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**THE FUTURE OF** Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy's teachers union, Local 3505, is in jeopardy following a Dec. 4 meeting between the union and school board representatives.

According to a joint statement, the board informed the school that it would withdraw recognition of the union when its current contract expires in August. It is a decision, the board said, that will best serve the school's mission, but the decision could also weaken the teachers' ability to negotiate benefits.

The Dec. 4 joint statement from the board and union — signed by board President George Gordon, board First Vice President Howard Treatman and union co-Presidents Minna Ziskind and Hannah Soffer — summarized the meeting.

"On Dec. 4, 2018, representatives of the Board of Directors of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy and its teacher's union,

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▲ Artist rendering of the mikvah room

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## Plans for Center City Mikvah Move Forward

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

**WHEN ASKED HOW** long the Mai Shalva-Center City Community Mikvah has been in the works, Rabbi Menachem Schmidt's answer is simple.

"Oy," he said. "That gets an oy."

Schmidt has tried to bring a mikvah to Center City for a decade. Technical chal-

lenges have stalled the project more than once. They've had to switch architects and change the design, but the mikvah's contract has finally been signed and plans are moving forward.

"It's a miracle we've made it this far," Schmidt said, estimating completion within nine months. "We have some time, thank God. This should be a catalyst

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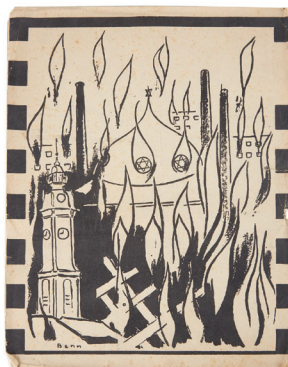


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#### TURNING POINT CAFÉ OFFERS WIDE SELECTION

Food columnist Keri White's been making the rounds of some local eateries and came away with a favorable opinion of the Turning Point Café, which has 16 locations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Plenty of breakfast and lunch offerings, including numerous options for kosher-style diners, hit the spot. Visit the Philacatessen blog on our website for details. And check the blog regularly for content not found in the printed edition, including additional recipes, gift ideas, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.

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# Jewish Feminists Divided on Women's March

## LOCAL

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"LORD, GIVE ME the strength to bend the arc of the universe towards justice."

More than 20 women and a handful of men sang that and other verses together at a Jewish gathering before one of Philadelphia's two iterations of this year's Women's March on Jan. 19.

At "Before the March: A

Jewish Gathering to Fortify Your Heart & Stomach," the group met at an apartment near the Art Museum, where they mingled and sang songs, including one that drew on Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous words.

Of the two marches in Philadelphia, the Jewish gathering's attendees went to the one held on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art by Philly Women Rally, the local group that organized the march the last two years. The other

march, held at Love Park, was organized by Women's March Pennsylvania, a chapter of the national Women's March Inc., an organization that has come under fire for anti-Semitism and mismanagement.

In its third year, controversy has embroiled Women's March Inc. and its leaders. One in particular, Tamika Mallory, has refused to condemn the words of Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader who has called Jews termites among other comments, after appearing at one of his events.

As a result, many women in the Jewish community who support the march's mission had mixed thoughts on attending this year.

In the end, the women at the Art Museum gathering had decided to show their support, at least for the Philly Women Rally march. Women at the gathering expressed that the answer to dealing with anti-Semitism is not to sit out of the conversation.

"I'm there. It matters to me," said Molly Wernick, assistant director of community engagement at Camp Galil, who organized the gathering. "I want to organize with sisters and allies and people from varying identities other than my own, as well as support my own community. I'm not going to wait for permission, for someone to tell me that I belong there or not, because I know that I do. I'm not going to remove myself from that table. I want to be at that table, and I don't need to agree with everybody at that table about everything."

Wernick and Miriam Steinberg-Egeth, director of the Center City Kehillah, welcomed attendees, who then joined a discussion on anti-Semitism led by Jen Anolik of Moving Traditions, created Tu B'Shevat-themed trail mix or learned about a variety of different organizations that were tabling.

Steinberg-Egeth said she had no qualms about attending



▲ From left: Rachel and Rose Zuppo are a daughter and mother who attended the Philly Women Rally march to "be respected and give love to the community, regardless of faith. We can't be divided," Rose Zuppo said.

Photos by Selah Maya Zigelboim



▲ Rabbi Annie Lewis speaks on the stage set up at the bottom of the Philadelphia Museum of Art stairs.

the locally organized march, especially since it was run independently of the national Women's March group. (She added that were she in Washington, she would have been on the fence about attending that march.)

Steinberg-Egeth pointed to Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation as one of the incidents over the past year that motivated her to show up.

"I know a lot of people who have participated in Women's Marches in the past who are not participating this year because of a variety of issues, but we can't stop," Steinberg-Egeth said. "We can't stop because things are hard. We can't stop because things are complicated."

At 10 a.m., the group left for the museum, where they joined a stream of others. Beyoncé's

"Who Run the World (Girls)" thrummed as the crowd marched toward the museum's steps.

As others joined, the crowd bounced to the rhythm and occasionally sang along as a medley of other pop ballads, such as "Raise Your Glass" and "I'm a Survivor," played out.

The speakers at the Philly Women Rally march spoke about gun violence, immigrant rights and women's issues, among other subjects. Speakers included Attorney General Josh Shapiro, Philly Women Rally Founding Board Member Beth Finn and Rabbi Annie Lewis, director of rabbinic formation at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

"On this Sabbath morning, Jewish people around the

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# Local Lions of Judah Roar at Florida Conference

## LOCAL

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**FIFTY-ONE JEWISH** philanthropists from the Philadelphia area attended the 2019 International Lion of Judah Conference, held earlier this month in Hollywood, Fla.

Those 51, the region's largest delegation in recent memory, are among 17,000 women from around the world who raised more than \$35.9 million in contributions for Jewish causes.

At this year's conference, the leader of the Greater Philadelphia delegation was Lyn Neff, the latest winner of the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award, which recognizes women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism in their communities.

In addition, the award embodies the spirit and vision of the Lions of Judah through a commitment to *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*. She was cited for philanthropic and volunteer commitments that made a significant impact on her community, not to mention setting a standard for others in community motivation and leadership.

Neff has been involved with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia for more than 30 years. The Villanova resident helped form the Committee for the Jewish Poor and, with her husband, Roy, created the Mitzvah Food Pantry Choice Food Program, an innovative means of addressing food insecurity using touch-screen interfaces and nutrition-based pricing.

She also is a Jewish Federation trustee, serves on the board of Women's Philanthropy, been part of several missions and chaired many other Jewish Federation committees.

"I certainly felt honored, but I also felt humbled," Neff said. "You are in the trenches, doing all the work you do, and awards are not what you think of. I look at the list of the



▲ From left: Women's Philanthropy chair Jodi Miller, Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award Winner Lyn Neff, and Philadelphia's ILOJC co-chairs Joy Wilf Keiser and Tami Astorino

Photos provided

previous seven Philadelphia awardees and I am so humbled that I am in their company."

Neff joins Phyllis Finkelstein (2016), Connie Smukler (2014), Ann Spain (2012), Lana Dishier (2010), Beth Reisbord (2008), Cis Golder (2006) and Anabelle Fishman (2004) as past Philadelphia Lions of Judah honorees.

"Those women have all been role models for all the rest of us," Neff said.

She centers her regional efforts around trying to alleviate hunger in the Jewish community and elsewhere.

"The level of Jewish poverty in our community is not recognized as it needs to be," Neff said. "Say a person has only a limited amount for food, heat and medicine. That person will either go hungry, or not have his medicine and freeze. If we can help with the food, the money available can go to other necessities. And we end up not just feeding Jews, using what money is available as efficiently as possible."

And she is proud to be a Lion of Judah.

"I enjoy being in the company of other Lions," Neff said. "The conference in Florida was amazing. You see so many ideas and learn so many different ways to help. All of us think more of others before



▲ From left: Award winner Lyn Neff and Ellyn Golder Saft

ourselves. You are at the conference with 1,400 other amazing people who impress you, and we all come back home so energized. This is the future of our community, with a lot of younger women, in their 40s, wanting to become involved and help. Every Lion, in my opinion, deserves an award."

Neff and her husband also look to help with their family's Auldridge Fund, a charitable foundation.

Marni Davis, in her eighth

year as the Women's Philanthropy director, explained what the Lions of Judah are about and why their work is important.

"This organization is open to all women who contribute \$5,000 annually, in each community," Davis said.

"We know how important it is to be philanthropists and we care about what we do," she said. ●

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# Film Screening to Commemorate Holocaust Victims

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**THE INTERNATIONAL** Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on Jan. 27 will offer a variety of choices for Philadelphians who want to observe the day through engaging, thoughtful programs.

Gratz College is partnering with the Anti-Defamation League of Philadelphia, the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation to screen *Who Will Write Our History*, a documentary described as “vital” by *The New York Times*.

The movie is being shown

across the globe that day — from Poland to Zimbabwe to Melrose Park.

*Who Will Write Our History* is the story of a group of journalists and academics trapped inside the Warsaw Ghetto who sought to record the lives of the 450,000 Jews around them as a way to fight back against the Nazis. Among them was Emanuel Rigelbaum, a historian who helped found the Institute for Jewish Research (Yivo), and Rachel Auerbach, a writer who would later go on to work for Yad VaShem, collecting Holocaust testimony and assisting the prosecution during the trial of Adolf Eichmann.

During the war, they were part of a group code-named Oyneg Shabes that lead the charge to collect and create tens of thousands of documents, complete with drawings of daily ghetto life, maps of Treblinka,

official Nazi documents posted throughout the city, photos and more. Interspersed with re-enactments, the movie features voiceovers from Joan Allen and Adrien Brody as Auerbach and Rigelbaum, respectively.

“The goal here is to bring the past to life while balancing against the high standards for veracity in a documentary,” director Roberta Grossman said. “To achieve this goal, we blended archival and dramatic footage, pulling from the tools of dramatic feature storytelling. While fully aware of the complexity of these techniques, I reached for these visual tools because *Who Will Write Our History* tells the story of a place that no longer exists [the Warsaw Ghetto], about people who are long dead, and about a period of history captured primarily in black-and-white film and mostly by Nazi



▲ Cast members in costume

Anna Wloch

propaganda photographers and cameramen. I want people not simply to learn from the film, but to be engaged and deeply moved.

“In 1999, three document collections from Poland were included in UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register: the masterpieces of Chopin, the scientific works of Copernicus and the Oyneg Shabes Archive,” she continued. “It is my hope that *Who Will Write Our History* will change that in the way that only a film can do, by making the story accessible to millions of people around the world.”

“We are very pleased to work with our partners and colleagues to present this important event to the community,” said Mindy Blechman, coordinator of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Gratz College.

Josey Fisher, director of the Gratz College Holocaust Oral History Archive, will open the event with a discussion of the archive and its significance in Holocaust studies. Following the film, attendees are welcome to stay for a Facebook Live discussion with executive producer Nancy Spielberg, Grossman and Samuel Kassow, the historian who wrote the book that *Who Will Write Our History* is based on and who also appears in the film.

The educational program runs from 12:30 to 4 p.m., and the movie will screen at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10-15.

The movie will also be shown at the University of Pennsylvania Hillel at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The Ritz Five, at 214 Walnut St., will screen the movie at 1:50 p.m.

At Ohev Shalom of Bucks County, the Jewish War Veterans Post No. 697 will host a remembrance event from noon to 4 p.m. The program will feature Daniel Goldsmith, who survived the Holocaust as a child in Belgium with the help of Catholic institutions. Tickets are \$7, and those interested in attending should call 215-322-9595 to reserve their seats.

The Rowan Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Rowan University will commemorate Holocaust remembrance on Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Student Center Patio.

On Jan. 28, Owls for Israel will host John Spitzer, a Holocaust survivor for dinner and a discussion. Spitzer survived the Holocaust in southern Hungary, where he was a forced laborer for the Nazis. The talk will be at 1441 W. Norris St., from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

On Jan. 29, JCRC will host a program for high school students to discuss the universal lessons of the Holocaust through small group discussions with survivors. This event requires preregistration, and will take place at Gratz College from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. •

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# Electric Company Founder Robert Ford Dies

## OBITUARY

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**THOSE WHO KNEW** Robert Ford, who died at 85 on Jan. 8, felt he was moral, gentle and never stopped learning.

"He always was looking to learn, even as he got older," daughter Nancy Ford Grossman said of her father, who earned a Ph.D. in business administration at 70, and another in administrative engineering at 74.

As a businessman, founding Robert Ford Electric Co. in Bryn Mawr, with a presence in Ardmore, Philadelphia and Longport, N.J., he stressed high standards, morals, integrity and ethics in building his firm in the fields of electrical construction management



▲ Robert Ford

Photo provided

and collaborative design build, Grossman said.

His company's clients included NFL Films, the Comcast Center, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the

Barnes Foundation, QVC, the University of Pennsylvania Health System and PECO.

"My father was really a very humble man," said son Stuart Ford, who has served as the firm's vice president and general counsel since 2000. "He taught us how to live and be ethical in our dealings. He spun off Robert Ford Electric Co. from my grandfather's Henry Ford Electric Co. and always did whatever he could for the customer."

Robert Ford's initial employment after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania was with General Electric, where he helped design re-entry systems for such items as the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile and influenced the design of what would become the game Battleship in a

building on Chestnut Street.

"My dad's first job was with GE, then for the better part of two decades he worked for his father's company before forming the firm I still work for today," Stuart Ford said.

Two of the larger projects were with NFL Films in Mount Laurel, N.J., and the Comcast Center in Philadelphia.

"With NFL Films, when they moved into their building, they needed an electrical expert with production studios, film transfer, complex audio and video and lighting," Stuart Ford said. "With the Comcast Center, we installed a custom fire-alarm and smoke-evacuation system. ... My father was able to design and customize systems with a number of projects that saved the customer a good deal of money."

Ford was involved with many charitable endeavors including Boys Town Jerusalem, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Golden Slipper Club and Charities and the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. He was Gov. Ed Rendell's commissioner appointee on the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and served on the Pennsylvania Impact Commission under Gov. Tom Ridge.

A funeral was held Jan. 10 at Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, with interment at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd. Contributions in Ford's memory may be made to Har Zion or the Abramson Center. ●

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**MENACHEM MENDEL** Strassberg, 14, who goes by Memu, is “bright,” “energetic” and “fun-seeking,” according to Rabbi Mendy Levin, principal of Cheder Chabad, where Strassberg typically attends school.

It’s those qualities that make the reality of Strassberg’s current situation all the more cruel.

Strassberg, who is studying abroad in Israel, was rushed to a hospital on Jan. 17 after his legs were crushed beneath a large rock that he was climbing upon. It became dislodged and trapped his legs underneath. He was taken to Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital.

“It’s just not him to be stuck in bed and not running around,” Levin said.

Strassberg’s parents, Rabbi Eli Dovid Strassberg and Rivkah “Rivky” Strassberg have been updating friends and community members on their son’s situation via WhatsApp. The Strassbergs are Chabad emissaries, long active in the Delaware County Chabad and known for their Living Legacy programs: They lead trips and do demonstrations of the essentials of Jewish life with local Jews, setting up model matzah baking factories and creating Shabbat candles together, among other activities.

They could not leave to see their son until after Shabbat, but are with him now.

Though doctors were initially skeptical that Strassberg

would be able to keep his legs, according to Levin, Strassberg “is a real fighter,” in their words; he became conscious far earlier than expected, and has reported being able to feel sensation on the bottom of his feet. As of Jan. 21, he even has a pulse in both legs. Though nothing is guaranteed, Strassberg’s resilience has been astounding to his doctors.

“The doctors told his parents, if he’s gonna fight, then we’re gonna fight,” according to Rabbi Moshe Brennan of Chabad of Penn Wynne, who knows the Strassbergs.

“The doctor actually told [Memu’s parents] — a nonreligious Israeli doctor — he could tell there were a lot of prayers going on for this child,” Levin said.

Which is indeed the truth. Students — Memu’s class-



▲ Menachem Mendel “Memu” Strassberg with tefillin on in his hospital bed  
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mates — at Cheder Chabad have recited the entirety of Tehillim six times over, Levin said. (Neighborhood men and women have done it more than 30 times since the accident.) But of course, the number itself is not the point.

“The important thing is we’re praying for them and really hoping to see miracles and to see a full recovery,” he said. “We believe in the power of *tefillah* and especially the *tefillah* of young children.”

In the meantime, Brennan, alongside Rabbis Shraga Sherman, Yossi Kaplan and Yudi Shemtov, has put together an online fundraiser for the Strassbergs at **[themmstrasbergfund.raisegiving.com](http://themmstrasbergfund.raisegiving.com)**. As of publication, almost \$70,000 has been raised already through dona-

tions from around the world.

“Our immediate reaction is action,” said Sherman, referring to the fact that the fundraiser was set up within hours of the news breaking. “These kinds of situations can be very taxing on a family emotionally, but especially financially.”

There have been hopeful reports during the last few days, Levin said, but even as the short-term crisis continues, the community is thinking in the long-term: health care bills and other costs to be incurred along with major injuries.

“God willing, everything will go well, but whichever way you look at this, there’s going to be a great financial cost,” Levin said. •

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## Postwar Displaced Persons Materials Auction Set

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A KETUBAH, scribbled on a pitifully dirty piece of paper but recording a union nonetheless. Yiddish newspapers produced for and in displaced persons camps the size of small farms. Zionist material published just a few years before the foundation of the genuine article.

The anonymous collector who put together the She'arit Haple'atah Archive, which will be auctioned off in its entirety on Jan. 31, must have been "very passionate" about the immediate postwar and post-Holocaust

era of European Jewish life to have curated such a collection, said Darren Winston, head of books, maps and manuscripts at Freeman's, an auction house.

"What I personally find fascinating," said Winston, "and I think what Freeman's finds fascinating, is that someone chose to put it together."

Studying the archive, said David Bloom, a senior cataloguer who has been at Freeman's since 1983, "was sort of overwhelmingly powerful." "The material is very wide ranging, so it really gives you a feel for Jewish life in post-Holocaust, postwar Europe," he said.

The She'arit Haple'atah

► A drawing from the collection  
Photo provided

Archive (Hebrew for "the surviving remnant") consists of the ephemera created by and provided to the displaced Jews of Europe between 1945 and 1949: political pamphlets, poetry, sidurim and more, produced in the often-dire circumstances of the DP camps. Because it was made as inexpensively as possible, much of it was left behind when the camps themselves were closed. The last camp was open until 1957.

"It was never meant to

See Holocaust, Page 31



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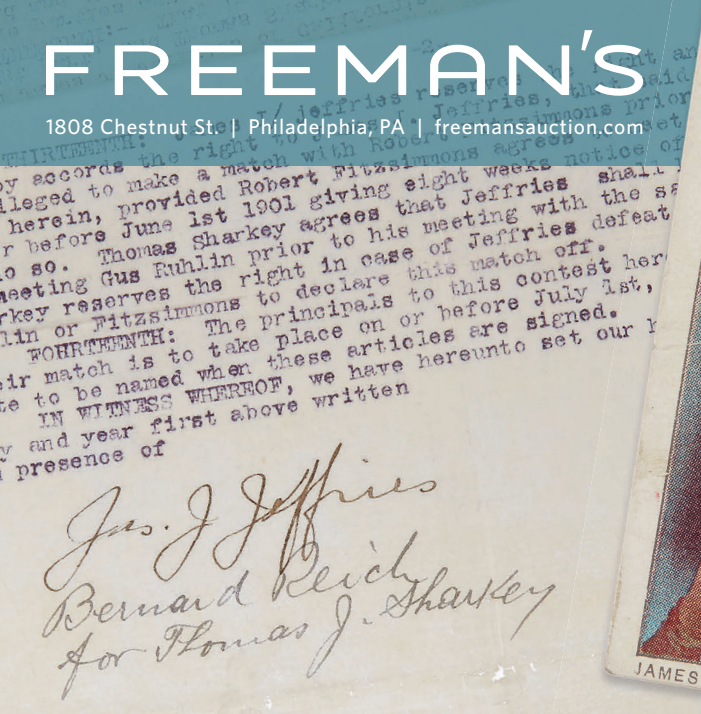

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### **The Forward to Cease as Print Publication**

AFTER 121 YEARS, *The Forward* will cease as a print publication this spring and instead focus on English and Yiddish online editions, the *New York Post* reported on Jan. 16.

*The Forward* will lay off 40 percent of its editorial staff, including Editor-in-Chief Jane Eisner.

The *Post* said *The Forward* is looking to attract those under 35 who read news primarily online.

"*The Forward* is taking the next step in making our brand more relevant to our readers and more connected to their lives," Publisher and CEO Rachel Fishman Feddersen said.

An unnamed source in the *Post* article said *The Forward* has "been losing money for years, but lately the losses have been more than \$5 million a year."

### **Furloughed Workers Can Receive No-Interest Loans**

The Hebrew Free Loan Society of Greater Philadelphia announced that local federal workers who are unpaid during the government shutdown may apply for no-interest, no-fee loans of up to \$1,250.

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Loans will be available until the fund is depleted. Loans must be repaid in full 90 days after the borrower returns to work. Apply at [hflphilly.org/ShutdownLoans.htm](http://hflphilly.org/ShutdownLoans.htm) or call 267-225-7822.

### **Prison Congregation Gifts Photo to Interfaith Center**

The Jewish Congregation at Phoenix, a maximum security prison outside Philadelphia, gifted the historic 1993 photo of Israeli President Yitzhak Rabin shaking hands with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, congregation coordinator Bob Lankin said.

The photo, where both men are posing with President Bill Clinton, originally hung in an area designated for a synagogue at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford, Lankin said. That synagogue closed in 2016 after the prison was audited by the federal government regarding compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act; because the synagogue has no cameras, it was found to be in violation and closed.

There was no synagogue space in the new prison (built next to Graterford), so the old synagogue items, including the photo, were stored away until recently.

### **'Hello Dolly!' Star Carol Channing Dies at 97**

Carol Channing, who won fame for her role in *Hello Dolly!* on Broadway, died Jan. 15, JTA reported. She was 97.

The daughter of a Jewish mother, Seattle-native Channing learned to speak fluent Yiddish from the grandfather of her first husband.

Channing first gained fame in 1949 in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* as flapper Lorelei Lee, singing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend."

She won a Tony Award in 1964 as Dolly Levi in *Hello Dolly!* She played the role for the last time in a 1995 revival.

Channing won a Lifetime Achievement Tony in 1995, and in 1981 was inducted into the American Theatre Hall of Fame. •



## HEADLINES

## ISRAEL BRIEFS

### Bar Association Head Arrested in Sex Scandal

ISRAEL BAR ASSOCIATION leader Effit Naveh was arrested Jan. 16 for allegedly nominating a female judge to a magistrate's court in exchange for sexual favors, The Times of Israel reported.

The website reported that Naveh is also believed to have had sexual relations with the wife of another judge to help him advance to a higher court. Apparently, that promotion never was granted.

As the leader of the Bar Association, Naveh held one of nine seats on the Judicial Appointments Committee. That committee determines placements and promotions for judges in Israel's three-tiered judicial system.

Naveh was released to house arrest despite a police request that he remain in custody for three days.

Naveh also was indicted in December on suspicion that he smuggled a woman out of the country, then tried to bring her back in unregistered through border control.

### Israeli Natural Gas to be Exported to Egypt

As part of its plan to sell its natural gas manufacturing services across the globe, Israel will soon start exporting natural gas to Egypt, JNS.org reported.

By selling the natural gas, Israel seeks to improve its existing diplomatic relations and forge new ones.

Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz said on Jan. 14 that exports would double, but didn't provide specific figures. Shipments to Egypt are expected to reach 1.85 trillion gallons annually within a decade, he said. Of the exports, half will be used for Egypt's domestic economy, with the other liquefied to be re-exported.

### Tank Goes Off Course When Crew Dozes

An Israel Defense Forces (IDF) tank crew fell asleep during a training exercise, and the tank went out of control, including crossing a major highway, according to *The Algemeiner*.

The Merkava 4 tank crew had been ordered to stay in place by a platoon commander. A braking mechanism was supposed to have been activated. The tank was later discovered 600 meters away crossing a highway. Nobody was hurt and no damage was reported.

The incident occurred at the Armored Corps School during a training course for tank commanders, *Mako* reported.

### Vegetarian Chief of Staff Sworn In

Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi — who is reportedly the first vegetarian to hold the position — was sworn in Jan. 15 as Israel's military chief of staff, JTA reported.

Kochavi, 54, is a former paratrooper who earned master's degrees in public administration from Harvard University and in international relations from Johns Hopkins University. He succeeds Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot.

Kochavi headed the Military Intelligence Directorate and the Northern Command and was decorated for serving during the Second Lebanon War in 2006 and Operation Protective Edge in Gaza in 2014.

"As the head of the General Staff, while I have national security and the good of the state before me, I make a new vow. There is much work to be done," he said.

Kochavi and Eisenkot upheld tradition after the swearing-in by visiting the Mount Herzl national military cemetery and memorial and the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and museum. They also met with President Reuven Rivlin. •

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## TRAVEL

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**COPENHAGEN IS A** delightful destination for a European vacation.

It is an endlessly fascinating coastal city that is filled with striking architecture, both new and old, and an almost-endless panorama of attractions. It also boasts excellent cuisine, a lively jazz scene and picturesque canals that rival those in Amsterdam.

Located on two coastal islands, Denmark's capital city is so close to Sweden that the impressive Oresund Bridge routinely carries rail and highway traffic the 15 miles to Malmö, Sweden.

A compact city with a population of about 600,000, Copenhagen is a city that loves and accommodates its bicycles. About half of its workers commute by bicycle year-round and trains accommodate bikes for longer trips. Pedestrians need to be alert to bike traffic on the ubiquitous bike paths.

The city is known for its

designer goods and upscale shopping. The Strøget pedestrian shopping street is a must-see and so is Pilestræde and the many side streets.

Food wise, Copenhageners love their gourmet hot dogs, smørrebrød open-faced sandwiches, cafes and upscale New Nordic restaurants. The area around Nyhavn is filled with restaurants and cafes and is a good place to watch the canal boats and for people watching.

Copenhagen's walkable historic center is a great place to take in the city's glorious past. Frederiksstaden, dating from the 18th century, is where you will find the Danish royal family's Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace and Rosenborg Castle, surrounded by beautiful gardens and statuary.

Since Copenhagen can be expensive, we recommend getting a Copenhagen Card. It will give you museum access and transportation around the city and region.

### Before You Go, Check Out:

- [wikitravel.org/en/Copenhagen](http://wikitravel.org/en/Copenhagen)

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### Getting There and Getting Around:

Copenhagen can be reached by highway, air, cruise ship or train.

- By air, Copenhagen Airport, Kalstrup (CPH) is only 8 miles from the center of Copenhagen and 15 miles from Malmö.
- By car, Copenhagen's free-ways are connected to northern Europe but are congested. Due to heavy traffic, driving for tourism is not recommended in Copenhagen. Car-free super-cykelstier (bicycle super highways) are being expanded.
- By train, Copenhagen Central Station is in the heart of the city. It offers frequent service to the airport (15 minutes away) and is part of the extensive European train network.
- By cruise ship and ferry, there are three main terminals in and around the city. All are linked to central Copenhagen by bus, metro or train.

### Must-Sees for A Short Trip:

Among the museums, galleries and attractions that you should take in are:

- The National Gallery of Denmark
- Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek art museum
- The National Museum
- The flower and ride-filled Tivoli Gardens amusement park close

to the Central Station and the famous Little Mermaid statue at the waterfront

- The Little Mermaid at Langelinje Pier
- The Christiansborg Palace, located on the island of Slotsholmen, which contains the Danish Parliament Folketinget, the Supreme Court and the Ministry of State.



▲ This scene from Nyhavn says Copenhagen in a nutshell: beautiful architecture, bicycles and pedestrians, canals, al fresco restaurants and cafes and traffic.



▲ The Danish Royal Guard marches through the streets of Copenhagen from the Rosenborg Castle to the Amalienborg Palace for the daily changing of the guard ceremony.



▲ The Little Mermaid statue has been a symbol of Copenhagen for over a century. While diminutive in size, its cultural impact is large and is a magnet for selfies for residents and tourists.



▲ Impressive sailboats and a canal lined with shops and cafes are typical of the Copenhagen district of Nyhavn.

Photos by Jeff Orenstein



▲ The Rosenborg Castle, opened in 1607, is situated in the Kongens Have (The King's Garden), a popular park for residents and visitors. The castle is open to the public and contains a museum with the nation's crown jewels and throne chair and other Danish royal historic memorabilia.



- The freetown Christiania in the district of Christianshavn
- The Botanical Garden
- The Round Tower, the 17th century tower and observatory Rundetaarn
- A combined narrated hop-on-hop-off bus tour and canal boat tour of the city

## If You Have Several Days:

- Visit the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde. It is Denmark's national museum for ships, seafaring and boat-building in the prehistoric and medieval period.
- Take a train across the Oresund Bridge to Malmö, Sweden.
- Visit Kronberg Castle in Elsinore, made famous by Shakespeare in *Hamlet*, a 40-minute train ride from Copenhagen.
- See the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, 25 miles north.

## Ginny O's Tips For Dressing The Simply Smart Travel Way For Denmark:

Copenhagen is fairly casual, especially since so many Danes cycle to work. Bright colors are not fashionable. Since the weather is unpredictable, carry an umbrella or wrap.

## This Destination at a Glance:

**Over 50 Advantage:** Superb museums, castles and parks, excellent shopping and dining

**Mobility Level:** Low to moderate. The city is flat and mostly accessible.

**When to Go:** Because Copenhagen is in northern Europe, winter days are short and summer days are long. The best time to visit is from March to September.

**Where to Stay:** You will find a wide variety of lodging across the price spectrum. Staying near the Central Train Station is convenient.

**Special Travel Interests:** Danish history, Danish modern design, urban cycling. •

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# Jewish Denmark

**DANISH JEWS ARE** a tiny minority of the nation's 5.5 million people but have played a significant role in the country's history.

The officially recognized religious community of Jews numbers about 1,800, but most estimates put the total number of Jews at about 8,000. Most of them live in or near Copenhagen and are integrated into Danish society.

The first resident Jews came to Scandinavia in 1622 when Denmark's King Christian V invited Sephardic Jews in Amsterdam and Hamburg to settle there in a developing area. They continued to come, be tolerated and developed a flourishing community. By the late 19th century, they were given full civic equality.

There was some anti-Semitism in the early 19th century but, by and large, they did well in Denmark through the 19th and early 20th centuries, with Jews integrated into all aspects of Danish life including such luminaries as Edward Brandes, the nation's finance minister, and Niels Bohr, the physicist.

The rise of Nazism saw an influx of about 4,500 Jews in Denmark escaping Nazi occupation in Eastern Europe. In 1940, Denmark was occupied by the Germans, putting an end to Jewish immigration.

As part of the Danish resistance against the Nazis, King Christian X supported Danish Jews despite the occupation

and they were largely unmolested by Danes. In 1943, the Nazis took over the government and planned to export the country's Jews. The underground resistance responded by protecting Jews and smuggling about 7,500 out of the country to Sweden and elsewhere. Only about 400 Danish Jews were ultimately captured by the Nazis.

After the war, Jewish life in Denmark returned to normal. There have been some anti-Semitic acts, but most are attributed to Muslim immigrants rather than native Danes.

The official Danish Jewish community is run by a council of elected delegates. They run the Jewish House in Copenhagen, which serves as a Jewish Community Center. Many Jewish organizations have Danish chapters and educational and senior services are provided within the community. Kosher food is available, and there are two Jewish cemeteries in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen has several synagogues. The Great Synagogue is home to the chief rabbi of Denmark. There is also a Reform and an unaffiliated congregation and a Progressive Jewish congregation in the Öresund region adjacent to Copenhagen and a Chabad congregation in Frederiksberg.

A tour of Jewish life in Copenhagen is available, which includes historical highlights, architecture and the Jewish Museum. See [visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/jewish-copenhagen-gdk410212](http://visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/jewish-copenhagen-gdk410212). •

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## Barrack

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Local 3505, met to discuss the future of union representation at the school,” the statement said. “The Board communicated to the Union’s representatives that, as of the expiration of the current contract in August 2019, it will withdraw recognition from the Union.

“The Board asked the Union to join it in a collaborative transition. The Union is conferring with its members to discuss the Board’s request, and it is

anticipated that the parties will sit down again, in the very near future, to determine how to move forward. Both sides want to assure all members of the Barrack community that they are committed to seeing this process through in a manner that does not impair the quality of the educational experience for students.”

Gordon said the decision will best position the school in carrying out its mission.

The board, he noted, informed the union of its decision months in advance in

order to be transparent and cooperative.

“As reflected in the Joint Statement, the Barrack Board informed the Union that, as of the expiration of the current contract in August 2019, it would be withdrawing recognition of the Union,” Gordon said in an email. “We believe that this decision best positions the school to continue our unique mission of incorporating deeply-rooted Jewish values in a rigorous intellectual environment.

“Rather than waiting for the current contract to expire to inform the Union of its decision, the Barrack Board informed the Union in December 2018 so as to be transparent with the hope that we will be able to work together towards a mutually-agreeable transition.”

Stephen Richman, managing partner at Markowitz & Richman — which specializes in labor, employment, injury and workers’ compensation law — said that without a union the school could reduce teachers’ benefits or offer different benefits to different teachers. Unions give employees security and protection and can be helpful, Richman said, but some people don’t like unions or don’t want to have a partner in deciding how to run things.

“Whatever benefits the teachers have — I really don’t know the details of it — they didn’t grow on a tree,” Richman said. “They were negotiated, and the employees gave up something to get something else. That’s just the way negotiations work.”

In lieu of its own statement, the school pointed to Gordon’s comment.

The presidents of the parent-teacher organization also referred to Gordon, as well as to Alex Stroker, Barrack’s chief operating and development officer.

Ziskind said the teachers want to keep the union. She added that union members are still in discussions following the joint statement.



▲ Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy’s board plans to withdraw recognition of the school’s teachers union in August. Google Maps screenshot

“The teachers want to keep the union for the good of the students and the good of the school, so we’re exploring options,” she said.

But those options may not be too bright, based on what occurred when Perelman Jewish Day School’s board withdrew recognition of its union five years ago, according to Richman.

In 2014, AFT Pennsylvania, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board after the Perelman board’s decision to withdraw recognition. Perelman argued that the NLRB lacked jurisdiction because it is a religious institution, and the agency dismissed the charges.

“Jewish day school education is essential for a strong and vibrant Jewish community,” Perelman board President Ruth Horowitz said in an email. “Barrack Hebrew Academy has outstanding teachers and administrators. We look forward to a positive outcome as we advance our mission on behalf of our students.”

While teachers unions in public schools continue to remain strong — and have fallen under criticism for putting teachers’ needs over students — the NLRB does not “assert jurisdiction over employees of a religious orga-

nization who are involved in effectuating the religious purpose of the organization, such as teachers in church-operated schools,” according to its site.

Barbara Goodman, AFT Pennsylvania communications director, said it is up to the union to decide whether it wants to file charges, but AFT Pennsylvania will support that decision either way.

“We believe that every teacher, every school counselor, every school employee has the right to join a union and bargain collectively,” Goodman said. “Whether they are at a public school, a private school, a charter school, employees should be able to choose.”

Unions have become increasingly rare at Jewish day schools over the years, the *Forward* reported in an article soon after the Perelman case. “But with its strong union,” the *Forward* wrote, “Barrack is an outlier among American Jewish day schools.”

That no longer seems to be the case.

“Most religious organizations, whether it’s the Catholic church or the Jewish organizations, they’re all in favor of supporting working people and working people’s rights, except when it’s in their own house,” Richman said. “Then they don’t like it so much anymore.” •

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## Mikvah

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for a conversation, and we're very open and hoping for the broadest involvement in the community."

A mikvah is so central to Judaism, it traditionally should be built before anything else in a community, including a synagogue, Schmidt said. This mikvah will primarily be a women's mikvah, which helps families observe the laws of family purity, known as *taharat hamishpacha*.

More money is needed for the mikvah, Schmidt said. They've raised most of what is needed — about \$600,000 so far — but they need another \$200,000.

When the renovations are done, 509 Pine St. — the rowhouse that is now solely the location of the historic Vilna Congregation — will also house three new mikvahs. On the ground floor, the main part of the building will house the women's mikvah, which will have three preparation rooms. A second mikvah on the ground floor will be used to immerse vessels.

In the basement, there will be a men's mikvah with a shower.

Upstairs, a flex space will serve as a space for Vilna's services, a library and other community activities, such as lectures and meetings.

"My first choice was not to convert the shul," Schmidt said. "I love the shul. This was a very, very important thing for the community."

Schmidt said the first location he considered for the mikvah was B'nai Abraham Chabad, but there wasn't enough room. He also looked into having it in Vilna's basement, but that option would have cost at least an additional \$200,000.

"This was the most economical plan that made the most sense," Schmidt said.

In the next few weeks, Schmidt will form a committee to decide on decorations for the

mikvah. Anyone is welcome to share their input, Schmidt said.

Until the mikvah is complete, Center City residents who observe *taharat hamishpacha* have had to make do with mikvahs that have cropped up in other parts of the Philadelphia area.

That was what motivated Yah-el Har-el, an assistant professor at Temple University, to get involved with the project about four years ago.

Har-el, who lives in South Philadelphia, usually goes to the Congregation Sons of Israel's Mikvah Ohel Leah in Cherry Hill, N.J. It's a drive that takes her about 25 minutes, on top of the toll. The fact that she has to drive there prohibits her from going during Shabbat and holidays.

"[This mikvah] will make things a lot easier," Har-el said. "I'll be able to travel less to get there, so it'll be a less frustrating experience. There's not as much traffic to get to Fifth and Pine, that's the address. A lot easier to get there. It'll take less time, so I don't always have to worry about a babysitter."

Over the years, Har-el has coordinated meeting contractors and reviewed different architectural and engineering plans.

"It's been very much been a community effort to bring it to fruition," she said.

The distance is especially an issue in Center City, where many don't have cars.

Shevy Sputz, the co-director at Chabad of Fairmount, drives one hour and pays the toll to get to Chabad of Cherry Hill's Mikvah Mei Shifrah.

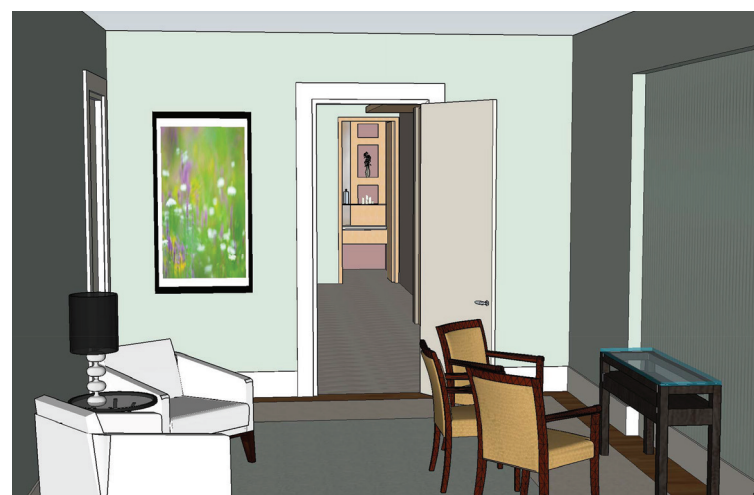
She said that more women would perhaps be motivated to go if it was easier to get there. Sometimes she has allowed other women to borrow her family's car to get to a mikvah.

"Mikvah is the heartbeat of a Jewish marriage," Sputz said. "It is so important. To not have a mikvah of our own in the city that we can get to on times where there are snowstorms and Shabbat and holidays ...



▲ Artist rendering of the changing room

► Artist rendering of the waiting room



is very difficult and it should not be that way."

Reut Cohen, a student at Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law who is originally from Israel, used to borrow Sputz's car to go to the mikvah when she first moved to Philadelphia. Now, she has her own car, but said she can't wait to have a mikvah in the city.

The distance isn't just an inconvenience; it also prevents her from having a mikvah community.

"In Cherry Hill, they do a lot of women's events and stuff about *taharat hamishpacha*, about that mitzvah," Cohen said. "Since it's not my community and I'm coming there only for the mikvah itself, it's also hard to connect that community. This is what we also hope, that a mikvah in the city will also give us an opportunity to have that women's community, a mikvah community in the city so we're going to be familiar and meet other women."

Schmidt said he plans to

have educational programming at Mai Shalva.

Yoella Epstein, a lawyer who lives in Center City, currently goes to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El's mikvah in Wynnewood. The whole trip takes her about two hours, including the time it takes her to find a parking spot in Center City when she gets home — that alone can take 45 minutes.

With four kids and a full-time job, going to the mikvah is burdensome. Having a mikvah within walking distance would be "a huge enhancement" to her life.

"I'm excited to bring my little girls to see it, too," Epstein added. •

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THE VIEW FROM HERE

# The Pileup Is Straight Ahead, and We Can't See It



BY JOSHUA RUNYAN

**WITH MY DAUGHTER'S** 16th birthday last week — an otherwise supremely joyous event — I entered into a frightful club: parents of children old enough to drive.

Friends of mine who are already veterans of this elite group, especially those who live in Center City, have told me not to worry. Echoing a nationwide trend, their children put driving off, in some cases, by several years. Not so my daughter, who the day after her 15th birthday proudly declared to her mother and me that in just a year, she'd be driving.

Her overly optimistic prediction was a bit off, but at her birthday dinner downtown I happily, if a bit anxiously, informed her that this summer I would indeed be teaching her how to drive. As I ponder how exactly I will impart the wisdom of the road to Esti, I've settled on the first of what I shall call the Runyan Commandments of Driving Etiquette: No matter what happens, don't overreact.

This has a precedent. A "contract" handed to us by our children's doctor encourages young drivers to pledge to never drive while under the influence and instead call a parent to pick them up, in exchange for the corresponding parent's pledge to not freak out, to pick them up, no questions asked and defer conversation for the next morning. I figure that if I'm being asked to not overreact, I should be able to insist on the same mentality from my children.

But my reasoning goes deeper than that. When I was learning to fly, one of my first flight instructors advised when in an emergency, the first thing you should do is wind your watch. Few of us have winding watches today, so I can't exactly say the same thing to my daughter.

The point is that regardless of the preceding event, responding to it should be based on calm reasoning, not jerky reflexes. In a plane, overcontrolling an airframe — what we call "chasing the gauges" — can quickly result in loss of control. So, too, in a car, overbraking or oversteering in a skid can quickly put you in a highway median, or worse.

But as my column isn't a primer on driving, you're probably wondering where I'm going with all of this. I fear that as a society, too many of us are overreacting to the indignities of the day. Somebody cuts us off on the Schuylkill, and we flip out. We see a smug Catholic school boy smirking at a Native American in the vicinity of the Lincoln Memorial, and we go ballistic.

To be sure, the initial images and clips that came out of the confrontation between Nick Sandmann and his 11th-grade classmates from Covington Catholic High School in Park Hills, Ky., and Omaha Nation elder Nathan Phillips were jarring. There was Phillips, banging on a drum and chanting what he said later was a prayer for peace, seemingly standing amid a sea of jeering teenage boys bedecked in red Make America Great Again hats. He was face to face with Sandmann, whose class was in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 18 for the annual March for Life protesting abortion rights.

On first glance, it appeared as if the boys were taunting a Native American man, who was in town for a separate, unrelated demonstration. That's the story national media outlets ran with, and the boys' school was quick to condemn its students.

When I learned all of this the next night, I felt uncomfortable. Footage of the boys showed their behavior to be reprehensible, and it fit into a pattern of increasingly hateful speech and actions coming from certain corners of this country.

It didn't take long for a friend of mine on Facebook to relate the incident to the Holocaust, posting a meme juxtaposing the image of Sandmann and Phillips with a black-and-white photograph of a Nazi SS officer face to face with a bearded, Orthodox Jewish man. The glaring and the smirk were almost identical.

But I looked closer at the Holocaust image. Instead of showing a stoic but hateful Nazi, it actually depicted an SS officer cutting off the Jewish man's beard. The only proper corollary to the events of Jan. 18 — if there is one — would be if Sandmann was assaulting Phillips. No one alleged that happening, so my discomfort grew to suspicion. Clearly, the boys were not behaving as parochial schoolchildren taught to love and embrace their fellow man should behave. But what else was going on?

The next day revealed the backstory, which began almost two hours earlier.

As the boys made their way to the Lincoln Memorial — their chaperones, it should be noted, nowhere in sight — they were being taunted by a few Black Hebrew Israelites, members of a group identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as racist and anti-Semitic. (These are the same people who I've encountered over the years on street corners near the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, alternately telling me that as a visibly religious Jew, I'm the reason for the Holocaust, and that the Holocaust didn't happen.)

The Hebrew Israelites, who believe themselves to be the real descendants of the biblical Israelites, told the boys that they were school shooters and other things that can't be reprinted here. For most of the time, the boys kept their composure, but it appears that toward the end of their journey — when they

encountered Phillips — the whole thing had devolved into an open conflict. Phillips says he came in the middle of the melee to offer up his prayer for peace.

The 17-year-olds, who were tomahawk-chopping, should have kept their cool. But I blame their chaperones for allowing a situation to escalate in a city like Washington, D.C., with tensions already high one day before the third Women's March.

Phillips is blameless. Not so the Hebrew Israelites, who despite their vile hatred of pretty much everybody but themselves — Phillips says they even had a few choice words for him — have managed to effectively stay out of what has become a national debate, complete with presidential tweets and mea culpas from daytime talk show hosts.

Aiding and abetting all of this are the social media denizens who have breathlessly reacted and overreacted, up to and including the president, and their enablers in the national media who have mindlessly broadcasted the reactions and overreactions instead of subjecting the entire affair to logical analysis. For that, as with so many moments of the past several years, we as a country are suffering.

It's as if we're all in the driver's seat, flailing into head-on collisions of our own making. It's time we all wind our watch. ●

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## Places to Visit in Israel in 2019 If You Really Want to Learn

BY MOSHE PHILLIPS

**ARE YOU OR** a family member planning to go on Birthright in 2019? Are you looking for something more than the average "Israel experience?" Here

are some ideas on what to see if you choose to extend your trip and your mind. Don't give in to the critics of Israel who want you to leave Birthright and see the Palestinian point of view when you know almost nothing

about the Jewish struggle to free Israel from British control in the first place.

Birthright may take you to the Kotel, the Sea of Galilee, the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and Masada — and

those are all worthwhile — but there are other places to visit that will help you understand the amazing history of the pioneers who fought the battles that allowed the modern state of Israel to be declared.

Here is a list of eight places to visit in Israel that will help you develop a more accurate picture of the struggle to build the Jewish state.

See Phillips, Page 18



# Netivot and Sdot Negev are a tribute to Israeli perseverance



BY STEVEN ROSENBERG

WHEN PEOPLE WHO are familiar with the great state of Israel think of the nation's border towns, terms such as high-tech, education, advancement, construction and progress don't readily come to mind. For decades, these terms have only been used to describe Israel's major cities: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem or Haifa. Israel's border towns are usually seen as rural villages, where education is not always prioritized and oftentimes young people

bringing Philadelphians to this region, as have past chairs before him.

I was fortunate to be able to spend time last week visiting with the mayor of Sdot Negev, Tamir Idan, along with his staff and members of the Partnership2Together teams. Every time I'm in this region, I am reminded of the community's amazing resiliency, its people's creativity and their incredible fortitude. This area sits within what is known as the Gaza Envelope: Just a few miles from the Gaza border and just a few yards from the border fence, Sdot Negev and Netivot are in danger each and every day. Living life under siege from Hamas rockets and Friday demonstrations every week has become the new normal. Bomb shelters sit on almost every corner, next to bus shelters, outside of playgrounds and schools that have been rebuilt to be actual bomb shelters, enabling children to remain in place when the sirens roar.

host Broadway shows.

These people are true heroes. Mayors Idan and Yehiel Zohar are building and creating a magical place. They lead their communities with strength and humility while they continue to live, farm (right up to the border fence with Gaza), pray and send their children to school each and every day. The community continues to grow and flourish, and I'm grateful for the chance to have seen this evolution firsthand.

During my visit, I also had the opportunity to meet with some local heroes, as the Jewish Federation's Israel Representative, Tali Lidar, set up time for us to meet with the firefighters who deal with the kites, balloons and other contraptions now turned into weapons and burning valuable land, damaging buildings and vehicles and even killing wildlife in Israel. But even in the face of extreme danger, the work continues, families continue to grow and

Next time you're in Israel, I recommend you hop on the high-speed train from Tel Aviv to spend a day in Netivot. You will be amazed at what you will see and your perception of Israel's border towns will be forever changed.

don't matriculate to the army.

However, the towns of Sdot Negev and Netivot are leading the charge to change the perception of Israel's border communities. The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, through the Partnership2Together program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, has been fortunate to have Sdot Negev Regional Council and Netivot as sister cities to Philadelphia. Our chair, David Gold, has done incredible work

The people of these communities have used ingenuity and creativity to build a beautiful place where construction is rampant; cranes are everywhere. Public gathering spaces are being built and being activated, and technology is at the forefront of all that they do. This particular trip allowed me to see the new movie theater showing first run films and the state-of-the-art performing arts center with a stage large enough to

creativity abounds.

Next time you're in Israel, I recommend you hop on the high-speed train from Tel Aviv to spend a day in Netivot. You will be amazed at what you will see and your perception of Israel's border towns will be forever changed. ●

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## KVETCH 'N KVELL

### Setting the Record Straight on ZOA

MY DEAR FRIEND Ari Fuld, an American-Israeli father of four and ardent fighter for Israel, was recently murdered by a Jew-hating Arab ("Organization Calling Out Hill Should Look in Mirror," Jan. 17). In my moment of excruciating grief and horror that Arab terrorists were again murdering innocent Jews by knifing, shooting and ramming cars at them, I tweeted an epithet specifically against Ari Fuld's murderer — not all Arabs. Yet a critic condemned me for my verbal outpouring of grief and misery over losing my great friend and ally.

The same letter writer also criticized me for questioning actress Natalie Portman's wisdom after she received Israel's prestigious \$1 million Genesis Prize, then defamed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as racist and falsely bashed Israel for violence and abuse of power, and mistreatment of and atrocities against Arabs. Portman also falsely stated that Israel was created as a haven for refugees from the Holocaust. In fact, the movement to re-establish Israel occurred long before the Holocaust. Knesset member Oren Hazan demanded that Portman be stripped of her Israeli citizenship, while I only questioned her wisdom.

The critic then referenced a mainstream Jewish umbrella group's warning to ZOA about our tone. ZOA's substance and facts were admittedly accurate. The real issue was that ZOA criticized ADL for promoting the anti-Semitic Israel-bashing BlackLivesMatter and J Street, which promoted anti-Israel UN resolutions; ADL's lobbying against state anti-BDS laws; and ADL accusing pro-Israel friends of Islamophobia. ZOA also criticized National Council of Jewish Women and HIAS for defending Israel-hater Linda Sarsour. ZOA responded to the umbrella group's warning that in an era of frighteningly rising anti-Semitism on campuses, in the media and in Congress, ZOA must strongly and boldly speak the truth.

Morton Klein | Merion Station

### Vivid Memories of Vilna Shul

Reading your recent article about the Vilna Congregation on Pine Street brought back vivid memories from my childhood in the 1920s and 1930s ("Historic Vilna Congregation Closes for Renovations," Jan. 10). My grandparents, Samuel and Rachel Malerman, and then my father, Bernard Malerman, owned Malerman's Hebrew Bookstore. Until the 1960s, when the city forced my father to move the store, it was located at 504 Pine St., across the street from the synagogue.

When I was young, my grandmother would send over gefilte fish and challah to the congregation every Friday morning. Even after she died in 1947, my father continued the tradition. What a sense of community that showed, especially when my family attended a different synagogue. ●

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# Voting with Our Feet, Walking Away from Women's March Inc.

BY ANN LEWIS

IN JANUARY 2017, I joined proudly in the first Women's March, marching with my family to show our support for issues like women's rights, civil rights and voting rights. I was thrilled by the turnout here in Washington and across the country.

By January 2018, I had serious concerns about comments made by the national co-chairs, Linda Sarsour, Carmen Perez, Tamika Mallory and Bob Bland, now operating as Women's March Inc. But this march was locally organized, led by the inspiring Mercy Mergenfield. I came carrying a Zioness poster to show my support for women's rights, civil rights, voting rights and the right of the Jewish people for self-determination.

This year, I stayed home. I can no longer overlook the divisive rhetoric and anti-Semitic record of the national co-chairs, who returned to Washington seeking the national spotlight. They have proved themselves unable to lead a national movement — and unwilling to step aside.

I'm not alone in turning away. While 2017 saw hundreds of thousands of marchers in Washington, and millions across the country, in 2019, the numbers dropped dramatically. Mergenfield resigned, citing her disagreements with the co-chairs. As *The Washington Post* reported, "Organizers had hoped to see hundreds of thousands of attendees," but wound up filling just a few city blocks.

What happened is not just a Washington phenomenon. Locally organized committees, the heart of any effective movement, have chosen to go their own way. A survey by JTA found 22 state organizations had disassociated from Women's March Inc. Just 12 states said they

were still connected, including Illinois, where Chicago's march says it is "not affiliated with Women's March Inc." Chicago canceled its march, suggesting smaller events instead. Unsurveyed cities also cancelled.

National and local organizations that were once listed as partners by Women's March Inc. have dropped from more than 500 partners in 2017 to less than 175. Less than three months after the 2018 midterm elections in which women voters and women candidates changed the face of American politics, Women's March Inc., an organization claiming to speak for women, is hemorrhaging support.

What went wrong? How did a movement that began with such energy and promise wind up losing so much support in just two years? Why are leaders who worked so hard to build marches in their own communities now separating themselves from the national network?

Headlines such as "Womens March controversy: anti-Semitism allegations and Farrakhan ties" (Vox) tell the story.

The co-chairs of Women's March Inc. say they are appalled. With indignation worthy of Claude Raines' character in *Casablanca*, who was shocked — shocked — to learn there was gambling on, they want us to know they are against anti-Semitism. In a last-minute attempt to stem their losses, last month they added the words "Jewish women" and opposing anti-Semitism to their statement of principles. Days before the march, they added three Jewish women to their steering committee, a textbook example of too little, too late.

In their determination to hold on to their titles, the co-chairs expect us to overlook their actual record: their fangirl admiration for the anti-Semitic, homophobic Louis Farrakhan, who combines both bigotries

by preaching that Jews turn black men gay; their support for Rasmeah Odeah, a convicted terrorist fighting deportation; and their demand that ADL be removed from antiracism training by Starbucks.

These are not "old stories." In the last few weeks we have heard Sarsour's charge of dual loyalty, the age-old libel, citing "folks who masquerade as progressives but always choose their allegiance to Israel," while Mallory, on national television, refuses to say that Israel has a right to exist.

I realize for many people committed to working for progressive causes, this has been a painful debate. We understand that building coalitions is essential to making policy change, and how important it is at this moment to make those changes. But we can't build effective coalitions by leaving our values — or our identity — behind.

That's why I am heartened by what I saw last weekend. Yes, the self-appointed leaders of Women's March Inc. were still on stage, but the audience that came to hear them was greatly diminished. You might say people voted with their feet — away from anti-Semitism, overt or disguised, away from old bigotries cloaked in the language of new policies.

I doubt there will be another national Women's March, certainly not without a change in leadership. Our challenge is to understand what just happened. We can use last week's march as an example of what not to do, and demand better, working in coalitions that represent the best of us and moving forward for women, for our families, for us all. •

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## Phillips

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### Acre Prison

Acre Prison is where Zionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky and his comrades were imprisoned by the British in 1920 for defending Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem from Arab rioters. Later, the British imprisoned Irgun and Stern Group (LEHI) underground fighters there. Several Zionist fighters were executed there by the British. The prison is perhaps best known for the 1947 escape of dozens of fighters during an underground raid that was depicted in Leon Uris' novel *Exodus* and the 1960 movie.

### Museum of the Underground Prisoners

Another prison where the British held Irgun and LEHI soldiers was Jerusalem's Central Prison in the Russian Compound. Exhibits there relate the stories of the heroes of the underground.

### Etzel Museum

The Irgun was also known as the Etzel. This museum in Tel Aviv details the history of the Irgun and the movement's impact on the British decision to leave the Land of Israel, as well as the group's combat role in the War of Independence.

### LEHI Museum

The LEHI underground launched a campaign to force the British to leave the Land of Israel. Its founder, Yair (Avraham) Stern, had been a leader in the Irgun and formed the LEHI in order to fight the British at all costs. The LEHI Museum is housed in the building where Stern was assassinated by the British in 1942.

### Menachem Begin Heritage Center

To better understand this founding father of Israel and leader of the Irgun there is simply no better place to visit than the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem.

### Jabotinsky Institute

Ze'ev Jabotinsky was the Zionist leader who created a bold, new vision for Zionism after the death of Theodor Herzl. The Jabotinsky Institute in Tel Aviv houses a museum dedicated to teaching about him and an intriguing special exhibit that spotlights the Af Al Pi illegal effort that rescued Jews from Nazi Europe and brought them to Israel.

### Tel Chai

Tel Chai was a settlement in the Galilee that was the site of a battle against Arab raiders in 1920. The Zionist hero Joseph Trumpeldor and seven other valiant defenders died in the defense of Tel Chai against a much larger force. Trumpeldor had been instrumental in forming the Jewish Legion during World War I. Jabotinsky named his Betar movement after Trumpeldor. A large statue of a lion sits at the sight as does a museum at kibbutz Kfar Giladi.

### Rosh Pina

Shlomo Ben Yosef is buried in Rosh Pina. Rosh Pina was an early Zionist settlement. In 1938 in response to attacks on Jews by Arab terrorists, Ben Yosef, a member of Betar and the Irgun, along with two companions organized a reprisal attack. They were subsequently arrested by the British. Ben Yosef was executed by the British at Acre prison.

A perfect book to bring along on your Birthright trip is Zev Golan's *Free Jerusalem Heroes, Heroines and Rogues Who Created the State of Israel* (Geffen Publishing, 2003). It will help make your visits to these historic sights more meaningful. The book is worth reading even if you have no plans to visit Israel anytime soon. •

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# Celebrating Community, Shabbat — at Wawa

## PERFORMANCE

BY LIZ SPIKOL | JE STAFF

IN SOME WAYS, it was a pretty typical Shabbat dinner.

There was wine, there was bread, there were candles. But the wine was served from a 44-ounce plastic Wawa cup, the bread was an enormous Wawa soft pretzel and the candles were electric.

The idiosyncrasies were intentional, and suited the venue — the new jumbo Wawa at Sixth and Chestnut streets. It was all part of *Wawa Shabbawa*, a performance art piece by Washington, D.C.-based Brian Feldman, who partnered with OneTable to bring *Shabbawa* to Philadelphia after holding it in Florida and D.C.

About 20 people attended the event, which took place in a communal area of the cavernous store. They were young and old, black and white, children and parents. The tables had flowered tablecloths and were set with plastic utensils, plastic cups and Wawa hors d'oeuvres like prepackaged red grapes. People wore name tags and mingled in the seating area as Feldman, dressed in a black suit and tie and kippah, grabbed supplies from Wawa plastic bags in one corner of the room and slid across the floor to the tables like a Jewish Tom Cruise in *Risky Business*. Once everything was set up and the guests were settled, Feldman started things off by explaining how he first came up with this idea.

It started, he said, with a visit to a massive new Wawa in D.C. The store was, until the opening of the Sixth and Chestnut location, the largest in the world, and when Feldman walked in and saw the communal seating area, “I thought to myself, ‘This is the perfect place to have a Shabbat dinner.’”

It’s not the first thought most people would have upon



▲ Sketch artist Aaron Krolikowski captures Shabbat dinner in pen and ink.

Photos by Liz Spikol



▲ Brian Feldman was named Best Performance Artist of the Year by *Washington City Paper* and *Orlando Weekly*.

entering a new Wawa, but then, Feldman has a quirky way of looking at things.

The recipient of two Arts and Humanities Fellowships in theater, Feldman has created, under the aegis of Brian Feldman Projects, performances like *Dishwasher*, for which he washed dishes and performed monologues in people’s homes; *Leap Year Day*, during which he leaped off a ladder 366 times in 24 hours; *ChanulKEA*, which consisted of leading Google-translated Swedish-language tours of IKEA; and *The Skill Crane Kid*, which required his remaining inside a playable arcade game for 16 hours — among many, many other similarly unconventional productions.

So Shabbat dinner at Wawa? That didn’t seem far-fetched.

“At the heart of it, the work that I do [is about] taking regular everyday experiences and putting a filter over them and turning the everyday into the extraordinary,” said Feldman, who spent his early childhood in Bensalem and attended Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley. “As far as *Wawa Shabbawa* is concerned, [it’s about] showing that Shabbat is everywhere. You don’t have to be at synagogue, but if you go to synagogue, that’s great. If you

celebrate Shabbat at home, that’s also great. But if you celebrate it at Wawa, it still counts, it’s still Shabbat, we’re still together. We’re sharing this time.”

After the assembled crowd said the blessings and passed the pretzel, Feldman introduced “special guest” Craig Harris, a Philadelphia native

and huge Wawa fan. Without getting up from his seat beneath an Action News camera, Harris

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## IN MEMORIAM A RESOLUTION on the death of RAYMOND G. PERELMAN

The lay leadership, clergy, staff and members of Beth Sholom Congregation mourn the passing of one of our most distinguished and beloved members, Raymond G. Perelman. Ray was a devoted husband to his beloved Ruth (z”l) for over 70 years and the patriarch of a family that included two sons, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Ray served as a member of our Board of Directors and as a trustee and officer of the Congregation for over 50 years. When Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen initially presented the conceptual plans that Frank Lloyd Wright had prepared for a new Sanctuary in 1953, Ray Perelman was the first member of Beth Sholom’s Board of Directors to urge moving forward with this daring architectural vision. The presence today of Frank Lloyd Wright’s only synagogue building in Elkins Park, a National Historic Landmark, is in no small effort due to Ray Perelman’s vision and generosity.

Ray and Ruth also contributed greatly to the strengthening of the Jewish community on the Old York Corridor not only through their generosity to Beth Sholom Congregation, but to the Perelman Jewish Day School whose Forman Branch on the Mandell Campus continues to be an anchor to the Jewish community in our area to this day.

Ray’s philanthropy throughout the larger Philadelphia community to support Jewish and non-Jewish institutions has forever changed the face of our community. We are deeply grateful for Ray’s generosity and vision and mourn his passing along with his family. We affirm that the memory of Raymond G. Perelman will endure as an everlasting blessing.

The Board of Directors of Beth Sholom Congregation extends to his family and friends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences.

This Minute is published  
in remembrance of  
RAYMOND G. PERELMAN

Yi’he zikhro barukh—his memory shall be for a blessing  
Done this 30th day of January 2019

JEFFREY GORDON  
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# ‘Music of Faith’ to Feature Jewish Themes

## MUSIC

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**JEREMY ROTHMAN**, The Philadelphia Orchestra’s vice president of artistic planning, has been involved with Jewish music since his Bar Mitzvah at Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park.

Rothman, who has been with the Orchestra since September 2008, is planning the “Music of Faith” concert, scheduled for Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at Verizon Hall. He admits he might be more familiar with one piece than the other on the two-piece program.

The concert will feature Jewish composer Leonard Bernstein’s Symphony No. 3 “Kaddish,” based on the mourner’s prayer recited in synagogues, and Catholic composer Gioachino Rossini’s rendition of “Stabat Mater,” based on the traditional hymn of the same name.

“I certainly am more familiar with Jewish music better than I do Catholic liturgy,” Rothman said. “We are really looking forward to this concert, and feel the audiences will really enjoy two pieces performed on the same program that are rarely performed themselves.”

Rothman, an Abington native who worked with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for more than eight years before returning to Philadelphia, is responsible for developing the Orchestra’s various programs.

He works closely with both Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin and President and CEO Matías Tarnopolsky in arranging the Orchestra’s schedule.

“My role is to work with both Yannick and Matias to bring the best of our orchestra to our audience,” Rothman said. “With ‘Music of Faith,’ we feel we have a timely message that echoes a need for spiritual

harmony. This is a program that includes voices. Yannick values voices and wanted to do a program that featured them. We feel we have it with these two pieces.”

Both selections are rather long. Bernstein’s runs about 35 minutes, while Rossini’s is 45-50 minutes. The orchestra has featured Bernstein in his birth centenary, and it was decided Rossini’s piece is a perfect complement.

“[This is] a program which is very much in the vein of what I think personally about spirituality — the work of a Catholic composer, Rossini’s ‘Stabat Mater,’ and a Jewish composer, Leonard Bernstein, his Third Symphony, ‘Kaddish,’” Nézet-Séguin said.

“These are two very different choral works, from different faiths, but combined together they offer a message of welcoming and living all together through music. The large vocal forces and Bernstein’s inimitable writing create a powerful impact on listeners. ... No less moving is Rossini’s ‘Stabat Mater,’ rarely performed in Philadelphia. Rossini had retired from writing operas when he composed this setting of a traditional Catholic hymn. With its deeply felt music, it’s a worthy pairing for the ‘Kaddish.’”

Bernstein wrote “Kaddish” in 1963 as a tribute to President John F. Kennedy following his assassination in Dallas. It is written for a large orchestra, but never mentions the word death. It is performed with a narrator, a full choir, a boys’ choir and a soprano soloist.

It has three movements:

- Invocation-Kaddish 1, in which the narrator — Charlotte Blake Alston for this concert — states she wants to pray the Kaddish. A choir soon joins in and sings the Aramaic words.



▲ The Philadelphia Orchestra will feature Bernstein’s Symphony No. 3 “Kaddish” as part of its Music of Faith concert Thursday evening and Friday afternoon.

### ► Jeremy Rothman

Photos by Jessica Griffin

The narrator then repeats the final words of the prayer and questions why the father would allow such disorder in mankind’s lives with the power to change it.

- Din Torah-Kaddish 2, a poignant part of the symphony, with the narrator featuring a confrontation with the father, who never replies. It ends with the narrator singing a lullaby to the father to rock him to sleep.
- Scherzo-Kaddish 3-Finale. Fugue-Tutti — The father has fallen asleep and the narrator paints a dream, which includes the Burning Bush, the father and mankind, with a boys’ choir singing the opening words of the Kaddish in Hebrew, come to a new accommodation, but still need to work together.

The “Stabat Mater” is a 13th-century Christian hymn to Mary, describing her suffering as Jesus’ mother during his



crucifixion. It has 20 verses. Rossini’s “Stabat Mater,” finished in 1841, is divided into 10 movements.

Soloists for “Music of Faith” include soprano Nadine Sierra, mezzo-soprano Elizabeth DeShong, tenor John Osborn and bass Krzysztof Baczyk.

Both the Philadelphia Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Joe Miller, and Philadelphia Boys’ Choir, under the direction of Jeff Smith, will perform. ●

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# What to Do with All That Beer

## FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

**I DON'T KNOW** about you, but we hosted a lot of gatherings over the last two months, both large and small. As a result, we have a bunch of beer lying around that we will never drink.

Normally, I donate excess food to appropriate shelters and hunger relief organizations, but beer does not fit with that mission. And I hate waste.

So I consulted my friend, beer expert Ray Swerdlow, who was profiled in November. He gave me a few food-friendly recipes that have resulted in delicious dishes — and good use of my excess brews.

### IPA TANDOORI CHICKEN WINGS (MEAT)

*Makes 16 wings*

This recipe is adapted to kosher diners by swapping out traditionally used yogurt for mayonnaise. The mayo delivers the creamy tanginess that the dish requires without mixing dairy with meat. Many preparations of chicken wings require frying; this one has all the work done in the oven, so that's a bonus for the cook.

- 16 chicken wings
- Juice of 1 lime
- ½ cup India pale ale
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons garam masala spice blend
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger
- 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil

Cut a few slits in each of the wings and place them in a large zip-close bag. In a medium-sized bowl, mix all the remaining ingredients except

the oil and pour them into the bag with the chicken.

Shake the bag to ensure that the wings are thoroughly coated and the marinade is evenly distributed.

Refrigerate for 8-24 hours.

Heat your oven to 425 degrees. Remove the wings from the bag and drain them in a colander.

Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment and brush the parchment with oil.

Place the wings on a baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes. Turn the wings over; return them to the oven and bake for another 20-25 minutes until golden brown and cooked through. Serve with lime wedges, chopped cilantro and a glass of India pale ale.

### PORTER CHEESE SOUP (DAIRY)

*Serves four*

This soup is ideal for a cold winter day — serve it for lunch or dinner with a simple green salad and some crusty bread. And, of course, a glass of porter.

- 4 tablespoons butter
- ½ onion, chopped
- 1 rib celery, chopped
- 2 carrots chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup porter
- 3 cups vegetable stock
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large pot, melt the butter and sauté the onions, carrots, celery, and garlic until softened and fragrant, about 5 minutes.

Add the beer, stir constantly, and bring to a boil (this cooks off the alcohol).



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Add the vegetable stock, mustard and Worcestershire sauce, and simmer for 30 minutes.

Add the cream, then add the cheese, ¼ cup at a time, allowing each portion to melt before adding more. This ensures a smooth, creamy texture.

Taste for seasonings; it may need salt and pepper.

### BROWN ALE CHOCOLATE CHERRY NUT BREAD (DAIRY)

*Makes one loaf*

This bread is a heavenly blend of chocolate, nuts and dried cherries. It is lovely with a cup of tea in the afternoon,

with coffee for a somewhat decadent breakfast, or any time you crave something delicious.

It is not overly sweet, but it could certainly be served for dessert, especially topped with vanilla ice cream or fresh whipped cream.

- ½ cup dried cherries
- 1 bottle brown ale
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted, plus more to coat top of bread when done

Heat your oven to 350 degrees. Grease a standard-size loaf pan.

In a small bowl, soak the cherries in ale for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.

Add the cherries and beer, then add the chocolate chips and melted butter.

Pour the mixture into a prepared pan and bake for 50 minutes until done (toothpick comes out clean and top is golden brown and crisp). Immediately rub a pat of butter over the top of the loaf. Remove from the pan, cool and enjoy. •



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# Our Relationship Status is Complicated

BY RABBI ERIC YANOFF

## Parshat Yitro

**WHO ARE WE?** What are we?

I picture that question, asked by countless romantic couples, perhaps at a café, in a moment of reflection: What is the status of our relationship? That moment is a critical juncture; it defines and determines the future of that relationship. Social media has recognized that we don't always get clarity at that moment, by offering the option of "it's complicated ..."

And no less complicated is the relationship with which the Jewish people has defined ourselves, throughout history: What are we? A people? A nation? A religion? A family? A tribe or collection of tribes?

Unlike many other of the world's religious identities, we embrace multiple definitions. We are adherents of a religion, yes — but we also have a national, peoplehood-based understanding of what it means to be Jewish. People inherit Judaism — but can also become Jewish. Geneticists track a so-called "Kohen gene" — lending a sense of ethnicity to how we define certain Jewish tribal lines.

In the narrative flow of the Torah, before this week's Torah portion, Parshat Yitro, it was less "complicated." Up to the moment of the gathering at Mount Sinai, the people of Israel are a tribal family defined almost entirely by bloodlines, marriage and child-bearing. Organized into tribes as descendants of Jacob's original children, we approach Mount Sinai with full knowledge of what branch of the family tree is ours — united and traceable back to Abraham.

With the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, this changes. First, the Torah speaks of an *erev rav*, a "mixed multitude" (Exodus 12:38) that joins the people of Israel in leaving Egypt and similarly assembles at Mount Sinai. The Torah itself serves as a new form of constitution of the people — defining us as adherents to a set of observances, parties to a covenant. This forms a completely different definition of what it means to be part of this people — a definition that will evolve over centuries, but from Sinai onward, is markedly more diverse and complicated than just a single family, traceable to Jacob.

Indeed, this tension in defining the Jewish people even predates this moment — in a

moment foreshadowed at the end of the Book of Genesis. Recognizing how, even after Jacob attains his new name, Israel, he is referred interchangeably by both of those names, one commentary (from *Sichot la-Torah*, the *chumash* edition from the Great Synagogue/Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem) explains, "As he neared the end of his life, Jacob was not fearful of his own death; rather, he feared the end of 'Israel' — his NATIONAL identity..." Thus, even in the interchangeable nature of the names of our patriarch Jacob/Israel, we see a struggle to define ourselves as family or nation, tribe, religion, people, or otherwise.

Once we receive the Torah, and we begin to live out its ritual, moral, civic and legal dictates, we become a religion. We are constituted as a people or a nation. We retain the vestiges of tribal, familial identities. The question of what are we becomes, well, complicated.

In truth, there are different benefits and drawbacks to each of these definitions: The definition as a nation allows others to naturalize in, to join the Jewish nation, but this also means that we can be porous and people can drift away from a Jewish identity.

An identity as a Jewish peo-

ple might also allow the chance to welcome those who choose Judaism and may have given us the transnational, borderless identity that has enabled Jews to live as contributing citizens of other nations across the globe for millennia.

Religious observance has always bolstered our particular identities as Jews, but given the strong secular Jewish communities in North America and especially in Israel, religion hardly seems adequate to fully define what it means to be Jewish. The notion of family or tribe connotes a kinship, an instinctive closeness (regardless of geographical difference) that once united the Jewish people in common cause.

However, such familial bonds may be misunderstood to encourage tribalistic exclusivity and cloistering that undermines the nobility of our mission as Jews; besides, such consciousness of a sense of kinship may be fading from our Jewish identities in recent generations.

Much like the framers of the United States Constitution sought to unite disparate colonial, religious, national and socioeconomic identities into one national identity, this moment of constitution as a people of Israel at Mount Sinai

in this week's parshah complicates the definition of "what we are." However, these different definitions may have given us the flexibility and multifaceted approach key to our survival and success in the many chapters of Jewish identity.

We can be the family descended from Jacob *and* the people of Israel. We can be a people *and* a nation *and* a tribe or family *and* a religion — and perhaps these are only a few of the different ways to define what it means to be Jewish.

May we continue to seek to define ourselves with the closeness of kinship and family, with the broad-based inclusivity of peoplehood, with the necessary structures of support and protection of nationhood and with the recognition that it's complicated, as no one definition could suffice to define our legacy as Jews. •

Rabbi Eric Yanoff is a rabbi at Adath Israel in Merion Station. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide the Torah commentary for the *Jewish Exponent*.



## March

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world are telling this story of the Exodus from Egypt," Lewis said. "The journey to liberation begins with a cry. The Israelite people are suffering; they can't bear it anymore, and so they cry out, and their cries are heard."

The list of speakers at the march in Love Park was much smaller. It included Sherrie Cohen, an activist who is running for an at-large seat on the Philadelphia City Council.

Cohen, who introduced herself firstly as "a Jewish lesbian feminist" at the rally, noted that there are Jewish women among

the Women's March Inc.'s leadership and that the leadership has denounced anti-Semitism and met with Jewish women and rabbis. (Despite those denunciations, Women's March Inc. co-founder Linda Sarsour endorsed the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel during a speech at the national Women's March in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 19.)

"I believe in building solidarity among women across lines of race and class and religion, because that is how we build understanding amongst one another," Cohen said. "The more we understand one another, the greater our power as women will be."

Some skipped both rallies.

That included Mariel J.K. Martin, who was one of organizers of the first Philly Women Rally march in Philadelphia but has not attended one since.

She resigned after the march that first year over several issues, including what she felt like was a lack of diverse representation.

She had intended on attending both marches this year for her work in politics, but in the end, her work didn't need her to be there so she attended neither.

It was a decision she called "empowering." She said it's disheartening for her to see rifts in the Women's March because

it creates divisions in the civil rights and women's movements and feeds into a narrative that women aren't able to lead. She also doesn't like to be tokenized.

"We don't need to challenge the status quo all the time," Martin said.

Finn, who is running for an at-large city council seat, was another Jewish woman who organized the first march in Philadelphia. She said she started to get involved in activism leading up to the 2016 election, when then-candidate Donald Trump signaled his support for a potential registry of Muslims.

She said she has received a lot of inquiries about if their

march is affiliated with the national organization and their stance on anti-Semitism.

"It's important that Jewish women's voices are heard, just as much as everybody else's," Finn said. "If we sit it out, our voices get lost."

At the museum stage, Finn made sure her voice was recognized as that of a Jewish woman.

"Like so many people who faced oppression and bigotry for millennia, Jews are resilient," Finn said during the march. "We keep our faith, and we never stop hoping." •

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## Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

### COMMUNITY NEWS

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

## Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in Siberia

IN 2005, WHILE on a trip to Siberia with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), board member Elaine Berke asked a roomful of Jewish students whether they'd had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Only two raised their hands.

"It's never too late," said Berke, who herself had been Bat Mitzvahed at age 60. Thus began Berke's inspired campaign to bring Bar and Bat Mitzvahs to the isolated Jews of Siberia.

JDC, with the support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, works in nearly 70 countries to alleviate hunger, rescue Jews from danger and create lasting connections to Jewish life.

When JDC members re-entered the vast region of Siberia in 1988, they found that Jewish life had been all but stamped out under communist rule, leaving the remaining 1.3 million Jews lacking in even the most basic knowledge of Jewish culture, religion, history or community life. JDC's efforts toward Jewish renewal have included education and community-building programs across the former Soviet Union — including Berke's Bar and Bat Mitzvah program.

Each year for more than a decade, about 50 kids and their families travel from across Siberia — distant Jewish enclaves like Krasnoyarsk, Kansk, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Tomsk, Ulan-Ude and Barnaul — to gather for a weeklong retreat, learning Jewish traditions anew. The week culminates in a massive Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebration.

"It was amazing how we became a real community during a week in retreat," said past participant Dasha Mazanik, a member of the B'nai Mitzvah class of 2007. Participants return home with a new Jewish connection and pride that they share with others and, in that way, begin knitting a Jewish community back together.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia supports programming that



▲ Young Jews in Siberia take part in a Bar Mitzvah ceremony.

strengthens Jewish life all over the world. To donate, visit [jewishphilly.org/donate](http://jewishphilly.org/donate). And if, like Elaine Berke, you're inspired to create a legacy project of your own, contact Director of Planned Giving and Endowments Rachel Gross at [rgross@jewishphilly.org](mailto:rgross@jewishphilly.org) or 215-832-0572.

## Federation Housing: Aging with Independence, Dignity and Care

**THERE'S NOT MUCH** you can get for a dollar these days, not even at the dollar store. But at the Evelyn & Daniel Tabas House in Northeast Philadelphia, that's the entire cost of breakfast in the communal dining room.

After breakfast, the residents of the 61-unit apartment complex, all ages 62 or over, might spend a few hours in the library, the computer center, reading the newspaper or *kibitzing* (chatting) with friends before returning for a hot lunch — also for only a dollar.

The Senior Congregate Meal Program, supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, "truly changes the lives of the people who live here," said Eric Naftulin, CEO of Federation Housing Inc., the management and development company that owns the Tabas House. And he's not just talking about the nourishment: "It gives them a reason to get out of their apartments," helping residents to stay active and make friends.

The Tabas House is one of 11 affordable communities for older adults owned by Federation Housing. Located throughout Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks counties, these communities house more than 1,500 individuals whose average annual income is \$13,200 and who all receive public assistance.

On such a tight budget, older adults often struggle to pay for basic neces-

sities such as rent, medications, doctor visits, food and social activities. At Federation Housing, residents can afford to meet their needs, in large part because of the highly subsidized rent, but also because Federation Housing goes above and beyond what is expected of a management company.

The staff cares for residents as if they were family. Each community employs a social service worker who checks in with residents, making sure the fridge is stocked, coordinating rides and scheduling doctor appointments. A Federation Housing rabbi makes frequent rounds, performing High Holiday and Shabbat services.

All of these services — transportation, socialization activities, check-ins and utilities — are provided free of charge. Federation Housing helps older adults to age in place, not just with financial security but with the independence, dignity and care they deserve.

"Not having to always lean on a family member gives our residents a wonderful sense of pride," Naftulin said.

No wonder the average stay in a Federation Housing apartment is 12-15 years.

To learn more about Federation Housing, visit [federationhousing.org](http://federationhousing.org).



## ▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 24

### Mommy and Me.

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

### Bible Study.

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

### Canasta.

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

### Knitting with a Mission.

Join us as we knit/sew squares together to make beautiful afghans for people in need of comfort, and knit hats and scarves for vulnerable individuals. Yarn is provided. Basic knowledge of knitting is required to participate at 10 a.m. at **The Barbara and Harvey Enrichment Center of JFCS**, 345 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd. Use the rear entrance. Free parking in the JFCS lot. Metered

parking available on the street. Information available at [jfcshilly.org/knitwithamission](http://jfcshilly.org/knitwithamission). Event is free. Attendees will need to show ID. 345 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

### Biblical Commentaries.

Study of the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible at 10 a.m. at **Har Zion Temple**. 500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Current Events.

The class tackles topics that are discussed around the dinner table. All opinions are welcome, total respect is required. 11:15 a.m. **Har Zion Temple**. 500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Lunch and Learn.

Lunch and learn at the **Northeast Older Adult Center (NORC)**. Lunch has \$1 donation. Starts at 11:30 a.m., with the program at 12:30 p.m.; Blood Pressure Screening. Call 215-320-0351 for program details or to request transportation for NORC members. 8101 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

### ‘The Boomerang Kid.’

Moving in with your parents has never been funnier. Adam Blum, a 23-year-old communications major, moves back in with his parents. His mom

## ▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 24

### Stress Reduction.

This is the start of a program that will run through March 14. This is organized by **Beth Sholom Congregation**. Cost for the course is \$500, with Beth Sholom members receiving a \$100 discount. Payment arrangements are available. 6:30 p.m. For registration, visit [jefferson.edu/mindfulness](http://jefferson.edu/mindfulness) and select Public Programs or email [mbsr@jefferson.edu](mailto:mbsr@jefferson.edu). 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

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creates a fake JDate profile, inviting a nice Jewish girl over to the house. 8 p.m. through Jan. 27 at the **Christ Church Neighborhood House**, 20 N. American St., Philadelphia. \$20-25.

## ▼ FRIDAY, JAN. 25

### Torah Insights.

Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi's interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning. Breakfast is served. 7-9 a.m., **Har Zion Temple**. 500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Active Adult Friday.

A full day of activities for active adults from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Includes exercise, Torah study and kosher lunch. RSVP for all programs 10 days in advance, either at the sign-in table or by phone at 215-832-0539 at **KleinLife: Center City**. Email: [info@kleinlife.org](mailto:info@kleinlife.org). Website at [kleinlife.org/adults-55/center-city/](http://kleinlife.org/adults-55/center-city/). 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

### Shabbat Nafshi at TBI

Come hear the sounds of noted composer and guitarist Cantor Leon Sher and percussionist Gaston Bernstein with Cantor Elizabeth Shammash for an evening exploring kavannah through melody at our Kabbalat Shabbat service. 7:30-8:30 p.m., **Tiferet Bet Israel**. 1920 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell.

## ▼ SATURDAY, JAN. 26

### Torah, Bagels, Coffee.

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

### Torah Study.

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

### Gratz President Speaks.

**Congregation Mikveh Israel** will welcome back Paul Finkelman, president of Gratz College, on Shabbat Yithro (10 Commandments). Morning service begins at 9 a.m., followed by kiddush and kosher Shabbat lunch, during which Finkelman will deliver his lecture. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend, call the synagogue at 215-922-5446. 44 N. 4th St., Philadelphia.

### Tot Shabbat.

Young Families Minis join us for

monthly Shabbat gatherings led by Young Family member and TBI congregant David Kuperstein featuring singing, storytelling, and other interactive experiences. Each service will be approximately 40 minutes followed by a bimah adventure to help lead “Adon Olam” in the main sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. **Tiferet Bet Israel**. 1920 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell.

## ▼ SUNDAY, JAN. 27

### Architectural Exploration.

This presentation with Michael Hauptman explores the architectural context in which **Congregation Rodeph Shalom** was built — from the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the PSFS Building — and where the synagogue design falls in the transition from turn-of-the-century Beaux Arts classicism to mid-cen-tury modernism. Program from 10:15-11:15 a.m. 615 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

### Meditation Series.

Are you curious about meditation (what it is and what it's not)? Have you ever wondered about meditation's myriad benefits and how to incorporate doable practices into your busy life? Join Sherry Hanck for a five-week course, which is open to all levels, at 10:30 a.m. For information, call 215-493-8522, Email [office@kolemet.org](mailto:office@kolemet.org). **Congregation Kol Kemet**. 1360 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley.

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▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 24

## Morning Movies.

*Dough* is a hilarious British comedy that will be screened at 10 a.m. at **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. An old Jewish baker hires a young Muslim teen to work in his failing kosher bakery. When his apprentice's marijuana stash accidentally falls in the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves. \$10 per person if not an adult education member. Movies will be shown if the weather permits. If in doubt about the winter weather, call the KI office the day of the movie at 215-887-8700. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## Women's Clothing Exchange.

The Women's Clothing Exchange at the **Germantown Jewish Centre** is an annual community and charitable event that serves many functions. This year it will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Items have been collected over the past week. A \$20 donation is requested before you shop. This program supports people who have been homeless and struggled with addictions in getting the help they need to get clean and sober and obtain vocational training. Email Genie Ravital at [geniebud@gmail.com](mailto:geniebud@gmail.com)

for information. 400 W. Ellet St.,  
Philadelphia.

### Museum Trip.

Join the **Mosaic Outdoor Club of Philadelphia** for a trip to the Princeton University Art Museum, weather permitting. The group will carpool at 11 a.m. from in front of the Target at Bustleton Avenue and Bleigh Street in Northeast Philadelphia, or you can meet us at the museum. Nonmembers are welcome. For information call Janet at 267-205-6651.

## Holocaust Remembrance.

International Day of Commemoration at **Gratz College** will feature the screening of *Who Will Write Our History*. Around the world, thousands of people will join together for this global film event. *Who Will Write Our History* is a story of resistance. It is a story about who gets to tell the story. Noon-4 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information, email [mcohen@gratz.edu](mailto:mcohen@gratz.edu) or 215-635-7300, ext. 155. Also, check **[whowillwriteourhistory.com](http://whowillwriteourhistory.com)**. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park.

## Holocaust Program.

This is presented by **Jewish War Veterans Post No. 697**. Program from noon-4 p.m. features Daniel Goldsmith, who survived the Holocaust as a child in Belgium through the help of Catholic institutions. Call Ohev Shalom to reserve your seat at 215-322-9595. \$7. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.

## Design of Optimism.

Join us for “Beth Sholom and the Design of Optimism” with Thomas Hine, art critic for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Sponsored by the Beth Sholom Preservation Foundation in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of **Beth Sholom Congregation**.  
1 p.m. Call 215-887-1342 for details.  
8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## RDC Open House.

Join us at **Ramah Day Camp** to see our campus, and learn more about RDC. The open house, from 2-4 p.m., will include fun activities, info session and a tour. Questions? Contact Eileen Graub, assistant director, at [eileeng@ramahpoconos.org](mailto:eileeng@ramahpoconos.org) or 215-885-8556. 7601 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

**Annual Gala.**

Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch and Miriam Ort will be honored at **Mekor Habracha's** fourth annual gala, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Join us for this milestone event, as we celebrate our shul's 10th anniversary. To buy tickets, ad tributes and sponsorships, visit **ccshul.com** and click on Mekor Habracha's Fourth Annual Gala. \$150. At the National Liberty Museum. 321 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

▼ MONDAY, JAN. 28

## Golden Slipper Series.

If you are an active adult and are curious about history, art appreciation, politics or current affairs, your place is with us. Join our semester of learning at the Golden Slipper, meet new friends and expand your horizons about the world. This program features courses and classes about ancient Egypt, medical ethics, one book one Jewish community and more at 10 a.m. **Adath Israel Synagogue.**

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▼ SUNDAY, JAN. 27

### Movie Screening.

The screening of *Who Will Write Our History* at 6 p.m. at **Penn Hillel** is open to the public and part of “Penn in Poland: Jewish Encounters with Memory and Renaissance” and the Oneg Shabbat Ambassadors Program, a spring semester fellowship featuring a trip to Poland. The screening is free for Penn undergrads and \$10 for other adults and community members. Email [iblum@pennhillel.org](mailto:iblum@pennhillel.org) with any questions. Also check **[howillwriteourhistory.com](http://www.howillwriteourhistory.com)**. 215 S. 39th St., Harrison Library, Second Floor, Philadelphia.



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### Sisterhood/HSA Mahjong.

Come play. Come learn. 12:30 -2:30 p.m. Join the HSA of the Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education and the Sisterhood of **Har Zion Temple** in weekly community open mahjong play. You may bring kosher dairy lunch or dairy/parve kosher snacks. Har Zion Temple. 500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

### Bereavement Group.

For the newly bereaved, there's help at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Contact Rivkahpowers55@gmail.com or leave a message at 215-677-1600 for details. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

### Mahjong.

Join the Sisterhood of **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El**, for our weekly friendly mahjong game from 7-9:30 p.m. Open to the entire kehillah. No charge for MBIEE sisterhood members. One-time charge of \$36 includes membership to the MBIEE Sisterhood. Contact 215-635-1505 or vp-rebecca@mbiee.org for further information. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## ▼ TUESDAY, JAN. 29

### Mahjong.

Our mahjong group meets in the synagogue chapel at 1 p.m. at **Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel**, to play the game, have fun, and raise money for *tikkun olam*. Have you heard of mahjong and want to learn to play? Are you new in town looking for the game? Have you lived in town and want a new group to play with? We're always looking for new players. We ask for a \$4 donation per session. All money raised goes to *tikkun olam*. 300 S. 18th St., Philadelphia.

### Board Meeting.

Join us for our upcoming **Women's Philanthropy** board meeting at 6:30 p.m. at The Barbara and Harvey Brodsky Enrichment Center of JFCS. Bring jeans and sneakers to donate for Our Closet, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services of Greater Philadelphia that provides clothing to people in need. They're looking for clothing for men, women and children, all sizes. This event is for members of Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia only. \$36. 345 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

## ▼ WEDNESDAY JAN. 30

### Bereavement Group.

For the post-bereaved, held at **Northeast NORC**, from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Email rivkahpowers@gmail.com or call 215-320-0351

to register. 8546B Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

### Mahjong.

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

### Talmud Study.

BeYachad Director Sandra Sterling Epstein will discuss "How Does One Choose A Position" from Baa Metzia 59 a-b from 7-8:30 p.m. This program is presented for free to the community by the Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El Education Committee at **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## ▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 31

### Mommy and Me.

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

### Biblical Commentaries.

Study of the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible at **Har Zion Temple**. Starts at 10 a.m. 500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

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## ▼ THURSDAY, JAN. 31

### Movie Premiere.

This 7 p.m. screening at the Ritz Theatre is of a provocative, hard-hitting Israeli drama called *Doubtful* that is based on true events. A screenwriter and poet from Tel Aviv begins his court-ordained community service term by teaching filmmaking to a rowdy class of juvenile delinquents in Beersheba. Though he is reluctant at first, he soon forms a delicate friendship with one of his most volatile students. This is part of the **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival (GPJFF)**. Call 215-545-4400 for information. \$7-15. 125 S. Second St., Philadelphia.

### Bible Study.

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

### Canasta.

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



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BIRTHS

▼ HALLIE ISABEL PHILLIPS

Seyna and Larry Abel of Ardmore announce the birth of their grandchild Hallie Isabel Phillips on July 9.

The parents are Jessica (Abel) and Greg Phillips of Philadelphia.

Sharing in the happiness are grandparents Laurie and Duane Phillips of Lafayette, Calif., Aunt Dori Abel, Aunt Nora Abel, and Aunt Lisa and Uncle Brett Phillips.

Hallie Isabel is lovingly named for her maternal great-grandfather Harold Abel and maternal great-grandmother Iris Abel.



▼ CLAIRE ELIOT ROSENTHAL

Sarah (née Polakoff) and Daniel Rosenthal, along with brother Henry, of Margate, N.J., announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Claire Eliot on Nov. 7.

Sharing in their happiness are grandparents Charlene Polakoff of Margate and Laura and Jesse Rosenthal of Mount Laurel, N.J., along with great-grandparents Willene and Irv Elliott of Mount Laurel.

Joining in welcoming Claire are aunts and uncles Jacob and Jaclyn Polakoff and Amy and David Mazgajewski, and cousins Vivian Polakoff and Oliver and Isabel Mazgajewski.

Claire Eliot is named in loving memory of her maternal great-aunt, Claire Solomon, and in honor of her great-grandparents, Willene and Irv Elliott.



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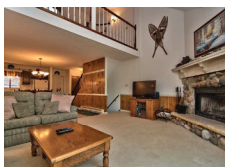
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# Wawa

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sang a song from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Then everyone went and ordered Shabbat dinner from the Wawa touchscreens.

"I wasn't expecting a free hoagie," Harris said.

Other musical interludes included a group rendition of "Shalom Alechem," whose lyrics were printed in Hebrew and English in the performance program.

"It's B'nai Wawa," joked attendee Norman Yanovitz, who was wearing a sweatshirt that read, "Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading data from the cloud."

"I'm pleased to see they're taking different steps to bring the Jewish community together by having it in a casual environment," said Yanovitz, who lives on Washington Square Park.

The communal vibe was also important to Center City resident Brett Rubin, 32, who came at the suggestion of her brother, who organizes OneTable events in Charlotte, N.C.

"He said, 'You have to go. It's Shabbat in a Wawa. It's a riot,'" said Rubin, whose five years in Philadelphia have converted her into both a Wawa fan and an Eagles fan. "I'm not too involved in the Jewish community, but I'm always looking for opportunities."



▲ Brian Feldman, *Wawa Shabbawa's* host and producer, talks to the crowd before dinner.

Liz Spikol

Tess Liebersohn, 28, a Northwest Philly native, is also on the hunt for Jewish activities.

"I'm constantly trying to figure out how to be Jewish in this day and age, in my late 20s, being raised secular," she said. "This felt like an interesting way to do a traditional thing with a modern twist. I love Wawa a lot."

Like Liebersohn, Natalie Zigelboim is a Wawa enthusiast.

"I'm obsessed with Wawa," said Zigelboim. "I was born and raised in Philly and

Wawa is very Philly."

Zigelboim and her husband José, a Venezuelan Jew, took a break from their Center City pet care business Z Dog and brought their 3-year-old son Bo to *Wawa Shabbawa*. Despite all her memories of growing up with the convenience store, she said, "I've never done Shabbat in a Wawa, and we're obsessed with Shabbat as well."

Pretty much all the gathered guests seemed to think the

pairing of Wawa and Shabbat was inspired. Feldman agreed. "It's a happy convenience — pun intended — that the two worlds kind of work [together] due to the Wawa fandom and people's strong connection to Judaism," he said.

As the event wound down, Feldman reflected on how it went.

"It had a very Philly vibe," he said. "We didn't talk about politics once. The first question people asked each other wasn't, 'What do you do?,' which is a very D.C. question. It was more, 'We're having Shabbat at Wawa, how cool is this?'"

The Philadelphia *Shabbawa* really brought it back to the spirit of Shabbat, Feldman said. "It made it less about transactional relationships or career advancement or networking. In light of everything that's been going on in the world and in the Jewish community, sitting down together in such a public location and saying, 'We're proud to be Jewish and we're not afraid of anything,' I think that's a good thing." •

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# Holocaust

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survive," Winston said. "It wasn't meant to be something that was meant to be framed and put on the wall and survive for generations."

And yet, he hopes, it'll soon find a home.

An anonymous seller contacted Winston over the summer. Though not the original collector, the seller was keen on seeing the collection sold as a whole, a sentiment that Winston shared.

Collections like the archive, Winston said, don't come around frequently.

"It's easy to take one apart, it's difficult to put one together," he said. He compared selling off the individual parts of the collection to taking apart a vintage Aston Martin. Bloom added that he would consider it unethical to break apart the collection in any way.

Regardless, appreciating the totality doesn't preclude picking favorites. The aforementioned ketubah has held Winston's fascination, "written in longhand on a piece of notebook paper that's been folded a few times," he said. "It's the best sort of example of a piece of ephemera."

There's also a 17th- or 18th-century Hebrew book, a rare printing for the period, bearing the official stamp of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Of everything to survive centuries, he said, "that this little square pile of paper stitched together is still around is remarkable."

As for the auction itself — bidding is estimated to go to between \$100,000 and \$150,000 — Bloom expects interest to run high.

"When an archive that represents a little known aspect of the period after the Holocaust becomes available, you know there's going to be strong interest in it," he said. •

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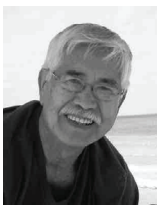


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David L. Berman, age 89, died on January 13, 2019. He was a retired chemist who resided in Wynnewood, PA. Beloved husband of Ruth (nee Wolf); Loving father of Michael (Sophie), Ze'ev (Hedva) and Merle (Richard Gaudet); Dear brother of Bea Marlow; Devoted grandfather of Samuel, Achva, Sarah, Sholom, Hadar, Elie, Yeshurun and Sonya. Also survived by 5 great-grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hias, www.hias.org or a charity of the donor's choice.

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BRICKLIN

Thelma Bricklin (nee Neff), age 95, passed peacefully on January 14, 2019 in her Cherry Hill home after an accidental fall that occurred on December 11, 2018. She is survived and will be forever loved, missed and remembered by her five daughters, her sister from New York City, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.ancscremation.com, Westville, NJ.

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Edward Dordick, on January 14, 2019 at the age of 99. Husband of the late Lillian (nee Rolnick). Father of Robert (Fran) Dordick and Nancy (Sam) Levine. Grandfather of Adam (Jaime) Levine, Scott Levine, Jacob (Mackenzie) Dordick, Allison Levine and Elliot Dordick. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish National Fund, 150 Monument Road Suite 107, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 or American Friends of Mogen David Adom P.O. Box 52158 Philadelphia PA 19115.

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GOLDBERG

Gerald (Jerry) Goldberg, "Pepop", age 85, of Boynton Beach, Florida, (formerly of Egg Harbor Township, Ventnor, Pennsauken, and Philadelphia, Pa.) passed away on January 10, 2019, as a result of Alzheimer's disease. Jerry was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Central High School, class 196. After serving in the Army, in his earlier years Jerry owned his own dry cleaning business and laundromat in Camden, NJ. In his later years Jerry worked at various casinos in Atlantic City and for 15 years at Trump Plaza as a supervisor. He enjoyed riding his bike on the AC Boardwalk, playing cards, going to the movies, and mostly hanging with his beloved family. He was a true Philadelphia sports fan especially cheering on the 76ers. His favorite meal was a cheesesteak (wit) at Pat's Steak. Jerry is predeceased by his parents, Rose and Morris Goldberg, his sister, Irene Fishbein, and his son in law, Dr. Donald Juros. Jerry is survived by his loving wife, and best friend of 65 years, Roberta (nee) Burgis. Jerry is also survived by his children, Mark (Letecia) of Frisco, Texas; Penny (Michael) Bilker of Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Susan (Greg) Emarine of New Castle, Colorado; two grandchildren, Faith (Arthur) Manelis, Chad (Lauren) Juros, and two great grandchildren, Dalia and Adam Manelis. Jerry is also survived by step grandchildren Farrah (Austin) Hoffman, and Michael Rice, and step great grandchildren Ethan, Madison, Katelynn and Kimberly. Additionally, Jerry is survived by his brother and sisters in laws, Melvin and Valerie Burgis, Stan and Wyleen Burgis, and William Fishbein. A memorial service will be held in South Jersey. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to The Spread the Magic Foundation, c/o Penny Juros Bilker, 322 McClellan Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, 08234.

HYTOWITZ

Harriet Hytowitz on January 14, 2019. Beloved wife for over 40 years of the late Louis Hytowitz. Devoted mother of her late son Mark Hytowitz. Survived by nieces and nephews: Shelley and Steven Singer, Ken and Maria Federman, Brian and Robin Kaleck, and Alan and Ellen Kaleck. Also survived by 10 Grand nieces and nephews and 8 Great grand nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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JACHNIUK

Frejda Jachniuk (nee Kogan), On January 11, 2019. Beloved wife of Abram. Devoted mother of Jake Jachniuk and Eda Klein (Paul). Dear sister of Mira Berler. Loving grandmother of Seth Klein (Michelle) and Jeffrey Klein (Rena), and great grandmother of Zachary, Evan Rachel, and Adina. Relatives and friends were invited to funeral services Sunday 11:15 AM precisely at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Suburban North, 310 2<sup>ND</sup> Street Pike, Southampton, PA. Int. Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 555 Croton Road, Suite 111, King of Prussia, PA 19406 or Abramson Senior Life, 1425 Horsham Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

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KAPLAN

Muriel Kaplan (nee Goldman) Dec. 21, 2018 of Newtown, PA. Mother of Jay Kaplan (Evelyn), Lee Kaplan (Nancy), and Enid Beck. Grandmother of Lisa (Paul), Renee (Jimmy), Brian (Christy), and Leah. Great grandmother of Austin and Shane. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KAPLITZ

Jerome Melvin Kaplitz, of Washington Twp., NJ. Born 1-4-1934 died 1-4-2019. Jerome "Jerry" Kaplitz was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He worked in Sears in Phila., where he met his wife, Martha. He worked for many trucking companies in New Jersey before finishing his career in his 70's with Claridge Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. Jerry Rnjoyed watching the Phillies and Eagles play. Jerry's wife Martha passed away in 2010. Jerry is survived by his son, Dr. Neil Kaplitz (Elizabeth), Renee Klavens (Jeffrey), and 8 grandchildren. Jerry will be sorely missed by his family and many good friends at Cardinal Village. Contributions can be made to American Heart Association www.heart.org

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KRUM

Marlene Krum (nee Zukerman), on Jan. 12, 2019. Wife of Robert of Cherry Hill. Mother of Mark Krum, Dr. Seth (Kelly) Krum and Beth (Barry) Sokol. Grandmother of Erika, Grant, Jacob, Blake and Sophia. Contributions in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

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### MILARSKY

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

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### OXENBERG

Norman Oxenberg, on January 13, 2019, a decorated World War II Veteran. Husband of the late Thelma (nee Wiser). Loving companion of Dee Kelly. Father of Larry (Lynn) Oxenberg. Grandfather of Tal (Alison), Michelle (Gary), Jeanine (Jeff) and Lisa (Pat). Great Grandfather of Daphne, Spencer, Brayden, Jack, Noelle, Leila and Nathan. Also remembered by daughter-in-law Jeanette Ragone and sister-in-law Claire Harrison. Contributions in his memory may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel St., Ste 200, Newton, MA 02458.

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### PERELMAN

Stanley Perelman, on January 16, 2018. Beloved husband of Florence (nee Kassel). Devoted father of Holly Lankin (Robert) and Harvey Perelman (Ilene). Loving grandfather of Andrea Lankin (Leah Garber), Rebecca Harris (Mitchell), Elyse Golub (Eric), and Andrew Perelman (Evette). Loving great grandfather of Max, Suri, and Dani. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Beth Sholom or the Alzheimer's Association.

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### POLLACK

Ann V. Pollack (nee Vitcov) on January 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Devoted mother of Linda Abrams (Leonard), Marc Pollack (Robin), and Charles "Chuck" Pollack (Alyson). Also survived by 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Beth Sholom Cong. 8231 Old York Road or Project Hope, c/o Samuel Domskey, 3213 Burn Brae Drive, Dresher, PA 19025

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### STERN

Arthur Stern, on January 11, 2019, six days shy of his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Devoted husband of the late Frances (nee Weinstock). Loving father of Alan J (Sheryl) Stern and Marsha S. Stern. Beloved grandfather of Benjamin H. and Danielle R. Stern. Arthur is also survived by brother, Harold Stern, and sisters-in-law, Rochelle Golner and Myrna Weinstock, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. Arthur was a veteran of WW II and a liberator of Dachau concentration camp where he also served as an interpreter. During his lifetime, he worked for WCAU-Channel 10, in personnel management for the federal government, and for the Philadelphia Free Library. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, 10100 Jamison Ave., Phila., PA 19116 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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### SUSSMAN

Gladys K Sussman. (nee Shapiro), on December 24, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Milton B. Sussman and the late Edward "Chuck" Klein. Loving mother of Hedy-Ann Klein Guyer and Beth (Murray) Brown. Sister of Alvin (Teresa) Shapiro and Jerald (Irene) Shapiro. Adorned grandmother of Keith Brown and Kyle (Amanda) Brown. Cherished great grandmother of Amelia. Gladys earned an Associate Degree in Business from Central Jr. College which became Lincoln Prep. Gladys was also very artistic in art and calligraphy and attended the Barnes Foundation for classes. Gladys' proudest service was her employment in procurement for the federal government and her proudest expression was that she traveled all over the world. Services were held at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael Sacks Suburban North, 310 Second Street Pike, Southampton, on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Int. Montefiore Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

### TAYLOR

Gary Taylor, age 66, died on January 11, 2019. He was an accountant and then a truck driver who resided in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Husband of Diane (nee Hurwitz); father of Hilary (Evan) Shenkman, Jennifer (Kevin) Clements, and Michael (Stacey) Polter; brother of Elynn Shapiro and Bret (Debbie) Taylor; and grandfather of Harrison, Rachel, Benjamin, Samantha, and Lauren. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org.

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### WEISS

Jeffrey Weiss, age 64, died on January 13, 2019. He was an internet technician who resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brother of Barbara Weiss Jaklitsch (Joseph) and Norman Weiss. Relatives and friends are invited to graveside services Monday 12 Noon at Montefiore Cemetery, Jenkintown, PA. Contributions in his memory may be made to Holy Redeemer Hospice, 12265 Townsend Road, Suite 400, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19154.

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### WEITZ

Stephen J. Weitz, on January 13, 2019, of Boca Raton, Florida, husband of Rose (Fischman), father of Eric and Jill (Garfinkle) and grandfather of Margot and Zachary, passed away comforted by his wife and son. Stephen was born on April 26, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Ethel (Goldman) Weitz. After graduating from Lower Merion High School, Stephen enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in the South Pacific participating in the testing of the hydrogen bomb. Stephen eventually became a national figure in the commercial photographic industry. In 1993, Stephen completed a five-year project during which he shepherded the donation, production and finishing of the images and the archival images that comprise the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibits. Contributions may be made to the Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

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### WILF

Samuel Wilf, January 13, 2019, of Merion, PA died after 101st birthday. Husband of the Late Ruth (nee Milner), father of Eileen Ufberg (Dr. Michael), Lynne Rigberg (Dr. Leon) and the late Robert J. Wilf, father-in-law of Jodie Wilf; Brother of Arlene Cohen (Stephen), the late Harold Wilf (Connie) and the late Esther Burnett; also survived by 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. His family was everything to him. Sam graduated in 1938 from University of Pennsylvania Wharton school of business and founded Keystone chair company which he owned and operated for over 60 years. He was very active in the Jewish community. He and his wife Ruth founded the Robert J. Wilf preschool in loving memory of their son. Sam was the inaugural recipient of the Ralph Snyder tzedaka award at Green Valley country club. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Robert J Wilf Preschool, 45 Haverford Rd. Wynnewood, PA. 19096.

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### WINDSOR

Dorothy Windsor (nee Benen), age 92, died on November 29, 2018. She was a retired controller who resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Daughter of Abraham and Anna (nee Rotenberg) Benen; mother of Adrienne (Vincent) Gioe and Sharon (Phil) Burg; grandmother of David (Dorothea), Michael, and Jessica; and great-grandmother of Benjamin. Contributions in her memory may be made to any charity to further Jewish education.

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### WITTENSTEIN

Marilyn (nee Heller), on January 14, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Bertram. Devoted mother of Fred Wittenstein (Laurie Levin), Mark Wittenstein (Robin), and Robert Wittenstein (Lisa Berlin). Loving grandmother of Jason, Beth, Naomi, Leah, and Samantha. Dedicated schoolteacher for over 25 years, 1996 Rose Lindenbaum teacher of the year, Philadelphia public schools. Active member of Hadassah and REAP. Avid bridge player, balcony gardener, needlepointer, and moviegoer. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Henrietta Szold chapter of Hadassah: www.hadassah.org/regions/greater-philadelphia/groups/henrietta-szold.html

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### WYMAN

Gertrude Ruth Wyman (nee Schwartz), on January 10, 2019. Devoted mother of Michael Wyman (Dr. Jacquelyn). Loving grandmother of Philip and Rachel. Dear sister of Gerald Schwartz and Sarah Margolis. Relatives and friends are invited to graveside services Monday 10 AM precisely at Montefiore Cem (Sect. 7), Jenkintown, PA. Contributions in her memory may be made to Bnai Brith.

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## NEWSMAKERS

On Jan. 14, Mayor Jim Kenney, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Abramson Cancer Center Director Robert Vonderheide, University of Pennsylvania Health System CEO Ralph Muller and Dean of the Perelman School of Medicine J. Larry Jameson presented an official citation to Philly Fights Cancer co-chairs Nancy Abramson Wolfson and Missy Dietz for the organization's role as an ally to the city in representing the region on a global scale.

► Ralph Muller addresses the attendees.  
Photos by HughE Dillon



▼ (Bottom left) From left: Nancy Wolfson, Mayor Jim Kenney and Missy Dietz

▼ (Bottom right) From left: Sharyn Berman, Missy Dietz, Brian Kappra, Judy Felgoise, Nancy Wolfson, Jill Weiss, Nancy Minnick, Stacey Storm and Robert Herman Vonderheide



Cherry Hill, N.J. Mayor Chuck Cahn presented a proclamation to Sydney Breslow declaring Nov. 15, 2018 as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Day at the second annual Cousins for a Cure fundraiser at the Woodcrest Country Club. The event raised \$182,000 for the Logan Sloane Aronson Research Fund in honor of Cherry Hill native Sydney Breslow, who was diagnosed with mitochondrial disease at the age of 8.

► From left: Ron and Debra Aronson, Breslow's uncle and aunt; Mayor Chuck Cahn; Alan Breslow, Breslow's father; Sydney Breslow and Sherri Breslow, Breslow's mother





Congregation Brothers of Israel (CBOI) in Newtown held an event on Jan. 13 called “Confronting Anti-Semitism.” The event included a keynote speech by Robin Burnstein of the Anti-Defamation League and a discussion facilitated by The Peace Center.



▲ From left: Kate Whitman, director of bullying prevention resource center at The Peace Center; CBOI Rabbi Aaron Gaber; Grace Point Church Senior Pastor Dave Wolf; and Gayle Randolph Evans, director of research and community engagement at The Peace Center

Perelman Jewish Day School’s annual World Music Concert on Jan. 14 featured Katherine Fahey, a Baltimore artist who combines shadow puppetry with crankies (moving panoramas). The annual concert aims to expose the students to different cultures.



▲ Katherine Fahey and Dan VanAllen perform for students at Perelman’s World Music Concert.

Netivot, which makes up part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia’s partnership region along with Sdot Negev Regional Council in Israel, held its third Race of Netivot on Jan. 18. The race was expanded to a half-marathon, and more than 1,000 people participated, making it the second-biggest race in the Negev.



▲ More than 1,000 people participated in the race.



▲ From left: Hila Keren Yogev, Asher Vaknin, Edit Asor, Ron and Orit Stern and Boaz Israeli

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