jump to another platform," said Shawn Brokos, director of community security for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. "We see that all the time in law enforcement." She analogized tracking extremists to a game of "whack-a-mole."

of sociology at the University of Pittsburgh who has researched white supremacy and is a member of one the three congregations attacked during the shooting at the Tree of Life building, agreed there are "downsides" to moving understand that they are being some moderating effect.

"It's moving people into technological knowledge." these end-to-end encrypted —

problem, obviously. And it's hard to monitor what individuals are doing on them — it's ideologies, according to some not hard to monitor them in the aggregate, but it is hard to pin anything to an individual user."

As of last week, use of apps favored by extremists had skyrocketed, Blee said. Users on Signal had increased 677% and Telegram was up 146%.

"That's a problem," Blee said. "These places are slippery. And Telegram and Signal are very much open to hosting these kinds of very violent white supremacist conversations."

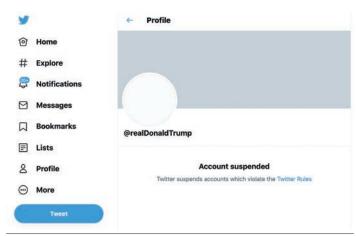
On the other hand, Blee Kathleen Blee, a professor said, when more open sites close down, there is usually some attrition.

"For one thing, some people will not want to gravitate from the level of what was being expressed on Facebook or even Parler, to the next step toward violence," she said. "And you are also going people off of sites where people to lose some people because, as you get into some of these, they monitored, which can have become more and more diffi-

Another downside to moving and really the cesspool of the users off mainstream platforms internet —sites that are just is that it reifies some of their vehicles for the most horrific false beliefs. "For these racially white supremacist, violent, motivated violent extremists, Shutting down social media anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant there is this inherent belief that there is a Zionist government that is trying to control everybody and that the Jews are behind a lot of that," Brokos said.

> In fact, that ideology may have motivated the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter.

"What seems to have happened with him very much fits the pattern we see in other kinds of racially motivated violence," said Blee. "First, there's a sense of some enormous existential threat out there. If you think of the 1980s and '90s, when the white supremacists became significant in this country, the existential threat was banking and farm foreclosures — it was the beginning of the militia movement and really the resurgence of anti-Semitism in a very public way. That was the existential threat: Jews held



▲ Twitter suspended the account of President Donald Trump, which he had previously used for most of his communication.

a stranglehold over the economy and were ruining the lives of white farmers was kind of the message there."

These days, the existential threat is more commonly framed as white genocide or "the Great Replacement Theory — that whites will become the minority and lose power," Blee said.

The next precursor to racially motivated violence is identifying a person or group responsible, she continued.

"In the Pittsburgh shooting, cult to access and require more the threat was white genocide and the target was George Soros — so there you have an amplification by politicians of the same message that's being spread on Gab and by other white supremacists online."

> To white supremacists, "George Soros" signifies "Jews," Blee said, "and they all understand that. George Soros is to white supremacists what Rothschild was a couple decades ago. Probably most of these people couldn't tell you who George Soros is - just an image that stands in for Jews writ large, Jewish control."

After identifying the threat and the target, the third stage is a "sense of urgency," Blee said.

"That's the final trigger. 'You can't just wait around and mobilize yourself for the threat, you have to act now' - that's the message It's pernicious in any form. When it's happening on the internet all over the place, when it's amplified in public, when there is an echoing of what's happening on places like Gab and what's showing on TV, that's particularly dangerous."

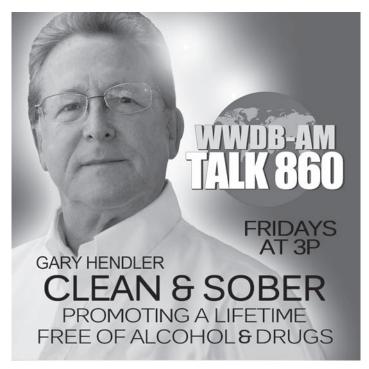
Shutting down Trump's use of social media "as a megaphone" in the days after the Jan. 6 riots and before the inauguration was particularly important, Blee said: "I think in the short run, that outweighs everything — he was clearly providing an accelerant to these conversations and actions."

The Anti-Defamation League also condoned Trump's ban from social media, calling it an "excellent step."

"President Trump incited the violent riots at the Capitol using social media and he paid the price," said Shira Goodman, regional director of ADL Philadelphia. "The big platforms must enforce their terms of service and demonstrate moral leadership. Individuals who seek to spread fraudulent and completely debunked claims to undermine our democracy and encourage mobs to overturn an election and storm the Capitol have no right to do so on social platforms.

"And social platforms not only have no obligation ethically or legally to host and amplify those voices," she added. "They have a moral and ethical and, in some cases, a legal obligation to stop such incitement to violence. While ADL believes that everyone should have the right to express themselves, incitement to violence is not a protected right." •

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Lost

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earned a degree in accounting from Temple University. After college, he entered the Navy and served as a lieutenant for two years during the Korean War. In 1953, he married Hermine Betty Eisenberg.

He initially planned to join his father in the family business, Louis Bakery, but decided to go to medical school instead. He earned his M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine (now the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University), interned at Philadelphia General Hospital and served a residency at Temple University Hospital. He opened his OB-GYN practice in Phoenixville and delivered more than 8,000 babies throughout his career.

In addition to being on the board and being a fundraising chair for his synagogue, Congregation B'nai Jacob, he channeled his experience from years in the family bakery to bake challahs and hamantaschen for fellow congregants.

Son Jon Liss said he was inspired by his father's work ethic. As a child, people would approach him to say how much they appreciated his father's care. "When I close my eyes and think about my dad, I feel his genuine joy for seeing me, the hand squeeze or arm around me walking side by side, the elation of watching him revel in his grandchildren and the beauty of the true love affair he Abbe Zuckerberg said in a statement.

Robert Pollack

Dr. Robert Pollack died of COVID-19 on Dec. 1 at Cathedral Village in Philadelphia. He was

The scientist, author, Navy veteran and former chair of the at Temple University's School



▲ Gilbert Liss

Courtesy of Jon Liss

speaking Yiddish at home with Valley due to his struggle with his immigrant Jewish parents in West Philadelphia.

He graduated from West Philadelphia High School and was drafted into the Navy Hospital Corps during World War II. After the war, he earned three degrees in chemistry and bacteriology at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences (now University of the Sciences). He married Lydia Aureli in 1952.

Pollack earned a Ph.D. in the University of Tennessee and moved to Andorra with his University, a job he loved and kept for 25 years.

"He just always stayed so involved," daughter Janine committees, he was writing grant proposals and doing research." He cared greatly about his students and was always happy to encounter former pupils on the street.

Linda Pollack-Johnson said his family, including far-flung relatives, until the end of his During the lockdown, he participated in a worldwide family reunion on Zoom orchestrated by his daughters. •

Ronald Rosenthal

department of biochemistry died of pneumonia caused by COVID-19 on Dec 31. of Dentistry (now Kornberg He was 88 and lived in Artis Wilmington and spent his School of Dentistry) grew up Senior Living of Huntingdon younger years living in Atlantic



▲ Ronald Rosenthal

dementia.

A dentist who practiced for more than 50 years, he graduated from Central High School, Temple University and Temple University School of Dentistry (now Kornberg School of Dentistry). He was beloved by his community of patients, who often invited him and his wife Pat Rosenthal to their weddings, bar mitzvahs and other simchas.

"His friends became biochemistry and nutrition from patients, and his patients became friends," she said.

He was a member of Golden wife and daughters. He worked Slipper Club & Charities and for the U.S. Department of enjoyed hosting family around Agriculture before becoming a his table for the Jewish holidays teacher and researcher at Temple at his home in Blue Bell. He was particularly fond of Jewish comfort foods like corned beef sandwiches and matzah ball soup.

Pat Rosenthal said that Shahinian said. "When he was although he had a busy a professor he was on all these practice, family was everything to him, and the couple traveled widely with their three children in the United States, Europe and the Caribbean. He also was beloved by the kids in their neighborhood.

"He was the fun guy on the had with my mom," daughter her father stayed connected to street. The kids would try the doorbell and want to know if Uncle Ronnie could come out life, when he was in isolation. and play," she said. "He was a good father and loved being a grandfather. That was really special for him."

Saul Victor

Saul Victor died of compli-Dr. Ronald Rosenthal cations of COVID-19 on Dec. 29. He was 82.

> Victor was born



▲ Saul Victor

Courtesy of Beverly Victor

City before his family eventually settled in Philadelphia. After high school, he helped his father in the family paperhanging business before starting his own, serving in the Army and marrying his high school sweetheart, Sybil Schwartz (they later separated).

He was the owner of Pearlstein's Furniture and later became a professional lead singer in his own band, the Saul Victor Trio.

mitzvah, there was never a 215-832-0729

wedding or a friend's simcha, that he wouldn't get up with the band and sing Neil Diamond's 'Sweet Caroline.' That was his signature song, along with Frank Sinatra's 'My Way,'" wife Beverly Victor said.

She said he was the ultimate family man, and the family was not just his children and grandchildren. Nieces and nephews considered him a beloved second father figure.

People have reached out to say they remember her husband's ability to listen.

"If you would meet Saul today and have a conversation, you would walk away knowing that he heard everything you said," she said. "And then if you met him a month or six months from now, he would remind you of that conversation, and what he had learned from you." •

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We Need Better Tools to Combat Domestic Terrorism



BY KENNETH L. MARCUS

THE CAPITOL RIOT should be a wake-up call for those who did not hear the alarm four years ago at Charlottesville. The riot wasn't just an assault on the seat of America's government, but also a development that could endanger Americans throughout the 50 states.

More than 70 people connected with the Capitol riot have already been charged, and the Justice Department expects the number to increase. Congress and the Justice Department are right to address the issue of insurrection first. It is now increasingly clear that many in the riot aimed to undermine American democracy. When the dust clears, President Joe Biden and Congress must also address the threat to all of us: The rioters clearly signaled that they mean to harm not only elected officials but ordinary Americans.

protect all of the groups to whom the rioters intend harm. Many rioters were motivated by racial hatred and anti-Semitic beliefs. Several displayed known symbols of hate: Confederate flags, signaling anti-Black

Percenters flag, reflecting hatred of Muslims and immigrants. One rioter even wore a "Camp Auschwitz" shirt.

But the Capitol riot was just the tip of the iceberg. The latest FBI hate crimes report shows that hate crimes in 2019 surged including a record number of hate murders. These figures are simply too high. So what do we do about it?

Some are now arguing for hate speech laws, but this would actually undermine our work. Richard Stengel, the transition team leader for the U.S. Agency for Global Media, has urged new legislation to curb Quran burning and misinformation about Russian election interference. Such speech laws raise multiple dangers, including political bias, governmental favoritism and outright censorship.

Some progressives may relish the idea of suppressing rightwing hate speech. But they the same weapons, may restrict University the Catholic Church.

Instead, begin by beefing to protect all populations, including the most vulnerable, funds need not go to exotic initiatives. What is needed is basic law enforcement.

racism, or the white nationalist U.S. Commission on Civil supremacist violence.

"Kekistan" flag, or a Three Rights, which I directed over a decade ago, urged funding police departments to improve data reporting on hate crimes. Conservative commissioners dissented from the report, observing that it overemphasized right-wing crimes.

The dissenters are correct to their highest level in a decade, to insist on evenhandedness in a field that is too often politicized. At the same time, in order to adequately respond to hate crimes committed in this country, we have to understand where, why and how often they are happening.

Improved reporting is also needed at colleges and universities. Swastika vandalism, for example, has been underreported based on dubious guidance from federal bureaucrats. The Department of Education recently rescinded that guidance, but still permits colleges to rely on it.

combat domestic terrorism. This year, a joint report by should consider that future the Anti-Defamation League conservative governments, given and the George Washington Program progressive speech. Consider, Extremism revealed the dearth for example, Poland's use of of reliable data on domestic hate-speech laws to persecute terrorism. The report's primary LGBTQ activists who criticize focus is white supremacy, and the report noted that the National Counterterrorism A proper response must up police departments' efforts Center, which was created to produce integrated, interagency assessments on terrorism issues, from physical violence. The is troublingly not permitted to do so with respect to domestic terrorism. The report also urged the FBI to provide clear data on A recent report from the its efforts to understand white

of hate can also fester within American higher education. A comprehensive response must address places at which young Americans are radicalized. This includes not only right-wing white supremacist organizations, but also left-wing university activities that promote violence.

Consider, for example, that convicted hijacker Leila Khaled, a leader in the designated-terrorist organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was just this year invited to speak at San Francisco State University, New York University and the University of Hawaii at Manoa (remotely). Khaled's events were canceled only when Zoom refused to cooperate, understanding that allowing the events to be hosted on its platform could violate anti-terrorism laws.

At Northeastern University, We also must do more to Students for Justice in Palestine announced an event to study the PFLP's "strategies and theory." At this event, students expected to learn how to conduct "armed struggle taking the form of guerrilla warfare at first and developing in the direction of the protracted people's liberation war" against their "enemies." Their enemies include the "world Zionist movement," as well as Israel, Arab moderates and "world imperialism" (read: the United States and its European allies). In other words, they would learn that the proper response to political disagreement is not civil dialogue but "armed struggle."

> What America needs, in the wake of the Capitol riot, is rights (2018-2020).

If left unchecked, this type not for political dissidents whether they come from the left or the right — to preach armed violence.

> We should not pretend that such adulation of terrorism has no impact on real life any more than we can pretend that online white supremacy groups are harmless. At the University of Illinois, mandatory diversity training last year included praise for the terrorist Khaled. It is unlikely a coincidence that this campus has also experienced an uptick in anti-Semitic incidents. It was announced recently that the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights will investigate the university based on an anti-Semitism complaint backed by the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights, the organization that I founded and now run. The university has pledged to address the problem. Time will tell whether it delivers.

> Back in April, on the campaign trail, Biden marked the one-year anniversary of the deadly shooting at a synagogue in Poway, California, with a commitment and plan to combat hate crimes. If the president is serious about this commitment, his new attorney general cannot permit hate and terrorist activity to fester. After the Capitol riot, this must be priority No. 1. •

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BY DORIT SASSON

more needed on the front lines. Every day, our essential worker, I deeply understand themselves, "Have I already

protect ours. Our nation has WITH THE THREAT of a a responsibility to protect the They are trapped in what I renewed coronavirus outbreak, health and financial stability of refer to as a "psychological essential workers are even these heroes and their families. malaise" stemming from fear

tial workers face every day. As the wife of an essential of exposure. They are asking For my job?"

employees risk their lives to the risks that these essen- been exposed to the disease? Will I need to take a COVID test? Is it possible that I could die from complications? What will this mean for my family?

Because it's difficult to

environments, it's even more necessary to require closer monitoring. Establishing a "good neighbor policy" triage system of checking in on each other is what's needed right now to create a sense of community. This cost-effective, easy-to-implement strategy begins with management asking their employees daily, "Are you OK? Is there anything you need?"

Embracing the notion that we're all in this together will, I hope, create a stronger sense of community, especially in retail and medical environments where workers may be trapped in their feelings of loneliness due to the stress and fear of potentially being exposed to the disease. But all too often, these vulnerable workers end up "playing it safe" for fear of losing their jobs.

this together may help limit supply chain. increases in loneliness." I look forward to seeing what will are the heart of our global be revealed in future studies economy, and without them, of companies that decide to implement such "good neighbor policies."

Our government needs a better understanding of these essential workers — from retail to medical establishments and particularly those in customer-facing roles and the risks they face. Emerging research shows that these workers are five times as likely to test positive as their colleagues and Steel: The Spiritual Journey in other positions, which Home."

adequately measure the risks, raises the question of whether especially in grocery store essential workers potentially exposed to COVID-19 can manage coronavirus-related health impacts in their own lives. Already, many of them are at an economic disadvantage — generally earning lower wages and carrying less health-related insurance. Because of their high risk of exposure, our country should regard COVID-19 essential workers similar to trained military professionals and offer a benefits package that represents their obligations and dangers.

There are some essential workers who feel that at the end of the day, all companies really only care about is increased efficiency and revenue. Even as we're hoping for favorable outcomes with the vaccine rollout, our human supply chain is breaking and Establishing an "I've got crumbling. We are not talking your back" community-wide about keeping up with the system could be great news for supply chain of toilet paper mental health, as research d or wipes. If anything, after demonstrates an increase in a renewed outbreak globally mental health issues. Recent with more than 1 million case studies have shown that reported deaths worldwide, "the feeling of increased this pandemic will have taught social support and of being in us the fragility of the human

> Our essential workers our retail, grocery and hospital systems would not exist. Since our essential workers risk their lives every day to protect others, our nation and individual companies should speak up and show them how much they matter. •

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Connecting the Dots Between Charlottesville and the Capitol Riot



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THE JAN. 6 ATTACK on the U.S. Capitol followed a playbook we've seen before.

We know because we're bringing the federal lawsuit against the neo-Nazis, white supremacists and hate groups responsible for the Charlottesville violence. With each new bit of information, the parallels between Unite the Right and Stop the Steal become more alarming. A straight line can be drawn from Charlottesville to the Capitol — and it is imperative, for our safety and for our democracy, that we all understand how to connect the dots.

In August 2017, white supremacists, neo-Nazis and other far-right extremists descended on Charlottesville. As the evidence in our case details, the violence that ensued was no accident. It was meticulously planned for months in advance in private chat rooms: a racist, violent conspiracy that will finally be held accountable in court later this year.

As with the Charlottesville attack, what happened at the Capitol was no accident. These were not lone wolves who spontaneously decided to storm the U.S. Capitol building. Rather, for weeks in advance, on both mainstream and fringe social media sites, these extremists organized, making clear that there would be violence if

lawmakers, media, law enforcement and others did not reject the results of the 2020 election.

One person on the far-right TheDonald forum asked, "What if Congress ignores the evidence?" "Storm the Capitol," was the response, with hundreds of users liking the post. There were countless similar posts across various sites.

These posts eerily echo the Discord chats in which the Charlottesville violence was planned, where there was explicit discussion of hitting protesters with cars nearly a month before the attack that took Heather Hever's life and grievously injured our plaintiffs.

As in Charlottesville, the Capitol insurrectionists showed up with weapons and in tactical gear, prepared for violence. When these extremists say they're going to do something, we must believe them.

The parallels Charlottesville don't end with the fact that both were violent conspiracies planned online. Right and Stop the Steal is a vile, pervasive white supremacy that includes palpable anti-Semitism. The motivation for these extremists' violence is their bigotry.

Much of this hate is predicated on the idea of the country being "stolen" from white people. "Jews will not replace us" was a direct callout to the vile Great Replacement theory, which argues that the white race is being replaced by people of color, with Jews as the puppet masters.

In fact, some of the same white supremacists who terrorized Charlottesville showed up at the Capitol, such as "Baked Alaska" and Nick Fuentes who were photographed ransacking Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office. One of the chief cheerleaders of the Capitol attack was neo-Nazi Andrew Anglin, a central player in the Charlottesville violence

and a defendant in our suit

And just as in Charlottesville, within hours of the violence. perpetrators defaulted to the same excuse they used in 2017: Antifa, even though there is zero doubt that this was a premeditated far-right extremist attack.

Now, these same extremists are back online, using the Capitol attack to recruit. So where do we go from here? The only path forward is one of accountability.

Our Charlottesville case heads to trial this year — and even before trial, there has been true accountability for the leaders of the violence, from large financial penalties to an extraordinary evidentiary sanctions decision and even jail time. It has deterred many extremists from participating in subsequent actions. Richard Spencer recently complained that he has been "financially crippled" by the case, while other defendants have had to halt plans for new buildings or

But beyond our case and a At the core of both Unite the handful of individual prosecutions, there has generally been little accountability for violent extremism. There is now an opportunity to make clear the severe consequences of this

> With a new administration in office, there is an opportunity to bring the full weight of the federal government to bear against these extremists and ensure that the playbook seen in Charlottesville and at the Capitol can never be used again.

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Celebrating Tu B'Shevat with Israel's Seven Species

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CELEBRATING TU B'SHEVAT

— the new year for trees — with dishes made up of the seven species of Israel is a wonderful way to enjoy the holiday.

During this special time of year we can taste nature's delicious bounty of first fruits and nuts. While we get outside and plant trees, we can pack a picnic basket filled with natural offerings.

One tradition surrounding this special — though underrated — holiday, is to use and enjoy the seven species of Israel. This is a biblical reference to the first fruits of the season which were the only acceptable offerings in the Temple.

pomegranates, olives (oil) and dates (honey) hold a special significance because of their connection to the Land of Israel, and because they provide the necessary combined nutrients for life.

The following two recipes combine the seven species in unique ways making them perfect additions to any Tu B'Shevat celebration.

SEVEN SPECIES SALAD

You might see the word "salad" and think the recipe will be boring, but it is anything but. Each bite is full of sweet fruit with the crunchy texture of nuts, seeds and cucumbers. It's packed to the brim

with goodness.

The homemade fig dressing Wheat, barley, grapes, figs, ties all of the flavors together perfectly, so you have something colorful on your table that's also delicious and healthy.

Salad:

- ½ cup pearled barley
- ½ cup wheat quinoa
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup dates, depitted
- 4 ounces. freshly, washed
- cucumber
- ¼ cup pistachios
- 3 tablespoons pomegranate seeds

Dressing:

11/2 tablespoons fig jam

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

Cook and cool the barley and quinoa as directed on the package, or use precooked

While grains are cooking, make the dressing by adding together the fig jam, olive oil and balsamic vinegar and whisk until thoroughly combined.

Wash, peel and chop the cucumber and set aside.

Chop the depitted dates and

In a large bowl, combine the cooked barley, quinoa and arugula. Gently mix to combine. Add the chopped cucumber, chopped dates, raisins, pistachios and pomegranate seeds and gently toss to combine.

Once the salad is evenly tossed, add the dressing (to taste - you probably won't need all of it) 1 tablespoon at a time. Gently toss and enjoy.

SEVEN SPECIES MUFFINS

Combining sweet fruit and honey with two flours make these muffins a great breakfast option or an afternoon





▲ Seven species muffins

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Starrett

snack. They are light, easy

You might want to make a double batch — these go figs — about ¼-inch pieces. quickly in my house.

- ½ cup honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 cup extra-light olive oil
- 2 eggs
- 100 grams (3.5 ounces) dates - depitted
- 80 grams (2.8 ounces) dried
- 80 grams (2.8 ounces) raisins
- 80 grams (2.8 ounces) pomegranate seeds
- 3/4 cup barley flour
- 3/4 cup whole wheat allpurpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350 F and to make and full of unique lightly coat a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.

Roughly chop the dates and

Mix the honey, vanilla, applesauce, oil and eggs in a large bowl. Stir in the chopped dates, chopped figs and raisins.

Mix the flours, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Add this mixture to the wet ingredients and mix well to combine. Gently fold in the pomegranate

Pour the batter evenly into the greased muffin tin and bake for about 20 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

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'Wolves' Howl on **New Amazon Show**

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A PACK OF WOLVES is running through the streets of Philadelphia, but fear not they're not a threat to your safety.

Amazon Prime released on Jan. 12 a new four-episode show called "Wolf PAC of Philadelphia" that pays homage to NBC's long-running hit "Shark Tank," sharing some similarities, but also revamping the format.

Over the course of a "Shark Tank" one-hour episode, the five would-be investor "sharks" hear pitches from four different entrepreneurs, then decide whether to fund them. But on "Wolf PAC," minutes, the five "wolves" hear only one pitch, offer more advice and work as a team (the sharks generally compete against each other).

For example, in the first episode Flying Pie Guy food truck operator Michael Peacock is selling a well-received Australian meat pie, but is quick to admit he doesn't

episode, the wolves hear his initial pitch, speak with a Peacock supporter (cheesesteak the pies, visit his food truck and then interview regular folks eating the pies. This all

occurs in the first 12 minutes.

As the episode, much of which is shot at Lincoln Financial Field, progresses, we hear from Philadelphia Eagles spokesman Dave Spadaro about possible partnerships with Peacock and also with the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission.

Finally, it's time for the wolves to get down to business, with the remainder of the show spent discussing Peacock's financial ask and how - and whether — they'll help him.

"The Wolf PAC is more like venture capital firm than 'Shark Tank' is. We work together, not at odds," said Leonard Lodish, an entrepreneur and Wharton School professor who is dubbed the analytics wolf.

Both Lodish and creator with episodes lasting 30-35 and Executive Producer Craig Shoemaker — a longtime comic — provide a Jewish background to the show.

> Lodish, who is a member and longtime member and former president of Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, co-founded Management Decision Systems, Inc. with \$2,500 in bar mitzvah money.

And Shoemaker, who lives know how to scale his business. in Los Angeles now, but grew Over the course of the up in Mt. Airy and Springfield, Montgomery County, has a Jewish father. He joked that the often-concurrent holidays magnate Tony Luke), sample of Passover and Easter were confusing in his house.

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► From left: Craig Shoemaker, Leslie Gudel, Judy Chang Cody, Kent Griswold, Courtney Lawless and Len Lodish

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Jamie Geller Joins Aish Global for New Media Initiative

TOBY KLEIN GREENWALD

"KOSHER OUEEN" Jamie Geller. a Philadelphia native, is taking on a new challenge. The author of seven bestselling cookbooks and the founder and CEO of Kosher Network International, Geller is partnering with Aish Global to create a new media network.

partnership The announced on Chanukah during a live candlelighting ceremony and concert viewed by over 100,000 people at the Aish World Center across from the Kotel.

Geller — whose personality-driven KNi, the parent company of jamiegeller.com and @iewlishbviamie, draws millions of followers through a strong social media presence with thousands of recipes and viral how-to videos - attributes much of her success to her Philadelphia upbringing.

"I have such gratitude for my Philly background. There were so many successes that came out of it," she said. "I grew up in a very healthy, robust, wellattended Conservative synagogue — 'AJ,' Adath Jeshurun."

Geller went to Solomon Schechter Day School in Elkins Park, and then to Akiba Hebrew Academy (now Barrack Hebrew Academy).

"I had a strong background in [Jewish] education, and Zionism was preached and adopted there; there was a huge love for Israel."

After attending New York University, Geller worked at CNN and HBO.

"I was on the sets of TV shows, on film sets, met celebrities," she

that after everything she did sending me to a Jewish school and shul and Camp Ramah in leave from HBO, Geller wrote the Poconos my whole Jewish life — I would meet a non-lewish guy."

She needn't have worried.

"I went to singles events run by Rebbetzin [Esther] Jungreis and to the Aish New York Monday parsha class, where they would try to make the parshahs relevant to your life," she recalled. "I loved it and it moved me, and I went to an Aish Discovery Shabbaton, and it was 20 years to this year, on Parshat Miketz, that I decided I wanted to become shomer Shabbos. I knew all the davening, so I was comfortable in Hebrew, from school."

After a decade-long career as an award-winning TV producer and marketing executive, Geller's second career as celebrity chef was somewhat unexpected was married, she used her oven in Manhattan for storage.

"We were newlyweds and my husband said, 'What's for dinner?' and I said, 'I don't know. You tell me!" Geller said. "My grandparents on both sides were amazing chefs. One was a proprietor of his own unbelievable restaurant in Chestnut Hill. My grandmother had a natural gift. On was a butcher in Allentown and a tremendous cook; they called him 'Chefu,' not 'Dad,' which means 'chef' in Romanian. My parents emigrated from Transylvania to Pennsylvania in 1964.

how to cook. He's a dream, he

said. "My mother was so nervous family cooked. To this day, he's of the Kohelet Foundation, is a my sous chef."

> While she was on maternity a cookbook at her husband's urging. "It became an autobiography — how I married, made mistakes in the kitchen — and I needed recipes, so I wrote those after I wrote the book."

That book was "Quick & Kosher — Recipes From the Bride Who Knew Nothing."

"I had called a Jewish publisher but they declined a meeting with me because they were already committed to a different cookbook author, so I called Feldheim Publishers and said, 'I'm a producer at HBO, can I have a meeting?' and I got it. They printed 10,000 copies and they sold out in a few weeks. It's now in its seventh printing, and has been translated to Hebrew."

Now, many books and 1 billion video views later, Geller is especially given that before she known for being able to connect with a Jewish audience — which is precisely why Aish Global pulled her in and made her their chief media and marketing officer. The goal of the partnership, over the next 10 years, is to connect 3 million Jews around the world to their Jewish identity "through cutting-edge, quality, professional and commercially viable Jewish entertainment the other side, my grandfather and edutainment," Geller said. "The programs will be stratified — covering a diverse range of topics." The visionary and architect of the plan, said Geller, was Rabbi Yitzchak Berkovits, the rosh yeshiva of the Aish "Then my husband taught me HaTorah Yeshiya in Jerusalem."

worked in catering, his whole David Magerman, the founder

longtime investor in KNi. As a proponent of kashrut — he's the owner of the kosher restaurants Zagafen and Citron & Rose Tavern he's excited about Geller's potential to spread the word.

"I'm thrilled that she is partnering with Aish Global to continue promoting the kosher lifestyle," said Magerman. "I can't think of a better ambassador for kashrut than Jamie to represent the message of the beauty, simplicity and healthfulness of kashrut."

Of course, keeping kosher will be just one part of Geller's message with Aish Global.

"We hope to reach Jews who are so far living without any Judaism in their lives. Maybe they're Jewish by birth, maybe they identify, maybe not," Geller explained. "We see the enthusiasm for the [Netflix series] 'Unorthodox,' which wasn't 'sold' to Jewish audiences. It all starts with quality content. ... People will come if the content is compelling, creative and entertaining."

Geller knows a bit about compelling content. Before she started KNi, Geller worked on some big hits, including "Sex in the City" and "The Sopranos."

"Regarding 'Sex in the City,' I was a single girl living in Manhattan. It certainly wasn't my life, but it spoke to so many, it had its finger on the pulse of culture and society and I think there was value for the culture in the society at that time. I learned a lot from that experience."

Working on those projects gave Gladwyne philanthropist her insight that she'd use later.

"When I became religious,



▲ Jamie Geller lights the menorah with her daughter at the Aish World Center during the Facebook Live announcement of the partnership.

Photo by Todd Rosenblatt

I was crying, wondering, 'Why did I waste 10 years of my life? How would this be relevant to me now?' But it has been the most relevant professional experience, for everything I have done. That career and specific professional experience and expertise has opened every single door."

Now, the Gellers don't even have a TV in their home. "But I do keep my ear to the ground and make sure that I'm informed and watch elements of whatever is trending in streaming programming," Geller said. "I often go outside of the Jewish world to my network of contacts when it comes to production and marketing."

She will surely do some of that in her new role with Aish. The organization is looking forward to having Geller onboard.

"This is an initiative for and by the Jewish people," Aish CEO Rabbi Steven Burg said. This isn't about building up Aish. This is about building and improving the world." •

Toby Klein Greenwald is an awardwinning journalist, theater director and editor-in-chief of WholeFamily.com.

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"Was the empty chair for Elijah or Uncle Ray?" he said.

Shoemaker's balanced a standup career with various

always been an entrepreneurial guy — he helped developed "on hold" advertising and founded to be its own character," he said. the nonprofit LaughterHeals.org.

Although he's lived on the West Coast for years, he retains a love for Philadelphia, which is apparent in the show. Numerous stage, film and television acting Philadelphia landmarks are and writing roles, but said he's referenced and familiar faces

make cameo appearances.

"This show needs Philadelphia

Philadelphia plays a key role in the first four episodes, which feature a beauty salon operator, a natural energy food bars inventor and an entrepreneur in the sports collectibles market.

Shoemaker said another six

Philadelphia-centric episodes are planned before the show heads in future seasons to Boston, a co-founder and partner Chicago and perhaps beyond.

Cleveland native Lodish said the show is designed to show that business can be fun despite the struggles would-be entrepreneurs often face.

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people to start businesses and own businesses," said Lodish, with Musketeer Capital LLC and co-leader of Wharton's Venture Initiation Program in San Francisco.

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The True Value of Education

BY RABBI DANIEL LEVITT

Parshat Bo

THIS WEEK'S TORAH portion, Bo, marks the beginning of the Jewish people's freedom from slavery in Egypt. It begins with the last three of the 10 plagues, and then continues with Pharaoh allowing the people to go free and of their preparations to leave. We learn a little bit about the Jewish concept of freedom through this narrative.

On the eve of the Jewish people's departure from Egypt, Moses speaks to the people about educating their children on three different occasions. This is important because it is teaching us that the importance of freedom is about freedom from bondage for the sake of freedom alone.

If all the Torah wanted to teach was that a person shouldn't have be shackled, Moses could have spoken about how great it will be to be free and how amazing God is for freeing the Jews alone. Instead, he chooses to reveal the lessons about freedom

Freedom needs to become a propaganda are mutually positive value celebrating and exclusive because propaganda experiencing what is gained through freedom.

According to Jonathan Sacks, one of the core institutions needed for freedom to a false understanding of to be experienced and upheld is education. Sacks wrote, "You must tell your children (and the children of your community) about slavery and the long journey to liberation. They must annually taste the bread of affliction and bitter herbs of slave labor. They must know be to this sad state of events, what oppression feels like if they are to fight against it. So Jews became the people whose passion was education, whose citadels were schools, and whose heroes were teachers."

True freedom is experimuch more than just achieving enced in a community's ability to educate, to expand minds and perspectives, to tolerate opposing ideas rooted in truth, and to choose to be inspired to act according to truths learned when a community can inspire with people we disagree with. action through education.

what are the opportunities between propaganda and of security. The digital world's

available when a person is free. education. Freedom and is the opposite of education; it is based on falsehoods and Rabbi seeks to control.

> Propaganda enslaves people reality and seeks to control people's behavior, while education enlightens people with the ability to think critically, think for themselves, and hopefully to be inspired to help rather than be controlled to do harm.

What should our response how can we all learn from recent events? One approach could be to ask ourselves in what way are we deficient in our desire to truly learn about issues in depth in a way that not only supports my worldview, but challenges me to think deeper, in a more nuanced way, to understand important issues from multiple (factual) perspectives in a way that allows us to engage in dialogue

Too often, we seek comfort Our society has been in the people and opinions who plagued by false information agree with us and conform inspiring countless people to to our sense of what's right, act in hurtful and destructive and we demonize the "other" through the perspective of ways. This is the difference when it challenges this sense

result, the world feels more polarized than it has in recent memory. Most of us lament this reality with no idea how to overcome this wave of educational enslavement.

According to Rabbi Sacks, the answer to truly being free is to celebrate and strengthen the value of true education, the value of having a passion for truth; whether or not it conforms to our previously held notions, and allows us to have a conversation with people we disagree with based on a shared set of facts.

There is a line from Pirkei Avoth 6:2 which says, "There is no one so free as one who occupies himself with the study of Torah." The intellectual heritage of Torah is one where we value truth above all other factors. There needs to be a culture around the way in which we digest news and information where people with differing opinions are able to engage in respectful dialogue and do not reflect the view of the because everyone can at least Board of Rabbis agree on a shared set of facts, and everyone can respect another perspective as having value, and everyone can feel

consumption of news media confident that the other has has exacerbated this tendency not been radicalized by propaof human nature and, as a ganda. That is how truth and freedom are maintained.

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When we seek to attack or silence the valid factual ideas we don't like and we disagree with, we are not acting within the spirit of Judaism, and we are risking our freedom. Because true freedom is about the ability to rise above our passions, to control ourselves, and in the words of Rabbi Sacks, "To control oneself without having to be controlled by others."

May we all be blessed to seek to educate ourselves, to value truth above all else, and may the power of truth mend our fractured world. Shabbat

Rabbi Daniel Levitt is the executive director of Hillel at Temple University: the Rosen Center. The Board of Rabbis is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own



Ethical

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said Magfirah Dahlan-Taylor, an instructor of philosophy and world religions at Craven Community College.

Rev. Christopher Carter, assistant professor, assistant chair and department diversity officer of theology and religious studies at University of San Diego, said the hazardous conditions facing meat processing workers at Tyson food plants showed how even when food corporations take pride in their essential status during the pandemic, the essential labor and humanity of their employees is often rendered invisible by an entire community particisystemic racism.

So, what is to be done?

Dan McKanan, Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist senior lecturer at Harvard Divinity School, argued that while food is traditionally treated as an individual choice, meaningful change could only be achieved if it was considered a communal act with ramifications for others. His fellow panelists agreed, citing traditions from their own faith that illustrated this point.

Dahlan-Taylor said that the Islamic festival of Eid al-Adha,

pating in and sharing a sacrifice, offers an opportunity for people to reflect on their obligations to each other as humans and to non-human animals.

Carter said the pandemic made him reflect more critically about how his eating habits aligned with his Christian ethics. He acknowledged that changing eating habits, which often follow centuries-old traditions, could be challenging.

He advised leaders to start conversations by inviting people to tell stories about why they choose to eat the way they do. Once people which is often celebrated with started thinking critically about practices inexorably impact 215-832-0729

easier to see how food choices can be changed to align more closely with religious values.

Crane said the vignette from the Talmud illustrated the interconnectedness of food systems in the ancient world. Even though Jews did not eat pigs, they were still impacted by others' choices to do so and had to grapple with uncomfortable conversations CreatureKind, Jewish Initiative that arose as a result.

"Who am I, to talk about your dietary patterns? Yet, this is precisely one of the points of these sources and our conversation today: your eating spanzer@jewishexponent.com;

their habits, it would become me, and everyone else, and vice versa," he said.

> He added that the laws of Kashrut primed Jews to think about righteous eating and communal values. Iewish and non-Jewish communities alike. he noted, could identify their core values and choose to eat in ways that uphold them.

> The event was organized by For Animals, Shamavim Jewish Animal Advocacy and Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry. •



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Diller Teen Fellowship

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THE JEWISH FEDERATION of Greater Philadelphia helps teens develop their leadership skills in a way that draws a connection between Jewish tradition and contemporary issues. The Diller Teen Fellowship is an incredible one-year leadership training experience for 10th and 11th graders that aims to build the next generation of committed Jewish leaders.

Through monthly leadership programming, Diller inspires and empowers a global network of teens by equipping them with the skills, confidence, knowledge and Jewish values they need to help create a better world. Fellows in the Philadelphia-area cohort build meaningful connections with teens in the cohort's partner

on Jewish values. The Philadelphia cohort made a grant to Pathways to Housing PA, an organization focused on empowering people with disabilities to improve their housing stability, achieve better health and reclaim their lives. Local teen fellows have been particularly interested in learning about Jewish perspectives on racial justice, antisemitism, and the community response to COVID. The program has responded with speakers from ADL, Avodah and a clergy panel from our local Philly community.

While the fellowship program is a one-year commitment, there are more than 4,000 active Diller alumni around the globe, including a



Courtesy of Darren Rabinowitz



city of Herzilya — including two exchange opportunities, between Philadelphia and Herzilya — culminating in a three-week summer experience that includes the Global Diller Congress with more than 650 fellows from across six continents.

This past year, Diller programming was moved online due to the pandemic. New virtual programming included cohorts becoming community changemakers through local grantmaking. The Diller Teen Fellows Tikkun Olam Grants launched over the summer, a collaboration between Diller Teen Fellows, the Helen Diller Family Foundation and Jewish Teen Funders Network. Cohorts researched local needs and organizations to build consensus about the greatest impact they could have as a group.

Given the economic and health impact of COVID-19 and the fight for racial justice and other social issues, this was an important time to explore the leadership skills necessary to build a commitment to lifelong giving based

growing cohort here at home. The Philadelphia Diller Alumni Committee is focused on creating opportunities for local alumni to continue to engage with Jewish learning, social action projects and mentorship opportunities for current Diller Teen Fellows.

The Philadelphia Diller Teen Fellowship program is funded through the Helen Diller Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia through various grants including the Bernard and Etta Weinberg Family Fund.

Do you know a Jewish teen in 10th or 11th grade that wants to step up, lead their community and repair the world? Learn more about how the amazing teen in your life can join with more than 600 teens from around the world as a Diller Teen Fellow. Recruitment for the 2021-2020 cohort will begin in late spring. For more information, visit jewishphilly.org/diller or contact Diller Teen Coordinator Darren Rabinowitz at drabinowitz@jewishphilly.org.

Diller Teen Fellowship a Game Changer for Greater Philadelphia Teens

Meet Naomi, a Diller Teen Fellows Alumna

"MY MOM IS FROM ST. LUCIA and my dad was born and raised here in the U.S. so I identify as a Jew of color. I live in West Philadelphia and attend The Episcopal Academy where I'm currently one of a small number of Jewish students in the high school.

While the teachers and school curriculum has given me a lot of support in exploring some of my intellectual connection to Jewish faith and in looking comparatively at a range of religions, I still miss the sense of Jewish community and Jewish spiritual practice. Luckily I have been able to interact with other Jewish kids through my synagogue and the Diller Teen Fellows program.

Thanks to Diller, I've learned to embrace my unique identity, support my exploration as a Jew of Color and work with my peers to collectively make a difference in the world around us.

Today I hold a deeper connection to my roots and for the first time ever have meaningful interactions with other Jews of Color from my community. I am so grateful to Diller and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia for all that it has made possible for me."



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BIRTH

SYDNEY MO SOLLBERGER

Izzy Sollberger of Philadelphia and Grace and Lilly Sollberger of Blue Bell announce the birth of their baby sister, Sydney Mo, born on June 18, 2020.

Sharing in the simcha are her parents Shawn and Kimberly Sollberger of Philadelphia and grandparents Marvin and Diana Lenetsky of Bensalem and Jim Sollberger of Ravenna, Ohio.

Sydney Mo is named in loving memory of her paternal great-grandfather, Moe Lenetsky.



ENGAGEMENT

THOMAS-SCHECTER

Paul and Hope Thomas of Lafayette Hill and Herbert and Linda Schecter of Narberth announce the engagement of their children, Rebekah Lauren Thomas and Devin Blake Schecter.

Rebekah is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where she earned a doctor of pharmacy degree with a Spanish minor. She is a pharmacy manager at Walgreens.

Devin is a graduate of Delaware Valley University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology. He is a research scientist at Larimar Therapeutics.

Rebekah is the granddaughter of Richard and Harriet Solomon, Alice Thomas Parry and the late William Thomas. Devin is the grandson of the late Bettye Schwartz-Kaplan, Harry Schwartz and Doris and Max Schecter.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are Rebekah's sisters, Hannah, Abigail and Sarah.

A May 2022 wedding is planned.



Photo by Hannah Thomas

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

Alan Horwitz to Donate \$5M for Philadelphia Youth Basketball Facility

PHILADELPHIA YOUTH BASKETBALL announced that it will repurpose a 100,000-squarefoot industrial building in Philadelphia's Nicetown neighborhood to be named The Alan Horwitz "Sixth Man" Center after its lead donor.

Horwitz, 76, the Philadelphia real estate developer behind Campus Apartments and a Philadelphia 76ers superfan, is contributing \$5 million as part of a \$25 million capital campaign.

The facility, which will become PYB's new home, will feature seven basketball courts, five classrooms, a health and wellness oasis, a financial literacy workshop, a civic dialogue arena, a healthy food commissary and a retail shop, a youth leadership and multimedia lab, a Philadelphia Basketball Hall of Fame, conferencing pods and administrative space for PYB staff.

"PYB's coach-mentors and staff team leaders are top-notch and have devoted themselves to creating opportunities for kids to achieve academically and intellectually, socially and emotionally, athletically and civically," Horwitz said. "Our center will be an absolute game changer at a time when our city and thousands of young people need a safe and positive place to learn and develop."

PYB, which was founded in 2015 as a youth and community development organization, will break

doors 12-14 months later. It will be open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

PYB uses basketball as a tool to surround young people with culturally relatable coach-mentors who come from the same neighborhoods and circumstances that they do to help young people find voice, value and visibility as they navigate their formative years.

Its six core programs are a middle school partnership, collegiate summer camp series, the female-based HoopHers, an older youth program called I Am Because We Are, learning pods and a leadership development academy.

KleinLife Awarded \$50K Grant for Holocaust **Survivor Support**

The Jewish Federations of North America's Center on Aging And Trauma awarded KleinLife a \$50,000 grant to be paid over two years for Holocaust survivor support services.

The award follows a 2018 grant of \$150,000 that allowed KleinLife to establish its Revive program. Kleinlife serves 220 Holocaust survivors from the former Soviet Union with a variety of health, wellness, nutrition and socialization services that focus on improving participants' physical, psychological, social and spiritual wellness.

KleinLife said in a news release that in a recent

ground on the center late this year and will open its Revive program evaluation, 86% of participants said they experienced an improvement in physical wellness and 93% said they had improved their psychological wellness.

KleinLife Hosts Virtual Dance Program for **Holocaust Remembrance Day**

"Maybe Even Higher," a virtual dance program inspired by children's artwork from the Theresienstadt concentration camp in the Czech Republic during World War II, will be shown at 2 p.m. on Jan. 27 by KleinLife as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Philadelphia dance company The Artist House will perform the original choreography for the program, which is set to Johannes Brahms' waltzes.

"The show is dedicated to Jewish and other artists who refused to shed their humanity and life's work in the face of extermination and found dignity and humor in theatre in the pits of hell," dance company Artistic Director Asya Zlatina said.

The four-part program will be presented in English and Russian.

To view the program, register and receive a Zoom link from Mariya Keselman-Mekler, KleinLife's counseling and program manager and certified art therapist at 215-698-7300, ext. 185, or by emailing mkeselman@kleinlife.org. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

Holocaust

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figured would serve him well as an interviewer were not as translatable as he thought. For one, his last name hadn't been an obstacle to establishing a rapport with subjects in his other jobs, but now he had to assure some survivors that he was indeed Jewish.

The preparation intense, sending Schmidt running off to read books on, as little possible to the story say, the Romanian experience he was told, even to refrain of the Holocaust in 1941. There from providing all but the also was a difference between bare minimum of comfort the goal of his previous interviews, conducted to gather Interviews took anywhere information that Schmidt from four to 12 hours. One would transmit to an audience, time, Schmidt had to interview and the act of recording testi- a neighbor; he'd never even

was be less visible.

when a survivor began to cry. mony, which required him to known that she was a survivor.

Though he felt the has regularly spoken to Jewish He was instructed to react profound impact of what he heard long after his time as an interviewer concluded, it was not until 2014 that he began to speak publicly about the experience. It took him three months to write the speech's first version, but when it was finished, Schmidt knew it was ready to be heard.

Since that address, Schmidt 215-832-0740

groups and non-Jewish groups for free. Though he cherishes the special silence that comes with the attention his lecture is given during an in-person event, Schmidt feels fortunate that the pandemic hasn't kept him from telling his story. •

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DEATH NOTICES

ALLEN

Ann Allen (nee Schwartz) died on January 4, 2021. Born in Philadelphia on March 17, 1928, Ann was the cherished daughter of Rose and Manny Schwartz. She was the beloved wife of the late Nathan Allen for 60 years; the loving mother of Faith (Dennis Cohen) and the late Glenn Allen; the adoring grandmother of Samantha and Jessica (Peter) and great-grandmother of Jack, Madeline, Mia and Nathan. Ann was a proud 1945 graduate of South Philadelphia High School who graduated first in her class. Ann was loving, compassionate and charitable She was the ultimate caretaker for her family and for everyone else who needed her help. Ann was a sweet, kindhearted woman who truly loved people and made everyone around her feel special. She was adored by her nieces and nephews and, later in life, by everyone who cared for her at Ann's Choice, Chestnut Pointe and Rose Garden. Contributions in her memory may be made to Ann's Choice Benevolent Care Fund, 20000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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CHESKIS

Marilyn Ann Cheskis Lear (nee Goldsmith) age 83, of Bensalem, PA., died peacefully on January 13, 2021. She was born on August 19, 1937 in Philadelphia, daughter of the late Norman and Rebecca Goldsmith, and sister to the late Arnette Sulman and Sidney Goldsmith. Marilyn graduated from Temple University in 1959 and worked as a teacher. Later, she became Director of the JCC Klein Branch nursery school program from 1985 until her retirement in 1992. Marilyn volunteered with many organizations and was known throughout Northeast Philadelphia for her kindness, compassion and her commit-ment to education and Jewish ideals. Wife of Robert Lear and the late Eugene Cheskis. Mother of David Cheskis, Neal (Heather) Cheskis and Joel (Mandy) Cheskis. Step mother of Joe (JC) Lear and Andrew (Deena) Lear. Grandmother of Etana, Hallel, Noah, Shay, Devorah, Rena, Chloe, Jacob, Ethan and Ryan. The family requests that contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity

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DAVIS

Arthur L. Davis of Shannondell & Philadelphia used to joke that he had a case of the hoots" or "clivitus", but it was COVID 19 that felled him. Arthur, 87, passed on Jan. 8th 2021 & is survived by his loving son, Elliott, former wife Phyllis Barsky, and first cousins, Anita Brody, Sarina Cook, Mae Kastor, David Zeitzer, and Lewis Berkowitz. Art's father, Isidore, immigrated from Romania to the USA as a child with his family. His mother, Minnie Berkowitz, was born in (Vineland) NJ to immigrants from Poland. Art was an only child but both of his parents had multiple siblings. He was a mischievous child who was also voted most talkative member of his Olney HS class. He followed in his mother's footsteps, studying pharmacy at Temple University, Famous for his wit and memory he enjoyed talking to his customers. Art also loved the piano, classical music, owl related art, Jeopardy, traveling, and most of all his son. He had a keen sense of smell and for a brief period in his early adulthood started a partnership to create and sell "Rake" brand men's colognes and hair sprays in department stores. After retiring from Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Art traveled and frequently volun-teered as a theater usher and at Pennsylvania Hospital. Lastly, Art always liked to arrive very early for appointments. Despite being 87, he sadly arrived too early to his final appointment as well. In lieu of flowers please . send donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia or fairvote.org.

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FREDMAN

Irwin Jay Fredman of Gaithersburg, Maryland passed away peacefully on December 31, 2020, at age 88. Survived by his wife, Christine Latsey, and children Jonathan Lauren (Greg Huot), Paul, and Peter; grand-children Jane, Eve, Zachary, Alex, and Nat-alie; and nieces Sondra and Bobbie. Predeceased by his son Andrew (Kerin). His previous marriage to Ruth Gruber ended in divorce. Raised in South Philadelphia, he was an early Jewish cadet at West Point and actively participated in alumni events for the rest of his life. At Temple University in the 1950s he led the effort to create the first integrated fraternity. As an adult he was a devoted member of Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park and a community activist who achieved significant street safety improve-ments. Irwin Jay fought a brave battle with Parkinson's disease and remained positive until his final days and grateful for his family and friends. Services will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the Jewish Foundation for Group

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Leona Gershenfeld (nee Levy) January 13 2021: of Media. PA: beloved wife of the late Marvin: loving mother of Holly Alten (Steve) and Mitchell Gershenfeld (Sandra); cherished grandmother of Justin (Tiffanie), Michael and Matthew Due to Covid-19 services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS

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GERWITZ

Herman M. Gerwitz, January 13, 2021 of Bala Cynwyd, PA. Beloved husband of Stacey (nee Ross); loving father of Stephanie (Brian) De-Mayo and Morgan (Zachary) Levin; adoring grandfather of Eric and Andrew; devoted brother of Hope (Donald) Knight, Arthur Gerwitz, Gregg Gerwitz, the late Robert Gerwitz, and Marc Glassman; cherished son of the late Milton Gerwitz and the late Elva (Irving) Glassman. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Food Bank Fund at Main Line Reform 410 Montgomery Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19096

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Arthur Irving Glick on January 14, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Davida (nee Schlank); Loving father of Dr. Hillary Glick, Mary Ellen (Tim Cole) Glick and Dr. Susan (Barry Bergman) Glick; Devoted grandmother of Monica and Benjamin; Dear companion of Shirley Conston. Contributions in his memory may be made to HIAS PA, www.hiaspa.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

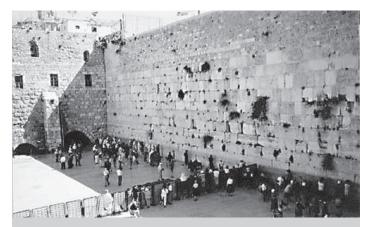
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HERSHOFFJeffrey "Jack" Hershoff, on January 9th, 2021

in total peace and in his sleep as we had prayed, our Father Jeffrey "Jack" Hershoff passed away. He was a dynamic and complicated man who lived a rich and adventurous life; most notably as a World Class Black Jack and Poker Player, a Vietnam Veteran, a man of faith in G-d, and restless in spirit as he was a seeker, an entrepreneur, always traveling around the country and world find-ing opportunity, adventure and in communion with the G-d who lived in him, the one and only true G-d. Son of Abraham and Yetta, he was born in 1950 in the Overbrook section of Philadelphia. Brother to Michael Hershoff, and Arlene (nee) Solomon, Brother-in-law to Mike Solomon, Beloved Father to Rita (nee) Hertzog, and Franklin McAdam by adoption, Father-in-law to Philip Hertzog (who played many long hours of chess with Jef-frey, and even in the end could not beat him), Grandfather to Sofia, Samantha, Gavin, Emma, Isaac, Lucas, Pearl, Olivia and Fredy. He leaves behind cousins, a niece Ashley (nee) Morse, nephew Jason Solomon, greatnieces Madyson, Raegan, Ava and Great-Nephew Aiden, life long friends, classmates and business partners, and he is reunited with his parents and younger brother Michael, whom he loved with his whole heart, Jeffrey was a high school drop-out, and married our Mother Tia McAdam when they were very young adults. Yet, he was an educated man who read thousands of books, and wrote thousands of more letters, and understood the very essence of life, through his reading, writings and musings. He was a man both at once burdened by his troubles and transcendent in all possible ways. He was honorable, loval to the end, and as grounded in his principles as he was wistful and playful as a child. Stubborn-as-a-mule he beat Covid-19, and then died on his own terms On behalf of my Father and in keeping with Jewish tradition I ask all that knew him to forgive him for any grievances and trespasses and remember the essence of his light and love, his intelligence, his honor, his humor, his mitzvahs, and although he was not humble in life, he did the best he could to always do the right thing. And he succeeded as much as any man can succeed. In the end he told me that we were his legacy and that the faces of our children would carry our family's legacy long into the future far beyond his eyes could see, and he was proud of all of us. From my dad I inherit my own tenacious spirit of adventure, an intuition that is generational and beyond the ages, and a will to survive. He will be sorely missed, and already we feel strange being on earth without one of our parents. And yet, we know that a parents love transcends all things, even death. And as he once told us "time is not linear. If we once were, we always are." May you remember my father well. Rest In Peace Jeffrey, Jack, Maxman, Laid-back Jack, Dad. I will never forget you, and I know we will be together again. February 23, 1950 - January 9, 2021.

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HIRSCH

Ruth Hirsch (nee Fischer) passed away January 13, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Arnold Hirsch. Loving mother of David (Mira) Hirsch, and Judy Hirsch. Dear sister of Evelyn (the late Irving) Buddine, and Diane (David) Malament, sister-in-law to the late Stanley Hirsch (Sandie) aunt to Dale Buddine (Brian). Rick Buddine (Linda), Michele Wexler, Rich Wexler, Bill Hirsch (Dawn), Daryl Hirsch (Mindi), Lou Hirsch (Antonia), great aunt to Mike Elnick (Loren), Jodi Bud-dine, Brian Buddine, Lily Kempinski, Rae Kempinski, Jason Hirsch, Danielle Hirsch, Harrison Hirsch, Bennett Hirsch and great great aunt to Lee Elnick and Quinn Elnick. She was predeceased by her brother as a young boy, Zane Fischer. She is also re-membered with great fondness by long time friends of her children, friends in Israel and her many cousins. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, 2100 Arch St. Phila PA 19103 www.jewishphilly.org Services were private

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KRAMER

Mitchell A. Kramer, Esq. passed away on January 15, 2021. Husband of Judith (nee Hahn). Father of Barbara Kramer (Steven Acker) and Mitchell F. (Christine) Kramer. Grandfather of Anna Rosenfeld, Eva Rosenfeld and Alexander Acker. Step-Grandfather of Jared Acker Evan Acker and LeeAnn Acker. Great Grandfather of 3. Private Graveside Services were held at Mt. Sinai Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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LANDER

Andrea Lander (née Gallet), passed on January 4, 2021. Beloved wife of Howard, for over 51 years, Loving mother of Joy Lander and Michael Roe, and David Lander. Devoted Nana of Ella Roe and Jackson Roe. Sister of Ed Gallet and the late Jeffry Gallet, Aunt of Greg Gallet. She is also survived by many loving family and friends. Andrea was born in Brooklyn, NY, and would move to Pennsylvania to attend Wilkes College. While at Wilkes she was an active and vocal participant in the Women's Rights Movement, and an active member of the Democratic Party. While at Wilkes, she met Howard, who she would marry in 1969. After graduating from Wilkes she moved to Harrisburg and worked for the state in the Department of Community Affairs, specifically dealing with housing issues in Pennsylvania. Following her year in Harrisburg, she moved to Philadelphia where she worked for Model Cities, where she became a vocal advocate for so-cial change and the building of affordable public housing for the people of Philadelphia. Andrea graduated with her Masters in Political Science from Temple University, and made a career change into the field of Real Estate, in which she worked for more than 25 years. Andrea was an active member of the Jewish community of Philadelphia, as a member of multiple synagogues, and spent time on the American Jewish Congress. As a breast cancer survivor she supported the Susan G. Komen Foundation, helping to fundraise and as a yearly participant in the Mother's Day Walk for many years. Contributions in Andrea's memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation or to Society Hill Syn-

agogue, in Philadelphia GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

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MOLOTSKY

Fay Molotsky (nee Lev), of Cinnaminson, NJ, passed away on January 7, 2021. Fay was born to Zelick and Yetta Lev in Wilmington, DE. Fay graduated from Simon Gratz High School and entered the field of bookkeeping. Wife of the late Arnold Molotsky. Beloved mother of Sharon Molotsky, Linda Molotsky and David (Michael Freshwater) Molotsky. Adoring Bubbie to grandchildren Jessica (Kate) Bordner, Courtney Bordner, Austen Di-Massimo, Hanna DiMassimo and Bubbie Fay to great grandchildren Emilia and Madelyn Bordner. Survived by sister Barbara (Babsy) Feldman, and a host of nieces and nephews Also remembered by Richard DiMassimo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory be made to Samaritan Hos-pice Care in South New Jersey samaritannj.org or Uncle Neil's Home, A Farm Sanctuary uncleneilshome.org.

Mom/Bubbie - we love you a

bushel and a peck.

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NEWMAN

Judith B. "Judy" Newman (nee Fine), January 6, 2021 of Boca Raton FL, formerly of Broomall, PA; beloved wife of Jeffrey; loving mother of Julie Newman, Jill (Larry)Kaplan and Gene Newman; adoring grandmother of Sydney and Riley. Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (www.jewishphilly.org) or a charity of the donor's choice.

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PONT

Gerald (Jerry) Pont, January 8, 2021; New York City; of complications related to congestive heart failure. Survived by a daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, sister, niece and nephew. Also survived by his devoted part-ner. A graduate of Germantown High School and Penn State. He earned his law degree (J.D.) from American University. Owner and president of Walnut Printing in New York City from 1987 until his death. Jerry loved sailing, traveling and visiting with friends and family. He is remembered for his wit and sardonic sense of humor, but he mostly wants to be remembered as grandpop, a role he truly cherished. Due to COVID restrictions, services and interment were private. Contributions in Jerry's memory can be made to American Heart Association at www.heart.org



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RHEUBAN

Robert I. Rheuban, born June 26, 1928, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2021 at the age of 92. Beloved husband of the late Faye who preceeded him in death on June 12, 2020. They were married on Oct. 10, 1953. He was a proud Navy veteran of both WWII and the Korean Conflict. Loving father of Rande (Howard) Levin and Beth (Jerry) Rubinstein. Devoted Grandfather (Pop) of Scott (Samantha) Levin, Adam Levin, Julie Rubinstein and Reid (Alexandra) Rubinstein. Adored Great Grandfather (Pop Pop Rodsey) to Chase Wolkov, Jake, Max and Drew Levin and Rae Rubinstein. He was a man who loved his family and friends, and his country, and will be greatly missed. Robert was laid to rest on January 12, 2021 at Shalom Mem. Park. Donations can be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, Processing Center, PO Box 863765 Orlando, FL 32886, www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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RICHMAN

Irvin "Jerry" Richman, on January 11, 2021. Beloved husband of Irene (nee Cohen); Loving father of Shelley (Stuart) Kolber and Marc (Francine) Richman; Devoted grandfather of Garrett (Tina), Jessica, Carly and Allison; Ad-oring great-grandfather of Emily and Gwen. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Food Bank of New Jersey, 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 or to a charity of the

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ROSENTHAL
Ronald S Rosenthal, DDS age 88 died of COVID 19 on December 31st. Beloved husband of Pat (nee Prince). Loving father of Caryn Coff (Howard), Judy Wetzler (Merrick), and Dr Marc Rosenthal (Paula Cupertino), ex Lorraine Seifert. Devoted grandfather of Allyson (Gregor Hoffman), Sarah (Michael Matza), Austin, Carly, Sydney and Miles. He will be deeply missed. Ron, a graduate of Central High School, Temple University and Temple University School of Dentistry, was a popular and respected Dentist for over 50 years. He is the son of the late Herbert and Cecel Rosenthal, brother of the late Linda Gershenson (Robert) and brother in law of Marcia Bryant (AI). Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory can be made to the act.alz.org or Golden Slipper Club & Charities, 215 Presidential Blvd #1, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

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SCHWARTZ

Phyllis Schwartz (nee. Rudolph), the wife of Dr. Milton Schwartz and the love of his life for 61 years, the compassionate mom of Randall (& Abby) Schwartz and Erica (& Nicholas) Schwartz-Hall, the adoring Mimom of Kyle, Sophie, Isaiah, Raphael, and Elijah passed away peacefully Monday, January 11, at St. Mary Medical Center with her loved ones at her side. She was an avid lover of all puzzles and games, an incurable romantic and an amazing cook (known worldwide for her famous brisket). Phyllis worked as a computer operator at Univac on one of the first computers. She was a founding board member of the Newtown Chamber Orchestra, along with her husband, Milton, and served on it's board for 20+ years. In her later years, she turned her passion for the arts into a BA in Art History at Temple University and then into the Interim Curator of Children's Educa-tion at the Michener Art Museum. Phyllis had a unique way of making people feel special She treated everyone with dignity and respect, whether a new introduction or a lifelong friend. Mom, we are grateful to you for teaching us the value of family and the meaning of love through your words and actions. You will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered by all whose souls you touched Services were private due to Covid-19 restrictions. Donations in her memory may be made to the Newtown Chamber Orchestra, PO Box 716 Newtown, PA 18940, https://www.newtownchamberorchestra.org/ and the James A Michener Art Museum, 138 S. Pine St Doylestown, PA 18901, https://www.michenerartmuseum.org/ .
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SOFFER

Bess Soffer (nee Feinstein), 68, of Margate City, New Jersey, died on January 6, 2021, in Atlantic City, NJ, from the COVID-19 pandemic. Bess was born on April 30, 1952 in Philadelphia, PA, to the late William and Phyllis (Kohn) Feinstein. She graduated Lower Merion High School and Temple University with a degree in early childhood education Bess enjoyed her work as Residency Coordinator at Lions Gate Retirement Community until her retirement in 2015 Throughout her life Bess was a longtime volunteer within the community. She served as President of Temple Emanuel of Cherry Hill NJ. founding President of the Young Leadership Council of Southern New Jersey, and leadership positions with the Jewish Federa tion of Southern New Jersey, the Union for Reform Judaism, the URJ Camp Harlam, and Jewish Family & Children's Services. Bess loved the Margate beach, traveling the world, attending theater, and baking for her family, especially her grandchildren. She lived with a full heart and will be missed more than she will ever know. Bess is survived by her beloved husband of 45 years Jim, sons Geoffrey (Joaquin Esteva) of Los Angeles, CA, and Rabbi Matthew (Nicole) of Durham NC, grandchildren Caleb and Carmel, sister Michele (James) Lipenta of King of Prussia PA, sister-in-law Trish (Robert) Mainwaring, and many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Donations in Bess's memory can be made to the URJ Camp Har-lam Arie Gluck Capital Fund donate.reformjudaism.org/funsraiser/3092406 and Judea Reform Congregation https://www.judeareform.org/give PLATT MEMORIAL CHAPELS, Inc.

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SOLL David B. Soll, M.D. passed away on January

12, 2021. Beloved husband of Jean (Shtasel) for over 64 years. Loving father of Abby Nelson (Marc), Stephen Soll (Joyce), Warren Soll (Sandy) and Adam Soll (Susie Bleiman). Cherished grandfather of Rachael Smith (Jason), Kate Nelson and Sydney, Harrison, Natalie, Jonathan, Emily, Benjamin, Amanda & Carly Soll. Dr. Soll, a world renown eye surgeon, spent his entire career in Philadelphia. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He attended NYU and graduated from The Chicago Medical School. He completed his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and residency at Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital and then served in the U.S. Public Health Service, a division of the US Coast Guard as chief of the eye department. He returned to Philadelphia where he maintained a successful ophthalmology practice for over 50 years. Dr. Soll specialized in cataract and intraocular lens surgery and reconstructive and cosmetic eye plastic sur-gery. He founded the Ophthalmology Departments at Frankford Hospital, Hahnemann University Hospital and Cooper University Hospital and was chairman of the residency programs at Hahnemann and Cooper hospitals. He was dedicated to teaching and trained hundreds of residents throughout his career. He was a professor of ophthalmology at Hahnemann and Cooper and was a frequent lecturer at national and international ophthal-mology meetings. Dr. Soll authored a widely used textbook on eye plastic surgery and wrote and edited numerous articles and chapters in ophthalmology journals and publications. Dr. Soll's additional accomplishments included being a founding member and past president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He developed surgical techniques, instrumentation and medication used worldwide in eye plastic surgery, cataract and intraocular lens surgery and glaucoma surgery. Dr. Soll had a zest for learning and know-ledge. He enjoyed attending the Philadelphia orchestra, operas at the Met and various lectures. He loved to travel the world with his wife Jean and to spend time with his family at the Jersey shore. Funeral services will be private. Contributions in Dr. Soll's memory may be made to The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia www.jewishphilly.org GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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WENITSKY

Irvin Wenitsky on January 5, 2021. Beloved husband of Sondra (nee Shore) Loving father of Howard (Phyllis) Wenitsky; Devoted grandfather of Jennifer Spector (Jonathan Smith), Samantha Wenitsky and Erica Wenitsky; Adoring great-grandfather of Jordan. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Ste 800, Miami, FL 33131, www.parkinson.org or the Michael J. Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 www.mi-

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ESTATE OF ALFONSO J. PASSARO, SR. a/k/a ALFONSO PASSARO, SR., 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 MICHAEL PASSARO, JR., ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Marc Vogin, Esq., 1700 Sansom St., 3rd Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: MARC VOGIN KLEIN, VOGIN & GOLD 1700 Sansom St., 3rd Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103 persons having claims or demands

ESTATE of ALFRED B. SMITH, DE-CEASED

CEASED
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Delaware County, PA
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persons having claims or demands
register the outstand it by decodors. against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Cynthia Walker, Executrix, c/o her

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delay to JAMES R. DERBYSHIRE,
JR., ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Megan
McCrea, Esq., 1 Summit St., Philadelphia, PA 19118,
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ESTATE OF AMITY F. GANN a/k/a AMITY GANN, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the

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ESTATE OF ANNA M. HEALEY, DE-CEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the

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 ROBERT F. HEALEY and JOHN J. HEALEY, JR., EXECUTORS, c/o Bruce M. Dolfman, Esq., 901 N. Penn St., F-2102, Philadelphia, PA 19123, Or to their Attorney: Or to their Attorne

BRUCE M. DOLFMAN 901 N. Penn St., F-2102 Philadelphia, PA 19123

Estate of Ava Mercede; Mercede, Ava, Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION

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delay to: Husam Stephen Nolan, Executor c/o Joy Dickstein, Esquire 668 Woodbourne Road Suite 101 668 Woodbourne Road Suite 101 Langhorne, PA 19047 or to his attorney: JOY DICKSTEIN, ESQUIRE 668 Woodbourne Road Suite 101 Langhorne, PA 19047

ESTATE of CHARLES J. GLOVER.

Late of BUCKS County
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c/o Joy Dickstein, Esquire
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Langhorne, PA 19047
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PA 19444 Or to his Attorney Or to his Attorney: MARK J. DAVIS LAW OFFICE MICHAEL S. CON-NOR LLC 644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

ESTATE OF DORIS M. OUZTS, (a/k/a DORIS OUZTS, DECEASED.

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Or to his Attorney. Or to his Attorney: Jay F Kivitz Law Offices Kivitz & Kivitz P.C. 7901 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19150

Estate of Dorothy M. Smith: Smith. Dorothy M., Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA 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: William A. Smith, 14 Grant Dr., Holland, PA 18966, Executor. Edward J. Campanella, Esq. 477 West Valley Rd. Wayne, PA 19087

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LAW OFFICE OF BRADLY E. ALLEN
7711 Castor Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 1952

ESTATE of EDNA HOLLIMAN. De-

estate of EDNA HOLLIMAN, Deceased Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the Estate of the above named Edna Hollimon, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said deagainst the estate of the said de-cedent are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said decedent to make payment without delay to: Holly Hollimon-Baxter, Executrix c/o Lisa Comber Hall, Esquire HALL LAW OFFICES A Professional Corporation 27 S. Darlington Street West Chester, PA 19382

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Haig Babaian 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, P A19454

Estate of Grace E. Moragne Moragne, Grace E. Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

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ESTATE OF HAYDEN MAPP, DE-

PA 19046, Or to her Attorney: BESS M. COLLIER FELDMAN & FELDMAN, LLP 820 Homestead Rd. Jenkintown, PA 19046

ESTATE OF JAMES CALHOUN HUMES a/k/a JAMES C. HUMES, DECEASED.

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Or to her Attorney: REBECCA SALLEN SALLEN LAW LLC 325 Merion Rd Merion Station, PA 19066

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the above Estate have been granthe 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 PAUL M. JAMES, III, AD-MINISTRATOR, CO Andrew J. Barron, Esq., 1701 Walnut St., 6th FI., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attoriev. Or to his Attorney: ANDREW J. BARRON THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 1701 Walnut St., 6th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE of REGINA EVANS; EVANS, REGINA Deceased 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 the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: James Morris, c/o Brem Moldovsky, L.L.C., 100 N. 18th St., Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Administrator. Brem Moldovsky, L.L.C. 100 N. 18th St.

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ESTATE OF ROBERT W. INGRAM, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or quest 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 MARY ELLEN INGRAM, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Danielle M. Yacono, Esq., 1701 Walnut St., 6th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: DANIELLE M. YACONO THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 1701 Walnut St., 6th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Estate of Thomas R. Raymond; Raymond, Thomas R., Deceased

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Haymond, Inomas H., Deceaseu 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 decodant to make known the the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to same, and all persons indepted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Kathleen Pietrzak, 12534 Deerrun Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154, Executrix. Paul H. Young, Esquire 3554 Hulmeville Rd. Suite 102, Bensalem, PA 19020

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Victoria, Deceased 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 same, and an persons indepted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Steve Halenda, c/o Henry S. Warszawski, Esq., 413 Johnson St., (201), Archways Prof. Bldg., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Administrator-CTA. Henry S. Warszawski, Esq.

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Or to her Attorney: ADAM S. BERNICK LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK 2047 Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ZELINSKI, DECEASED.

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Fictitious Name Registration Fictitious Name Registration
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Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, Decem County of Philadelphia, December Term, 2020, No. NC1912006.
Notice is hereby given that on December 23, 2019 the petition of Anya Goodman was filed, praying for a decree to change her child's name from Audyn News Cacadana to Ne Nova Goodman to Nova Orion Nova Goodman to Nova Orion Goodman. The Court has fixed February 16, 2021 at 9am, for re-mote/virtual hearing in Courtroom 3D, Family Court, 1501 Arch Street, Phila. PA, for

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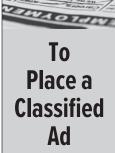
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▼ TUESDAY, JAN 26

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During January, access the Wellness Experience Library, including exercise classes from yoga to HIIT workouts, calming meditations, expert tips and DIY self-care. For more information, contact **JAFCO FamilyMatters** Events Manager Melanie Foldes at melanie@familymattersnetwork.org or 267-637-0210.

▼ THURSDAY, JAN 28

Importance of Credit Scores Join JEVS Career Strategies &

Career Solutions for a series of financial education webinars geared toward those aged 55 and up in partnership with Citizens Bank. This session's topic is learning the benefits of tracking and understanding money coming in and going out. RSVP at jevshumanservices.org/finance0128 to join the noon event. ●



NEWSMAKERS

Congregation Adath Jeshurun Men's Association hosted former Philadelphia Phillies General Manager Ruben Amaro Jr. for a virtual event on Jan. 10.



▲ Clockwise from top left: Ruben Amaro Jr., Mark Schwartz, Ed Moses and Skip Atkins

Photo by Rachel Palitto

James Beard Award winner Michael W. Twitty presented a virtual cooking demonstration as part of the Cook & Connect series at Congregation Rodeph Shalom on Jan. 10.

► Michael W. Twitty making blackeyed pea hummus.

Courtesy of Congregation Rodeph Shalom



Lions Gate Assisted Living resident Harriet Levy, 92, was among the first residents on Jan. 10 to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. CVS/OmniCare administered the vaccine distribution at the Voorhees, New Jersey, facility.

► Harriet Levy (right).

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Since 1866. Abramson Senior Care has served as a safety net for the frail Jewish elderly. And while the senior care landscape has changed around us, we have remained passionately committed to this mission.

We are compelled to ask: how can we make the most meaningful impact on our community's needlest seniors? The answer to that question has changed over time. So has our strategy for implementing our mission.

From 2008 through 2019, we gradually expanded our reach through services such as Transitional Care, Home Care, Hospice, Care Advisors, Medical Adult Day, outpatient Memory Care, Primary Care and Palliative Care. This array of services now provides care to nearly 5,000 seniors throughout our community each year - wherever and however they need us.

Bold leadership requires the courage to evolve.

After evaluating all other options, we came to the difficult decision to sell our treasured Horsham campus, the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. While we share in our community's many emotions about this sale, it was necessary for sustaining our vital work. Abramson Senior Care remains strong and ready to take our mission to new heights.

Our spectrum of caring services empower seniors to remain safely independent at home for as long as possible, choosing a nursing home only when absolutely necessary - aging in place with dignity, purpose and choice.

And so, while we remain committed to seniors who still need long term care, we are focusing our growth on the expansion of community and home-based models. Public policy is aligning with this trend. Increasingly, Medicaid is directing seniors to these forms of care in lieu of nursing homes.

This policy shift has profoundly affected our ongoing mission to serve frail Jewish seniors in need. We owed it to them to find another way.

Today, our **Abramson Senior Care** brand means coordinated, highly personalized care that enables seniors to move seamlessly through our innovative services as their needs evolve. It means support not only for seniors, but for the families who love them.

The vulnerability of our seniors has never been more painfully apparent. We are now called to ask: how can we serve them better? Our evolution began years before the pandemic, but the many lessons learned this year inform our path forward.

We are humbled and privileged that the community has entrusted us with caring for our seniors for over a century and a half. We will be here for you and your family for generations to come as we navigate the aging journey together.

Follow our journey by visiting us at www.abramsonseniorcare.org.



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Birnhak Transitional Care at Lankenau Medical Center

Polisher Research Institute

Edna Young Gordon Healthy Brain & Memory Center

Care Advisors

Lila H. Levin Palliative Care Program

Home Care

Medical Adult Day Services

Primary Care