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Hitler Is Alive and in Hiding in the Final Season of ‘Hunters,’ Amazon’s Series About Jews Killing Nazis

When Amazon Prime released the first season of “Hunters” in 2020, it advertised its Nazi-hunting TV show as “Inspired by True Events.”

That was true only in the loosest possible sense of the term.

(Note: Spoiler alert for the first and second seasons of “Hunters” to follow).

Starring Al Pacino and Logan Lerman, and produced by Jordan Peele, “Hunters” told a bloody, souped-up, almost entirely embellished story of a Jewish-led team of multiracial Nazi hunters in the 1970s trying to stop a “Fourth Reich” from rising in the United States.

The show was immediately controversial: Series creator David Weil, the grandson of Holocaust survivors, had to defend it from the Auschwitz Memorial, which harshly criticized “Hunters” for, among other scenes, depicting a human chess game at Auschwitz that never took place.

Despite all that, “Hunters” still had some basis in reality. There were, in fact, a handful of Jewish Nazi hunters active across the Americas at that time, most famously Simon Wiesenthal (played in the series by Judd Hirsch), who did succeed in bringing several prominent Nazis to justice.

Three years later, “Hunters” has, similarly, used the historical record as a mere suggestion for its second and final season, which debuts on Jan. 13 and tells an outrageous story about hunting Hitler himself. Here’s how viewers can separate fact from fiction in season two.

Hitler in Argentina

The end of the first season hinted that things were about to go seriously off the rails, as the “real” Hitler and Eva Braun were revealed to be happily alive and hiding out in Argentina — seemingly validating decades’ worth of baseless conspiracy theories about the Nazi leader’s supposed escape from his Berlin bunker in 1945. (Also throwing things for a loop: the reveal that Pacino’s character, who had presented himself as the hero’s Holocaust-survivor grandfather, was secretly the Nazi “butcher” they had been hunting in disguise, and the man they killed after a season-long hunt was the real survivor.)

In the second season, the disbanded Hunters reunite in 1979 to follow Hitler’s trail to Argentina, where many real-life Nazis really did hide out. Meanwhile, in flashbacks to 1975, Pacino’s Nazi “butcher” works furiously to cover his tracks as he poses as a successful Jewish businessman and philanthropist in America.

Hitler-survival conspiracy theories seem to, well, keep surviving. In the decades since the war’s end, many conspiracy theories regarding Hitler’s fate have proliferated, and a good number of them coalesce around the unsupported claim that he, like other top Nazi commanders, was ferreted out of Germany and into South America via a secret underground network. “Hunting Hitler,” a recent top-rated History Channel docuseries, milked three seasons out of the idea.

But, of course, there were Nazis who successfully escaped persecution at Nuremberg by fleeing to South America, and “Hunters” crafts its Hitler narrative on the scaffolding of their real-life stories. The most infamous case involved death-camp commander Adolf Eichmann, who hid in Argentina until Mossad agents uncovered his location and kidnapped him in 1960s’ “Operation Finale” to stand trial in Jerusalem.

The Kreisky-Peter-Wiesenthal Affair

In the universe of the show, the fake Meyer played by Pacino is friends with Wiesenthal, a seasoned Nazi hunter. When the two meet in 1975 in an early episode of the second season, Meyer congratulates Wiesenthal on his recent success in Austria.



Logan Lerman and Jerrika Hinton in the second season of Amazon’s “Hunters”

This is a reference to a real-life 1975 political scandal, in which Wiesenthal and a team of researchers revealed the past Nazi activities of Austrian politico Friedrich Peter as the country’s Jewish chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, prepared to offer Peter’s right-wing party a role in his ruling coalition.

Wiesenthal’s actions led to a falling-out between him and Kreisky, who variously called him both a “Jewish fascist” and a member of the Gestapo. But the Nazi hunters declared victory over having rooted out the SS past of a prominent postwar politician. (Peter’s party never joined the coalition.)

‘Reclaiming’ Jewish-owned businesses in Europe

In an early scene of the second season, one of the disguised hunters walks into an Austrian candy shop in 1979 and innocently inquires how long the shopkeeper has owned it. The store has been in his family for generations, comes the reply.

But, the hunter muses, there is a strange indentation on the doorpost — almost like a mezuzah. Could the shop have, in fact, been Jewish-owned before the Nazis came to power?

It turns out the hunter is right, and the shopkeeper will pay dearly for his denials. Again, the general arc of this narrative starts with real history, as there are countless examples of Nazis having seized Jewish-owned properties and businesses and destroyed the records of Jewish ownership, making it nearly impossible for surviving Jews after the war to reclaim their properties.

Author Menachem Kaiser recently explored how Nazi property seizures altered his own family history in the nonfiction book “Plunder,” which won the Sami Rohr prize for Jewish literature.

Frank Sinatra’s Jewish activism

As part of Al Pacino’s character’s disguise as a Holocaust survivor in postwar America, he becomes an active philanthropist to Jewish causes. At one point, he can’t help but brag that he convinced Frank Sinatra to make a hefty donation.

In fact, the famous crooner, despite not being Jewish himself, was a vocal and documented supporter of Jewish causes. He was presented with awards from Hebrew schools; visited Israel many times and helped build a youth center in Nazareth; owned a \$10,000 yarmulke; and even gave his son, Frank Sinatra Jr., the Jewish middle name of Emmanuel.

After Sinatra’s death, to avoid paparazzi, his body was hidden in a Los Angeles Jewish funeral home. ■

— Andrew Lapin/JTA

Courtesy of Amazon Prime Video

AS EAGLES SOAR TO FINAL FOUR, Jews Embrace Sports Superstitions

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

Just as Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts and wide receiver A.J. Brown don their green and black jerseys before a game, Main Line Reform Temple member and past President Eric Settle puts on a similar uniform. He pulls a dark green Eagles fleece over a Kelly green golf shirt before securing an Eagles cap on his head.

It's the same outfit he's worn during every Eagles game since their Super Bowl win in 2018 and the one he most recently wore on Jan. 21, when the football team secured its playoff win against the New York Giants. Settle has worn some permutation of the green garb since he became a Birds fan in 1973 after moving to Philadelphia.

"There's a little part of you that feels like you're sort of suiting up for the game to try to help your team win," he said.

"It sounds incredibly silly, but that's what superstitions really are," he added. "This weird part of our brain that says, 'It's worked this way. So let's keep doing it that way.'"

Settle isn't the only one following a strict game protocol. Rep. Ben Waxman, the Jewish state representative for Philadelphia's 182nd district, and his wife Julie Wertheimer attended the same bar to watch the Jan. 21 playoff game that they did during the Phillies' World Series run. (During the Phightins' season, Wertheimer wore the same Jayson Werth jersey for every game, with no washes in between.)

The efforts were "to try to get some of that good luck going," Waxman said.

Rabbi Chaim Galfand, Perelman Jewish Day School School's rabbi, isn't exempt from superstitions, either. For each Eagles game this season, he was sure to wear his jersey. When things were going well for the team during



Eagles fans enjoy the team's 2018 Super Bowl win at the subsequent parade.

the regular season, he planted himself in whatever seat he was occupying, being sure not to move.

Even the spiritual leader will admit to his own superstitions. It's a common practice to participate in certain creature comforts or, for some, to even point one's finger at the sky during a game, as if to call on a divine presence. Sports have a near-sacred role in our society, Galfand argued.

"Football is one of the main religions in American sports in general. ... When we think of the fervor surrounding sports, it rises to a level that that fervor is almost a religious experience for some," he said.

For Jewish sports fans in particular, this fervor is rooted in tradition. Though Judaism does not condone superstitions, Galfand said, it is replete with them.

Most Jewish superstitions have their origins in protecting against *ayin ha'ra*, the evil eye, according to Itzik Gottesman, a Jewish folklore professor at the University of Texas-Austin who

received his doctorate in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania.

Though the evil eye does not have origins in Jewish folklore and is found broadly in many Middle Eastern-originating religions, documentation of the *ayin ha'ra* has been found in the Talmud and other rabbinical texts.

"The rabbis say that 99 of 100 deaths are due to the evil eye," Gottesman said.

In Jewish folk belief, a term Gottesman and other scholars prefer to "superstition," the evil eye is a manifestation of envy, a universal human emotion.

"We have envy in all of us," he said. "There's a Jewish idea of keeping a low profile — don't stand out — because when you stand out, the evil forces are attracted to you."

The word *keinehora*, often said by bubbes following a piece of good news or expression of optimism, is a contraction of *kayn ayin ha'ra*, meaning 'no evil eye.' It's said to ward off the evil spirit. Similar superstitious behaviors accomplish the same goal

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such as spitting three times ("Pu pu pu!"), avoiding putting hats or shoes on a bed or smashing a glass during a wedding ceremony.

Beyond avoiding or partaking in certain behaviors during certain rites of passage, such as a wedding, Jews are unique in using amulets to ward off the evil eye. Traditionally, this could look like a card with a picture of a rabbi on it or a hamsa necklace. Today in sports, Gottesman said, it could take the form of a jersey or hat. Envy is present at sporting events; after all, fans want their team, not the other, to win.

While superstitions can verge on blasphemy or idolatry, putting too much faith in external sources, they can also serve overall as a reminder of a belief in a power outside of one's self. For Galfand, superstitions, particularly in sports, are an exercise in faith more broadly.

"We should take joy in all of it," he said, "and know that whatever the outcome, that there are larger forces at work in the world. ... And I say that as a passionate Philadelphia fan." ■

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Kesher Israel Members Lend Medical Help to Uninsured Patients

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

While retirement may mark the end of many professional careers, for a cadre of Kesher Israel Congregation members, retirement is just the beginning of a new chapter of work.

For the past two decades, a group of doctors and dentists from the West Chester synagogue have volunteered with Community Volunteers in Medicine, a Chester County nonprofit providing medical services to uninsured and low-income patients.

For the Jewish volunteers, providing medical care at CVIM is a way to continue practicing medicine while

giving back to the community.

"I did not want to walk away from my 45-year career and not continue to provide what I could to the needy, to the community," said Dr. Morrie Gold, a gynecologist and CVIM volunteer. "The word 'tikkun olam' is what we all talk about, but it's something that I can do to better people's lives."

Gold became involved at CVIM nearly 20 years ago after a partner in his practice helped initiate the organization. Since then, about six or seven other doctors and dentists who belong to Kesher Israel have joined Gold. Most learned from the opportunity by word of mouth. Other volunteers provide support services, such as interpreting between Spanish and English and

driving patients to the clinic.

CVIM is operated almost entirely by volunteers, save for a small core staff. The volunteer medical staff provides care in primary care, dentistry, endocrinology, gynecology and psychiatry, among other areas. The organization partners with nearby hospital systems to refer patients to specialists if needed.

In 2022, 329 volunteers worked with more than 4,200 patients at CVIM. Most volunteers, like the Kesher Israel congregants, are retired medical professionals.

"Chester County is one of the wealthiest counties in the state and, by public health standards, one of the healthiest counties in the state," CVIM Vice President of Development Julie

Rusenko said. "So one of the reasons this model that we have works here in Chester County is because we have both ends of the spectrum. We have people with time and money to donate, and we also have a population that needs the services."

To be eligible to be treated at CVIM, patients must be uninsured and live 300% below the federal poverty level. About 70% of CVIM's clientele speak Spanish as their first language, most of them immigrants.

Many who are new to the country don't qualify for government assistance, such as Medicaid. Others may work jobs such as landscaping or bartending, which oftentimes don't offer insurance to employees.

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CVIM volunteers, many of whom are retired doctors, work with patients who are uninsured and live below the poverty line.

"They kind of fall through a gap in our health care system," Rusenko said.

While CVIM works with underserved populations, the nature of the clinic — devoid of insurance policies and bureaucracies — means that doctors get to practice medicine in the idealized way they often imagined at the beginning of their careers.

"When you remove the money from the equation, the payment and all that stuff, it just removes a whole layer of stressful interactions that you have," said Dr. Glenn Paskow, a CVIM volunteer from Kesher Israel who had a 40-year dental practice in Kennett Square. "You can just do your best to work and treat people the best."

"It allows me to do what I'm good at," he added.

Paskow believes that the highest level of mitzvot is helping an individual help themselves. Through his volunteer work at CVIM for the past years, he feels he's been able to do that.

"If they're in pain ... it's hard for them to be self-sufficient, to function," Paskow said of patients.

Kesher Israel is not the only faith-based group with members who volunteer at CVIM. But in the larger community, the synagogue tries to remain active in doing mitzvot, said Dr. Anna Schetman, a pediatrician of 33 years who recently started volunteering at CVIM.

Kesher Israel's Tikkun Olam Committee helps organize opportunities to cook meals for those living in shelters and deliver challah, electric candles and grape juice to Jewish patients at Chester County Hospital on Shabbat, among other opportunities. Spending a day or so a week volunteering at CVIM is just another way for Kesher Israel congregants to complete a mitzvah.

"Volunteerism is a natural extension of Judaism in general," Schetman said. "Many of us who become physicians are interested in helping the community, giving back to the community, so I think that and that's a big part of Jewish values." ■

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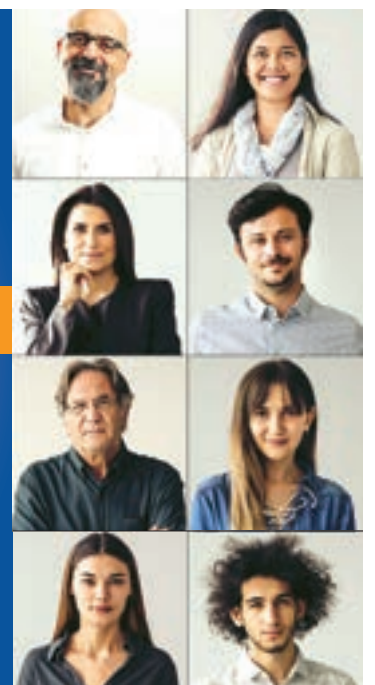
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Science History Institute Details Story of Chemist's Holocaust Survival

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

If asked to conjure an image of a Jewish German scientist who came to America to escape Nazi clutches, many think of Albert Einstein. But his isn't the only story that matches the description.

In 1940, German chemist Georg Bredig arrived in the U.S., three years after his son Max Bredig fled Nazi Germany and laid the groundwork for his family's escape. A network of scientists around the world helped the family make their voyage. The Bredig family's story, complete with letters and photographs, is on display in "Science and Survival," an outdoor exhibit on the facade of the Science History Institute in Old City. The exhibit runs through April 25.

"It's a story of victimization and a premature, forced ending of [Georg's] career," said Jocelyn McDaniel, research curator of the Bredig Project at the Science History Institute. "But then he also knew that there was hope, in either Israel or the United States and, that one day, his legacy might be shown or his work might be valuable for scientists in the future."

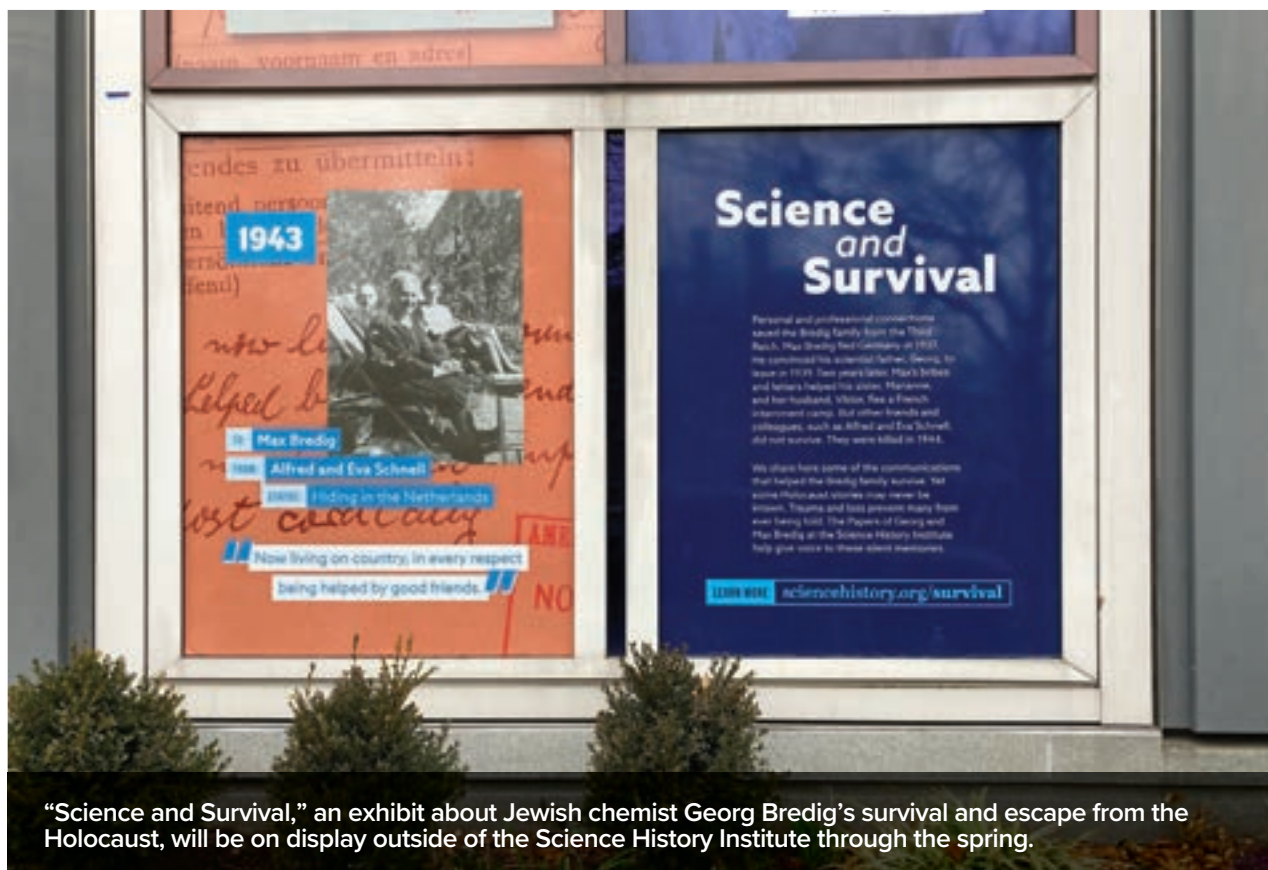
Bredig was born in Prussia, in what is now western Poland, in 1868 to a middle-class German-speaking family. After studying at Berlin's Friedrich-Wilhelm University, Bredig went on to become a physical chemist in a time when the field was just taking off and when Germany was at the center of this age of scientific innovation.

The young scientist was the protege of Nobel Prize winners and exchanged letters with Einstein and Nobel Prize winner Johannes Stark, among other scientists. Bredig is best known for his arc method, a type of colloidal chemistry still used today.

Despite his renown, Bredig's career abruptly halted in the 1930s, when the 1933 Law for the Restoration of the Professional Service and 1935 Nuremberg Race Laws stripped many German Jews of their right to work, travel and own land. Bredig lost his professorship at the Technical University of Karlsruhe, and his passport was marked with a "J." The death of his mother just months before only made matters worse.

Despondent and growing hopeless, Bredig sent a letter to the Daniel Sieff Research Institute, in what was then the British Mandate of Palestine, with his scientific research, asking them to accept and preserve the collection. They accepted.

"He did save all of his papers, which is amazing," McDaniel said. "And he sensed that as well. He



"Science and Survival," an exhibit about Jewish chemist Georg Bredig's survival and escape from the Holocaust, will be on display outside of the Science History Institute through the spring.

mentioned in a lot of the letters that he knew the dangers that would come, so he wanted to preserve his legacy."

With the help of his connections in the field, Max Bredig was able to find a professorship at the University of Michigan in 1937. Along with international colleagues, Max Bredig helped his father immigrate from the Netherlands after he fled Germany to the U.S. after securing a lectureship for Georg Bredig at Princeton University. Bredig accepted the position in 1939.

"I venture to convey my heartiest thanks to you and the Department of Chemistry for the great honor and kindness bestowed upon me by the invitation to come to your illustrious university," Bredig wrote in a letter. "Be sure that I shall endeavour to be worthy of it."

Concurrently, Max Bredig was also able to help his sister and brother-in-law Marianne and Viktor Homburger, as well as their daughter, escape from a French concentration camp.

Georg Bredig died in 1944 and never lectured at Princeton, but his scientific legacy was preserved elsewhere. George Bredig, son of Max Bredig, found the collection in his father's basement and

recognized the collection's value after viewing letters from Bredig's mentors, including many Nobel Prize winners. In 2019, the Scientific History Institute acquired the Papers of Georg and Max Bredig, a collection of over 2,500 objects.

Though a small series of photos, letters and descriptions are displayed outside of the museum, the rest of the 21-linear-foot collection is available to researchers. Detailing a story of an unlikely survival, the Papers of Georg and Max Bredig should be widely available, according to Patrick Shea, Science History Institute's chief curator of manuscripts and archives.

"The very existence of it is pretty unique," Shea said. "Certainly it might be more common to find in European archives, but just a collection that was pretty much created pre-Nazi Germany and during Nazi Germany — it made it out during the war years. A lot of that material in similar collections were confiscated by the Nazis and just burned. Entire libraries no longer exist because of Nazi policies."

For more information about the collection, visit sciencehistory.org/science-and-survival. ■

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Get Involved: Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month

During the month of February, Jewish communities around the world will observe Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.

Locally, there will be a number of programs and learning opportunities hosted by Jewish Learning Venture's Whole Community Inclusion initiative and the Jewish Special Needs/Disability Awareness Consortium of Greater Philadelphia, which includes the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

"There has never been a more important time to shine a light on issues of disability inclusion, access and advocacy in our Jewish community," said Chief Program Officer Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer of the Jewish Learning Venture, supported by the Jewish Federation. "As we look at inclusion from the broadest perspective, the rights of people with disabilities need to be front and center. One in four people have a physical, cognitive, developmental, learning, mental health and/or multiple disabilities, and we can and must take the necessary steps to create full access in our Jewish communities."

Check out the following ways to get involved both in-person and virtually throughout the month to help make a more inclusive and welcoming community for all. See the full list at jewishphilly.org/jdaim.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Sunday, Feb. 12

JDAIM Shabbat: Featuring Author Arielle Silverman

Friday, Feb. 10 | 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Main Line Reform Temple

Join Arielle Silverman for a presentation about her book, "Just Human: The Quest for Disability Wisdom, Respect, and Inclusion." The service will also include music and readings that speak to the theme of JDAIM.

JDAIM Shabbat: The Mental Health Crisis Among Our Youth - How to Talk to & Help Your Children

Friday, Feb. 10 | 7-9 p.m.

Congregation Kol Ami

Join Congregation Kol Ami for a discussion on the youth mental health crisis and provide families with tools to help deal with what their children are

experiencing. The speakers will engage in age-appropriate discussion of mental health concerns and enjoy a performance by the Student Choir. This will be an open, important conversation without shame or judgment. Children are welcome at this service.

jkidaccess: Sensory-Friendly Sunday at the Museum!

Sunday, Feb. 12 | 3-5 p.m.

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Join jkidaccess for a fun, interactive afternoon at the museum! To make the afternoon accessible for children with sensory sensitivity, the audio media at the museum will be turned to a low volume. Participants will enjoy crafts, a story time and a kid-friendly gallery walk.

Monday, Feb. 13 - Sunday, Feb. 19

The Torah of Disability

Tuesday, Feb. 14 | 3-4 p.m.

Virtual

Join Rabbi Elliot Kukla for an impactful hour for clergy to gather with their peers during Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion month. Participants will look at the writing of contemporary disabled activists like Mia Mingus and Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarsinha on the topic of disability access. A passage of the Talmud will also be read to uncover a Jewish spirituality of accessibility. This event is for rabbis and clergy only.

JDAIM Community Forum: Judaism, Mental Health & Gratitude

Sunday, Feb. 15 | 7-8:15 p.m.

Virtual

Join the Jewish Disability Inclusion Consortium of Greater Philadelphia for a meaningful evening with the Blue Dove Foundation focusing on mental health and the Jewish value of gratitude. Participants will have the opportunity to meet representatives from the consortium agencies and learn about how the Jewish Learning Venture supports people with disabilities and their loved ones.

Including All Students: Attention and Regulation Strategies

Thursday, Feb. 16 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Virtual

Join Alanna Raffel, OTD, OTR/L, for an evening of learning about ways to support students around attention and regulation. Students with attention and regulation issues often need extra support in a classroom. This program seeks to turn attention to the Jewish value of including and educating all children.

Monday, Feb. 20 - Tuesday, Feb. 28

Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: A Discussion with Inventor, Entrepreneur and Author Sanford Greenberg

Tuesday, Feb. 21 | 7-8 p.m.

Virtual

Join JFCS and Jewish Learning Venture for an intimate and engaging discussion with inventor, author, public servant and philanthropist Sanford D. Greenberg. At the age of 19, Sanford lost his sight. Through the help of his close friend, the legendary Art Garfunkel, he began to re-engage with the world and find his way through the darkness. From there, Greenberg went on to have a remarkable career, including serving as an adviser to four different presidents. Participants will hear a first-hand account of how living with a disability has shaped Greenberg's life and dive into his deeply personal new memoir, "Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: How Daring Dreams and Unyielding Friendship Turned One Man's Blindness into an Extraordinary Vision for Life."

JDAIM Shabbat: Featuring Sawah Sharma

Friday, Feb. 24 | 7-8:15 p.m.

Shir Ami

Join Shir Ami for a special Shabbat service with Sarah Sharma to learn about their family's journey to see their son become a bar mitzvah.

To see the full JDAIM listing and registration details, visit jewishphilly.org/jdaim.

YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Max Moline



Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

Growing up, Max Moline attended the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Maryland, and Camp Ramah in Palmer, Massachusetts. He also participated in United Synagogue Youth in high school and in Hillel at Northwestern University.

But when he graduated, he didn't realize that he could build a career in the same Jewish institutions that he grew up enjoying. So instead, he spent six years in the marketing, public relations and journalism fields.

About five years ago, though, he was laid off from a PR job that he didn't love. Moline decided that "it was time for a change." He reached out to his collegiate Hillel director, Michael Simon, who contacted Rabbi Mike Uram at the University of Pennsylvania's Hillel chapter, who connected Moline to Addie

Lewis Klein with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. (Moline lived in Langhorne at the time, where his last job was located.)

And it was Klein who set the young man on his future course. She introduced him to Melanie Gerchberg of NextGen, the Jewish Federation's organization for Jews under 40. Gerchberg hired Moline as assistant director. It was April 2018, and the Jewish community man had finally discovered his Jewish community.

"Pretty soon after I started, I was able to walk into a room and feel instantly like I belonged," Moline said.

As the now 32-year-old explained, he loves walking into a room and making connections. At NextGen, he was able to do that by helping other young Jews in the Philadelphia area connect to Jewish life and learn about philanthropic opportunities. One year later, he replaced his mentor, Gerchberg, as director. Three years and three months into leading NextGen, he was asked by Jewish Federation to become its director of community development.

Moline oversees a network of eight kehillot in the Philadelphia area representing different regions in the five counties. He works with synagogues and other organizations to reach every Jewish person in the area, regardless of synagogue affiliation, depth of observance and financial situation.

His goal still is to connect Jewish people to Jewish life, which is no easy task in 5783, as Moline the millennial well knows. So he uses Chanukah candle lightings, Purim carnivals, Shabbat dinners, film festivals highlighting Jewish filmmakers, volunteer events and even apple picking to do the job.

"We try to create something for everyone," said Moline, a member of Adath Israel on the Main Line. "We're creating connections not just with the Jewish Federation and Jewish community but among members of the Jewish community."

Moline explained that the trend of people "being less and less interested

in Jewish institutional life, and in synagogue membership specifically" started before COVID. He believes part of the trend can be attributed to his generation having kids later than previous generations. But he also thinks that the pandemic, with its proliferation of opportunities for virtual communities, did not help. As Moline concluded, "it's no longer a given that people join synagogues."

But synagogues and other Jewish organizations still have a lot to add, Moline said. They just need to meet people where they are — like they did in previous generations.

"If we don't meet people where they're at, they're just not going to come," he said. "If we continue to respond to the needs of younger generations, then it will happen later. But if we don't adapt to the needs of the younger generation, then it's going to go away."

It's a question that is not just on Moline's mind professionally, but personally as well. Moline and his wife Jenny moved from Philadelphia to suburban Bala Cynwyd last summer and are expecting their first child, a daughter, this July.

At the same time, the Jewish community professional is about to take on a Wexner Field Fellowship through the international Wexner Foundation. The fellowship includes "professional development, education in leadership and Jewish learning," according to a news release. It also connects its fellows to a "vast network of more than 3,000 professional and volunteer leaders in North America and Israel."

"I want to position myself to be a leader in the Jewish community and to take on a next role that allows me to impact the present and future of the Jewish community," Moline said. "I don't know what that role is. I think this will give me the opportunity to find out exactly what I'm passionate about in the community and how my skills align with that." ■

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A before and after photo depicts how a painting of Jesus at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, is now obscured by a curtain.

Before: U.S. Coast Guard, via JTA.org After: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, via JTA.org

US Merchant Marine Academy Obscures Massive Painting of Jesus at Sea

The painting in a key room in the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy was as striking as it was massive: Jesus, his arms outstretched, hovered over a lifeboat packed with grateful sailors, lost at sea, according to JTA.org.

Eighteen people — including five Jews — among the school's thousands of midshipmen, alumni, staffers and faculty decided they did not want to see such a sectarian symbol in a room that is home to events, classes and ceremonies where attendance is mandatory. Earlier in January, they asked the Military Religious Freedom Foundation to appeal on their behalf to the academy, which reports to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In a Jan. 10 letter, Mikey Weinstein, the foundation's Jewish founder, said the role the Elliot M. See room played at the academy made the presence of the massive painting especially inappropriate. It has served as a classroom, a venue for advisory board meetings, the room where incoming classes have their IDs processed, and as a court for disciplinary hearings, among other uses.

"I have asked my staff to purchase a curtain to be placed in front of the painting," Academy Superintendent Joanna Nunan said. "This will completely block the painting from view, but also allow those who wish to view it the opportunity to do so. Second, I have asked the director of the American Merchant Marine Museum to prepare a plaque that explains the history of the painting, which will be installed near it. Given the size of the painting, there is no other location to which it can be moved."

Michael Twitty's 'Koshersoul' Named Jewish Book of the Year

"Koshersoul," chef Michael W. Twitty's memoir about his career fusing Jewish and African American culinary histories, was named the Jewish book of 2022 by the Jewish Book Council, JTA.org reported.

Subtitled "The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew," Twitty's book provides "deep dives into theology, identity, and, of course, food — giving readers the impetus to reflect on their heritage and religion in a new way," the council said in naming "Koshersoul" the Everett Family Foundation Book of the Year.

The winners of the 72nd National Jewish Book Awards were announced Jan. 18 at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan.

Apple to Inaugurate New Development Center in Haifa

While U.S. tech giant Intel is canceling the construction of a new development center in Haifa, another U.S. titan, Apple, plans to open a new facility in the same industrial zone soon, jns.org reported.

The Matam East #1 development, which will house Apple's new development center, obtained an occupancy certificate last month, according to Globes. The structure has 495,000 square feet of space. Matam East #2, with 54,000 square feet of space, will also be handed over to Apple.

Meanwhile, Intel will build a new parking lot for staff instead of its planned development center. ■

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In Support of a Consistent Arms-Sale Policy

Turkey has long been a prickly ally. At the crossroads of Europe and Asia, it joined NATO, the West's Cold War umbrella, in 1952 and served as a bulwark against the USSR in the Mediterranean. Today, Turkey has NATO's second-largest army and hosts two of the alliance's airbases. Turkey's contribution to NATO is not small.

Turkey has never been a Western-style democracy. And under authoritarian President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Turkey has exasperated the West with its dismal human-rights record and the stands it has taken in opposition to its NATO allies. So it is not surprising that when the Biden administration announced a plan for major arms sales to Turkey and Greece, a bipartisan opposition quickly formed to the Turkey side of the deal — a \$20 billion arms package, including 40 new F-16 fighter jets.

With all of its warts, Ankara is an ally and should be treated like one. That includes receiving serious consideration for its arms requests and to be regarded like every other U.S. ally to whom we sell arms, including those that have equally disconcerting human-rights records.

There are multiple arguments in favor of such a move. First, the arms deal will strengthen Turkey's ties to the West — militarily, diplomatically and even for repairs and spare parts. Second, the administration wants to



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, 2021

condition the sale on Turkey agreeing to allow Sweden and Finland to join NATO, a major strategic gain for the alliance at a time when Russia is attempting to destroy Ukraine and threatens its NATO neighbors. Any NATO member can block expansion, and Turkey is opposing the expansion because Sweden harbors Kurdish separatists it considers terrorists. An end to that standoff is in everyone's best interests.

Third, at a time when Erdoğan has moved closer to

Russian President Vladimir Putin and even signed an arms deal with the Russians to buy S-400 surface-to-air missile systems, American support for the F-16 sale sends a message that Turkey is taken seriously by the Western camp. And fourth, Erdoğan is repairing his break with Israel, a plus for the Jewish state and the United States.

Opponents are unquestionably correct about the Turkish president's stifling of human rights — the suppression and arrest of journalists, the rollbacks on women's and LGBTQ rights, and repression of political opposition. Erdoğan has also fought America's Kurdish allies in northern Syria, helping to strengthen Syrian dictator Bashar Assad, Iran and Russia. As recently observed by former Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman, if Turkey were a candidate for NATO membership today, it would not likely be admitted.

We don't live in a perfect world. But even in an imperfect world, consistency is important. Many U.S. allies are not squeaky clean. Yet we regularly sell arms to allies with contemptible human-rights records, including to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other Middle East regimes. That doesn't excuse their human-rights abuses. Instead, we try to use the leverage of increased interdependence and support to spur discussion and address human-rights concerns.

The same approach should apply to Turkey. ■

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Progress at the Jordanian Border

There is a lot going on in Israel. And much of it complicates the job of diplomats posted there. The job of U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas Nides is no exception.

Indeed, because of the unique, historic relationship between the United States and Israel, Nides' job is particularly challenging. And to his credit — and to the credit of the Biden administration he serves — Nides has been very careful to modulate his public pronouncements and activities in a manner that is respectful of Israel's independence and seeks to maintain the rock-solid bonds between Washington and the Jewish state, while providing input and taking advantage of more private avenues for the sharing of suggestions and concerns.

But there are some areas where Nides has used his platform and his public voice to encourage Israeli government action. One such area relates to the Allenby Bridge Border Terminal, which is the only exit for Palestinians living in the West Bank to reach Jordan and the world beyond. That border crossing area, which is controlled and administered

by Israel under agreements between Israel and Jordan, and Israel and the Palestinian Authority, has been in operation since the 1994 signing of the Israel-Jordan peace agreement. But in its near three decades of operation, very little about how the border crossing facility operates has changed. Long waits are common as heavily laden trucks, busloads of people and a variety of individual and group travelers need to go through comprehensive screening processes in a cramped facility under the stifling heat of the Jordan Valley.

Nides wants to help modernize the Allenby operation to make it more user-friendly and accessible. He wants to see the border-crossing structure upgraded and its hours of operation expanded, all with the goal of "making people's lives marginally a little better" without compromising security or other governmental concerns.

His efforts, which have reportedly been supplemented by encouragement from U.S. Special Envoy to the Palestinian Authority Hady Amr, have begun to bear fruit. Late last year, Israel ran a pilot program at the Allenby facility that expanded both

the number of personnel assigned to the crossing and its hours of operation. And now, Israel has announced a significant expansion of hours of the Allenby operation beginning on April 2, which should help relieve the overcrowding and long waits that have plagued those trying to cross the border.

Beyond that, Israel has plans for a new Allenby terminal building — a modernized facility, complete with fast-moving biometric passport checks and other passenger accommodations — to significantly ease the pressure and tension of the border-crossing experience. Nides has also pledged to work with several Israeli government departments and authorities to assure proper funding for the new facility.

We applaud Ambassador Nides. His behind-the-scenes encouragement helped move the Allenby process along, similar to his successful involvement in last year's announcement of U.S. funding for East Jerusalem hospitals during President Joe Biden's summer visit to Israel.

Through his work, Nides reminds us of the enduring value of quiet, mission-driven diplomacy. ■



Rafael Medoff

Rampant Use, Abuse of Holocaust Analogy

A new record may have just been set for the most Hitler analogies in a 24-hour period. From Moscow to Mar-a-Lago, public figures this week were inappropriately invoking Nazi-related terms to denounce developments that did not at all resemble those of the Nazi era.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov declared that the United States and its European allies are attempting to solve "the Russian question" in the same way that "Hitler wanted a 'final solution' to the Jewish question."

Meanwhile, more than five thousand miles away, former President Donald Trump wrote on Truth Social that the FBI agents who recently removed classified government documents from his Mar-a-Lago residence were "the Gestapo" (as he spelled it).

And Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said last year that America's Covid vaccination policies are even more dangerous than Hitler's policies, since in Nazi Germany there was (he claimed) the option of "hiding in an attic, like Anne Frank did."

At least Kennedy retracted and apologized for his comment. That's rare among those who use Nazi analogies as political weapons.

Five years ago, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum announced that it "unequivocally rejects efforts to create analogies between the Holocaust and other events, whether historical or contemporary."

It issued that statement after one of its staff historians, Rebecca Erbelding, expressed support for the claim by Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) that U.S. immigration facilities resemble "concentration camps." Erbelding's statement was made "in a personal capacity" and "does not reflect the position

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Before the news cycle was done, a former Israeli attorney general called proposed judicial reforms in that country "a pogrom," and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman described them as a "putsch," the term commonly associated with Adolf Hitler's failed coup attempt in 1923, known as the Beer Hall Putsch.

If such outbursts were an aberration, they would be bad enough. But there have been numerous such remarks flung about in public discourse in recent months.

Filmmaker Ken Burns, speaking on CNN about Holocaust-era immigration policies, said the decision by Florida's governor to fly 50 migrants to Martha's Vineyard was "straight out of the authoritarian playbook."

Not to be outdone, the Republican nominee for governor of Illinois, Darren Bailey, declared that "the attempted extermination of the Jews of World War II doesn't even compare on a shadow of the life that has been lost with abortion."

of the Museum," the museum emphasized.

Given the sudden proliferation of comparable statements by public figures at home and abroad, this might be a good time for the Holocaust Museum to publicly reiterate its opposition to Nazi analogies.

Such analogies both exaggerate contemporary controversies and minimize what the Nazis did. Policies concerning issues such as immigration, abortion or COVID restrictions naturally generate intense debate. But it should be possible to discuss even the most sensitive issues without resorting to absurd and insulting historical comparisons. Abortion is not another Holocaust. America's immigration facilities do not resemble Dachau. And Mar-a-Lago is not on the way to Auschwitz. ■

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Article Inspired

I was overjoyed to see the Jan. 12 Jewish Exponent devote the front page article to the work of Jennifer Anolik and Moving Traditions ("You Should Know Jennifer Anolik").

The work Moving Traditions does in training the next generation of Jews in the values, traditions and history of our people is the absolute best investment for insuring our survival. I was moved to read of Anolik's family connection to the Shoah and the vital role that plays in her work for justice for all people. I only wish I could be a Kol Koleinu fellow learning feminist change-making and how to build sacred community. It is stories like these that keep me reading the Jewish Exponent and feeling hopeful for the future.

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Be Careful With Your Words

Rabbi Michael Rose Knopf rightly extols "respectful" Jewish debate ("Why I'm Not Sure I'm Right," Jan. 19).

As Israel is a normal human polity, there is certainly much to debate about. But that should be engaged from a stance of prideful affinity and unwillingness to rush to critical judgment, before full investigation of the facts, of actual, not hypothetical, actions.

While concern about some ministers in the new government is understandable, the democratically expressed will of the Israeli electorate ought be respected. Israeli mega-party elections invariably result in coalitions. All parties to it make demands, but threats to leave usually ring hollow, given a next election's uncertainty. As a highly seasoned politician, Netanyahu should be able to restrain unpopular proposals.

Case in point: Israel's Supreme Court. Its members effectively choose their ideological soulmate successors. That it can strike down Knesset laws as unreasonable seems highly unreasonable. Altered division or power between those two bodies will require careful consideration.

Sage Talmudic advice to critics: "Be careful with your words." A loyal opposition doesn't call for massive public protests or civil war. The enemies of Israel and the Jewish people are watching and listening intently, awaiting any words to weaponize. ■

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Teaching the Holocaust in the Arab World Has its Pitfalls

Lyn Julius

Good news from the Gulf: The UAE will teach about the Holocaust in its schools. It is only right that in the ongoing process of normalization with Israel, the Gulf countries should make sure that schoolchildren are acquainted with the greatest catastrophe to befall the Jewish people.

But if teaching the Holocaust is meant to gain sympathy for Israel in the Arab world or even enhance the legitimacy of the Jewish state in Arab eyes, there are pitfalls to this approach.

One is that some supporters of the Palestinians misappropriate the Holocaust to draw a false comparison to the Palestinian nakba. The flight of some 700,000 Arabs from soon-to-be Israel, however, was not due to systemized mass murder, but rather the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

Indeed, a more appropriate comparison would be between the Arab nakba and the Jewish nakba — the displacement of almost a million Jews from Arab countries, most of whom ended up in Israel in a de facto exchange of refugee populations.

The second danger is that teaching the Holocaust tends to portray antisemitism as a purely European phenomenon. It shifts the focus away from Arab and Muslim antisemitism, perpetuating the myth that Jews and Arabs had always lived in peace and harmony before Israel's establishment.

As Matti Friedman put it, most Jews are in Israel because of the Arabs, not the Nazis. They arrived as refugees from riots, the Arab League's Nuremberg-style discriminatory laws, arbitrary arrests, human rights abuses and forced dispossession.

The third danger is that Arabs could be misleadingly portrayed as “innocent bystanders” to the Holocaust who “paid the price” for a European problem through the creation of Israel.

The truth is that substantial numbers of Arabs were sympathetic to the Nazis, if only for the pragmatic reason that the Nazis were hostile to British and French colonialism. The Arab world was rife with paramilitary youth groups on the Nazi model, and Arab nationalist parties inspired by Nazism still exist today.

The fourth danger is that teaching the Holocaust will ignore active Arab collaboration with the Nazis, and the specific role played by the Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin Al-Husseini, the so-called “leader” of the Arab world.

The Mufti helped stage a pro-Nazi coup in Iraq in 1941 and incited the anti-Jewish massacre known as



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the Farhud, making no secret of his wish to exterminate the Jews in his sphere of influence. As Hitler's guest in Berlin, the Mufti raised SS units of Muslim troops and broadcast poisonous anti-Jewish propaganda. For reasons of realpolitik, he was never tried at Nuremberg for war crimes, though he certainly could have been.

It is necessary to understand the connection, often erased for reasons of political correctness, between the Nazis, their Arab sympathizers and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Mufti was, according to the scholar Matthias Kuentzel, the linchpin of the Nazis' great war against the Jews and the Arabs' small war against Israel.

Nazis fought alongside Arabs in the 1948 war

and Nazis became military advisers to Gamal Abdel Nasser's Egypt. In the 1950s, Islamized antisemitism, influenced by European ideas of Jewish conspiracy and control, became entrenched in the Muslim Brotherhood's ideology.

Arab governments are no longer united in their desire to eliminate Israel, but there are still some who wish to complete the job Hitler started. Would “teaching the Holocaust” in this top-down fashion help weaken grassroots rejectionism? Isn't it easier to sidestep the issue altogether? ■

Lyn Julius is the author of “Uprooted: How 3,000 Years of Jewish Civilization in the Arab World Vanished Overnight.”



Ari Mittelman

New Administration Positioned to Combat Antisemitism, Racism

Watching the historic inauguration last week of Josh Shapiro and Austin Davis immediately evoked images from civil rights demonstrations of six decades ago.

Every year as the nation marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Jewish community reflects on its integral role in the civil rights movement. In particular, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was a close friend of King and was often seen in those iconic images by his side.

While both men of faith, the two ostensibly had little in common. Heschel was born in Warsaw, Poland, more than two decades before King's birth in Atlanta.

Their legacy is one of not just working to uplift their communities but partnering to strengthen the whole of American society. While private citizens, they recognized the constructive role elected policymakers can have.

Similarly, Shapiro and Davis are not only from different faiths but significantly different parts of the commonwealth and different generations. Each has a track record of "thinking outside the box" that will be most beneficial at this juncture in American history.

During the first term of the Shapiro-Davis administration, the United States will celebrate its 250th birthday. The unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness envisioned in the Declaration of Independence are being tested. In recent years, there has been a meteoric rise in antisemitic and racially motivated hate crimes.

As Shapiro would often make clear on the campaign trail, "It is not up to us to finish the work, but we are not free to avoid it."

The state that gave birth to our nation is also home to the most violent antisemitic attack in our nation's history. While no policymakers in Harrisburg can fully tackle this pandemic of hate, they should not shy away from proven strategies to attack it.

The Shapiro-Davis administration is uniquely



positioned to mobilize local and state elected officials to work with everyday Pennsylvanians to combat racism and antisemitism.

In 2021, the Southern Poverty Law Center tracked 30 hate groups in Pennsylvania. These are in communities rural and urban.

That same year, the FBI reported hate crimes targeting Americans because of their race increased more than any other category. Between 2019 and 2020, there was a growth from 3,954 to 4,939 total incidents. In 2020, there were 2,755 attacks targeting Black Americans – the largest rise.

In 2019, the Anti-Defamation League, recorded more than 2,100 antisemitic acts in America of assault, vandalism and harassment. This was an increase of 12% over the previous year. That year, the world watched as brave police officers battled with violent antisemites who attacked and killed worshippers in Poway, California, shoppers in Jersey City, New Jersey, and partygoers in Monsey, New York.

In response to this rise in hate and to honor the legacy of King and Heschel, legislators in Michigan

launched the bicameral Black and Jewish Unity Caucus in July 2020.

Since the launch, it has taken legislative action. Equally important, it has used the power to convene Jewish and Black everyday Michiganders for thought-provoking dialogue that has led to constructive citizen action.

Having both served in the state House and with a legislature more diverse than ever before in Pennsylvania history, the new governor and lieutenant governor would be wise to examine and prompt legislators to adopt the Michigan model.

In December, Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York launched a statewide Hate and Bias Prevention Unit. This is in response to both the devastating attack on Black shoppers in Buffalo and continuing antisemitic violence on the streets of Brooklyn.

The new unit will be responsible for spearheading public education and outreach efforts. It will serve as an early warning system and quickly mobilize when bias incidents occur.

This innovative approach will include 10 regional councils comprised of diverse local leaders. Community members will be able to share concerns and work with the full weight of the governor's office to organize educational programming and host hate crime prevention events.

The new administration should closely examine a similar model of regional councils. With his infectious energy and creative millennial mindset, Davis would be an ideal convener for regular regional events.

Fifty-five decades after King's death, Black and Jewish Americans are facing a sharp rise in hatred and violence. King wrote that "we may have all come on different ships, but we're all in the same boat now."

These words most certainly ring true today. The Shapiro-Davis administration is uniquely positioned to help navigate this boat as they begin their term. They have demonstrated that what unites Pennsylvanians is stronger than what divides us. ■

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A Year After Colleyville, the Jewish Community Is Rethinking Security

Julie Platt

When Malik Faisal Akram, a British-Pakistani terrorist, took four congregants hostage at a small-town Texas synagogue at this time last year, it became immediately clear that the event would have deep and lasting ramifications for the entire American Jewish community.

Although it wasn't by any means the first violent attack on a synagogue in America, the incident at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville was still a five-alarm fire, reminding us that terrorism against Jews can happen at any time in any place.

It was noteworthy, however, that the spiritual leader and congregants of a smaller house of worship had been prepared to deal with such a situation. Colleyville Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker credited major Jewish organizations with training him to stay calm and wait for an opportunity to create a diversion. He ultimately hurled a chair at the terrorist, enabling his congregants to escape physical danger, though the trauma from the incident continues to this day.

Though Jewish Federations were already at work on a plan to guarantee the safety and security of each of our Jewish communities before Colleyville, we quickly sped up those efforts. Our plan, known as LiveSecure, was developed in close collaboration with the Secure Community Network. It committed us to build a comprehensive, state-of-the-art system of security to protect every one of the 146 Federation communities within three years.

To accomplish this goal, generous donors helped create a \$62 million national fund, matched by donors in each community, to build local security programs and support SCN's abilities to train and organize communications between these security programs.

At the time of the Tree of Life massacre in 2018, there were fewer than 30 communities with professional community security initiatives. Today, there are more than 70, with the number growing rapidly and new programs authorized in the last two months in places as diverse as San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; Rockland County, New York; UJA-New York; and Jacksonville, Florida.

LiveSecure has already approved 27 grants to



Federations, totaling a commitment of more than \$11 million over three years. This includes the creation of 17 new community security initiatives.

Many smaller communities like Colleyville are finding it advantageous to collaborate with larger ones to ensure that their security needs are met. Eileen Freed, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, said that through her participation in LiveSecure, her Federation is in the process of hiring a community security manager under the auspices of the community security program created and supported by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.

According to Freed, "A lot of communities like ours are struggling to put together their own security infrastructure with the limited resources they have available. By partnering with Detroit to hire our own director, we will have someone to implement a community-wide security plan, to offer regular security trainings and to build and maintain relationships with our local law enforcement."

In southern New Jersey, William "Bud" Monaghan, the former police chief of Cherry Hill, who is now the regional security director for the local Federation, is enlisting four other Federations in the region to, in his words, "leverage the power of LiveSecure to create economies of scale." Every cent goes further, he added, when it's operated through a collective effort.

Jewish communities both large and small are also ramping up their efforts to attract federal funding for safety and security. Thanks to the advocacy efforts of our Jewish Federation system and other community partners, the Nonprofit Security Grant

program has grown from \$60 million at the time of the Tree of Life shootings to \$305 million today, bringing over \$100 million per year into Jewish communities alone.

Sadly, the threats are not decreasing but mushrooming. 2021 saw the highest number of antisemitic incidents on American soil since the Anti-Defamation League began tracking such events in 1979. A just-released survey by the ADL found that 85% of Americans believe in at least one antisemitic trope and 40% of Americans believe that Israel treats the Palestinians like the Nazis treated the Jews.

A National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin issued at the end of November by the Department of Homeland

Security reported, "Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and/or personal grievances continue to pose a persistent and lethal threat to the homeland." Potential targets, the bulletin adds, are "public gatherings, faith-based institutions, the LGBTQI+ community, schools and ... racial and religious minorities."

LiveSecure is a beacon of hope in the darkness. There is no greater value in Jewish tradition than the preservation of life, and LiveSecure is enabling Jews, for whom persecution is not new, to continue not just to survive but to thrive. That is why it's so important for local donors to leverage LiveSecure's matching fund by contributing to their communities' security efforts, expanding our safety umbrella one community at a time.

At the Chanukah celebration at the White House last month, Rabbi Cytron-Walker said, "Our history is filled with tenacity and resilience. We have experienced the worst of humanity. And we refuse to give in to despair. In our darkest hours, we bring light. We bring light to our family; we bring light to our community. We bring light to our country; we bring light to our world."

On this first anniversary of Rabbi Cytron-Walker's ordeal, we affirm to him and the wider Jewish community that the safety and security of our community are being addressed and that our communities will be able to flourish and continue to bring light into the world. ■

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How Cold-Weather Activities Can Impact Heart Health

Family Features

Clearing sidewalks and drive-ways of snow may be essential to keep from being shut in; however, it's important to use caution when picking up a shovel or starting the snowblower. Research shows that many people face an increased risk of a heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest after shoveling heavy snow.

In fact, snow shoveling is among the physical activities that may place extra stress on the heart, especially among people who aren't used to regular exercise, according to the American Heart Association's scientific statement, "Exercise-Related Acute Cardiovascular Events and Potential Deleterious Adaptations Following Long-Term Exercise Training: Placing the Risks Into Perspective — an Update." Numerous other scientific research studies over the years have also identified the dangers of shoveling snow for people with and without previously known heart disease.

"Shoveling a little snow off your sidewalk may not seem like hard work," said Barry Franklin, lead author of the scientific statement, longtime American Heart Association volunteer and a professor of internal medicine at Oakland University's William Beaumont School of Medicine in Michigan. "However, the strain of heavy snow shoveling may be as, or even more, demanding on the



heart than taking a treadmill stress test, according to research we've conducted. For example, after only 2 minutes of snow shoveling, study participants' heart rates exceeded 85% of maximal heart rate, which is a level more commonly expected during intense aerobic exercise testing. The impact is hardest on those who are least fit."

Franklin said that winter weather in general can contribute to increased risks. Cold temperatures may increase blood pressure while simultaneously constricting the coronary arteries. Those factors, combined with a higher heart rate from extra physical effort, may increase the risk for acute cardiac events. There are even studies showing an increased risk for heart attacks among people using snowblowers. Similar to the exertion of pushing a shovel, pushing a snowblower

can raise the heart rate and blood pressure quickly.

"The impact of snow removal is especially concerning for people who already have cardiovascular risks like a sedentary lifestyle or obesity, being

a current or former smoker, or having diabetes, high cholesterol or high blood pressure, as well as people who have had a heart attack or stroke," said Franklin. "People with these characteristics and those who have had bypass surgery or coronary angioplasty simply should not be shoveling snow."

If you experience any chest pain or pressure, lightheadedness, heart palpitations or irregular heart rhythms, stop the activity immediately. Call 911 if symptoms don't subside shortly after you stop shoveling or snow-blowing. If you see someone collapse while shoveling snow, call for help and start Hands-Only CPR if they are unresponsive with no pulse. ■

Learn more about cold weather and cardiovascular health at: Heart.org.

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JOSH SHAPIRO SHOWED JEWISH PRIDE AT GUBERNATORIAL INAUGURATION



Josh Shapiro steps to the podium to deliver his inaugural address.

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

It's hard to dispute that we're living in a time of rising antisemitism. Antisemitic incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism have steadily risen nationwide since 2015, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Some of those incidents, like the 2018 Tree of Life synagogue complex shooting in Pittsburgh and the 2022 synagogue hostage crisis in Colleyville, Texas, were shocking. In response, synagogues across the country are spending millions of dollars on security measures like locks and guards.

But into this moment steps new Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, who wears his Judaism on his suit sleeve. Shapiro is also a politician who in the 2022 governor's race beat an opponent, Republican Doug Mastriano, who openly flirted with antisemites. And the Montgomery County resident beat Mastriano by more than 700,000 votes and almost 15 percentage points.

On Jan. 17 outside the statehouse in Harrisburg, Shapiro — the open, proud and victorious Jewish governor — was on full display.

He took the oath of office from Pennsylvania Chief Justice Debra Todd with his hand on a stack of three Jewish bibles. One was his, and the good book on which he has taken the oath for every office he has held since becoming a state rep representative in 2005; another was from the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History and belonged to a Jewish World War II veteran; and the third was a bible that survived the Tree of Life shooting in October 2018.

During a 23-minute speech after his swearing-in, Shapiro made implicit and explicit Jewish references to the crowd of former governors, current General Assembly representatives and state Supreme Court justices and voters/residents who drove from across the commonwealth to watch the transfer of power

underneath the capitol dome.

“Along the winding road that has led to this moment, I have been grounded in my family, and in my faith,” Shapiro said at the beginning of his address. “May their memories be a blessing,” the Democrat said later to the wives of two soldiers who were killed in the line of duty.

Then, during a run about how Pennsylvania was founded on religious tolerance by William Penn, Shapiro explained that, “In this place of tolerance, I stand before you a proud American of Jewish faith, who just took the oath of office to be the 48th governor of this great Commonwealth on a bible from the Tree of Life synagogue, the scene just four years ago of the deadliest act of antisemitism in our nation’s history.”

Shapiro paused as the audience clapped. About a minute later, he brought back his favorite line to paraphrase from the Talmud. “It will require all of us to build on Penn’s promise,” he said, setting it up. “My own faith teaches me that no one is required to complete the task, but neither are we free to refrain from it.”

Shapiro calls that Pirkei Avot line his guiding principle for public service. He quoted it in his campaign kickoff speech at Penn State-Abington in October 2021, at his election night victory party at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in November and again at his inauguration.

But he does not just use the line to express his guiding principle. He uses it to connect with voters from all faiths.

“Each of us can make a contribution,” Shapiro said to the crowd of hundreds. “We’ve shown that, when it’s all on the line, Pennsylvanians step up, and do their part.”

The member of the Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park is the third Jewish governor in Pennsylvania history.

The first, Milton Shapp of Philadelphia, who served as governor from 1971 to 1979, changed his name from Shapiro to Shapp decades earlier to help his business career. (He became a multimillionaire in the television industry.) The second Jewish governor, Ed Rendell, led Philadelphia as mayor from 1992 to 2000 and then Pennsylvania as chief executive from 2003 to 2011. Rendell never hid his Jewish identity or changed his name. But he also did not make it part of his political persona.

Shapp died in 1994 at 82. Rendell is 79 and last held political office more than a decade ago. Shapiro, 49, is of a different generation.

Rabbi Gregory Marx of Congregation Beth Or in Maple Glen joined Shapiro and other religious leaders on stage for the invocation. Marx and Shapiro have been friendly for more than two decades. Marx said that Shapiro’s open and proud Judaism “can



New Gov. Josh Shapiro addresses the crowd at his inaugural celebration.



The crowd at Josh Shapiro's inaugural party in Lancaster County

only be good for the Jewish community.”

But he stopped short of calling Shapiro’s representation progress.

“I think it’s who Joshua Shapiro is. I don’t want to say that America is changing. I’m not sure if it is or not. But Josh Shapiro is proud of his faith,” he said. “In some ways, you can argue that America has gotten more xenophobic.”

Other local Jews, though, think that Shapiro does represent progress.

Adam Stout, a Philadelphia resident, convert to Judaism and member of Congregation Kol Emet in Yardley, drove the two hours west to Harrisburg to see the Democrat get inaugurated. He called it “historic to see our third Jewish governor, especially in light of what I would say is a rise in antisemitism.” Stout added that he “got emotional” as Shapiro stood up there as “a proud Jewish American.”

Stout converted because he felt that Judaism was an “action-oriented, life-affirming faith.” He said both values came across in Shapiro’s speech.

“It’s about living a life in the moment and doing your best to enhance the lives of others,” he added.

Stout also believes that Shapiro’s victory shows the religion’s crossover appeal.

“The values of the Jewish faith are not just exclusive to Judaism,” he said. “There’s a lot of things that we share with Christians, Muslims, even Hindus and Buddhists. All the other faiths.”

Rabbi Shaya Deitsch of the Lubavitch of Montgomery County attended Shapiro’s inaugural celebration on the night of Jan. 17 at Rock Lititz Studio in Lancaster County, about a half-hour east of Harrisburg. Shapiro has spoken at Lubavitch events for “many years,” Deitsch said. The Chabad rabbi is “very proud” of Shapiro’s public identity. He also called it “important.”

“We need Jewish leaders. And he’s a good representative of the Jewish people,” Deitsch explained. “He’s a real mensch. He’s very humble. Having him represent us is not just Jewish pride but pride as an American citizen.”

“I believe very strongly that when you’re not embarrassed about your Judaism, when you wear it openly and proud, and educate people about your Jewishness, like he spoke today, people see that and learn from it,” he added. “A lot of antisemitism comes from the lack of understanding of what Judaism is all about.”

University of Pittsburgh students Ira Scheer and Raya Gilman know the family and attended Shapiro’s inaugural party. Scheer grew up a congregant at Lower Merion Synagogue on the Main Line and graduated from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr, Shapiro’s alma mater and the school his

kids attend. Gilman came of age at the Reform Beth Or and then the Conservative Ohev Shalom of Bucks County. Like Scheer, she graduated from Barrack.

Gilman explained that Shapiro’s representation of the Jews is so important that, even if she disagreed with him on issues, which she doesn’t, she would still vote for him. She recalled that her mom “started to cry” when she saw Shapiro’s campaign ad about how he makes sure to get home for Shabbos dinner with his family.

“He was proud of it, which I think is very important,” Gilman said.

But he’s not just proud of it, according to Scheer. He uses it. The Pitt student sounded like the governor when he talked about how Shapiro does that.

“Him being openly Jewish, and then going out there to meet with every other community that Pennsylvania has, really shows that our backgrounds don’t define us and separate us as much as many people want it to seem,” Scheer said. “We’re Jewish Pennsylvanians; we’re Black Pennsylvanians; we’re any Pennsylvanian you are. Together, we’re Pennsylvanians.” ■

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New Film Brings to Life 'Largest Single Work of Art Created by a Jew During the Holocaust'

Sarah Rosen | New York Jewish Week via JTA

While hiding from the Nazis, the German Jewish artist Charlotte Salomon began a series of autobiographical paintings and texts with a painfully simple description of her aunt, and namesake's, suicide: "Scene 1: 1913. One November day, a young girl named Charlotte Knarre leaves her parents' home and jumps into the water."

Intense and memorable, that image is the launching point for "Life? or Theatre?" — a series of hundreds of gouaches Salomon made between 1940 and 1942. Best described as an "autobiographical play," it features personal stories illustrated with vibrant paintings and cues for music. Salomon, in her 20s when she made the body of work, called it a "singspiel" — a play with music.

And now, a new film directed by French sisters Delphine and Muriel Coulin delivers a cinematic representation of her best-known work. "Charlotte Salomon: Life and the Maiden" made its world premiere at Lincoln Center on Jan. 18 as the centerpiece of the New York Jewish Film Festival.

The film lies somewhere between cinema and art installation: Aside from a brief opening and conclusion,



Charlotte Salomon (1917-1943) and her grandparents prior to 1940

Salomon's expressive paintings take up most of the screen time. Sound design brings the paintings to life, as does the music Salomon indicated in her original script, along with text read by the actress Vicky Krieps ("Phantom Thread," "Corsage"), who plays protagonist Charlotte.

"We didn't want to make a pure documentary of her," said co-director Delphine Coulin. "What had never been done was to make a true film with the painting, the music and the text, and to imagine what Charlotte

was visualizing when she was painting ... Because the neighbors said they could hear her singing while she was painting."

Salomon, who died at Auschwitz at age 26 in 1943, is something of a modern-day cult favorite among art lovers and Jewish historians. In a 2017 New Yorker article, writer Toni Bentley notes that "Life? or Theatre?" is "the largest single work of art created by a Jew during the Holocaust." She is also sometimes compared to Anne Frank. Critics have noted this comparison

does neither artist justice, distinguishing between the youthful directness of Frank's writing as an adolescent in hiding with the more mature, sophisticated representations made by Salomon as a young artist.

'This is my whole life'

Born in Berlin in 1917, Salomon grew up in a cultured German Jewish family. Her mother died when she was 8 or 9. She studied at the German capital's prestigious Academy of Arts until the Nazis' rise to power made it impossible for her to continue. In 1938, her father, a surgeon, spent a brief period in an internment camp; after his release, he sent his daughter to stay with her grandparents in the south of France, where he hoped she'd be safe.

After Salomon's arrival at Villefranche-sur-Mer in 1939, her grandmother attempted suicide and eventually died. Only then did Salomon learn that her mother had died by suicide as well, and that the women in her family had a history of depression (though it isn't covered in the film, there is some evidence that her grandfather may have been abusive).

In "Life? or Theatre?" Salomon writes: "My life began when my grandmother

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It's Soup Season!

Keri White

This time of year, soup calls my name. The warming comfort that a bowl of soup delivers helps get me through the bleak days that are January.

The aroma of soup simmering on the stove infuses the house with coziness and love, and the wholesome benefits of said soup bolster the health to fight off colds and flu and, if we do succumb, help heal and restore us.

Soup is also a cost-effective way to use ingredients — whether they're leftovers, veggies that have gone unused and are past their prime, or something that you bought in bulk as a "bargain" and is going to end up wasting money if you don't find a way to consume it. (Five pounds of cauliflower for \$5 seemed like a deal at the time ...)

My final plug for soup is the potential weight loss benefit. First, I shall add a disclaimer: I am not a dietitian, nutritionist or medical professional of any kind. But I have been eating for multiple decades and know that soup (assuming we are not talking about cream- and butter-laced bisque) is relatively low calorie and does fill you up. So, it's a good choice as a healthy and wholesome meal, especially for those of us who indulged in too many latkes, cookies and adult beverages during the festive season.

Both of these recipes are vegan but can be made meat or dairy, if desired.

Roasted Vegetable Soup

Makes 8 cups soup or 4 servings

This simple recipe can be adapted to any and all vegetables that you have on hand. It's a great way to use leftover roasted veggies — in such cases, you are more than halfway done. Other option: Plan ahead, make a double batch of the roasted veg with dinner and enjoy a meal of this soup tomorrow.

You can be as creative as you like — add fresh herbs, chilies or spices — or keep it simple and follow the recipe below. If you prefer a smooth texture, use an immersion or regular blender to puree; if not, leave the soup chunky and dig in.

- 8 cups assorted chopped vegetables: onion, potato, carrot, celery, broccoli, squash, tomato, cauliflower, yam, whole garlic cloves, et cetera**
- 2 tablespoons oil**
- Sprinkle of salt and pepper**
- 8 cups vegetable broth**

Heat your oven to 400 degrees F. Place the veggies on a parchment-lined baking tray, and



Vegan pozole

toss them with oil, salt and pepper. Roast them in the oven for 20-30 minutes until the veggies are cooked through and beginning to brown. Remove the veggies from the oven and, in a pan or bowl, mix with the broth. Heat and eat.

Vegan Pozole

Serves 4-6

This vegan take on the hominy-based, spicy soup is a corker — it is plenty hearty, flavorful and robust, so even the most devoted carnivores will not feel deprived. My neighbor delivered a bowl of this to me a few weeks ago when I was battling a cold and then kindly shared the recipe when I requested it. How lucky am I?

Hominy is a corn product that is a staple in Latin cuisine. It is available canned in many supermarkets.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- 1 large onion, chopped**
- 1 jalapeno, finely chopped**
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed**
- 1½ teaspoons ground cumin**

- 1½ teaspoons oregano**
- 2 14-ounce cans hominy, drained and rinsed**
- 2 14-ounce cans pinto beans, drained and rinsed**
- 6 tomatillos, chopped**
- 5 cups vegetable broth**
- Juice of 2 limes**
- Salt and pepper to taste (be generous)**

Garnishes:

Cilantro leaves, sliced avocado, lime wedges, tortilla strips, pickled onions, shredded cabbage, et cetera

In a large pot, heat the oil over medium, add the onions and sauté for 5 minutes.

Add the garlic, jalapeno, cumin, oregano, salt and pepper, then cook for a minute more, or until fragrant. Add the pinto beans, tomatillos, hominy and vegetable broth. Bring it to a boil, cover, reduce the heat to low and simmer for 20-30 minutes.

Add the lime juice, and season to taste. ■

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DJ Jerry Blavat Dies at 82

Andy Gottlieb | JE Editor

Jerry Blavat, a legendary disc jockey and music impresario known as “The Geator With the Heater” and the “Boss With the Hot Sauce” died on Jan. 20. He was 82.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that an autoimmune neuromuscular disease called myasthenia gravis and other health problems were the causes of death.

Blavat grew up in South Philadelphia, the son of an Italian Catholic mother and an absentee Jewish father, according to a 2016 Jewish Exponent article about his induction into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame. His parents met at the movies when his racketeer father ducked into the theater to escape the police.

“There was an empty aisle seat, so my father sits down and puts his arms around my mother,” Blavat told the

Exponent. Weeks later, she ran away and married him.

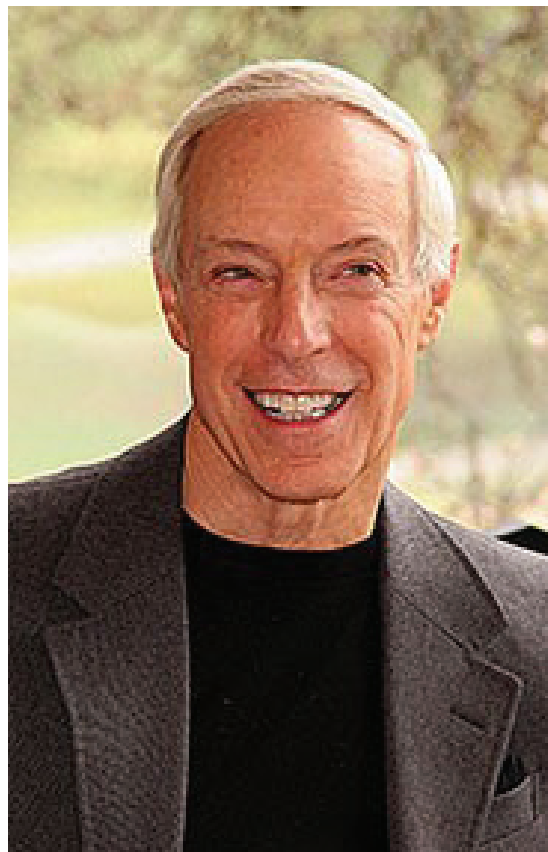
The Inquirer said his father was known as Louis the Gimp and ran an illegal bookmaking operation while his mother was called “Lucy the Riveter” for working at the Navy Yard during World War II.

Blavat said he didn’t get much exposure to the Jewish religion, saying he was “raised by the nuns and the Italian side,” but he did experience the cultural side.

“I saw the Jewish world, and I saw the Italian world,” he told the Exponent, describing visits with his father at Lew Tendler’s, a Center City watering hole that closed in 1970.

“I’d see the Jewish guys drinking bourbon in suits,” Blavat said. “The Italians at home were in T-shirts playing bocce.”

Blavat got his start as a teenage dancer on “American Bandstand,”



Jerry Blavat

Courtesy of Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia

family once a year, during the holidays. But my *sechel* was Jewish.

Aside from appearances on “American Bandstand,” Blavat was road manager for Danny and Juniors of “At the Hop” fame. In 1960, he started his first radio show, on which he broke many unknown acts.

In 1965, he made the jump to TV, first hosting “The Discophononic Scene” and then “Jerry’s Place.” He also was in a 1968 episode of “The Monkees” and made cameos in movies “Desperately Seeking Susan” and “Rocky V,” according to xpn.org.

He served as an on-air talent for numerous area radio stations over the years, popularizing the oldies format. He also owned a club called Memories in Margate, New Jersey, where he continued to broadcast on his Geator Gold Radio network.

Blavat was included in a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame exhibit in 1998 and published his memoir in 2011.

During his career, Blavat rubbed elbows with many celebrities, serving as Don Rickles’ valet and meeting Frank Sinatra, who nicknamed him “matchstick” because of his slim build, the Inquirer reported. There also were rumors of alleged connections to organized crime.

Long after Blavat’s heyday, his influence could still be felt in Philadelphia.

“I tell people everywhere I go that I’m the product of the Philadelphia music scene. People ask me, what does that mean? I tell them it comes down to one thing: I grew up listening to the Geator,” Todd Rundgren said when he inducted the Hooters into the Philadelphia Music Alliance Hall Walk of Fame in 2019, 26 years after Blavat himself was inducted, according to the Inquirer.

“Look, I’ve been blessed,” Blavat said in 2016. “I never intended to be where I am today.” ■

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helping to pick records for original host Bob Horn and becoming friends with Sammy Davis Jr. — Blavat made a name for himself by promoting Black musical artists — who asked him how he learned to dance.

“Everyone in South Philly dances like this,” he replied.

Blavat listened to local Black DJs and learned that popular tunes sung by white singers were often written and performed previously by Black artists. He’d push Horn and others to play those versions, earning the respect of Black musicians.

“I love the Geator,” Aretha Franklin said in Blavat’s biography “You Only Rock Once: My Life in Music.”

As Blavat’s professional life evolved, it afforded him more exposure to male Jewish role models.

“All the record label owners, the club owners, they were Jewish guys,” Blavat said in the 2016 Exponent article, describing how their families embraced him and taught him the music business. “I probably saw my Jewish side of the

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FIELDS

YETTA (nee Metcoff), January 14, 2023, of Bala Cynwyd, PA. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Max Fields (2008); loving mother of Jack Fields (Iris) and Phyllis Chapell (fiancé Steve Jewett). She was buried at Montefiore Cemetery on January 16th. Due to Covid restrictions, the burial was private and shiva was not held. Contributions to the Alzheimer's Association in Yetta's memory would be greatly appreciated.

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FORMAN

BURTON - January 18, 2023 of Philadelphia, PA. Beloved husband of the Bernice (nee Blinderman) and the late Kay (nee Borbas); loving father of Howard Forman (Barbara) and Tami Brauer and step-father of Joyce, Yvette, and Ben; adoring grandfather to Brooke (Rad), Colby (Brandon), Chad, Brandon (Colleen), Devyn (Sean), Jordan, Zach, Allie, Samantha, Emily and great-grandfather of Charlie, Penny, Katriella. Burt was a well-known and loved science and math teacher at Fels Junior High. His love of teaching continued into adulthood where he ran the successful Burt's Brain Games program at the Klein Life JCC. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Burt's memory may be made to Klein Life Branch Senior Programming (kleinlife.org).

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FRANCES nee Kaplan January 18, 2023. Wife of the late Morris. Mother of Arleen (late Steven) Weinstein and Marcia (Don) Rutberg. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Breathing Room Foundation, 8310 Brookside Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.

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HIMELSTEIN

MORGAN Y. on January 17, 2023. Born on a farm in Lebanon CT, Himelstein was educated in Hartford public schools before attending Wesleyan University. There he earned his B.A. with Honors and High Distinction in French literature and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Moving to New York, he received an M.A. from Columbia University and then started teaching English Literature at the University of Rochester. His education and career were interrupted by service with the United States Army in Korea during the height of the Korean War, after which he finished his Ph.D. at Columbia with Eric Bentley as his mentor. He joined the faculty of Adelphi University on Long Island and began a writing career with the book "Drama Was a Weapon," an account of the Communist Party's failed attempt to use the Broadway stage during the Great Depression as "a weapon in the class struggle." The book stayed in print for 25 years. Himelstein's writing also included English translations of three operettas by Offenbach and one by Strauss, which were carried by Mapleson Music Library and performed nationwide. A New York production of "Orpheus in the Underworld" was praised by the New York Times critic Alan Kozinn as "amusing and nicely flowing." Morgan Himelstein was married for 40 years to Libby Rosenfeld, who predeceased him. He leaves two sons Dr. Andrew (Dr. Rima) and Dr. Bruce (Lisa Simons), grandchildren Danny, Robyn, Rebecca, Jeffrey, and Miriam, and great-grandson Rylan. Contributions in his memory may be made to MAZON <https://mazon.org> or the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee www.jdc.org.

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LEVIN

LLOYD S. - January 15, 2023 of North Wales, Pa. Beloved husband of Paula (nee Ginsburg). Devoted father of Rachelle Levin, Eileen Levine-Buchholtz (Gary) and Andrea Lerman (Larry). Proud grandfather of Jamie and Ilana. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to Wounded Warrior Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

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MARKS

EDWARD I., January 14, 2023, of Phila. PA; beloved husband of 76 blessed years to Elizabeth (nee Sabreen); loving father of Bruce Marks (Bonnie-Kay), Karen Levy (Nadav), and Ronald Marks (Susan); cherished grandfather of Micah Kagan (Amy), Haddas Cohen (Hannan), Shelah Mashat (Sharon), Aaron Marks (Emily), Limor Knafo (Chaim), Hannah Marks (David Charny), Emily Marks (fiancée Michael Foley), Philip Marks and the late Bryan Marks; also survived by 12 adoring great-grandchildren (7 in Israel, 5 in US). He was the dedicated son of the late Irma and Philip Marks. Edward was a proud veteran of WWII from 1942-1945 and in the Naval Reserves from 1947-1960. He was the past President of Beth Chaim Synagogue, Feasterville, PA and enjoyed more than 40 trips to Israel. He was a graduate of Central class 178 (1942) and Drexel (electrical engineer 1948). His joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Edward also volunteered at various Israeli Defense Forces bases and hospitals for many years. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Edward's memory may be made to The Lone Soldier Center (lonesoldiercenter.com), or a charity of the donor's choice.

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MELES

MARLENE (nee Nosnik), passed on January 9th, 2023. Beloved wife of Sonny Meles; loving mother of Audrey, Sharon (Dr. Debra Braverman), and Susan (Robin Eisenberg). Adoring grandmother of Ari and Mira. Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Beth Ami, 9201 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115 or Magen David Adom <https://afmda.org/donate/>.

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WEISS

NETTIE LEVITT, wife of Abe Levitt (dec) and Harold Weiss(dec) passed away on 1/15/23 at age 106. She was the beloved mother of Jerry, Harvey Richard, and Joel (dec) Levitt and sister Frances Schleifer. She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

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ended hers, when I learned that my mother too had ended her life, and that deep down I felt the same predisposition to despair and death. I thought to myself: Either I kill myself, too, or I create something really crazy and extraordinary."

For the next two years, Salomon did just that, creating some 1,300 paintings about her life in exile. She accompanied these paintings with text and musical cues that included Bach, Schubert, Mahler and the German anthem "Deutschlandlied," creating an entire multimedia body of work.

As the Nazi grip tightened in France, Salomon realized the danger she faced and brought a box containing all her paintings to a friend, the town's doctor. The film recounts what she tells him: "Take care of it. This is my whole life." Just weeks later, Salomon, five months pregnant, was sent to Auschwitz, where she died on Oct. 10, 1943.

'A strong belief in art and love'

While Salomon's work includes depictions of Nazis, antisemitism and persecution, the majority of "Life? or Theatre?" — and therefore, the film — is dedicated to the explosive inner life and autobiography of its creator. She explores suicide, Freudian lust, psychological distress, music, philosophy and her own artistic impulses.

Yet "Life? or Theatre?" is unmistakably a product of its time, and as such, the film includes historical images of Hitler's rise. Though the French filmmakers don't identify as Jewish themselves, Delphine said that she and her sister have some Jewish family, and she noted the film's content is more relevant than ever. "Antisemitism never did end, but now in France and in Europe, it is stronger and stronger than ever since 1945," she said. "We really see it, and we talk to it nearly each day. We can't ignore it."

"With all these strange times we're living in, Charlotte gives you strength because she really crossed the times with a strong belief in art and love," she added.

The film ends with astonishing footage from the early 1960s of Salomon's father and stepmother, who survived hiding in the Netherlands, looking through their daughter's paintings as they are interviewed about her. "I was surprised when I discovered her work," says her father Albert Salomon. He had known nothing of his late daughter's project until the couple visited Villefranche-sur-Mer after the war, hoping to find some traces of Charlotte's life.

"The work is very, very vivid — very expressive of life in all its aspects," said Delphine of Salomon's art — and the Coulin sisters, in turn, were inspired to bring the work to a broader audience. In 2019, Muriel directed her first theater piece, "Charlotte," a rendition of Salomon's work for the stage that played in Paris at the Théâtre du Rond Point. When the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the production, the Coulins transposed their medium to film.

Delphine added that they were also drawn to what she called the "poignant story" of Salomon's brief life, now immortalized by her singular creative impulse in the face of adversity.

"In difficult times — and her times were probably the most difficult times ever — she really believed in art," she said. "How art makes you survive. How it can give you a piece of eternity. We wouldn't speak about her this way if she had not been able to make this wonderful work." ■

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El in Elkins Park Is Surviving

Jarrad Saffren | Staff Writer

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El is a synagogue with no preschool or religious school. The Conservative congregation of between 250 and 275 members has not had younger members in “many years,” Cantor Stephen Freedman said.

And since 2012, it has rented a small wing in the corner of a much bigger synagogue, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park. Now, in the process of returning to in-person activity post-COVID, Melrose B'nai Israel congregants don't even have a full-time rabbi.

But don't mistake this old community for a dying one, according to Freedman and synagogue President Shelley Schwartz. Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El has a pulse, and it beats every morning during minyan, every Saturday during Shabbat services and every week during the Torah portion study session — the only class to survive the pandemic.

It was also beating more consistently and perceptibly than it had in a long time on Jan. 21. That was the day when Rabbi Saul Grife, the longtime but retired spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun in Glenside, made his debut as the temporary leader of “the little shul with the big heart,” as Melrose B'nai Israel calls itself. After Grife led the service, he hosted a lunch and learn.

“With Rabbi Grife starting, because I know he has a certain following, the in-person numbers are going to pick up,” Freedman said. “They're coming to look at us. Whether they'll affiliate, I don't know.”

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El has been around for more than 60 years. Before moving to the Old York Road corridor, it had its own home nearby on Cheltenham Avenue. But by the early 2010s, that building was “no longer viable,” as Freedman explained, quoting people who had explained the situation to him. (The cantor joined Melrose in 2019.)

Bathrooms were not on the same level as the sanctuary. Plans to make the building more accessible were going to cost too much. The aging congregation would have to find a new home to suit its needs. And it found that at KI, where it has its own entrance, office and sanctuary. When you walk through the double doors, you see Melrose's sanctuary/social hall, split it into two in a single room by a divider, to your left. And then you see an office to your right. On the back wall, a sign reads, “The little shul with the big heart.”



Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El

It's not a lot of space, but it's enough, according to Freedman.

“We have a very cordial relationship,” he said of the partnership with KI.

During that period of change, Schwartz joined the synagogue. She chose Melrose B'nai Israel after her rabbi at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Seymour Rosenbloom, retired and after she tragically lost a son, Joshua, who was 27. Schwartz was looking for a new place that could meet her spiritual needs, and Rosenbloom knew Melrose's rabbi at the time, Charles Sherman. Schwartz decided to give it a try.

When she walked in for Shabbat services, she was greeted by other congregants. “Would you like to sit with us? What's your name?” They did not just let Schwartz sit by herself. But what sealed it for her, she explained, was when she told the man who ran Melrose's minyan at the time, Len Cohen, to call her if he needed someone. He called her twice that first week, and she's been going ever since.

“Minyan is a place, you start your day off with prayer, and that prayer is not only helpful to you, but you are there to help other people. If you want to say Kaddish or if you have a yahrzeit or if you have something to share, that's where you go to do it,” she said. “I find minyan to be a special place. I think it's one of the most important ways to start a morning.”

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El can still play this



Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El President Shelley Schwartz with the synagogue's Torah collection

role in people's lives, and it does. Its membership has held steady in recent years at 250-275, according to Freedman. Combined virtual and in-person attendance for Shabbat services is usually between 35 and 50 people. And even though many members have not yet returned post-COVID, Freedman and Schwartz hope to add more activities moving forward.

All of this is worth preserving, according to synagogue leaders. That is why they are starting a six-month search for a full-time rabbi. In questionnaires, town hall meetings and prayer sessions, they are asking members what they want from a new spiritual leader. ■

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Don't Give Up

Rabbi David Levin

Parshat Bo

Have you ever felt your good work did not matter? Bo teaches us, "Don't give in. Instead, find a way to recharge and recommit yourself; you may see things differently."

After several unsuccessful approaches to Pharaoh, Moses seems resigned that the last plagues won't work either. But God said to Moses, "bo" to Pharaoh. Often translated as "go" to Pharaoh, "bo" actually means "come." It is an urging and an invitation; come (with Me) to take another look at the situation — things have changed, even if you do not realize it. So come (with Me)*, and I will show

under assault, society has made progress. In recognizing our progress, we find validation in our good work so far and the ability to recommit ourselves to the ongoing effort to bring equal justice for all.

There is no shortage of such issues that require our long-term commitment. And despite sometimes feeling like Sisyphus, we remind ourselves of the words of Rabbi Tarfon in Pirkei Avot; even if we cannot finish the work, we cannot desist from it. And then we get back to it.

It is hard. And sometimes it seems that the only light we see in the dark tunnel is the headlight of the oncoming train. The slow forward progress makes it seem like our goals are unattainable. The lust for power and money

our world.

We must rise to the challenge and continue the process of becoming something better. We have made progress but have a long way yet to go. But, like Moses and the Israelites, we cannot turn back or stop believing we can make a difference.

In those moments of doubt, we must be encouraged by our progress and recommit ourselves to the work that remains to be done. We can find that in our personal journey and by joining with brothers and sisters in bonds of fellowship, love and with the Creator.

Bo, come with me; let us go to the land I will show you.

*This insight is inspired by Yosef Bekhor Shor, a 12th-century scholar whose commentary on the Bible

examined the text's *peshat*, or simple meaning. ■

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you. Although Moses was skeptical, Pharaoh had been vanquished. So, God invites Moses to trust God and see the situation as it is.

When we do not see the changes we are working toward, we can lapse into gloominess; what is, will be, the wrong is unfixable. We do not see that the "needle has moved," however slightly. Slow progress is different from no progress. Small gains, especially in complicated things, are an achievement from which we can take comfort. And they give us a chance to take a breath so we can recharge and re-engage in the work with renewed vigor.

For example, the civil rights we fight for should already be everyone's. We are far from our ideal, but we have made progress. Civil rights have been expanding to include women, people of color and LGBTQ communities.

Although these gains are currently

drives many people rather than ideals such as equality, liberty and justice. The magnitude of the problem adds to our feeling of being overwhelmed and paralyzed from pushing forward. It is here is where the concept of God becomes critically important.

With an outstretched hand, God freed the Israelites, we are told. The enslaved people needed to move out of oppression and forge an identity. The Hebrews needed to see the possibility of something better and continue to move toward freedom and the Promised Land.

Setbacks tested their resolve along the way. The time in the wilderness is filled with stories of being tested to the limit, then recharged and refreshed so they can move forward. This also was true of their leader Moses and holds true for us, for we are partners in the ongoing work of creating and repairing

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

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FRIDAY, JAN. 27

PARSHA FOR LIFE

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

MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT

Join Beth Sholom Congregation’s Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Cantor Jacob Agar and the band at 6 p.m. for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat. The community is welcome to attend. **Call 215-887-1342 for information. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

‘LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS’

Walnut Street Theatre presents Jewish playwright Neil Simon’s “Last of the Red Hot Lovers,” a comedy running until Feb. 5. Start times and ticket prices

vary. **825 Walnut St., Philadelphia.**

‘THE CEMETERY CLUB’

Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands’ graves in “The Cemetery Club,” a production of Colonial Playhouse. The show opens on Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. and runs until Feb. 5. **For more information, contact Kate Sapsis at ksapsis@gmail.com. 522 W. Magnolia Ave., Aldan.**

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

‘TOGETHER OFF BROADWAY’

The Congregations of Shaare Shamayim presents “Together off Broadway: Merman and Martin” at 2 p.m. Ethel Merman and Mary Martin were off-stage friends, theater royalty and iconic personalities, and this show gives a peek of their relationship behind the Broadway curtain. \$36. **For more information, contact the synagogue office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.**

MONDAY, JAN. 30

MAHJONG GAME

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

BINGO WITH BARRY

Join Barry at Tabas KleinLife for an afternoon of bingo at 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on Feb. 1. **For more information, call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

SISTERHOOD STUDY PROGRAM

The Congregations of Shaare Shamayim’s Rabbi Sandi Berliner will teach a class on “Words of Wisdom from Jewish Ethics” as part of the Sisterhood Study Program at 10 a.m.

on every Wednesday in January and the first two Wednesdays in February.

For further information, call the synagogue office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Introduction to Judaism at Congregation Kol Ami is an engaging, multi-session course for anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of Jewish life, from Nov. 2-March 8 at 7-8:30 p.m. No charge for congregants. \$180 per device for non-congregants.

For more information, contact Ruth Scott, director of community engagement: ruth@kolaminj.org. 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

CANASTA GAME

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County Sisterhood invites the community to a weekly canasta game from 1-3 p.m. Open play is \$4. **Call 215-968-6755 for more information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro. ■**

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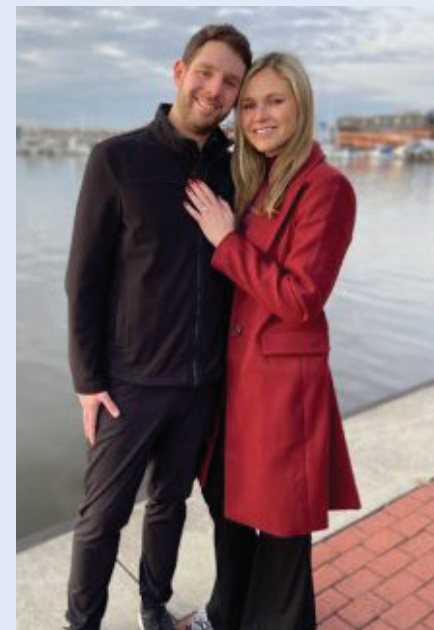
Heidi and Steven Mikels of Oreland and Michelle Cohen and Donald Leitner of Chesterbrook announce the engagement of their children, Samantha Mikels to Aaron Leitner.

Samantha is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in communication science and disorders and has a master’s degree in speech language pathology from the University of Delaware. She is a medical speech therapist in Philadelphia.

Aaron is a graduate of Ursinus College with a degree in environmental studies and has a master’s degree in health informatics from Drexel University. He is a software developer for Penn Medicine in Philadelphia.

The two live in Philadelphia and are planning a September 2024 wedding.

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① Federation Housing held a New Year's Eve party at its Robert Saligman House. ② Jerome Goldberg, Chana Brenner, Shelley Geltzer and Lina Stavropolsky celebrated their January birthdays at the birthday party for active adults at KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia. ③ Har Zion Temple's religious school was selected to participate in "Better Together," a nationwide program for helping students allow Jewish values to guide them in their interactions with the elderly. ④ Goodblatt Academy students visited the mikveh at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood. ⑤ The Milton & Betty Katz JCC in Margate unveiled its history wall made possible by a grant from the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

DOCUMENTARIAN

Laurel Fairworth

TELLS LESSER-KNOWN JEWISH STORIES

Sasha Rogelberg | Staff Writer

In her more than 20 years in journalism, Laurel Fairworth doesn't remember reporting any Jewish stories or news.

That changed in 2012, when Fairworth, who made the career switch to public relations in 2000, traveled to Israel as part of a Jewish Federation mission following the death of her mother.

Though not her first choice, the Center City resident ended up visiting the Ayalon Institute Museum outside of Tel Aviv, which told the story of a hidden munitions factory under a kibbutz run by 45 Israeli teenagers. Operational 65 years ago, the factory secretly produced 2.5 million bullets to be smuggled to Jewish freedom fighters in the fight for Israeli independence.

Fairworth became fascinated with the story of Israel's infancy and that group that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion credited for the survival of the young state.

"I said to the people (working at the museum), 'Oh my God, this would make a great documentary,'" Fairworth recalled. "They kind of rolled their eyes. I couldn't understand why.

"And it wasn't until almost two years later when I came back with a crew, and their attitude was completely different — 360 degrees," she continued. "And they said to me, 'You know, hundreds of people have told us that. You were the first person that came back and did it.'"

"Code Name: Ayalon," produced by Fairworth and directed by Michael Lopatin, premiered at the Israeli Film Festival of Philadelphia in 2020, but almost three years later, Fairworth and the documentary are still getting attention.

On Feb. 5, Congregation Rodeph Shalom will host a screening of the documentary as part of IsraelConnectRS' Israel at 75 celebration, with a question and answer with Fairworth following. Fairworth said a major broadcast network has expressed interest in airing the documentary as part



of their programming on Israel's 75th anniversary.

Since the debut of her first documentary, the 60-something journalist has wanted to dig deeper into Jewish issues. Along with fellow Philadelphian Ellen Barkann, Fairworth is producing "Blews and the Abstract Truth," a three-party docu-series exploring Black-Jewish connections through music, sports and civil rights.

"This stuff's more personal," Fairworth said of her documentaries. "It was the rise of antisemitism, anti-Zionism — It just felt like this stuff is needed as the other side of the story, as an antidote."

Originally from Abington, Fairworth grew up attending Old York Road Temple-Beth Am, where she became bat mitzvah.

After attending Pennsylvania State University

for political science and history, Fairworth entered the public relations world and later found her passion for broadcast journalism. She worked in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Baltimore and South Florida.

After two decades in the industry, she recognized the trouble people had pitching stories and brands. She founded Cachet Communications, using her journalistic sensibilities as a way to help clients catch journalists' attention.

Shortly after she started her own business, NBC's TODAY Show asked Fairworth to be a producer there, working on documentary shorts and special reports.

"It was kind of nice to still be with journalists, so I didn't get rusty," she said.

But despite a lifelong connection with Judaism, it never made its way into Fairworth's projects. Now that Fairworth has incorporated more of her Jewish identity into her projects, she's found a responsibility to explore the topics of identity and discrimination in unique ways, "warts and all."

For "Blews and the Abstract Truth," Fairworth and Barkann worked to assemble a diverse production team that resembled the subjects of the documentary series. Working with Black creators, Fairworth found how diverse perspectives enhanced the content of her research and reporting.

"We're not coming into it with an ax to grind or a particular side. We're letting the story speak to us," she said. "But I think the best way to make sure I cover all angles is to have ... a team who represents what the film is about."

In a world of increased antisemitism, Fairworth hopes her documentaries provide "food for thought" and begin a conversation among viewers, ultimately leading to behavior changes to address or intervene in hatred.

"What can one person do about it? Not a whole lot," Fairworth said. "But if everybody does something? This is my something." ■

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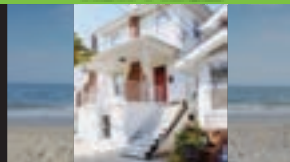
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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS OF MIFFLIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**
IN RE: ADOPTION OF
No. 56 of 2022
BABY GIRL JONES
a/k/a SKYLAR JONES
NOTICE OF HEARING
To: "Nasir" and all putative fathers
A Petition has been filed asking the
Court to put an end to all rights you
have to your child, who was born on
October 15, 2022, in Philadelphia, PA.
The birth mother is Lanasia Jones. The
Court has set a hearing to consider
ending rights to your child. That hearing
will be held via video conference, using
the Zoom Cloud Meeting program/app
before Judge Gingrich on February 14,
2023, at 11:30 a.m. Your presence is
required at the hearing. You are warned
that even if you fail to appear at the
scheduled hearing, the hearing will go
on without you and your rights to your
child may be ended by the Court with-
out your being present. You have a right
to be represented at the hearing by a
lawyer. You should take this paper to
your lawyer at once. If you do not have
a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or
telephone the office set forth below to
find out where you can get legal help
COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
LEWISTOWN, PA 17044
(717) 248-6733
Respectfully submitted,
THE LAW OFFICES OF DENISE M.
BIERLY
Denise M. Bierly, Esquire
Attorney I.D. No. 58860
201 West High Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 237-7900

**IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Court of Common Pleas for the County
of Philadelphia, December Term, 2022,
No. 000691 NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that on the 7th day of December,
2022, the Petition for Change of Name,
filed by Petitioner, Clover Kottyan, was
filed in the above-named Court, praying
for a decree to change his/her name to
Clover Sequoia Everett. The Court has
fixed February 3rd, at 10 o'clock a.m., in
Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia,
Pa., as the time and place for the hear-
ing of said Petition, when and where
all persons interested may appear and
show cause, if any they have, why the
prayer of the said petition should not be
granted.
Date of First Publication:
January 26, 2023
28775-1T-01-26-2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS
NAME NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**
that pursuant to the provision of
the Fictitious Name Act, a fictitious
name registration was filed with the
Pennsylvania Department of State by
**PENNSYLVANIA CVS PHARMACY,
L.L.C.**, whose commercial registered
office provider is C T Corporation,
to carry on business in Philadelphia
County, Pennsylvania under the as-
sumed name or fictitious name, style or
designation of CVS/pharmacy #11356
with an address of 3401 Aramingo Ave,
Philadelphia, PA 19134. Said registra-
tion was filed on 1/18/23.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS OF MIFFLIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**
IN RE: ADOPTION OF
No. 57 of 2022
BABY GIRL FREEMAN
a/k/a JANELLE FREEMAN
NOTICE OF HEARING
To: All putative fathers
A Petition has been filed asking the
Court to put an end to all rights you
have to your child, who was born on
October 24, 2022, in Philadelphia, PA.
The birth mother is Mellisa Freeman.
The Court has set a hearing to consider
ending rights to your child. That hearing
will be held via video conference, using
the Zoom Cloud Meeting program/app
before Judge Gingrich on February 14,
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BIERLY
Denise M. Bierly, Esquire
Attorney I.D. No. 58860
201 West High Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 237-7900

**IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS -
PHILA. COUNTY – Sept. Term '22/
NO. 172 - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT on 1/12/2023, the Petition of
MALCOLM JORDAN FORMAN was
filed in the above-named Court pray-
ing for a Decree to change Petitioner's
name to OPHELIA LORELEI FORMAN,
on 2/17/2023 at 10:00 A.M., #691, City
Hall, Phila., PA as the time and place
for the hearing on the petition, when
and where all persons interested may
appear and show cause, if any they
have, why the prayer of the said peti-
tion should not be granted. ALYSON
WALKER LOTMAN & PATRICK
J. HOLSTON, Attys. for Petitioner,
DUANE MORRIS LLP, 30 S. 17th St.,
Phila., PA 19103, 215.979.1000

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**ESTATE OF ANGELA HOWARD,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment
without delay to LAMONT HOWARD,
ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A.
Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Pl., Phila.,
PA 19103,
Or to his Atty.:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Pl.
Phila., PA 19103

**ESTATE OF ANNA M. ZIMMIE,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to ANNA MCGILL, EXECUTRIX,
67 Vanderveer Ave., Holland, PA 18966,
Or to her Atty.:
Mark J. Davis
Connor Elder Law, LLC
644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

**ESTATE OF ANNA MAY K. BECKLER,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment
without delay to DAWN MARIE MAY,
EXECUTRIX, 12 Springmeadow Rd.,
Feasterville, PA 19053,
Or to her Attorney:
MARK J. DAVIS
CONNOR ELDER LAW, LLC
644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

**ESTATE OF CARLOS HUMBERTO
RAMOS, DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make pay-
ment without delay to JECHEL KAYLYN
RAMOSSEXTON, ADMINISTRATRIX,
c/o Brady E. Allen, Esq., 7711 Castor
Ave., Phila., PA 19152,
Or to her Atty.:
BRADLY E. ALLEN
7711 Castor Ave.
Phila., PA 19152

**ESTATE OF CORNETHA MACKEY,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to DARRYL J. MACKEY,
EXECUTOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn,
Esq., 2202 Delancey Pl., Phila., PA
19103,
Or to his Atty.:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Pl.
Phila., PA 19103

**ESTATE OF ETTA MAE TIMMONS,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to MELODY HARTBAUER,

**EXECUTRIX, c/o Arthur G. Krevitz,
Esq., 4230 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem,
PA 19120,
Or to her Atty.:
Arthur G. Krevitz,
Krevitz & Associates, P.C.
4230 Bensalem Blvd.
Bensalem, PA 19120**

**ESTATE OF JAMES FERSON
PARTLOW, DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment
without delay to Marie R. Williams,
Executrix, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq.,
2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA
19103,
Or to her Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

**ESTATE OF JANE CHIDSEY,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to GAYE ANNE GALASSO,
ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Daniella A.
Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Pl., Phila.,
PA 19103,
Or to her Atty.:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Pl.
Phila., PA 19103

**ESTATE OF JOAN M. DANIEL,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of
Administration on the above estate
have been granted to the undersigned.
All persons having claims against or
indebted to the estate should make
claims known or forward payment to,
Eve Marie Daniel-Queenan, Hasan
Jabbar Daniel and Bruce D. Daniel,
Co-Administrators, c/o Jennifer L.
Damelio, Esq., Friedman, Schuman,
PC, 275 Commerce Dr., Suite 210, Ft.
Washington, PA 19034.

**ESTATE OF JOHN FRANCIS RUTH
a/k/a JOHN F. RUTH, DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to the
decedent to make payment without de-
lay to DONNA M. GILLE, EXECUTRIX,
7822 Lister St., Philadelphia, PA 19152,
Or to her Attorney:
MARK J. DAVIS
CONNOR ELDER LAW, LLC
644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

**ESTATE OF JOHN W. EVANS, III,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of
Administration on the above estate
have been granted to the undersigned.
All persons having claims against or
indebted to the estate should make
claims known or forward payment to,
Wendy Evans, Administratrix, 2879
Angus Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114 or
to their attorney Andrew I. Roseman,
Esquire, 1528 Walnut St., Suite 1412,
Philadelphia, PA 19102.

**ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE GIORDANO,
DECEASED.**
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to PAUL DiFILIPPO, EXECUTOR,

c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Pl., Phila., PA 19103,
Or to his Atty.:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Pl.
Phila., PA 19103

ESTATE OF JOSHUA JAMES GAWEL,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to CONSTANCE MULHOLLAND,
ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Daniella A.
Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to her Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF JOYCE LOIS GILBERT
a/k/a JOYCE GILBERT, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to CHARLES A. J. HALPIN,
III, ADMINISTRATOR, The Land Title
Bldg., 100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1830,
Philadelphia, PA 19110,
Or to his Attorney:
CHARLES A. J. HALPIN, III
The Land Title Bldg.
100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1830
Philadelphia, PA 19110

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY TRACY
YACOVONE a/k/a KIMBERLY T.
YACOVONE, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to Kareama Posey, Executrix, c/o
Jay E. Kivitz, Esq., 7901 Ogontz Ave.,
Philadelphia, PA 19150
Or to her Attorney:
JAY E. KIVITZ
KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C.
7901 Ogontz Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19150

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE M.
HERMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters
Testamentary on the above estate
have been granted to the undersigned.
All persons having claims against or
indebted to the estate should make
claims known or forward payment to,
Robert Herman, Executor, c/o Hope
Bosniak, Esq.,
Dessen Moses & Rossitto, 600 Easton
Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090.

ESTATE OF MARGARITA
HERNANDEZ, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to Victor Mercado, Executor, c/o
Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey
Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103,
Or to his Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF MARGIE KLEGER
DECEASED
LETTERS on the above Estate have
been granted to the undersigned, who
request all persons having claims or de-
mands against the Estate of the deced-
ent to make known the same, and

all persons indebted to the decedents
to make payment without delay, to the
Administrator Betsy Barsky, 5 Hanover
Ct Langhorne
Pa 19047.

ESTATE OF MARY CZECH HUNT,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment
without delay to STEPHEN E. HUNT,
EXECUTOR, c/o Robert S. Levy, Esq.,
1204 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA
19026,
Or to his Atty.:
ROBERT S. LEVY
COOPER SCHALL & LEVY
1204 Township Line Rd.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

ESTATE OF MARY H. PALESTINI,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of
Administration on the above estate
have been granted to the undersigned.
All persons having claims against or
indebted to the estate should make
claims known or forward payment to,
Jane McHugh, Administratrix, c/o
Hope Bosniak, Esq., Dessen Moses
& Rossitto, 600 Easton Rd., Willow
Grove, PA 19090.

ESTATE OF MARY WASHINGTON
a/k/a MARY WASHINGTON-
MITCHELL, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION CTA
on the above Estate have been granted
to the undersigned, who request
all persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent to
make known the same and all per-
sons indebted to the decedent to make
payment without delay to ANDREW A.
MITCHELL, ADMINISTRATOR CTA,
c/o Nicole B. LaBletta, Esq., 200 Barr
Harbor Dr., Ste. 400, Conshohocken,
PA 19428,
Or to his Attorney:
NICOLE B. LaBLETTA
LaBLETTA & WALTERS LLC
200 Barr Harbor Dr., Ste. 400
Conshohocken, PA 19428

ESTATE OF MATTHEW VINCENT
GROM, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment
without delay to CHRISTOPHER P.
BEARDSLEY, EXECUTOR, 1595 Fels
Rd., Quakertown, PA 18951,
Or to his Attorney:
JAY E. KIVITZ
KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C.
7901 Ogontz Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19150

ESTATE OF MEHMET BURAK
GOK a/k/a BURAK MEHMET GOK,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to Hayriye B. Gok, Administratrix,
c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202
Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA
19103,
Or to her Attorney:
DANIELLA A. HORN
KLENK LAW, LLC
2202 Delancey Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF MICHAEL ANGELO AKA
MICHAEL ANGELO, SR., DECEASED
Late of Middletown Twp., PA.
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
on the above estate have been grant-
ed to the undersigned, who request

all persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent to
make known the same, and all persons
indebted to the decedent to make pay-
ment without delay, to Michael Joseph
Angelo, Jr., Administrator, c/o Gary A.
Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito
Kaplan Schaeer & Toddy, PC, One
Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th
Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their
attorneys,
Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq.
Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaeer &
Toddy, PC
One Commerce Sq.
2005 Market St., 16th Fl.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF OTTILIE LADEN,
DECEASED.
Late of Whitemarsh Township,
Montgomery County, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known
the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment without
delay to SCOTT M. LADEN, DREW M.
LADEN and ROBERT J. CAMPBELL,
EXECUTORS, c/o Robert J. Stern,
Esq., Two Bala Plaza, Ste. 300, Bala

Cynwyd, PA 19004,
Or to their Attorney:
ROBERT J. STERN
ROBERT J. STERN LAW, LLC
Two Bala Plaza, Ste. 300
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

ESTATE OF RAYMOND P. GORE,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of
Administration on the above estate
have been granted to the undersigned.
All persons having claims against or
indebted to the estate should make
claims known or forward payment to,
Dorothy Gore Vincent, Administrator,
C.T.A, 5219 Hazel St., Philadelphia,
PA 19143 or to their attorney Andrew
I. Roseman, Esquire, 1528 Walnut St.,
Suite 1412, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANK
EVERETT, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA. Letters of
Administration on the above estate
have been granted to the undersigned.
All persons having claims against or
indebted to the estate should make
claims known or forward payment to,
Sandra Everett, Administratrix, c/o Ned
Hark, Esq., Goldsmith Hark & Hornak,
PC, 7716 Castor Ave., Philadelphia, PA

19152.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL J. COCO, SR.
aka SAMUEL J. COCO
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
on the above estate have been granted
to the undersigned, who request
all persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent to
make known the same, and all persons
indebted to the decedent to make pay-
ment without delay, to Samuel J. Coco,
Jr., Executor, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq.,
Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaeer &
Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005
Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA
19103 or to their attorneys,
Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq.
Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaeer &
Toddy, PC
One Commerce Sq.
2005 Market St., 16th Fl.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF SONDR A BARON a/k/a
SONDR A D. BARON, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
above Estate have been granted to the
undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
estate of the decedent to make known

the same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to HOWARD M. SOLOMAN,
ADMINISTRATOR, 1760 Market St.,
Ste. 404, Phila., PA 19103,
Or to his Atty.:
HOWARD M. SOLOMAN
1760 Market St., Ste. 404
Phila., PA 19103

ESTATE OF WALTER J. WATSON,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County, PA.
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the
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undersigned, who request all persons
having claims or demands against the
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